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## Answerline

**Q. When is Jr. Lone Wolf Relays?**  
A. There's no Jr. Lone Wolf Relays planned for this year, but the middle school track meet will be held here Monday.

## Briefs

**VA Representatives**  
Representatives from the Veterans Administration will be speaking at the Colorado City Lions Club on Fri., Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> at noon at the civic center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**CHS Band Boosters**  
The CHS Band Boosters will meet Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in the band hall.

**MCH Volunteers**  
The Mitchell County Hospital Volunteers are sponsoring a Scrub sale all day on April 6<sup>th</sup> in the East Atrium of the hospital.

**BBQ Sale**  
St. James Baptist Church will have a barbecue plate sale on Mon. April 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 11:00 a.m. There will be brisket, sausage, ribs and more with all the trimmings, including dessert. To pre-order or for delivery call 728-9118 or 728-7134.

**Ribbon-Cutting**  
The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon-cutting for La Quinta Inn & Suites at 880 E. J-20 on Mon. Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30 a.m. After the ribbon-cutting, tours of the new facility will be given.

**Campout in Park**  
Campout in Ruddick Park will be held Apr. 22, 23. There will be lots of activities and all are welcome to come out for the day or camp overnight. The event is free. Watch the Record for more information.

## Obituaries

Albert Ely  
Sylvester

Shirley Davis  
Odessa

Betty Kimball  
Colorado City

## Around Town

Happy birthday Shelbae King, Deacon Magill (Mar. 30<sup>th</sup>)... Manuel DeLoera serving up tasty burgers... Happy birthday Karen Berber, Jeremy Strain (Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>)... Tiffany Forbes enjoying the Loraine Farm Sale... Dorothy Fowler getting some special visitors... Happy birthday Margaret Cawthron, Christine Lopez (Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>)... Bob Brookshear nailing down logistics... Happy birthday Carol Polanco (Apr. 5<sup>th</sup>)...



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## City potable water sales is now more accessible

The need for bulk potable water sales is increasing, and the city is responding by putting in a new card-payment system. The new system will allow for bulk water sales any time of day, bringing in more revenue to the city.

City Manager David Hoover was recently contacted by a subcontracting company that will be working on the FGE Texas power plant. The company expressed an interest in buying potable water in bulk from the city. Bulk water has been sold for years to area farmers, ranchers and others but the system only works during business hours.

When the subcontractors contacted Hoover, he started looking

for ways to get the company the water they will need which will, in turn, benefit the city. The company will need to have access to the water at various times of the day and night.

Currently, anyone wanting to purchase a large amount of water from the city has to come to city hall downtown and pay up front for the number of gallons they will need. After the transaction is completed, a city employee has to go with the purchaser to get the water.

With the new system, truck drivers will be able to pull up to a small building near the north water tower, swipe a card for payment and get their own water.

"It will simplify things a lot," Hoover said.

The City of Snyder operates a system like this, and city officials visited there last Friday to get an idea of how it works and how well it works.

Hoover said that several other companies have purchased large amounts of water when completing construction projects, such as NTS Communications when boring under the interstate and the company who did the dirt work while building the new jail.

Once the system is in place and operating, the city will charge \$10 per 1,000 gallons of water. To put that into perspective

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**INTERESTING ROAD MATERIAL** - Old tires are being used as a base for road material on the road near the city's north water tower. The road is being constructed to allow the sale of potable water through a card-payment system being put in by the city soon. The tires help prevent the destruction of the road by heavy vehicles, such as water trucks.

## City's landfill getting much-needed scales

The City of Colorado City's landfill is getting something most folks try to steer clear of: scales. It is the hopes of the city council and City Manager David Hoover that the scales will help bring in revenue to the city by providing a clearer picture of what is coming into the facility.

Hoover said a clearer picture is going to help the city and the

citizens. He said the city pays the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality based on how many tons are being brought into the landfill. At the moment, the city is paying by an estimated guess which is computed on the cubic yards that are received.

Weight and volume are completely different things, and

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## Hospital board hears audit report for 2016

Brent Fuller of Durbin & Co. gave an informative audit presentation for 2016 to the hospital board Tuesday night. He told the board 2016 was a good year for the hospital district, as a new clinic was built and cash saw a net increase of \$1.164 million.

The hospital received a clean, unmodified opinion which means financial statements were presented in accordance with accounting standards. Fuller said the district, as a whole, had a very consistent year financially.

Patient revenue decreased by about \$76,000 when compared

to 2015, but revenue from the prison medical contract increased. With costs holding steady at \$21.5 million and taxes staying consistent, not much changed in the district's operational financials, according to Fuller.

The auditor said that Mitchell County Hospital is one of the few hospitals in the state that operates with increases in cash positions. One graph he presented showed the local facility having 109.7 days cash on hand, an impressive feat, and in a year where

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**TOUGH COMPETITORS** - These girls and many others will be competing in the Lone Wolf Relays here Thursday afternoon. They are: (l-r) Jalessa Williams, Deanna Wooddell, Ramzi Martinez, Alyssa High, Makenzie Kern and Alexxus Haag. Ed Wilson is the girls head track coach, Kaleigh Wright works with the hurdlers, Billy Quinn works with the shot and discus competitors, Harold Sowa works with the high jumpers and distance runners. Sheri Veazey and Edie Niblett head up junior high track. Coaching the boys is Dan Gaaney, with help from B. J. Graham, Jonathan McClure and Ryan Gaaney.

## Lone Wolf Relays to be held Thursday

The annual Lone Wolf Relays will be held at Hollis Gaaney Track at Wolf Stadium this Thursday, March 30<sup>th</sup>. Teams coming to compete include Roscoe, Forsan, Borden County, Coahoma, Stanton, Merkel, Snyder girls and Sweetwater.

A scratch meeting will be held from 3 to 3:30 p.m., and races begin with the 3200 meter run at 3:45 p.m. Field events of shot

put, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump and pole vault will start around 3:35 p.m.

Race finals for the varsity girls, junior varsity boys and varsity boys should be ready to start around 6:15 that evening. Races will include: 400m relay, 800m run, 110m hurdles, 100m dash, 800m relay, 400m relay, 300m hurdles, 200m dash, 1600m run and 1600m relay.

No Jr. Lone Wolf Relays will be held this year, but the District Junior High Track Meet will be held here Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Field events will start at 1 p.m. and running events follow.

Everyone is encouraged to go out and cheer for your favorite team or athlete. The meet will include varsity boys, girls and boys junior varsity.

## Another Loraine Farm Sale in the books

Despite two days of terribly windy conditions leading up to the Loraine Farm Sale, the weather was nice on Saturday and made for a good sale day for the big crowd attending and buying at the annual fundraiser. The gross value of consignment merchandise was estimated to be around \$340,000.

There's still no figure for what will go to the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department, but Doyle Mitchell was optimistic about the sale itself. He said everything went well on sale day, and auctioneers from Whitley May Auctioneering reported auctioning off the last item about 6:30 Saturday evening.

Every item was sold, ranging from tractors, shredders and other farm equipment to school

desks and animal cages.

The line was long, at times, to get a hamburger meal deal at the concession stand run this year by the Knights of Columbus. Members cooked and served burgers with all the trimmings, chips, drinks and sweet stuff like brownies and rice crispy treats for dessert.

Mitchell expressed his gratitude to everyone who had a hand in this year's sale, including those who consigned items in the sale, the buyers, the City of Loraine and Mitchell County Precinct 4 Commissioner Bill Preston.

Proceeds of the sale go to the rural volunteer fire department and will be used to pay for training and purchase much-needed equipment for the group.



**WHAT WILL YOU GIVE FOR A SHREDDER?** That's what Brodie Harris wanted to know Saturday morning at the Loraine Farm Sale. Harris was one of the auctioneers with Whitley May Auctioneering conducting the auction.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Agricultural conference set for April 5th in Snyder

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in seven counties are readying for their annual Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference set for 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 5th in the Scurry Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder. The counties conducting the program include Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Lynn, Nolan and Scurry.

The event features a mix of both crop and livestock information, organizers said. Cattle market outlook is one topic to be addressed at the conference in Snyder.

Topics and speakers during the morning's general session will include:

- Cotton Economics, Dr. Jackie Smith, AgriLife Extension economist, Lubbock.
- Commodity Economics, Dr. Mark Welch, AgriLife Extension grain marketing economist, College Station.
- Laws and Regulations, Kyle Thompson, Texas Department of Agriculture field inspector, Abilene.
- Farm and Ranch Estate Planning, Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist, Amarillo.

Following a catered lunch, the

program will split into concurrent A and B sessions.

Session A topics and speakers include:

- Weed Management Strategies for 2017, Dr. Peter Dotray, AgriLife Extension weed specialist, Lubbock.
- 2, 4-D Management Techniques in Cotton, Dr. Seth Byrd, AgriLife Extension cotton specialist, Lubbock.

-Alternative Crop Considerations, Dr. Calvin Trostle, AgriLife Extension agronomist, Lubbock.

-Cotton and Agriculture Integrated Pest Management, Dr. Charles Allen, AgriLife Extension entomologist, San Angelo.

