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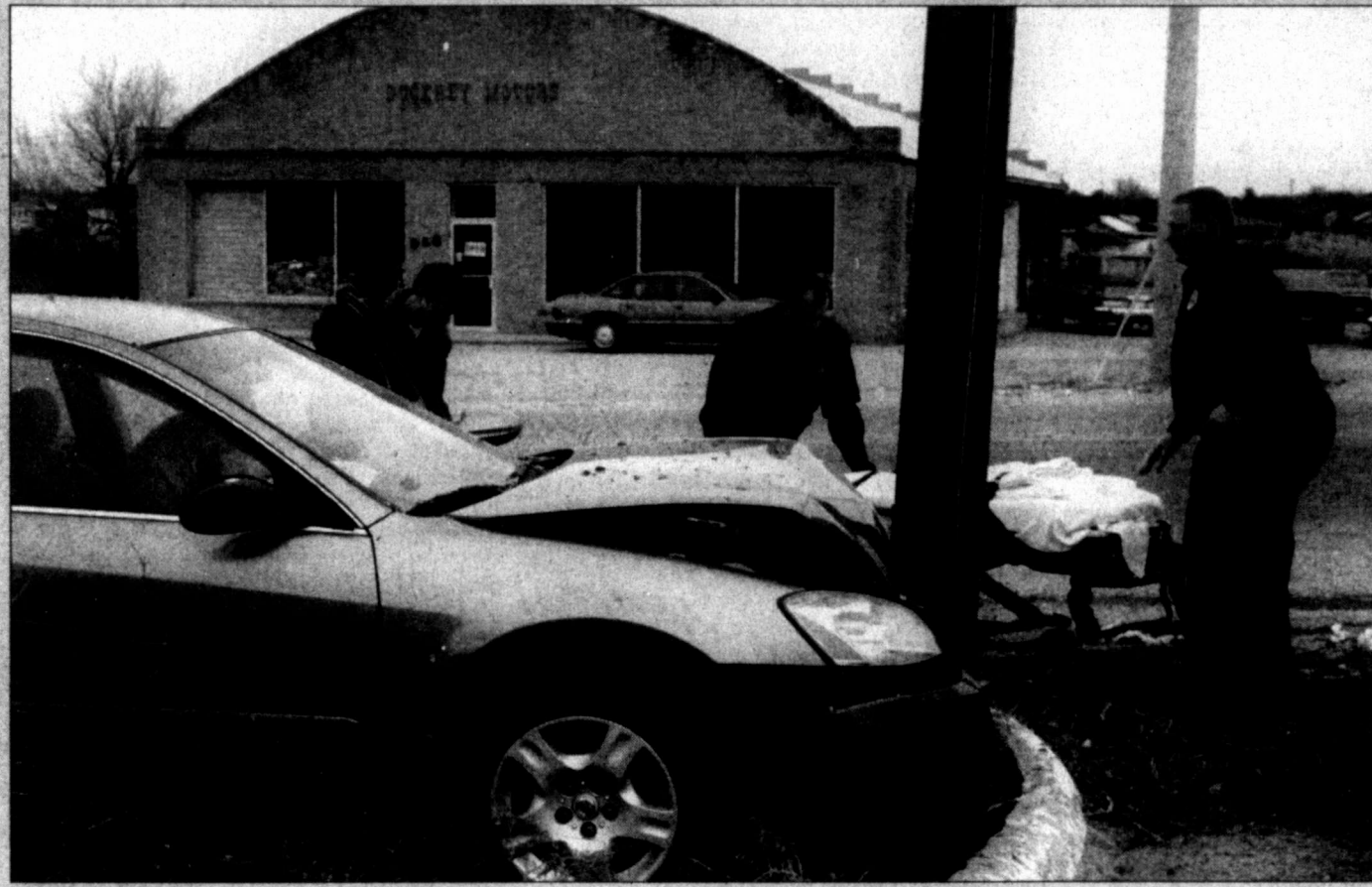
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EMERGENCY FIRST RESPONDERS Shane Terry, Lt. Chris Pearson and Det. John Bivins (left to right) work quickly to extricate Ronny Conner from his crumpled car last Friday morning.

Local resident injured in accident

A Colorado City man was injured when his vehicle struck a light pole at the intersection of Division and 2nd last Friday morning.

Ronny Conner was traveling east on 2nd when he apparently lost control of his 2003 Nissan and ran into the light pole in the center median.

"Witnesses saw him leave the roadway and drive directly into the pole," said Lieutenant Chris Pearson, of the Colorado City Police Department. "Preliminary findings indicate the driver suffered some medical condition while operating the vehicle that caused him to lose control."

The investigating officers found no skid marks or other indications that the driver tried to stop, which is indicative of some

medical condition, according to Pearson.

First responders from the EMS and police department arrived within two minutes of the accident which occurred around 9:45 a.m. January 16. Also at the scene were DPS Trooper Jeremy Sherrod and Deputy Duerstine from the Mitchell County Sheriff's department.

The case is still under investigation by the police department.

Conner was transported to Mitchell County Hospital in stable condition, but later transferred to the ICU unit at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

As of Tuesday afternoon, he was transferred to a private room, according to family friends.

Chamber banquet to be held Saturday

Tickets are still available for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, scheduled for Saturday, January 24th.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased through the Chamber of Commerce, 157 W. 2nd Street (728-3403).

The banquet will be held at the Civic Center at 7 p.m. and awards will be presented to the Citizen of the Year and the Agricultural Family of the Year.

The guest speaker will be Rodney Cooper, Deputy Director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Cooper was the Wallace Unit warden when it opened in the early 90's.

The menu for Saturday night's dinner includes mesquite grilled steak or chicken breast, green bean and new potato mix, along with salad and dessert.

Cooper and his wife, Gayle, look forward to visiting with old friends.



Rodney Cooper

Police warn beware of traveling salesmen

The Colorado City Police Department cautions residents to be aware of door to door salesmen who may be surreptitiously casing homes.

"We've had a rash of door to door solicitors," said Police Chief Ron Dooley. "Traditionally, such solicitors have a history of criminal behavior and are actually casing homes."

Dooley said that door to door salesmen in Colorado City must

have a permit.

"We are heavily enforcing the permit regulation," said Dooley. "We're asking citizens to ask such merchants for their permit. If they don't have a permit, call the police and we'll be glad to investigate it for you."

"We're trying to curb any possible criminal activity that would result from such itinerant merchants," Dooley stated.

Wind farm project still on schedule

Construction on the Loraine wind farm is right on schedule according to Third Planet project development associate Cheyenne Smith.

"We started shoveling dirt in December and we've laid 80,000 feet of subgrade and 45,000 feet of road, along with 12 spread footers for the turbines," Smith said.

The farm, located around Loraine, will boast approximately 40 miles of roads and 167 1.5 GE turbines when completed and will produce 250.5 megawatts of power.

"That's enough to power 250 to 300 average homes per one megawatt," said Third Planet's Shane Tomlin.

The project is expected to be completed by December 31, 2009

in order to take advantage of the extended production tax credit, which will provide tax breaks in the long run for Third Planet.

"We feel very fortunate to be doing this project," said Tomlin. "The Loraine wind farm is the only new project in the state of Texas in 2009."

Additions to existing projects may be forthcoming, but no new projects are expected due to the recession, according to Tomlin.

"There's a lot going on," he said, inviting folks to drive by the project. "We're changing the landscape. It's amazing how fast the construction guys can do this thing."

Tomlin also invited the public to call to arrange tours of the facility. "The foundations and volt

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Girl Scout cookies on sale now

Local Girl Scouts are excited to announce that it's Girl Scout Cookie time again. The local troop will begin selling cookies on January 15 and continue until February 22.

The girls have the cookies on hand, so no one will have to wait for an order to arrive.

Cookies will be sold at Sonic on Tuesdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. They can also be purchased at Dollar General, across from the Housing Authority, from 4 to 8

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SCOUT COLTON HEUPEL gets hands on training in the EMS helicopter during Explorers Post #201 demonstration day. (photo courtesy of Chris Cloutier). See story pg. 2

CT scanner featured at open house

By Lindsay Paris

Mitchell County Hospital District will host a Radiology Department open house and ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, January 28th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The event is in celebration of the hospital's new CT scanner, which has allowed them to significantly improve the quality of patient care.

The new machine, a 16-slice GE LightSpeed[®] CT Scanner, has the capability to show doctors three-dimensional views, which can identify various health problems. See SCANNER, Page 3

City gets new sewer maintenance machine

The newest addition to Colorado City's maintenance tools has already gotten a workout in dealing with clogged sewer mains.

The U.S. jetting machine has a multiplicity of uses, according to Zane Graham, financial assistant to the city manager, including pumping water from holes to allow the city's water department easier access to broken lines.

The sewer machine, which cost approximately \$40,000, was purchased through the emergen-

cy purchase protocols because it was under the state mandated \$50,000 limit.

"We got all the nozzles that go with it," said Graham, "and can take out tree roots, grease problems, any situation we might have in a main. Different sewer problems have to have different tools. I don't believe in piece-mealing. You do it right the first time."

An additional benefit is the machine's ability to save the city money in terms of not having to

call \$300 - \$400 pump trucks to clean out stopped up manholes. "It can pump water out of the hole so we can get to the line to fix leaks," said Graham.

The machine boasts 800 feet of hose, giving it the ability to go farther down a sewer line than previous tools. "This thing just scoots right through it," said Roscoe Majors, Colorado City water supervisor.

While high water pressure blows out the lines, clearing ma-

jor clogs, the hose also has some strong back action in clearing lines of solid objects, such as sand or tree roots, on the return trip.

"It worked pretty good dragging out two bricks on Colorado Street," Majors said, referring to a sewer problem two weeks ago.

The three cylinder diesel, 65 horse power engine is cooled by oil instead of water.

"It means we can run a dry pump, so when we run out of See MACHINE, Page 3



THE WATER DEPARTMENT'S new jetting machine makes city sewer maintenance more efficient and cost effective.

<p>Around Town</p> <p>Ask Officer Bivins and Tommy Haran about their brush with a deadly chicken... Marty Davila getting some clippers ready... Congratulations to Ruffles on his new job... Janine Lemons sporting a cute outfit... Judy Beasley helping out with some music...</p>	<p>Obituaries</p> <p>Jimmy Alvarez, San Angelo Johnny Grubbs, Nacodoches James Mayberry, Colorado City Pete Parham, Brazil Choppy Rees, Westbrook Danny Pilkington, Odessa</p>	<p>Census Testing</p> <p>Testing of potential U.S. Census employees will be held at the Civic Center on Jan. 26 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 9 at 6 p.m., Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. and Feb. 25 at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Anyone interested in working for the U.S. Census should attend the testing. For an example of the test, contact Belinda Garrett at the Civic Center.</p>	<p>Briefs</p> <p>holiday for students in Loraine ISD. Faculty has a staff day.</p>	<p>1927 Hickory, each Mon. from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separately for open-share sessions. Call for more information 728-3118.</p>	<p>Thought of the Week</p> <p>If you believe it, the mind can achieve it. Ronnie Lott</p>
<p>Answerline</p> <p>Q: Is this the 100th Anniversary of the Chamber of Commerce? A: No, this is the 99th anniversary of the Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce.</p>		<p>Student Holiday</p> <p>Monday, January 26, is a school</p>	<p>Celebrate Recovery</p> <p>A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple.</p>	<p>Open House</p> <p>Mitchell County Hospital will hold an open house Wednesday, Jan. 28 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Radiology department. A ribbon cutting for the new CT scanner will kick-off the open house at 5 p.m.</p>	<p>Lake Levels</p> <p>(as of January 20, 2009)</p> <p>Lake Colorado City...2063.49' Full at 2070.3' Down 6.81' Lake Champion...2050.16' Full at 2083' Down 32.84'</p>

LOCAL NEWS



CITY WATER WORKERS Andrew Magers and Roscoe Majors work to repair a broken water line that left Subway and a local home without water for several days.

Water line repairs underway

A broken fire hydrant resulted in a loss of water for a local business north of I-20 this past week.

While clearing right of ways, a contractor for Atmos inadvertently broke a fire hydrant north of I-20 on the service road near Subway.

The resultant leak caused a loss of water pressure for Subway and another nearby home. The local business was shut down for several days while the city's water department made repairs.

"We needed different parts, and then a valve blew off," Zane Graham said, explaining the delay in getting the job done. "We're fixing it so it should hold."

The city's new sewer machine was called into action to help clear the hole of water, allowing workers access to the lines.

Area youth get law enforcement training through Explorer program

The Mitchell County Explorers Post #201 held a demonstration workshop on January 17th at the sheriff's substation. The Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, Texas Highway Patrol, Colorado City Police Department, EMS, Fire Departments and TDCJ K-9 units were on hand to give demonstrations of their various skills and abilities. Free fingerprinting for children was also available.

The Explorers Post is a division of the Learning For Life Program, under the jurisdiction of the Boys Scouts of America.

Mike Redwine began the post several years ago and Rick Grissam took over the leadership five years ago.

"We teach the kids law enforcement," said Grissam. "They get a knowledge of what we do, techniques, how we operate and the

chain of command." The post is open to all Mitchell County youth from 14 to 21 years of age.

"It gives us the chance to explore police work in Westbrook, Colorado City and Lorraine," said Stephanie Grissam, one of five current Explorer members. "I'm always interested in police work."

