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Enrollments are up at district schools

Enrollment figures for Colorado Independent School District are a little higher than last year, according to Superintendent Jim White.

The school district's total enrollment is currently at 1047. "Overall, we're up a little bit," said White. "It's always encouraging."

The largest classes are the kindergarten with 94 students, closely followed by the freshman class at 81.

"It's a big freshman class. It's not a record, but it's a large group," White said.

Keeping an eye on the enrollment figures for the higher and lower grades is always interesting according to White. "Kindergarten is a good sign to look at. You look at the lower classes for trends. They kind of drop down as they get into

high school," he said, adding that the 78 students enrolled in both Headstart and pre-K argue well for a large kindergarten class next year.

Currently, CISD has four sections of kindergarten classes with five teachers to handle the 94 students.

"We want to be optimistic and hope that number will remain all year long, so we hired another teacher," White said. State and federal regulations set a maximum limit of 88 students with 4 teachers to maintain the 22 to 1 student teacher ratio.

"The purpose of all that research shows that if we keep the class size down, academic achievement improves," he said.

Unfortunately that law ends See **ENROLLMENT**, Page 5

Council authorizes land exchange with county

Members of the city council met Tuesday evening to conduct business concerning several aspects of city development and to honor Ernestine O'Dell as Citizen of the Month.

Council members voted to an exchange of property between the city and county for the purpose of development of a new police station.

The city-owned property immediately south of city hall, which includes a building, will be exchanged for county-owned lots on the northeast corner of the block southeast of city hall.

The exchange will allow both agencies to continue the planning phase toward construction of their respective law enforcement offices.

After meeting in closed, executive session, the council voted to ratify an agreement between the city and Morris Hammond during the interim

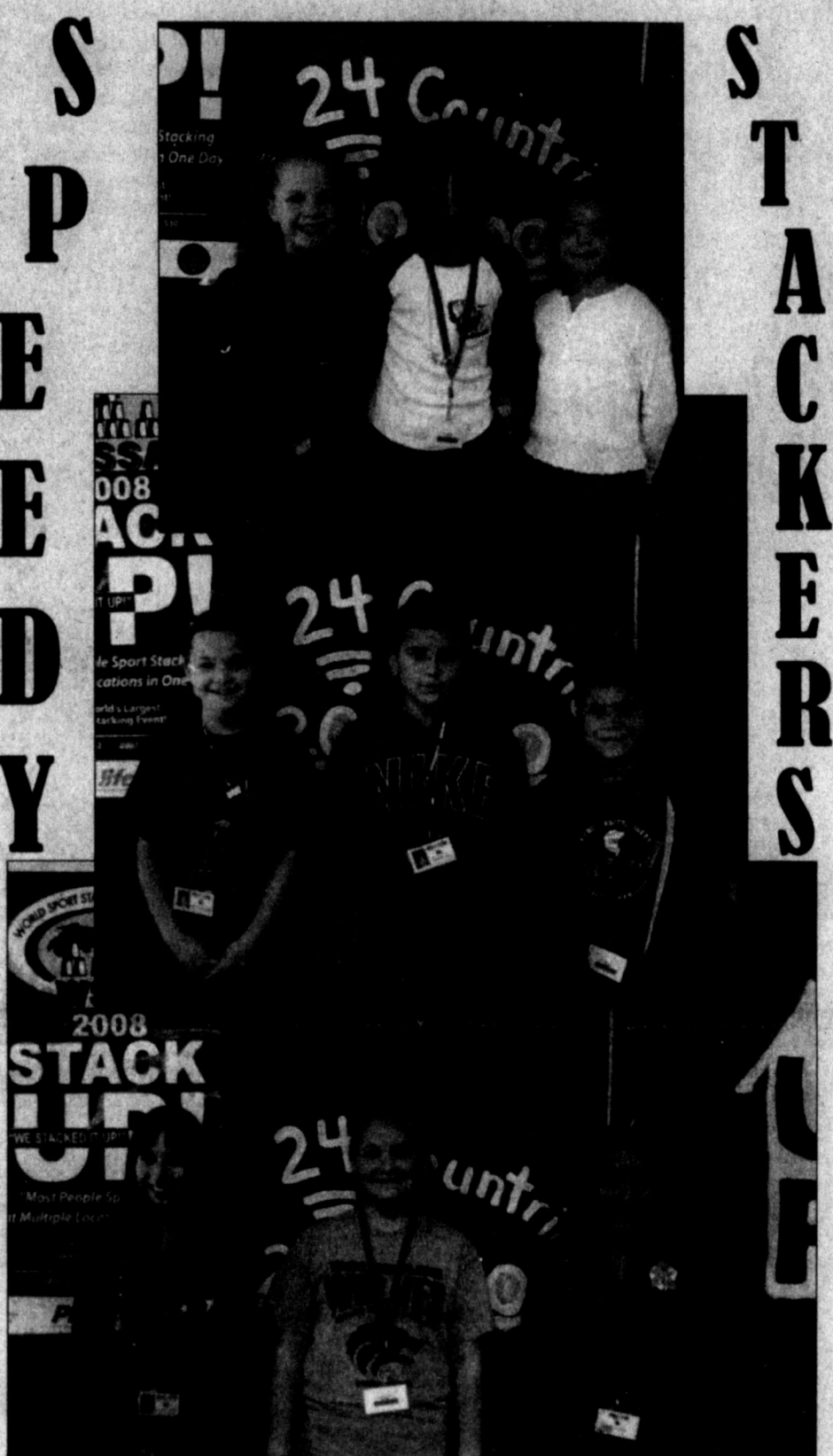
period while the city switches over to a new irrigation system.

