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Answerline

Q: Ever since officials with the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant (WIPP) reported a low-level radiation leak in southeastern New Mexico in Mid-February, rumors have spread about radiation reaching West Texas and prompting widespread evacuations. My question - Is Mitchell County in the WIPP evacuation zone?

A: No, the zone nearest Mitchell County is west of Midland-Odessa and west of Laramie.

Briefs

Barbecue Plates

St. James Baptist Church will be selling barbecue plates on Mon., April 7th. Biskit, sausage, ribs, chicken and all the trimmings will be served. Delivery and pre-orders available by calling 728-9118.

Mitchell County Baseball

Mitchell County Baseball will have sign-ups at the Lone Wolf Track Meet, Thursday and Friday from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The cost to play is \$60 for the first child and then \$50 for any siblings. Bring birth certificate when you sign-up. There will also be a coaches meeting at the CC Thompson Room on April 7th at 6 p.m.

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic on Wed., Apr. 9 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Education Center at the corner of 4th and Chestnut. Call 325-754-4945 to make an appointment.

Office Closure

The Mitchell County Tax Office will be closed on April 7th and 8th for staff training on new software. The office will open Wed., Apr. 9th at regular time.

Lilly Football

The Colorado City Rotary Club is selling tickets for a drawing to give away a football signed by Bob Lilly. The ball will take turns being displayed at local banks. Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

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Arson suspected in recent fires



UP IN FLAMES - The former home of the late Benton Ward on Adams St. burned to the ground last Wednesday afternoon. The fire is being investigated as an arson by the State Fire Marshal's personnel.



BURNT TO A CRISP - A detached garage at 7th and Locust burned Tuesday night around 10 p.m. It was one of two fires last week being investigated as an arson.

According to Colorado City Police Department's Sgt. Traven Berrie, two fires, which occurred last week within 24 hours of each other, are being investigated as arson by the State Fire Marshal's office.

Last Tuesday night around 10 p.m., a fire burned a wooden shed at 7th and Locust. Then on Wednesday close to 4 p.m., the residence of the late Benton Ward on Adams Street also went up in flames.

Both fires were deemed suspicious by local officials, and the State Fire Marshal was called in.

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Defendants expected to plead

The 16 people arrested on federal charges of conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine will be going to court this month, and sentences will be determined for each defendant. Officials from the U.S. District Court office in Abilene said that sentencing for all the suspects will be handed down in the middle of April in federal court.

According to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs, all 16 defendants are expected to plead guilty to charges, and court proceedings will take place over several days between April 14th and 18th. Entering a guilty plea is one way to reduce the sentences which come with the conspiracy charges. All the defendants were charged with conspiracy to distribute over 500 grams of methamphetamine.

Toombs said that sentencing for federal crimes is determined by a points system. The higher the points, the longer the sentence will be. While pleading guilty reduces points, having previous convictions will increase the total points scored by an individual.

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Relay for Life

.... walking for a cure this weekend



JUMPING FOR JOY - Relay for Life organizers (l-r) Jody Chaney, Jennifer Hale, Iris Boyd, Cliff Shiller and Charlie Dockrey celebrate raising \$6,000 for the annual event. Proceeds from Relay for Life benefit the American Cancer Society. Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.

Plans are being finalized and teams are getting ready to participate in the Relay for Life of Mitchell County to be held on the campus of Mitchell County Hospital. The all-night event will begin Friday, April 4th at 7 p.m. and end Saturday morning, April 5th at 7 a.m.

This year, there will be a new feature added to the relay. Relay for Life has Talent will be an entertaining segment of the night, and anyone

who would like to participate is welcome. Performances should be limited to no more than five minutes and be family-friendly. There will be a microphone, stage and a DJ available to performers.

All dancers, singers, musicians, comedians, magicians, acrobats, impersonators and other talented people are encouraged to perform. It

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Drug bust nets meth, marijuana

According to Colorado City Police Chief Luis Aguilar, officers with the Colorado City Police Department conducted an investigation in the early hours Monday morning regarding a suspicious vehicle, and the investigation led to a drug bust in the 700 block of Walnut Street.

About 1:30 a.m. on Monday morning, Officer B. Allen noticed a suspicious vehicle driving through an alley. The vehicle was later located at a residence on Walnut Street and an investigation led to the discovery of a handbag containing chemicals used in the manufacture of methamphetamine.

A search warrant for the premises on Walnut was obtained and executed Monday morning. Additional drug paraphernalia and suspected controlled substances of marijuana and methamphetamine were found.

According to a press release by the CCPD, a resident of the home, Hubert Lance McKinney was arrested and booked into the Mitchell County Jail. He was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Chemicals with the Intent to

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Track meets here Thursday, Friday

Construction of Red Rock Plaza is complete just in time for the Lone Wolf Relays and Jr. Lone Wolf Relays which will be held at Hollis Gainey Track April 3rd and 4th. The high school meet is set for Thursday, April 3rd, with middle school track athletes competing on Friday, April 4th.

Several high school track

teams from around the area will be participating in the Lone Wolf Relays on Thursday. Teams from Coahoma, Forsan, Borden County, Roscoe, San Angelo TLC, Stanton and Sweetwater, along with boys' and girls' teams from Colorado City, will compete in this year's meet. Track Coach Kyle Jeffrey said that Cis-

co will be bringing some throwers to the meet and Snyder will have some pole vaulters there as well. The Snyder track coach will be assisting with the pole vault event.

"We're ready," Coach Jeffrey said Monday. "It's good to get to run in our own place."

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Star-gazing party this weekend

Orand Carroll, astronomy enthusiast, has planned an event for the star-gazers in the community. An Astronomy Party will be held on Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th at the Ruddick Park Pavilion beginning around dusk each evening, and

Carroll said he plans to feature

the moon at the party, educating those attending on the moon and how it affects our lives. Jupiter, M42 in Orion and Mizar-Alcor should also be visible at that time, giving star gazers much to see.

Everyone is encouraged to attend, and those with telescopes

will be able to point out any of the other objects in the sky. Carroll said he welcomes all amateur astronomers and hopes someone will step forward with more information about what can be seen this time of year.

Arrangements have been made

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READY TO RUN - The Colorado High School girls' sprint relay team, consisting of (l-r) Autumn Green, Heather Merket, Shirley Hemphill and Baylie Lindsey, will be competing in the Lone Wolf Relays on Thursday. The team placed 1st in a track meet in Forsan last weekend.

LOCAL NEWS

Co-workers come to aid of man who loses family



MORE THAN FELLOW WORKERS — Bionca Quezada (left) and April Proctors were two of many TDCJ employees taking part in a boot drive that raised funds for the family of Correctional Officer George Herrera. Photo courtesy of Josie Ortegon

As many already know, a fatal vehicle accident that occurred in Ward County Saturday, March 22nd, took the lives of three people and now a fourth victim of the accident has also died. The victims of the wreck were family members of Loraine's George Herrera, and Mitchell County residents are stepping up to help raise money for the family.

Herrera lost his son, seven-year-old granddaughter and ex-wife in the accident, and his five-year-old granddaughter died Monday as a result of injuries she sustained in the crash. Herrera's daughter-in-law, Veronica, is in an Odessa hospital in critical condition.

The crash happened at the intersection of FM 1776 and FM 1219 in Ward County on March 22nd at about 4:18 p.m. According to the Odessa American, the driver of a 2011 GMC pickup, Erick Ibarra of Athens, disregarded a stop sign on FM 1219 and collided with the Herrera family's vehicle being driven by the Loraine man's son, Anthony George Herrera.

Anthony, age 30, was killed, along with Diane Lopez Herrera, 51, and Kiana Woodruff, 7. The three were pronounced dead at 5 p.m. Herrera's five-year-old granddaughter died in a Lubbock hospital on Monday.

Herrera is a Correctional Officer at the Wallace Unit in Colorado City, and his TDCJ family went to work right away to help

raise money to offset expenses being incurred due to the accident. Last week, officers at the Wallace/Ware complex held a boot drive, where donations were put into boots by prison personnel coming to work.

According to prison employee Josie Ortegon, Herrera's fellow workers hoped to raise at least \$1,000 for the family. However, citizens of Mitchell County had other plans.

When the fundraiser was over for the day, over \$5,700 had been raised for the Herrera family. Ortegon said that they were overwhelmed with the response the fundraiser drew from citizens around the county. Officers collected money at the beginning of each shift, and every time the boots were out for donations, prison employees and area residents came in droves to donate.

"The community was awesome," Ortegon said Monday. "It made you proud to live in Colorado City."

With the added cost of another funeral weighing on the family, TDCJ personnel are planning to hold another fundraiser. On Saturday, April 5th, hamburgers will be sold in the Curves parking lot on Hickory Street, across from the Hamburger Shoppe.

Burgers, drinks and chips will be sold for \$6 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. or until they sell out. All proceeds will be donated to the Herrera family to offset expenses.

Upcoming May elections early voting starts Apr. 28

Early voting will begin at the end of the month for the May 10th election of candidates running on local boards and councils. April 28th will be the first day of early voting.

Incumbents David Stubblefield and Kenny Gillespie have filed for re-election to the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District board. Gillespie will face challenger Rebecca Seibold for the seat to represent Precinct 3.

Incumbents Shane Johnson and John Martinez have filed for re-election to the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees. Martinez will face Steve Komppa for the seat in Place 2, and Veronica Boone has filed to run for Place 1, a seat previously held by Mike Alexander.

Loraine ISD has three spots up for election on the board, and five candidates have filed for the at-large spots. Those who have filed are incumbents Joe Lujan, Ron Gibson, and Frank Sanchez, along with challengers Geory Martin and John Chaney.

Mayor Pro Tem Max Tillman and Jerry Graham, both incumbents, have filed for a spot on the Loraine City Council. The seat held by George Davila was also up for election, but no one filed to run. According to Texas law, the council cannot appoint anyone to an office that has an unexpired term of longer than one year. In such a case, the seat would have to remain open until November when the city can hold another election.

Amy Clemmer and Jim Bob Hale will run for election to the unexpired two-year term on the Westbrook ISD Board of Trustees, previously held by Donnie Hale. All four incumbents, Rane Dawson, Tom Whitesides, Craig Rees and Curtis Clemmer have also filed for re-election.

The City of Colorado City canceled the city council election, as incumbents Andrew Fuller, Marcelo Alvarez and Ed Blake were the only candidates to file.