Session B topics and speakers include:

- Forage/Hay Production, Trostle.
- Weed and Brush Control in Range and Pastures, Ralph Porter, Dow AgroSciences senior sales representative, Abilene.
- Feral Hog Management, Dr. John Tomneck, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist, San Angelo.

-Plant Identification, Dr. Morgan Russell, AgriLife Extension range specialist, San Angelo.

-Cattle Market Outlook and Mineral Requirements for Cows on Rangeland, Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist, Amarillo.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered.

Individual registration is \$25 at the door and includes lunch. For an accurate lunch count, those attending should RSVP by April 4 to the AgriLife Extension office in Scurry County at 325-573-5423. More information is available there or at the AgriLife Extension office in Nolan County at 325-236-6912.



**QUICK LEARNER** - Connor Womack of Loraine showed off some dance moves and learned to balance on a surfboard on a cylinder from Leo the Clown during a performance of the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus Monday evening. Nearly 600 people attended the two performances. Photos courtesy of Amanda Jo Ritchey.



**LOVING THE CIRCUS** - Mia Ranley (left) was all smiles after having her face painted at the Culpepper & Merriweather Circus in Colorado City Monday evening. There were 212 tickets purchased and given away by local businesses.

## OBITUARIES

### Albert Scott Ely 1960 - 2017

**SYLVESTER** - Albert Scott Ely, age 56, passed away Wednesday, March 22 at Covenant Medical Center in Lubbock. Memorial services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 1st at Sylvester Community Center with Reverend Keith Clifton officiating. McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater is in charge of arrangements.

Scott was born August 30, 1960 in Roswell, NM to Harold Cecil and Patricia Dell (Young) Ely. He married Sabra Kay Struts November 4, 1986 in Sylvester. Scott worked for Fisher County precinct one for 12 years and was Fisher County Commissioner for four years. He worked for Schwerman Trucking Company as a driver for 12 years and was past Union Steward of Teamsters # 997. He lived in Fisher County since 1970, was a graduate of Roby High School, had attended Western Texas College in auto mechanics, loved drag racing and working on classic cars and was a member of Sylvester Baptist Church.

Scott is survived by his wife, Sabra Ely of Sylvester; son, Brandon Ely and wife Alexis and their daughter Jaxie of Abilene; his father, Harold C. Ely, Jr. of Sylvester; brother, Harold Ely, III of Sylvester; father-in-law, Mike Struts of Merkel; and brother-in-law Vernon Struts of Sweetwater.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Dell Ely on March 17, 2016. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.mccoyfh.com](http://www.mccoyfh.com).



### Shirley Davis 1939 - 2017

**ODESSA** - Shirley Jean Davis, age 77, passed from this life at Odessa Regional Medical Center in Odessa on Sunday, March 19. She was born in Paris on September 16, 1939 to the late Homer and Ruby Grace (Mitchell) Cannon. Shirley married William "Bill" Davis in Colorado City on July 24, 1957.

Those left to cherish her love and memories are her husband of 60 years, Bill Davis of Odessa; son, William Dale Davis Jr. and wife Melody of Odessa; daughters, Kaylene Rodgers and Debbie Moore and fiancée Mikey, all of Odessa; brothers, Kenneth Edward Cannon of Colleyville and James B. Cannon of Gladewater; sisters, Kathy Diane Matlock of Colorado City and Dana M. Caldwell of Midland; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Jerry Don Cannon. Funeral services were held at 11:00 am on Thursday, March 23 at 1st Baptist Church of Odessa, officiated by Dr. Byron McWilliams. Arrangements were entrusted to Acres West Funeral Chapel and condolences to the family may be sent online at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com).



### Betty Kimball 1931-2017

**COLORADO CITY** - Betty Charlene Kimball passed away peacefully on March 27 in Colorado City. She was born Oct. 1, 1931 in Eastland County to John Roy and Thelma Mae Harbin.

Those left to cherish her memory are: one daughter, Mala Spence and husband, Keith, of Vail, AZ; three sons, Bruce Kimball and wife, Vicki, of Corpus Christi, Bobby Kimball and wife, Linda, of Jal. NM, Barry Kimball and wife, Jerri, of Colorado City; eight grandchildren, Tyler Kimball and wife, Abby, Meagan Odum and husband, Chris, Brock Kimball, Britani Kimball, Shelby Kimball, Luke Spence, Mackenzie Kimball, and Kaitlyn Kimball. She is also survived by four siblings, Patsy Herrington of Abilene, Wayne Harbin of Odessa, Glynn Harbin of Dallas, and Shirley Evans of Porter.

She was preceded in death by her parents, five brothers and two sisters, and her beloved husband of 55 years, Elvin. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 1, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, 338 Locust Street, in Colorado City. Burial will follow at Kermit Cemetery in Kermit at 3 p.m.

Those wishing may leave online condolences by visiting [www.kikerseale.com](http://www.kikerseale.com)

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#### Tax help available April 11th

April 11th is the last day that AARP tax preparers will be in town to provide free filing of income taxes, and those wanting to get help need to call the library and make an appointment.

Expert tax preparers from AARP will come to Colorado City to the Mitchell County Public Library for income tax return preparation for the third time this year on Tuesday, April 11th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Tax returns will be filed electronically, and there are a few things that citizens should bring with them to their appointment. Two forms of identification are a must. One should be a photo ID, such as driver's license or

Texas ID Card. The second must be the original or a copy of your Social Security card, Form SSA-1099 or the ITIN Card or letter.

Tax documents from 2016 and 2015 tax returns should also be taken to the library. Examples of 2016 tax documents are: Social Security statements, W-2s, 1099s, health insurance 1095A or B forms, bank routing and account numbers for direct deposits, receipts if itemizing, 1098T college expenses, child care expenses, property taxes, medical and charitable gifts.

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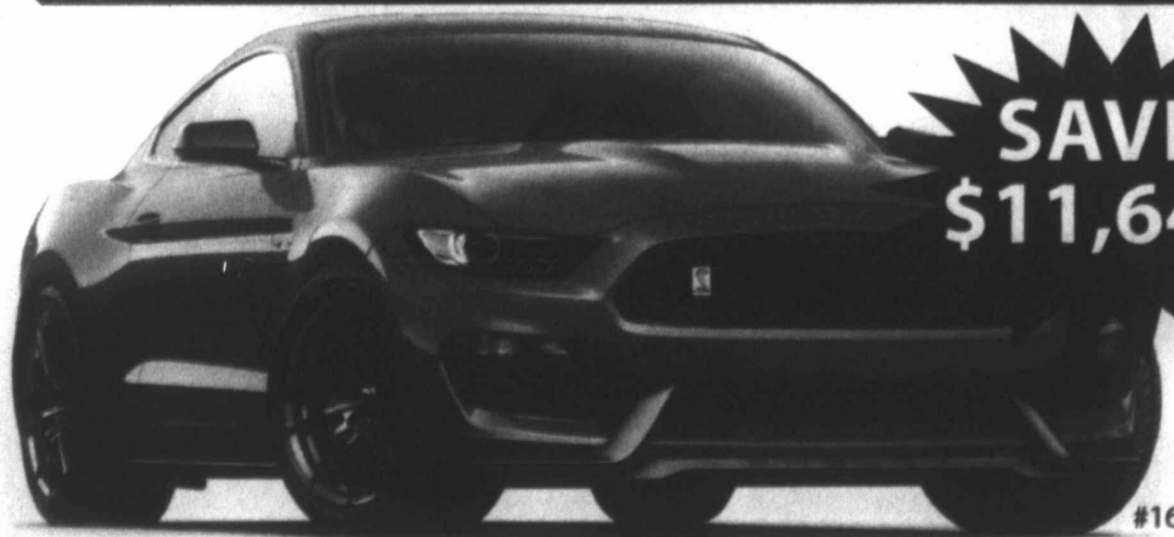
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# LOCAL NEWS

## Sheriff's Office warns of IRS scam calls

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said he has been made aware by the Texas Attorney General's office that the Internal Revenue Service scam calls have started again. With tax season in full swing, citizens are receiving calls from people pretending to be from the IRS.

Toombs said the callers tell citizens they owe money to the IRS and demand they pay by wiring

the money or use a prepaid card to make a payment. The callers are not from the IRS, and the tax-collecting agency would never call nor suggest these means for payment.

According to the AG's website, citizens should hang up immediately if they get one of these calls.

With the April 18th income tax deadline looming, Attorney General Ken Paxton is warning

Texans to be aware of a recurring tax-related scam involving unsolicited calls from people masquerading as Internal Revenue Service agents. Scam artists tell consumers that they owe back taxes and threaten to have them arrested if they don't provide immediate payment.

If you receive an unexpected call from someone who claims to be with the IRS, follow these tips from the Consumer Protection

Division of the attorney general's office:

Hang up! The IRS never makes unsolicited threatening phone calls.

The IRS will never ask you to send money via wire or a prepaid credit card.

