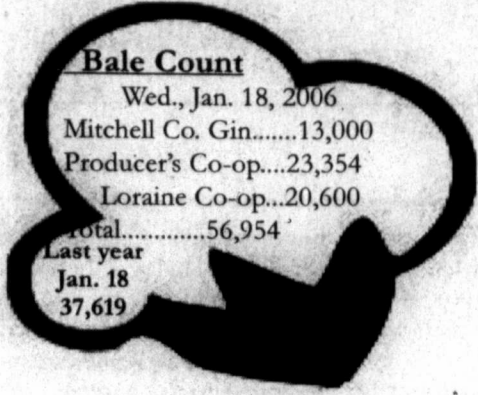




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FIREFIGHTERS IN TEXAS battled more than 60 fires last week, according to the Texas Forest Service.

TFS official: 'We're in a tough situation'

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Texas Forest Service representative Ron Perry can tell you just how bad the recent drought has affected the western and northern portions of the state. He's seen almost every inch of land between the Texas panhandle to the Mexican border.

His words to Colorado City residents were simple last Friday after-

noon: Be very careful.

"It's very severe out there right now," said Perry, who covers 97 counties for the Texas Forest Service. "It's very dangerous. Don't let anyone tell you different, we're in a tough situation right now. All the way from the panhandle to the Rio Grande and beyond, we're in a very serious situation."

Perry said the lack of precipitation

in the western and plains portion of the state have left fields extremely dry and increasingly suspect to wildfires. He said all but 18 counties in West Texas are currently under burn bans.

Overall, 214 of the state's 254 counties have declared burn bans. Sixty-five have been declared emergency disaster declarations.

"A lot of people can remember the droughts of the 1950s," he said. "We're

getting back into that situation right now. The only thing different now is that we have more grass which helps prevent those rolling sand storms."

Perry said the state's firefighters were busy during the mid part of last week, using more than 1.5 million gallons of fire retardants and volunteer services from firefighters from 38 states to battle more than 60 blazes.

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Council OKs strict burn ban for city

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

If you light up a fire inside Colorado City, or within a 1/2-mile radius of the city limits, you had better be ready to pay up.

The Colorado City City Council, on Tuesday evening, signed off on a declaration of disaster for the community that will remain in effect for seven days unless renewed by the mayor. The council also passed a resolution banning all outdoor burning in the incorporated areas of the city and the 1/2-mile extraterritorial jurisdiction area for 90 days.

The ban, similar to the one passed by county officials last month, makes it a Class C misdemeanor to ignite a fire using any combustible material, including including welders, outdoor grills, fireplaces and pits, in an outdoor environment.

Colorado City City Manager Paul Catoe said the move was a proactive step by the city to protect its residents from the danger of fire during the recent drought.

"When you look at what happened in Cross Plains and the fires raging across the Big Country, I think it's prudent for the city to do whatever it can to protect its residents," said Catoe. "This is a very serious matter."

Catoe said the ban could be lifted by the council should the area receive large amounts of precipitation in the future.

Maynard slated to highlight chamber event

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Former Colorado City standout and National Football League Hall of Famer Don Maynard will highlight the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet next month. The event is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 6 at the Colorado City Civic Center.

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AMONG THE 2006 GRAND CHAMPION WINNERS at the Mitchell County Livestock Show was Colorado High School student Cheyenne Guelker (at left, with Colorado High School Ag teacher Chris Haynes). Her steer was named one of four champions, joining those of Carly Hill (swine division), Sam Shrode (goats) and Kelly Morris (lambs). The livestock show raised over \$60,000 for local FFA and 4-H participants and gave everyone a chance to have fun and show their animals. (Below, left) Taegan Harris shows her steer smiles while showing her steer during the premium sale on Saturday. The sale also gave Sidney Upshaw (below) the chance to display her goat.



Super Show

Mitchell County Stock Show participants reap big awards at 69th annual county show

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The smell of hogs, sheep and steers, oh my!

That smell, the participants at the 69th Annual Mitchell County Livestock Show found out, is the smell of money and success.

Approximately 80 FFA and 4-H students from throughout the county found out how good the smell was this weekend when they competed in the event. In all, more than 20 exhibi-

Inside the show ...

79 Total number of participants that competed in the Mitchell County Stock Show.

247 Total number of animals shown at the Mitchell County Livestock Show in 2006.

53,000+ Total amount of money raised for 4-H and FFA members at the show

tors walked away with show honors. "I think it went exceptionally well,"

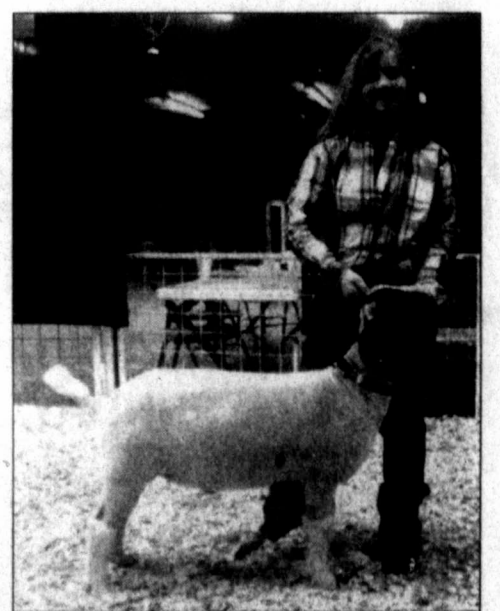
said Mitchell County Livestock Show President Blaine Lemons. "The show went pretty smooth and the premium sale went very well. We were fortunate to have had another great year."

Veteran livestock show participant Kelly Morris couldn't agree more.

"It went really well," said Morris, who showed a lamb and steer in the event. "The whole show went so smoothly and we had good judges."

Morris probably didn't realize just

See SHOW, Page 2



Around Town

Cynthia Barnes says Jim Baum is the voice of Mitchell County... Happy birthday Kalea Hubbard and Chip Hubbard (Jan. 22)... Congratulations Wallace Excelsior High School grads! Chad Morris being BRIEF about his new artwork... Congratulations All-Region Band musicians! Happy 13th birthday Stormy Haggerton (Jan. 18)...

Obituaries

Jack Compton, Midland
Melba Hackfeld, Loraine
Johnny Harrell, Colorado City

Answerline

Q. What was the original name of the Colorado City Wolves?
A. In the 1920s the CHS mascot was the Jackrabbits.

Briefs

Solemn Assembly
There will be a Solemn Assembly Jan. 30 at 3 p.m. at the library.

Heritage Park Bricks
Last chance for a Heritage Park brick. Purchase a brick to honor a loved one, a friend or even a business from Hutchinson Elementary Heritage Park. Bricks cost \$25 and \$50. Call 728-5215.

Computer Program
On Mon., Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m., the Mitchell County Public Library will present a program on "How to Buy and Sell on

E-Bay". To register or to get more information, call the library at 728-3968.

Booster Club
The Wolf Booster Club will meet at noon on Thursday at Skeer's Texas Grill.

Project Celebration
Project Celebration is currently working on a cookbook fundraiser. Everyone is welcome to submit recipes. Each recipe submitted earned an entry into a drawing for gift cards. Recipes may be submitted to Colorado High School or emailed to jatkina@wtcon-

nect.com or cladybug@hotmail.com.

Free Throw Championship
The Knights of Columbus will host a Free Throw Championship on Jan. 28 at the CHS gym for boys and girls age 10-14. Each age division begins at a different time so contact Johnny Rivera, 728-8758 or Santos Reyes, 728-8281 for more information. Proof of age is required.

Bake Sale/BBQ
The House of Hope Community Church, 200 W. 17th St., will have a bake sale and BBQ Jan. 21 beginning at 11 a.m.

Lake Levels

(as of Dec. 6, 2005)
Lake Colorado City...2068.09'
Full at 2070.3'
Down 2.21'
Lake Champion...2041.72'
Full at 2083'
Down 41.28'
Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Jack H. Compton 1926-2006

Jack Harris Compton, of Midland, passed away Thurs., Jan. 12, 2006.

He was born September 14, 1926 to Mahlon Esta Compton and Lynne Shepherd Compton. Jack proudly served his country in the U.S. Army. On Dec. 25, 1959, he married Gloria Mae Wheeler in Loraine. Jack was a member of the Acacia Masonic Lodge in Midland.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, and brother, Shepherd Compton. Jack was one of those who diligently toiled behind the scenes, out of the spotlight, assuming the mundane tasks few others wanted to claim.

Jack is survived by his sons, Scott Harris Compton of Arizona; and Russell Black Compton of Arizona; daughter, Karen Elaine Compton-Matthews of Midland; sister, Norma Jeanne Fruge of Lubbock; four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, Jan. 16, 2006 at Wilshire Park Baptist Church in Midland. Interment followed at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Melba Hackfeld 1929-2006

Mrs. Melba Hackfeld, 76, of Loraine, died Wed., Jan. 11, 2006, in a local hospital. Services were held Friday in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Royce Clay officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hackfeld was born to Oscar and Jenny Morrison Hagood on June 26, 1929, in Mitchell County. She married Alfred Hackfeld in Nolan County on Feb. 22, 1949. He preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1989, after 39 years of marriage. She was a devoted member of the Church of Christ and a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She has been a longtime resident of Mitchell County. She was a loving caregiver to many.

She is survived by her two sons, Keith and wife, Jackie Hackfeld of Snyder and Stanley and wife, DeLynn Hackfeld of Loraine; two sisters, Ruby Parker and Ruth Light, both of Roscoe; one brother, Wayne Hagood of Sweetwater; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one sister, Blanche Ince and two brothers, Clyde Hagood and Howard Hagood.