Other Post #201 members are See POST, Page 3

MHMR moves to new location

SWEETWATER - West Texas Centers for MHMR Mental Health Center will move to its new location at 304 W. New Mexico - the former Peoples for Progress building - by Jan. 22.

The Center's Mental Retardation program moved to the new location in November and the Little Lives ECI Program will make its transition in March. West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith said.

"Many years ago, we recognized the need to move all our services to one location to better serve our customers," West Texas Centers CEO Shelley Smith said. "The new office space will

improve customer assistance by centralizing services in one location."

West Texas Centers has maintained four service locations in Sweetwater - Mental Health, Little Lives ECI, Mental Retardation Residential programs and Mental Retardation Vocational programs.

Numerous community leaders and County Judge Tim Fambrough - a member of the West Texas Centers nine-member Board of Trustees - assisted in locating a site for this co-location project, Smith said.

"We would not have been able to move this quickly without the

assistance of Judge Fambrough and many community leaders and the construction crew at Coe Construction," Smith said. "I can't say enough good things about the wonderful people of Sweetwater."

Moving all services to one location will provide one-stop shopping for customers served by West Texas Centers, Smith said. "It is easier on the customer to have all the services they need under one roof."

Centralizing services also keeps costs down, Smith said. "We now have one building to maintain, instead of four. This just makes

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OBITUARIES

John K "Johnny" Grubbs, Sr. 1922-2009

NACODOCHES -- John K. "Johnny" Grubbs, Sr. was born to Edward L. Grubbs and Esther (Bauschke) Grubbs on June 3, 1922, at Altus, Oklahoma. The Grubbs family moved to Texas in 1924, and ultimately settled in Colorado City, Mitchell County. Siblings include a sister, Hazel (Grubbs) Walston of Anson, deceased; Gilbert Grubbs of Big Spring, deceased; Walter Grubbs of Abilene, deceased; and a surviving sister, Betty (Grubbs) Garrett of Abilene.



John was a devoted husband and father. He married Lottie Mae Saunders in 1944. She preceded him in death in 1996, when they lived in San Angelo. John is survived by a daughter, Beverly Mae (Grubbs) Rebe of El Paso and a son, J. Keaton Grubbs, Jr. of Nacogdoches. He is also survived by six grandchildren, Kelley Rebe, Rennie Rebe, Ryan Rebe, John Grubbs III, Ginger Grubbs, and Jana Grubbs, and five great grandchildren, Tristen Rebe, Tyler Rebe, Breanna Rebe, Turner Grubbs, and Jansen Grubbs.

John graduated Colorado High School in 1941. He excelled in football and tennis and played the trombone in the high school band. He was an accomplished artist throughout his life. John studied art privately when young and later graduated from the Art Instruction School. He also studied voice and was known for his beautiful singing. John performed with several orchestras while in the military, and he was often a soloist in the church choir and in many weddings and funerals on other occasions.

He enlisted in the U. S. Air Force in 1942 and served overseas in the China, Burma, India theatre of operations during World War II as a corporal in the 54th Air Service Group, and was honorably discharged in 1946.

John was employed by the Materials & Test Division with the Texas Highway Department as a materials inspector in 1947 and retired in 1986. He was active in Colorado City church and civic affairs. He joined the First United Methodist Church at a very young age and remained a lifetime member. He served in the Junior Chamber of Commerce of Colorado City, as president in 1955, was active in the Jaycees, and helped organize the Little League baseball program, also coaching and umpiring for several years. John was active in the Colorado City (Wolf Creek) Country Club, serving on the board and as tournament starter for many years. He was an avid tennis player and golfer throughout his life. John and Lottie spent the majority of retirement years in San Angelo, where they were members of the Bentwood Country Club. John moved to Nacogdoches in 2007.

Funeral services were held at the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City, at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, January 19, 2009, under the direction of Kiker-Seal Funeral Home. Burial at the Colorado City Cemetery followed the funeral service.

James Larry Maberry 1946-2009

COLORADO CITY -- Mr. James Larry Maberry, Sr., age 62, died on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, in Abilene. Funeral services were held Friday, January 9, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Colorado City with Rev. Paul Smith officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Larry was born on November 15, 1946, to John and Geraldine Bridges Maberry in Waurika, Oklahoma. He was a longtime resident of Colorado City and a member of First Baptist Church of Byers. Larry married Carolyn Garrett on February 3, 1968.

He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Carolyn Garrett Maberry; sons, James Maberry Jr. and Richard Maberry, both of Colorado City; daughters, Angela Maberry, Charlotte Upshaw and Samantha Ruth and husband, Randy, of Colorado City; grandchildren, Cody, Sydney, Joey, Shania, Lacy, Michael and Kimberly; mother, Geraldine Maberry of Wichita Falls; brothers, Donnie, Ronnie and Steve Maberry, all of Wichita Falls.

Peter Runnell "Pete" Parham 1959-2009

BRAZIL -- Mr. Peter Runnell "Pete" Parham, age 49, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, died Wednesday, January 14, 2009, of a massive heart attack while repairing biomedical equipment for Endosurge Medical Equipment where he worked.

Pete was born May 24, 1959, in Colorado City to Jess Gene and Isabel "Belle" Hatch Parham. Pete enjoyed his work repairing equipment for doctors and hospitals, especially colonoscopy endoscopes. He loved all sports and participated in football, baseball, softball, golf and fishing. His work took him to many states and foreign countries including Hawaii, Germany and all over the United States. He received his electronic degree from TSTC in Sweetwater. He was a member of the Oak St. Baptist Church.

He is survived by a daughter, Jinny Lynn Parham of Corrigan; a son, Kyle Dyer of Fredrick, Maryland; his parents, Belle and Gene Parham of Colorado City; three brothers, Wayne and wife, Linda Parham of Mineral Wells, Sammy Parham of Colorado City and Larry and wife, Darla Parham of Grove, Oklahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by paternal grandparents, Sam and Hessie Parham and his maternal grandparents, Gitch and Cedie Hatch of Houma, Louisiana.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 23, 2009, at the Oak Street Baptist Church.

Charles Louis "Choppy" Rees 1923-2009

WESTBROOK -- Charles Louis "Choppy" Rees, 86, died Sunday morning January 18, 2009, in a Lubbock hospital. A memorial service was held to celebrate his life on Wednesday, January 21, 2009, at the First Methodist Church with Pastor Rhonda Greenfield officiating.



He was born in Hamlin, on January 17, 1923, to Amanda and Aubrey Rees. He married Valiere Milliken on April 26, 1941. He spent his life in the Carr and Westbrook communities. He was an Army veteran of World War II. Choppy was a life-long cowboy with a love for animals, especially his horses, and the land. He trained many horses and cowboys in the area. He and his wife also managed to Westbrook Gin for many years.

Survivors include his daughter, Glenda Currie and her husband, Alton of Henderson; a son, Dink Rees and his wife, Sarah of Colorado City; four sisters, Shirley Dorn and her husband, Melvin of Colorado City, Jimmie Hopper of Stanton, Patty and Dee DeRouen of Nederland and Joyce Williamson and her husband, Joe of Snyder; 10 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his family of friend in the Westbrook community.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Valiere; his parents; and one son, Jimmy Ray "Jug" Rees.

Gabriel James "Jimmy" Alvarez 1959-2009

SAN ANGELO -- Gabriel James "Jimmy" Alvarez, 49, of San Angelo, died January 19, 2009, at a local hospital. Funeral service will be 10am Thursday, January 22nd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in San Angelo with burial at a private cemetery north of Lorraine.



Jimmy was born in Lorraine, on February 28, 1959, to Anastacio and Lydia Alvarez.

Survivors include his parents. Other survivors include his son, Jason Williams and granddaughter, Mercedes Williams of Carlsbad; his brothers, Anastacio Alvarez Jr. and wife Alice of Snyder, Patrick Daniel Alvarez and wife, Mary of Sugarland, Sammy Alvarez and Delia of Sweetwater, Robert Alvarez and wife, Mary of Breckenridge, David Alvarez of Lorraine, Richard Alvarez of Lorraine, Mike Alvarez and wife, Karen of McKinney, Rene A. Alvarez and wife Tonya of Mesquite, Charles Alvarez of Lorraine, Gerald Joe Alvarez and wife, Renee of Vista, California, Fabian Alvarez and wife, Heidi of Bowling Green, Kentucky; his sisters Ana Alvarez of Lorraine, Delores Montoya of Frisco, Margie Villarreal and husband, Catarino Jr of Miles, Helen Guerrero and husband, Andrew Jr. of San Antonio, Cheryl Hery and husband, Mark of New Port Richey, Florida. He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews.

Jimmy was a family service counselor for many years and enjoyed helping people, especially the youth. He lived a simple life, never one to put on airs, and Jimmy always tried to live by example. He believed in tough love - strong but still gentle in his ways. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to San Angelo National Bank, which will then be donated to the American Cancer Society.

Pallbearers will be his brothers. Family and friends can give their condolences at www.mem.com.

Danny Dean Pilkington 1947-2009

ODESSA -- Mr. Danny Dean Pilkington, age 61, died on Monday, January 19, 2009 in Crane County, Texas. Graveside services were held Wednesday, January 21, 2009 at 10 a.m. at Colorado City Cemetery with Reverend Jackie Brem officiating. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Pilkington was born on November 10, 1947 to Tom and Rafalda Armstrong Pilkington in Colorado City. He resided in Odessa at the time of his death and was a truck driver.

He leaves behind his father, Tom Pilkington of Odessa; son, Troy Pilkington of Mabank, TX; daughters, Drucilla Mullen and Karen Holt of Billings, Montana; several nephews and nieces; five grandchildren; aunts, Jonell Pilkington of Colorado City and Florine Ward and husband, Sonny of Abilene; uncles, Wayne Lipford and wife, Cindra of Odessa and Dale Armstrong.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH End of year notes

I had a friend who died at an early age. He had an extraordinary sense of humor and was always in a good mood. He was quick witted and jokes just rolled off his tongue one after another.

His obituary in the newspaper was completely false. It stated that he had been a professional football player, even though he had never attended a single NFL game. It was full of accomplishments he had never accomplished. I say right on, Danny. Good for you. You left us with a good feeling. You made us laugh instead of cry at your passing.

We send and receive end of the year notes along with Christmas cards. One friend never fails to tell us about all his triumphs. It really amounts to a page and a half of brags. Maybe next year I'll send one out full of facetious, made-up, completely false statements. Here is the start of my next year's end of the year letter (I'll probably add to it during the year):

"2009 was the year when I did some exciting things. I presented a case before the Supreme Court and won. I addressed the United Nations, the American Bar Association, OPEC and the World Bank. I vacationed in Dubai and Maldives.

"For diversions, I swam the entire length of the Amazon River and ran the 100 mile Himalayan Marathon. I followed Lindbergh's flight across the Atlantic in the plane I made in my garage. I skied at Telluride and survived an avalanche. I bungee-jumped from the Auckland Tower in New Zealand.

"I traded my 1935 Auburn Model 851 Boattail Speedster for a 1930 Duesenberg Town Car.

"I won an Oscar, an Emmy, a Grammy, a Tony and earned the title of Most Valuable Player in the National Football League. I produced three movies and made THE POLAR EXPRESS into a Broadway musical.

"I made 40 billion dollars with annuities. Some of the money went to founding a zoo in Antarctica, creating a chair in philanthropy at the University of Texas and a perpetual cup of coffee for the best storyteller at small cafes all across Texas. I funded a new national park in North Dakota and an orphanage in Darfur. I started to work on building vacation homes in Hawaii and Maine. I bought Walmart, Neiman-Marcus and Macy's. I am working on a potent medicine that is a sure cure for AIDS and cancer.

"My winery won 16 gold medals in world wide competition. My horse won the Kentucky Derby. I had the winning float in the Rose Parade. I qualified for the Olympics in the decathlon. For adventure, I thwarted a pirate attack while taking a trans-Pacific cruise.

"So what did you do this year?"



Taylor receives justice certification

Judge Patrick Taylor was certified at the recent Stage 2 40-hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held Jan. 11-16, 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 80 hours of training within the first year of taking office, as set forth in Article 72.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Ethics, Criminal Jurisdiction and Venue, Search Warrants, Traffic Law/CDL, Civil Jurisdiction and Venue, Small

Claims Court, Justice Court, Contracts, Contempt, Emergency Protective Orders, Family Violence, Peace Bonds, Inquests, Magistrate Duties, Juvenile Law, Legal Research, Landlord - Tenant Issues, Rules of Evidence and Mock Trials.

Wiper maintenance vital to driving

(ARA) - Clear vision is essential to safe driving. Neglect the wiper blades -- the part of your car responsible for keeping your vision clear - and you may find yourself actually needing the traction control, anti-lock brakes, dynamic stability control and airbags as you crash into what you can't see.

A clean windshield is not only useful during rain, sleet and snow. How many times have you experienced a windshield that is smeared with insects, bird droppings, road tar or other messy deposits?

Removing such dirt with worn wiper blades is nearly impossible. Usually, you wind up smearing the mess and obscuring your vision even more. If you change your blades regularly, you can avoid these problems and keep your eyes on the road.

Generally, a blade will show physical wear signs like cracking or discoloration. Another way to know is by the quality of the wipe. Streaking or un-wiped areas are a dead giveaway. In addition, if the blades make noise or chattering sounds,

then they need to be replaced. However, if you change your blades frequently, you won't have to examine your blades looking for these signs of possible failure.