Don't be fooled by caller ID indicating it's the IRS. Scammers use "spoof" phone numbers to give the appearance of being legitimate.

information. Scam communications may include typos or other mistakes that can be a warning sign. When in doubt of a letter's authenticity, call the IRS to find out if the letter is legitimate.

While the IRS has announced partnerships with some private debt collectors, these businesses will not operate in the same manner as a scammer. Find more information about their operations here: <https://www.irs.gov/businesses/small-businesses-self-employed/private-debt-collection>. Help combat fraud in Texas by reporting suspicious solicitations. Write down the date and time of the call, the organization's name, and the name and phone number left by the solicitor. You can file a complaint online with the Consumer Protection Division of the Texas Attorney General's Office here: <https://texasattorneygeneral.gov/cpd/file-a-consumer-complaint> and the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration here: [https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact\\_report\\_scam.shtml](https://www.treasury.gov/tigta/contact_report_scam.shtml).

## Neu speaks to Lions Club

Richard Neu, manager of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, moved to Colorado City from upstate New York. He is a licensed funeral director, and he has 14 years of experience in the business.

Neu said he knew from the time he was in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade that he wanted to become a mortician. He has been trained to perform embalming and restoration when needed. While living in New York, Neu coached youth sports in his spare time.

He said he has a degree in psychology and forensic psychology, which has nothing to do with his career. Forensic psychologists assess criminals and provides stress debriefings for people affected by severe crimes or accidents. Neu also has an associate's degree in funeral service.

The local funeral home is owned by a group that owns more funeral homes all across the United States and Canada. Neu said when his bosses asked if he would like a promotion with better weather, they sent him to West Texas.

"It's been a beautiful experi-

ence here," he said, adding that he enjoys the big sky and warm weather.

Neu moved here with his family. He has a wife, two kids, three dogs and a cat. His son works at the prison here, and his daughter is graduating from Colorado High School in May.

Small towns are familiar to Neu, as he worked in a town a little larger than Colorado City when he was in New York and performed about 180 funerals per year. He said the local funeral home does between 90 and 100 funerals a year.

Lion Mike Ratliff asked if Neu had any humorous stories from the business. He said he was once chased by a bull while carrying out a body. He added that he did not drop the body.

One of the most impressive things he's seen in his line of work is a military funeral. Neu said he was privileged to be part of a funeral for a man who died in active duty while serving in Iraq. He said the service was breathtaking, and he was in awe of the perfect coordination.



**THE UNDERTAKER** - Richard Neu of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home was invited to speak to the Colorado City Lions Club by District 2 Zone Chairman Marianne Stevenson. Lions had a lot of questions for the funeral director.

Lion Janet McCollum asked if he ever got "creeped out" by the work that is required. Neu said he never does.

"I'm a compassionate man, and I like to help people," he said, "and that's what I do in my job. I help people."

The subject of autopsies came up, and Lion Dan Scott asked where autopsies were performed. Neu said bodies from Mitchell County needing an autopsy go to either Lubbock or Dallas. He also said the Justices of the Peace make the decision as to whether or not an autopsy is necessary. If someone was found in the situation of an unattended death and had no medical records showing a life-threatening illness, an autopsy is usually ordered.

Neu seemed to enjoy answering the many questions Lions threw at him, and he said he enjoys meeting people and helping them through hard times.



**PRESERVING HISTORY** - The Mitchell County Historical Society found three markers which had never been put up while helping to clean out the museum's garage. The group contacted Browne Bros. about having stands made for the markers to be put up, and John and Teresa Beckmeyer donated the materials and Jimmy Browne did the work. This marker, which commemorates the St. James Hotel, can be found at the corner of Walnut and 2<sup>nd</sup> Street.

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# OPINION & COMMENTARY

## TUMBLEWEED SMITH The CAF is alive and well in Midland

The other night I was privileged to entertain at a Commemorative Air Force event in Midland. It was sponsored by the High Sky Wing of the CAF and took place inside the huge CAF hangar near the Midland airport. The hangar looked like a big airplane shopping mall. It was full of newly polished war birds ready to go into action. They glistened like giant pieces of jewelry.

Some people have the misconception that the CAF moved from Midland. No such thing. The headquarters squadron, a couple of airplanes and some artifacts went to the metroplex, but most of the planes stayed right where they were.

"They left a lot of items specific to the Midland Army Air Field and they've helped us maintain the facility and keep things going," says Brent Collins of the High Sky Wing. Our mission is to keep these planes flying and that's what we do.

The facility is open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no admission charge.

"The local High Sky Wing of the CAF is comprised of about 150 local Midland, Odessa and surrounding area people," says Brent. "We're here to stay. Our planes are here, our events are here and we've put together a really great museum in the hangar."

The list of events includes the big air show in the fall, night flights during the 12 days before Christmas and all patriotic holiday events throughout the year. You can even take a ride in one of the planes for \$75 the second Saturday of most months, weather permitting. The group recently went to Andrews and spent the entire day giving people rides in the vintage planes.

"This area was once known as Sloan Field," says Brent. "A rancher set up a small airfield with a dirt runway in the 20's. As World War II became imminent, city officials approached the federal government to put a base out here. It became the largest bombardier training base."

The event I attended was to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the first graduating class at the Midland Army Air Field. It was amazing. Fifteen World War II veterans were on hand and were recognized to thunderous applause. The Victory Belles, a singing trio from the World War II Museum in New Orleans also performed.

The museum has artifacts from the old bombardier school including two Norden bombsights. One exhibit is about the military days of President George H. W. Bush.

"We have video footage of his rescue after his plane was shot down. Two of his crewmates were killed. He was rescued by a submarine off the coast of a Japanese-occupied island. We have actual footage of him stepping up on the submarine with a quick glance to the camera, showing his face."

You can see a list of events at [highskywing.org](http://highskywing.org), the group's primary website.

## Worth mentioning...

By Record Staff

According to city officials, they are getting ready to take bids to lease out part of the landfill that has been closed for about 30 years.

City Manager David Hoover said he is preparing to bring the issue to the city council for their consideration. There is a portion of land that was used over 30 years ago at the landfill. It has been closed since that time.

The land is now ready to be leased out for grazing, and if the council approves, the city will advertise to take bids soon.

Hoover also said it is his intention to take 22 acres, along with an extra 10 acres a family has expressed an interest in donating, near the north water tower and turn it into a business park. He would like to make it an attractive place for new businesses.

The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) has been in contact with an engineering firm who will remediate the groundwater near the original truck stop east of Wood's Boots.

The building will be demolished, and a company will come in and cleanup the chemicals leaked by underground tanks into the ground.

The bulk of the work will take place over the summer, but the demolition will happen before then.

Hoover said he's also heard from TCEQ officials that more work is slated for the old Rogers Delinting site. He said he's not sure what is going to happen there, but he is pleased to hear the cleanup efforts are ongoing.

## Free legal assistance for sexual assault survivors

By Texas Supreme Court Justice Eva Guzman

Sexual assault is not just a criminal justice issue. Sexual assault is a public health and human rights issue that profoundly affects victims, their loved ones and society.

Nearly one in three adult Texans will experience some form of sexual assault in their lifetime. In more than 70 percent of sexual assault cases, the perpetrator is someone within the victim's circle of trust—a family member, friend or co-worker. In all cases, the experience is traumatic and life altering.

Physical injuries are accompanied by emotional, legal and economic consequences. Survivors often feel helpless, scared and ashamed. Some even blame themselves and are reluctant to report or prosecute the assailant. And while trying to heal physically and emotionally, survivors must also confront legal issues that extend far beyond navigating the criminal justice system.

Common legal issues arising in the aftermath of sexual assault involve safety and family violence concerns, access to health insurance and disability benefits, time off under the Family and Medical Leave Act, immigration processes, privacy interests, educational effects, Crime Victims' Compensation claims and housing issues. Many sexual assault survivors are unaware that free legal help is just a phone call away.

As part of an annual empowerment

campaign, April is nationally recognized as Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Among other initiatives this year, the Texas judiciary is working with the Texas Access to Justice Foundation (TAJF) to raise awareness that free legal help is available through the Legal Aid for Survivors of Sexual Assault (LASSA) network.

By calling LASSA's toll-free number—1-844-303-7233 (SAFE)—survivors who qualify for legal aid can connect with advocates who provide free legal advice and referral to legal aid providers across the state. Through LASSA, sexual assault survivors can obtain help with safety and financial concerns, including securing a protective order; resolving child custody, child support and domestic violence issues; ensuring a safer working, educational, or housing environment; and safeguarding their privacy.

Established in 2015, the LASSA initiative was made possible with \$10 million in funding from the 84th session of the Texas Legislature. With that funding, TAJF provides grants to nine nonprofit organizations throughout the state to provide free legal services to survivors of sexual assault. LASSA grantees provide a range of free legal services; community, law-enforcement and leadership training; and other assistive resources and materials for sexual assault survivors.