OBITUARIES

Mary Eugenia Carter Redman 1925-2014

Mary Eugenia Carter Redman left us for the arms of her heavenly father on March 17, 2014. She was born April 4, 1925 in Fort Worth to Lynne Preston Carter and Elsie Grell Carter. She was predeceased by her parents and two brothers, Lynne Preston Jr. and Harry Frederick Carter.

Gene is survived by her loving husband and care giver, David, to whom she was married for 66 years; sons, David III and wife Linda of Commerce, Kevin and wife, Robbin of Dickson, Tennessee; daughters, Leslie Scott and husband Dr. Dan Scott of Colorado City, Vickie Simon of Richardson; grandchildren, Michelle Holly and husband Reginald of Grand Prairie, Anna Redman, Casey Redman and Kevin Redman Jr. of Dickson, Tennessee, Joseph Daniel Scott, Jr. and wife Cheryl of Anna, Ann Marie Molina and husband Ricky of Colorado City, Kenneth Scott and wife Ann Jeanette of Dallas, Laura Smith and husband Bryan of Richmond, Jennifer Simon of Allen; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Gene grew up in Dallas. After graduating from Woodrow Wilson High School in 1942, she attended TCU in Fort Worth graduating in 1945 with a BA Degree in medical technology. She became a Nationally Registered Medical Technologist, a career which culminated in retirement in 1978 after a 21 year career at the downtown Baylor Hospital in Dallas. At that time she and David decided to travel, purchased motorhomes, visited most of the country, toured Alaska and Baja Peninsula and visited Europe and Hawaii. In 2011 they sold their motorhome and home and moved to The Tradition, an independent living home where Gene passed away under hospice. Gene loved to paint, dance, work jigsaw and crossword puzzles, fish, play board games and read.

A memorial service was held for Gene Saturday, March 22, 2014 at Arapaho United Methodist Church, 1400 West Arapaho Road, Richardson, Texas 75080. In memory of Gene Redman please make donations to the charity of your choice.

Willis H. Boyd 1928-2014

HAMILTON--Willis H. Boyd Jr., age 86, passed away on March 25, 2014 in Temple. A graveside service was held at the Colorado City Cemetery on Saturday, March 29, 2014 with Rev. Doyle K. Combs officiating. Services are under the care and direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Willis was born in Loraine on February 18, 1928 to Willis and Beulah Boyd. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy. Willis married Dorothy Jean Ware on January 22, 1949 in Colorado City. Willis was a hardworking, Christian man who retired from the oil field after many years. Willis and Dorothy had many blessed years together, until Dorothy passed away on October 30, 2001.

Those left to cherish Willis' memory are his sisters-in-law, Linda Boyd and Jane Boyd as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Jean Boyd; his parents; and two brothers, Willard Douglas Boyd and Russell Truman Boyd.

Online condolences to the family may be made at www.kikerseale.com.

Ronald Wayne Smith 1947-2014

SAN ANGELO -- Ronald Wayne Smith, 66, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Saturday, March 29th, 2014. Ron was born November 4, 1947 in Andrews. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1966 and married the love of his life, Judy Carolyn Oyler, on June 20th, 1970 in Colorado City.



Ron was all about his family; everything was done together. He loved and adored his five grandchildren (Emily, Sloan, Brandon, Raegan, and Justin) and would take them to the park, go get ice cream, or simply act silly right along with them at home. It wouldn't be unusual for one or two of them to be up in his lap at the same time.

He was a very caring and compassionate man by always putting other people first. He volunteered at MHMR of the Concho Valley and handed out candy to the consumers he would visit with; everyone was his friend. He made many friends in Colorado City, Odessa, Monahans and San Angelo by working at the Texas Highway Department, selling gasoline equipment, a convenience store owner, selling cars, and selling real estate. Oh, how he loved selling real estate.

Ron is preceded in death by his parents, Jean and Odis Wise, and Steely Smith. Survivors include his wife, Judy Smith; brothers, Keith Smith and Kenneth Smith of San Angelo; sister, Lynne and John Hill of Colorado City; a favorite cousin, Jerry McPherson; and Ron's beloved Hughes family in Florida; son, Todd and Sandy Smith of San Angelo; daughters, Shana Smith and Brian Harwell of San Angelo, Mandy Smith and Keith Covey of San Angelo; and special friend Billy Hill of San Angelo; he is also survived by many nephews, nieces, cousins; his loyal dog, Marcee; and his two miniature donkeys, Lucy and Jenny.

Services were held at Robert Massie Riverside Chapel on Tuesday, April 1st with Pastor Gary Phillips and Pastor Ed Walls of Lifepoint Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services were held at the Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City. Visitation was held on Monday, March 31st at Robert Massie Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Ron's honor to the HCS activities fund at MHMR Services for the Concho Valley.

Online condolences can be given at www.RobertMassie.com.

Randy Phillips 1949 - 2014

PANHANDLE -- Randy Phillips, 65, passed away Tuesday morning, April 1, 2014 at his residence. Randy was a former resident of Colorado City and is the son of A.W. and Louise Phillips.

Randy had an insurance business in Colorado City in the last 1980's.

Services are pending at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

One killed in Dunn accident

Law enforcement officials are investigating a death that occurred as a result of a one-vehicle accident in Dunn earlier this week.

The name and age of the victim have not been released by law enforcement officials.

According to police records, a

caller stated that a car ran into Dunn Creek at 3:45 a.m. The caller did not know the type of the vehicle or how many people were inside, but said she could hear people yelling.

Two Texas Department of Public Safety troopers, Scurry County EMS, Native Air and Snyder Fire Department responded to the scene.

When they arrived, the Snyder Fire Department advised the Justice of Peace Deborah Boyd needed to be notified.

Boyd declared one person dead at the scene.

Another person was airlifted from the scene to Lubbock University Medical Center by Native Air.

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LOCAL NEWS



BEGINNING OF A NEW PARTY — Jim and Jill White (holding ribbon), owners of Desert Rain in downtown Colorado City, celebrated the opening of a new patio area behind the building with a ribbon-cutting held by the Chamber of Commerce. Clancy White is seen here cutting the ribbon on her parents' new place. Chamber representatives and others present were: Sue Young, Susan Anderson, Spencer Cannon, Chad Ritchey, Avery Dickens, Tracie Dulin, Wilma Reynolds, Jerry Reynolds, Beth McDaniel, Ray and Amanda Jo Ritchey. Photo courtesy of Jim Baum.

Sarles recognized for her work in Army recreation department

Kelly Younger Sarles, daughter of Gayle Younger and George Younger both of Colorado City, has recently been honored as the 2013 Department of the Army Recreation Employee of the Year. An impressive feat but not surprising to those who know her.

Excelling in what Kelly has been doing for most of her life. She was the Valedictorian of the Colorado High School 1997 graduating class. While attending school, she twice earned the title of State Champion in UIL computer applications.

Kelly went on to college at Angelo State University, graduating Cum Laude with a Bachelor in Business Administration, and then her life took a turn in another direction. She married Rob Sarles who was serving as a youth and music minister in Colorado City.

Rob took a job with the International Baptist Church and the couple relocated to Germany where he serves as an assistant pastor in Sindelfingen. Since they lived near the Army base, Kelly applied for the job as director of the arts and crafts store on base, where she began to combine the things she learned in business school with a longtime passion of arts and crafts.

Kelly is the U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart Morale, Welfare and Recreation Arts and Crafts Director in Germany, and she has proven her worth with her job performance. The employee of the year award is presented to an employee across the Family and MWR Command who best exemplifies superior achievement as an Army community recre-

ation professional. And professional she is. Kelly took a community support program which was partially supported with appropriated funds and made it profitable. The arts and crafts business now operates without the use of taxpayer funding, and she has even expanded the business and moved into a larger location.

The fact that the business is self-sufficient means that Kelly can continue to do what she loves, providing a recreational outlet for herself and her customers. "I wanted to make sure that if the day came that there was no more (appropriated fund) money in support of arts and crafts programs, this one would be able to stand," she said in an interview with the USAG Stuttgart Public Affairs Office.

Greg Holzinger Director of the Family and MWR said that the profitability of the business allows funding to be used by the Army in programs that don't generate revenue, such as fitness centers and libraries.

According to Kelly, it's teamwork that has made the venture so successful. She said the combination of good products and good classes taught by knowledgeable instructors have made the business indispensable to customers.

Kelly is always trying to improve the services offered by implementing new programs, such as the Canvas and Corkscrews program that combines wine and painting classes. In addition to fine arts, classes for adults and children are offered in sewing, quilting, fiber



Kelly Sarles

arts, glass, metal working and digital arts. Staff members and contracted instructors teach dozens of classes each month.

Her mother Gayle said that when a larger building on base came up for grabs, Kelly put in for it right away. "She had all her plans for the new store drawn out," Gayle said. When she presented the plans to Army superiors, they granted her request to move to the bigger location immediately.

"Kelly is the example for many other programs in the Army that are challenged with budget cuts," Holzinger said.

Besides earning the employee of the year award, Kelly has also been the recipient of the Women's Leadership Award for Stuttgart and Hero of the Day for the IMCOM Headquarters in San Antonio.

Just-E-Nuff sells; renamed to Circle M4

Owners of the Just-E-Nuff store in Loraine have recently sold the business. The store has been in operation for quite some time, and Melody Morris has worked there through changes in ownership, but the most recent change in ownership means the most to Morris, as she and her husband have bought the business and renamed it Circle M4.

Mike and Melody Morris are residents of Loraine and have a hometown interest in the business. The couple has two grown children who also live in the small Mitchell County community.

Melody used to work at the store when it was owned by Maz Webb, and she's always loved working there and interacting with the hometown citizens that frequent the business. When Amos and Lydia Hale considered selling the store, they approached Melody first, knowing that it was an opportunity in which she was interested.

"I love working in a small town. It's basically just serving friends," she said.

The change in ownership was a smooth transition, according to Melody, because she already knew the daily operations of the

store. "The take-over was pretty easy," she said. "There are a few new things I had to learn."

Friday, March 14th, was the official first day of ownership by the Morrises. The superette-style store sells a few grocery items, along with drinks, beer, cigarettes, etc. It is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. on Sunday. The Hales are planning to move back to Indiana.