How often should you replace your blades? The National Highway Transportation Board recommends that drivers change their wiper blades every year, however the average vehicle owner replaces his/her wiper blades only once every two and a half years.

Volunteerism part of a life well lived

There is nothing like a funeral to jumpstart legacy thoughts.

What kind of legacy will we leave behind when we die?

The funeral just happened to be for Johnny Grubbs, the father of a childhood friend. Beverly and I attended twelve grades together, played basketball, cheered for the Wolves and both graduated from Texas Tech.

Johnny was a great example of a committed volunteer. He was a church volunteer, the president of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and active in the Jaycees.

He helped organize the Little League baseball program and coached and umpired, as well. Johnny served on the board of the country club and as a tournament starter.

His beautiful voice was heard at many entertainment venues, as well as weddings and funerals. He set the example for the youth growing up at the time.

We are doing the same thing for the youth of our community now. The adult volunteers of my time made this city a great place to live, shop and play.

When you volunteer for Main Street events or for any activity that makes a difference, you create a memorable legacy that benefits our city and county for future generations. We have many opportunities to revitalize our downtown which will ensure that our youth have a vibrant Main Street area.

One of the best compliments you could receive when you complete your life is that you were a great volunteer! Those already volunteering are our life blood. It is a way to give back.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:
He knew it was time. After spending a wonderful time with the whole family over the holidays, his year was complete. Amends were made, laughter rang out, and a calm peace came over him. It was time to go home to Colorado City; he knew he was dying.

My brother Kevin Lamb (36), as most of you know, had been sick for a very long time. He fought to survive his diseases (PNH & Budd-Chiari Syndrome) for almost 10 years.

Kevin wanted to come home to Colorado City. He wanted to come home to the town that we all grew up in and the town where he felt comfortable enough to call family. Kevin knew he didn't have much time left and he was right.

We have come to the crossroads in his life where God has chosen to ease his suffering and Kevin passed away Sunday morning. As Kevin reached his end, I learned that the hardest obstacles about leaving this world is not knowing what to expect on the other side and the all-consuming grief of thoughts of what might have been with just a little more time here on earth.

Kevin is the oldest of four children and had to deal with three younger sisters and this wasn't always easy for him. He was the father, the big brother and the protector. I can assure you we have had many unforgettable moments that will last us throughout eternity and I thank God for Kevin everyday for the

help and discipline that he contributed to us, his sisters, growing up.

Nevertheless, even after honorably contributing 10 years of his life to medical advancements for his diseases, having been written up in numerous medical journals, and allowing doctors from around the world to study his case and apply their findings toward new patients - Kevin searched for something. Fortunately, as devastating as the situation is, my family was able to say our good-byes and after so many years, Kevin was able to once again see some of the people that meant the most to him in his life.

Now Kevin is in heaven looking down on all of your beautiful faces and he realizes after many years of suffering, depression and solitude with his family that his life was on purpose and he touched many. I think that was an inner peace Kevin was searching for. Kevin knew he was not perfect and he didn't always make the right decisions, but I thank God that he wasn't perfect, because God's purpose here on earth is to help the broken - to help them find their way.

In the end though, I think we all need to know that our life here on earth made a difference. We need to know that our life was on purpose and those we came in contact with will leave with lasting memories. Kevin has made a difference in so many lives that we are all better people for knowing and loving him.

So with that written, Kevin has con-

tributed in me his last wishes for amencments and fulfillments and I have th duty of seeing them to fruition. I am writing to you all for comfort. As his sister, I watched his very last breath and frantically did not want to let him go, but also as his sister, I have an overwhelming calling to finish what he so desperately wanted to conclude himself.

Over the next few days, I ask for your prayers for Kevin and for my family. I want each of you to know that we are blessed with one more angel to watch over us.

For all of the things you do - May God bless you 10-fold in return.
With deepest sincerity and thanks,
Kahla Kiker (sister)

Letter to the Editor:
You just totally nailed it on the head with your editorial about this year's Stock Show! That's exactly how we feel about the kids who participate. We are so impressed. It is absolutely amazing to consider the dedication and purpose these kids have to have in order to accomplish what they do. They are truly a terrific bunch of young people and we are delighted and honored to help support such a wonderful program. We are already looking forward to next year!

Sincerely,
Judy Honeycutt
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LOCAL NEWS

Lorraine gets new fire chief

Lorraine resident Ricky Bailey was named fire chief for the Lorraine Volunteer Fire Department in a local election held on January 5. Bailey was elected following the death of former Fire Chief Donnie Phillips, who lost his battle with cancer earlier this

month. Bailey has been a Lorraine resident since 1976 and his wife, Teresa, is a life long resident. They have three children; Scott 13, Ariel 15 and April Proctor. He has been employed by the Department of Transportation for the past two years and worked for the city of Lorraine for 12 years. He has been a member of the fire department since 1986 serving as captain, training officer and safety officer. Teresa worked with the department since 1990.

them something that they can control. Art is a vehicle for self-expression," said Jessica Dulle, Executive Director of CCA. "Our goal is to share information and techniques that will help others to improve cancer patients' overall health, energy, coping skills, and reduce stress," said Suzie Shahan, chair of CSN Board of Directors and cancer survivor.

Art helps cancer survivors cope

ABILENE, Texas - Cancer Services Network will present an educational program entitled, Artistic Expressions, at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, January 22, 2009 at the Cancer Services Network office located at 240 Cypress Street. This project is a collaborative effort between Cancer Services Network (CSN) and The Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA).

information about the healing potential of self-expression through art. Art supplies will be provided; no experience in art is required. Project participants will work individually in a combined effort to complete a mural to be displayed at the February ArtWalk. "Cancer patients are increasingly turning to integrative care and complementary therapies to reduce symptoms, improve quality of life and boost their ability to cope with stress," said Nancy Estes, Executive Director of CSN.

The Texas Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas provided funding for this event. There is no cost to attend but reservations are requested. You may call CSN office at (325) 672-0040 or send an email adodson@cancerservicesnetwork.org. CSN provides financial and emotional support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county service area. The mission of Cancer Services is to raise the level of hope for cancer patients by providing financial assistance for emergency funds, insurance assistance (COBRA), prescriptions, nutritional supplements, cancer-related medical supplies, transportation and emotional support through support groups and educational sessions.

Katherine Trotter, MFA and a cancer survivor, will facilitate this event. Trotter has more than 25 years of professional experience in the field of art education and currently serves as Education Coordinator at CCA. Stephanie Hamm, PhD, with a background in art therapy will present information

"We began to brainstorm with our neighbor CSN about a way for participants to focus on something positive - such as art, instead of their illness and give



YOUTH WHO PARTICIPATED in this year's deer hunt on the Silver Dollar Ranch were (left to right) Mario Lopez, Tyler Morris, Hardy Berber, Blaine Procter, Damian Huff, Riley Smith, Landon Johns, Damian Davila, Tim Davila and David Tucker.

Area youth attend deer hunt

The annual youth deer hunt on the Silver Dollar Ranch, conducted by Texas Game Warden Randy Bullard was held Saturday, January 10.

"Many of these kids had never been hunting before nor had ever shot a deer rifle," said Bullard.

Game wardens from the Panhandle region and local hunter education instructors Curtis Rogers, Wes Seibold and Pastor Jerry Shields served as hunting guides.

Ten youth attended the hunt on the ranch, located 20 miles south of Colorado City. Eleven deer were killed.

Participants learned safe gun handling and shooting techniques, morals and ethics of hunting and field dressing of deer. A chili supper, made with deer meat, followed the hunt.

Ranch owner Daryl Logsdon, Fuller Foods, C.C. Meats and Matlocks made this year's hunt a success, according to Bullard.

The Eclectic Hobbyist series

Local airman has unusual hobby

One of the most easily recognized icons of the Star Wars universe is the stormtrooper. As a member of the 501st stormtrooper legion, John James likes that recognition.

"I'm a huge Star Wars fan," said James, who is married to Colorado City theater arts teacher Sherry James. "The first time you see a stormtrooper in person, they're bigger than life. It's something I really wanted to be a part of. I think it's the coolest thing in the world."

Recently, the Abilene group participated in the Abilene Balloon Fest last fall. "We set up photo opportunities with a full scale Artoo Deetoo and the stormtroopers," said James. All the proceeds went to charity.

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Members of the 501st can be spotted at numerous charity events around the globe, including fundraisers for the American Cancer Society, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, International Child Abuse Network, Make-a-Wish Foundation, March of Dimes, Red Cross, Relay for Life and Toys for Tots.

Currently James' group has 13 members, including Tie pilots (the Imperial starfighters) and scout patrols (the armored two and four legged walking transports seen in both the *Empire Strikes Back* and *Return of the Jedi*).

Also known as Vader's Fist, the Legion is a volunteer club that brings together costume enthusiasts to give them a collective identity. Among the 501st goals are celebration of the Star Wars movies through costumes, improvement of props and an opportunity to contribute to the local community through charity and volunteer work.

Squadrons and individual members also donate their time for promotional events and casual appearances.

"I personally like the stormtrooper," said James. "They're more popular. They're very iconic."

Legion Founder Albin Johnson (TK-210) chose the name in 1997 to represent the world-wide fictional unit of Imperial Stormtroopers. Author Timothy Zahn, with the approval of Lucasfilm, honored the Legion by incorporating the name into his Star Wars novel *Survivor's Quest* in 2004. Since then, the 501st name has continued to appear in official Star Wars material including books, toys and video games.

James is a member of the North Texas squadron, but is working

at his post and ready for community service.



MAN BEHIND THE MASK - John James, alias TK-9712, is at his post and ready for community service.

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LOCAL NEWS

Dry fire conditions mean extra caution

Weeks of dry weather are creating optimum fire hazard conditions according to the Colorado City fire chief.

"People need to watch and not take anything for granted," counseled Fire Chief Rufino Martinez.

"The hazards are all the dry grass that has not been mowed or eaten up. Everyone needs to keep water on hand," he said.

While the Colorado City fire department has not received any warning reports from the Texas Parks and Wildlife forestry division, surrounding counties have enacted burn bans, according to

Martinez.

"Around buildings, keep the grass mowed as short as possible, and numerous feet away from the building to slow down fires if they do catch," said Martinez.

The C-City fire department handled several calls last week, including two smoke scares on South Austin and Hickory.

The Austin fire was a result of a couple with an improperly installed wood burning stove, which resulted in more smoke than fire; while burning insulation in a heating system sent smoke billowing through the central heating vents of the Pizza

Hut on Hickory.

The department responded to a cotton module fire on CR 123 around 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 18.

A tar trailer overheated and spilled over catching the burner area on fire near I-20 exit 213 on Sunday evening shortly after 9

p.m.

The fire was extinguished with foam and the trailer removed from the service road and transported to the parking lot west of town. Officers from the sheriff's office and DPS helped local firefighters with traffic control.



WHERE THERE'S SMOKE -- Firefighters use foam to put out a tar fire last Sunday evening. (Photo courtesy of Rick Goodney)

TROOPER

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ic. You can recognize them right off the bat."

The group needs 15 active members in order to form their own squadron. "There's also a Rebel Alliance group here in town, as well," he said. The two groups work together to find authentic costumes and boost membership. "It's all in good fun."

The Legion has an official website where members swap ideas on forums, keep track of different subgroups based on the type of costume, and promote various charities.

To be a part, each member is assigned an official stormtrooper ID number beginning with TK and must have an authentic, movie-accurate costume. ID numbers have personal significance to the troopers. James chose his based

on his children's birthdays.

James heard about the world wide group three to four years ago, but got his costume after attending a Star Wars convention in Plano two years ago. He purchased his kit from an official website.

"The kits aren't one size fits all," he said. "The movie costumes were made for small English guys. As everyone knows, American guys aren't small. You have to cut down, trim down and sometimes add plastic to make it fit."

When he's not on active duty as an Imperial stormtrooper, James works at Dyess in Air Force aircraft maintenance.

If you know of someone with an interesting hobby or collection, call the Record at 728-3413.



POSING WITH DAUGHTER Amber on his first costume fitting, James said the outfit is very cumbersome. "First time I tried it on, I slipped coming downstairs."

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Tues., Jan. 27	Beef Stroganoff on Noodles, Green Beans, Salad, Hot Roll
Wed., Jan. 28	Burger Bundles w/ Potatoes, Carrots & Onions, Broccoli Salad, Hot Roll
Thurs., Jan. 29	Chicken Enchiladas, Beans, Spanish Rice, Salad, Chips & Hot Sauce

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SCHOOL NEWS



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Waldrip's second graders have been working on a unit on penguins for two weeks. They have learned some very interesting facts about the animals. Each night, a different student gets to take home the class "pet", Happy Feet and journal all the fun things they do together. Students in the class are: Dominique, Bethany, Omar, Destini, T.J., Taylor, Adam, Miya, Reid, Jordan, Jacob, Malishia, Autumn, Tracy, John, Megan, Lexi, Kamrun and Shelby.



THE PRIDE OF Wolf Country Marching Band's section of the week is the flute section. Members of the section include: (back row, l-r) Bethany Blessingame, Liz Chancellor, Tanya Vera, Ashli Cooper, Mandy Scott; (front row) Lauren Muñoz, Tara Higgins and Inez Salinas.

