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City settles litigation

On November 20, 2008 the Mitchell County District Court signed a final order dismissing the lawsuit Connie Ponko had filed against the City of Colorado City.

The dismissal took place pursuant to a settlement agreement that was approved by the city council on November 3, 2008 and finalized on November 11, according to a press release from city officials.

In the settlement agreement, the city agreed to pay a total sum of money equivalent to less than 20% of the amount Ponko indicated she would ask for from a jury. The settlement proceeds amounted to \$109,394.00 and included a component for a portion of Ponko's attorney's fees, so that the net amount paid directly to Ponko totaled \$51,291.58.

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Opry hosts holiday show

The Opry Staff Band, along with a host of talented musicians, will perform traditional and country Christmas songs at the Opry Christmas Show on Thursday, December 18th.

Judy Beasley, Charline Hays, Sara Petty, Kelly Mitchell, Tracy Mallion, Melanie Hebert, Jeff Woodell, Curtis Rogers, Tommie Wright, Wild Willie, Crystal Leake, Leslie Bruce, Lacy Bruce, Doug Bailey, Clint Brown, Leon

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MANY HANDS MAKE light work as Toni Wilson, Reyna Del Real and Sandra Carrillo help pack Christmas boxes at the Community Mission.

Mission needs help filling Christmas boxes for families

'Tis the season to be giving and the Community Mission will be giving out a record number of Christmas boxes this year.

"We've already registered 284 families," said Dot Smith, Mission director. "That's the largest number we've ever had. It's been overwhelming. We

keep ordering food." The families who will receive boxes, range in number from one to seven family members. Local churches are volunteering to bring extra food to help with the boxes.

"We try to give enough for a complete meal," said Smith. The boxes will contain a ham,

instant potatoes or instant stuffing, green beans and corn, flour, sugar, assorted spices, fruit cocktail, cranberry sauce and pumpkin.

"We have a blessed bunch of volunteers to help pack boxes," she said. Some just show up even though they are not

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City council approves water rate increases

The city council took action Tuesday evening to help offset its large debt payments on needed city services by voting to increase water and sewer rates.

Studies conducted by the city manager revealed Colorado City current rates to be substantially below the water rates of similar sized cities.

"Using a state wide comparison, Colorado City is a little over \$1 below statewide rates and a little over \$10 -11 below on the sewer rates," said city manager Steve Shurt.

Compared to state wide water and sewer rates for West Texas prisons, Colorado City falls in the middle.

"Increasing the rate by the amounts proposed will cover the

debt payments not already covered by revenue and taxes," Shurt told council members.

Payments on the \$1.4 million debt to provide water and sewer, including a water tower, for the hotel project and the \$600,000 for the new water meter reading system is already covered with existing revenues and taxes.

However, that leaves \$197,000 in annual debt payments to cover money borrowed for repairs to the water treatment plants, the lift stations, construction on police and fire department buildings and the settlement for the Ponko lawsuit.

To cover those debts, the city approved a monthly increase of \$1 on water, \$1 on sewer and \$1

See RATES, Page 14

Nominations now open for citizen of year

Nominations for several prestigious awards are now being accepted at the Chamber of Commerce.

Applications to nominate outstanding citizens for Citizen of the Year, the Elmer Martin Award and the Agricultural Award can be picked up at the Chamber of Commerce.

Citizen of the Year is awarded annually to a recipient for going above and beyond in community service in the last 12 months. The nominee must be at least 18 years old and contributions cannot be job related.

"If you care enough about the community, you are usually on various boards like the Chamber of Commerce, the museum board, the city council, or Main Street," said Sue Lowrance, Chamber director.

Qualities of a citizen of the year should reflect "any kind of experience working in the community, time given freely and willingly, and have to have a love for com-

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EARLY MORNING TEMPERATURES Monday and Tuesday turned the fountain in Kiwanis Park into a sparkling waterfall of frozen icicles.

Commissioners finalize abatement guidelines

The county commissioners court adopted abatement guidelines with few modifications and accepted a contractor bid for removal of asbestos from the library during Monday's meeting.

The state requires counties to review abatement guidelines every two years. Mitchell County delayed approving their guide-

lines until abatement issues could be worked out with Third Planet Wind Energy.

Representative Steve Moore from Third Planet, along with Cliff Clement, vice president of land, and Shane Tomlin, project development associate were on hand to approve of the tweaked guidelines.

"Third Planet has been very helpful in assisting with the process," said Zach Brady, the attorney representing the Board of Economic Development.

While the abatement guidelines remain essentially the same as previous guidelines, small changes in wording and language were approved to clarify the legal

description of the project area and better identify individual projects for Third Planet by changing the name of the project to the Loraine Wind Park project.

Additional wording concerning local contractors makes the process clear and requires provision of bid packages to local contractors. Third Planet will also

be responsible for indemnifying the court and economic board in case the abatements are found to be unconstitutional.

Recently a lawsuit was filed in Taylor County charging that county abatements were unconstitutional, although the lawsuit was subsequently dropped. Cur-

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A JAZZY MERRY CHRISTMAS performance by the CHS jazz band ensemble and the drama department at the Opry House Tuesday started the holiday season off right. Hannah Chaney is shown practicing her part in Tuesday's performance.

COME BACK KID SERIES No place like home for raising kids

It may not be Mayberry, but Colorado City is a great place to raise kids.

Andra Maxwell was in Denton taking night classes in broadcast journalism, specifically radio/tv/film, at North Texas University.

"I met Richard. When it became apparent we were not going to part, we started talking about raising kids," said Andra. "That's when coming back to Colorado City became an idea."

Andra had moved away to Austin to study liberal arts at the University of Texas, but came back to Colorado City for a year and half to get her as-

sociates in communications before moving on to Denton.

"Richard got offered a job here and with the cost of living here versus the metroplex, I was going to be able to be a stay at home mom which I thought was very important."

"We actually came back to Colorado City to get married," said Richard, "and we never left."

The idea of raising children around Andra's extended family wasn't a bad idea either, according to Andra.

"We didn't want to raise them in that environment up there. Being a two college town, drugs were prevalent and the gangs were just getting

started," Richard said.

When their daughter reached kindergarten age, the oil field business went bad and the Maxwells needed to make some changes.

"I went to work for First National Bank, which was great. I got reacquainted with so many people because you see so many people every day. I made some lasting friendships," said Andra.

But working at the bank failed to satisfy some of those deep longings tied up with being a stay at home mom. "I felt like I needed to be teaching school," said Andra.

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Around Town

Happy belated 9th birthday Angel Solis (Dec. 11)... Happy belated 2nd birthday Caleb Esquivel (Dec. 12)... Chief Dooley patrolling on foot... Congratulations Zachary Anderson on your graduation from Texas Tech... Happy birthday Laraine Toombs (Dec. 19)... Welcome Radio Shack - now open in Higginbotham-Bartlett... Dalton Maddox in "Be-gas" getting in a "basage"...

Answerline

Q: When do local schools get out for the Christmas holidays?
A: All three county schools get out Fri., Dec. 19 and return to class Mon., Jan. 5, 2009.

Obituaries

Donny Phillips, Loraine Richard Hayes, Big Spring Jimmie Lou Dickson, San Angelo

Holiday Closing

Westbrook City Hall will be closed December 24 through January 2 for the holidays and vacation.

Christmas Parade

The City of Westbrook will hold its 2nd annual Christmas Parade on Sat., Dec. 20 at 4:30 p.m. Parade entrants will line up at the school parking lot, east of the new gym. The City of Westbrook will have an enchilada supper following the parade. For more information, con-

tact Pansy Fernandez at 644-3131 or 644-2941.

Christmas Service

There will be a Candle Lighting Service and Lord's Supper at First Baptist Church on Dec. 21 at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate Christmas.

Holiday Closings

The Westbrook ISD Tax Office will be closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 5.

Briefs

Christmas Program

Loraine ISD will hold its Christmas Program with Pre-K through 5th graders performing Dec. 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

Lions Club

The Lions Club will not meet on Friday, December 26 and on Friday, January 2.

Christmas Service

All Saints Episcopal Church, 304 Locust, will have a special service

Dec. 24. A reception will be held at 9:30 that evening, followed by the service at 10:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recover program is meeting weekly at Christina Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Mon. from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separate for open-share sessions. Call for more information, 728-3118.

LOCAL NEWS

National Honor Society inducts nine members

The National Honor Society of Colorado High School inducted nine new members Monday evening.

Seniors Tamara Lelek and Hople Salinas, along with juniors Jade Cannon, Jordan Hammond, Tyler Higgins, Kyle Lemons, Kirk Leverton, Briana Ortiz and Laura Warren joined the ranks of students who have demonstrated leadership qualities.

Students are selected based on maintenance of a 90.0 or higher grade average, community service and a recommendation by a CHS teacher.

The candle lighting ceremony took place in the school auditorium under the direction of NHS sponsor Christie Bonner.

NHS president Morgan Mad-dox welcomed the inductees.

spoke of the requirements of membership and presented them before the current NHS members.

Ryan Gainey led in the pledge of allegiance, while Matt Sowa, NHS secretary, opened the ceremony with prayer.

Nick Hart introduced current NHS members Clint White, vice president, Cheyenne Guelker, Kari Matlock, Lauren Muñoz, Madox, Sowa and Gainey.

Kari Matlock introduced speaker Mark Waldrip, president of the First National Bank, who commended the inductees for their accomplishments.

Lighting the candles representing NHS character qualities of scholarship, service, leadership and character were White, Muñoz, Guelker and Sowa.



CREAM OF THE CROP -- new NHS members (back row left to right) Lemons, Higgins, Leverton; (middle left to right) Ortiz, Warren, Hammond, Salinas, (front row left to right) Canon and Lelek consistently demonstrate the qualities of leadership, service, scholarship and character.

TPWD sets panhandle pheasant scoping meetings

TPWD Sets Panhandle Pheasant Scoping Meetings

AUSTIN, Texas -- The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is asking for public input on possible changes to the traditional first weekend in December opening date for pheasant season in the Panhandle. A series of scoping meetings is set for January to give the public additional opportunities to comment.

"The purpose of this discussion is to gain feedback from hunters and landowners regarding the possibility of opening future pheasant seasons the Friday after Thanksgiving to afford hunters a three-day holiday weekend to enjoy pheasant hunting," said Vernon Bevell, TPWD game bird program director.

The current pheasant season framework calls for opening the first Saturday in December for 30 consecutive days.

No immediate changes to the pheasant season framework are being considered in order to ensure the public has ample opportunity to weigh in on the discussion.

Any change to pheasant season could take effect Nov. 27, 2009 or be delayed until Nov. 26, 2010 to give hunters and outfitters ample time to make travel plans.

Pheasant Scoping Meetings
--Jan. 12, 2009 -- Dimmitt -- Dimmitt City Hall, 201 East Jones

--Jan. 13, 2009 -- Dalhart -- First National Bank, 302 Denrock Ave.