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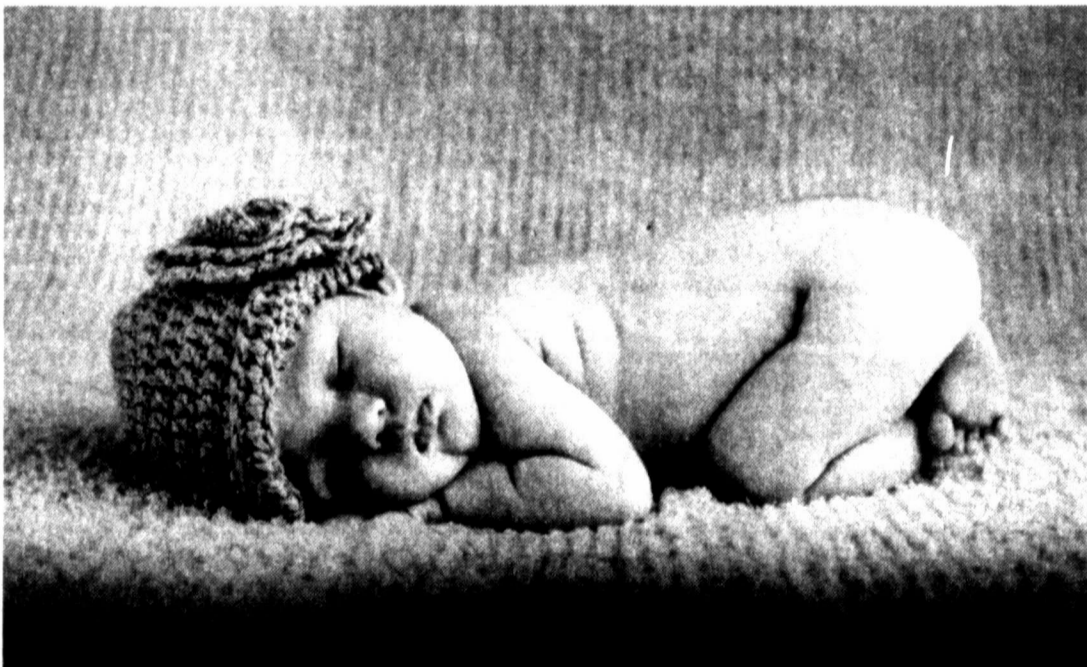
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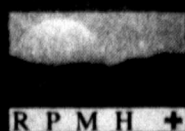
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FROM THE CITY MANAGER'S DESK

Colorado City's future is being written day by day for now

By David Hoover
Colorado City Manager

John H. Schaar was a product of UCLA and taught political theory at several California schools, UC Santa Cruz in particular. Now I don't normally quote people from most west coast schools because they tend to have less "good horse sense" than TAMU, UT, TT or even OKS graduates. However, Mr. Schaar seemed to be an exception to that rule. One of his quotes was prominent at the 2011 Strategic Planning Event here in Colorado City:

"The future is not a place to which we are going; it is a place we are creating. The paths to the future are not found, but made and the activity of making them changes both the maker and the destination." —John Schaar

The future of Colorado City is not written in stone; it is being written day by day right now. Another significant quote from that event was from a Rice University graduate who is renowned for her teaching and work both as an economist and health care advocate, Karen Davis. Her quote brings the physics laws of entropy into the realm of everyday life:

"People think if we do nothing, we will have what we have now. In fact, what we will have is a substantial deterioration in what we have." —Karen Davis

We had a good group of citizens at that all day meeting who expressed their desires for the future of Colorado City. Among those desires were the development of the Interstate 20 corridor, the creation of new businesses, leveraging our small town heritage to attract tourists, improve our parks and promote more activities there, the addition of more apartments for different income levels, the addition of an assisted living center for the senior population, a new modern jail, new fast-food chains and a

Target or Wal-Mart. This is only a sampling of the vision for Colorado City by the year 2016.

So let's take a look at what we have accomplished since then:

- We have a new, modern jail facility
- The sewer and water projects in process now will allow for development of the I-20 corridor
- Several investor/developers have purchased land and are in the planning stages
- Several hotels are in various stages of planning and ground work has begun on some of them
- Some of our downtown buildings are being rebuilt to serve dual purposes business and loft apartments
- Several new businesses have moved into the city
- New RV parks are being built and the ones in operation are near capacity
- Apartment building is in the planning stages with land already purchased
- Some annexation is now being planned by developers on the east side of town
- A new K-8th grade school is underway to replace buildings that have outlived their usefulness
- Plans are being made to improve Ruddick Park and open up unused portions for hiking and other uses
- Three new homes are almost ready to sell

Have we accomplished everything we listed that day? Not hardly! Do any of the wishes we listed that day happen immediately? Definitely not! But day by day we are working in that direction. I know this is cliché, but anything worth doing requires work and dedication, and anything worth having is worth doing right. Some of the things we are doing (water tower and more water wells) seem not to be necessary in the eyes of some. Some think we are just looking for things to spend money on.

However the things we are doing now are things which come directly from our General Plan or more commonly known as The Master Plan which was generated in the years from 2008 to 2010 and then it was adopted by the city council in office at that time. The planning work was done with a grant from the USDA and shows the most logical progression of Colorado City if the opportunity should arise to grow. TCEQ has cited us for our old water towers and made it mandatory that we either build new ones or spend almost as much to refurbish the old ones. The sewer main along Lone Wolf Creek to SH 208 was foreseen in the Master Plan. The additional water wells are necessary to guarantee our water supply with or without any growth.

All of these things are applicable, but the key thing to remember is that there is no status quo. Things do not remain the same if you do nothing. They deteriorate. We have to maintain and grow with every opportunity. If we don't put effort into growing, it will not happen. If we are content with everything just the way it is, our town will dry up and die just as it has been doing for the last several decades.

The future of Colorado City is in our hands. Many years ago when I began working in the public, the complaint from many people was that Colorado City had lots of chances to grow and the powers in office at that time did not want it to happen so they put a chokehold on the town.

I believe some of those who were registering that complaint then are attempting to put their hands around the throat of our town now. I find that a very selfish attitude on the part of those who are comfortable and are not willing to allow others to build their own future. History does repeat itself if we are not wise enough to learn from it.

TUMBLEWEED SMITH A house full of toy soldiers

"These are toys. Glossy, painted, little marching soldiers." — Colonel Sam Floca

Sam Floca's collection of toy soldiers is dazzling. The tiny figures sparkle inside lighted cabinets at his home in Temple.

"If you pick any period in military history in which man has tried to slaughter his fellow man, there is some company out there that makes toy figures of participants," says Sam.

He is a retired Army Colonel who had an outstanding military career. When he built his home he included a museum room to hold his huge collection of toy soldiers.

"I have about eleven thousand," he says. "Mom and Dad made a deal with me when I was a boy. They told me if I brought home a report card with straight A's they would get me a couple of boxes of toy soldiers. These were made between 1910 and the mid-1950's. A set of eight figures cost seventy-five cents a box. I still have the boxes. Some of these sets now sell for eight and nine hundred dollars. Some sets sell for several thousand because they were made only one or two years and are very rare. I had this deal that I could get two sets of soldiers by making A's. I don't think I made a B until I discovered girls, then toy soldiers took a back seat."

The cabinets containing the collection are in library style with aisles between them. The figures are free standing, not glued into position. Each one is numbered, catalogued and listed on Sam's computer. The figures are arranged in battle scenes.

"Every one is different. They're shooting, they're falling, they're dead and dying," says Colonel Floca. The uniforms, weapons, equipment and vehicles are authentic. "The Indian Army uniforms are the most colorful in the world." He points to a shelf and comments that it holds items from essentially every European nation that fought in World War Two. One cabinet depicts scenes leading up to World War One.

Sam admits collecting toy soldiers is an expensive hobby, but to him it's an investment that he will one day turn over to his daughter. He has commissioned sculptors to create figures. He goes to Chicago every autumn for an annual meeting of collectors. "It's the largest show of its kind. There'll be ten thousand people come through there. Three floors of the hotel are completely taken up by dealers and collectors. Besides toy soldiers, there's a common love and appreciation for history."

Colonel Floca, a native of Temple, served in the Army from 1963 to 1992 when he retired. His last years were spent teaching military history at the Army War College. Among his honors and awards are the Silver and Bronze Stars, Purple Heart and Legion of Merit. He holds an Honors Degree in European History and is a popular speaker for historical organizations. He lived at Gettysburg for three years after his retirement from the Army, working as a researcher and historian. He wrote a book titled SAM FLOCA'S GETTYSBURG

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I am seventy years old now, live by myself, and it's time to begin disengaging. One of my hobbies since I was eight years old has been astronomy.

After getting out of school in the third grade, I would walk downtown in Rockport to shine shoes at Mundine's Barber Shop. I saved enough money to buy my first telescope, cardboard, tripod, \$30.

Now I have a very nice instrument, my favorite design, refractor, 4.7 inch, equatorial mount, tripod and several beautiful eyepieces. I should love to pass it on to another youngster, gratis, almost — for \$30.

I would show you how to operate it and

be your consultant as long as you would need me.

Orand Carroll
Cell # 432-466-4565
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Letter to the Editor:

My office window looks out at the intersection of 12th and Hickory. There is a four way stop as some of us know. However, you cannot believe the number of drivers that do not heed the stop signs and usually these are the drivers on Hickory. Yesterday I watched at least six vehicles run the north/south stop signs. Will it take someone getting killed before our police department becomes aware of this or a

middle school student walking home from school gets run over. Some of the vehicles are semis, large oil field trucks and regular pickups and cars.

People please be aware and proceed with caution when driving in this area. I do not want to watch someone get killed or badly hurt.

The State Highway Department needs to be concerned about this problem. They also need to take care of the deep holes they dug on business I-20 going East of town. I believe a person could ruin the front end of their vehicle if they are not careful.

Becky Sanford
A concerned citizen

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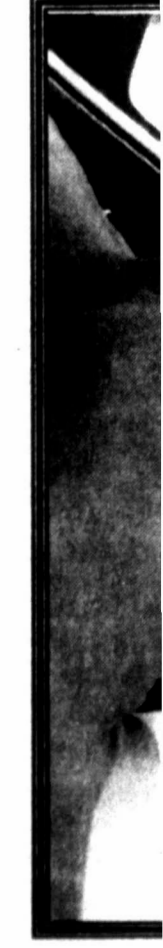
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LOCAL NEWS

Charity organization makes presentation to Rotary Club



MAKING A HUGE DIFFERENCE - J.D. Smith (left), representative of the Holden Uganda charity, presented a canvas to the Colorado City Rotary Club Wednesday, in honor of a water well sponsored by the civic club. The well supplies fresh, clean water to an entire village, providing water to 500 to 2,000 people in Uganda. Rotary Club members accepting the plaque are (l-r) Jackie Brem, Margo Connell, Mary Alice Hernandez, Tim Lelek and Mike Hemphill.