City attorney Lois Rockefeller presented information on the Attorney General's opinion concerning requirements for posting agenda items.

"The opinion basically dealt with the question of whether or not a general report, such as the city manager's report or comments from councilmen, can be posted on the agenda without detailed items listed beneath that state what will be talked about," said Rockefeller.

"The Attorney General is taking a very conservative approach. Council comments have to have listed underneath exactly what will be talked about in order to meet the open record requirements," she explained.

"The opinion is tantamount to state law," said city manager See **COUNCIL**, Page 5



KELLEY AND HUTCHINSON Elementary students joined students worldwide in helping set a new Guinness World Record for Speed Stacking last Thursday. The top stackers in the 3rd, 4th and 5th grades were also recognized. Fastest in the 3rd grade (top) were Jadyn Griffith, Kaci Phariss, and Anessa Hulme (left to right); fastest 4th graders were (middle) M'Leah Alexander, Robert Parras and Brandon Lara (left to right) and fastest 5th graders were (bottom) Cameron Oakley, Marissa Parras and Carissa Espinoza (left to right).

Commissioners to consider excusing hospital from lease

The Mitchell County Hospital Board met with the county commissioners Monday morning to discuss options concerning the property located at 505 Chestnut.

Currently the hospital district is under a 10 year lease with the county through an in-kind agreement, whereby the county's usage of the building counts against the balance owed by the hospital for the county's site prep work on the new hospital.

"We've asked the county to release us from the lease and take the building in lieu of the approximately \$59,000 which we still owe," said Karl Stinson, hospital interim administrator.

"We're in dire finan-

cial stress at the hospital and we can no longer afford the building."

"We'd like to terminate our lease and convey the building back to the county in a similar manner to the conveyance of the building on Walnut through a simple warranty deed," Stinson said.

At the heart of the issue is the hospital's struggle to fund and maintain the building. "The board feels we need to concentrate on core business, the hospital and nursing home," Stinson told the commissioners.

Citing a significant loss after taxes, Stinson told the court, "it (maintenance of the building) has sucked a good

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Coat giveaway is today

The Kiwanians will be giving away winter coats at the Christmas in Action building on Wednesday, November 19th from noon until 6:30 p.m. and from 3 until 6 p.m. on Thursday, November 20th.

"Anybody who even thinks they might want a coat, should come on down," said Jan Lem-

ons, Kiwanian president.

"A lot of people gave extra coats after the cutoff date, plus we had some left over. We also got some new coats for kids that people bought just for this occasion," she said.

The Christmas in Action building is the second building east of the post office.

Masters book signing Thursday at MC library

Renown pilot and author Nancy Robinson Masters will autograph copies of her books Thursday, November 20th from 2:00 to 5:30 at the Mitchell County Library.

The book signing, hosted by the Friends of Library, will give Colorado City residents an opportunity to visit with Masters, as well as check out improvements to the library.

Masters, who has au-

thored over 25 books, hopes the book signing will draw people into the library. "The library opened my horizons," said Masters. "It gave me hope that I could achieve things."

She will also donate \$2 from every book sold to the library.

Through her Visiting Author and Family Literacy presentations, Masters has spoken to more than 200,000 students

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BLENDING TWO CULTURES Doris and James Green work at taking the best from big city and small town life as they make a home in Colorado City.

Making the transition from city to country at full speed

When she graduated from high school in 1968, Doris H. Green leaped at the chance to move to Illinois with her dad's sister's family.

"Dad's sister and her family were here for a visit. When they left I went back with them. You never know if you're going to come back when you go someplace new. I ended up staying," said Green.

She stayed until four years ago, when Green joined the ranks of Colorado City's Come Back Kids and returned to be with her mom, Velma Bender.

"I first moved here from Mississippi when I was three," said Green, who at-

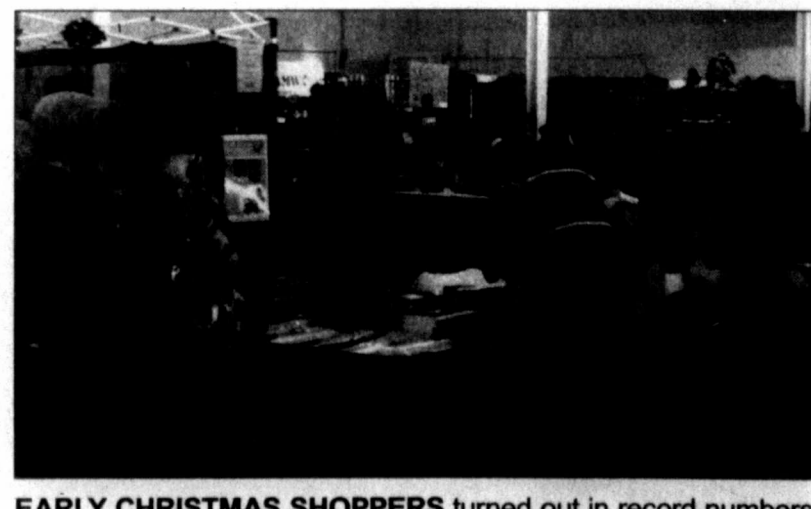
tended D.W. Wallace school until integration. Like most young people, Green couldn't wait to leave town.