Johnny Harrell 1952-2006

Mr. Johnny Harrell, 53, of Colorado City, died Wed., Jan. 11, 2006, in a Big Spring hospital. Graveside services were held Thursday in the Mitchell County Cemetery with Sammy Contreras officiating. A memorial service for family and friends was held on Sunday at the Mitchell County Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Harrell was born to Wayne and Frances Stapp Harrell in Pecos on July 19, 1952. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and had worked as a Radio Program Director for Texas Instruments. He had been a Mitchell County resident for four years.

He is survived by his significant other, Kay Craghead of Colorado City; one sister, Vida and husband, Rusty Edwards of Midland; two nephews, Josh Edwards of Midland and Cory Edwards of Tennessee.

He was preceded in death by his parents.



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event. "The whole show went so smoothly and we had good judges."

Morris probably didn't realize just how well the show did — and how much area businesses and individuals stepped up to support the event. Several businesses, including Holly Well Service, Fuller's Food and City National Bank contributed heavily to the show's success. Holly Well Service owner Mickey and Sally Neff donated \$100 to each participant — a total of \$7,900. Fuller's Foods, counting its annual \$2,500 scholarship, donated a total of \$9,410.

Fuller Foods Manager Rick Alvarez also announced the establishment of a \$2500 Virginia Fuller Scholarship which will be given away starting next year.

CHAMBER

Maynard, who won a Super Bowl title with the New York Jets, will serve as the guest speaker at the annual banquet, which was established to honor local businesses and residents. The former C-City standout was elected to the NFL Hall of Fame in 1987.

Among the honors to be passed out during the ceremony will be the Citizen of the Year and Agricultural Award accolades. The Elmer Martin Award will also be presented.

"It should be something really nice for people to do," said Colorado City Chamber of Commerce Board President J.V. Young. "Monday Night Football isn't available any more so everyone will need to come out. It's a great opportunity to come out and have a great meal and a good time."

To nominate an individual for this year's "Citizen of the Year," complete the form on page 3 in today's Record.

The banquet meal will feature grilled steak or grilled chicken breast, complete with potatoes, green beans, a salad, desert and a drink.

Main Street Board to meet January 19

The Colorado City Main Street Advisory Board is scheduled to discuss possible plans for the upcoming visit of Texas First Lady Anita Perry at its Jan. 19 meeting.

The board, which may also appoint a committee chairman and select persons for the Design, Promotion, Organization and Economic Restructuring Committee, is slated to meet at noon at the Colorado City Civic Center.



Don Maynard

According to livestock show officials, the three-day event raised approximately \$60,000 for area students through the premium sale and add-on donations. That total easily surpassed last year's record-setting amount of \$54,000.

"That money is a great help to our students," said Lemons, adding many of the students use the money raised during the county show to purchase projects for the coming year or to help offset expenses to travel to larger shows such as the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo or shows in Fort Worth, San

Antonio and Austin. "The money they get from this show lets them get a project for next year or for travel when they take their animals to other shows."

Lemons said approximately 75 percent of the students who participated in this year's county stock show would move on to participate in larger events over the next few months.

Among the big winners at the Mitchell County Livestock Show was Colorado High School student Cheyenne Guelker. She took one of the grand champion honors with her steer. Her champion was purchased by Fuller's Foods.

Carly Hill, Sam Shrode and Kelly Morris also earned grand champion honors. Hill took top honors in the swine division, while Shrode's entrant was named the grand champion goat.

Morris, who is scheduled to compete in the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo later this month, won top honors in the lamb division.

Hill's animal was purchased through the premium sale by City National Bank. HEB food stores of Big Spring purchased Shrode's animal, while Morris' lamb was purchased by City National Bank and Fuller's.

Westbrook junior Allison Bray was among four participants to be awarded reserve grand champion honors. She garnered the

honor with her heavyweight British steer. Shelby Cogburn won reserve grand champion honors with her heavyweight cross in the swine division. Tyler Plagens won reserve grand champion honors with his fine wool cross lamb. He also had the reserve grand champion goat.

Lemons said the students pocketed much more than awards from the show. In addition to money raised through the sale, the students also gained a sense of accomplishment and learned valuable responsibility skills that will help them later in life.

"These projects help teach them responsibility," said Lemons, who competed in the show in the 1970s and 1980s. "There's a lot of responsibility involved with caring for and feeding an animal every day. They also have to learn how to groom the animal and what it takes to market them."

"The things they learn through this will help them for a long time, plus they have a sense of pride in what they have accomplished," he added.

Morris agreed.

"Sometimes I have to get up at 6:30 in the morning to feed the animals, but I really enjoy it," said Morris, who also won the Senior Showmanship honors. "Every since my sister did it, I wanted to follow her into showing. I really enjoy it."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NEW HOME RULE CHARTER

The City Charter Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 31, 2006 at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas for the purpose of reviewing the draft copy of the New Home Rule Charter. Written comments will also be accepted by the City Charter Commission until the Public Hearing is concluded.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance should contact City Hall to arrange for such assistance at least 72 hours prior to the meeting.

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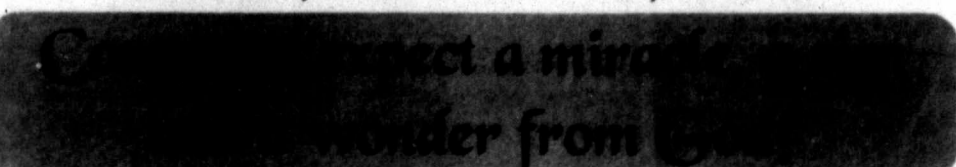
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LOCAL NEWS

Hillcrest project on hold for now

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Hillcrest Subdivision development project isn't dead, it's just in hibernation ... for now.

Colorado City Manager Paul Catoe informed members of the city council that Centrepointe Investment Company's initial market study revealed "soft" rental market in the city and that the study had CIC scrambling for for information.

According to Catoe, CIC representative Art Schuldt has done some preliminary work on a proposal to develop the Hillcrest Subdivision through a Tax Credit program. That work indicated that Colorado City had enough available rental units to make classifying the city as a high-priority difficult.

"We really don't know if we're going to move forward," said Catoe. "We probably won't know anything for another 30 days."

The Shreveport, La.-based company is under a tight deadline to apply for the Tax Credit program. The paperwork must be filed with the state in March.

Catoe said Schuldt will continue with his feasibility study and could appear before the council in the near future with the results.

DANGER

from page 1

Part of the army of volunteers helping the state battle the wildfire threat is the Civil Air Patrol. Perry said the CAP has private pilots flying throughout West Texas in an effort to spot fires.

Perry said most wildfires are caused unintentionally by individuals using burn piles or trash barrels. According to TFS statistics, approximately 95 percent of all fires are caused by burn piles that get out of hand or by improperly covered barrels.

Colorado City and other area firefighters have responded to at least two major calls recently. The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department sent men and supplies to battle the recent wildfire near Sterling City and to one more recently on the Spade Ranch. The fire near Sterling City was caused

CHAMBER AWARD NOMINEES CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

This individual must be at least eighteen (18) years of age. The award is given for community service in the previous twelve (12) month period and cannot be part of the job description of the individual.

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This award is given to an individual that has given many years of service to the community. The award is not given every year, so it is very important to select an individual who displays a true dedication to the community.

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AGRICULTURE AWARD

This award is presented to a family or business that is actively involved in farming and/or ranching. They should be involved in their community and forward thinking in their operations.

I nominate _____

Please explain on a separate sheet of paper why you have chosen this individual and sign with your name and telephone number should we need to contact you.

Please return entries to the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 242, Colorado City, TX 79512 by January 25, 2006. Call 325-728-3403 for more information.

Haltom to seek 4th term as Justice of the Peace

Glenda Haltom isn't so sure about the third time being "charmed." She's kind of hoping No. 4 will be even better.

A fourth term as the Precinct 1 and 4 Justice of the Peace, that is.

Haltom, a lifelong resident of Loraine, filed the necessary paperwork to have her name placed on the May ballot as a candidate for the 4-year position. Haltom will be running unopposed.

For Haltom, a grandmother and great-grandmother, serving as the Precinct 1 and 4 JP is a rewarding experience that enables her to serve as a role model to younger

individuals and to help youths grow into productive members of society.

"I really enjoy my job," she said. "I try to work very hard for the young people. When you can sit back and see you have done something good for them it's a wonderful feeling. I wish I could get the attention of all of the young people and help them."

Haltom, a former restaurant owner and businesswoman in Loraine, has served as the Precinct 1 and 4 JP for the past 12 years.

Haltom and her husband Edgar have been married for almost 50 years.

Hill's trial re-scheduled for March

The trial of former Colorado High School football standout Justin Hill has been rescheduled for March 27.

Hill is facing trial for the death of an 11-month-old child in

Abilene in 2004. According to officials, the trial was rescheduled from its original date of Jan. 9 to March due to scheduling conflicts with expert witnesses due to testify on the behalf of defendant.

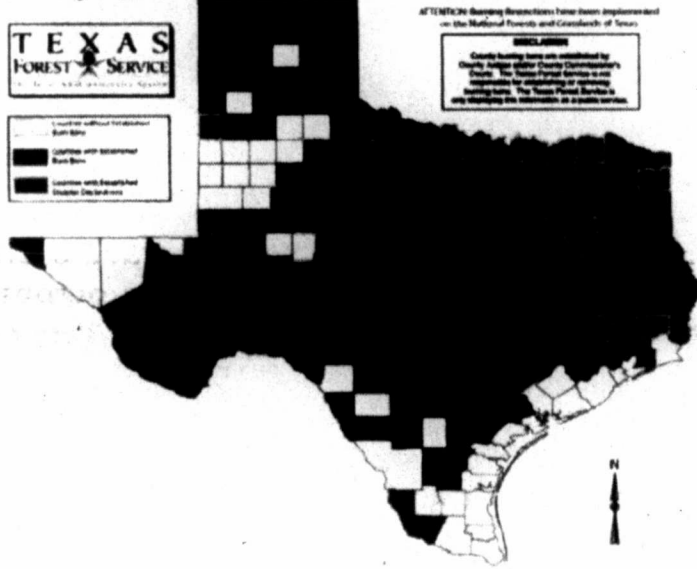
City accepts bid for old lumber yard

The Colorado City City Council unanimously approved the purchase of the old Rockwell Lumber building by Danny Averett after learning the he had no plans of utilizing the facility as

for a salvage operation.