J.D. Smith, a representative of the non-profit charity Holden Uganda, made a special presentation to Colorado City Rotary Club members during their weekly meeting Wednesday. The local club sponsored the digging of a water well in Uganda in memory of Kayin Ray Connell.

Holden Uganda is a charitable organization that was first started in December 2010 by Chet and Sarah Erwin who were looking for a way to honor their son, Holden Newell Erwin. The organization was founded to spread the love of Christ with people around the globe.

The mission of the charity is to provide clean drinking water through Artesian wells to African communities. Each well is dedicated in memory of an infant or child who has passed away. The well sponsored by the local club was dedicated in memory of Kayin Ray Connell, the late infant of Margo and Jeremy Connell.

Smith said that the heartache experienced by families who have lost children is somewhat relieved by the dedication of a well in their memory. "We've seen it so many times," he said. "It has helped families who are grieving and in a very dark time in their lives."

According to Smith, the organization is guided by a verse in the Bible, John 4:14 that says, "Whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The Erwins have moved on and are no longer on the organization's governing board, so the group's name will soon change to John 4:14 Foundation.

The wells aren't the typical water wells seen in the U.S. Each one is a spring box well, meaning the water comes from natural occurring fresh water springs. Once the eye of a spring is located, rocks are placed around it to filter the water and a containment wall is built to seal it off.

The Nile River helps charge most of the springs, and Smith says he has personally drank out of all the wells he's helped dig. He said that though the villagers are poor, most are not starving. There are fruit trees to provide food to villagers, but dirty water is a huge problem.

He said that the organization has heard from doctors that visit the area, and most say that the

clean water provided by the wells is helping to reduce the number of water-borne bacterial infections they see.

The charity has been a boon for a country with 16 to 18 million people but less than 24 well drillers. Smith said that besides drilling wells, the group is in the process of putting some infrastructure in place and training Ugandans to be able to drill their own wells.

Holden Uganda has been able to complete 150 wells, and Smith said that there is no doubt that the organization has "seen the Lord's favor." All wells are paid for by donations from businesses, individuals, and various groups.

The charity's website says, "All proceeds go directly to building

wells in Uganda. All other expenses for Holden Uganda are paid for by the Erwin and Smith families and by funds expressly donated toward administrative costs."

Local Rotarians raised \$2,000 to pay for the well which still serves Ugandans. Because 75% of the population there is under the age of 16, the majority of Ugandans benefitting from the clean water are children.

Smith said he, along with a group of volunteers, is leaving April 1st on a 12-day trip for more work in the African nation. A film crew will accompany the volunteers, and a documentary will be made about the ongoing projects that do so much good for so many.

Cline Shale Alliance to meet Friday

A quarterly luncheon of the Cline Shale Alliance is planned for Friday, April 4th in San Angelo, and everyone is welcome to take part. Those attending will hear the latest on Cline Shale regional activity and developments.

Right now, there are several types of construction taking place across this region, such as intermodal rail parks in Sweetwater, Big Spring, San Angelo, Monahans and Snyder; 1,700+ natural gas power plants; a 450-mile 300,000 barrel per day oil pipeline; a 1,200,000 barrel oil storage facility; regional transmission grid; and numerous operations centers.

The latest regional readiness strategies will also be discussed, including regional investments, new energy projects and business and industry updates from across the region. Those attending will also have the opportunity to network with community and regional leaders, as well as explore new business opportunities.

Cost to attend the luncheon is \$25 per person and all attendees must RSVP and pay in advance via Cline Shale Alliance. The event is planned to be held in the West Texas Training Center located at

3501 N. U.S. Hwy. 67 (277) and will start at 11:30 a.m. and end around 1:30 p.m.

Other conferences are being planned regarding Cline Shale Activity. The 6th Annual Southwest Energy Summit is set to be held in Sweetwater on March 26th and 27th and the Region Read conference will be held in Colorado City on June 17th. Salado will host the Texas Oil Policy Summit on July 16th and 17th.

Corporate sponsorships are available for the luncheon for \$250. The sponsorship gives the business or individual the

right to display equipment at a trade show-type booth. The company's logo will also be prominently displayed at the luncheon.

Several levels of memberships are available to those interested. A Platinum membership is for companies, cities and institutions that want a higher profile in the industry.

So, whether you own a business and want to take part in sponsorships, or you just want to learn more on what's happening and what's to come for the Cline Shale, RSVP at www.ClineShaleAlliance.com.

DEFENDANTS FROM PAGE 1

The arrests came after law enforcement officials served a federal indictment on seven local citizens. Locals arrested were: Frank Slovak, age 54; Ben Turnbow, age 34; Randy Cooper, age 59; Josh Wilkins, age 30; Eric Grimes, 29; Lacy Luttrull, 20; and Jamin Dorson, 30. There were four other people picked up from the Mitchell County Jail by U.S. Marshals as part of the indictment. They were: Kim Newton, 34; Yvonne Rodriguez, 35; Eric Soto, 29; and Kevin Ruth, 26.

Later in the investigation, federal officials also arrested Ivan Ruiz, Marshall Lane and Julian Lane in the Metroplex area and Michael Roberson of Big Spring. Josh Whiteley, who was living at Lake Colorado City, was arrested in Breckenridge.

All those arrested as part of

the case were transported to the Taylor County Jail in Abilene to go before a federal magistrate. Court proceedings will take place in Abilene in a couple of weeks at the Taylor County Courthouse.

Meth problems continue to plague the city, evidenced by the arrest made by sheriff's deputies last Friday of Ivy Dwayne Jones for possession of the lethal substance, and Colorado City police officers searched a residence on Walnut Street Monday morning and found methamphetamine, as well as chemicals for manufacturing the drug.

FIRES FROM PAGE 1

to investigate. There was enough evidence for the state agency to say that the fires are being looked at as arson.

Colorado City Police Chief Luis Aguilar said that the fire marshal's office was called in and have officially taken over the investigations. Officials from the state office collected evidence from both fires that will be examined and tested.

For now, law enforcement officers are looking for more information about the fires, and local citizens can help. Chief Aguilar said that anyone with any information about either of the two fires should contact the CCPD by calling 325-728-5294.

STARS FROM PAGE 1

through the city to have the pavilion lit, as well as the restrooms, making the event convenient for all to attend. There is no charge, and everyone is encouraged to come out, enjoy the park and take a look at the objects that are right overhead but rarely noticed.

For more information, please contact Carroll by calling 432-466-4565.

DRUG FROM PAGE 1

Manufacture Methamphetamine and Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 over 4 grams but less than 200 grams.

TRACK FROM PAGE 1

Boys' and girls' 7th and 8th grade track teams from Coahoma, Forsan and Stanton will travel to Colorado City on Friday for the Jr. Lone Wolf Relays.

Track fans are encouraged to come out and enjoy the action, which begins with field events at 3:45 both days. Running events are expected to start around 6 p.m. A full concession will be available thanks to the Colorado High School Band Boosters.

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LOCAL NEWS



4TH PLACE STEER—Cole Strain of Westbrook FFA received 4th place with his lightweight Simmental steer at the 2014 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. Photo courtesy of David Bray



1ST PLACE—Madison Rice of Westbrook FFA exhibited the 1st place Hampshire barrow in class at the 2014 Houston Stock Show and Rodeo. Pictured are (l-r) Charles Rice, Madison Rice, David Bray, Cole Strain and Corey Furr. Photo courtesy of David Bray



4TH PLACE GOAT—Jayden Holt of Westbrook FFA exhibited the 4th place lightweight goat at the Star of Texas Rodeo and Stock Show in Austin. Pictured are (l-r) Conner Holt, Sheila Holt, Jay Holt and Jayden Holt. Photo courtesy of David Bray

Westbrook Pre-K sign-up is Apr. 10th

Westbrook ISD is getting ready for the next school year, and parents of pre-k students have an opportunity to get a jump on it as well.

The registration for next year's pre-kindergarten and kindergarten class will be held Thursday, April 10th in the registrar's office from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 3 p.m. each day. Children enrolling in pre-k must be four years old by September 1, 2014.

Parents should be certified birth certificates, Social Security cards, immunization records, proof of residency, and identification of the enrolling parent/guardian.

For more information, call 325-644-2311.



2ND PLACE—Alexis Munoz placed 2nd with her Maine Anjou steer at the 2014 Houston Stock Show. Pictured are (l-r) Robert Ferguson, Marie Ethridge, Robin Senter, John Senter, Pete Torres, Kaylynn Epperson, Allison Torres, Martha Linam, Dwayne Linam, Seth Linam, Margaret Roach, Manuel Munoz, Lenore Munoz, Marcos Flores, Mark Munoz, Alexis Munoz, Sara Roach, Madison Munoz, Morgan Munoz, Katy Munoz, Robert Munoz, Ryland Senter and Lauren Munoz. Photo courtesy of Robin Senter and Jennifer Morris.



11TH PLACE—Mark Munoz placed 11th with his Maine Anjou steer at the Houston Stock Show and Rodeo. Pictured are (l-r) Robert Ferguson, Marie Ethridge, Robin Senter, John Senter, Pete Torres, Kaylynn Epperson, Allison Torres, Martha Linam, Dwayne Linam, Seth Linam, Marcos Flores, Manuel Munoz, Lenore Munoz, Mark Munoz, Alexis Munoz, Margaret Roach, Sara Roach, Madison Munoz, Morgan Munoz, Katy Munoz, Robert Munoz, Madison Munoz, Lauren Munoz and Ryland Senter. Photo courtesy of Jennifer Morris and Robin Senter.

SCHOOL MENUS

Kelley Elementary Breakfast Menu April 7-11

Monday - Dry cereal, Texas toast or apple strudel, string cheese, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or breakfast club, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or cinnamon breakfast pastry, yogurt, fruit juice, choice of juice.