In addition to legal advice and representation, LASSA has established relationships with domestic violence shelters

and rape crisis centers across Texas, enabling its providers to offer immediate assistance in response to a call for help. LASSA advocates also partner with colleges and universities to prioritize sexual assault awareness and prevention. LASSA leverages its academic partnerships to help ensure faculty and administrators are responsive to allegations of sexual assault and understand their legal obligations to survivors.

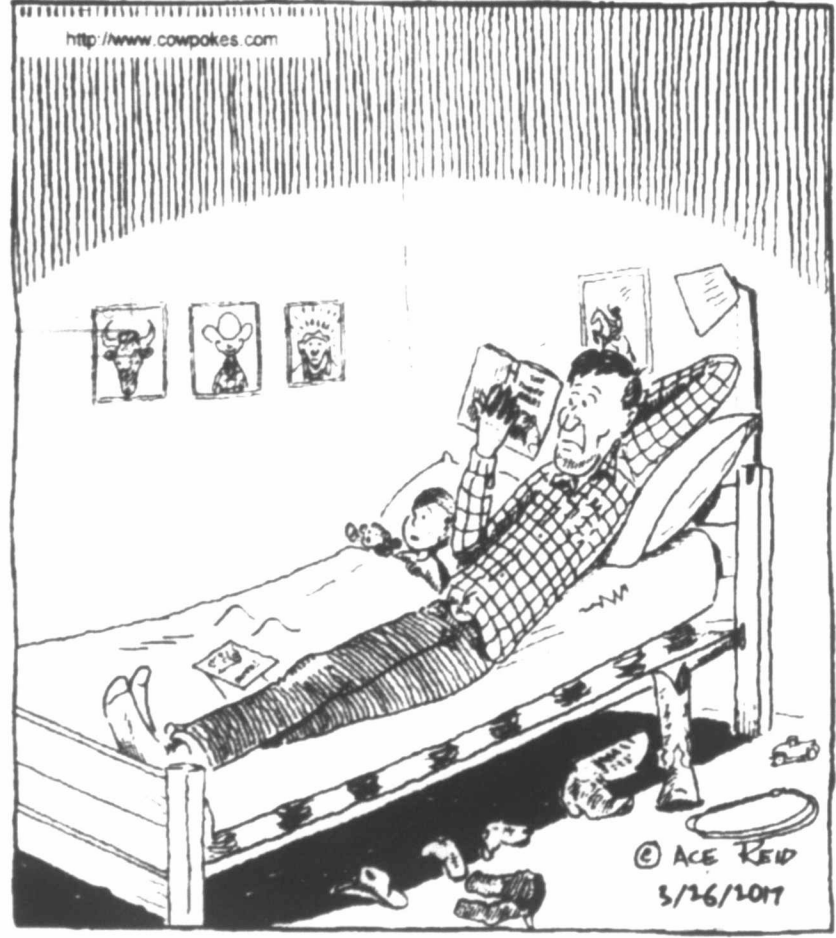
In the short time since its founding, LASSA has provided legal assistance to 4,500 sexual assault survivors, serving as a lifeline that enables survivors to protect themselves and move forward with their lives.

With continued financial support from the Texas Legislature, a community of legal advocates across the state will remain available to assist sexual assault survivors with the challenges that lie ahead. For free services that protect victims and their families from the safety, financial and legal ramifications of sexual violence, just call 1-844-303-7233 (SAFE).

A network of dedicated souls stands ready, willing and able to help.

Eva Guzman has served as a justice on the Supreme Court of Texas since 2009. She is the first Latina to be elected to the high court and to statewide office in Texas. She serves as the Texas Supreme Court's liaison to the Texas Access to Justice Foundation.

## COWPOKES By Ace Reid



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

I have been hearing some derogatory remarks about the Animal Control Dept. since my visit to the City Council stating city residents are not maintaining control of their dogs. What was NOT said by me: I walk my dogs between the hours of 6 am to 8 am on public streets; I have been told by longtime residents that every city resident knows the dog catcher only works from 9 to 5 Monday through Friday.

These dog owners are denying everyone, but motor vehicle drivers, the right to use public streets safely. And for the 911 operator I spoke to, the city streets are public, and I do not need permission to walk.

Also since my visit to the council, I had the chance to visit the shelter. At that time, I saw the part-time staff working on cleaning kennels, taking my re-

port, and telling me about the current guests that need homes. I learned there is only one full-time employee and one part-time employee.

I then learned these two people are responsible for taking care of the animals housed at the shelter and trying to get uncontrolled dogs off the street, collecting retrieval fees, adoptions fees, and license fees. Seems to me they are a lot more productive than the five men watching the one man digging the hole in the street.

I have been part of different animal welfare groups most of my life. The shelter is a place to help animals find their forever home. The shelter needs community involvement; whether adopting a new family member, belonging to support organizations such as Paw Angels and Outlaws, or simply being part of the

solution by spaying or neutering your animals and keeping them safely contained in your yard.

Just one last thought - Are all city employees in compliance with current animal control laws?

Liz Oakley

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Carol T. Crain, Carol Ann Travis Crain, aka, to MG Crain, Conveyance.

Joan Flach, OPS Mgr, Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service, to Trifecta Water Transfer, LLC, Release/Federal Tax Lien.

Sylvia Clanton, Chief Appraiser, Mark Patrick Diaz, to FGMS Holdings, LLC, Transfer of Tax Lien.

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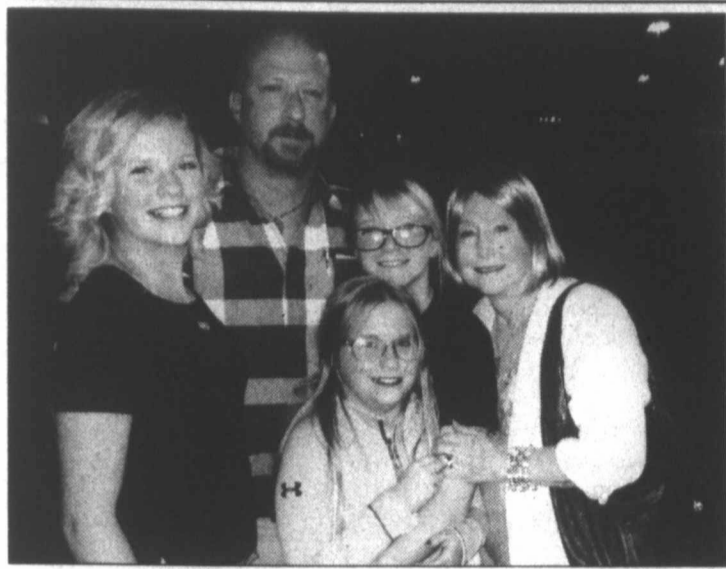


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# LOCAL NEWS

## HOSPITAL

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**BELIEVING IN HOPE** – Betty Barkley (right) is helping raise money for her son's open heart surgery. Brian Bird is seen here with his mom and daughters, (l-r) Haven, Aspen and Ember Bird. Photo courtesy of Barkley.

## Account established to help with surgery

Betty Barkley of Blackwell, formerly of Colorado City, has opened a special bank account to benefit her son who is in need of open heart surgery to repair a heart valve. The account is located at City National Bank, and the family is hoping to be able to raise \$143,000 by April 18<sup>th</sup>. They need your help.

Barkley lives in Blackwell, but she banks and goes to church in Colorado City.

Her son, Brian Bird of San Angelo, needs heart surgery to repair one of his valves. The 43-year-old was completely unaware of a rare condition he's had since birth until he experienced appendicitis. It was then doctors found that he had a rare congenital heart defect. One side of his heart is much larger than the other.

## WATER

FROM PAGE 1

On average, the average citizen pays \$4.25 for 1,000 gallons of water. The total cost of the system is estimated to be \$25,000. Snyder officials said the system there paid for itself in 12 months.

There will be hardware to get the water where it needs to be and software to run the card reader. There will also be a meter installed and a back-flow prevention valve and other such mechanics.

City Director of Operations Michelle Guelker said trucks will fill with a flexible overhead filling hose. Jon Keller of Aquaflow International & Co. has said his company would send city officials a blueprint that shows city workers where to put a drain and Aquaflow would do the rest. The city council gave Hoover the go-ahead to look into the system, after he told members he had been contacted by the company. The city manager said he will be presenting the details of the new system to the council during the April meeting.

## Hospital employee recognized



**By Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/** Mitchell County Hospital District is pleased to recognize Isabel Gonzales as the March Employee of the Month. Gonzales has worked for MCHD in the Dietary Department for ten years. "Isabel is a great cook and takes pride in her work. She is always excited and humbled when complimented on her cooking and she doesn't mind sharing her recipes either," said Carla Sauer, MCHD Administrative Assistant. "I feel honored to have been nominated and am very grateful for this recognition," said Gonzales.

## County to sell lots behind assessor's office

a new clinic was constructed is even more impressive, Fuller said. Days of cash compares to an average of 46.3 with other rural hospitals and 13.7 days average of all Texas hospitals.

Fuller took the time to explain what cost reports are, as there are several new board members now. Hospitals that participate in the Medicare/Medicaid programs must file reports reflecting what

is being brought in by those patients and what it costs to care for them.