NHS sponsoring drive for Lockney

Colorado High School and the National Honor Society are sponsoring a school supply drive to benefit Lockney High School. Lockney is in extreme need, as both the high school and middle school suffered severe fire damage recently. School supplies may be taken to any CISD campus by Friday, January 23. National Honor Society members will collect the supplies from each campus on Friday.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Wednesday - breakfast bites, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Thursday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
 Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - chicken sticks, potato wedges, green beans, apple sauce, milk.
 Tuesday - spaghetti, meat sauce, sweet peas, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.
 Wednesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, peaches, milk.
 Thursday - grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, pears, milk.
 Friday - PB & J sandwich, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Thursday - waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Friday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - hot dog on a bun, potato wedges, pickle spears, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - chicken tetrazzini, golden corn, garlic bread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - meat balls in sauce, potato casserole, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Thursday - tacos, spicy pintos, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Friday - wolf burger, lettuce cup.

French fries, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, French toast, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
 Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pile burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - cheeseburger, fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
 Tuesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Wednesday - turkey, ham & cheese subs, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
 Thursday - green chili casserole, tossed salad, golden corn, canned fruit, choice of milk.
 Friday - meat balls in sauce, potato casserole, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Tuesday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Thursday - sausage, gravy, biscuit, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
 Friday - morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding, milk.
 Tuesday - pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk.
 Wednesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread sticks, strawberry shortcake, milk.
 Thursday - meat & bean chalupas, Spanish rice, lettuce, tomatoes, rosy applesauce, milk.
 Friday - submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, tater tots, baby carrots with ranch, brownie, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - no school.
 Tuesday - cereal, toast, juice, milk.
 Wednesday - pizza, cereal, fruit, milk.
 Thursday - potatoes, sausage, cereal, flour tortillas, juice, milk.
 Friday - oatmeal, cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 26-30
 Monday - no school.
 Tuesday - diced ham, chef salad, dressing, baby carrots, pineapple-orange salad, milk.
 Wednesday - burritos, cheese, salsa, corn, jello with fruit, milk.
 Thursday - Frito pie, beans, broccoli florets with dressing, orange halves, milk.
 Friday - Hot Pockets, dressing, fries, ketchup, pickle spears, shape-ups, milk.

ASK NURSE MARY

Suggestions to combat the flu

We are in the midst of flu season. However, take heart, take note and take action, because there are ways to combat the flu.

SUGGESTIONS TO COMBAT FLU...

- *Get a flu shot for you and your children (and by the way, nobody likes flu shots, but nobody likes the flu either...you pick). FYI, flu shots are a killed virus now and cannot "give" you the flu.
- *Avoiding sharing drinks, water bottles or silverware with others.
- *Cover your cough. Cough into the bend of your arm instead of your open hand, or use a tissue if using your hand, and dispose of the tissue in the trash.
- *Wash hands frequently with soap and warm water and have alcohol-based hand hygiene products easily available.
- *You can help prevent the flu from spreading at home by disinfecting frequently touched surfaces such as door knobs, toys and other commonly shared items.

WHAT IS THE FLU?

*The flu is caused by the influenza virus, which infects the lungs, nose and throat.

*Flu can cause mild to severe illness, and sometimes, can lead to death.

*Each year in the United States:

- 5-20 percent of Americans fall ill to the flu.
- Children are two to three times more likely than adults to get sick with the flu, and they frequently spread the virus to others.
- Young children are at the greatest risk for developing serious flu complications, as well as the elderly and those with certain health conditions.

HOW DOES FLU SPREAD?

*There are two ways to get the flu. Usually flu is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Occasionally, people can get the flu from touching a germ-infested surface.

DO YOU KNOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A COLD AND THE FLU?

Often we get confused about the symptoms of the flu, and how they are different from a common cold. Knowing the symptoms of the flu is important and will help you act quickly to

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WESTBROOK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2008			
	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 3,413,795	\$ 35,987	\$ 3,449,782
State Program Revenues	1,843,577	26,643	1,870,220
Federal Program Revenues		147,824	147,824
Total Revenues	5,257,372	210,454	5,467,826
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	1,241,379	98,912	1,340,291
Instructional Resources and Media Services	74,890	-	74,890
Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development	600	2,167	2,767
School Leadership	93,161	-	93,161
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	58,264	-	58,264
Health Services	28,589	-	28,589
Student (Pupil) Transportation	63,882	-	63,882
Food Services	-	165,104	165,104
Extracurricular Activities	144,814	-	144,814
General Administration	253,143	-	253,143
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	714,825	-	714,825
Data Processing Services	66,498	-	66,498
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	2,109,087	-	2,109,087
Intergovernmental:			
Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools	1,080,247	-	1,080,247
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	26,685	-	26,685
Total Expenditures	5,956,064	266,183	6,222,247
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(698,692)	(55,729)	(754,421)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	50,000	50,000
Transfers Out (Use)	(70,000)	-	(70,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(70,000)	50,000	(20,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(768,692)	(5,729)	(774,421)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	4,374,722	16,889	4,391,611
Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending)	\$ 3,606,030	\$ 11,160	\$ 3,617,190

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The Youth HeadQuarters program is a free program provided by a West Central Texas Council of Government's 21st Century Community Learning Center grant.

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SPORTS

Lady Wolves lose to Coahoma

A seven point run to open the second half put the Colorado High School Lady Wolves back into last Friday's District 7-AA basketball game against Coahoma. The Lady Wolves went on to outscore the visiting Bulldogettes in the second half, but Coahoma had built a 17 point first half lead and held on for a 16 point 57-41 victory.

Junior Jade Cannon scored 11 points as top scorer for Colorado City. The Lady Wolves came out after halftime trailing 31-14 but quickly trimmed the 17 point Coahoma lead to 10. Cannon had a goal, a steal and an assist in the run.

Junior Lisa Salazar began the charge with a rebound and score. Cannon scored on an assist from sophomore Ava Macedo. After senior Breanna Biggers put in a free throw and scored on another goal, Coahoma called timeout with their lead down to 31-21 with 5:44 left in the third period.

A couple of 3 pointers helped Coahoma pull ahead to 41-25 with 2:20 left in the period. Wolves' sophomore Michelle Billingsley, who sat out much of the game due to foul trouble, came in at that point and scored a goal and two free throws as the Lady Wolves again threatened to cut the lead to single digits.

Coahoma sank one final 3 pointer to end the third period with a 44-29 lead, then scored enough in the final period to keep the Wolves bottled up. Coahoma moved to 9-13 on the year by securing its first district win in three attempts. The Lady Wolves, who also fell to the defending state champs at Jim Ned last week, are 0-3 in a challenging District 7-AA.

Coahoma led 13-5 after one period and Cannon accounted for all five of the Lady Wolves' points. "We played better than we have been," said Cannon. "It was pretty intense. We have a lot to learn but we're working together to get our stuff straight. I like shooting from the 3 point line and from the wing area."

Lady Wolves Coach Darin Leverton found positives in the game but wants more. "It was our best half probably all year," said Coach Leverton. "We started cold and had it down to ten. Ilesha (Taylor) got hurt and we had foul trouble. The kids ran out of gas. I was very pleased with the second half. They were aggressive. We need to do it for four quarters."

Scoring totals for the Lady Wolves were Cannon 11, Miranda Reyna 8, Salazar 6, Macedo 4, Biggers 4, Billingsley 4 and Megan Bullard 3. Against Jim Ned it was Cannon 5, Taylor 4, Reyna 3, Macedo 1.

The Lady Wolves' junior varsity won their contest over Coahoma 29-27. Scoring were Luran Meeks 11, Tara Higgins 9, Lexi Espinoza 5, Averie Percy 3 and Ann Marie Morrison 1.



THE WOLVES' NICK HART, right, takes it to the bucket against Coahoma during the opening night of boys District 7-AA action at The Pit last Friday as Tyler Higgins moves in to help. The Wolves handed the Bulldogs a 56-51 defeat.



ANN MARIE MORRISON jump shoots over a Seagraves defender in recent CHS junior varsity action. Also pictured for the Lady Wolves are (left to right) Sarah Campos and Rebecca Perez.

Wolves win district opener over Coahoma

Colorado City and Coahoma went at it in their District 7-AA basketball opener here at The Pit last Friday. Coahoma got the better of the Wolves in the first and third periods to grab leads at the beginning of each half. The Wolves, however, clamped down on the Bulldogs in the second period, raced by Coahoma in the final period, then held on to take a 56-51 thriller.

In double figures for the Wolves were Nick Hart 16, Lance Espinoza 11 and Tyler Higgins 10. Colorado City improved to 10-9 with the win and 1-0 in district play. Coahoma entered the game ranked number 20 in the state poll. The Wolves will face number 15 Wall Friday night.

Coahoma's Cody Shepard, a 6'-5" senior, led all scorers with 17 points and sparked the visitors to an early 10-2 lead. The rest of the opening quarter was even as it ended at 20-12. Hart scored six in the first period that ended with an Espinoza three pointer.

The Wolves limited Coahoma to 5 points in the second period as Espinoza hit two more from long range and another basket to lead an 18 point Colorado City quarter. Freshman Benny Jones, seeing his first varsity action for the Wolves, made three free throws late in the first half.

Senior Clint White's free throw tied it at 25-25 with 1:40 left in the half. Higgins followed with a steal and a score and Espinoza then closed out the first half scoring with a 3 pointer to make it 30-25. Jones and Matt Sowa gave the Wolves a rebounding edge in the final minutes of the half.

Coahoma's Shepard scored 10

points in the third period to lead the Bulldogs to a 38-35 lead going into the final period.

Colorado High School's Pack took the lead back with a 12-0 run to open the fourth period. Wolves sophomore J.C. Johnson scored 6 of the 12 points and assisted Higgins on two other scores in the run. The streak made it 47-38 for the Wolves with 3:54 left in the game.

Coahoma refused to fold and pulled within 47-43 with 2:50 on the clock. Hart scored over Coahoma's Shepard, stole the ball and scored again to make it 51-43 with 2:04 left. Three Colorado City turnovers and a Coahoma score on an inbounds play tied the game at 51-51.

Wolves point guard Nick Reyna made the first of two free throws for a 52-51 lead with 20.6 seconds left. Johnson gave the Wolves a 54-51 lead with an offensive rebound and score with 13 second left. Hart made two free throws with 4.6 seconds left to secure the win.

"I knew I had to make them," said Hart. "I was nervous. I had one shot thrown back in my face. It was a huge game. We're looking real good on a win streak but we have the rest of the district race. This should help us."

Scoring totals for the Wolves were Hart 16, Espinoza 11, Higgins 10, Johnson 8, Reyna 3, White 3, Jones 3 and Sowa 2.

The junior varsity Wolves posted a 45-34 victory over Coahoma. Scoring were Blaze Alford 17, Ronald Aoyama 10, Derek Gainey 10, Jason Rodriguez 6 and Tyler Hammond 2.

Bearcats win big over Westbrook

Big Eli Farrell scored 27 of the Westbrook Wildcats' 31 points last Friday night in action played at Garden City. The Bearcats came away with a 77-31 win over the Mitchell County team.

Getting off to a 28-10 first quarter lead, the Bearcats pushed the lead to 40-20 at the end of the first half. Garden City came out in the third quarter with a 21-4 run that pushed the Bearcats even further ahead at 61-24 as Garden City emptied its bench. Westbrook made seven points in the final quarter while holding Garden City to 16, to make the final score 77-31.

Kirk Hahn was the other scorer for Westbrook.

On the girls' side, the #12 Garden City Lady Bearcats showed the Lady Wildcats why they are state ranked by racking up a 58-7 win just prior to the boys' game.

Garden City jumped ahead quickly by taking a 26-1 first quarter lead before taking a 39-4 lead at the end of the first half. The Lady Bearcats were up by a score of 46-6 at the end of three quarters and a 12-1 run in the fourth quarter put the game away.

Laremi King had a three-pointer to lead the Lady Wildcats while Kimberlin Johnson canned two.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, January 23, 2008
 CHS JV, Varsity boys & girls at Wall 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.
 LHS JV, Varsity boys & girls vs. Hermleigh, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.
 WHS JVG, JVB, Varsity boys & girls at Robert Lee, beginning at 4 p.m.

Monday, January 26, 2008
 CMS Girls at Ballinger 5:30, 6:30 p.m.
 CMS Boys vs. Ballinger 5, 6, 7 p.m.
 LMS at Roby, girls and boys, 6, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 27, 2008
 CHS JV, Varsity boys & girls at Grape Creek 4, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.
 LHS JV, Varsity boys & girls vs. Trent, 5, 6:30, 8 p.m.
 WHS JVG, JVB, Varsity boys & girls vs. Sterling City, beginning at 4 p.m.

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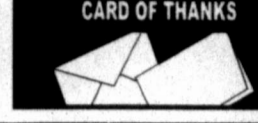
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Sunday, Jan. 12th, my wife took me to the emergency room with chest pain - down my left arm. Bill Everett, Lorrin Scott and Dr. Dan Scott continued to medicate me until I was flown to Lubbock that afternoon by Air Evac.

Loren Scott and his support staff made my transfer seamless to Covenant. My cardiologist, Dr. Jinich, had already started to treat me over the phone, per Lorrin, as the helicopter arrived.

Colorado City handled everything so well that my wife did not even have to present our insurance card. Dr. Jinich said my treatment at Colorado City Hospital was perfect.

I went in to have by-pass surgery 2 days later and have Bill, Lorrin, and Dr. Dan and the hospital support staff that I am alive today.