Thursday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or breakfast burrito, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or French toast sticks, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Hutchinson, CMS, CHS & Wallace Breakfast Menu April 7-11

Monday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or chicken-n-waffles or biscuit-n-sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or oatmeal muffin square, yogurt or biscuit-n-sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or Texas toast, egg/sausage or biscuit-n-sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or breakfast club, biscuit-n-sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Dry cereal w/ Texas toast or biscuit w/gravy, sausage patty or biscuit-n-sausage, fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Lunch Menu April 7-11

Monday - Toast ham and cheese w/multi-grain chips, fresh veggie cup, garden salad, salsa, hot cinnamon apples, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Pigs in a blanket, baby carrots, steamed broccoli, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Tex Mex stack w/ corn chips, Spanish rice, refried beans, garden salad, salsa, apple slices, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chicken parmesan, hot roll, green beans, garden salad, fresh apple slices, choice of milk.

Friday - Hamburger, hamburger garnish, potato rounds, western beans, diced pears, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu April 7-11

Monday - French toast sticks, juice, cereal, toast, milk.

Tuesday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit, cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast club sandwich, milk, cereal, toast, juice.

Thursday - Chicken-n-waffles, apple, cereal, toast, milk.

Friday - Breakfast burrito, juice, cereal, toast, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu April 7-11

Monday - Beef & bean chalupas, garden salad, ranch, pinto beans, salsa, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday - Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, strawberries, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken fajitas, tortilla, pinto beans, salsa, seasoned corn, orange smiles, milk.

Thursday - Popcorn chicken, ketchup, garden salad, ranch, baby carrots, apple slices, milk, breadstick.

Friday - Hamburger, mustard, tater tots, ketchup, garden salad, ranch, sliced peaches, milk.

April 7-11

Monday - Sausage kolache, oven roasted potatoes or cereal, Texas toast or oatmeal round & yogurt or cinnamon breakfast pastry w/yogurt, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Cheddar omelette wrap or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers & string cheese, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Breakfast pizza or cereal, Texas toast or breakfast parfait or cinnamon breakfast pastry w/yogurt, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk.

Thursday - Waffles & sausage or cereal, Texas toast or animal crackers & string cheese, fruit juice or fresh fruit, milk.

Friday - Turkey & cheese wrap or hot dog sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu April 7-11

Monday - Toasted ham and cheese sandwich or beef and bean burrito, broccoli bites, garden salad, orange smiles, milk.

Tuesday - Crispy tacos or Southwest chicken casserole w/tortilla chips, garden salad, charro beans, salsa, cinnamon applesauce, milk.

Wednesday - Chicken nuggets or Salisbury steak w/brown gravy, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, roll, milk.

Thursday - Spaghetti w/meatballs or breaded pork chop, garden salad, savory green beans, sliced peaches, breadstick, milk.

Friday - Turkey & cheese wrap or hot dog sweet potato fries, cucumber dippers, fresh seasonal fruit, milk.

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Sunday April 6th 7:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.
Onsite registration for Silver Hunt.
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The City of Colorado City
Public Hearing Notice on the City Budget
For the 12 Month Period of
May 1, 2014 through April 30, 2015

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2014 and ending April 30, 2015. The public hearing will be conducted on April 15, 2014 at 6:00 P.M. at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Upon completion of the public hearing, the City Council shall consider an ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2014-2015. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at City Hall located at 180 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The general public is invited to attend and to ask questions or make comments regarding the budget for FY 2014-2015.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance should contact the City Secretary at City Hall to arrange for special assistance at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. The City Secretary may be contacted by calling 325-728-3464.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City of Colorado City

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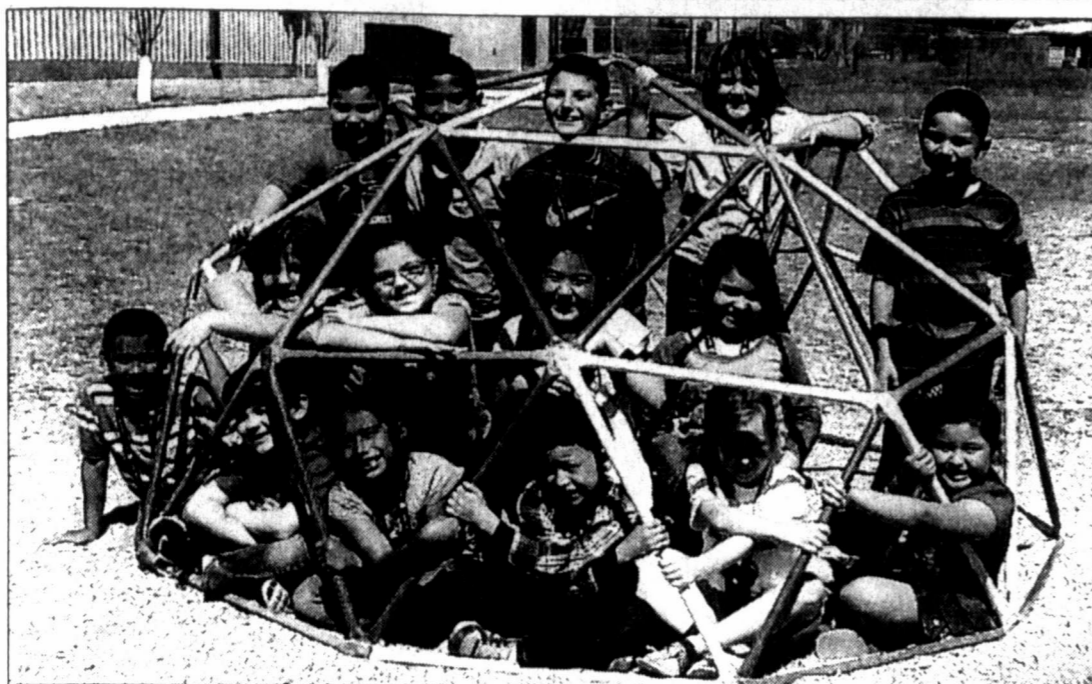
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SCHOOL NEWS



EAGER TO LEARN—Mrs. Waldrip's second grade class is excited to learn Earth Science while studying soil and erosion. Pictured are Nicholas Molina, Elijah Santana, Ronnie Max Sumruld, Haelyn Limones, River Gonzales, Abby Wood, Sabrina McCleney, Perla Franco, Jade Magers, Marcelino Barron, Carson Moore, Gabriella Hernandez, Izen Delapaz, Braelyn Sparks and Avery Martinez. Photo courtesy of Lori Garza.

Registration for HeadStart, Pre-K is set at Kelley

Kelley Elementary will hold the pre-k and HeadStart early registration for the next school year on Thursday, April 10th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school located at 1435 Elm Street.

Children enrolling in pre-k must be four years old by September 1, 2014. Parents should be certified birth certificates, Social Security cards, immunization records, proof of residency and identification of the enrolling parent/guardian.

For more information, call 728-3471.

CHS track teams compete in Forsan

Colorado City's varsity and junior varsity track teams traveled to Forsan to participate in the Forsan High School Meet on Thursday, March 27th. The varsity boys' and girls' teams finished 2nd, and the JV boys placed 3rd overall. Results follow.

JV Boys- 3rd place overall
 200m Dash - Zack Tillis, 3rd, 25.62; Koby Miller, 6th, 26.14
 400m Dash - Koby Miller, 2nd, 58.21; Don Guazo, 4th, 1:03.15
 800m Run - Jeffrey Delapaz, 2nd, 2:28.09; Jonathan Casares, 6th, 2:35.09
 1600m Run - Jeffrey Delapaz, 1st, 5:45.06; Dylan Meguire, 2nd, 5:46.65
 3200m Run - Dylan Meguire, 2nd, 13:23.52
 110m Hurdles - Jacob King, 6th, 20.30
 300m Hurdles - Jacob King, 6th, 50.06
4x100m Relay - Zach Luera, Zack Tillis, Emanuel Ventura, Alex Trujillo, 3rd, 49.21

4x200m Relay - Zach Luera, Zack Tillis, Alex Trujillo, Emanuel Ventura, 5th, 1:44.96
 4x400m Relay - Koby Miller, Jacob King, Jonathan Casares, Jeffrey Delapaz, 4th, 4:51.63
 Shot Put - Juan Reyes, 3rd, 34'4"; Orea Pineda, 4th, 33'6"
 Discus - Selvy Lee, 6th, 91'10"
 High Jump - Jacob King, 4th, 5'4"
Varsity Boys - 2nd place overall
 200m Dash - Brandon Thomas, 6th, 24.46
 400m Dash - Doug Garcia, 1st, 55.21; Alan DeSantiago, 6th, 57.05
 800m Run - Doug Garcia, 2nd, 2:09.75; Robbie Gonzales, 6th, 2:15.90
 1600m Run - Robbie Gonzales, 4th, 5:30.15
 110m Hurdles - Mark Muñoz, 1st, 17.18; Andrew Burrola, 5th, 18.37; Nick Palacios, 6th, 19.46
 300m Hurdles - Mark Muñoz, 1st, 44.28; Andrew Burrola, 6th, 46.88

4x100m Relay - Jonathon Jackson, Jeremiah Williams, Dillon Gainey, David Sanchez, 2nd, 44.93
 4x200m Relay - Brandon Thomas, Jonathon Jackson, Dillon Gainey, David Sanchez, 2nd, 1:34.78
 4x400m Relay - Doug Garcia, Dillon Gainey, David Sanchez, Brandon Thomas, 3rd, 3:40.12
 Long Jump - Dillon Gainey, 1st, 19'3.75"
 Triple Jump - Isaiah Jennings, 6th, 36'6.5"
 High Jump - Brandon Thomas, 1st, 6'2"
Varsity Girls, 2nd place overall
 100m Dash - Shirley Hemphill, 3rd, 12.88; Autumn Green, 4th, 13.12; Kearra Ausbie, 6th, 13.69
 200m Dash - Heather Merket, 2nd, 27.50; August Lane, 5th, 28.25
 400m Dash - Baylie Lindsey, 5th, 1:09.50
 800m Run - Kaeden Molina, 3rd, 2:42.84; Gracie Aguilar, 4th, 2:38.65
 1600m Run - Serena Pashall,