Fuller said in business it makes sense to increase revenues while cutting costs, but if hospitals do that reimbursements from the Medicare and Medicaid programs would decrease. Basically, the programs reimburse hospitals for only what is spent on those patients and not a penny more.

## County to sell lots behind assessor's office

It was a short meeting for the Mitchell County Commissioners' Court this week. The court decided to take bids on one and a half lots behind the tax office which will be sold.

County Judge Ray Mayo said an individual has expressed an interest in buying the lots behind the Mitchell County Tax Assessor/Collector's office at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Hickory. Bids will be opened on April 24<sup>th</sup>.

Court members voted to renew a \$4 million dollar CD at FirstBank & Trust at an interest

rate of .5% for 69 days. The term will expire on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

A \$50,000 public official bond for Mitchell County Hospital District on Sylvia Clanton was approved. Bonds are issued on Clanton for taxes collected for each entity.

Payroll in the amount of \$77,272.01 was approved as presented by County Treasurer Jennifer Rivera. Bills in the amount of \$62,155.03 were approved as presented by County Auditor Heidi Harris.

## SCALES

FROM PAGE 1

Hoover said citizens may be paying too much and many companies bringing in construction materials and garbage may not be paying enough.

"A cubic yard of shingles weighs about 2,000 pounds and a box spring and mattress would only weigh about 150 pounds," he said, adding that scales will make the system more fair for everyone.

Hoover expects the scales, once installed, to reduce the amount being paid to TCEQ and to increase revenue from some companies. The scales are also expected to ensure more accurate records for the city which make planning for the future easier.

It will take a crane to pick up the three to four sections of the scales and they will be hauled to the local landfill from Sweetwater where they were purchased. City workers will get the pad ready, and Ellis Construction Co. is expected to do the haul-

It is considered a good cost report if the hospitals are owed a reimbursement. The programs owe MCHD about \$850,000 now.

In other business, Hospital Administrator Robbie Dewberry said the replacement of the Operating Room floor is underway. During a survey by the state, the facility received a deficiency because the seams of the OR floor were coming apart and lifting up. The board voted to replace the floor.

Dewberry said the department will be completely repainted and all work is expected to be finished and back in operation by April 10<sup>th</sup>.

Dewberry also gave a report on the possible closure of the TDCJ Ware Unit. It will affect the hospital district because MCHD provides medical services to the

offenders housed at the unit.

It was initially thought that all Ware offenders would be moved to the Wallace Unit, but there's not enough room. As of now, Dewberry said he has heard 108 offenders will be sent to other units throughout the state.

The reduction in offenders is estimated to result in a \$100,000 loss in revenue for the district. Dewberry said he is working with Beverly Cogburn and Chad Morris to devise a plan that ensures all employees will continue to work. Some may begin working at the hospital.

February was a busy month for Family Medical Associates, as providers at the clinic saw 1,713 patients, compared to 1,661 for the same month last year. Some of the increase is credited to getting non-emergent patients to go to the clinic instead of the ER.



Everyone is invited by the family to celebrate Billie Ruffin's 80th Birthday this weekend.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## CCPD handled over 8,000 calls in 2016

The Colorado City Police Department is a 24-hour full-service police department with the overall goal of protecting the lives and property of the citizens of Colorado City. Chief Luis Aguilar presented a program on the activities of the department. The department currently employs one chief of police, one police lieutenant, one patrol sergeant, one criminal investigator, three patrol officers, one part-time patrol officer, two unpaid reserve police officers, five dispatchers and one part-time dispatcher. The administrative staff works from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the investigator works 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. The day shift patrol is from 7 a.m.

to 7 p.m. with the evening shift being covered from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. There's also a swing shirt patrol from 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. In 2016, the 911 and police dispatchers handled over 8,300 phone calls, which include walk-ins at the local police station. Officers generated over 500 reports and issued 425 traffic citations. There were 74 arrest warrants served by officers, and they also made 100 arrests for various crimes throughout the year. Officers investigated 42 crashes during that same time period. Employees participated in seven public presentations and programs, many of which occurred at schools to educate and better public relations between students and the police. Several

grant initiatives were written resulting in over \$60,000 in funding.

## MCHD awarded grant

**By Audra Hoback, MCHD Marketing Director/Grant Writer**  
Mitchell County Hospital District has been awarded a \$50,000 USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant.

MCHD applied for this grant seeking funds to assist in the purchase of a Nihon Kohden Central Station Cardiac Monitoring System to replace the current 11-year-old cardiac monitoring system.

"This system is an important tool for the hospital and staff, offering uninterrupted continuity of care and updated technology that allows for overall better patient care. Grant funding has allowed us to completely upgrade our entire Cardiac Monitoring System, virtually eliminating cost and issues associated with our aging system," said Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO.

The new Central Station Cardiac Monitoring System cost \$219,992. By securing \$50,000 in grant funding, MCHD paid \$169,992 of matching funds from the Operational Budget.

"Mitchell County Hospital District strives to always offer our patients the best care with the most technological advanced equipment and tools available. We are pleased to have been awarded the USDA Rural Development Community Facilities Grant, allowing us to implement the necessary upgrades," said Robbie Dewberry, MCHD CEO.



**CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION** – (back l-r) Misty Zimmerman and Alura Silva from the West Texas Child Advocacy Center came to a commissioners' meeting where the court proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Court members are: (seated, l-r) Randy Anderson, Jeremy Strain, Ray Mayo, Jesse Muñoz and Bill Preston.

## Commissioners proclaim April as Child Abuse Prevention Month

The Mitchell County Commissioners' Court recently proclaimed April as Child Abuse Prevention Month. Two employees of the West Texas Children's Advocacy Center, Misty Zimmerman and Alura Silva, attended the meeting and witnessed the signing of the proclamation.

The center serves Mitchell, Fisher and Nolan Counties and helps law enforcement with child abuse investigation. The center's mission is to bring unity and efficiency to investigations of child abuse through the use of a team, comprised of law enforcement, departments of family and protective service, medical and mental health professionals, prosecu-

tors and other individuals.

Zimmerman told court members the center is the only one of its kind in the area. The center provides counseling and conducts interviews with children in a nurturing environment. The center also provides educational programs in area schools to teach kids what is ok and what is not and who to talk to if they need help. Since she has been involved with the center, 1600 students have seen the presentations.

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she has seen the number of cases grow over the last couple of years, attributing the growth to the downturn in the economy.

In 2016, there were over 65,000 reports of child abuse in Texas.

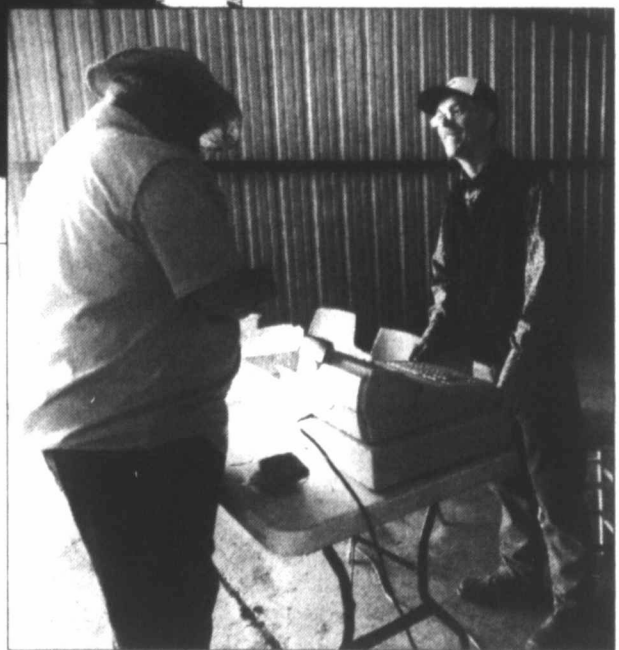
During the meeting, Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs commended the ladies and the center on the good job they do to help law enforcement. He said they are able to talk with the kids who may be afraid to talk with deputies. Zimmerman added that interviewers never ask leading questions and leave all answers solely up to the kids.

Anyone can contact the center by calling 325-235-1818.

## Lorraine Farm Sale held Saturday



**TAKE A LOAD OFF...** on a loader bucket. (l-r) Tabatha Delgado, Don Epperson and Mike Martin found a place to have a seat during the Lorraine Farm Sale while they waited for an item to come up for auction.



**SELLING BURGERS** – Local members of the Knights of Columbus Jerry Muñoz (right) was busy selling burger meals, drinks and sweet treats to folks bidding on items at the Lorraine Farm Sale last Saturday. Here, James Thompson of Abilene buys his lunch.

## POLICE REPORT

On March 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 2:42 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 1300 block of E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. A traffic stop led to the arrest of the driver for DWLI without proof of responsibility. Subject was taken into custody and transported to Mitchell County Jail.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 3:43 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 900 block of E. 8<sup>th</sup> St. in reference to a burglary of a motor vehicle. The officer made contact with the victim who stated his vehicle had items missing from inside it that were taken without his consent. A report for burglary of a motor vehicle was generated and the residence put on close patrol for two weeks.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:16 p.m., a caller reported a reckless driver. When the officer arrived, the officer observed a vehicle driving erratically and followed the vehicle seeing the vehicle drive recklessly. During the course of the traffic stop, the driver admitted to drinking prior to driving. Driver was submitted to SFST's and found to be DWI. Subject was placed under arrest for DWI, DWLI without proof of Financial Responsibility and Resisting Arrest, Search, and/or Transport.