--Jan. 14, 2009 -- Amarillo -- Texas A&M University Agricultural Research & Extension Center, 6500 Amarillo Blvd. West

OBITUARIES

Richard Hayes 1938-2008

BIG SPRING -- Mr. Richard Hayes, Jr., 70, a former longtime resident of Colorado City, died Friday night, Dec. 12, 2008 at his residence. Services were held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17, 2008 in the House of Hope Church in Colorado City with Rev. Fay Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hayes was born March 18, 1938 in Colorado City to Richard and Frances Jones Hayes and had lived in Colorado City until he moved to Big Spring in 1997. He worked for years for the cotton compress in Colorado City. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by 2 sons: Paul Ausbie and Tracy Ausbie, both of Big Spring; 4 step sons, James Ausbie of Amarillo, Vernon Ausbie of Colorado City, Cornell Ausbie of Big Spring and Alton Ausbie of Ft. Worth; 4 step daughters, Marilyn Williams, Rosa Thompson, Della Ausbie and Shajarkei Wilbert, all of Big Spring; a brother, Ray Sledge of San Angelo; a sister Willie Mae Sledge of Alamogordo, NM; 33 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

Jimmie Lou Dickson 1918-2008

SAN ANGELO -- Jimmie Lou Dickson, 90, passed from this life on December 3, 2008. Jimmie was born June 26, 1918 in Navarro Co. Texas to Clarence N and Estelle Meador. She married Selma Q. Dickson on August 28, 1937. He preceded her in death on October 28, 1976. In 1948 they moved to Colorado City, Texas where she lived until she moved to San Angelo in 1989. She lived in San Angelo until her death. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ. Preceding her in death were her parents, a brother John L. Meador and sister-in-law Retha Lee, a niece Bernita Meador Sage, a brother-in-law J.L. Watts and nephew Mike Watts.

She is survived by a son Stewart D. Dickson Sr. and wife Faye (Conaway) of San Angelo, a grandson Deen and wife Denise and great-grandchildren Ashley and Chris of San Angelo, and a granddaughter Sarah Drennan and husband Shorry and three great-grandsons, Jacob, Kendon and Michael of Bula, Texas. She is also survived by one sister Faye Watts of Frost, Texas and four nieces, Retha Lyman and husband Bob, Allie Dowdle and husband Bryan all of Frost, Sandra Orr of Aubrey, Texas and Marla Niles and husband Tim of Corsicana, Texas and several great nephews and nieces.

Graveside services were Dec. 6, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in Colorado City, Texas Cemetery under the direction of Johnsons Funeral Home in San Angelo, Texas. Honorary pallbearers were her great-grandchildren.

Donny Phillips 1949-2008

LORAIN -- Mr. Donny Phillips, 59, of Loraine died Tuesday morning in a Houston hospital. Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Check our website for service time updates: www.coloradocityrecord.com.

Food a universal staple at Christmas time

From east to west food is a popular part of the Christmas festivities.

Slovakia -- Christmas trees in Slovakia go up on Christmas Eve.

They go to church on Christmas Eve and return to a traditional dinner. The dinner consists of two main dishes. These are sauerkraut soup, and fish and potatoes salad.

After the main meals people eat a dish called Lok'e which is food made from pieces of baked risen dough with raisins and poppy seeds. They then also eat fruit such as apples, oranges, pineapples, bananas, and nuts and cakes.

After dinner they go to the

Christmas tree where they find Christmas presents.

Wales -- The Welsh are great lovers of music and so every year at Christmas, carol singing is the most enjoyed activity. In the churches, they are sung to the harp. They are sung in people's homes around the Christmas tree and at the doors and windows of the houses.

Caroling is called eisteddfodde and is often accompanied by a harp. In some rural areas a villager is chosen to be the Mari llwyd. This person travels around the town draped in white and carrying a horse's skull on a long pole. Anyone given the "bite" by the horse's jaws must pay a fine.

Taffy making is one of the most important of the Welsh Christmas. This involves the making of the special kind of chewy toffee from brown sugar and butter. It is boiled and then pulled so that it becomes lovely and glossy. The Christmas goose is also essential.

The Welsh people maintain most of the traditional customs associated with England such as holly, mistletoe, pudding, carols. See **FOOD**, Page 5

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LOCAL NEWS

Toy exhibit in time for Christmas

Toys, toys and more toys are the theme at the Heart of West Texas Museum's December exhibit.

"Everyone is used to seeing the toys upstairs in a glass display case," said museum director Amie Wood.

The new exhibit has more of an old-fashioned toy store appeal with the toys displayed casually on shelving, "where you could see them and keep you looking."

The toys are from the Charles Thompson collection.

"Charles got his first toy 'Flip-po' given to him in 1936. People would bring him back a trinket or toy or a doll from their trips," said Wood, adding she hasn't finished counting the toys even though she reached 200. "Some of the dolls are from all around

the world."

"Getting them all out was really good. They are so different from toys today," she said.

Some of the toys in the collection date back to the late 20s up through the 1980s and include lots of windup toys and D-cell battery operated toys.

Some of the volunteers who helped Wood set up the exhibit remember playing with toys found in the collection.

"Some I hesitated to put out because I played with a couple of them," said Wood. "I'm not ready to be in a museum," she laughed.

One of the more unusual toys is a very old "haunted" guitar playing monkey. "As soon as I picked him up he started to play. He's been in the box over 10 years and

is one of the first I put out," said Wood. "He'll play a little chord randomly. I haven't figured out what causes him to go off."

There are several cultural toys that would be totally inappropriate in today's culture, according to Wood, such as the drunk and bartender and mechanical craps shooters. "They actually shoot craps," she said.

There is a pretty good collection of vintage cars, planes and robots, including one robot bear that draws pictures.

"It was interesting to unpack and see the different kinds of toys over 60 years of collecting, to see how they changed and what kinds of toys were available and what kind people liked," said Wood, adding that some of the cultural toys surprised her.

"I'm thankful for all the volunteers that have come in to help. High school students came in and helped decorate and unload boxes," said Wood. "The volunteers make it more fun."

Working model train sets, in keeping with the toy theme, have been graciously loaned by a volunteer for use throughout the exhibit.

"Everyone responds to toys in some way," said Wood. "We want to grab them and see how they work. It's even hard for me to not mess with them and leave them there."

Toys also make an excellent foil for the stories Wood tells visi-



FROM NUTCRACKERS TO robots, the toy exhibit at the Heart of West Texas Museum showcases toys from bygone years.

tors to the museum.

"A lot of people love stories," she said. "Your life is somebody else's history. Stories spark something different than what history

does. That's what makes it so interesting."

The Thompson Toy Exhibit will be on display throughout the month of December.



TOYLAND COMES TO COLORADO CITY with a new exhibit at the Heart of West Texas Museum.

Taylor attends state seminar

Judge Patrick Taylor was certified at the recent State 1 Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held Dec. 9 - 12 in Austin. The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin.

The seminar is one of three seminars held for newly appointed Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements

of eighty (80) hours of training within the first year of taking office, as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government code. The seminar addressed topics such as Role of the Judge and the Judiciary, Court Structure of Texas, Due Process, Magistrate Duties, Inquests, How to Judge Cases, Trial Procedure, Ethics and the Judicial conduct commission, Legal Terminology, Code Construction and Financial Management.

New Radio Shack in town

Radio Shack products will now be available to Colorado City shoppers through their local Higginbotham Bartlett Company.

Higginbotham recently expanded and remodeled the existing floor space to accommodate a new line of products, including Radio Shack, according to store manager Bruce Gale.

Radio Shack is already open for business and will hold a grand opening after the first of the year.

"We're still stocking some of the

products and there's a pretty good selection in there now," said Gale.

The store will feature flat screen tvs, computers, cell phones, all kind of toys and games, as well as all electronic needs.

Higginbotham Bartlett is also a distributor of Ace Hardware products with new line of Steel-products, sporting good section and barbecue accessories. "Ace hasn't bought us out, they're just a new vendor," said Gale.

The store will continue to provide a UPS station.

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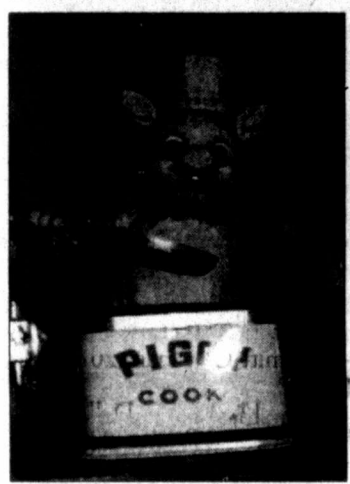
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Data Control Codes	10 General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
5700 Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,066,535	\$ 133,805	\$ 3,200,340
5800 State Program Revenues	6,453,310	192,972	6,646,282
5900 Federal Program Revenues	-	1,160,521	1,160,521
5020 Total Revenues	9,519,845	1,487,298	11,007,143
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
0011 Instruction	4,807,339	821,753	5,629,092
0012 Instructional Resources and Media Services	126,891	1,514	128,405
0013 Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	31,507	10,141	41,648
0021 Instructional Leadership	231,651	21,112	252,763
0023 School Leadership	430,986	38,178	469,164
0031 Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	209,799	17,907	227,706
0032 Social Work Services	3,500	13,835	17,335
0033 Health Services	56,100	674	56,774
0034 Student (Pupil) Transportation	297,027	1,528	298,555
0035 Food Services	-	500,550	500,550
0036 Extracurricular Activities	589,944	14,232	604,176
0041 General Administration	296,818	-	296,818
0051 Facilities Maintenance and Operations	1,048,665	16,803	1,065,468
0052 Security and Monitoring Services	400	-	400
0053 Data Processing Services	216,926	4,372	221,298
0061 Community Services	124,830	6,593	131,423
Debt Service:			
0071 Debt Service - Principal on Long Term Debt	61,565	-	61,565
0072 Debt Service - Interest on Long Term Debt	50,836	-	50,836
Capital Outlay:			
0081 Facilities Acquisition and Construction	594,319	-	594,319
Intergovernmental:			
0093 Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	137,062	-	137,062
0099 Other Intergovernmental Charges	58,625	-	58,625
6030 Total Expenditures	9,374,790	1,469,192	10,843,982
1100 Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	145,055	18,106	163,161
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
7949 Other Resources	34,558	-	34,558
8949 Other (Uses)	(34,207)	-	(34,207)
7080 Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	351	-	351
1200 Net Change in Fund Balances	145,406	18,106	163,512
0100 Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	2,921,972	126,932	3,048,904
3000 Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,067,378	\$ 145,038	\$ 3,212,416

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Cicero leads a simple life near Blanco

When I spoke at the Chamber of Commerce banquet last year in Blanco, some people wanted me to interview a man named Cicero Rust. It was a worthwhile visit. He grew up at the place a few miles from Blanco called Buzard's Roost for obvious reasons. When he was growing up he rode wild horses and bulls. He and a friend of his teamed up to ride bulls in rodeos. But they did it in an unusual manner. They both rode the same bull at the same time. His friend faced the horns while Cicero sat backwards and faced the tail. Cicero admits he wasn't a very good rider and ate lots of dirt.