She met her husband, James, shortly after moving to Joliet, Illinois to be with her uncle's family. "He followed me everywhere around town. We dated for a year and were engaged for a year," she said.

The Greens raised three children, two boys and one girl, in Illinois; currently one still lives in Joliet, one in Colorado City and the daughter lives in Florida.

"I never thought our family would

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EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS turned out in record numbers for Railhead Trade Days last weekend. Vendors completely filled the old historic building. "In 5 1/2 years I've never seen every slot filled," said Carla Sauer, Chamber of Commerce assistant.

Around Town

Roxanne Peterson selling some peanuts... Happy birthday Randy Erwin (Nov. 21)... Gayle Younger gets a better view... Happy birthday Raymond Watlington (Nov. 20)... Alfred Lynch talking about turkeys... Dr. Vardeman cruising around the bank...

Answerline

Q. How many pounds of turkey will be cooked at the Wallace and Ware Units this Thanksgiving?
A. Approximately 1200 lbs. total will be cooked for both units this Thanksgiving.

Obituaries

Betty Anderson
Colorado City
Etta Williams
Loraine
Jacqueline Michelle Smith
Big Spring

Briefs

parents are invited to join their children and grandchildren for the meal. The price for visitors is \$2.50.

KCCB Meeting
Keep Colorado City Beautiful will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at First United Methodist Church.

Turkey Tango
Loraine ISD students will participate in a Turkey Tango Fri., Nov. 21 at 2:30 p.m. Each grade will do the tur-

Early Releases

Students at Westbrook ISD will be released early Thurs., Nov. 20 and Fri., Nov. 21 at 12:30 p.m. for teacher in-service. Students will also be released early Tues., Nov. 25 for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Loraine Thanksgiving
Loraine ISD will be serving a Thanksgiving meal with all the trimmings on Thurs., Nov. 20. Parents and grand-

key tango, similar to musical chairs. Each grad winner will receive a free turkey donated by Fuller Foods. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Youth Basketball Signups
Mitchell County Youth Basketball will have signups on Sat., Nov. 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Administration Gym, 12th & Hickory. Fee is \$25 for students Pre-K through 6th grade.

Thought of the Week

*Sooner or later we all
quote our mothers.*
Bern Williams

Lake Levels

(as of November 18, 2008)
Lake Colorado City...2064.04'
Full at 2070.3' Down 6.26'
Lake Champion...2050.46'
Full at 2083' Down 32.54'

LOCAL NEWS

Headstart gets new sign

Through the generosity of at the Wallace-Ware correctional facilities, the Daycare and Headstart programs have a new entry way sign.

Warden Jason Heaton worked with inmates in making the Headstart designers logo and graphics into a brightly colored, attractive sign for the front of the building.

The two programs, under the jurisdiction of the Colorado Independent School district, provide a safe, nurturing learning environment for children up to 12 years.

Headstart provides learning opportunities for 3 and 4 years old, helping them with the transition to public education. "They have a head start because they already know what kids are just learning - colors, shapes, numbers, and days of the week," said Debi Mace, Family Service Worker for Headstart.

Melissa Lara is the director of Daycare, a licensed facility for children up to 12 years old. "We're open after school, on holidays and other school breaks. We're open year round," she said, while Headstart follows the traditional school calendar.

Both programs emphasize healthy nutrition and creative learning curriculum.

Christmas season plans taking shape

A flurry of activity around the Railroad Building signals preparations are underway for Colorado City's annual Christmas festivities.

Drawing on nostalgia from Christmases past, the Main Street program will present "The Light Before Christmas" on Friday, December 5th.

Downtown merchants are asked to decorate their shop windows and be ready to light up downtown from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. The lighting of downtown shops will continue throughout the Christmas season.

In addition to the festive Christmas spirit, downtown merchants will be open during those hours for holiday shoppers. Mary Smith will unveil the windows for her new shop, located between Good Ole Days and the Family Dollar.

Music, food and possibly hayrides will also form a part of the merrymaking and storyteller Dana Mayfield will be on hand to recount classic Christmas tales for Colorado City children.

"MainStreet is about making memories and pulling our kiddos in," said Cecilia Scott, MainStreet coordinator. "The Light Before Christmas is a great way to have that Christmas spirit downtown."

The holiday attitude continues on Saturday, December 6th with the annual Christmas Parade, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. The parade begins at 5 p.m. starting near

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OBITUARIES

Betty Anderson 1941-2008

COLORADO CITY - Mrs. Betty Anderson, age 67, of Lake Colorado City, died Wednesday, November 12, 2008, at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, November 20, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel.