A special "thank you" to all our family and friends, my wife and Donny and Lorie Lindsey and the staff of T&T Transports.

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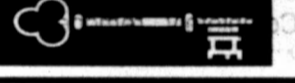
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The Family of James Larry Maberry Sr. would like to thank everyone for all the love, support and prayers we received over the past few months and then in the loss of our dad, husband and PePaw. We were extremely blessed with food, flowers, and phone calls from many friends and family. Thank you to Dr. Gross, Dr. Roach, Dr. Scott and Bill Everett for taking care of Larry for so many years. Thank you to the Mitchell County EMTs, and the Flight for Life teams. To Brother Paul Smith and the Calvary Baptist Church for the beautiful service and wonderful lunch prepared. May God bless each and every one.

Psalm 37:18 "Day by day the Lord observes the good deeds done by Godly men"

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Many thanks to Kiker Seal funeral home for their care and concern, and the eulogy by Royce Clay and Jim Rhodes of Compass Hospice. We also thank the soldiers from Fort Hood for providing the Honor Guard ceremony which touched our hearts. We thank the Church of Christ at 22nd and Austin for providing a luncheon for the family.

We appreciate the love and kindness from the doctors and all personnel of Mitchell County Hospital, and the staff of Kristi Lee Manor Nursing Home.

Julia, Ellis Don, Allen Dan, and Helen Fox

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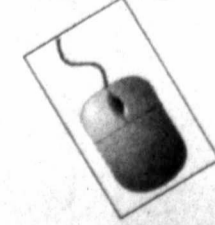
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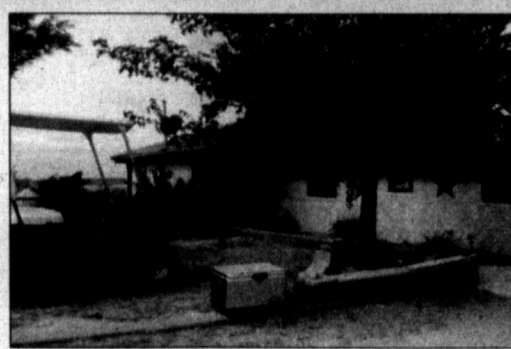
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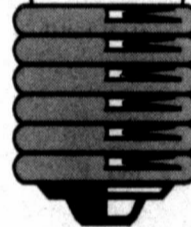
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LORAINE NEWS



VOLUNTEERS FROM TDCJ K-9 corps demonstrated tracking procedures during a demonstration workshop for the Explorers Post #201 last Saturday. (Photo courtesy of Chris Cloutier)

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Hello Readers!
We hope you had a good week. By the time you get your Record this week we all will have a new president. I think he is determined to do well. May he stay safe and get some good things going for the country. Our prayers go out to him as he starts working on a heavy task.

Bob and Wanza Graham were in Friona, Texas on Tuesday and Wednesday to visit her sister Myrtle Milton and to attend the funeral of Myrtle's husband, Floyd Milton on Wednesday morning. They returned home Wednesday evening.

Providing special music at the Loraine Methodist Church Sunday morning was Crystal Leake of Abilene. She sang "How Great Thou Art." She sang one chorus in Swahili, which she learned on a mission trip to Africa.

We extend condolences to the family and friends of Jimmy Alvarez, a former Lorainian. He passed away Monday morning at a San Angelo hospital. Jimmy, his siblings, and his parents have been residents of Loraine. His parents, Anastacio and Lydia Alvarez are current residents.

We have concerns for Gerrie

Woodell at this time. We send her our prayers and well wishes for better health.

Brian Butler is back in Loraine helping his parents work cattle. Pam said they, "Worked out all day Monday while it was so pretty with sunshine and warmer temperature."

Danny and Pam Butler went out to eat after church Sunday with Herman and Penny Mitchell. They had a nice dinner at a Chinese buffet restaurant in Snyder. Pam said they, "Enjoyed the food and fellowship."

Most of Millie Rose's children came to visit her last weekend and they wanted to celebrate her son, Gerry Allen's birthday. Visiting in the home were: Silvester, his wife Virginia, and son Gregg, Sherry Rose of Fort Worth and Wayne Rose. Birthday Boy, Gerry Allen, showed up but could only stay for 30 minutes before he was called off to work in Abilene.

After he left, others decided to go to Big Spring to eat at Furr's and visit with others. Millie said they, "Missed Gerry, but did have a nice day."

Susan Farr and Doris Henderson went to Midland last week for a combination doctor's visit

and visit with Brad and Pennie Henderson.

Joan Long has been busy, happily watching her grandkids show their animal projects. She went to Lamesa on Thursday to watch her grandson Peyton Merket show his polled Hereford in the Dawson County Livestock Show. He came in third place.

Joan spent the night with Quentin and family, and went on to Midland Friday to a Midland stock show where more grandchildren showed their crossbreed steers. Showing were: Kasey, Keaton and Kelby Merket. All took 2nd place, one took 3rd place and two took 4th. All were happy about the outcome.

The children will be going on to San Antonio and to Houston later. Joan returned home Friday night.

Taylor Witta had a successful audit-section 8, new construction by Southwest Housing Compliance Corp. of Austin, Texas.

Durwood and Ina Vay plus Charles Dunn played music and sang for the seniors on Monday.

Mary McMullen spoke to the attendants at the senior center last Wednesday on her monthly meeting and she spoke on diet and nutrition.

Leon and Wanda Applin played music and sang Wednesday.

Visiting last week at the Center was Janet Rogers, daughter of Henry and Virgil Stone, J.J. Walker, Helen Stubblefield, and Helen's grand daughter, Margaret Bodine.

Hospital to offer dementia screening

Mitchell County Hospital will sponsor a community education opportunity on Thursday, February 5th featuring Dr. Sam Brinkman. Neuropsychologist, from Abilene. The presentation, originally scheduled for January 8th, will cover Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease. A 30 to 40 minute program will be followed by an informal question and answer session.

After serving in Vietnam in Army Intelligence, Dr. Brinkman received his B.S. from the University of Texas at El Paso and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Houston. He is currently an adjunct faculty member at Abilene Christian University and Hardin-Simmons University. He has a private practice in Abilene and has been published thirty-four times to date. Dr. Brinkman is also President of Dementia Screening, Incorporated, and creator of the GrayMatters memory screen-

ing tool. As a researcher, Dr. Brinkman was instrumental in the development of a first generation drug used in the treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. He maintains an active interest in Alzheimer's treatment and head injury care, having chaired numerous boards and committees on both local and national levels.

Derral Reed, Administrator and Owner of Home Instead Senior Care in Abilene, and David Hare, Community Service Director of Home Instead, are returning to Mitchell County Hospital Thursday afternoon to conduct dementia screenings utilizing the GrayMatters memory screening tool, which was developed by Dr. Brinkman.

"We had a wonderful turnout for the previous screenings held on January 8th, and would love to give anyone else who's interested the opportunity to have a screening done," said Lindsay

Paris of Mitchell County Hospital. "We hope to have just as many people register for the screenings as last time, because they are a wonderful tool in the early detection of Dementia and Alzheimer's Disease."

The dementia screenings will be offered for \$50, which is half the price that the company normally charges. This screening is private pay, and is not covered by Medicare, Medicaid, or private insurance. The screening is computer based and simplified by a touch screen, which enables people who have little or no computer skills to engage in the screening.

The screenings take about thirty minutes and can identify potential issues that can lead to early detection and appropriate treatment of dementia. Because of the sensitive nature of this topic, results will be sent to the physician specified by the patient, and not to the patient directly.

Patients are encouraged to make a follow up appointment with their physician to discuss results and further treatment needs. Please bring the name and address of your primary physician to your screening appointment.

Contact Lindsay Paris, Director of Community Relations and Education at Mitchell County Hospital to register for the screening. She can be reached at 728-8522 ext. 7102. Mrs. Paris says, "We are fortunate that Dr. Brinkman was able to reschedule his program, because these topics are important, and can have a big impact on our community. It is vital to inform the public about significant issues in the healthcare industry, and we look forward to many educational opportunities in the future."

Refreshments will be served at the 6 p.m. program in the hospital's east tower. Screening appointments will begin at 3 p.m. Please pre-register for your appointment by February 3rd.

Myers receives high honor as graduating Air Force senior

Air Force Senior Airman Adam D. Myers has graduated from the Air Force Airman Leadership School at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls and received the John L. Levitow Award.

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fostering a commitment to the profession of arms through airmanhood and orientation in the Air Force mission. Airmen learn to be rating officials through training in leadership skills to prepare them to accept greater responsibilities.

Myers, a medical laboratory

journeyman, is assigned to the 82nd Medical Support Squadron. He is the son of David and Sharon Myers of Colorado City. His wife, Nichole, is the daughter of Mike and Janis Murphy of Sylvia, Kansas.

The airman graduated in 1999 from Colorado High School in

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	General Fund	Other Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:			
Total Local and Intermediate Sources	\$ 444,600	\$ 24,704	\$ 469,304
State Program Revenues	1,282,993	49,614	1,332,607
Federal Program Revenues	3,445	310,716	314,161
Total Revenues	1,731,038	385,034	2,116,072
EXPENDITURES:			
Current:			
Instruction	819,445	282,229	1,101,674
Instructional Resources and Media Services	395	-	395
School Leadership	113,201	-	113,201
Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services	40,887	-	40,887
Health Services	9,001	-	9,001
Student (Pupil) Transportation	36,475	-	36,475
Food Services	2,784	121,730	124,514
Extracurricular Activities	118,540	-	118,540
General Administration	227,066	-	227,066
Facilities Maintenance and Operations	281,039	-	281,039
Data Processing Services	81,235	-	81,235
Capital Outlay:			
Facilities Acquisition and Construction	42,955	-	42,955
Intergovernmental:			
Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA	33,106	-	33,106
Total Expenditures	1,806,129	403,959	2,210,088
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(75,091)	(18,925)	(94,016)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):			
Transfers In	-	18,925	18,925
Transfers Out (Use)	(18,925)	-	(18,925)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(18,925)	18,925	-
Net Change in Fund Balances	(94,016)	-	(94,016)
Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning)	1,023,561	-	1,023,561
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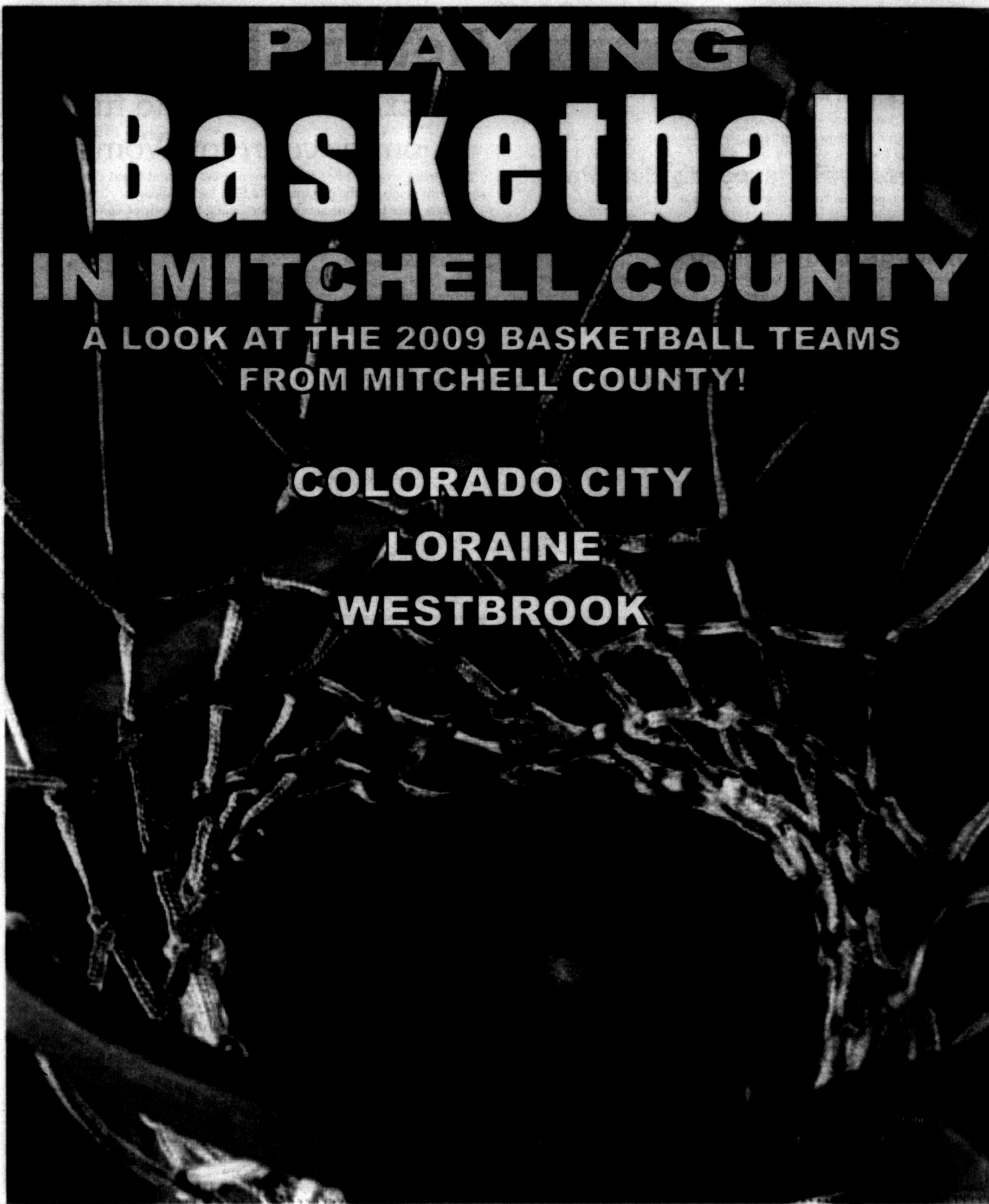
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Wolves work on finishing Page 3

Inability to close out basketball games with strong finishes reflected the overall season last year. This year, the Wolves are working on the "finishing" aspect of basketball.