During the thirties, times were hard and Cicero, his dad and brother, provided firewood to the residents of Blanco.

"We'd sell them three cords of wood, stacked on their place for five dollars," says Cicero. "We almost lost our ranch, but we hung on. We ate lots of beans and cornbread."

He learned to swim the way a lot of youngsters in the country learn to swim. "My daddy picked me up, threw me in the river and told me I had to swim out. He wasn't going to let me drown, but I didn't know that."

Cicero gets the most out of pickups he purchases. He buys them used and drives them more than 300,000 miles before buying another.

When Cicero married, he and his wife took up residence on the ranch in an old sharecroppers cabin. It was 14 feet by 13 feet and they lived there nearly ten years. Later Cicero built his wife a big home in town, but she didn't like it. So he went to Fredericksburg, bought a small Sunday house and moved it onto the ranch. It was much larger than the sharecroppers cabin. This one was 14 by 26 feet.

"When my wife first saw it, she didn't know what to think. The next day she said it wasn't bad. A week later she told me she liked it and wouldn't move."

Cicero still lives in that small house, even though he could afford better. During the early years of their marriage, Cicero dug cedar out of the ground and made fence posts for a penny a post. He could make as many as 100 a day. He was quite proud of his two-bladed ax that he could use either right or left-handed. He says he can still swing an ax with either hand.

These days Cicero uses chain saws to cut his firewood. He buys a new one every year. Cicero is 93 and works ten hours a day on the ranch. The morning I interviewed him he had already put in half a day. He was driving in the fog and accidentally ran into his front gate, pretty well demolishing it. He admitted to a friend that he was having trouble seeing and hearing. The friend replied sympathetically, "You haven't missed anything."

Lumpy cocoa: resistance to the Lord's move

By Monte Wike
Pastor, First Christian Church

Have you noticed that when you add boiling water to dry hot chocolate mix, that some bubbles to the top, floating on the water? I watched this again the other day, and the Lord spoke to me, that this is the way some people react to the invitation of the Lord. They resist, refusing to be part of the group or the cup of cocoa. But, with stirring, they finally join in. Sometimes the Lord has to stir us

up to get us to cooperate, be part of the work that He is trying to do.

But then, there are those so stubborn, so set in their ways, so resistant to the "hot water" or "stirring" of the Holy Spirit, that they resemble the lump of mixture still left untouched, uncooperative in the bottom of the cup. They have folded their arms, hardened their hearts, saying, "You're not going to catch me going to church (or praying, or giving). I am going to do my own thing, no matter what.

Then there is a form of resistance like the film around the top of the cup. No matter how you slosh the mixture around, this residue remains. It is like those who have dried up in their spirit and nothing can touch them. The only way they can be moved is by a thorough washing.

When the Lord "fills our cup," when He asks or expects something of us, may we cooperate and join the welcome and refreshing mixture, like the vast majority of the cocoa mix.

"Santa Claus" visits Colorado City

It all originated about 1000 years ago. St. Nicholas, aka Santa Claus, was known for his generosity to care for the needy, giving children playtoys and just happened to throw gold through an open window which landed in some newly washed stockings hanging to dry on the mantle of a well fired up fireplace.

Hundreds of years later with the earthly population growth, Santa Claus encouraged and recruited help; known as pixies, fairies, gnomes, sprites and elves.

Santa Claus now has numerous elves that are young and older ages, such as 84 year old Harry who still makes wooden toys - doll beds - for delighted children of all countries around the world.

The North Pole, known as Santa and Mrs. Claus' home where their elves have the task of making all kinds of toys, clothing, high tech and other gifts for all ages during the spring and summer, so that Santa can come to America and visit his children to get Santa's letters as to what they want and also see if they have been naughty or nice.

Santa will visit small and large towns, traveling around the USA, personally visiting people on the street, schools, parades, shopping malls and special events.

Mrs. Claus is busy taking care of the 9 reindeer and assisting the elves in making last minute gifts, while Santa is here visiting you.

Santa Claus has experienced seeing children from Newport Beach, California, across the country to New York, visiting the states of Nevada, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and on across this vast nation.

This year, Colorado City, Texas was a beautiful place with congenial people to talk to, including Janine Lemons, Jim Baum, and the folks at D&B antiques. This was Santa's second time to visit Colorado City, and it won't be the last.

So be good boys and girls. Santa loves all his children around the world. Put out the milk and cookies, carrots for the reindeer. Santa will be visiting you early Christmas morning while you are sleeping. Santa may surprise you with something special. Ho! Ho! Ho! Merry Christmas,
Santa Claus at the North Pole

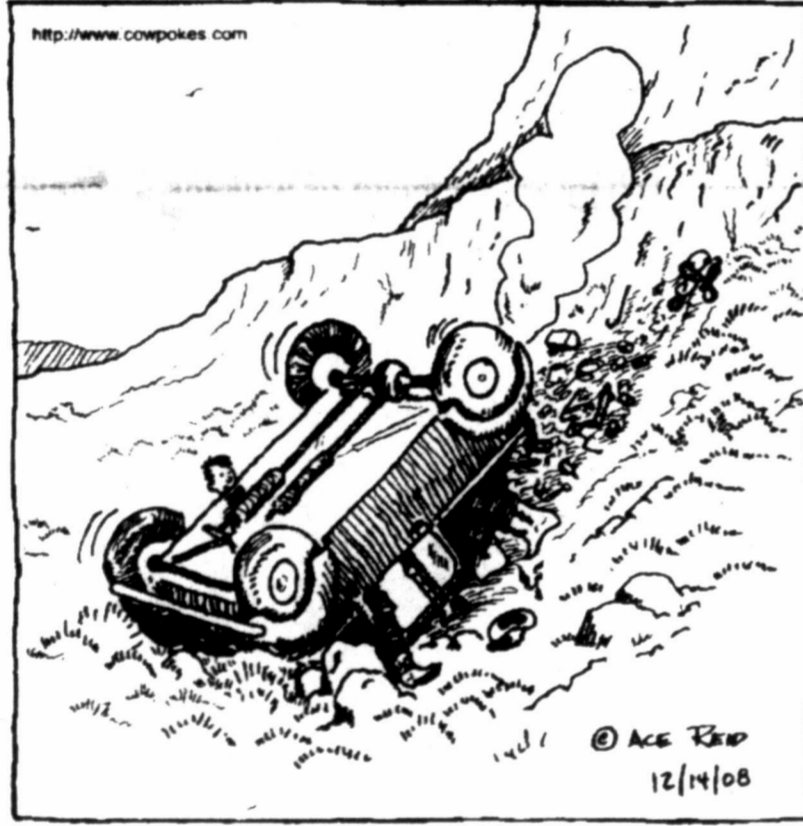


BEST WISHES FROM the North Pole -- Santa sent a postcard wishing all his friends in Colorado City a very Merry Christmas.

(Editor's Note: Santa, aka Ernest Johnson, visited Colorado City back in the early fall. Johnson is based in Arizona and has landed his sleigh in the Smith Haven Mall in Lake Grove, New York for the past seven years, as part of the Arvada, Colorado based Noerr Program Corporation which supplies helpers to Simon Property Group malls across the country.)

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By Ace Reid



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I would like to thank Mrs. Ellis and her students for the care packages that were sent to me and my unit in Iraq. The packages were filled with snacks and hygiene products that all soldiers in my company will enjoy and appreciate.

Currently our 4th platoon is stationed in FOB Normandy not far from the Iran border, and we have no store nearby. To all who sent and donated these care packages, thank you so much!

It is because of great Americans like yourselves that makes me proud to have

grown up in such a caring community. I will fly a flag for the great citizens of Colorado City!

Sgt. Christopher Castro,
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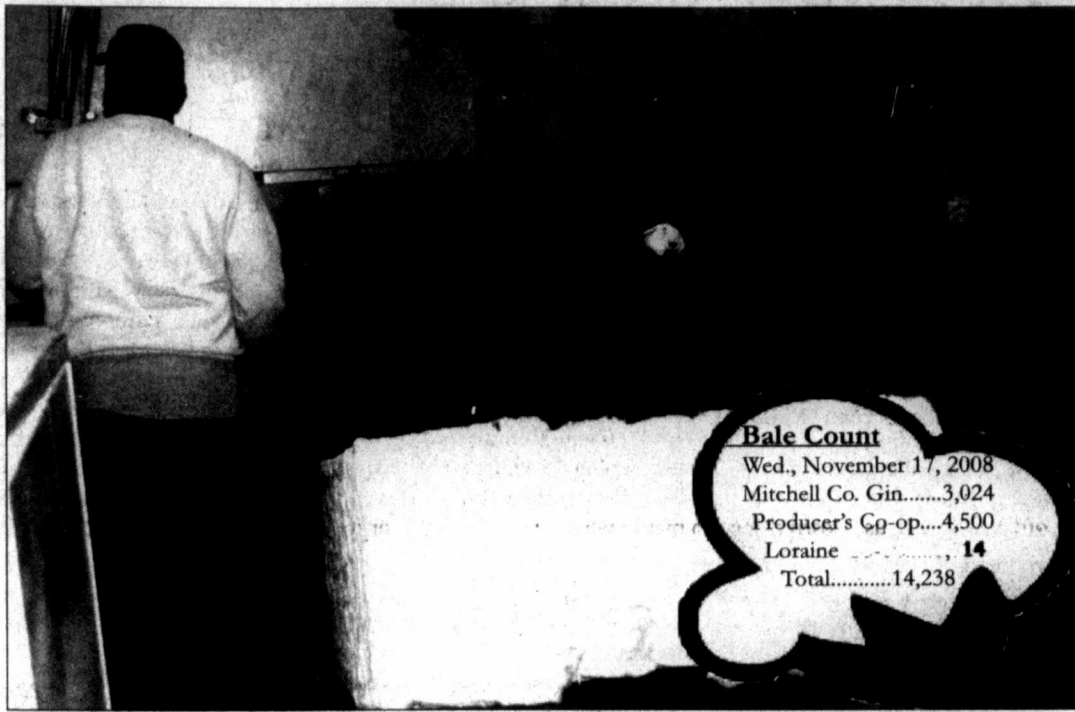
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LOCAL NEWS



"IT'S A BETTER cotton crop than people thought" is the word most ag folks are saying about this year's cotton harvest. Charles Nelson (r) and Michael Nelson crank out another bale at the Loraine Co-Op Gin, as ginning season is about half-way done.

Bale Count	
Wed., November 17, 2008	
Mitchell Co. Gin.....	3,024
Producer's Co-op.....	4,500
Loraine	14
Total.....	14,238

SHOW

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and Wanda Applin, and Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams, along with 12-year-old Cameron Oakley will entertain the audience with music and song.

Tickets for chances on 4 new Toyo tires are available at the door for \$1 a ticket.

The doors open at 6:00 p.m. and the performances begin at 7 p.m.