On March 19<sup>th</sup> at approximately 9:47 a.m., an officer was dispatched to the 200 block of W. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in reference to a burglary of a habitat. The burglary was confirmed and a report was completed.

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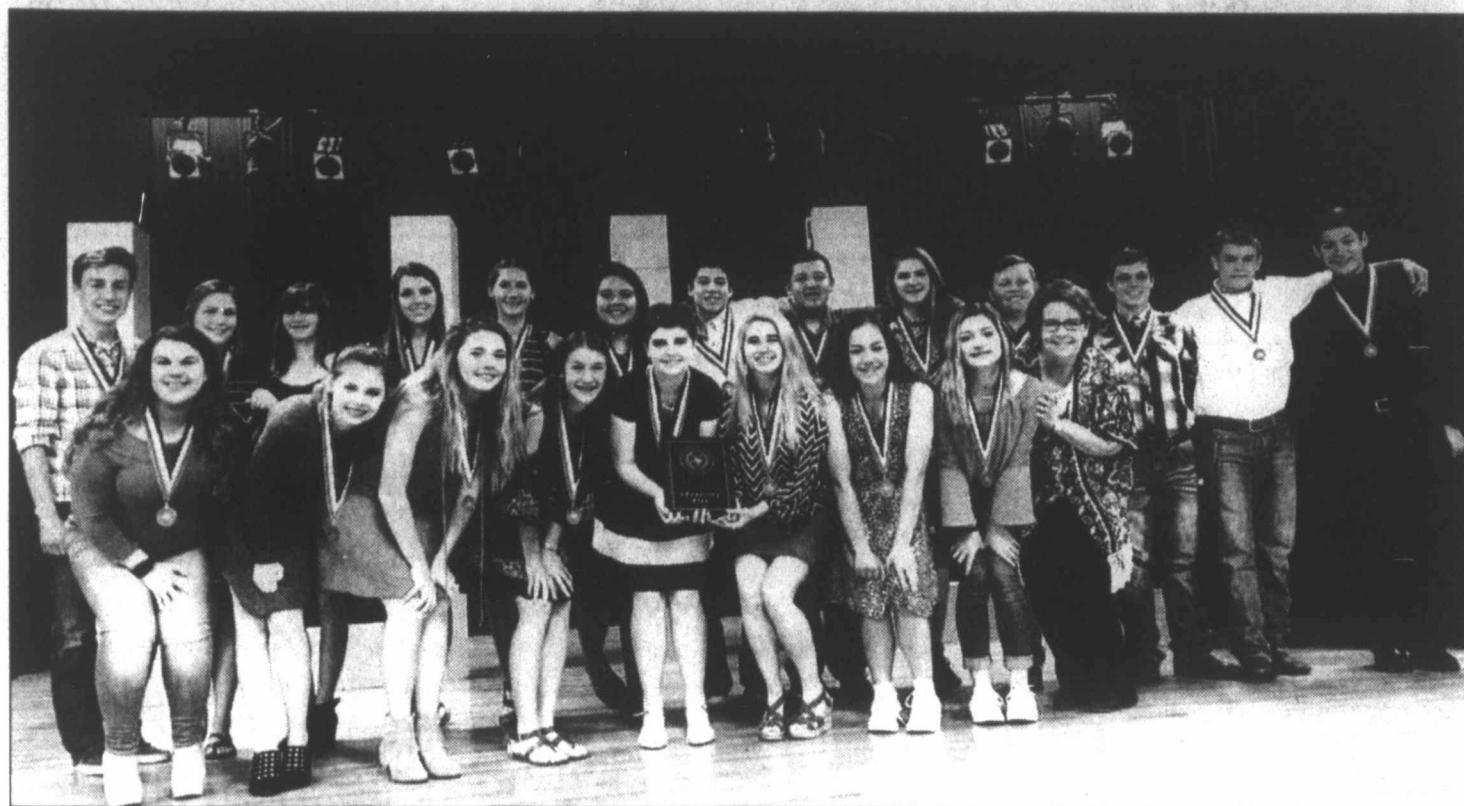
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# SCHOOL NEWS



**ADVANCING TO AREA!** The Westbrook One Act Play cast and crew qualified to advance to the area round of competition, following an outstanding performance at regionals. They are: (back row, l-r) Ethan Morris, Leah Wood, Cami Miller, Jaspren Witte, Shea-Lynn Hale, Syrrah Tenorio, Chris Chavez, Alex Tenorio, Hadley Redwine, Kyle Koch, Neil Cooper, Robert Booth, Alejandro Chavez, III; (front row) McKenzie Webb, Bri Hale, Taylor Parsons, Jayden Holt, Hannah Haven, Haleigh Haven, Taylor Beasley, Kendall Koch and One Act Play Director Mrs. Sherry Rowden. *Photo courtesy of Sheila Holt.*



**TEAM BUILDING WORKSHOP** – Ms. Sutton's kindergarten class participated in a team-building workshop recently. They learned how to be a friend and work as a team and read the book, *The Rainbow Fish*. Pictured are: (standing) Izzy Gingrich, Sean Serrano, Leona Luera; (laying down) Jacelyn Velasquez, Devin Salazar, and Ny'Ajiah Yancey. *Photo courtesy of Carissa Sutton.*



**WESTBROOK STUDENTS OF THE MONTH** – Students are chosen at Westbrook School monthly to be named students of the month. Those being honored this month are (left to right) Trent Henderson, Erica Gutierrez and Raenee Rich. Kason Proctor is not pictured. *Photo courtesy of Sandra Sullivan.*

## Local students accepted into McMurry University

M'Leah Alexander of Colorado City, Rebekah Diaz of Loraine, and Justin Trawick of Colorado City have all been accepted for entrance in the fall of 2017 into McMurry University.

McMurry University was founded in 1923 as a United Methodist institution, and is a vibrant and comprehensive center of higher education. McMurry has a national reputation for excellence and value through the achievements of its faculty, students and graduates. The University enrolls more than 1,200 students and has an average class size of 16.

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## NOTICE OF RATE CHANGE REQUEST

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC ("Oncor") publishes this notice that on March 17, 2017, Oncor filed with the Public Utility Commission of Texas ("Commission") its Petition and Statement of Intent to Change Rates, a copy of which is kept at Oncor's office at 1616 Woodall Rogers Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75202. This notice is being published pursuant to Commission Procedural Rule 22.51(a)(1).

Oncor's rate filing, based on the system-wide financial results for a 12-month test year ending on December 31, 2016, adjusted for known and measurable changes, supports a net increase in transmission and distribution rates of approximately \$317 million over adjusted test-year revenues, or approximately a 7.5% increase over adjusted test-year revenues of \$4,214.2 million. Test-year revenues have been adjusted to normalize billing units, to remove the revenues associated with Oncor's Energy Efficiency Cost Recovery Factor, and to increase test-year revenues to reflect Transmission Cost of Service ("TCOS") and Transmission Cost Recovery Factor ("TCRF") adjustments. TCOS revenue was adjusted to include the September 16, 2016 interim update rates at 2016 Option 2 ERCOT 4CP. TCRF revenue was adjusted to equal the March 1, 2017 TCRF revenue requirement reflected on Line 2, Attachment A of Oncor's petition filed and approved in Docket No. 49618. If approved, the increased rates will be charged to Oncor's direct customers, all retail electric providers ("REPs"), in those portions of Oncor's service area under the original jurisdiction of the Commission. Each such REP is potentially affected by the proposed change. Depending on the REPs' actions, the end-use customer classes of such REPs are potentially affected by the proposed change. In addition, the result could be a change in Oncor's transmission cost of service rates, which would impact all load serving entities in the Electric Reliability Council of Texas. Oncor has requested an April 21, 2017 effective date for its proposed rate change.

Persons who wish to intervene in or comment upon these proceedings, in Docket No. 49617, *Application of Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC for Authority to Change Rates*, should notify the Commission as soon as possible, as an intervention deadline will be imposed. A request to intervene or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Commission at (512) 936-7120 or (888) 782-8477. Hearing- and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may contact the Commission at (512) 936-7136. The deadline for intervention in the proceeding is 45 days after the date the application was filed with the Commission.

Oncor Electric Delivery Company LLC

## SCHOOL MENUS

### COLORADO ISD BREAKFAST MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Waffles, bacon, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, ham, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – Cinnamon roll, sausage, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – Sausage, egg and cheese pretzel sandwich, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – Breakfast burrito, hash browns, or dry cereal, toast, fruit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

### COLORADO ISD LUNCH MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Hamburger, garnish, oven fries, baby carrots, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday – Hot ham and cheese pretzel sandwich, tomato-cucumber cup, garden salad, snowball salad, choice of milk.