Averett, a Lake Colorado City resident, said he hoped to establish a mortgage company, a concessions business and, possibly, a Jet Ski storage facility.

Outdoor Burn Bans & Local Disaster Declarations January 13, 2006



when a buzzard flew into a power transformer.

"People need to be extra careful when they are out," said Perry. "It's very dangerous."

According to Perry, the state's taxpayers have had to contribute approximately \$5.75 million to fight wildfires in the state of Texas thus far.

Committee working on draft of new city charter

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Colorado City Charter Commission is making quick work of rewriting the city's new charter. The 15-member commission completed their initial look at the first 10 articles of the manuscript last Wednesday and Thursday.

"Everything is going good," said charter commission chairman Robert Hoback. "The committee is working really well together."

On Wednesday, the commission reviewed the first three of

the 13 articles in the charter. The group worked through articles three through 10 on Thursday.

The charter commission is scheduled to work its way through the final three sections this Wednesday and Thursday, and meet again, possibly next week, to review the charter again.

When the charter commission finished its work, it will submit the document to the Colorado City City Council. The council, which has no power to alter the charter, will then set an elec-

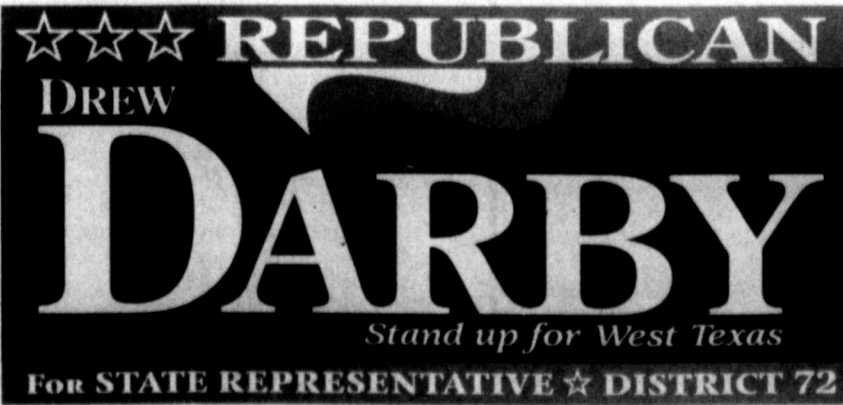
tion date so the voters can decide whether to adopt or reject the new charter.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Riding in the Cherokee Hills

The images of red, orange and gold flashed by as I drove between Rusk and Palestine. It was late afternoon and I was headed into the sun. The trees were backlit and provided dramatic autumn visions. The reds of the sumac and sweet gum stood out as sunbeams focused on their flaming crimson leaves. It's like some unseen force turned spotlights on main characters in a drama. The reds certainly took center stage on this trip.

The black highway, with its yellow stripes and white lines, created a formal pattern as it curved between the borders of the dense, wild forest. The strobe-like effect of sunlight streaming in and out of the trees as I sped by almost made me dizzy.

I saw fall colors I don't think I've ever seen before. One fascinating tree had leaves the color of apricot. The Chinese Tallows were both red and gold. Cypress was orange. Sassafras was red. Hickory was gold. All the bright colors paraded before walls of deep dark green longleaf pine.

The timing of my trip to East Texas was perfect. It was before the first freeze. It was warm and light winds hadn't bothered the leaves, so they stayed on the trees longer than usual and gave us something to look at and appreciate.

The richness of the East Texas fall was even more in evidence the next morning when I drove from Rusk to Alto. Although I was traveling in the opposite direction from the day before, I was again driving into the sun. I passed dead man's curve and saw more colors, this time on white and red oaks, sugar maple and a few chinaberry trees. In the early morning light, another compelling element was added: the misty, light fog. The wispy clouds of moisture moved slowly through the trees and across cleared land, then evaporated as the sun climbed higher in the sky.

There was little traffic on the small highways I took. I felt lucky to be there at the time, and a little selfish, because really the highways should have been full of people who appreciate fall scenery. It was spectacular this year. From late October until after Thanksgiving, the east Texas woods are bursting with autumn delights, reaching peak usually in early November. The bright sun brings out the colors, especially when you drive toward the sun while it is making its slow descent to the distant horizon. Fall is invigorating anyway. The cool weather makes you realize summer is gone and football season is here. This year, Texans didn't have to travel north or east to see fall color.

Fall in East Texas also means festival time. At the Pecan Fest in Alto, the streets were lined with vendors selling everything from Elvis t-shirts to homemade root beer. Competition for pecan pies, cakes and candy was fierce. The pecan is an important part of life in Cherokee County, so the city of Alto decided to honor it with a festival. This was the second year for it and it was more than twice as big as last year.

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By Ace Reid



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THE MILD WEST



Someone buy the 'foreigner' a copy of Bubba's book

Way back when I was too dumb to know better and too bull-headed to listen to my father, I did a baaad, baaad thing. Even worse than marriage...

It was such a horrible thing that I still have flashbacks from time to time, waking up in the middle of a perfectly good daydream in a cold sweat. Honestly, it has scarred me so terribly, I can't even watch re-runs of McHale's Navy.

What was so bad? Well, I am so glad you asked.

Well... I... uh... errr... enlisted in the United States Navy and became a... uh... errr... BM3.

Hey! Get your head right. I didn't say I was the third grunt in a bowel movement. I was a BM3 - Boatswain's Mate, third class.

Yes sir, Petty Officer Tommy Wells of your U.S. Navy at your service. I did hard time in an ice cream suit on the USS Manitowoc (LST-1180) and the USS Boulder (LST-1190).

You have a brass bell that needs to be shined? I have shined so much stuff I should have earned a Phd in bell polishing. Dr. Wells is the name, shining that big brass bell is the game.

You have a ship that needs painting? I'm your man. I've painted a few Mona Lisa's on the side of ships in five different seas. All of them in haze gray.

Ohhh the horror!

Okay, so I probably didn't have it that bad shining the bell or painting the ship (although hanging knee deep in water while sharks swim about looking for the "little piggies" must certainly rank pretty high on the 'This (expletive deleted) is crazy' meter.

Ohhh the horror!

OFF THE
BEATEN
PATH...

By
TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



What brought the memories rushing back was a message from a few old shipmates here recently. You see, Nellie is a Cheddarhead and Dibby is from the Land of Oz. Neither of them understand English too well, so it's quite a chore to hold a conversation with the uneducated when you have to explain every other word. It's a lot like explaining football to your spouse.

Then it hit me, there must be at least four or five other people out there who may have ventured north a might and are having trouble speaking to "foreigners," so I decided I should help them understand by providing a handout for all verbally-challenged persons.

Below are a few excerpts from the new Bubba's Big Spellin' Dixshunairy for the Speakin' Challenged Yank.

Ain't: The first word in Bubba's book. Means "I Am Not."

Ant: The spouse of your uncle. A stinging insect that crawls on the ground.

Artery: The place where you find paintings and stuff.

Barium: What you do when someone passes away.

Critter: An animal.

Figure: A woman's shape.

Fixin': 1. About to; preparing to begin.

2. Also means repairing.

Gawd: The Supreme Being. Closely related to Tom Landry.

Howdy: a word often that confuses foreigners into believing their wife's name is Dee. It simply means "hello."

Inners: The stuff inside you.

Lernin': A term used to describe the educational level a person has achieved.

Month o' Sundays: A phrase used to describe the length of time one hasn't seen another. Measured out, means approximately 6 months.

Node: Was aware of.

Ol' Lady: The female person in a marriage.

Reckon: A word of agreement or question, depending on the situation. Can mean "yep" or "Are you pulling my leg?"

Rugrats: Children. Usually refers to those young creatures that the ol' lady brings home and refuses to let run away. Also known as "Curtain Climbers" and "Parental Torture Units."

Shake A Leg: Do quickly.

Teutonic Knights: The day when all the bills arrive in the mail.

Thankin': The process of using one's brain to process information. Using the noodle, you know.

Tumor: An extra pair.

Yankee: A person of northern descent. Anyone born, or residing north of Snyder, Texas.

Yonder: A place that isn't too far away. Located just between "O-vair" and "Right cheer."

Yonna: Literally means "Do You Wanna."

O-vair: A place far away; a place to find the TV remote.

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Monday - juice, milk, Tuesday

Wednesday - juice, milk, Thursday

Friday - juice, milk, Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start Breakfast Menu

Jan. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal with toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - pancake pup, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - toast and jelly, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - oatmeal with toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - sausage with toast, chilled juice, milk.

CISD Head Start Lunch Menu

Jan. 23-27
Monday - chicken nuggets, golden corn, chilled fruit, milk.
Tuesday - turkey, gravy, mashed potatoes, bread slice, chilled fruit milk.
Wednesday - breakfast bites, green beans, chilled fruit, milk.
Thursday - peanut butter and jelly sandwich, glazed carrots, chilled fruit, milk.
Friday - wolf burger on a bun, French fries, pickle chips, apple half, milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson, CMS Breakfast Menu

Jan. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal with toast, chilled

fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - biscuits and jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - pancake pups, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - sausage with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley, Hutchinson Lunch Menu

Jan. 23-27
Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - spaghetti with meat, sweet peas, garlic toast, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - tacos, refried beans, tossed salad, chilled fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, pudding, choice of milk.