Mrs. Anderson was born April 17, 1941, in Oklahoma City, OK to Arthur and Ruby Haney Cottrell and had been a resident of Lake Colorado City since 1996. She married Teddy Anderson on April 5, 1991, in Crane. She was a Licensed Vocational Nurse since 1965.

She is survived by her husband, Teddy Anderson of Colorado City; a son, Arthur and wife, Carrye Hall of Odessa; a step-daughter, Tracy Marr of Waynesboro, GA; two grandchildren, Travis Wayne Hall of Tyler and Arthur Charles Hall of Odessa; a brother, R.D. and wife, Nola Cottrell of Chickasha, OK; a sister, Joy and husband, Harland DeGraffenreid of Crane; and a special niece, Jajuan DeGraffenreid of Odessa.

She was preceded in death by her parents and step-son, Teddy Anderson Jr.

Etta Williams 1936-2008

LORAIN - Mrs. Etta Williams, age 72, died Tuesday afternoon, November 11, 2008, in an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 11 AM Tuesday, November 18, 2008, in the First Baptist Church in Loraine with Rev. James Worthy, Kenneth Burns and Fay Ross officiating. Burial followed in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Williams was born August 8, 1936, in Loraine to Clusie and Tressie Price McPeters and had been a lifelong resident. She married Isaiah Williams on June 13, 1950, in Loraine. She worked in the housekeeping department of the Johnson Hospital in Loraine for many years. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Isaiah Williams of Loraine; four daughters, Linda McPeters and Rita and husband, Billy Ray Robison, all of Sweetwater, Michelle Wesley of Midland and Trena Williams of Loraine; nine sons, Isaiah and wife, Betty Williams, Jossell and wife, Jennifer Williams all of Sweetwater, Dave and wife, Andra Williams of Tyler, Tommy Williams of Fort Worth, Ricky Williams of Amarillo, Tony and wife, Chrystal Williams, Melvin and wife Tara Williams and Leonard Ray and wife Rita, all of Loraine, and Anthony and wife Anita Williams of Germany; three brothers: Charles McPeters of Loraine, Cluster McPeters Jr. of Palm Springs, CA and Douglas McPeters of Riverside, CA; two sisters, Lee Clayton and Opal Long, both of Palm Springs, CA; 42 grandchildren and 36 great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Cleon Williams and Cecil Williams; a daughter, Christina Williams; and four brothers, Harry McPeters, A. J. McPeters, Melvin McPeters and Hubert McPeters.

Jacqueline Michelle Gaines Smith 1973-2008

Jacqueline Michelle Gaine Smith, daughter of Lawrence (Red) and Mary (Pat) Smith passed away November 16, 2008, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock.

Jacqueline was born in Monroe, LA, on July 31, 1973. She moved to Colorado City at the age of three with her parents. Her lower division education was completed in Colorado City where she graduated from Colorado High School in 1991. She continued her education at Howard Junior College, majoring in Early Childhood Education. She started her professional career as a pre-school teacher at Lake View Head Start Program in Big Spring. Jacqueline worked at Lake View for 15 years and was employed with the school at the time of her death.

She was an active member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church during her youth in Colorado City. She continued her active Christian faith with Cornerstone Covenant Church in Big Spring.

She is survived by her parents, Lawrence and Mary Smith of Colorado City; a daughter, Zaria Marie Smith of Colorado City; Granny Ruby of Colorado City; three sisters, Gerri Randle and family of Big Spring; Ashley Gaines of Monroe, LA, and Wanda Calhoun of Dallas; two brothers, Robert Gaines of Houston and Anthony Smith of Amarillo. She also leaves behind her biological mother, Helen Gaines and a host of uncles and aunts.

Jacqueline is preceded in death by her grandparents, several aunts, uncles and one nephew.

Funeral services will be held November 22, 2008, at 2 p.m. at Cornerstone Covenant Church, 706 E. 12th, Big Spring with Pastor Michael B. Willard officiating. Burial will follow in Mitchell County Cemetery.