4th, 6:48.81
 100m Hurdles - Andie Salas, 4th, 19.62; Taylor Griffith, 5th, 19.75
 300m Hurdles - Amor Carrillo, 5th, 56.96; Andie Salas, 6th, 57.02
 4x100m Relay - Shirley Hemphill, Baylie Lindsey, Autumn Green, Heather Merket, 1st, 51.12
 4x200m Relay - August Lane, Shirley Hemphill, Kaeden Molina, Heather Merket, 1st, 1:52.78
 4x400m Relay - Kaeden Molina, Autumn Green, Baylie Lindsey, August Lane, 1st, 4:30.43
 Long Jump - August Lane, 2nd, 14'3"
 Shot Put - Makayla Madrid, 2nd, 35'5"; Mackenzie Kimball, 4th, 32'1"
 Discus - Makayla Madrid, 4th, 80'2"
 Triple Jump - Heather Merket, 1st, 33'2.5"; Baylie Lindsey, 6th, 29'1"
 High Jump - Heather Merket, 2nd, 4'10"

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LORAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Loraine ISD will hold a Community Meeting on April 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. in the School Cafetorium to discuss improvements and consider funding options for the LISD Football Complex which may include Lights, Bleachers, and Restroom/Concession Stand.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK—Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Nick Munoz, Claudia Ventura and Josh Hardesty. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.
Students of the week named
 Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Nick Munoz, Claudia Ventura and Josh Hardesty.
 Nick is a 3rd grader in Mrs. Quinn's class. His favorite subject is science. He says he likes to play with his friends. He says his favorite thing about Hutch is P.E.
 Claudia is a 4th grader in Ms. Lindsey's class. She says she has one dog named Bella. Her hobby is swimming. Her favorite subject is reading. Her favorite thing about Hutch is getting to go to P.E.
 Josh Hardesty is a 5th grader in Ms. Sparks' class. His favorite subject is math. He says his hobby is baseball. He has a dog named Bella. His favorite thing about Hutchinson is going to P.E.

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SPORTS



FOR THE LOVE OF SOFTBALL – Colorado City's 8U team Heart Breakers took 2nd place in the Spring Fling Softball Tournament held in Abilene this past weekend. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Jordyn Medrano, Coach Lisa Stephens, Coach Cami Rvera, Kaci Rivera, Aaliyah Braziel, Madison Muñoz, Chloe Rubio, Daniel Medrano and Joey Hernandez; (front row) Gabby Hernandez, Saleigh Hernandez, Nadia Garcia, Braylee Stone and Germanie Williams. Photo courtesy of Amanda Stone.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! Colorado City's boys' basketball travel team competed in the Small Town National Tournament held in Lubbock this past weekend, winning every game and clinching the title of National Champs. Coach Marcus Monroe said he is proud of all the kids on the teams for their positive attitudes and commitment to the program. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Josiah Silva, Coach Marcus Monroe, Reid Harris, Tristen Ramos, Tracy Smith, Omar Boone, Bubba Williams, Jacob Munoz; (front) Markis Monroe and Eli Sauer. Photo courtesy of Bea Monroe.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONS! Colorado City's girls' basketball travel team, coached by Marcus Monroe, competed in the Small Town National Tournament held in Lubbock this past weekend. The team was undefeated and claimed the title of National Champions. Team members are: (l-r) Alina Hernandez, Coach Marcus Monroe, Mia Monroe, Breshannon Williams, Emmaly Rivera, Madison Sims, Shelby Brown, Lia Espinoza, Lina Rivera, and Nia Williams. Photo courtesy of Bea Monroe.

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Hassel to be inducted into Hall of Fame

Kendra Anderson Hassel, former Colorado City Basketball standout will be inducted into the Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame at the Abilene Civic Center on Monday, May 5th. The banquet will honor her and eight other inductees.

Hassel graduated from Colorado City in 1999 and then went to Hardin-Simmons where she became the most decorated basketball player in school history. She led the Cowgirls to four straight American Southwest Conference championships and four NCAA Division III tournament appearances. In 2003, Anderson was named the NCAA Division III women's basketball player of the year and the ASC Female Athlete of the Year. She was a two-time Kodak All-American and three-time conference player of the year. She was also selected to the Division III all-decade team in 2007. Anderson has coached at Forney, Fort Worth Paschal, Oklahoma State, Texas Woman's University, Charleston Southern, Carroll University and is now an assistant basketball coach at Abilene Christian University.

Others being inducted that evening are Jim Millerman, Larry Dippel, Terry Orr, Brad Pursley, Jim Anne Baker Hejny, Ann Schroeder, the Young Brother, Bob, Doug and Perry Young and posthumously, Bill Anderson. You can learn more about these and past inductees on the Big Country Hall of Fame website.

West Texas Shootout set to take place April 12, 13

The 3rd Annual West Texas Shootout Youth Basketball Tournament is planned to take place again this year, and organizers are finalizing plans for the event. The tournament will be held on April 12th and 13th in Colorado City at the high school and Kelley Elementary Gym.

Children who are in 3rd through 8th grades, both boys and girls, are eligible to play. Medals will be given to 1st and 2nd place teams.

Cost is \$150 per team, and deadline to enter is Sunday, April 6th. So, if you have a team that interested in playing, contact Bea Monroe at 325-518-5187 or Marcus Monroe at 325-829-7708 as soon as possible.

For more information, email Entertainment_3m@yahoo.com.



A LEAP TO 1ST PLACE – Colorado Middle School 8th grader Taylor Epperson took 1st place in the High Jump at a track meet in Forsan recently. Epperson and track athletes from CMS and CHS will compete in the Lone Wolf and Jr. Lone Wolf Relays this week at Hollis Gainey Track. Photo courtesy of Y-Photography.

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CHS Lady Wolves Softball Player
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Sincerely,
George and Olivia Herrera

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation,
3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100,
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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 Middle and Lower Clearfork formations, Westbrook Southeast Unit, Well Number 5W. The proposed injection well are located 3 miles North of Westbrook, in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2700 to 3044 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).

BID NOTICES

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CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS
MITCHELL and WALLACE WELLS

Separate sealed bids for the construction of Mitchell and Wallace Wells will be received by the City of Colorado City, Texas until **10:00 A.M., April 10, 2014**, at City Hall, 180 West Third, Colorado City, Texas, 79512, and then at said location publicly opened and read aloud. The bid includes construction of 2 new water wells, pumps, piping, valves, flowmeters, electrical, pump controls, fencing, access roads, site work and incidentals. Deductible Alternate bids shall be received for deletion of the access roads and the chain link fence in favor of the city performing this work.

The Contract Documents, consisting of Advertisement for Bids, Information for Bidders, Bid Proposal, Bid Bond, Contract, Performance and Payment Bonds, General Conditions, Notice of Award, Notice to Proceed, Plans, and Specifications, may be examined at the following locations:

City Hall, 180 West Third, Colorado City, Texas, and Jacob & Martin, Ltd., Consulting Engineers 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, Texas 79606

The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities and to reject any or all bids. Bids may be held by the Owner for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders prior to awarding of the contract.

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS must be ordered online at www.jacobmartin.com. Orders for CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may include hard copies for pick up, mail out or digital download via www.jacobmartin.com. Upon verification of online payment, hard copies may be picked up at Jacob & Martin, Ltd., located at 3465 Curry Lane, Abilene, TX 79606. Cost for hard copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$60.00. Cost for digital download of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS will be \$20.00. Contractors must purchase a set of CONTRACT DOCUMENTS to be considered a registered plan holder eligible to bid the project.

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BID NOTICES

total bid shall be submitted with each bid.
CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS
By: David Hoover, City Manager

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE DISTRICT COURT IN AND FOR TULSA COUNTY STATE OF OKLAHOMA

IN RE:)
IN THE MATTER OF THE GUARDIANSHIP)
OF CONNIE STROTHER TRIPPET, an) Case No. PG-2000-353
Incapacitated person.)
NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY)

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to an Order of the District Court of the County of Tulsa, State of Oklahoma, made on March 11, 2014, in the Matter of the Guardianship of Connie Strother Trippet, an Incapacitated Person, the undersigned, as General Guardian of the Person and Estate of the Ward, Connie Strother Trippet, will sell, for cash to the highest bidder, subject to confirmation by the Court, on or after the 11th day of April, 2014, at Simpson Enterprises, LLC, PO Box 700216, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74170-0216, all the right, title, interest and estate that the said Connie Strother Trippet has and all the right, title and interest that the said Guardianship estate has, by operation of law, and otherwise acquired, in and to all that certain real property mineral interests located in Ector, Gaines, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Mitchell, Pecos, Scurry and Winkler Counties in Texas, in Garfield and Garvin Counties in Oklahoma, and in Pawnee County, Kansas, and an interest in a wheat farm in Garfield County, Oklahoma, as are more particularly described on the Exhibit(s) attached hereto, on the following terms: all sales are to be for cash.

DATED this 12th day of March, 2014.

Robert C. Simpson, General Guardian of the Person and Estate of Connie Strother Trippet, an Incapacitated Person

By Beverly K. Smith, Attorney
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EXHIBIT A-1 (page 1 of 2)
MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS

An undivided 296/40,000 Fractional Interest AND An undivided 05/32,756 Fractional Interest in and to each of the mineral interests, royalty interests and overriding royalty interests described as follows:

1. An undivided 1/256 mineral interest in and to each of the following described lands in Mitchell County, Texas:

TRACT A: All of the south half (S $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section No. 28 in Block No. 28, Township One North (T1N), of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, and containing 323 acres of land, which is described in a mineral deed from J. F. Marion to A. G. Collin, Trustee for the Collin Royalty Syndicate, which deed is dated 6/19/23, and recorded in Vol. 55, page 597, Deed Records, Mitchell County, Texas;

TRACT B: All of the southwest one-quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section No. 22, Block No. 28, Township One North (T1N), Texas & Pacific Railway Company Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, containing 163.3 acres of land by virtue of corrected field notes recorded in Book D, Page 359, Surveyors Records, Colorado, Mitchell County, Texas, which land is fully described in a mineral deed from J. F. Marion to A. G. Collin, Trustee of the Collin Royalty Syndicate, said deed being dated 6/19/23, and being recorded in Vol. 55, page 599, Deed Records, Mitchell County, Texas;

TRACT C: All of the northwest quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section No. 22, Block 28, Township One North (T1N), Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, and containing 160 acres of land, more or less, which is more fully described in a mineral deed from J. F. Marion to A. G. Collin, Trustee for the Collin Royalty Syndicate, which deed is dated 7/3/23, and is recorded in Vol. 56, page 25, Deed Records of Mitchell County, Texas;

TRACT D: All of the east one-half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section No. 21, Block No. 28, Township One North (T1N), of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company's Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, and containing 320 acres of land, more or less, which is fully described in a mineral deed from J. F. Marion to A. G. Collin, Trustee for the Collin Royalty Syndicate, which deed is dated 6/19/23, and is recorded in Vol. 55, page 598, Deed Records of Mitchell County, Texas; and

TRACT E: All of the northeast quarter (NE $\frac{1}{4}$) of the northwest one quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) and the east 1/2 of the west half of said NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section No. 15 in Block No. 28, Township One North (T1N), of the Texas and Pacific Railway Company's Surveys in Mitchell County, Texas, and containing 80 acres of land, which is fully described in a mineral deed from J. F. Marion to A. G. Collin, Trustee for the Collin Royalty Syndicate, which deed is dated 4/5/24 and is recorded in Vol. 59, page 258 of the Deed Records of Mitchell County, Texas.