Although there are no tickets left for the Thursday evening performance, anyone still

wishing to attend is welcome to come at 7 p.m. on the off-chance there will be an available seat.

"Things come up and people can't make it," said Debby Mitchell. "Sometimes they call or bring the tickets by, sometimes they don't. Whatever the reason we always seem to have a few vacant seats and we sure don't mind people coming in to fill them. We only ask people that don't have tickets to wait

until 7 because the ones that do have tickets will be in their seats by then."

Proceeds from the performance tickets sales go to the Opry House renovation fund. Performance tickets were purchased by The Medicine Place, City National Bank, First National Bank, Stacie's Creations, Sparks Trading Post, Dandy's Diner and Colorado Floral and Gift and made available to the public at no cost.

AWARDS

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community," said Lowrance.

Involvement in church activities and clubs or other social organizations, as well as an investment in helping with youth activities are also qualities looked for in the Citizen of the Year.

"The bottom line is a concern for people and dedication to the community," Lowrance said.

Previous Citizen of the Year winners from 2007 to 1963 were Brodie Harris, Joan Lemons, Kitten Arthur, Pete Torres, Cecilia Scott, Blaine Lemons, Bobbie Banks, Patrick Toombs, Mildred Free, Tom Scott, Brian Limmer, Marge Kolman, Bertie Kidd, J. L. Rees, Rodney Cooper, Jan Lemons, Kevin Wright, Brian Bassham, Elizabeth Connell & Louise Decovic (1991), Woody Anderson, Gary Parker, Bill F. Carter, L.B. Elliott, Bob Reily, Marion Bassham, Jim Baum, Monte & Virginia Jones, Barbara Gray, Tandy Curlee, Olson Sweatt, Lloyd Ledbetter, J. O. Dockery, Muriel Blassingame, B.B. Hardee, C.C. Thompson, Eddie Piland, Charles Root, J. Ralph Lee, Colorado City Playhouse, Bobby Lemons, Joe E. Bell, James F. Kelley, Don Benson, Gus D. Chesney, Charlene Reily, Gus D. Chesney, and Harry Rarliff.

The first Ag Award was given in 1963 to the Warren Anderson family and has continued to recognize a family or ag-related business for community service, as well as dedication to farming or ranching.

The Elmer Martin Award, named after state representative Elmer Martin, is rarely awarded. The award, based on Martin's commitment to lifetime community service, honors citizens who have spent a lifetime giving back to the community. Only two recipients have received the award in the past eight years. Bob Reily received the award

in 2000 and Bonnie Farrar was 95 and still serving on the Zoning and Planning Commission when she received the award in 2005.

Entries are due by January 19, 2009 and may be mailed to the Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 242, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or dropped by the office at 157 W. 2nd.

The winning recipients for 2008 will be honored during the Chamber Banquet to be held January 24, 2009.

FOOD

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Christmas stockings, oranges, crackers and lots of snow.

Venezuela: Venezuelans attend a daily early morning church service between December 16th and 24th called Misa de Aguinaldo ("Early Morning Mass.") In Caracas, the capital city, it is customary to roller-skate to this service and many neighborhoods close the streets to cars until 8 a.m. Before bedtime children tie one end of a piece of string to their big toe and hang the other out the window. The next morning, roller-skaters give a tug to any string they see hanging. After Mass everyone enjoys tostados and coffee.

GUIDELINES

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rently state legislators are working to clear up county abatement issues so that another challenge to the legality of abatements will be avoided.

A final abatement guideline clarification placed a \$300,000 cap on Main Street projects.

VanCo Insulation was awarded the contract as lowest bidder at \$11,576 for the removal of the asbestos flooring located in the Mitchell County Library.

Three contractors met with county officials and consultant Tony Strong on December 10 to review the work site, but only two opted to place bids.

An additional state fee will be assessed for the removal over and above the combined contractor and consultant fees.

"The only responsibilities to the county will be access to the building, removal of the books and shelving and having water and power to the building," said Strong.

The commissioners are looking at January 5 or 12 as the be-

ginning date for construction. "The ladies are working very hard to have our end done by January 5," said Brigada Hiser, librarian.

Once construction begins, removing the asbestos should take approximately four business days. A member of Strong's consulting firm will be on site continually doing air monitoring and a state inspector will also make a surprise inspection.

BOXES

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scheduled to work.

Due to the large number of boxes, however, the Mission is running low on ham, potatoes, stuffing and spices, especially for pumpkin pies. Anyone who would like to help out with the above items, or by making a cash donation should contact Dot Smith at 728-9045 or the Mission at 728-5067, 301 E. 3rd from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.

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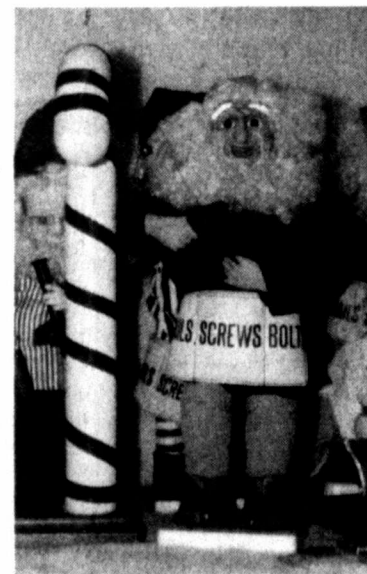
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LOCAL NEWS

Funding needed for new disc golf course

Colorado City will soon be getting its own disc golf course thanks to the city council who approved a section of Ruddick Park for the course and efforts by local citizens to raise funds to purchase the baskets.

City manager Steve Shurt and Councilman Bob McNeal went on a tour of an unused section of the park with Greg Brooks, who donated his services to design the course, according to Marge Kolman, who is heading up the project.

Disc golf is a versatile game that can be played regardless of age or athletic ability. The basic components of the course are metal baskets and a disc or frisbee.

"I read stories in the newspapers and saw pictures in magazines and realized what a universal appeal disc golf had to all ages and families," said Kolman. "It costs nothing to play, so it's something that is accessible to just about everybody. If someone wanted competition, that's possible too."

Lori Dockrey, youth minister

at First Baptist Church, is also working with Kolman to get the course up and running.

"Disc golf is something that gets people outside and gets them active," Dockrey said. "Physical education is not as valued as it could be. This is a fun game that's inexpensive. Once the course is up you can play with a frisbee. Like any other sport, it's competitive, fun to play, easy to do and easy to learn."

The biggest expense to setting up the course is the price of the metal baskets and the concrete to secure them.

Each of the nine baskets costs \$475 plus \$40 for shipping and handling and is made of heavy, galvanized steel as a deterrent to vandalism, bringing the total project to \$4,635 plus the cost of the concrete.

"They'll be sunk deep enough in concrete that they'll stand the test of time," said Dockrey.

"We're hoping someone will be kind enough to donate the concrete for the baskets and the T-boxes (so people will know where to stand) and donate money toward buying the baskets," said Kolman.

The nine-hole course designed by Brooks takes advantage of a relatively open portion of the park near the baseball fields, but also "ventures into the non-maintained area behind the fields," said Brooks.

"The holes in or near the non-maintained area are important to the uniqueness and difficulty of the course. The fly ways defined by the trees and brush make these holes different than many West Texas holes and their challenge will keep players coming back," he said.

The course is also designed to be played in reverse, extending it



WALKING SHOES REQUIRED for the new disc golf course. "I don't think people realize how much territory is involved," said Marge Kolman and Lori Dockrey (left to right) in front of the proposed course. The new course will not prevent other activities from occurring simultaneously.

from nine to eighteen holes. Contributions toward the new course can be made directly to the Ruddick Park Donation Fund for Disc Golf at City National Bank or by contacting Marge Kolman at 728-8403 or Lori Dockrey at 728-3442.

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TAKS scores up at CISD

Official scores for the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) are out and Colorado ISD scored consistently at state level or above in all grades except 5th and 10th.

The scores also reflect a 2.5 point improvement over last year's scores.

"In the higher scores (80s-90s), a two or three percent improvement is great," said Jim White, superintendent, adding a "two or three percent drop isn't something to worry about."

"We're lower than what we want to be in comparison to the state and region 14 on commendable scores," White said.

CISD received an "academically acceptable" rating. To receive a "recognized" rating 75% of all the students and subgroups have to pass the TAKS. The ratings reflect only the first administration of the test, and do not include the second or third attempts.

Areas where CISD scored lower than either state or region 14 continue to be in the 5th and 10th math and science.

However, scores for the economically disadvantaged and at risk students topped out at 99 percent in 7th grade writing and 11th grade social studies.

"Fifty five percent of our students are considered at risk," said White. "These kids have to fight and scratch and claw for every accomplishment and they make plenty of them."

Scores for those subgroups are high in the third and fourth grades and remain steady for other grade levels, although they dip in the 5th and 10th grades.

The state regulated accountability system breaks the TAKS scores down not just by grade and subject level, but also by subgroups.

"Our subgroups are African-American, Hispanic, White, and

Economically-Disadvantaged, those who are on the free or reduced lunch program," White said.

A major difference between the state accountability system and the federal one is the state does not factor in the special education subgroups into the overall totals.

"They're still tested on grade level, but the scores are not counted as stringently as on the federal level, which is why CISD has a higher percentage of passing at the state level," White explained.

"The problem is when certified diagnosticians and testers show that some students have learning disabilities in certain areas, testing on grade level isn't realistic. You're setting the students up for failure," he said.

"If a student has a 5th grade 3rd month level and he's an 8th grader or 10th grader and tested on grade level, it's no wonder the students get frustrated," White said, adding that ARD (Admission, Review, Dismissal Committee) should determine what levels special ed students are tested on.

"They're the people who know the student best," he said.

Requiring passing the TAKS in order to promote from third, fifth and eighth grade "really adds the pressure," White said. "The student's grades in those classes can be passing, but if they don't pass the TAKS we have to hold them back."

"It doesn't take into account kids that might freeze up on test day," White added. "When a test can force a kid to do that, there's

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Richard talked her into going back to school.

"He told me, 'You're not going to be satisfied until you do what you want to do. Go back to school and get in the classroom,'" she said.

"For a couple of years I was Mr. Mom," Richard said.

"It wouldn't have been possible without being here," said Andra. "We had my parents here and also great friends who didn't mind taking the kids to soccer practice or whatever was going on."

Both agree that the close-knit, caring and friendly atmosphere in Colorado City is the key.

"I always had believed that this community is full of compassionate and caring people," said Andra. "When you have stuff like the Phillips benefit, it really solidifies that opinion."

"We are blessed with a bunch of great friends and an awesome church. We felt very fortunate to be surrounded by family, friends, and a church here and everybody who will be here for you when you need it."

The beauty of C-City's slower paced lifestyle is in the details. Richard recounted having to relearn to drive when they first moved here.

"In the metroplex, everything is bumper to bumper," he said. "Once we were driving on 208 and Andra asked shouldn't I not drive so close to the guy in front. I looked behind and there was nobody behind us for 10 miles."