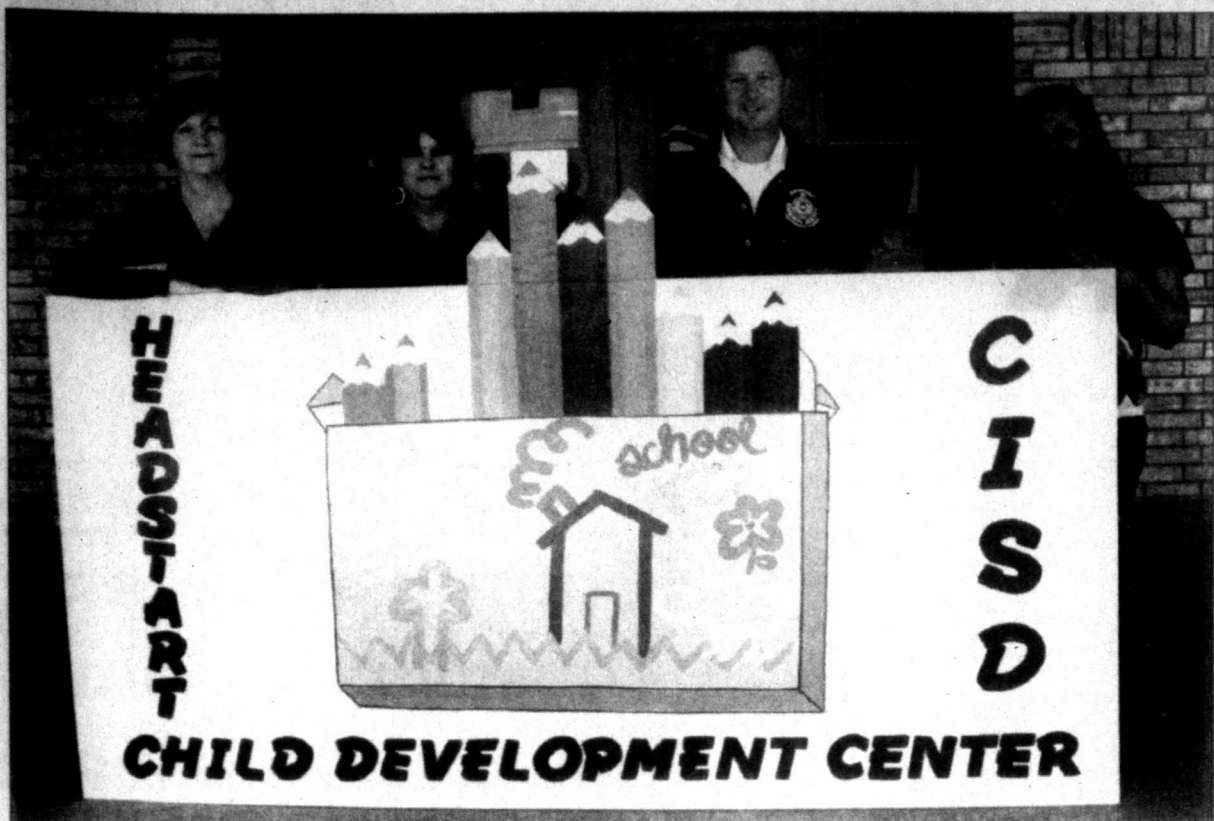
Little known facts about Thanksgiving traditions

According to the National Turkey Federation, 95 percent of Americans eat turkey at Thanksgiving. Regional twists offer variations on the traditional roasted bird, including coffee rubbed turkey from Hawaii, salt encrusted turkey from New England, and deep fried turkey from the South.

The tradition of tugging on either end of a fowl's bone to win the larger piece and its accompanying "wish" dates back to the Etruscans

of 322 B.C. The Romans brought the tradition with them when they conquered England and the English colonists carried the tradition on to America.

Each year since 1947, the National Turkey Federation and the Poultry and Egg National Board have given a turkey to the President of the United States at a White House ceremony. Since then, presidents have been more likely to eat the turkey rather than give it a reprieve. A notable exception occurred in 1963, when President Kennedy, referring to the turkey given to him, said, "Let's just keep him." It wasn't until the first Thanksgiving of President George H.W. Bush, in 1989, that a turkey was officially pardoned for the first time.



BRIGHT NEW LOOK - Headstart and Daycare get a facelift with a brand new sign, courtesy of the Wallace-Ware complex. Warden Jason Heaton presented the brightly colored sign made by inmates to Debi Mace, Family Service Worker, Headstart; Niki Chaney, Headstart and Day Care secretary and Melissa Lara, Director of Day Care (left to right).

Pet vaccinations important to public

A frantic call from a dog owner to the city police department serves as a reminder to dog owners to make sure their pets are up-to-date on their vaccinations.

"Friday, we got a call from a frantic owner of two pit bulls who were fighting uncontrollably," said Police Chief Ron Dooley. "The owner had tried several methods to separate the dogs without success."

"We were afraid that several kids who were nearby would get bit and there were no records of shots for

the dogs," he said. "The officer took down the dogs with a shotgun and took them to the pound. We were able to quell the situations but unfortunately the dogs had to die."