CHS Breakfast Menu

Jan. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal with biscuit, sau-

sage and biscuit, waffle with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal with biscuit, sausage and biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu

Jan. 23-27

Monday - taco salad, tasty rib basket, slice of pizza, French fries, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - chef salad with chicken, grilled ham and cheese, chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - chef salad with ham, burrito with cheese, turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - chef salad with bacon, Polish sausage on a bun, tacos, refried beans, Spanish rice, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - garden salad, wolf burger, French fries, lettuce cup, pudding, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu

Jan. 23-27

Monday - oatmeal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage, gravy, biscuits, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - assorted cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu

Jan. 23-27

Monday - chicken strips, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, strawberry yogurt, milk.

Tuesday - nachos with meat and cheese, salsa, peppers, refried beans, Spanish rice, fruit cup, milk.

Wednesday - homemade hot dogs, chili, cheese, pork n beans, pear halves, milk.

Thursday - pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, peaches, milk.

Friday - chicken salad and peanut butter sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, French fries, cherry cups, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu

Jan. 23-27

Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - burritos, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - breakfast pockets, juice, milk.

Thursday - muffins, toast, fruit, milk.

Friday - pancake, syrup, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu

Jan. 23-27

Monday - steak fingers, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, butter, salad, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday - chili with beans, corn, squash, cornbread, apple, milk.

Wednesday - chicken noodle soup, sandwich, pickle spear, carrots, orange, milk.

Thursday - burritos with cheese, beans, salad, dressing, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday - pizza, corn on the cob, fries, butter, shape-up, milk.

Kelley honors 'Golden Paws', perfect attendance

Kelley Elementary brought the stars out recently when they honored its "Golden Paw" and perfect attendance standouts.

According to Kelley Principal Denise Farmer, 68 students were presented "Golden Paw" awards in December for displaying good character traits. The students were selected for their good deeds and conduct during the first semester of the 2005-2006 school year.

Of those 68, Farmer said 19 were presented with the "Rainbow Paw" honors. In order to earn a Rainbow award, students must have gained "Golden Paw" status in each of the school's six-week reporting periods.

Farmer said the school recognized four students for perfect attendance on Jan. 6. Among the students honored for six-week perfect attendance honors were Bethany Barnett (first six weeks), Andrea Ramirez (second six weeks), Brittany Munoz (third six weeks), Sebastian Garcia (first semester). Barnett, Ramirez and Munoz all earned \$25 prizes for being six-week winners. Garcia won \$75 as the semester honoree.



STUDENTS OF THE Week have been selected at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Anna Lara, Mary Campbell and Jeremiah Williams.

Students of the week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week have been chosen at Hutchinson Elementary. They are Jeremiah Williams, Mary Campbell and Anna Lara.

Jeremiah, a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class, is the son of Melvin and Tera Williams. He enjoys taking care of his pet dog, Buddy, and math is his favorite subject. The teachers are his favorite part of his school.

Mary, daughter of Tim and Sarah Campbell, is a fourth grad-

er in Mrs. Weaver's class. She says the teachers are her favorite at Hutchinson, and math is also her favorite subject. She enjoys reading as a hobby.

Anna, a fifth grader in Mrs. Upshaw's class, is the daughter of James and Amy Lara. She plays basketball, and spending time with her friends is what she really enjoys at school. Science is her favorite subject.



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Coach Costabile's Physical Education class includes exercise and activities to help students develop all-around wellness and fitness for life.

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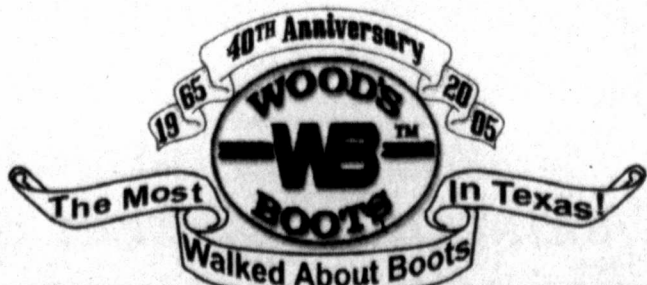


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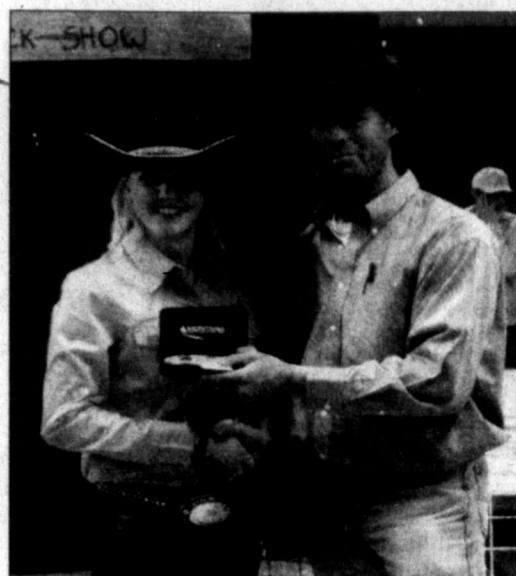
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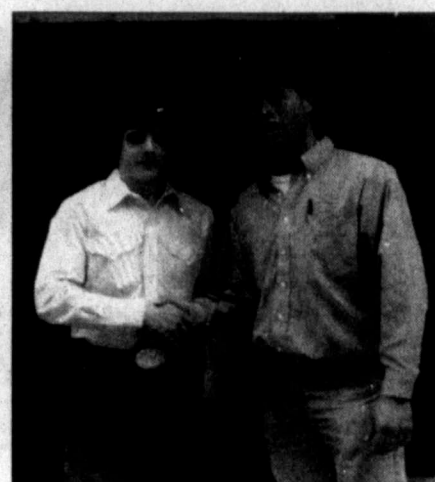
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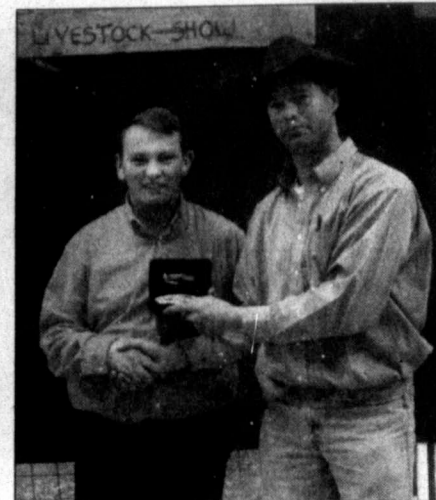
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Presented by Blaine Lemons (right).



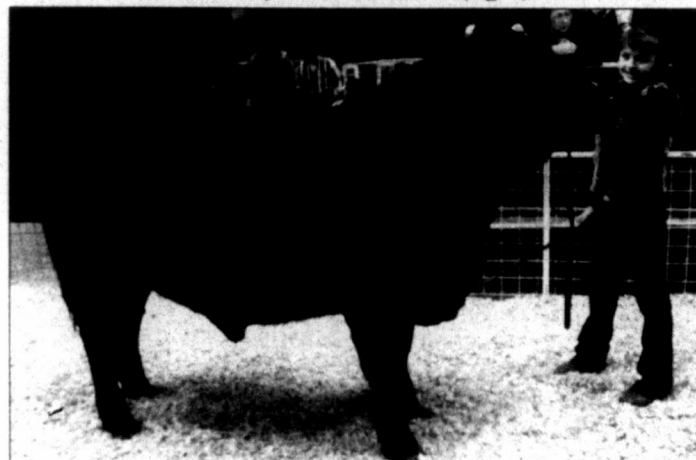
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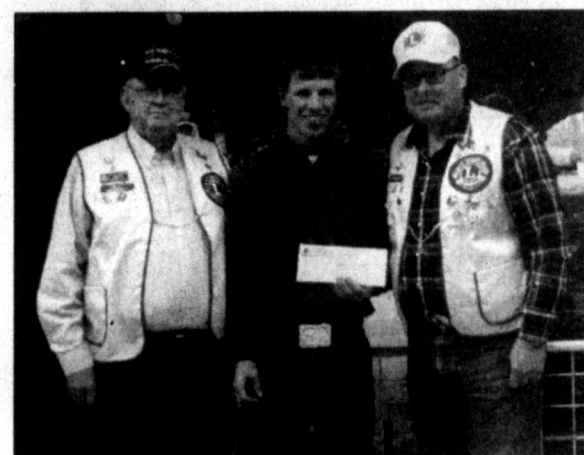
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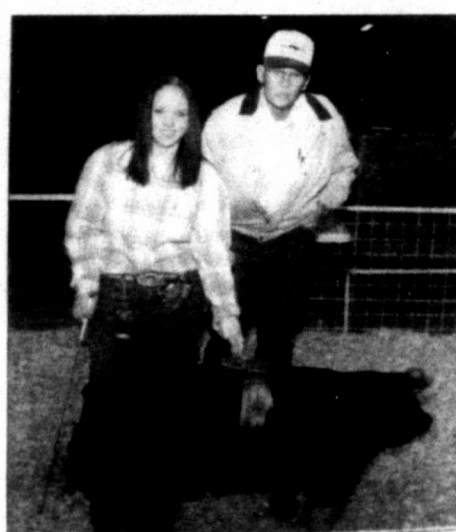
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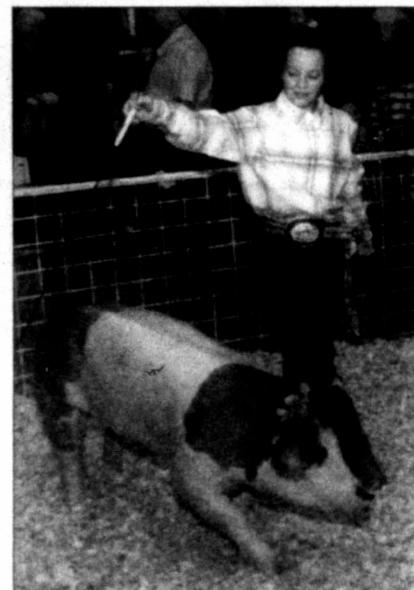
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LIONS CLUB SCHOLARSHIP WINNER
LOGAN TRUELOVE
(L to R) Frank Brownfield, Truelove, Mike Nichols.



GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
CARLY HILL
Pictured with Bobby Lemons of City National Bank.



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION SWINE
SHELBY COGBURN



GRAND CHAMPION GOAT
SAM SHRODE



RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION GOAT
TYLER PLAGENS
Pictured with judge, Perry Smith.



GRAND CHAMPION LAMB
SENIOR LAMB SHOWMANSHIP
KELLY MORRIS
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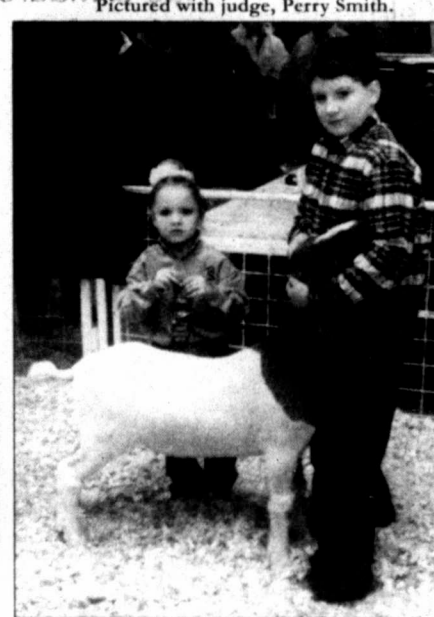
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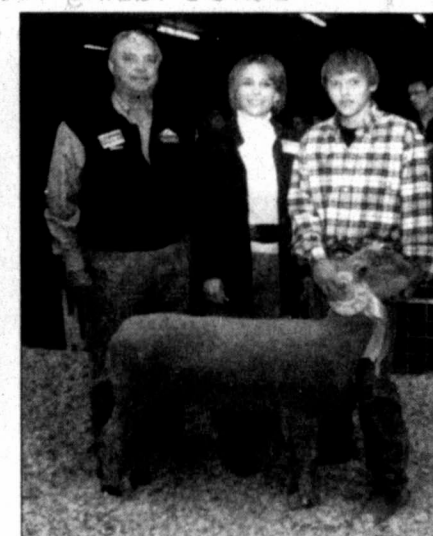
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RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION LAMB
TYLER PLAGENS
Shown with buyers Drew & Clarissa Darby.

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2006 MITCHELL COUNTY STOCK SHOW RESULTS

The Mitchell County Livestock Show was held last weekend with a large number of entries from around the county. The results are as follows:

Heifers
Cheyenne Guelker 1st place
Kalynn Hardegree 2nd place
Kalynn Hardegree 3rd place

Steer
Allison Bray 1st place

Unspecified Breed
Allison Bray 1st place

American
Carlton Johnston 1st place
Catelyn Johnston 2nd place
Kelly Morris 3rd place

Breed Champion
Carlton Johnston

Reserve Champion
Kelly Morris

British Heavy Weight
Allison Bray 1st place
Nathan McCright 2nd place
Taegen Hardegree 3rd place

British Light Weight
Kalynn Hardegree 1st place
Macall Maddox 2nd place
Alex Nobles 3rd place
Mason Maddox 4th place

British Medium Weight
Nathan McCright 1st place
Mason Maddox 2nd place
Michael Bray 3rd place

Breed Champion
Allison Bray

Reserve Champion
Nathan McCright

Exotic Heavy Weight

Cheyenne Guelker 1st place
Tanner Cox 2nd place
Lauren Munoz 3rd place
Morgan Maddox 4th place

Exotic Light Medium Weight
Andrew Munoz 1st place
Carlton Johnston 2nd place
Macall Maddox 3rd place

Exotic Light Weight
Morgan Maddox 1st place
Taylor Harris 2nd place
Allison Bray 3rd place

Exotic Medium Weight
Rachel Beckmeyer 1st place
Tanner Cox 2nd place
J.T. Mize 3rd place
Chelsey Lamb 4th place

Breed Champion
Cheyenne Guelker

Reserve Champion
Andrew Munoz

Grand Champion Steer
Cheyenne Guelker

Reserve Grand Champion Steer
Allison Bray

Senior Steer Showmanship
Tanner Cox

Junior Steer Showmanship
Catelyn Johnston

Swine
Black OPB Heavy Weight
Kathryn Kelly 1st place
Shelby Coghurn 2nd place
Jake Hester 3rd place
K'Leigh Jackson 4th place
Cory Morton 5th place
Claudia Barrera 6th place

Black OPB Light Weight
Brooke Cannon 1st place

Jake Hester 2nd place
Wesley Goswick 3rd place
Colton Rich 4th place
Kathryn Kelly 5th place
Pasha Brantley 6th place
Ramzi Messick 7th place

Breed Champion
Brooke Cannon

Reserve Champion
Shelby Coghurn

Cross Heavy Weight
Shelby Coghurn 1st place
Derrick Merket 2nd place
Klanci Whitesides 3rd place
Pasha Brantley 4th place
Brooke Womack 5th place

Cross Light Weight
Shelby Coghurn 1st place
Heaven McGrail 2nd place
Shelby Coghurn 3rd place
K'Leigh Wallis 4th place
Stacie Dese 5th place
Huntzy Messick 6th place
Tanner Cox 7th place
K'Leigh Jackson 8th place
Derrick Merket 9th place
Ross Andrews 10th place

Cross Medium Weight
Carly Hill 1st place
Erica McCright 2nd place
Jordan Truelove 3rd place
Alex Nobles 4th place
Logan Truelove 5th place
Cory Morton 6th place
Kyle Lemons 7th place
Ramzi Messick 8th place

Breed Champion

Carly Hill
Reserve Champion
Shelby Coghurn

Duroc Heavy Weight
Shelby Coghurn 1st place
Stephanie Freeman 2nd place
Haley Coghurn 3rd place
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SPORTS

Lady Wolves end 2-year district drought with victory

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Colorado High School Lady Wolves can breathe easy. The monkey is officially off their back.

Jessica Castillo tossed up two free throws with 12.3 seconds left in regulation Friday evening at 'The Pit' and lifted Colorado City to a historic 41-40 comeback victory over the Hawley Lady Bearcats in front of a large crowd in the 'The Pit.' Castillo, who wasn't supposed to be on the baseline on the play, was fouled late and tossed in a pair of free throws that enabled

the Lady Wolves to weather Hawley's torrid 17-4 run in the final eight minutes and claim its second win of the year.

Even more importantly, her two free throws officially brought to an end a lengthy district drought. Friday's win over Hawley marked the first time in two years the Lady Wolves had managed to win a district matchup.

"It was a huge win for our program," said Colorado City head coach John Starcher. "The girls really needed a game like that... a win to give them something to build on."

With the win, Colorado City

"We needed one game to let us know that we could win, and that we're not losers"

Brittany Hill

"found itself in new territory — a playoff race. The Lady Wolves went into Tuesday's showdown with Stanton, in contention for

the District 4-2A third-place playoff berth.

It feels great that we got that win out of the way," said post Brittany Hill. "We haven't won a game in a while. Now that we have that one, we know we can win."

"We needed one game to let us know that we could win and that we're not losers," she added.

Colorado City, which shot just 50 percent from the free-throw line in the game, got off to a quick start against the Lady Bearcats. The Lady Wolves, behind solid play from Castillo, Larecia Johnson and Hill, pumped in several clutch shots in the initial eight minutes and rolled to a 10-5 advantage.

Colorado City didn't back off any in the second. The Lady Wolves outscored Hawley by an 11-10 margin in the ensuing frame and took a 21-15 cushion in the half.

Hawley managed to pull to within nine, at 32-23, in the third and set up a wild finish.

The Lady Bearcats exploded offensively in the fourth quarter. Hawley reeled off a 15-2 spree over the first 7:28 of the frame and took a slim 40-39 advantage with 32 seconds left.

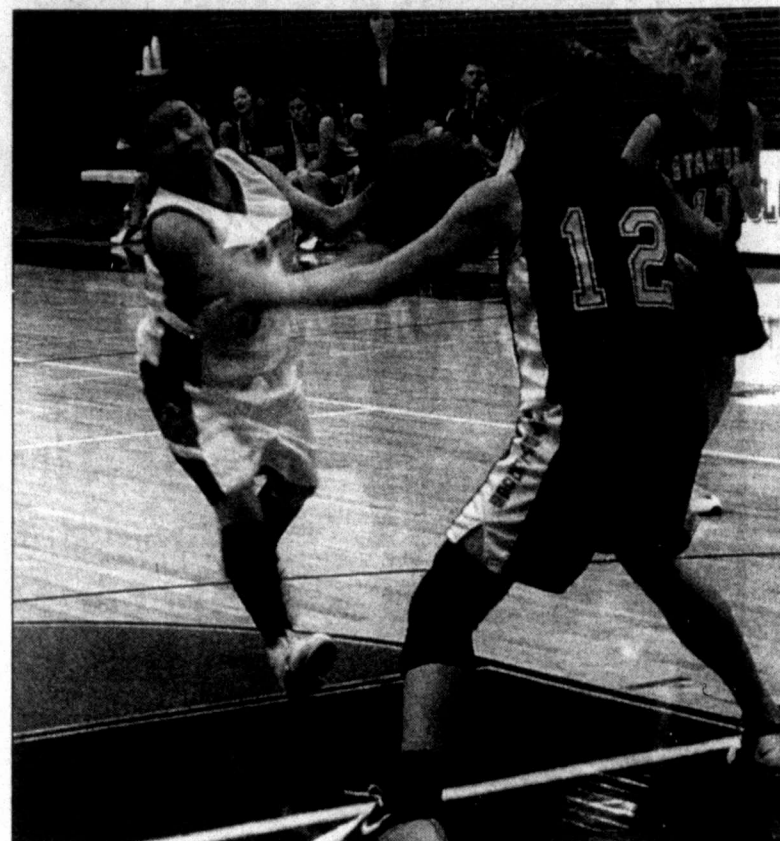
The Lady Wolves, who entered the game with a 16-game losing streak, found themselves right where they wanted: With the ball as time was running out.