Friendly waves to fellow drivers or merely greeting everyone on the street with a smile are unique and rare treats for someone who grew up in Denton.

"My mom was visiting once and said I must know everyone in town because I waved to everybody we met. I told her, 'no Mom, that's just what we do here.'"

"Everyone is like family, even if you're not. People genuinely care about each other," Richard said. "It's not something you find very often any more. It's hard to put into words. It's just a warm place to live. Once you get that you want to give it back."

Your Groundwater Conservation District

All across Texas, water from underground aquifers enables cities and towns, farmers and ranchers, industries and businesses to grow and prosper. More than half of the state's water supplies come from these underground sources. The way groundwater is used and the issues that develop in communities vary widely across the state.

But one thing holds true: local groundwater conservation districts are making sure groundwater is managed responsibly for the communities they serve. Texas law specifies that "groundwater conservation districts... are the state's preferred method of groundwater management."

Here is why: Only locally controlled districts have the flexibility to respond to the unique conditions of their particular geology and specific local circumstances. Local districts can factor in important details that vary from one community to another - details like aquifer storage capacity and recharge rate, groundwater usage, water quality, and pumping rates. Your local groundwater conservation district (GCD) was set up to do all this and more, with full accountability to the communities it serves.

In areas where there is no GCD, groundwater pumping basically is unregulated and the "Rule of Capture" prevails. This is sometimes the "Rule of the Biggest Pump". Landowners can pump as much water as they choose, even if the pumping depletes wells on adjacent properties. Groundwater management procedures and processes developed and administered by your local GCD balance the Rule of Capture.

For example, local GCDs can set well spacing requirements and pumping limits to ensure that pumping

on one property doesn't draw down the water table on another. These rules can be modified as needed due to changes in population, water demand, and water table. All rules must be fair and impartial.

By law, every district must develop a groundwater management plan. The plan must provide for the most efficient use of local groundwater resources, controlling and preventing water waste and land subsidence. In addition, a plan must address drought conditions, conservation measures, natural resources, and other issues. All plans must be submitted to the state for review and certification.

Besides developing a groundwater management plan, each GCD also must:

- Adopt the rules needed to implement the plan
- Keep records on water wells and how much groundwater they pump
- Permit and register certain wells
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GIVING THE GIFT of reading, members of Delta Kappa Gamma donated nearly 100 books to the Samaritan Hospitality House to distribute to the children of families visiting inmates at Wallace and Ware during December. Presenting the books on behalf of DKG (left to right) Martha Anderson, Frances Godwin, Ginger Anderson, Angela Burson and Dana Partin. (Photo courtesy of Tyler Plagens)

Books donated to Samaritan House

Children visiting the Samaritan Hospitality House during the month of December will find something special tucked into their gift bags.

The Beta Epsilon Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma So-

ciety International donated \$200 worth of books, nearly 100 books, to the Hospitality House to be given to the children of the families that visit during Christmas time.

DKG is an organization that

promotes the personal and professional growth of women educators.

The Samaritan House offers a place to stay for families of inmates at the Wallace and Ware units during weekend visitation.

Abilene airport to hold new art exhibit

The Abilene Regional Airport in collaboration with the Abilene Cultural Affairs Council will present a new and permanent art exhibit beginning December 16 called Art at the Airport.

The project will showcase some of Abilene's outstand-

ing artists such as Tony Brown and Linda Murray, who have painted approximately 25 murals; painter H.C. Zachry; glass blower Stephanie Thornton; metal sculptor Doug Graves; photographer Burgess Thomas; ceramic artist Linda Stricklin; potter George Holland and

photographer Steve Butman. "Our goal is for the traveler's initial impression of Abilene to be one of a surprisingly rich art community," said Melissa Murphy, business development manager, Abilene Regional Air-



SKYWARD LOOKING COWS will catch the attention of travelers at the Abilene Regional Airport.

BIRTHS

Evelyn Wiggins would like to announce the birth of her great granddaughter, Jessi Ranay Jackson. Jessi was born Tues., Nov. 25 at 6:58 a.m. in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater. She weighed 6 lbs., 13 oz.

Jessi is also welcomed home by her mother, K'Leigh Jackson and her grandparents Barry and Sandra Jackson of Hermleigh.

City of Westbrook plans parade, enchilada supper

The City of Westbrook will have its 2nd Annual Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 20, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Parade participants will line up at the school parking lot, east of the new gym.

Following the parade, the City of Westbrook will host an enchilada supper. Plates will cost \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. Enchiladas, beans, rice, dessert and team will be served, and carry-out plates will be available.

Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact Pansy Fernandez at 644-3131 or 644-2941.

R. Brown returns to Kiker-Seale in January

Russell L. Brown is returning to Kiker-Seale Funeral Home on January 5, 2009 as Funeral Director/Embalmer, after three months in the big city.

Brown left Kiker-Seale to take a position at the Arlington Funeral Home in Arlington.

"I couldn't stand being away," he said, adding that he was "looking forward in returning to Colorado City."

"After being away for three months I realized how much I enjoyed living in a small town and the wonderful families which I had the privilege of serving last year," Brown said.

A former pastor, Brown got into the funeral home industry "because when someone loses a loved one, they need someone that can get them through the process," he said. "It's all in the same line of ministry."

"You have to have a listening ear. That's what I've learned over the past years," Brown said, who has worked in funeral homes since 2001. Brown did his funeral home apprenticeship in Bean-Massey-Burge in Dallas, and his embalming apprenticeship at Forest Lawn in Beaumont.

"I grew up in Dallas, but I like small town living," he said, who worked at Kiker-Seale for a year and four months. "What drew me to Colorado City is the town is so friendly. I've never been in a town that friendly. They just let you come in. They're down to earth, that's what I like."



Sterling Burleson and Andrea Hoback

Engagement announced

Robert and Cherry Hoback and Todd and Terri Burleson are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Andrea Hoback and Sterling Burleson.

Andrea is a 2008 graduate of the University of North Texas. Sterling is a 2007 graduate of the University of Texas at Dallas, and is currently attending Baylor University studying law.

The wedding will be held on December 27, 2008 at the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

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SCHOOL NEWS



KELLEY FIRST GRADE students reaching their 25% of their AR goal celebrated by taking a trip to Dairy Queen and enjoying blizzards. Students reaching their goal were: (back row, l-r) Brian Duenez, Cruz Anthony, KeAndrea Emerson, Esmerelda Carlos, Angelica Pena, Natalie Garcia, Estrella Carrillo, Roxie Roman, Alex Pineda, Alex Tenorio, Janci Johnson; (middle row) Ledger Cook, Christopher Cloutier, Azmen Gardner, Khyla Bell, Nathan Reed, Michael Huff, Dameon Matos, Talon Camp; (front row) Jalen Naylor, Noah Alvarez, Taylor Wood, Nia Williams, Alexis Eime, Ashlin Alvarez, Aston Briseno, Harlee Haag, Emily DuCasse, Savannah Shiller and Josiah Silva were not pictured.

CHS juniors, seniors encouraged to sign up for ACT test Feb. 7th

Colorado High School juniors and seniors will have the opportunity to take the ACT test again at CHS on February 7, 2009.

The signup deadline is January 6 for an additional test administration. Cost for testing is \$47 which includes the writing portion of the test.

Students can register online or pick up a registration packet from Jincy Ross, high school counselor. When filling out the registration form, the school code is 441420 and the test center code is 164100.

A minimum of 10 students must sign up in order for the test to be administered.

"It's best to take the test at least once during the junior year and once during the senior year," said Ross. "Sophomores are also allowed to take the test if they want to get a head start."

For more information, contact Ross at the high school by calling 728-1066.

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are (left to right) Issac DelaPaz, Avery Powell and Leslie Ventura.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Hutchinson Elementary has chosen their Students of the Week. They are Leslie Ventura, Avery Powell and Issac DelaPaz.

Issac, son of Veronica Garza and Jeffrey DelaPaz, is a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class. He enjoys taking care of his dog, Roscoe. He also likes to walk.

P.E. is his favorite subject, being in Mrs. Partin's class is his favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Leslie, daughter of Maria and Pedro Ventura, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stovall's class. Her favorite subject is science, and she enjoys spending time with her dog, Carly. Leslie's favorite thing about Hutchinson is going to P.E. with Coach A.

Avery is a fourth grader in Mrs. Johns' class. She is the granddaughter of Steve and Rhonda Roark and the daughter of Britany Powell and Brian Roark. Science is her favorite subject, and she enjoys playing softball. Avery says her favorite thing at Hutchinson is the teachers.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING
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The City Council for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on January 13, 2009 to discuss a request of Rene L. Rivera to rezone Lot one (1), Block Sixteen (16) of the Waddell and Martin, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Mr. Rivera request that the property in question be rezoned from Zone "B" which is a Two Family Dwelling District to Zone "M" which is a Manufacturing District. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this rezoning request. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will also be considered on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for January 13, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Individuals residing within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary
City of Colorado City of Colorado City

SCHOOL NEWS

Students make all-region band

On Tuesday, December 9th, several Colorado Middle School Band students travelled by bus to Crane Middle School to audition for the All-Region Band. These students made the All-Region Band: Daniel Dillon made it on baritone saxophone in the Concert Band, Jacob Kimball made it on tuba in the Concert Band, Hope Sanchez made it on clarinet in the Symphonic Band, and Sammi Thomson made it on bass clarinet in the Symphonic Band.

On Saturday, December 13th, several Colorado High School Band students travelled to Mid-

land Greenwood High School to audition for the All-Region Band. These students made the All-Region Band: Adriana Gomez made 3rd chair alto saxophone, Laura Warren made 2nd chair baritone saxophone, Meagan Montalvo made 10th chair trumpet, Andrea Castillo made 1st chair baritone, and Tucker French made 3rd chair in the percussion section.

"Congratulations to all these students and all those that put forth their time and effort to prepare and audition," said Johns.

Along with making the All-

Region Band, these high school students ranked high enough to qualify for Area: Adriana Gomez, Laura Warren, Andrea Castillo and Tucker French. They will travel to Lubbock Cooper on January 10th to audition for the All-State Band. We wish them the best as they practice and prepare for this next step. "Colorado High School has been fortunate to have someone in the All-State Band every year since I've been here," says Mr. Johns. "We hope to keep this tradition alive."



BAND DIRECTOR CHAZ Branch directed the middle school 7th and 8th grade band during the Winter Concert held last Sunday at the Colorado High School Auditorium. The 7th and 8th grade group performed, along with the 6th grade band, the Jazz Band and the Colorado High School Band. (Photo courtesy of Chris Cloutier)



CHS BAND STUDENTS (back row, l-r) Andrea Castillo, Adriana Gomez, Tucker French; (front) Meagan Montalvo and Laura Warren made the All-Region Band after trying out at Midland Greenwood High School recently.



CMS BAND STUDENTS (l-r) Daniel Dillon, Hope Sanchez, Sammi Thomson and Jacob Kimball made the All-Region Band after trying out at Crane Middle School recently.