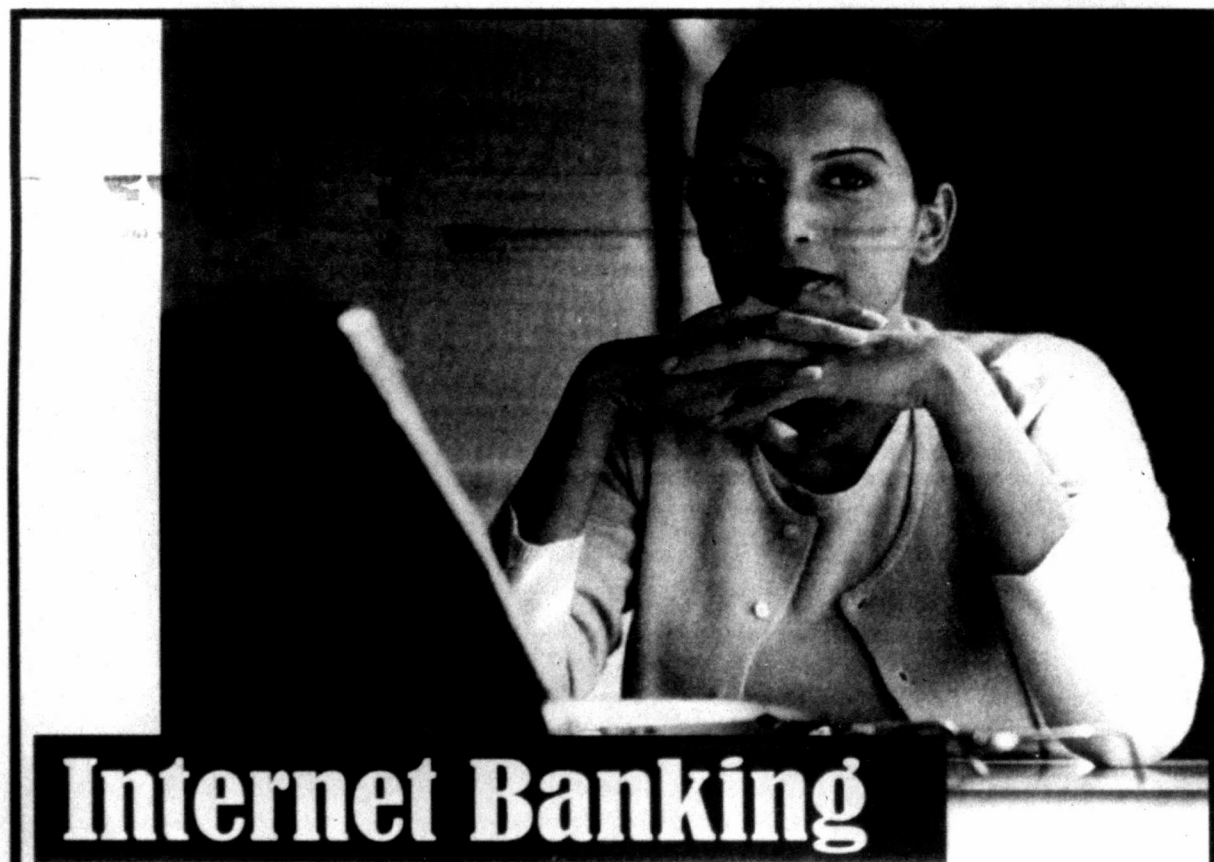
Dooley said police officers are extremely sensitive to dogs running loose without rabies shots, especially in the wake of two children bitten by a pit bull in late October. The head was sent to the labs in Austin and the children had to begin rabies vaccinations until the all clear report came through.

Due to the nature of rabies and the time frame involved, it is important to begin rabies vaccinations right away in cases where it's uncertain if the animal was vaccinated or not.

According to the World Health Organization, once the signs and symptoms of rabies start to appear, there is no treatment and the disease is almost always fatal.

Most human deaths from rabies follow a bite from an infected dog. Between 30% to 60% of the victims

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LOCAL NEWS

Veterans Day honors those who sacrifice

"Veterans Day is special for every veteran that has served in a combat situation," Army Staff Sergeant Shilo Harris told the crowd that gathered at the Memorial Wall to pay tribute to the country's armed forces.

"After being wounded and losing three of my men, it means a hell of a lot to me. On this day I would like to remember them with honor and pride," he said.

Harris was part of the Colorado Middle School Veterans Day program last Tuesday at the Mitchell County Hospital. The San Angelo resident served two tours of duty as a Calvary Scout with the Army in Iraq and was permanently injured in a roadside bomb attack near Baghdad while on routine patrol.

Harris spoke of the call to duty that continues to draw men and women into the defense not only of the United States, but of "the greater good in the world."

"My call to duty was my family. After 911, I chose to join the military at 27 years of age. Call to duty involves pride in your country, loyalty and wanting to do your part," he told a large group of students, veterans and residents. "People join the military for the greater good. The more we help the other countries, the more it helps us."

"I knew the price I might have to pay and it's something I would do again today. I'm proud to be an American and proud to be a Texan. Let us celebrate for those soldiers who cannot be here today and for those who are here today. Freedom is not free, but a price that many have paid," said Harris, adding that every soldier who dons the uniform knows the cost of serving one's country, even if they won't admit it to themselves.

Harris' wife, Kathreyn, works for the Army Wounded Warrior

Program as an advocate for severely wounded, injured and ill soldiers during the Operation Iraqi and Enduring Freedom campaigns and their families.

She helps them with whatever problems or VA issues they may have, pushes education and employment readiness and helps with resumes, getting into schools and learning what's available education-wise.

"She's passionate because we're living it firsthand," said Harris. "She really wants to help."

Helping continues to motivate Harris who wanted to go back to Iraq and Afghanistan and help raise the bars in aiding those countries to grow and recover. Unfortunately, Harris, who was burned over 35 percent of his body, is unable to tolerate even West Texas heat.