"Coach Darrin Leverton and I were thinking we needed to bring the ball down and run the clock down as much as we could," said Starcher.

Hawley had other plans, however. The Lady Bearcats, with time running out, were whistled for a foul on Castillo, who was attempting to drive the baseline.

"When Jessica got fouled she

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File Photo
THE COLORADO LADY WOLVES collected their first district win in two years last Friday by downing Hawley, 41-40, in 'The Pit.'

Goodman, Wolves open 4-2A play with win over Bearcats

By Carl Graham

Colorado City Record

The Colorado Wolves came away with a big victory over the Hawley Bearcats.

How big was the win? Huge.

Colorado City moved into the lead in the District 4-2A playoff race by hammering out a resounding 49-30 victory over the Bearcats in the loop opener for both squads.

The Wolves didn't waste any time in setting the tempo for the contest. Colorado City jumped to a commanding 21-3 advantage in the first quarter and never

looked back.

Colorado City, which was led offensively by Cyrus Goodman and Henry Reyna, tacked on eight more points in the second and took a 29-14 lead into the half.

At the end of three quarters, the Wolves were up 34-21.

Colorado City didn't ease up any in the closing minutes. The Wolves sealed the victory with 15-9 run in the final quarter.

Goodman was high-point man for Colorado City, finishing with 19 points, Reyna posted nine.



Courtesy Photo

MEMBERS OF THE COLORADO MIDDLE SCHOOL eighth grade basketball team display the trophy they garnered last week by winning the Coahoma Junior High School Basketball Tournament.

Colorado City 8th graders roll to Coahoma championship

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Colorado Middle School eighth grade boys basketball team etched their name into the school's history books last week. And, to be honest, it couldn't have come in a better place.

The Wolves won the Coahoma Junior High Invitational Basketball Tournament last Thursday and Saturday.

On Thursday, the Wolves took on the Stanton Buffaloes and claimed a 50-20 victory.

CMS got off to a fast start, building a 14-6 lead in the first quarter.

They stretched their advantage to 27-10 at the half with a 13-4 spree in the second.

At the end of three quarters, Colorado City led 34-18.

A late 16-2 run in the final quarter handed the Wolves the game.

"It was a good game," said CMS coach Dustin Anders. "The boys kept the lead the entire game and never let Stanton get back into the game."

In the second game, the Wolves jumped out to a 20-5 lead at the end of the first quarter and then held on to claim a thrilling 51-50 victory.

Colorado City held a 35-28 at the half.

Coahoma overtook the Wolves in the third. The Bulldogs outscored CMS by a 12-4 clip in the

Westbrook student finishes second at Lubbock tourney

Westbrook fifth grader Bobby Wells finished second in the 80-pound Novice division at the Sandpitt Invitational Wrestling Tournament Saturday in Lubbock.

Wells, who has finished in the top three in all of his tournament this year, lost in the championship round to an opponent from Amarillo.

frame and too a 42-39 cushion into the fourth quarter.

Jamarcus Denson hit 19 points in leading his team to the win while Tyler Alexander added 10.

"This was a very well played game," said Anders. "There was never a dull moment. The boys had to play with their heads and never be selfish. They played as a team. This game was won with a team effort."

The two wins pushed CMS record to 6-2 on the season.

Last Monday, the Wolves defeated Coahoma in overtime by a score of 46-43.

The game was tied up at the end of the fourth period, at 40-40 sending the teams into a 3-minute OT period.

"This was the best game we have played this season," said Anders. "They played hard and never let up. They went to Coahoma with one goal and that was to win... and that is exactly what we did."

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UT fans won't allow me to forget 'mistake'

Did I ever catch it this past weekend about my comment about turning the set off during the last three and a half minutes of the Rose Bowl? Shame on ME!

Okay, all of you University of Texas diehards ... please, FORGIVE ME!

Boy, what an incredible weekend we just had. We attended a 72-hour religious retreat at Camp Batman which is located close to Merkel. Personally, I have not gone that long without any sporting events, television, watches, etc. It was awesome!

Congratulations to the Lady Wolves' basketball team for claiming their first district win in two years Friday. The CHS girls defeated the Hawley Lady Bearcats last Friday night at 'The Pit.' The team is now 1-2 in district play -- and right in the middle of the District 4-2A playoff race.

Congratulations also go out

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to former Loraine student Anthony Esquivel who now attends McMurry College in Abilene. He was lucky enough to catch a t-shirt tossed into the crowd by Rose Bowl MVP Vince Young during a recent celebration in Austin to honor the 2005 national champions Longhorns.

Anthony, can I put it up for grabs on e-bay?

Well the Pittsburgh Steelers slipped past the New England Patriots to continue their quest for the Super Bowl. Who knows who will end up in the "Big Dance," but, hopefully, it will be a good "Super" Bowl.

Have a blessed week everyone, and remember, be a great sport in everything you do.

Ira puts the bite on Loraine, in first 'Battle of the Bulldogs'

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

The Ira Bulldogs dusted off the Loraine Bulldogs, 51-40, last Friday night at Ira in the first round of the 'Battle of the Bulldogs.'

"This is a game that we should have won," said coach Steve Komppa. "We had kids that were showing animals in the stock show, and I am sure that they were tired. The officials sort of let the game get out of hand as well. They have to come here for

our next game, and I feel like we will win it this time."

Ira led 16-7 at the end of the first quarter and built the lead to 23-15 at the half.

At the end of three quarters of play, Ira was up 36-27.

Michael Walker had three treys among his 18 points. Marcus Stanford contributed seven points. Alejandro Lopez had a trey as well.

The JV team lost to Ira in a 41-38 squeaker.

LJHS hoopsters sweep W'brook

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Both of Loraine's junior high basketball teams came away with wins Monday night against Westbrook. The LJHS girls won by a score of 30-14 margin, while the boys won by a score of 36-29.

"It was a good game for these kids," said coach J.K. Wood. "I was proud of the way they battled back when Westbrook would start cutting into the lead."

The Loraine girls jumped to an early 8-1 first quarter lead, and led 14-6 at the end of the first half of play.

At the end of three quarters, the Lady Bulldogs had built up a 22-10 lead.

Loraine outscored Westbrook 8-4 during the final.

Raven Limones led Loraine with eight points while Megan Oliver pitched in six.

Milina Funderburg was the high-point scorer for Westbrook with six points. Stormy Haggerton logged five points in the losing effort.

The Loraine boys rushed to an

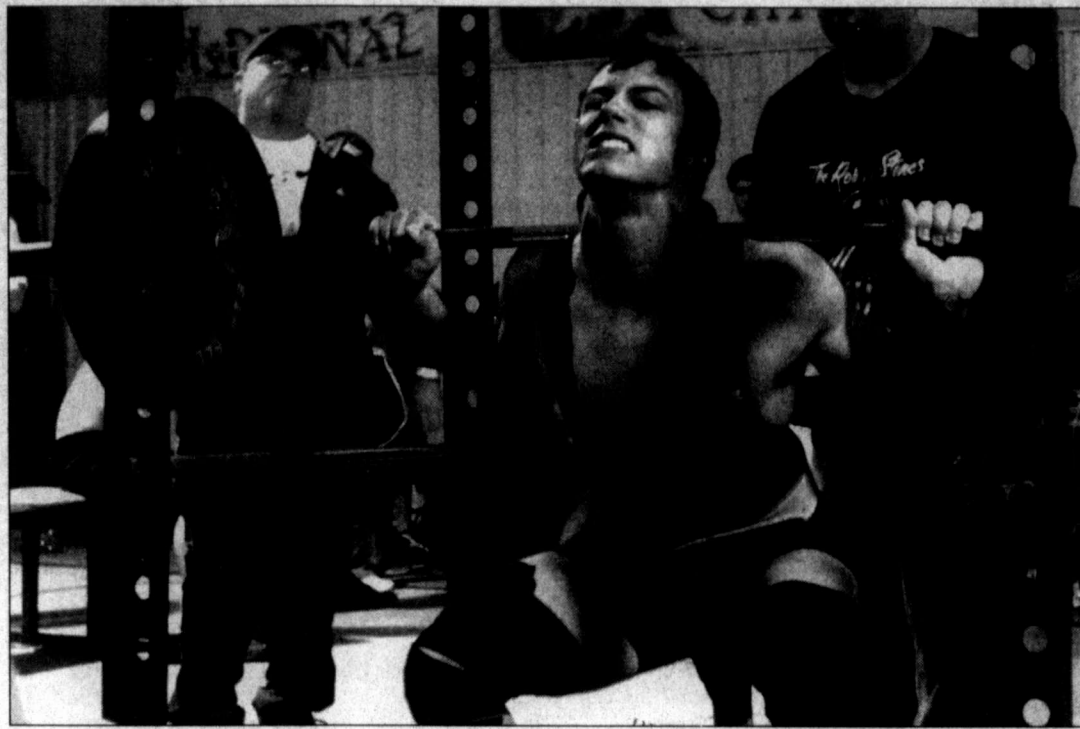


Record Photo/ Tommy Wells
WESTBROOK'S MILINA FUNDERBURG led the Lady Cats with six points Monday.

early 12-6 first quarter lead before heading to the lockers at the end of the first half up 17-12. By the end of three quarters of play, the Bulldogs were up 24-18.

Anthony Gonzales led Loraine with 15 points. Teammate Rafael Acevedo added 13.

Eli Farrell notched 13 points while Kelby Bradbury added eight.



Record Photo/ Tommy Wells

POWERLIFTERS FROM THROUGHOUT the area converged on Colorado High School last week to compete in the school's powerlifting meet. The CHS boys finished second overall. Hawley won the boys' and girls' team crowns.

C-City powerlifters place second at Colorado City Powerlifting Meet

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Michael Luera had one goal before he stepped under the weights last week at the Colorado High School Powerlifting Meet: Win.