Lady Wolves in "super district" Page 5

A young, inexperienced Lady Wolves varsity team is facing one of the toughest districts in the state this season.

Bulldogs, Lady Bulldogs Page 11

"New" is in style for the Loraine Lady Bulldogs, as they have a new coach, new district and new players. The boys' team in Loraine will count on youth to take them to the playoffs for the first time since 2004.

Westbrook in new district Page 13

The Westbrook Lady Wildcats are struggling with some inconsistency but looking to return to the playoffs again this year. The Westbrook boys' team faces new competition this year, but is also looking for a return trip to post-season play.

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Nothing but net

Excitement leads to fun on the court for Womack

She turned around, left it fly, hit nothing but net and heard the swoosh as she scored two points for the Loraine junior high Lady Bulldogs.

It might have been just another shot among hundreds of shots to come in the current basketball season, but for Brooke Womack it was a ton of fun. It was easy to share in her happiness.

After her shot she could hardly contain her pleasure, having made it from about 15 feet away from the basket. Her mini celebration (or her own amazement) was cut short because she had to run down court to play defense. The big smile and joy were still there for all to see.

She followed that with a steal. On the ensuing trip to play offense again, she was still feeling the excitement of her big shot. An opposing player from Highland shared in her giggling.

More than just scoring a couple of points for the home team, Brooke's shot and following excitement made me aware of other things going on in Loraine's new gym.

Nobody was bad mouthing the ref. No one was yelling negative comments at the kids or opposing fans. You could here people saying such things as "good try", "way to go" or "that's all right honey". I don't re-



Brooke Womack

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“Finishing” becomes first priority for Wolves team

The Wolves are learning to become “finishers”.

Inability to close out basketball games with strong finishes reflected the overall season last year. Colorado High School faded down the stretch with losses in three of their last four district games, costing them a real chance of being a playoff team.

Typical of the season was a season-ending 56-47 loss at Anson to a Tigers team the Wolves had beaten by 30 here at The Pit. The loss made the Wolves a sub .500 team as The Pack finished 15-16 and 6-8 in District 5-2A.

Coach Barry Kimball’s last words were “We didn’t finish the season right, I take full responsibility. We will get to where we need to be.”

Well, fast forward to this season and to a new district and it looks like the Wolves can indeed put away their prey. Trailing Coahoma by 3 going into the final quarter last week, the Wolves “finished” off the Bulldogs with a 21-13 final period to win 56-51.

After pulling away from Stamford and Anson the previous week, the Wolves are on a three game winning streak highlighted by strong second half performances. More importantly, the victory over Coahoma gave the Wolves a 1-0 start in an ultra-tough District 7-AA.

Now 10-9 for the season, Colorado City

again is positioned for a possible playoff spot, but the Wolves will need everything a large group of returning lettermen has to offer. Getting into the playoffs out of District

7-AA will be a huge task.

In addition to Coahoma, the Wolves will tangle with Grape Creek, Ballinger, Wall and defending state finalist Jim Ned. Only

Colorado City and Grape Creek failed to make the playoffs last year.

Coahoma took second place in District 5-AA last year but was eliminated from the playoffs in a first round matchup with District 6 third place finisher Wall. The Ballinger Bearcats won District 6 and advanced to the regional quarterfinals before bowing out.

The Jim Ned Indians finished in second place in District 6 but still reached the AA state championship game where they lost to Ponder 72-51.

Expect Jim Ned to again field a scrappy bunch. Wall was listed as the state’s number eight ranked AA team in the Texas Association of Basketball Coaches poll released January 12 with Coahoma sneaking in at number twenty. Unranked Jim Ned humbled the Hawks 51-49 in overtime last Friday while the Wolves were knocking off Coahoma.

In other district action last Friday, the Grape Creek Eagles needed two overtimes to down Ballinger 50-49. Colorado City beat Ballinger at the Bearcats’ own tournament in December but Ballinger came back to beat the Wolves at the Reagan County tournament. Wall held off a second half charge by the Wolves at the same tournament.

It should be a very interesting and exciting District 7AA race. Five seniors bring a load

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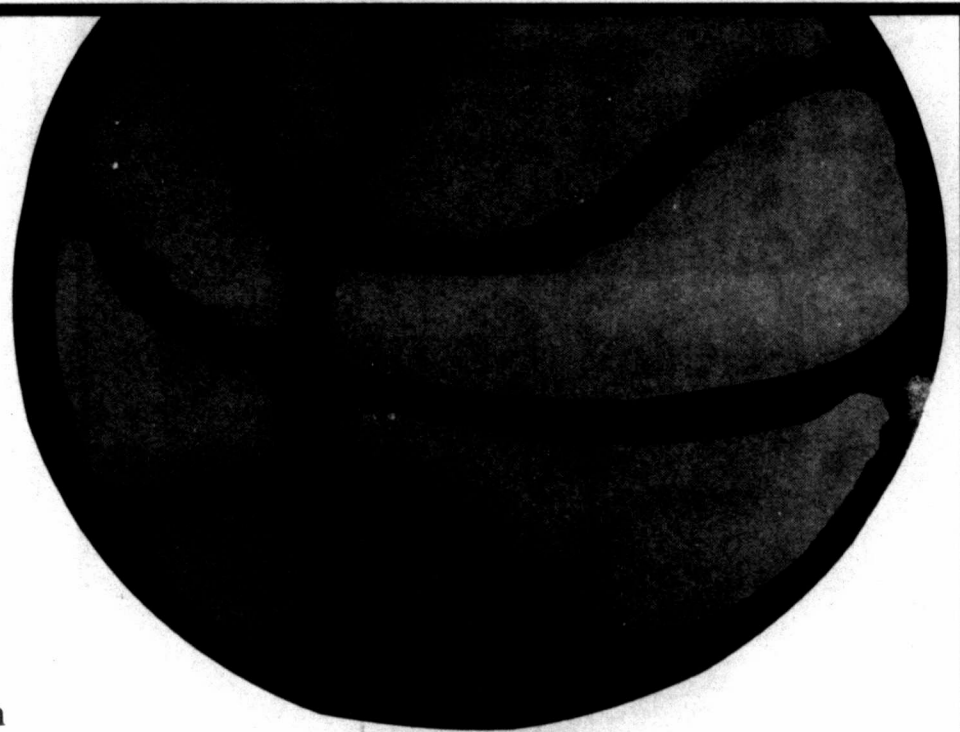


COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL VARSITY WOLVES for the 2008-09 basketball season are front (left to right) J.C. Johnson, Clint White, Nick Reyna and Nick Hart. Back (left to right) are Matt Sowa, Lance Espinoza, Tyler Higgins and Manuel Garza.

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of returning experience to give the Wolves a great chance to represent the district come playoff time.

Coach Kimball, in the second year of a second run at Colorado High School, also

will count on one junior, two sophomores and a young freshman.

First a look at the seniors. **Clint White:** You may have heard the name before. All-District at just about anything he puts his



CHS JV WOLVES for the 2008-09 basketball season are front (left to right) Jason Rodriguez, Derek Gainey, Isaac Yanez and Aaron Mendoza. Standing (left to right) are Ronald Aoyama, Colton Cannon, Tyler Hammond, Andrew Munoz, Blaze Alford, Matt Potter, Benny Jones, Xavien Lenard, Ryan Rivera and Tylor Lorenz.

mind to. Clint handled the point position last year and is more than capable of doing it again but that position has been handed off to another. White plays shooting guard and when he warms up from 3 point range, watch out. His left handed drives have made for great layups.

Nick Hart: Nick is not the tallest basketball player you'll see this year, but what he lacks in size he overcomes with quickness and an even quicker sure, soft shot. Hart does not hesitate to take the ball to the rim and gets his shot off before bigger defenders know what hit them.

Manuel Garza: Manuel was perhaps the most versatile player the Wolves had on the court last season. Garza harassed opposing teams with an in-your-face defense, scored when the opportunity existed and grabbed valuable rebounds. Garza has not been the same player while nursing a bum shoulder he played with as a star receiver during the Wolves' recent football success.

Lance Espinoza: Another good defender, and leave Lance open from 3 point range at your own risk. **Matt Sowa:** Matt is an undersized post player but does a good job of mixing it up. Can and will look to score while taking on any big boys.

Junior **Tyler Higgins** is the Wolves' lone true "big man" but usually gives up a few inches to opposing posts or centers. Tyler has held his own but Coach Kimball still wants him to "play bigger" in the paint.

Newcomers to the varsity are sophomores

Nick Reyna and **J.C. Johnson** and freshman **Benny Jones**. Nick brings the ball up court for the Wolves now with White's move to shooting guard. J.C. plays down low in the paint as capable help for Higgins and just like in football, he isn't shy about getting physical.

A good junior varsity team lost a good player when Benny was moved up to varsity for the Coahoma game. Jones received the loudest welcome when he entered the game and immediately made contributions.

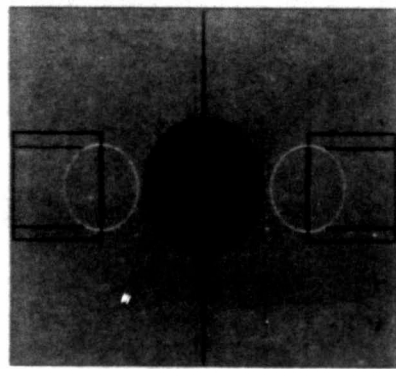
Like last year, all players are seeing playing time and the common thread they have is a commitment to defense. Coach Kimball prefers man-to-man but the Wolves have effectively used a zone defense. It's time to bring everything out of the bag—they'll need it.

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Lady Wolves placed in "super district 7AA"



LADY WOLVES FOR THE 2008-09 CHS varsity girls basketball team are front (left to right) Lauren Munoz, Jade Cannon, Miranda Reyna and Diesha Smith. Back (left to right) are Iesha Taylor, Megan Bullard, Michelle Billingsley, Lisa Salazar, Ava Macedo and Breanna Biggers. Not pictured are Courtney Sutton and Emily Hicks.

A double whammy.

When the University Interscholastic League put together the new District 7AA, they created a monster, especially where girls basketball is concerned. Any discussion about the 2008-09 Colorado High School girls basketball team has to begin with their competition.

That, and how an inexperienced and injury-plagued Lady Wolves squad will respond.

Jim Ned won the AA state title last year and again is among the state's top ranked teams. The Lady Indians are one of four regional quarterfinalists the Wolves will face in district play this year. Jim Ned won District 6AA last year on their way to the state title. Wall took second in the district and lost to Jim Ned in the regional final.

Jim Ned eliminated District 6 third place Ballinger in the regional quarterfinals. Wall had to beat a strong District 5 champ Coahoma in the regional quarterfinals just to get a shot at the Jim Ned Indians.

After squeaking past Ballinger 57-54 and Wall 50-44, the Lady Indians had a relatively easy time at the state tournament by beating Winnsboro 55-46 and then Poth 65-49 in the championship game.

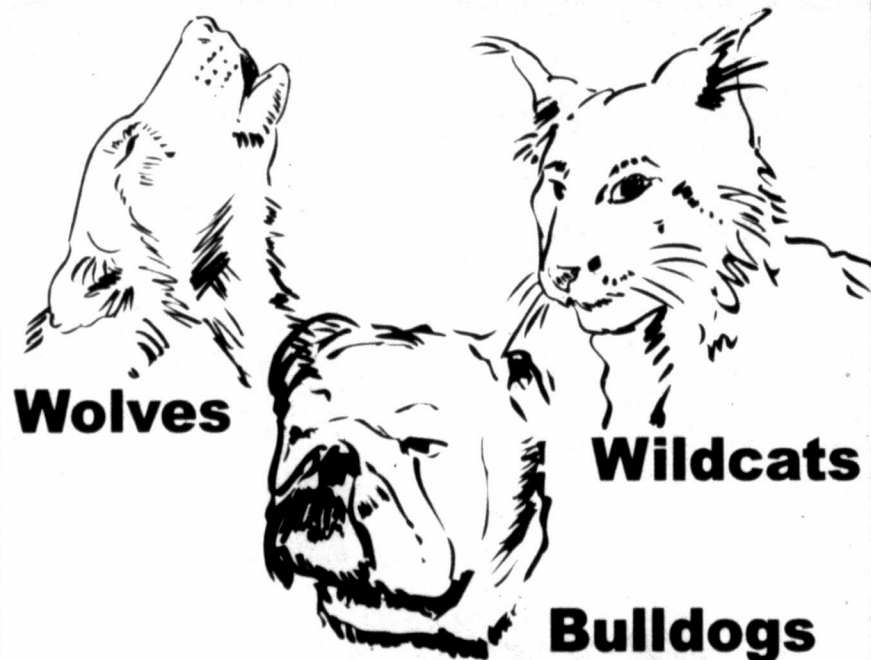
As if all teams concerned didn't already have good district competition, the folks at the UIL decided to take the best of the two districts and combine them into this year's District 7AA. Since the realignment announcement last spring, other Region I teams have been happy to know that a good team, or more, will be eliminated from regional play even before the playoffs begin.