Wednesday – Texas basket, carrot coins, apple slices, cookies, choice of milk.

Thursday – BBQ on a bun, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles, choice of milk.

Friday – Philly cheese steak sandwich, potato rounds, green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite, choice of milk.

### LORAIN ISD BREAKFAST MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Cereal, toast, sausage kolache, yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – Cereal, toast, cheese omelet wrap, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – Cereal, toast, breakfast pizza, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – Cereal, toast, waffles,

sausage, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Friday – Cereal, toast, cinnamon roll, bacon, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

### LORAIN ISD LUNCH MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, gravy, strawberry cup, milk.

Tuesday – Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, salsa, zesty cucumbers, refried beans, lettuce and tomato garnish, rosy applesauce, milk.

Wednesday – Pizza choice, garden salad, vegetable medley, orange smiles, milk.

Thursday – Pig in blanket, oven fries, veggie cup, orange smiles, milk.

Friday – Pulled pork sliders, chips, coleslaw, apple slices, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Oatmeal, toast, cereal, milk

Tuesday – Breakfast sausage wrap, toast, cereal, milk.

Wednesday – Scrambled eggs with biscuit and gravy, cereal, milk.

Thursday – Waffles with toppings, syrup, cereal, milk.

Friday – Breakfast casserole, toast, cereal, milk.

### WESTBROOK ISD LUNCH MENU April 3 – April 7

Monday- Lasagna, black eyed peas, salad, garlic bread, apple crisp, milk.

Tuesday – Salisbury steak, brown gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, banana pudding, milk.

Wednesday – Taco salad bowl, (shell, ground meat, cheese, lettuce, tomatoes), Charro beans, Spanish rice, salsa, sheet cake, milk.

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## LEGAL NOTICES

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Leo B. Prater, Deceased, were issued on March 13, 2017, in Cause No. 5422 pending in the County Court of Mitchell County, Texas, to Paula Whitefield. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.  
c/o Ty J. Wood  
Paula Whitefield  
249 Walnut Street  
Colorado City, Texas 79512  
Dated the 28th day of March, 2017  
Ty J. Wood  
Attorney for Paula Whitefield  
State Bar No.: 24056779  
249 Walnut St  
Colorado City, Texas 79512  
Telephone: (325) 728-8400  
Facsimile: (325) 728-8101

## BID NOTICES

### BID NOTICE

Loraine ISD will accept sealed bids to purchase (1) or more used 2016 Model 71 passenger Type C Diesel Route School Bus

The bids shall be in the business office at:

800 S. Lightfoot St  
Loraine, TX 79532

No later than April 14, 2017 @ 12:00 p.m. local time. Envelopes must be marked in lower left hand corner "Bus Bid". Bid specifications may be obtained at the administration office at:

800 S. Lightfoot St  
Loraine, TX 79532  
(325) 737-2225

Loraine ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids in the interest of the Loraine ISD.

### NOTICE TO OFFERORS

Pursuant to Section 272.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, Mitchell County hereby offers for sale an approximate one and one quarter lot tract generally situated on Hickory Street, North of the Mitchell County Tax Assessor's office, and more particularly described as:

Lot 2 and part of lot 3, Block 36 of the Original Town of Colorado City (Mitchell County Plat Records Slides 9-10), Mitchell County, Texas. Being a part of the tracts of land described in a deed to Mitchell County, Texas recorded in Mitchell County Official Public Records Volume 495 Page 274. Being described further by metes and bounds as follows:

**Beginning:** At a found 1/2" iron pin with cap marked Morris 2426, in the West right of way of Hickory Street, for the Northeast corner of lot 2;

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**Thence:** S 83°24'55" E—140.15', along the North line of lot 2, to the Point of Beginning.

Bid packets and additional information may be obtained beginning March 30, 2017, at the following location:

Mitchell County Judge's Office  
349 Oak Street, Ste 200  
Colorado City, Texas 79512

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Offers must be submitted in a sealed envelope and must be received at the County Judge's office at the above listed address on or before 4:00 p.m., April 21, 2017. **BID PACKETS RECEIVED AFTER THIS DATE AND TIME CANNOT BE ACCEPTED. ANY BIDS SUBMITTED BY FAX WILL BE REJECTED.**

# SPRING

## CARD OF THANKS

On behalf of the Hollis Gainey family, we want to thank everyone for all that was done for Hollis during his last few days. Hollis loved this city and the people here and was always proud to call Colorado City his home. God's blessings to all!  
Nell, Rhonda, Dan, Patrick and Families

The pastor and members of The New Mt. Zion Baptist Church would like to thank everyone who came out to participate and help us in the celebration of our 134th church anniversary. We would also like to give a special thanks to our community leaders, pastors, and their members for their support.  
Quincy Randall - Pastor

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1155 Register Road, Colorado City  
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Sale: 12:05 p.m.

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# LOCAL NEWS

## Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	Mar. '17	Mar. '16	+/-	Year '17	Year '16	+/-
Abilene	\$3,007,880.70	\$2,897,246.11	3.81%	\$10,513,130.10	\$10,439,802.41	0.70%
Big Spring	\$630,684.38	\$615,025.81	2.54%	\$2,123,531.18	\$2,175,166.04	-2.37%
Colorado City	\$43,057.38	\$44,938.44	-4.18%	\$144,103.34	\$165,133.34	-12.73%
Lamesa	\$105,502.07	\$107,351.01	-1.72%	\$363,235.15	\$383,906.07	-5.38%
Loraine	\$1,816.24	\$1,466.51	23.84%	\$6,319.29	\$5,875.52	7.55%
Lubbock	\$4,783,957.21	\$4,568,315.28	4.72%	\$17,296,964.62	\$16,532,243.07	4.62%
Mitchell Co.	\$20,771.37	\$19,300.62	7.62%	\$64,571.02	\$74,491.11	-13.31%
Post	\$76,832.23	\$71,413.23	7.58%	\$253,327.26	\$233,128.01	9.52%
Roby	\$2,927.27	\$3,227.13	-9.29%	\$9,853.65	\$10,042.12	-1.87%
Rotan	\$13,924.05	\$16,358.88	-14.88%	\$50,255.71	\$51,723.09	-2.83%
Snyder	\$191,292.94	\$197,590.70	-3.18%	\$676,524.97	\$672,345.02	0.62%
Sweetwater	\$251,480.47	\$834,277.93	-69.85%	\$860,719.51	\$1,506,051.88	-42.84%
Westbrook	\$0.00	\$1,387.08	-100.00%	\$0.00	\$5,817.53	-100.00%

## Local sales tax rebates show some improvement

If one uses sales tax allocations as an economic indicator, things may be looking up for this area of Texas. The results were varied in the March sales tax rebates, but Mitchell County and the cities therein saw better rebates this month.

While Colorado City's March payment was down by about 4% from this month last year, that's the smallest drop the city has seen in quite a while. The payment of just over \$43,000 is down by about \$1,900 from March of 2016.

The City of Loraine actually received a rebate that was nearly \$400 more than at this time last year, representing an increase of about 24%. Payments in Loraine are up for the year by about 7.5%.

It's the same old story for the City of Westbrook. The entity is paying back an overpayment made to it by the state, and so no rebate was received for March.

Last year at this time, the city received nearly \$1,400 and had gotten about \$5,800 back from the State Comptroller's Office.

The good news continued for the county, as the payment of \$20,771.37 showed an increase of more than \$1,000 from the same time period last year.

According to the Regional Snapshot on the comptroller's website, Mitchell County falls in the northwest region of Texas. Counties in the region are: Archer, Baylor, Brown, Callahan, Clay, Coleman, Comanche, Cottle, Eastland, Fisher, Foard, Hardeman, Haskell, Jack, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Montague, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Wichita, Wilbarger and Young.

The median age of the region is 37.5, close to the median age of Texas which is 33.6. While the state has seen a 20% growth from 2004 to 2014, this region has only grown by 1%.

The total estimated value of 2013 beef production in the region is \$527 million. According to the statistics, per capita income in Mitchell County is \$31,964, which shows an increase of 72% over the last 10 years. The region's 2014 average wage was \$39,169.

The Northwest Region is both the least populous region and one of the state's slowest growing. From 2003 to 2013, its population expanded only 1.3 percent, while Texas' rose by 20 percent.

This slow growth could presage workforce troubles, given the large share of workers who are nearing retirement in some of the region's strongest industries.

Animal production operations offer a prime example. The Northwest Region has a dense concentration of these jobs, and 31 percent of these workers are at least 55 years old.

## CHS track teams competed in post earlier in March

The Colorado High School track teams traveled to Post on March 13th to compete in the Bold Gold Caprock Relays. Results for C-City competitors follow.