He can consider the mission accomplished.

Luera was one of seven CHS lifters to stellar efforts at the meet en route to spurring the Wolves to a second-place finish -- behind Hawley -- in the overall team standings.

Luera, a senior, dominated the 165-pound division, winning first place. Teammate Richie Atkinson was fifth in the weight class.

Alfredo Ventura, Logan Boyd and Ray Ryan also posted wins in the boys' division. Ventura finished atop the 123-pound division

standings, while Boyd and Ryan collected top honors in the 242- and 275-pound divisions,

respectively.

Mario Atkinson and Edgar Roland also turned in solid efforts. Atkinson was second in the 181-pound bracket, while Roland was third in the 198-pound division.

Samuel Williamson placed fourth in the 114-pound ranks, while teammates Ricky Davila and Ryan Gainey collected fifth-place finishes. Sam Shrode posted up a sixth-place effort.

The CHS girls, who did not compete as a team because of a lack of eligible lifters, had three first-place finishers, including Danica Fowler (132-pound division), Veronica Beltran (97) and Crystal Molina (198). Ashley Sowa finished second in her division.

Hawley won the girls' overall team title.

The CHS powerlifting team will return to action Jan. 28 when they travel to Coahoma.

DROUGHT

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was driving the baseline. She wasn't even supposed to be down there," Starcher said. "We were looking for one of our posts down there (in the paint) but when she saw they weren't there so she drove in."

Castillo buried both free throws.

Those free throws, Starcher said, were two shots that may have put Colorado City over the top.

"It was possibly a turnaround game for us," he said. "With the way the rest of the district fell, it put us right back in the race. This is uncharted territory for us. If the girls step up and respond to the challenge, we have the opportunity to do something special."

Danielle Arispe and Jessica Castillo paced the CHS girls against Hawley. Both finished

Loraine sweeps two from Blackwell

Both the Loraine girls and boys basketball teams came away with basketball wins over Blackwell last Tuesday night in action played at Loraine.

In the girls game, the Lady Bulldogs jumped to a 14-1 first quarter lead and never looked back.

Heather Shepard led Loraine with 34 points while Junell Ruth came away with 15. Lucy Rico added 10.

The Bulldogs took a 70-51 win over the Hornets.

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Bids should be submitted to the City Secretary, City of Westbrook, P.O. Box 124, Westbrook, TX 79565 or City Hall, 110 N. Hooper St., Westbrook, Tx. Sealed bids will be opened on January 24, 2006. The City of Westbrook has the right to reject or refuse any or all bids.
Pansy Fernandez
City Secretary, City of Westbrook

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.
CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0454-03-035 for REPLACE BRIDGE & APPROACHES IN MITCHELL County will be opened on February 07, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
NPO: 18977
State Office
Const/Maint Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer-
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP 06-5134
SALE OF USED CAR AND SCHOOL BUS
Colorado Independent School District will receive sealed bids at the Business Office, 1132 Hickory, P.O. Box 1268, Colorado City, Texas 79512 until 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 1, 2006, for the sale of one (1) used 1995 Crown Victoria car and one (1) school bus to be sold as is (no engine or transmission).
Bids will be opened, read aloud and awarded within ten (10) days. The bid proposal may be picked up and vehicles inspected at the bus garage, 630 East 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.
Colorado ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any and all formalities.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF MITCHELL
By virtue of Orders of Sale issued out of the Honorable 32nd Judicial District Court of Mitchell County on the 28th day of December, 2005, by the Clerk thereof in the following cases to the Sheriff directed, the following properties, which are more particularly described in the judgments entered in each cause, were levied on the 28th day of December, 2005, and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th day of February, 2006, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgments with interest and with all costs of suit in favor of Mitchell County, Et Al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said judgments and order of sale.
Cause #14,571
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. RDQ, INC.
All the North 30 feet of Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, Block 40, Colorado City
Cause #12,957
MITCHELL COUNTY VS. NELSON W. SMITH
All the North Half of Lots 1 thru 3, of Lot 1,

LEGAL NOTICES

Northwest Quarter of Block 107, Original Town, Colorado City
GIVEN UNDER MY HAND THIS THE 28th DAY OF December, 2005.
Patrick Toombs,
Sheriff, Mitchell County, Texas
Rick Grissam, Deputy
In order to comply with Tax Code 34.015 all bidders should contact the County Tax Assessor/Collector before bidding.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St. Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705
is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.
The applicant, proposes to inject fluid into the Clearfork formation, Westbrook Southeast Unit, Lease, Well Number(s) 222W, 737W, 884W, 1865W, 1866W, 1867W. The proposed injection well(s) is located 10-12 miles Northwest of Westbrook, in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.
Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2300 to 3500 feet.
LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).



LEASE OPERATOR

Energen Resources Corporation, a subsidiary of Energen Corporation, has an immediate opening for a Lease Operator at its Westbrook SE Unit located near Westbrook, Texas. Responsibilities include:

- Pump as needed monitoring, recording, and optimizing production data
- Operating and maintaining production equipment
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- Assuring that all leases are operating safely within regulatory guidelines
- Successful applicant must be willing to live within 30 miles of field located approximately 5 miles N. of Westbrook, Texas

The qualified applicant will have 2 - 3 year's production experience with a broad knowledge of all types of production equipment. Experience working in secondary recovery environments a plus. Computer skills and proficiency with spreadsheets a must. We offer a highly competitive salary and bonus plan with a complete benefits package.

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Midland, Texas 79705

Email: graciela.sanmiguelcheama@twc.state.tx.us
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Texas Department of Criminal Justice
In conjunction with Western Texas College
invites you to a

Correctional Officer Hiring Seminar

at the
Western Texas College (Visitor Center)
6200 College Ave.
Snyder, Texas
on
Thursday, January 19, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

Directions: From Traffic Circle on Hwy 180, go south on Hwy 208 for 3 miles and turn right.

The Texas Department of Criminal Justice is accepting Correctional Officer applications for positions in Snyder area prison units. The hiring seminar will provide information about the duties of a Correctional Officer, qualifications, salary, benefits and the application process. Interested applicants will be scheduled for screening in Snyder the week of January 23, 2006. Western Texas College will begin a training academy March 16, 2006.

Join us and learn more about an exciting career as a Correctional Officer.
For more information, call (325) 573-8511 Ext. 391

HELP WANTED

Positions open for PRN LVN and weekend RN, great support staff.
Contact Stephanie Potter, DON, Valley Fair Lodge, 325-728-2634.

Nurse aides applications are now being taken to expand our current staff. Apply in person to Terri Owens, Kristi Lee Manor, 1941 Chestnut, Colorado City, Tx.

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Livestock operation manager needed. Full-time position. Must have reliable transportation, preferably a pickup. Must be healthy, honest, dependable. This is a good job for the right person. Day (325)728-6600, Night (325)728-5600.

Mechanic wanted. General Motors dealership. ASE preferred but not required. Must have own tools & be willing to train. Pollard Chevrolet - Buick - Cadillac, Big Spring, 432-267-7421.

Nurses Unlimited, Inc. needs attendants to assist with personal care, meal prep and light housekeeping. Part time basis. Call M-F, 8A-5P, EOE. 1-888-859-0640.

HELP WANTED

Help Wanted: The City of Colorado City is seeking applicants for the position of Finance Assistant. Interested applicants may pick up an application packet at City Hall, 180 West 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas, or they may email their resume to paul.catoe@cityofcoloradocity.org. The finance assistant must have a basic understanding of accounting principles. A bachelor's degree in accounting with 5 years municipal experience is preferred. The successful candidate must be energetic, self motivated, and an accomplished organizer capable of functioning effectively under the direction and supervision of the City Manager. Computer experience is a plus. The starting salary for the position will be \$30,000.00 per year. A complete job description is available at the City Hall. This position will remain open until filled. The City of Colorado City is an equal opportunity employer.

Now accepting applications for:

1. RN - Mitchell County Hospital 7am to 7pm
2. CNA - Mitchell County Hospital 7pm to 7am
3. CNA - Mitchell County Hospital 7am to 7pm
4. LVN - Wallace Prison Medical Clinic - 3pm to 11pm
5. Dental Clerk - Wallace/Ware Medical Clinics - 8am to 4:30pm

These are full time positions with benefits.
Contact Human Resources at
(325)728-3431, ext 7105.

Sonic Drive In is now accepting applications for all positions, day-time & night-time. Apply in person.

Help wanted: Cook at Rulie's. Apply in person. No phone calls. 1715 Vine.



LOOKING FOR DEER LEASE for 4-6 hunters, approx. 1,000 acres, water & electric preferred or house. 817-915-6722.



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Partial Listing

1979 Chevrolet 1 ton w/bins, rebuilt 454 4-speed (approx. 1000 miles on engine)

1979 F350 diesel 7.3 ltr. w/T-5 Smeal pump hoist (split drum)
Irrigation pipe trailer, large 3 inch pump with gasoline engine, 4 inch pipe, 2 cotton trailers, 42 joints of 1 1/2 galvanized pipe, 2 inch galvanized pipe, Rigid 300, Famco 612 bandsaw, 75-ton hydraulic press (1943), horizontal collar press, large commercial air compressor, 150 lb. anvil, oxygen and acetylene cart, enormous amount of PVC fittings, Rainbird sprinkler heads, boomers, submersible pumps, submersible test pumps of different sizes, creepers, scrap iron, enormous amount of galvanized fittings, PVC pipe, large chain hoist, pipe elevators 1 inch to 8 inch, 45KW Onan generator 6cyl. diesel, 18ft. car hauling trailer, New Holland hay inverter, spray rig, tin irrigation pipe, drill press and dies, commercial grinder, stand up drill press, Marquette AC welder, 1 ton chain hoist, steel work tables, spools of electrical pump wire, brass shut off valves, hand tools, submersible control boxes, windmill sucker rods, water well fishing equipment, rolling irrigation system, office furniture, new small submersible pumps, RCA TV, G.E. 11.5 cubic ft refrigerator.