Only three teams advance out of each district. Wall, currently number 3 in the state, and Jim Ned, checking in at number 9, appear to be the favorites for the top two spots. That leaves the Colorado Lady Wolves, who fell a game short of the playoffs last year, to fight for the third spot along with Coahoma, Ballinger and Grape Creek.

It would be a tough assignment any year. Having little experience available makes it a one-two punch at the Lady Wolves.

Coach Darrin Leverton resurrected the Lady Wolves last year in his first year of a second stop in Colorado City. The Lady Wolves were in the thick of the playoff hunt right up until the final night of district play. CHS was eliminated by Stamford

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in the final district game after leading by 12 at halftime. Stamford made late free throws while Colorado City did not.

"You do everything right and just can't put the ball in the basket," said Coach Leverton after the loss that left the team at 19-14 and 7-7 in district play.

Offensive struggles have increased Coach Leverton's concerns this year. Senior Iesha Taylor is (or was) the only returning starter from last year. Senior Lauren Muñoz and sophomores Courtney Sutton and Emily Hicks joined Taylor as returning lettermen.

Sutton has never seen action due to an injured shoulder and Hicks suffered an injury very early in the season and is also out for the year.

Taylor's status was unknown at press time after hurting a knee in the Lady Wolves' district loss to Coahoma last Friday.

Yes, it's been a trying season already for the Lady Wolves. With just one victory to date, and little leadership to lean on, CHS fortunes rest on a group of underclassmen, and the future is now.

Against Coahoma, freshman Miranda Reyna started at point guard and was joined for the opening tipoff by sophomore Michelle Billingsley and juniors Jade Cannon and Lisa Salazar.

Also on the team are seniors Breanna Biggers and Diesha Smith, sophomore Ava Macedo and freshman Megan Bullard.

Macedo and Salazar were brought up from the junior varsity after the start of the season to shore up the depleted lineup. They and Billingsley have become rebounding forces but the Lady Wolves don't have anyone who has established consistency.

Those familiar with the Lady Wolves season know the girls have made strides even though the record doesn't reflect it. Coahoma led by 17 at halftime last Friday but needed three late 3's at the end of the half to beat back a CHS rally that cut the lead to nine with 3:53 left in the second period.

The Lady Wolves lost but outscored the Bulldogettes over the third and fourth periods in their best half of the year. Coach Leverton needs the team to build on it and for a Lady Wolf or two to become go-to players. They've worked hard to get to this point, but in this district work has to reach a whole new level.



JADE CANNON SCORES on a short jumper against the Grape Creek Eagles. Also pictured for the Lady Wolves are Michelle Billingsley (rear left) and Diesha Smith.



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CMS 8TH GRADE GIRLS for the 2008-09 basketball season are Brittany Vasquez, Peyton Anderson, Thea Guazo and Alyssa Leverton. Middle (left to right) are Ana Lara, Jacqueline Mendoza, Leslie Davila and Vanna George. Back (left to right) are Kristine Gaona, Destyne Gaona, Huntyr Messick, Hope Sanchez and Nikki Owen.



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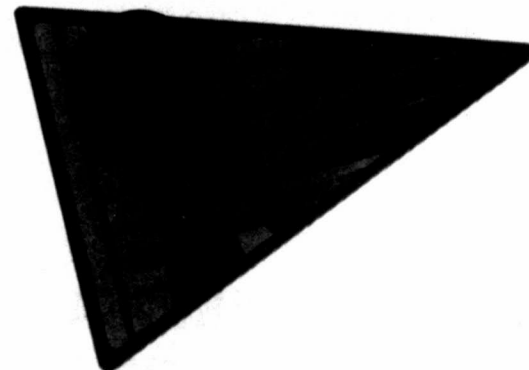
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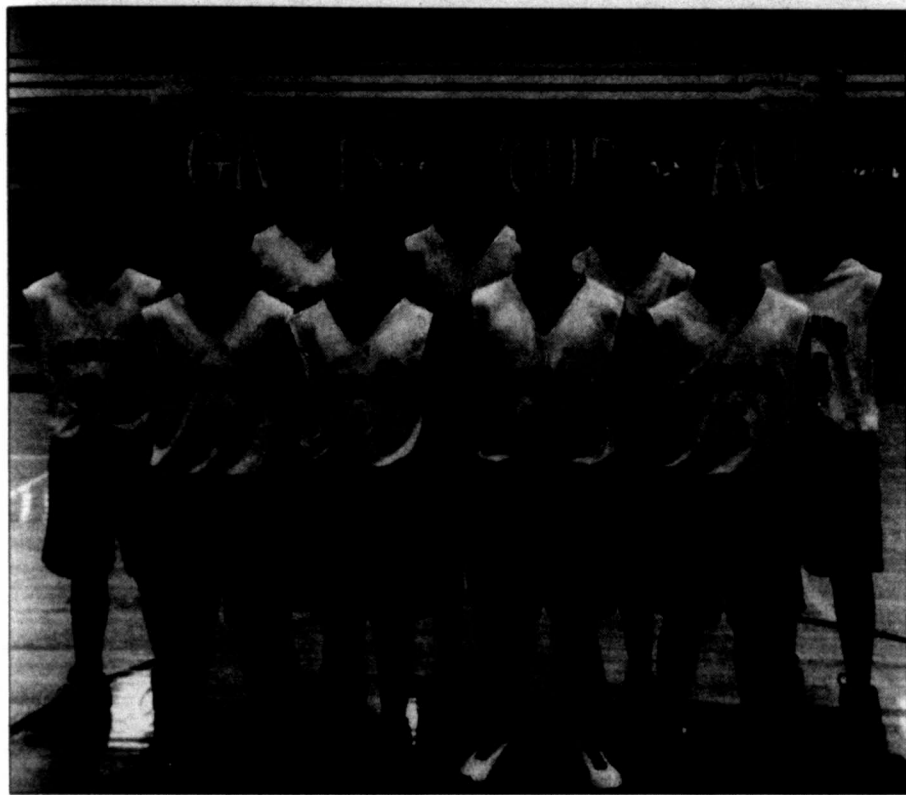
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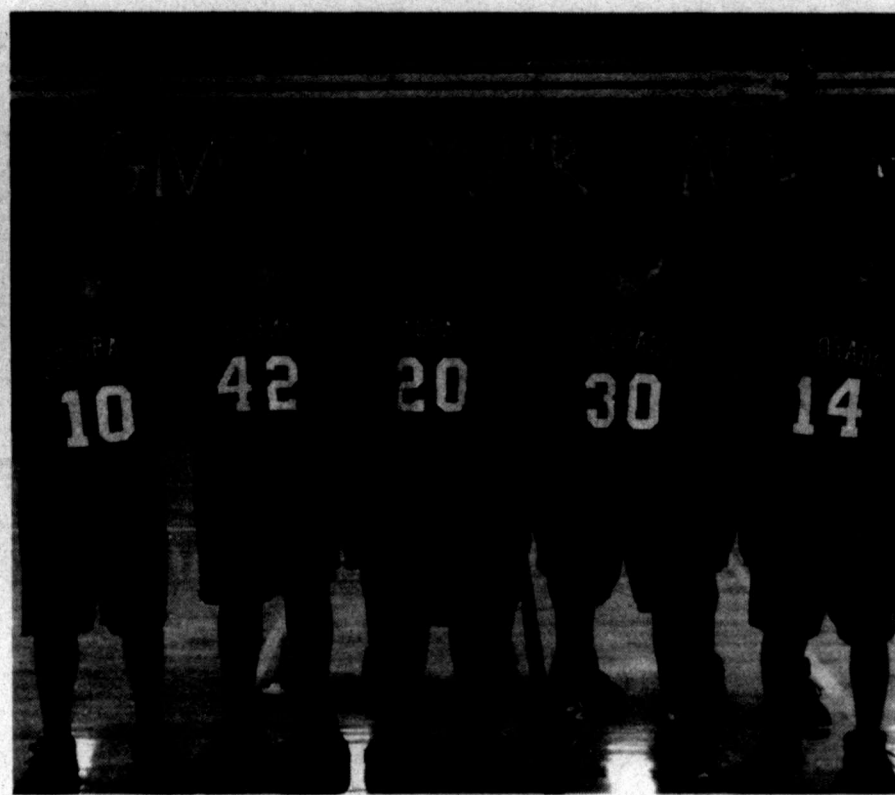


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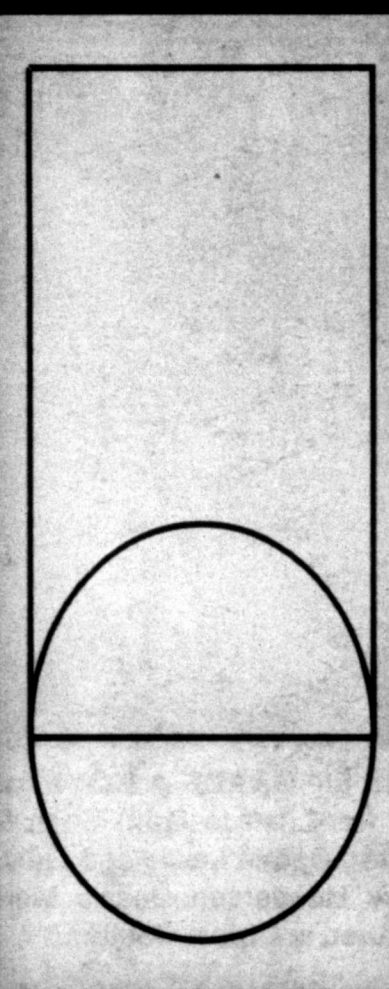
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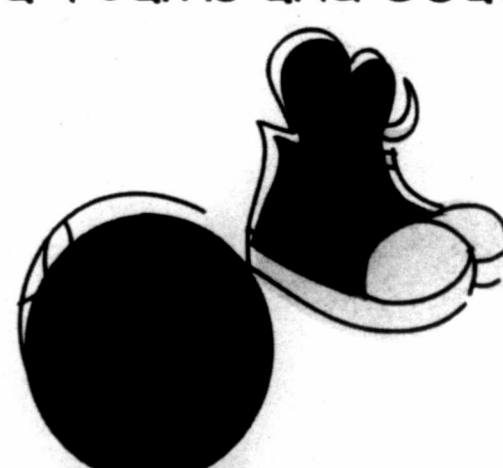
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LORAIN VARSITY BULLDOGS for the 2008-09 basketball season are (front row, left to right) Ector Lopez, Carlos Valenzuela, Anthony Gonzales and Brandon Gibson. Back (left to right) are Toby Garza, Jordan Womack, Abraham Aguirre, Jacob Sanchez and Carlton Johnston.

Bulldogs return one senior to varsity

The 2008-09 Loraine Bulldogs have nine players on their basketball team but only senior Jacob Sanchez has any varsity experience. Opposing district teams from Ira and Roby also count on one top returner, but the Ira Bulldogs and Roby Lions will be the teams to beat in District 14.

Ira is currently at number six in the latest Texas Association of Basketball Coaches

poll. Roby is unranked but expect that to change behind the play of 6'6" Carson Alldredge. Completing District 14 of Class A Division II are Highland, Hermleigh and Trent.

Loraine has not made the playoffs since 2004 but hopes rest on a young squad. Freshman Brandon Gibson has been hand

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LADY BULLDOGS FOR THE 2008-09 Loraine varsity girls basketball team are (front row, left to right) Dehvan Neeley, Katelyn Johnston, Felicia Gibson and Michelle Sanchez. Back (left to right) are Erica Medina, Ariel Bailey, Alicia Hernandez, Raven Limones and Breanna Williams.

"All new" Lady Bulldogs return two

Reaching the playoffs after a 16 year drought made last year's basketball season something new for the Loraine Lady Bulldogs. New is again in style as the 2008-09 team has new players, a new coach and a new district.

Senior Felicia Gibson and sophomore Michelle Sanchez are the only players left from last year's team that fell 65-44 in a Bi-District loss to the Bronte Longhorns.

Not since the 1992 season that featured Michi

Atkins had the Lady Bulldogs ventured into the playoffs. Their trip came at the expense of the Westbrook Wildcats. Loraine beat Westbrook in a one-game playoff after the teams finished district play in a tie for third place. Loraine won 51-50 before the loss to Bronte left them with a final record of 9-13.

Gibson and Sanchez are joined on this year's squad by four freshman and three sophomores.

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Kristin Harris,
Madeline Gibson,
Irene Meza and
Katie Barrera. Back
(left to right) are
Kelly Salazar, Kiana
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Womack and
Madison Edmonds.

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ed the point guard duty. Also in the starting lineup in a recent contest at Highland were Anthony Gonzales, Toby Garza and Abraham Aguirre. Completing the team are Ector Lopez, Carlos Valenzuela, Jordan Womack and Carlton Johnston.

Guiding the Bulldogs from the coach's box will be Colorado City native Tino Silva. Silva is fresh out of college and accepted the Loraine post as his first ever coaching and teaching assignment.