2. The undivided mineral interests in Section 11, Block 28, Township One (1) North, T&P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas, described as follows:

Tract	Fractional Interest	Description	Acres
1	1/8 of 1/8	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Sec. 11, Blk. 28, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey	40
2	1/8 of 1/12	E $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	80
3	1/8 of 1/24	W $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and W $\frac{1}{2}$ of E $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	120
4	1/8 of 1/24	SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	40
5	1/8 of 1/24	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	40
6	1/8 of 1/8	S $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	20
7	1/8 of 1/8	NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	40
8	1/8 of 1/8	N $\frac{1}{2}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	20
9	1/8 of 1/24	SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of said Sec. 11	40

3. An undivided 1/256 mineral interest in and to the East Half of the Southeast Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 11, Block 28, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas.

4. An overriding royalty interest equal to 1/2 of 97.5% of one sixty-fourth (1/64) of thirteen-sixteenths (13/16) part of all the oil and gas and other minerals which may be produced and saved from the following described land, to-wit:

The East One Half (E $\frac{1}{2}$) of the Northwest Quarter (NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, Block 28, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas,

under and by virtue of a certain Oil, Gas & Mining Lease dated July 6, 1955, entered into by and between W. D. Haney et al, as Lessors, and B. & L. Construction Company, a partnership composed of J. E. Brown, John W. Lupardus and D. E. Blakeney, as Lessees, recorded in Volume 168, page 449 of the Deed Records of Mitchell County, Texas. Said overriding royalty interest is free and clear of all development and operating costs except that such interest shall bear its proportionate part of all applicable taxes.

5. An undivided 1/2 of 6084/9600 mineral interest in and to the East Half of the Northwest Quarter (E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 21, Block 28, Township 1 North, T&P RR Co. Survey, Mitchell County, Texas

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NEW! 945 Elm - Large 2 bedroom, 1 bath, windows replaced recently, needs TLC \$39,000.

NEW! 620 E. 7th - Cutel 1-1 Just \$29,000.

NEW! 630 22nd St. - Beautifully updated 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large yard, wood deck \$87,500.

NEW! 1405 Walnut - A cute 3- 1 1/2 home with some updates with carport, large corner lot and storage building. Call Karalee.

REDUCED! 1119 Walnut - Great investment property. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1804 sq. ft., \$39,500 call Cheri.

NEW! 101 W. 22nd St. - Great find! 4 large bedrooms and 3 baths! Nice floor plan. Large fenced back yard with storage building. \$139,000.

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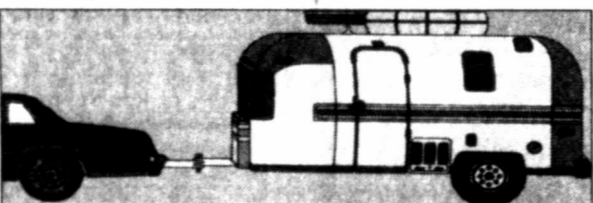
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NEW! 1419 Oak - UNDER CONTRACT w/ OPTION

REDUCED! 2152 LCR 252 - 4/2 Lakfront property, nice updates throughout

NEW! 328 Market in Loraine - 3/1 entirely renovated home on corner lot

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COMMERCIAL PROPERTY

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LAND

NEW! Several lots in the LA Union and Austin Heights addition, close to hospital

NEW! .20 Acres located on CR 141 minutes from I-20.

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NEW! 1917 E. 9th -- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, dining area, fireplace, brick home with basement. New plumbing, new roof, new laminate and new tile on sunporch.

925 E. 13th -- SOLD!

1136 E. 17th -- UNDER CONTRACT!

915 E. 9th St. -- SOLD

HOUSE WITH ACREAGE

NEW! 8489 N. FM 644 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car carport on 5 ac. Must have appointment to view.

NEW! 3749 LCR 307 - Bungalo style loft, 2bd, 1bth, 2 car carport. Sits on 6.75 ac. Lake front property.

NEW! 761 LCR 248 - UNDER CONTRACT

WESTBROOK

401 Spang - UNDER CONTRACT

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LORAIN

REDUCED! 705 Kindred - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath, remodeled on 4 lots. \$38,000

707 Lightfoot - Immaculate home, great find for Loraine. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath home. Has circle drive, bonus room for den, craft room or office. Great location.

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1257 CR 175- UNDER CONTRACT!

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NEW! 4305 LCR 307 -- Main house is a completely remodeled 2 bed, 2 bath with lots of extras. The second house is a 1 bed, 1 bath with a large living area.

NEW! 1474 LCR 248 - SOLD!

NEW! 4373 LCR 307 - 2 Bedroom, 1 bath on lease land on Coopers Cove \$32,500.

REDUCED! 5254 LCR 256 - 3 Bedroom, 2 bath. Lake front.

1324 LCR 248 - Greatly reduced \$295,000. 5 Bedroom, 2 bath, real hardwood flooring and 2 large shops. Owner will look at all offers.

558 LCR 246 - 3 Bedrooms, 2 bath, 2 carport, large storage building. A must see.

3149 Danley - Great investment for first time home buyers. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath priced at \$20,000 to sell. Very clean. Leased land \$500 a year on 10 year lease. Owner finance.

2601 LCR 252 - SOLD!

5443 LCR 256 - SOLD!

REDUCED! 2958 LCR 252 - 3 bedroom, 2 bath mobile home. Has been updated, new windows, new A/C & heat, on 2 deeded lakfront lots. Lots of storage. A must to see! Seller will look at offers.

LAKE LOTS - 864 LCR 311 - great lot, new septic, carport. Priced to sell!

2116 LCR 252 - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, large shop. Great buy at new reduced price! Sellers will look at all offers.

REDUCED! 5324 LCR 256 - 4 bedroom, 2 bath, 3 carport, lakfront. Immaculate manufactured home extra clean. REDUCED! Great buy!

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FOR RENT! 975 16th Street - 3 Bedroom, 1 bath furnished with stove, icebox, and built in microwave. Very clean.

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1410 Sam Houston - Large Victorian home, ammannulant shape, 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Call Tresa for more information.

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1243 Chestnut - 3 bedroom, 2 bath house. Sits on corner lot, has new roof, double car port and attached man cave. REDUCED TO \$75,000. Call 242-0082 Town & Country Real Estate.

4 bedroom, 2 bath trailer home, comes with lot and taxes are under \$200 per year. Address is 2462 Bohanan Road. Asking \$25,000. No payments call (325) 242-3434 or (325) 242-0607.

For Sale: 2770 S. Hwy 163 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, with sun room approx 2.00 acres, storage buildings and barn. \$148,000 (325) 242-0082.

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is recommended that participants in the talent show call Jennifer Hale at 242-4706 to sign-up. The number of available spots is limited.

Performers are asked to decorate a jar or cup to be placed at the edge of the stage to collect money for the relay. Those attending the event will have the opportunity to put money in the jars of performers they like, and the one collecting the most

Agricultural conference to be held April 9th

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the annual multi-county Lower Rolling Plains Agricultural Conference from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. April 9 at the Scurry Coliseum, 900 E. Coliseum Drive in Snyder.

"This annual conference is designed to update producers across our region on issues they may face during the upcoming growing season," said Zach Wilcox, AgriLife Extension agent in Nolan County.

"The topics will range from the farm bill to new herbicide technologies," he said. "The AgriLife Extension agents in the participating counties focus on topics our producers need. However, much of the information to be shared during the program can be applied anywhere in the state."

Topics during the morning's general session will include: the farm bill, commodity economics, pesticide laws and regulations and plant disease management under drought conditions.

Following a catered lunch, the program will split into concurrent A and B sessions. Session A will concentrate on topics related to crop production and Session B will deal with range and livestock-related issues.

Session A presentations will be: Weed Management Strategies for 2014, Deep Sampling of Nitrogen, Cotton Variety Trial Results with New Herbicide Technologies, Sesame Production and an Integrated Pest Management Update.

Session B presentations will include: Noxious Weed Control During Drought, Texas Quail Index Update, Weed and Brush Control in Range and Pastures, Forage Quality and Forage Inventory and External Parasite Management.

Six Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units for holders of private pesticide applicator licenses will be offered: four general, one integrated pest management and one laws and regulations.

Those needing a new Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator's license can receive the necessary training from 8:30 a.m. to noon with the testing to follow at 1 p.m. For this training, RSVP by calling 325-573-5423.

Individual registration for either the conference or the Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator training is \$25 individually at the door and includes lunch.

For more information and to preregister by April 7, call either the AgriLife Extension office in Nolan County at 325-236-6912 or Scurry County at 325-573-5423.

AgriLife Extension offices conducting the program are in Borden, Fisher, Garza, Mitchell, Lynn, Nolan and Scurry counties.

money will be deemed the most talented of the relay. All money goes to the American Cancer Society through the Relay for Life.

Relay for Life is the premier fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. This event is designed to give everyone an opportunity to fight cancer and help save more lives. Teams are made up of family members, friends, and coworkers that camp out and take turns walking around a track to represent the idea that cancer never sleeps.

Relay for Life events are also a time to recognize cancer survivors and caregivers and their personal journey and fight against a disease that takes from everyone all too often and all too much.

The theme for this year's Relay for Life of Mitchell County is "Finish the Fight". All proceeds from the event will allow the American Cancer Society to fund life-saving cancer research, education, advocacy and provide local patient services, such as gas cards, lodging and wigs, just to name a few.