"It (the explosion) really took a See SACRIFICE, Page 6



GIVING SANTA A HAND (left to right) Shirley Delaney, Yolanda Arispe, Jan Lemons and Penny Gonzalez begin setting up Toys for Mitchell County Kids collection boxes to help the Kiwanians in their annual toy drive.

Collection points set for Toys4Mitchell County Kids

Donation boxes for Toys for Mitchell County Kids (Toys4M.C.Kids) are located at a variety of collection points around town.

New toys and monetary donations will be accepted to help provide Christmas presents for Mitchell County children that might not otherwise get a gift during the holiday season.

"The Kiwanians will accept like new toys that can be made to look new," said Kiwanian president Jan Lemons.

The drive will continue through December 15 and the toy giveaway will take place on December 20. Anyone wishing to donate a toy can drop one off at the Family Dollar, Dollar General, Ramage Appliances, Dandy's Diner, Alco, Higginbotham, Fuller Food, City National Bank, First National Bank, First Bank of West Texas, Loraine, Summer's Out West, the Mitchell County Public Library, Hutchinson

Elementary, Kelley Elementary and Colorado Middle School.

Monetary donations made be mailed to: Jan Lemons, 314 WCR 145, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

The Kiwanians will also hold two raffles. The TDCJ Wallace-Ware units and the Windham School will donate two picnic tables for one of the drawings. The tables, one for adults and one for youth, include benches and will be raffled as a set. The tables will be on display at the City National Bank and the Festival of Trees.

TDCJ will also built and donate a gun cabinet. The cabinet will be on display after December 1st at CNB and the Festival of Trees.

Tickets for the drawings are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The drawing will take place on KVMC on December 15 following the morning news.

Proceeds from the raffles will help buy presents for Toys4M.C.Kids.

Hospital establishes billing hotline to help customers

Joe Wright, Interim Chief Financial Officer for Mitchell County Hospital District, recently announced the implementation of the Financial Services Hotline Extension 7559.

"The purpose of this extension is to assist patients in clarification of any questions regarding their patient accounts," said Wright.

To access this extension, call the hospital phone number 728-3431. As soon as the recorded answer comes on, dial extension 7559. Leave a recorded message with your name, phone number, and the patient account number on your bill. Billing office personnel will call you

back within one working day.

Wright added, "If you don't let us know something is wrong, we can't fix it. Our goal is to have correct information. If you have an address change, please let us know. We want to be updated if you change insurance providers. We can answer questions like 'How much do I owe? How much has my insurance or Medicare paid?'"

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REAL AMERICAN HERO - Staff Sergeant Shilo Harris was the guest speaker at the Colorado Middle School Veterans Day program last week. Students who helped with the program and had an opportunity to meet Harris personally were Gabby Rico, Sammi Thomson, Daniel Dillon, Stephen Potter, Brittany Vasquez, Alyssa Stanford, Olivia Luera, Thea Guazo, Alyssa Levertson, Aaron Rivera, Destyne Gaona, Jake Johnson, Brent Morris, Raegan Costabile, Vanna George, Corbin Castillo, Sean Williamson, Whitney Ortiz, and Hayden Redwine.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH Tumbleweed's Top 40

I started my daily radio program, THE SOUND OF TEXAS, on August 1st, 1969. We had just placed a man on the moon and Texas had a lot to do with that effort. I wanted to explore the Texas spirit, flavor and character and see what the Texas mystique was all about. I decided to report on the state's small towns, unique events, characters, storytellers, history and folklore and tell how Texans have fun. I had freelanced feature programs on Texans to NBC Radio's Monitor, which aired on weekends. It was a worldwide broadcast and the producer of Monitor told me he had some good response to my reports in South America and Africa.

The intention was to sell the series to a number of West Texas radio stations. The original name of the series was Tumbleweed, chosen because it's such a strong West Texas symbol. People started calling me that and I adopted the name.

When the program began, I was news director of KHEM Radio in Big Spring. I had been in radio and television news for nine years and always wanted a business of my own. Of all the new duties I had, I enjoyed doing feature stories the best. Right after the moon landing, I got five sample programs ready and sent them to 65 West Texas radio stations. I rented a box at the post office and expected it to be full of mail from stations wanting the program.

The response was underwhelming. Only one station bought the series. KZZN in Littlefield. At least I had a network of two stations, one in Big Spring and one in Littlefield. That's when I knew I was going to have to get busy. Through phone calls and friends in the business, five stations had bought the series by the end of the year. I quit my job and hit the road, knowing my wife and two young sons had all the faith in the world in me. It was an exciting time.

Six months after the programs started, I began selling it to stations outside of West Texas. I traveled 100,000 miles a year the first couple of years, telling radio station managers and owners they could have something on their stations that was fun, clean, non-threatening and not important.

It's still fun 40 years later. I wake up every morning chomping at the bit to get in the studio and produce a program or write a column. I love traveling Texas and interviewing fascinating people. I've done one record, two books and a dozen or so cassette and CDs on Texas humor. My latest one, just out, is called TUMBLEWEED'S TOP 40 and features my favorite program from each of the 40 years the series has been on the air. It was not easy picking one show from the 260 shows in a year. I tried not to use any material that had been on previous cassettes or CDs.