"We're a little young, basically still trying to run the offense," said Coach Silva. "We're getting better. They're doing alright." Silva said the Bulldogs had a good run at a New Home tournament, climbing back against

Dawson and making a good stand against Lazbuddie.

"We played good defense," said Silva. "The Klondike game we probably should have won. Brandon Gibson is a freshman but he's playing way above most freshmen. He's a good ball handler and has good knowledge of the game. Toby Garza is averaging ten to fifteen points a game. He's learning to play down low. Seniors like Jacob Sanchez help us down low."

Aguirre and Lopez were the top scorers in a recent loss at Highland with Gibson, Gonzales and Johnston also contributing points. "They come out and practice hard," said Coach Silva. "They practice the way we ask them to. That's all we can ask of them."

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The sophomores are Erica Medina, Alicia Hernandez and Raven Limones. Freshman are Katelyn Johnston, Ariel Bailey, Breanna Williams and Dehvan Neeley.

Just as new to the team is Coach Katie Hanks. The first year coach comes from Snyder where she coached volleyball and track. "I wanted basketball," said Coach Hanks. "I had coached it in the past. I consider myself a basketball coach."

"We're pretty good for ninth graders," added Coach Hanks. "We've won two tournament consolation games and played in another. We play inconsistently due to age and lack of experience."

Coach Hanks has basketball coaching experience from stops at Childress and Buena Vista. "We've got a good core group of freshman," said Hanks. "We consistently score 40 to 50 points a game. That's good. You usually win if you

score that much. They're getting there. Katelyn Johnston had 29 versus Borden County and 20 against Westbrook and that's a freshman."

Hanks understands the challenge facing the team in this year's new District 14 of Class A, Division II. "Roby is number one and Highland is number six," said Hanks. "We're just not at that level yet."

The top ranked teams met in the regional semifinals last year. Roby won and went on to lose in the state semifinals. Also in the district is Trent, a second round playoff team last year, Ira and Hermleigh. "Third place is up for grabs," said Coach Hanks. "Anything can happen."

Loraine has already fallen to Roby and Highland in early district play this year. Gibson, Bailey and Williams were top scorers in the loss at Highland where Williams showed good outside range.



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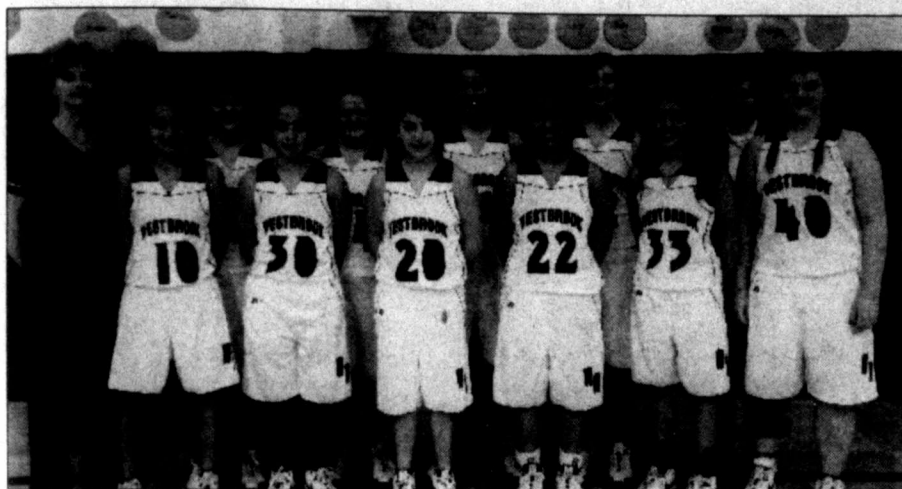
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MEMBERS OF THE 2008-09 Westbrook High School varsity girls basketball team are (front row, left to right), Chelsea Martinez, Laremi King, Alex Vigil, Milina Funderburg, Cassie Bass-Olivas and Emily Harkins. Back row (left to right) are coach Sylvia Walters, Schelli White, Kayla Furguson, Klanci Whitesides, Kimberlin Johnson and coach Jackie White.

New coach learning "ups and downs"

New Westbrook girls basketball coach Sylvia Walters has been experiencing the ups and downs of coaching.

Her Lady Wildcats team has beaten the Ira Bulldogs after having lost to them in an earlier tournament. Same for the Loraine Bulldogs. Westbrook beat Loraine but has also lost to the Lady Bulldogs this year.

Westbrook and Loraine are far from strangers. Long time district rivals and Mitchell County nemesis for one another, the teams

have gone their separate ways this year. They'll now be in different districts and in Division II of Class A. Westbrook will be in District 10 with Sterling City, Water Valley, Garden City, Robert Lee and Blackwell.

Last year ended with one final struggle between the two clubs. After finishing tied for the district's third and final playoff spot, Loraine topped the Wildcats 51-50 in a one

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MEMBERS OF THE 2008-09 Westbrook Wildcats varsity basketball team are (front row, left to right) Casey Bass, Larry King, Hardy Berber, Aaron Vickers, John Mize and Coach Travis Dawson. Back row (left to right) are Coach Cooper Thornhill, Colton Rich, Michael Bray, Eli Farrel and Kirk Hahn.

Wildcats looking at new competition

No team in Mitchell County can claim to have the recent post-season run the Westbrook Wildcats have enjoyed.

Last year's third place finish in District 12-A made it a fifth straight trip to the playoffs for the Wildcat boys. With the return of three players that put up points in last season's Bi-District loss to Bronte, Westbrook can not be counted out this year.

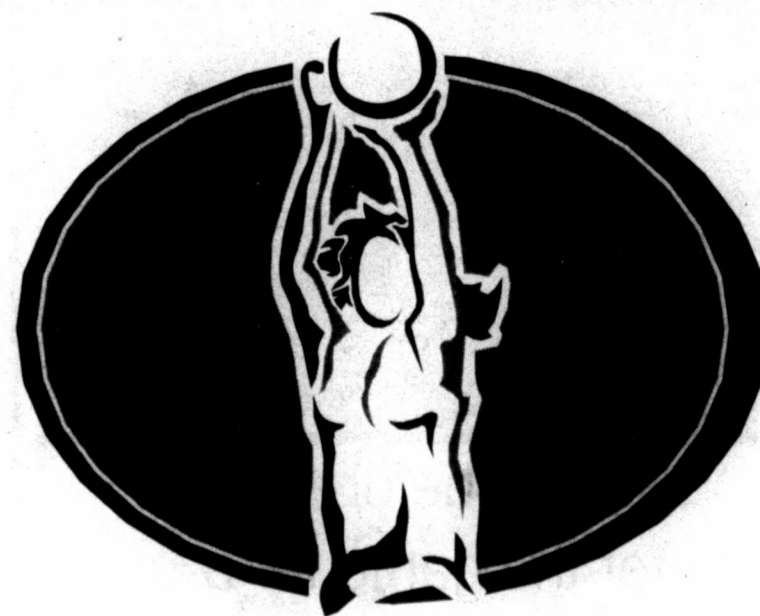
The Wildcats will have to beat new com-

petition to make it six in a row. Now in District 10, Westbrook faces unfamiliar foes Sterling City, Water Valley, Garden City, Robert Lee and Blackwell. Garden City and Blackwell also were in the playoffs last season.

Senior Colton Rich is the only returning starter from last year's season that ended with the 57-42 loss to Bronte at Merkel.

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MEMBERS OF THE WESTBROOK JUNIOR HIGH basketball team for the 2008-09 season are (front row, left to right) coach Sylvia Walters, Katy Forbes, Madison Rice, ReAnna Krapf, Kenzi Morris and Brianna Brown. Back row (left to right) are Koe Alvarez, Jasmine Alaniz, Kaylea Holbrook, Bailey Sprague, Alex Nobles and coach Jackie White.

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game playoff that ended Westbrook's season and sent the Bulldogs into the post-season.

The Lady Wildcats return enough experience for their own trip to the playoffs this year.

Coach Walters said senior returning starters Schelli White and Cassie Bass Olivas and senior letterman Laremi King are the Lady Wildcats who have stepped up early in the 2008-09 season.

"Different players have stepped up every game," said Coach Walters. "Schelli, Cassie and Laremi. It seems like one of those will step up to help us, but it's been evenly distributed. Cassie usually guards the best ball handler and Schelli guards the best player."

Other returning lettermen are juniors Milina Funder-

burg and Kimberlin Johnson. Also on the Lady Wildcat roster are sophomore Emily Harkins and freshmen Chelsea Martinez, Alex Vigil, Klanci Whitesides and Kayla Furgerson.

White and Johnson scored in double figures in a recent 41-38 victory over Ira that avenged a two point loss to the Lady Bulldogs at a Jayton tournament. "We've struggled with scoring, but we have seniors that will help us turn the corner," said Coach Walters. "The defense has come a long way, but every game has been a struggle in some way."

Coach Sylvia Walters has been at Westbrook for three years, but this is her first year as the head coach. Also a math teacher, Coach Walters came to the Wildcats from Panhandle.



Members of the Westbrook Wildcats junior high basketball team for the 2008-09 season are (front row, left to right) Cutter Reese, Rylan Gardner, Jacob Morris and Tobias Milani. Back row (left to right) are coach Cooper Thornhill, Jahari Vanover, William Stewart, Gabriel Gutierrez and Dylan Register.

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Rich and returning lettermen Eli Farrell, a junior, and sophomore Michel Bray all scored in the Bi-District loss. Other returning lettermen are senior Larry King and junior Kirk Hahn.

Completing the squad are sophomore Aaron Vickers and freshmen Hardy Berber, John Mize and Casey Bass.

In a recent loss to state ranked Ira, it was Farrell who found success with a team high 14 points. Hahn, Rich and Bass also chipped in.

Travis Dawson is the head coach for the Wildcats and is assisted by Cooper Thornhill. Dawson just graduated from Howard Payne University. "They're getting better," said Coach Dawson. "They try hard and work hard. That's all I can ask. We'll be a pretty good team."



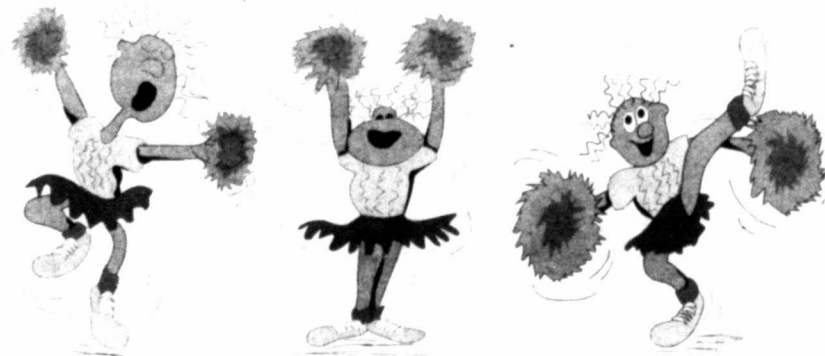
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member one negative shout.

Then I started wondering about the new gym. Loraine built a new one but it doesn't seem to have any more seating capacity than the old one. (Some say it has fewer ghosts.) Home and visiting fans still have to share the east side of the gym, there is no seating on the west side. I sat in the middle.

After Brooke's shot I no longer thought there was anything wrong with the seating arrangement. There's no reason fans from both teams can't be civilized enough to sit together while their kids enjoy a simple game.

Many times adults, and kids, forget that the game isn't the most important thing and think that losing or winning the game somehow makes you a winner or a loser. Highland won the game. Some big girl kept getting rebounds and scoring for the Hornets. The nerve.

Afterward, Womack was still radiant about her shot. "I remember getting the ball and Mrs. Gibson (Coach Pat) saying shoot," said Brooke. "I didn't think I was going to make it but then...swoosh. I thought I was going

to miss and bounce it off the rim. I can't shoot from far away, mainly up close. Tonight we tried hard but they were better. We have a little practice to do."

Brooke has been playing since sixth grade and is now an eighth grader. She missed last year after breaking her knee playing driveway basketball with her brother, but the sport, and her team's fortunes, don't define her attitude. "We haven't won a game yet but the effort is what matters," said Brooke. "Actually, I like Health class. We have pretty good teachers here. Health is just interesting learning about the human body. Some people on dad's side are nurses and one of my old teachers became a vet. My favorite teachers are Mrs. Redwine in English and Mrs. Hanks in Health."

Teachers/coaches spend a lot time with kids. Coaches are popular when the teams are winning. Give them a break when they're not. Whether the current record is a winning one or a losing one, remember, what they're really trying to do is make great kids like Brooke Womack.

Mitchell County Junior High Basketball Schedules

CMS Girls

Jan. 19 Coahoma Away 5:30-6:30
Jan. 26 Ballinger Away 5:30-6:30
Feb. 2 Wall Home 4 - 7

CMS Boys

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Feb. 2 Wall Away 5:30-6:30
Feb. 9 Grape Creek Away 5:30-6:30

Loraine Bulldogs Boys and Girls

Jan. 19 Highland Home 6, 7
Jan. 26 Roby Away 6, 7
Feb. 2 Ira Home 6, 7
Feb. 9 Hermleigh Away 6, 7

Westbrook Wildcats Boys and Girls

Jan. 19 Garden City Home 6
Jan. 22, 24 Highland Tour. Away TBA
Jan. 26 Blackwell Away 6
Feb. 2 Robert Lee Home 6
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