Theater class to perform December 18

Colorado High School students, parents and the public are invited to attend a drama presentation.

Mrs. James' theater class will present *The Elf Rebellion* and *Silence of the Reindeer* at Colorado High School Thursday, December 18 at 10:45 a.m. Tickets are \$1 each.

CMS to hold UIL awards ceremony

The Colorado Middle School will hold an awards assembly for UIL participants on Thursday, December 18, at 8:45 a.m. in the CMS cafeteria. All UIL participants will be honored and medals and ribbons will be given to those students taking top honors.

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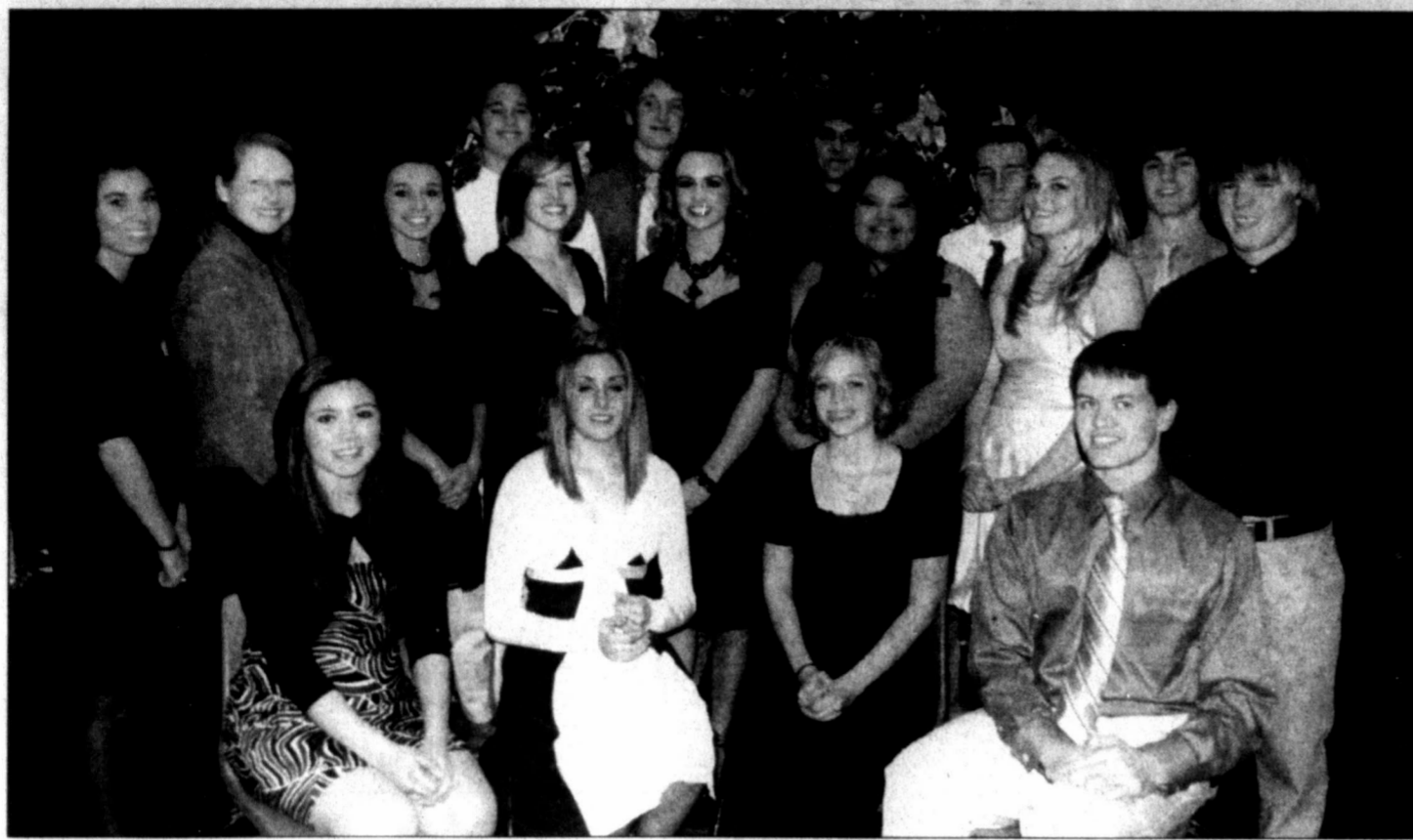
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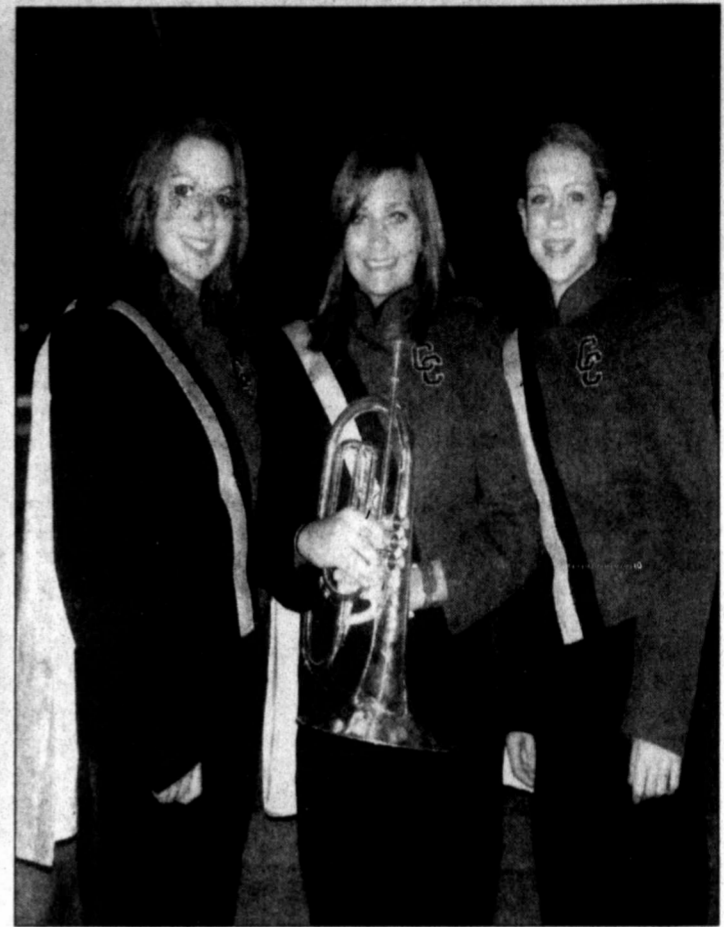
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NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY inducted several new members during a ceremony Monday night in the CHS Auditorium. NHS members are: (back row, l-r) Kyle Leverton, Tyler Higgins, Kirk Leverton, Clint White, Nick Hart; (middle row) Kari Matlock, Cheyenne Guelker, Brianna Ortiz, Laura Warren, Jordan Hammond, Hopie Salinas, Morgan Maddox, Ryan Gainey; (front row) Lauren Munoz, Jade Cannon, Tamara Lelek and Matt Sowa.



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SPORTS

Lady Bulldogs bring home consolation

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs brought home another consolation trophy after winning two of the three games they played in the New Home basketball tournament held December 5-7. It was their second consolation win in a row.

Loraine drew Dawson in their first round, losing to the Lady Dragons by six points at 45-39 after being tied up at the half.

Loraine led 12-11 at the end of the first quarter, but after a 25-all tie at the half lost their lead when Dawson took the third quarter by a 14-8 run. Both teams could only muster six points in the final stanza.

Senior Felicia Gibson, the only senior member of the Lady Bulldogs, was high point with 21 points.

"This was a tight game with a team that was loaded with seniors," said coach Kate Hanks. "We came out cold after the first half and could not score until halfway through the third quarter. That's where we lost the game."

The Lady Bulldogs came back the next day to defeat Lazbuddie by a score of 52-26 to put them into the consolation round. Loraine led 13-11 at the end of the first quarter and took a 31-15 halftime lead. A cold third quarter for Loraine when they could only outscore Lazbuddie 6-5 put them up 37-20 going into the last quarter. Loraine outscored their

opponent 15-6 in the last quarter to coast to the win.

Freshman Ariel Bailey led all scorers in this game with 21 points. Gibson followed with nine points while another freshman, Catelyn Johnston, canned eight points.

"We played a little sloppy, but handled our opponent with ease," said coach Hanks. "We had another slow third quarter, and that's something we are going to have to overcome."

In the consolation game the Lady Bulldogs were supposed to take on Silverton, but due to their playing in post-season football playoffs they ended up playing New Home junior varsity, defeating them by a huge 62-10 count.

Loraine led 25-2 at the end of the first quarter and 39-6 at the half. At the end of three quarters the Lady Bulldogs were up 46-10 and went on a 16-0 run in the final quarter to coast to the win.

Johnston once again had the hot hand, canning 18 points which included a trey. Limones added 14 while Bailey and Gibson each had 11 points each.

"We had another third quarter drought, but won the game with ease. We won our second consolation tournament in a row and we hope to continue playing good basketball."

Loraine is now 6-5 on the season.

Hermleigh JH teams win over Bulldogs

Playing on a cold, blustery Monday night, the Loraine junior high girls' and boy's basketball teams lost both of their games to the Hermleigh junior high squads with the girls losing by a score of 36-15 while the boys lost 38-14.

The Loraine girls, plagued with inexperience, fell behind 6-2 in the first quarter and went to the locker room at half down by five at 13-8. Hermleigh began

to pull away in the third quarter, doubling their halftime output by going up 26-11. The Lady Cards outscored Loraine 10-4 in the final stanza.

Kristen Harris led the Lady Bulldogs with four points with all six players getting in on the scoring.

The Loraine boy's team did not have it any easier, falling behind 10-3 at the end of the first quarter and were down 24-3 at the halfway mark. Hermleigh ran to a 30-7 third quarter lead before outscoring the Bulldogs 8-7 in the final quarter to coast to the win.

Estee Benivamondez scored four points while teammates Scott Bailey and Ricky Cantu each added three points to the total.

The Bulldogs are still looking for their first win at 0-5. After a tournament at Grady on January 10th, the junior high squads will resume district play on January 12th when they host Trent with the girls taking the court at 6 p.m. followed by the boys' game.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Friday, December 19, 2008

CHS JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys vs. Seagraves, here, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.

LHS Varsity Girls at Plains, 3 p.m.

WHS JV Girls, JV Boys, Varsity Girls & Varsity Boys at Sands beginning at 4

Game wardens arrest men for illegal deer trapping, sale

AUSTIN, Texas - Game wardens in the Special Operations Unit of Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Law Enforcement Division have arrested six men and executed two search warrants as part of Operation Texas Shuffle, a year-long investigation into the black market deer trade in Texas.

"Our focus here is stopping two main areas of criminal activity: deer being brought illegally across state lines, and wild deer being illegally laundered into deer breeding facilities," said Col. Pete Flores, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement director.