Women 3200 Meter Run Varsity  
Deanna Wooddell - 2nd, 14:22.54

Women 4 x 100 Meter Relay Varsity  
Colorado City 'A' - 2nd, 51.79  
Ilesha Smith, Jalessa Williams, Kaitlyn Kimball, Taylor Smith

Men 4 x 100 Meter Relay JV  
Colorado City 'A' - 4th, 49.06  
Alex Thompson, Zach Thompson, Leonard Williams, Akimas Clarrett

Men 4 x 100 Meter Relay Varsity  
Colorado City 'A' - 8th, 48.72  
Colton Forbes, Tommy James, Calvin Spencer, Gavino Silva

Women 800 Meter Run Varsity  
Briana Stephens - 11th, 2:59.49

Lexi Santana - 16th, 3:08.13

Alexus Haag - 20th, 3:23.21

Men 800 Meter Run JV  
Brian Duenez - 5th, 2:24.57

Alex Pineda - 11th, 2:37.35

Women 100 Meter Dash Varsity  
Ilesha Smith - 3rd, 13.47

Men 100 Meter Dash JV  
Akimas Clarrett - 3rd, 12.21

Marcus Monroe - 10th, 12.62

Cleveland Quinn - 18th, 13.21

Men 100 Meter Dash Varsity  
Tommy James - 6th, 11.72

Colton Forbes - 9th, 12.02

London Lynch - 15th, 12.38

Women 4 x 200 Meter Relay Varsity  
Colorado City 'A' - 2nd, 1:55.10  
Kaitlyn Kimball, Conely Niblett, Taylor Smith, Jalessa Williams

Men 4 x 200 Meter Relay JV  
Colorado City 'A' - 4th, 1:38.45  
Colton Forbes, Calvin Spencer, Tommy James, Gavino Silva

Men 4 x 200 Meter Relay JV  
Colorado City 'A' - 4th, 1:44.02  
Timmy Braden, Cleveland Quinn, Josh Sosa, Akimas Clarrett

Women 400 Meter Dash Varsity  
Brianna Stephens - 16th, 1:16.02

Alyssa High - 25th, 1:24.46

Men 400 Meter Dash JV  
Zach Thompson - 6th, 59.53

Zev Cooper - 16th, 1:06.47

Garren Smith - 21st, 1:13.64

Men 400 Meter Dash Varsity  
Omar Boone - 6th, 57.61

Women 300 Meter Hurdles Varsity  
Marissa Stephens - 12th, 57.88

Men 300 Meter Hurdles JV  
Alex Thompson - 8th, 51.28

Women 200 Meter Dash Varsity  
Ilesha Smith - 4th, 29.66

Men 200 Meter Dash JV  
Cleveland Quinn - 14th, 28.88

Tracy Smith - 16th, 28.33

Garren Smith - 20th, 32.14

Women 1600 Meter Run Varsity  
Deanna Wooddell - 7th, 6:41.56

Men 1600 Meter Run JV  
Brian Duenez - 3rd, 5:35.45

Women 4 x 400 Meter Relay Varsity  
Colorado City 'A' - 4th, 4:28.71  
Kaitlyn Kimball, Conely Niblett, Kristina Parker, Jalessa Williams

Men 4 x 400 Meter Relay JV  
Colorado City 'A' - 6th, 4:09.27

Alex Thompson, Zach Thompson, Leonard Williams, Tracy Smith

Men Shot Put Varsity  
Bradon Upshaw - 3rd, 39-08.50

Men Discus Throw Varsity  
Bradon Upshaw - 8th, 94-11

Men Long Jump JV  
Zach Thompson - 14th, 16-04.25

Men Long Jump Varsity  
Omar Boone - 3rd, 19-08.00

Women Triple Jump Varsity  
Kristina Parker - 6th, 32-09.00

Taylor Smith - 13th, 30-05.00

Men Triple Jump JV  
Alex Pineda - 11th, 34-01.00

Alex Thompson - 14th, 31-02.50

Women High Jump Varsity  
Kristina Parker - 3rd, 4-10.00

Conely Niblett - 8th, 4-04.00

Men High Jump Varsity  
Omar Boone - 5th, 5-08.00

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# SPORTS

## Wolves win big over Merkel

The Colorado City Wolves varsity baseball team took the lead late in the game in a 16-8 victory over the Merkel Badgers on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

The game was tied at four with the Wolves batting in the top of the fifth when Nathan Perez doubled, driving in two runs. Both offenses were strong at the

plate, as the Wolves collected 15 hits and Merkel 8.

The Wolves scored the first of two runs in the first inning when Marcus Gutierrez singled with no outs.

Perez, Erick Hernandez, Jacob Muñoz, Rion Maxwell and Tommy James each collected multiple hits for the Wolves.

Perez went 4-for-5 at the plate, as he led the team with four runs batted in.

The win improves the boys' record to 4-5 for the season. The Wolves travel to Jim Ned on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> to take on the Indians in district play. The JV game will begin at 4 p.m. and the varsity game will follow.

## District MS meet to be held here

Colorado City will host this year's District 5-3A Middle School Track Meet on Monday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Hollis Gainey Track will be the place to be to see some great running and field events that afternoon.

Several schools will be competing, including Clyde, Stan-

ton, Merkel, Coahoma, Jim Ned and Colorado City. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls will be competing.

Field events will begin at 1 p.m. Monday afternoon, including shot put, discus, long jump, triple jump, high jump, and pole vault. The 2400m run will begin

at 1:15 p.m.

All other running events will begin approximately 30 minutes after the end of the field events. Races will include: 400m relay, 800m run, 100m hurdles, 100m dash, 800m relay, 400m run, 300m hurdles, 200m dash, 1600m run and 1600m relay.

## Merkel squeaks past Lady Wolves

The Lady Wolves varsity softball team out-hit 10 to 9, but it wasn't enough as they lost 4-3 to Merkel last Tuesday.

Both teams scored one run in the second inning. The Lady Wolves scored when Makaylah Rivera homered with zero outs in the inning.

Merkel knotted the game up at one in the bottom of the sec-

ond on a Lady Wolves error. The Lady Badgers then took the lead for good with one run in the third inning.

Tamren Pierce took the loss for the Lady Wolves. She threw six innings, allowing four runs, nine hits, striking out three and walking one.

Colorado City collected 10 hits in the game. Chloe Castillo,

Rivera and Alexa Garza each collected multiple hits for the Lady Wolves. Castillo went 3-for-4 at the plate.

The girls travel to Jim Ned on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and Stanton on Tuesday, April 4<sup>th</sup> to continue district action. The loss brings their season record to 14-8.



**STATE COMPETITOR** - CHS senior Justin Trawick is seen here getting ready to lift 540 pounds at the state powerlifting meet last weekend in Abilene. Trawick finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the state. Photo courtesy of Bradly Graham.

## Trawick places 12th at state

Justin Trawick traveled to Abilene to compete in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Meet. The Colorado High School senior finished 12<sup>th</sup> in the state of Texas.

Coach Bradly Graham said Trawick squatted 600 pounds and improved his bench maximum to 400 pounds. Trawick deadlifted 540 pounds to reach a total of 1,540 pounds.

"I was very worried going into the deadlift because Justin pinched a nerve in his back when he was warming up," Coach Graham said. "On his first attempt he couldn't even move the weight... I told him if he could not lift it we would just scratch the last two attempts. Without hesitating, he said he wanted to finish the meet."

Trawick fought through the pain and was able to successfully lift the 540 pounds, and represent CHS proudly.

## Game slips out of Wolves' grip

The Colorado City Wolves varsity baseball team watched the game slip away early and couldn't recover in a 14-2 loss to Clyde on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Clyde took an early lead in the first inning, scoring one run on a stolen base. The Bulldogs then scored four more in the first, two in the second, one in the fourth, two in the fifth and five more in the 6<sup>th</sup> inning.

Erick Hernandez took the loss for the Wolves. He tossed four and two-thirds innings, allowing nine runs, 15 hits and striking out two.

Marcus Gutierrez, Zack Potter and Jacob Muñoz all had one hit in the game. The Wolves travel to Jim Ned on Friday to take on the Indians.



**AND SHE'S SAFE** - Colorado City Lady Wolves' Nia Williams slides into third base safely in the tight game against Clyde held at the Mitchell County Sports Complex last Friday. Photo courtesy of Sandra Yanas



**IT'S A DOUBLE** - Kaci Pharris celebrates after making it to second base on a double hit in the Friday evening game against Clyde. The Lady Wolves lost the nail biter 2-1 against Clyde. Photo courtesy of Sandra Yanas

## Lady Wolves lose to Clyde

The Lady Wolves varsity softball team lost the lead late in a 2-1 defeat to Clyde on Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The game was tied at zero until the fifth inning when Clyde scored two runs.

The pitching was strong on both sides. The Clyde pitchers struck out 10, while the Lady Wolves sat down seven.

In the sixth inning, Muranda Garcia singled on a fly ball to center. She scored the only run for Colorado City, when Chloe Castillo tripled on a fly ball to right field.

In all, the Lady Wolves collected nine hits. Alexa Garza and Castillo each had two hits to lead the team. Tamren Pierce all seven innings for the Lady Wolves.

The season record stands at 14-9 after the loss. The girls travel to Jim Ned on Friday, March

31<sup>st</sup> with the first pitch to be thrown at 5 p.m.

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