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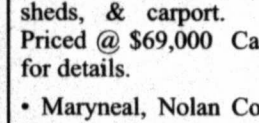
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TDCJ hiring seminar planned January 19 at Western Texas

You can find out about the new higher pay rates for Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) Correctional Officers recently approved by the legislature, along with new enhanced benefits and flexible work schedules, at the hiring seminar Thursday evening, January 19, at 7:00 p.m. at the Western Texas College Visitor Center, 6200 College Ave.

"We offer great benefits, good pay, and an opportunity to play an important role in the criminal justice system," said TDCJ employment manager Jan Thornton. And, we have a long history of providing stable, secure career employment for our Correctional Officers.

Our extended weekend work schedules at the Snyder area units are helpful for individuals who would like the benefits of a full-time income... and still have time for other interests, education plans or family needs, Thornton said. Some units offer four-day-on/four-day-off schedules with extended hours, while others provide conventional 8-hour shifts and six-day-on/three-day-off schedules.

As of September 1, Correctional Officer pay now starts at \$1,816 per month. Flexible retirement program

features provide retirement, annuity options even for those who do not join TDCJ until their 40s, 50s and 60s.

Another new benefit for Correctional Officers is the availability of a program to help with home ownership. The program currently provides five percent down payment grants and 30-year fixed rate mortgages at five-point-94 percent to qualified first-time home buyers, on a first-come, first-served basis.

A recruiter will be on hand to explain the current pay plan, outline the employee benefits and retirement program, explain the duties and requirements of a Correctional Officer and answer questions.

Candidates must be at least 18 years old and possess a high school diploma or G.E.D. equivalent.

For more information, you may call (936) 437-4098 or access the TDCJ Internet web site at www.tdcj.state.tx.us.

WHO: Texas Department of Criminal Justice will hold a Correctional Officer hiring seminar.
DATE: January 19, 2006
TIME: 7:00 P.M.
WHERE: Western Texas College Visitor Center, 6200 College Avenue, Snyder, Texas

Library class will cover tips for eBay buying, selling

On Monday, Jan. 23, at 5:30 p.m., the Mitchell County Public Library will provide a class on "Buying and Selling on eBay" with Ann Hallmark serving as the instructor. Mrs. Hallmark has been a local antique dealer for several years and has also bought and sold items on eBay.

Founded in 1995 in San Jose by Pierre Omidyar, eBay Inc. is a very successful online auction website where people from all over the world buy and sell goods and services. Millions of collectibles, appliances, computers, furniture, equipment, vehicles and other miscellaneous items are listed, bought and sold daily. eBay has revolutionized the collectibles market by bringing together buyers and sellers internationally in a huge, never-ending yard sale and auction.

Mrs. Hallmark's class will be on a beginner's level, instructing how to set up an account for buying or selling. This will not be a hands-on computer class.

Anyone who is interested in learning how to buy and sell on eBay is welcome to attend the class. There is no fee for the class but registration

is requested. Anyone who would like to attend may register by calling the library at 728-3968.

KCCB to meet Thurs., Jan. 26

Keep Colorado City Beautiful will meet Thursday, Jan. 26 at 6 p.m. at the Coffee Cup Café, downtown Colorado City for the KCCB annual meeting.

The public is invited to the Dutch-treat dinner meeting with the KCCB members to see accomplishments and hear plans.

Please call 728-3243 to make your reservations by Mon., Jan. 23.

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Meeting set to discuss saltcedars

The USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has targeted the Colorado River Watershed as a priority area for saltcedar treatment. Saltcedar control is listed as a state priority for the 2006 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) and NRCS has made money available for private landowners to treat this plant on their land.

The Mitchell County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) will sponsor a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 26, in the C.C. Thompson Bank, located in the 200 Block of E. 2nd Street, to discuss this program. Representatives from the NRCS, Texas Cooperative Extension Service, NRCS-ARS, Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) and Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board will provide a presentation dealing with saltcedar control and the 2006 EQIP program, which can provide landowners with 75% cost-share assistance for the program. These representatives and others will be on hand to answer questions during and after the meeting. North Star Helicopters will provide the meal to all attendees. Please RSVP to Mitchell County SWCD at 325-728-3473 extension 3 if you plan to attend.

Saltcedar is an invasive plant that uses massive amounts of water, effectively out-competes native flora, provides little wildlife forage, and is often so dense that many animals cannot reach the associated water sources. Saltcedar is especially detrimental to water quality because of its ability to transport salts from groundwater to its leaves. Salt from the leaves is then deposited on the soil surface.

The removal of saltcedar results in increased water quality and quantity, as well as biological diversity due to the re-establishment of native plant and animal species.

The saltcedar treatment on the Colorado River Watershed is a cooperative effort of the NRCS, TSSWCB, Upper Colorado Soil and Water Conservation District, Mitchell County SWCD, Howard County SWCD, Coke SWCD, the Colorado River Municipal Water District, Texas Cooperative Extension (TCE) and local landowners.

The focus of the program has been to create a partnership of federal, state, local and private entities to control saltcedar on a watershed basis. Although resources are available to control saltcedar, the opportunity to apply treatment lies in the hands of private landowners along the river corridor. With such vast areas of West Texas affected by the invasive plant, collaborative efforts and shared resources are critical to maximizing long term success.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) was established in the 1996 Farm Bill to provide a single, voluntary conservation program for farmers and ranchers to address significant natural resource concerns. Nationally, it provides technical and financial assistance to address natural resource concerns. Administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, EQIP was reauthorized in the 2002 Farm Bill and awards cost share assistance to agricultural producers who will apply cost share and incentive practices which provide significant environmental benefit. In Texas, NRCS provides funding to each county to address local high priority resource concerns.

For more information, contact the Mitchell County SWCD or NRCS at 325-728-3473 extension 3.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

Greetings. I just looked up the word "rain" in a dictionary and I read the following: "Water falling to earth in drops larger than 0.5 mm that has been condensed from the moisture in the atmosphere."

I remember now, it's moisture in the air that falls somewhere in drops. It's wet, it's wonderful, and when it happens it will be welcomed.

Berty Chandler just returned from Kingsland. She went to help her sister Pat after she had oral surgery. Her sister Barbara Hall from Alabama was also there.

On Tuesday night, they attended the wedding of Pat's oldest grandson, Aaron Lewis, who is in the Merchant Marines.

After leaving Kingsland, Berty went by Abilene to visit her son and family before returning home.

Dorothy Haltom has had some Arkansas company for the past three days. Her daughter, Anita Hoover and Connie Martin were here.

Dorothy said that the family members stayed three days with her and left Monday.

We send condolences to the family and friends of Jack Compton. Jack was raised here and went through school here.

He passed away last week and his funeral service was held in Midland. He lived in Midland but came back to Loraine often and had lunch and visited at the

Senior Center.

We also want to send condolences to the family and friends of Melba Hackfeld. She was a long time resident.

Melba was residing at a care facility in Colorado City for a few years prior to her death.

Angela Wooddell began attending nursing school at TSTC on Jan. 9th. She just loves what she's doing and the family is proud of her.

Kenneth Rose of Eastland came home to visit his mother, Millie, last Thursday and her son, Sylvester from Wichita Falls came for a visit last Friday.

They were both checking on Mom to make sure she was ok. That's pretty special. She thinks so, too.

David Heskey and Bonnie Bruce took Dub and Gerrie Wooddell out for lunch last Monday, and they had a nice meal and a good visit.

Visiting the Wooddells late Monday were their grandson and his wife, John and Amy and their daughter, Jayden.

Carl Graham is walking with a lighter load after attending a 72-hour Walk to Emmaus this past weekend.

Joan Long attended the stock show at Colorado City last Friday. In memory of her sons, she awarded the Casey Merket belt buckle for junior showmanship in steers. She also gave out a Jef-

fery Merket belt buckle for senior showmanship in steers.

Derrick Merket was with Joan when she presented the buckles. Eddie Merket and Whitney of Midland also attended the show.

Jan Millering started saving aluminum cans for resale last year in order to buy tickets for a Green-bay Packers vs. Dallas Cowboys football game in Dallas in 2007.

She told me she has about 100 pounds of cans. I thought she had enough cans, but no, no! It seems she and Hank might get as far as Abilene on those cans. At that rate, she had better find more cans and soon. They only have one more year to work.

Remember to save your cans for Jan!

Ricky and Donna Walker from Lubbock and Johnny and Teresa Hughes from Dalhart accompanied their mother, Charlene Walker to the funeral service of Melba Hackfeld last week.

All men are invited to the Men's Breakfast at Loraine Methodist Church Saturday, Jan. 28th at 7 a.m.

You will enjoy the food and fellowship. Please plan to attend.

On Monday and Wednesday at the Center, everyone played bingo and had visitation. On Friday, Anne Palmer played piano for attendants.

Visitors last week were Trey Housewright, Dena Troutt of Roscoe and Doris Peck and Billie Jo Cole.

Iva Armstrong is now residing in a care facility at Colorado City. Last week her sisters, Doris Peck and Billie Jo Cole came to check on Iva and take care of business.

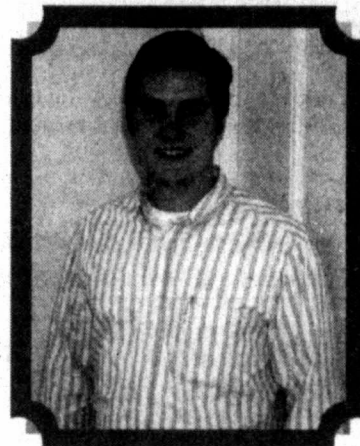
Aubrey Wilson and his western band from Snyder played and sang Monday, Jan. 16th.

Dorothy and friends played on Wednesday.

Games and visitation are scheduled for Friday. Remember green enchiladas will be served Jan. 20th.

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