Five of the men were arrested recently, including William Kornegay, 42, of Eden in Concho County; James Johnson, 60, of Florence in Williamson County; and Jeff Arbogust, 48, of Austin in Travis County. Chris Sharp, 33, of Marble Falls in Burnet County; and Ronald Rogers, 39, of San Saba in San Saba County. The sixth suspect, Lance Clawson, 40, of Regency in Mills County, turned himself in later.

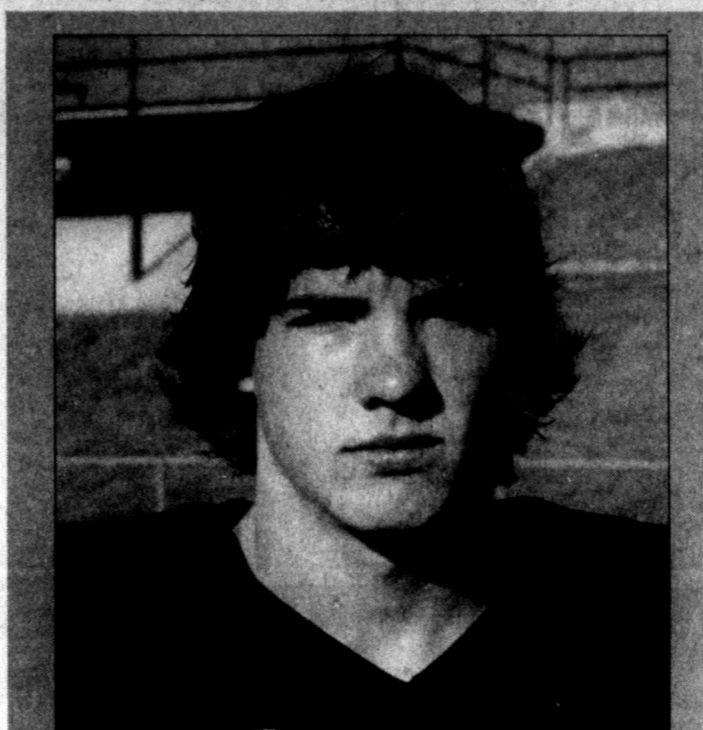
All six are alleged to have trapped, purchased or sold wild native whitetail deer. In addition, Rogers, Clawson and Kornegay are involved with permitted deer breeding facilities and are believed to have laundered wild deer into the permitted facilities. Kornegay

serves as an agent for multiple licensed deer breeders. In one case, Clawson, a permitted deer breeding facility operator, allegedly dandered wild deer and put them illegally into his facility.

Deer breeding is a legal and growing business in Texas, estimated by one breeder organization to be worth about \$650 million per year for the state economy. It is illegal to capture or obtain wild deer and place them into breeding facilities. Breeders must obtain captive, pen-raised deer from other permitted breeders. There are currently 1,099 permitted deer breeders in Texas, holding 86,989 deer in 1,161 facilities. The vast majority of these are whitetail deer, and the rest are mule deer, the two native species in Texas.

"Money is driving the illegal trade in wild native deer," said Capt. Greg Williford with TPWD Law Enforcement Division's Special Operations Unit. "A captive-raised breeder buck can sell for tens of thousands of dollars. So, catching deer in the wild seems a lot less expensive, until you get caught."

TPWD regulates deer breeding, issuing permits and conducting periodic facility inspections as warranted. A particular concern is monitoring breeding facilities for diseases such as Chronic Wasting Disease. CWD has not been



J.C. Johnson

Johnson named to all-state honorable mention team

By Carl Graham

When the Texas Press Association sports writers released their Class 2A All-State selections on Tuesday, one member of the Colorado Wolves was named to the honorable mention list.

Wolves sophomore J.C. Johnson, the leading tackler for the Wolves for the second year in a row, was named at linebacker, a position that he excels at.

Johnson helped lead the Wolves back to the post-season playoffs after a two-year absence. Not only was he the leading head-hunter on defense, but was used in the backfield and as a wide receiver on offense. He is the heir apparent to take over the quarterback duties next season, replacing three-year starter Clint White who led the district with more than 2,500 yards of passing yardage.

Big Country first-team honorees included Early wide receiver Cody Bullard and Bangs defensive lineman Cody Cross. Second-team honorees included

Coahoma offensive lineman Damian Bailey and Merkel punter Tyler Newberry.

Area offensive players who garnered honorable mention included lineman Corbin Benner (Clyde), Jarren Easley (Hawley), Justin Kyle (Bangs), Ty McDowell (Clyde), Phillip Ramirez (Eastland), and Richard Stogner (Cisco). Coleman receiver Dalton Deleon was honored, as was Jim Ned running back Joseph Mayfield.

On the defensive side, lineman Garrett Chapman (Ballinger), Stormy Smothers (Cisco), and Caleb Stone (Bangs) received honorable mention. Linebackers J.C. Johnson (Colorado City) and Robert Medina (Cisco) were honored, as were defensive backs Ty Hodges (Jim Ned), Nathan Kalina (Ballinger), Grant Lawrence (Bangs), Shane Morris (Early) and Cory Pippen (Cisco).

Johnson is the son of Frank and Tammi Johnson. Frank Johnson is the head coach of the Wolves.

BASKETBALL RESULTS

Water Valley Tournament

Thursday, December 11, 2008

CCity 6 12 9 5 26

Winters 12 10 2 6 29

Lady Wolves: Michelle Billingsley 11, Megan Bullard 6, Miranda Reyna 3, Isha Taylor 3, Laura Munoz 2, Lisa Salazar 2, Breanna Biggers 2, Diesha Smith 1.

Friday, December 12, 2008

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Lady Wolves: Billingsley 11, Salazar 9, Reyna 9, Smith 5, Biggers 2, Jade Cannon 2, Ava Macedo 1.

Abernathy Tournament

Thursday, December 11, 2008

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Abernathy 10 20 10 15 45

Wolves: Nick Reyna 14, Man-

uel Garza 11, Clint White 5, Matt Sowa 4

CCity 9 11 18 10 48

Dimmitt 7 16 8 21 52

Wolves: White 15, Espinoza 9, Tyler Higgins 8, J.C. Johnson 6, Reyna 6, Sowa 4.

CARL'S CORNER

By Carl Graham

Greetings! What an exciting week I had. A week ago last Monday I ended up at Abilene Regional hospital by way of ambulance from Sweetwater and went through an angiogram and a huge stent due to a right coronary artery being 90 percent clogged up. I worked at my part-time job at Georgia-Pacific in Sweetwater and left there at midnight and went directly to the Sweetwater ER. By 11 a.m. I was in the operating room getting fixed up. My cardiologist told me I was a time bomb waiting to go off. Glad I decided to go there instead of just coming home.

Now, on the sports side. Texas University quarterback Colt McCoy, an early season favorite to win the coveted Heisman Trophy, finished second behind Sam Bradford of the University of Oklahoma. Had Texas defeated Texas Tech, McCoy would more than likely have been the winner and UT would be playing in the National Championship game as well.

Congratulations to former Lady Wolf state discus winner Paige Newby. The Abilene Christian trackster will be receiving her ring for being a member of the National Champion ACU Wildcats. To be honored you must finish in the "Top Ten" in the Nation. This young athlete will be an Olympic hopeful in the Olympics in 2012. We will have an interview with her in next week's paper about her achievements and future goals. We are certainly proud of her representing Colorado City and her school. She chose ACU over Texas Tech which had also heavily recruited her.

The three Mitchell County schools will be dismissing for the Christmas holidays this week and will return after the first of the year. We hope everyone has a safe holiday and a super New Year.

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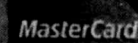
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May God bless and keep you always,
Brenda and Darrell Carpenter

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 5th day of December, 2008, 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 8th day of December 2008, and will be sold at 10:00 A.M. on the 6th day of January 2009, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, to satisfy judgments with interest and with all cost of suit in favor of Mitchell County, Et Al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said judgments and orders of sale.

Cause # 13,551 MITCHELL COUNTY VS OLGA REYES, ESTATE

All Lot 3, Block 143, Original Town, Colorado City, Save & Except one half mineral interest
Cause # 14,026 MITCHELL COUNTY VS ZENO CARROLL, ESTATE

Tract 1: All lots 31 and 32, D.W. Wallace Subdivision of Lots 1,2,3 Block 37, Waddell Martin Addition, Colorado City

Tract 2: All Lot 8, A.R. Wood Subdivision of East Half Block 9, Dunn Snyder Moorar Addition, Colorado City

Cause # 15,027 MITCHELL COUNTY VS JOSE J. BURROLA

All Lot 24, Block 6, Eastover Addition, Colorado City
Cause# 15,060 MITCHELL COUNTY VS FRANK PEREZ

Tract 1: All lot 11, Block 15, W.W. Watson #2 Addition, Colorado City

Tract 2: All Lot 12, Block 15, W.W. Watson #2 Addition, Colorado City

Tract 3: All Lots 7 and 8, Block 12, W.W. Watson #2 Addition, Colorado City

Cause# 15,149 MITCHELL COUNTY VS PENNY GONZALEZ

All Lot 9, Block 77, Original Town, Colorado City
Cause# 15,150 MITCHELL COUNTY VS GEORGE HEARD

All the East 50 feet of Lots 7 and 8, Block 88, Original Town, Colorado City

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND ON THIS THE 8th day of December, 2008.

Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff

Mike Redwine, Deputy

In order to comply with Tax Code 34.015 all bidders should contact the County Tax Assessor-Collector before bidding.

NOTICE OF CAP ROCK ENERGY CORPORATION'S APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PURCHASED POWER CONTRACT

(DOCKET NO. 36446)

On November 26, 2008, Cap Rock Energy Corporation (Cap Rock) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) requesting approval of a new purchased power contract with Garland Power & Light (GP&L). The contract will provide the power and energy needs for Cap Rock's Hunt-Collin Division. This application was submitted pursuant to Commission Substantive Rule 25.238(a)(3). If the Commission approves Cap Rock's application, Cap Rock may apply its Power Cost Recovery Factor (PCRF) to the purchased power contract with GP&L to recover from all of its Texas retail customers the costs incurred under the contract. Under the PCRF, Cap Rock's power costs are reconciled on a monthly basis. Cap Rock's application affects the recovery of Cap Rock charges for purchased power but does not affect its base rates.

Persons with questions or who want more information on Cap Rock's application may contact Ronald W. Lyon with Cap Rock Energy Corporation at 500 West Wall, Suite 280, Midland, Texas 79701, telephone toll free at (800) 422-8688 during normal business hours. A complete copy of the filing is available for inspection at the address listed above. Persons who wish to formally participate in this proceeding, or who wish to express their comments

LEGAL NOTICES

concerning this application should contact the Public Utility Commission of Texas, Office of Consumer Protection, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, Texas 78711-3326, or call (512) 936-7120, or toll free at (888) 782-8477. A deadline for intervention of January 12, 2009 is proposed for this case, and you should contact the Commission prior to that deadline. Hearing and speech-impaired individuals with text telephones (TTY) may call (512) 936-7136 or use Relay Texas (toll free) at (800) 735-2989.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79505 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 in the Middle Clearfork formation, North Westbrook unit, Well Numbers 2409W, 2511W, 2512W, 2807W, 2810W, 2812W, 3521W, 3522W, 3609W, 3610W, 3612W, 3716W, 3717W, 3718W, 3719W, & 3817W. The wells are located 11 miles Northwest of Colorado City in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2800 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).