Organizers have held several fundraising events lead-

ing up to the relay, including garage sales, bake sales, a beans and cornbread supper, and most recently, the RFL Jail. Citizens from around the county were "arrested" last Friday and taken to a purple jail cell located on the Fuller Foods parking lot.

The jailbirds had to raise a bond of \$250 each in order to fly the coop. The fundraiser was deemed successful by organizers who said the lock-up raised over \$6,000 for Relay for Life.

Everyone interested is urged to come out and get in on raising funds for the ACA. T-shirts will be sold, luminarias will light the walking track after dark and there will be featured speakers during the night.

Those wanting more information about forming a team or how to get involved, call Relay Chairman Cliff Shiller at 728-3431, ext. 7187 or ACS Relay for Life Staff Partner Amy Carnes at 325-672-3705. Teams wanting to sign up may contact Iris Boyd at 728-3431, ext. 7102. Teams, participants and survivors can also register on the website: www.relayforlife.org/ColoradoCityTX.

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LOCAL NEWS



WHO'LL GIVE ME \$100? Whitley May Auctioneers provided the auctioneering services at the Loraine Farm Sale on Saturday. The annual event helps the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department purchase equipment and pay for other expenses during the year.

Loraine VFD stays busy with farm sale and fires

Loraine Fire Chief Doyle Mitchell had a busy weekend, as the department held their annual fundraiser, the Loraine Farm Sale and also contended with

fires on Saturday and Sunday. Mitchell said that the sale, held Saturday at the Loraine Co-Op Gin yard, was a huge success. At last count, gross sales had topped

the \$550,000 mark. "There were lots of buyers, and we had great weather for the sale," he said Monday.

The concession stand was a big draw during the event, and Mitchell said the volunteers working the stand sold out before the day was over.

During the sale, a call went out to the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department informing firefighters that power lines were arcing out on County Road 246. Before firemen could get to the area, the sparks from the arcing lines had started a fire.

Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department stepped in to help their fellow firefighters and fought the fire which burned along FM 2319. The burning pastures covered a large area with rough terrain, complicating firemen's efforts to contain the blaze. Colorado City Fire Chief Rick Goodney said that the rough terrain and large area of dry pastureland had the firemen fighting the flames until 3 a.m. Sunday morning. Unfortunately, the trouble did not end there.

High winds on Sunday fanned the smoldering embers and reignited the fire which burned near FM 2319. Mitchell said that the flames had burned up behind the Jeremy and Margo Connell family's home and started an RV on fire by the time firefighters were able to respond.

The RV suffered major fire damage resulting in a total loss, but thanks to the action of the firemen, the home was not burned.

Though fires can ignite without help from people, Mitchell County residents are urged to be aware of the extremely dry conditions, especially in areas with lots of CRP pastureland.



TAKING THE TOUR - Geory Martin gave some young farm sale attendees the tour Saturday morning. Kyle Martin, Kash Wood, Kaylee Martin, Conner Holt and Hunter Proctor enjoyed riding through the items in the Loraine Farm Sale benefiting the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department. Dillon Phillips (not seen) rode along in the front seat.



HOT AND FRESH - Loraine Fire Department volunteers Lisa Butler (left) and Lillian Grissam were serving up hamburgers with all the extras hot and fresh in the concession stand at the Loraine Farm Sale on Saturday.

POLICE REPORT

On March 22nd at 10:39 a.m., an officer initiated a traffic stop in the 1800 block of Chestnut for failing to signal before a turn. After speaking

with the occupants of the vehicle he found the passenger to be upset with a person residing at the residence that they had stopped in front of. After

completion of the traffic stop and leaving the scene, officers were called back to the location to find the male passenger had been assaulted by the male subject at the residence. He had also broken the window of the vehicle.

On March 25th at 10:11 a.m., officers observed a male subject in the 400 block of Elm that they knew to have an outstanding municipal court warrant. Contact was made with the 30-year-old subject while the warrant was confirmed by police dispatch. He was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail where he was booked accordingly.

On March 25th at 12:36 p.m., an officer observed a male subject walking in the 200 block E. 10th Street. The officer knew the 31-year-old male to have an outstanding warrant. The male subject was detained while the warrant was confirmed. Once the warrant was confirmed he was arrested and taken to the Mitchell County Jail.

On March 25th at 3:30 p.m., an officer was dispatched to the 100 block of Chestnut in reference to a burglary of a habitation. An unknown person or persons had forced open the door to gain entry and taken items from inside without the owner's consent.

On March 26th at 6:14 p.m., an officer was met at the police department in reference to identity theft. When the complainant had checked his credit he had found several loans that were not his.

Library begins food for fines program

What better way to pay off your library fines than by donating to a worthy cause? The Mitchell County Public Library will hold their Food for Fines program again this year in April. The program began Tuesday, April 1st and continues through the rest of the month and will benefit the Community Mission.

Library patrons with outstanding fines for overdue materials may have their fines cleared by donating canned or boxed food items. Small canned goods or boxed items will be worth up to 50 cents, and larger canned or boxed items will be valued at \$1 each.

There is no limit on the number or amount of fines that can

be cleared, but bills for lost or damaged library items are not eligible for the Food for Fines forgiveness program. Fines do not include printing charges, damaged item charges, replacement charges, lost or missing items or other service charges.

Materials must be returned in good condition for fines to be cleared. The library does not accept home-canned goods, cans that are past their expiration date or are dented, rusted or damaged.

"We are excited to offer this program as a way for patrons to eliminate their fines, come back to the library and help out a great organization," Head Librarian Brigada Hiser said.

Sales tax rebates on rise

Sales tax rebates for March 2014 continue to show a growing economy for Colorado City, along with most other cities in the area. The county's rebate payment increase for the period as well.

Colorado City and Loraine, along with Mitchell County, saw double digit increases in sales tax payments. Colorado City's payment of \$59,729.92 was an increase of almost 17% over last year's payment of \$51,061.50.

Loraine received \$1,123.58 from the State Comptroller's Office, an increase of over 34% from the same time in 2013. Both Colorado City and Loraine's rebates are up compared to last year with C-City receiving over \$196,000 and Loraine seeing over \$4,500 so far in 2014.

Sales tax rebates to the county continue to rise as the governing entity had a substantial increase of 45.87% over last year's March rebate. In 2014, the county has received \$108,216.17, a 31.9% increase over 2013 payments totaling \$82,035.44.

Westbrook had a slight decrease in sales tax allocations, but the .79% decrease only amounted to an \$18.06 difference in the payment from a year ago. Overall, Westbrook's rebates have increased nearly 1% from 2013.

Snyder and Sweetwater are continuing to see increases in sales, as both towns reported increases of six to 11% in rebates. Snyder's payment of \$300,888.82 compares to last year's rebate of \$237,659.44, and Sweetwater received \$252,884.25 as compared to \$237,659.44 in 2013.

The Fisher County towns of Roby and Rotan have reported increases of about 30% in sales tax for March, with Roby getting \$2,535.98 and Rotan receiving \$15,837.12. The City of Rotan has seen an increase of over 20%

in this year's payments compared to last year's.

Abilene's allocation of \$2,957,638.05 is a decrease of almost 9.5% from March of 2013, but 2014 year-to-date totals show that the economy has mostly

held steady for the Taylor County. Lamesa saw a decline of \$9,342 from last year's payment, a decrease of about 8%. Sales tax totals for 2014 have dropped a little over 2% in the Garza County town.

Area Sales Tax Rebates

City	Mar. '14	Mar. '13	+/-	Year '14	Year '13	+/-
Abilene	\$2,957,638.05	\$3,266,278.03	-9.44%	\$10,144,083.50	\$10,198,293.01	-0.53%
Big Spring	\$676,102.02	\$687,924.16	-1.71%	\$2,266,712.22	\$2,194,604.58	3.28%
Colorado City	\$59,729.92	\$51,061.50	16.97%	\$196,834.61	\$173,236.10	13.62%
Lamesa	\$106,500.61	\$115,842.65	-8.06%	\$393,322.41	\$403,148.61	-2.43%
Loraine	\$1,123.58	\$837.57	34.14%	\$4,604.94	\$4,246.43	8.44%
Lubbock	\$4,388,271.88	\$4,264,950.32	2.89%	\$15,792,275.37	\$15,305,423.61	3.18%
Mitchell Co.	\$33,929.40	\$23,258.96	45.87%	\$108,216.17	\$82,035.44	31.91%
Post	\$90,739.27	\$86,898.84	4.41%	\$288,516.55	\$267,559.21	7.83%
Roby	\$2,535.98	\$1,893.59	33.92%	\$8,630.53	\$8,243.66	4.69%
Rotan	\$15,837.12	\$12,377.96	27.94%	\$56,145.34	\$46,415.02	20.96%
Snyder	\$300,888.82	\$270,829.95	11.09%	\$1,028,071.15	\$936,026.88	9.83%
Sweetwater	\$252,884.25	\$237,659.44	6.40%	\$862,414.23	\$811,782.77	6.23%
Westbrook	\$2,249.01	\$2,267.07	-0.79%	\$6,843.18	\$6,779.63	0.93%



A FULLER'S ICON - A retirement party was held at Fuller Foods on Saturday to honor the retirement of Lydia Selvera who has worked at the grocery store for 33 years. Selvera's official last day was Saturday.

Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District

Know Your Rules Series

TRANSFER OF GROUNDWATER OUT OF THE DISTRICT REQUIRES:

- A filing fee for permit application that is the greater of: (1)\$10,000.00 or (2) an amount equal to \$10.00 multiplied by the largest number of acre feet proposed to be transferred in any one calendar year;
- Published notice and public hearing.

DETERMINATION OF ISSUANCE OF PERMIT:

- The availability of water in the District and in the proposed receiving area;
- The availability of feasible and practicable alternative supplies;
- The amount and purposes of use in the proposed receiving area;
- The projected effect of the proposed transfer on aquifer conditions and depletion; or effects on existing permit holders or other groundwater users in the District;
- Compliance with the Regional Water Plan and District Management Plan.

THE PERMIT APPLICANT MUST:

- Install an approved meter and register the meter with the District;
- Report usage to the District;
- Allow access to the facility for inspection by the District personnel.

ENFORCEMENT OF RULES:

- If the District determines that a provision of Chapter 36 of The Texas Water Code, or any rule of the District, has been violated, it may set civil penalties that shall not exceed \$5,000.00 per violation per day.

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