Bessie Walker Ranch

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**ATTENTION ANTIQUE DEALERS
BID NOTICE**

REQUEST FOR BIDS - The City of Colorado City is seeking sealed bids for the sale of a 1948 Chevrolet. This is an Antique Police Car complete with lights, siren, and radio. Interested parties may view the vehicle at the Colorado City Police Department located at 148 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sealed bids may be hand delivered to City Hall at 180 West 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512 or mailed to P. O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. All sealed bids shall be received at City Hall by 12:00 Noon on January 5, 2009. Bids received after the due date will not be considered. Bids will then be considered by the City Council at their next regular meeting which is scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on January 13, 2009 at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. The City of Colorado City reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids in accordance with the provisions of section 252.43 (a) (b) & (c) of the Local Government Code which allows the City to accept the bid which provides the best value for the City.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

BID REQUEST

Mitchell County will received sealed bids for on 2009 Sheriff's Office vehicle at the office of the County Judge or County Auditor until 9 a.m. December 29, 2008. Specifications are available at the office of the County Auditor at 441 Walnut or Sheriff's Office, 320 Pine. Mitchell County Commissioner's Court reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or waive any or all formalities.

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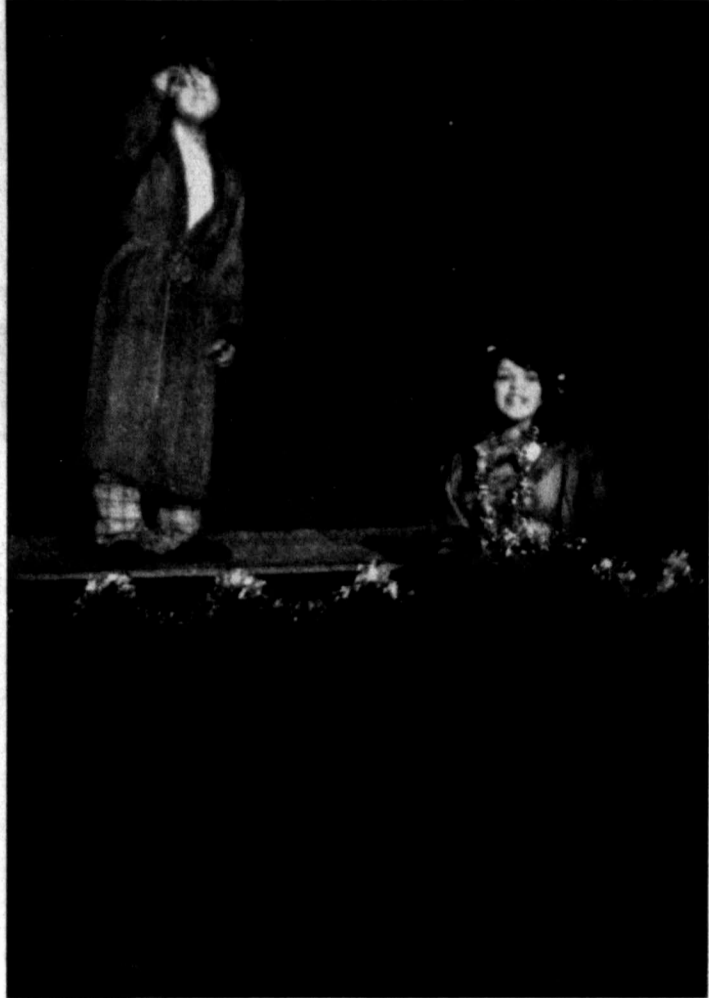
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LORAINE NEWS



DICKENS' A CHRISTMAS CAROL formed the backdrop for A Jazzy Merry Christmas Tuesday evening performed by the CHS jazz ensemble and drama department. The fund raiser for the Opry House was under the direction of Linda Clay and Heather Guthrie. (Photo courtesy of Douglas Parsons)

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent
Elnora Mitchell left town with Fern and Dan Reeves to go to Wellington, to visit their son, Rodney and family.

They had tickets to the Michael Martin Murphy Cowboy Christmas Show. They all went and enjoyed it very much. They spent the night in Wellington and returned home the next day.

Saturday night, Elnora Mitchell attended the 18th birthday party of Leslie Bruce, daughter of Henry and Kelly Mitchell. It was a fun and festive affair.

City Hall is decorated for Christmas and the New Year's holidays. I think Connie and the mayor had something to do with it.

The Senior Citizens building is decorated for Christmas with a tree and other things. Both Inez Stewart and Brenda Linam did the decorating and had fun.

Last week, Betty Chandler and Christene Mease went to Big Spring to visit with Allie Ruth Wiggins at the Marcy House. They visited in the dining room where they were singing Christmas Carols.

They later went into her apartment for a nice visit. Allie Ruth is doing great and has made a lot of new friends.

On Wednesday, Betty Chandler drove out to Seagraves to attend a funeral of a lifelong friend. After the funeral, Betty was able to visit a lot of her old friends. She spent the night there with

two of her sisters, and they enjoyed seeing each other. Betty drove home on Thursday.

Charlene Walker went to Lubbock last week with Johnny and Teresa Hughes to visit Garrett Walker who was hospitalized after having a wreck while driving his pickup.

He has several broken bones that will take a long time to heal. Garrett is one of the twin boys of the late Jackie and Patsy Walker.

While in Lubbock, Charlene, Johnny and Teresa visited with Ricky and Donna Walker before returning home.

Dub and Gerrie Wooddell are both feeling better at this time. When I called to check on them, she sounded like she was doing great. She and Dub are looking forward to going to the Colorado City Opry Thursday, so now we know they are better.

My brother, Johnny Price and I had an early Christmas visit. He was twice blessed with little twin granddaughters recently. He is already wishing for spring as his green thumb is getting lazy.

Millie Rose had her son, Sylvester, visit her last weekend.

The first day he was here, she cooked for him. Mama's soul food was better than almost anything, he told her.

The next day, he took her out to do a little Christmas shopping, and they rode around town. Before coming back home, they stopped at Gas 'n Grub to have a fried chicken dinner.

While Sylvester was here, she

had a phone call and learned that she has a new great-grandbaby girl, born to her granddaughter and husband in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She had a great time.

Joan Long went to Denton to see and visit with her daughter, Becky Piatt and family. While there, she helped Becky decorate and get ready for Christmas. She enjoyed her stay and returned home Sunday afternoon.

Loraine First Baptist Church had a holiday meal after the message last Sunday. Forty-five folks were served turkey, dressing and

gravy which were provided by the church. Attendees brought sides and desserts.

Bro. Dale Hartley sang a special song, "Mary, Did You Know" and played guitar.

Dicky and Shirley Summers extended an Open House Saturday. They have a new "extremely wide" mobile home located at 209 Church Street in Loraine.

Refreshments were served to 35 folks. Finger foods and punch were enjoyed.

The Open House was well attended and their home, very nice looking.

LEGAL

The total cost to the city for defending and settling the lawsuit was \$263,253.91 over a three year period.

"In settling the case, the city specifically did not admit to any violation of any whistleblower or discrimination laws. Rather city officials believe they made a good business decision which permitted the city to settle the lawsuit

and to avoid the added expenses of trial costs and attorneys' fees," according to Steve Shutt, city manager.

The mayor and other city officials believe this resolution of this dispute was in the best interests of the city and are pleased that the matter is now in the past, according to the press release.

RATES

on garbage for each customer. Other month increases are \$15/1000 gallons of water consumption for each customer over the 2,000 minimum.

Water rates for TDCJ will also increase to \$2.65/1000 gallons from \$2.55/1000 gallons and TDCJ will be charged for 100% of their water consumption instead of the current 90%.

The largest burden of the rate increase will fall on the prison, according to Shutt; while "its effects on the individual depending on what they use will be \$3-4.50 a month."

"With the rising costs in the economy, it's unreasonable to expect the city to absorb all of its costs without some measure of financing to cover those additional costs," he said.

"We have got to raise the funds to pay for what you are spending and what you have to spend with legal fees, state mandates and material costs increases," Shutt explained.

"The local government that provides services to the public has got to have money to do it," he said.

"Coming into the month, our operating budget was down to \$12,000," said Mayor Jim

Baum.

"It would be irresponsible for our city council not to raise rates as we voted to do tonight," he said.

"Each one of us has to pay the same as all the other citizens, so we know what we're doing to ourselves," the mayor said.

The city also began looking into long term solutions to the landfill.

The council voted to liquidate the landfill trust fund, thereby removing the funds from the state's jurisdiction and returning the money to city control.

The city manager recommended leaving \$100,000 in

the \$400,000 fund to cover future costs of closing the landfill, which was the trust's original purpose.

"The excess can be used to augment some of the city's other projects," Shutt recommended.

The council also authorized the city manager to conduct a study on converting the landfill to a transfer station.

If the study shows the conversion to be cost effective, the city could contract with a company that picks up large containers and carts it off.

"It would get rid of the need to bury trash and be able to get out from under the maintenance of

\$1 million worth of equipment," Shutt told council members.

Converting the landfill to a transfer station might also be a way for the city to generate additional revenue.

Permission was granted for the council to seek bids for a farm lease on the newly permitted irrigated land and to accept an assignment of lease to Ty Wood on property formerly owned by J.O. Dockery at the Colorado City Airport.

Disposition of a fuel tank used at the airport by Dockery to provide fuel for aviators was discussed then tabled for a later date.

A contract between the Main Street program, the city and the State of Texas Historical Commission to continue participation as a Main Street city was approved.

The council will meet Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. to open bids for use of old pivot system sewer irrigated land.

Examples of water increases based on customer usage

Examples of Usage	Total Monthly Increase
Minimum of 2,000 gal	\$3.00
Uses 4,000 gal each month	\$3.30
Uses 6,000 gal each month	\$3.60
Uses 8,000 gal each month	\$3.90
Uses 10,000 gal each month	\$4.20
Uses 12,000 gal each month	\$4.50

TAKS

from page 1 something wrong."

White cited an example from another superintendent who compared the accountability problems inherent in the TAKS, where the district's overall grade is determined by the lowest single grade by a subgroup, even though the district's other score fall into the commended categories.

"If a student makes all As and one D, is he a D student? No, but by the AEIS, he is," said White.

An AEIS report is given at each individual campus, in addition to the district report. The campus report is the background for the school report card which comes out in January.

Parents can help influence legislators who are in charge of the accountability system to fail to listen to teacher concerns in regards to what should be taught in the classroom.

Names and addresses of state board members are listed at www.tea.state.tx.us/sboe/members.html.

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