Looking over the list in front of me, it is packed full of fun stuff and features some of the best storytellers and characters in the state.

I use my very best material in speeches and some of those stories and people are featured on this CD. I'm almost afraid to start mentioning some of the people on it because I'd want to mention all of them. They are all great. There is talk of it being a Grammy nominee in the history category. The two-CD set is available at my website, tumbleweedsmith.com. \$15.



Many reasons to celebrate

I know Thanksgiving is not here yet, and I like to take the holidays in order, but Thanksgiving is so late this year we must let you know about Christmas activities now.

First of all, Carla and I wish for you a blessed Thanksgiving surrounded by family and friends. May your blessings be many.

Our Christmas festivities kick off on Friday, December 5th with "Lights Before Christmas". The merchants are decorating their windows and stringing lights. There will be entertainment, refreshments, visiting, shopping, hay rides and many other things to enjoy.

Saturday, December 6th, the parade will start at 5 p.m. Line up will be on the east hill by the old Ford house. It will proceed west on 2nd St. to Oak, south on Oak to 1st St. and east on 1st St. to the Railroad Building. We encourage you to enter a float, bicycle, go-cart or anything else you think would be fun. The theme for all the festivities will be "A Jingle Bell Christmas". There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd on the floats, a prize for Best Wheels (bicycles & etc.) and a prize for Best Dressed Pet. Prizes will be given at the Railroad Building after the parade.

The Lions Chili Supper begins immediately after the parade in the Railroad Building. Enter from the south side. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Enjoy chili, beans, dessert and drink. There will be carry outs also.

The Festival of Trees will be open from 5:30 to 8 p.m. on Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday. The trees will be left up through the following week, so Mother's Day Out and the elementary children can come see them.



Sue Lowrance and Carla Sauer

The Pecan Pie Contest was a lot of fun last year. I know a lot of you have favorite recipes for pecan pies. This is the time to show your stuff. The winner will be announced at 2 p.m. on Sunday, so have your pies to us by 1:30 p.m. The pies will be sold for \$1 per slice to benefit the Chamber of Commerce.

December 13th will be our 6th Annual Christmas Dance. This year, we will have Kelly Spinks and his band. Kelly is a mainstay at the Western Swing in Snyder and plays all around the country. He and his family live in Brownwood. He plays very good dance music and is looking forward to coming to play for us. He will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Civic Center. We will have finger food buffet again and the tickets are \$15 each.

This will conclude our activities for the year. This year has been full and none of these events could have been successful without the support of the community and all the great volunteers. The volunteers give of their time unselfishly, and we appreciate everything they do to help us.

Our prayer for you is a happy holiday season spent doing what you like to do best. We look forward to working for you next year.

Carla & Sue

Light before Christmas adds holiday sparkle to downtown Colorado City

We have exciting Christmas celebrations coming up the first weekend of December. Our downtown will celebrate a first time event called Light Before Christmas that involves lighting up our downtown stores and buildings on Friday the 5th of December. Many of the merchants will be open for shopping opportunities from 6 to 9 p.m.

Other activities will take place involving music and children. More information will follow in upcoming articles.

The annual Chamber Christmas Parade and the Lion's Club chili supper will be the next day on December 6th.



DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

Make plans to come down with your family and friends and experience an old time Christmas celebration.

Our Main Event Thrift Store will be open the evening of December 5th as well and will be open on Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. now until Christmas. The store has many new things and lots of wonderful items that can be used to package your gifts of cookies and baked goods. We have lots of great Christmas decorations for your decorating projects. If you have any items to donate or you would like to volunteer, call 325-242-0206.

Cranberry, apple, sausage stuffing

stuffs a 10 lb turkey
1 1/2 cups cubed whole wheat bread
3 3/4 cups cubed white bread
1 pound ground turkey sausage
1 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup chopped celery
2 1/2 teaspoons dried sage
1 1/2 teaspoons dried rosemary
1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
1 Golden Delicious apple, cored and chopped

3/4 cup dried cranberries
1/3 cup minced fresh parsley
1 cooked turkey liver, finely chopped
3/4 cup turkey stock
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

1. Preheat oven to 350 degree F (175 degree C). Spread the white and whole wheat bread cubes in a single layer on a large baking sheet. Bake for 5 to 7 minutes in the preheated oven, or until evenly toasted. Transfer toasted bread cubes to a large bowl.

2. In a large skillet, cook the sausage and onions over medium heat, stirring and breaking up the lumps until evenly browned. Add the celery, sage, rosemary, and thyme; cook, stirring, for 2 minutes to blend flavors.

3. Pour sausage mixture over bread in bowl. Mix in chopped apples, dried cranberries, parsley, and liver. Drizzle with turkey stock and melted butter, and mix lightly. Spoon into turkey to loosely fill.

Chili supper tickets on sale

Tickets for the Lions Club annual Chili Supper go on sale this Friday.

Local Lions use the fund raiser to help with various club projects, including eyeglasses, the Kerrville summer camp for special needs children and scholarships for local high school seniors.

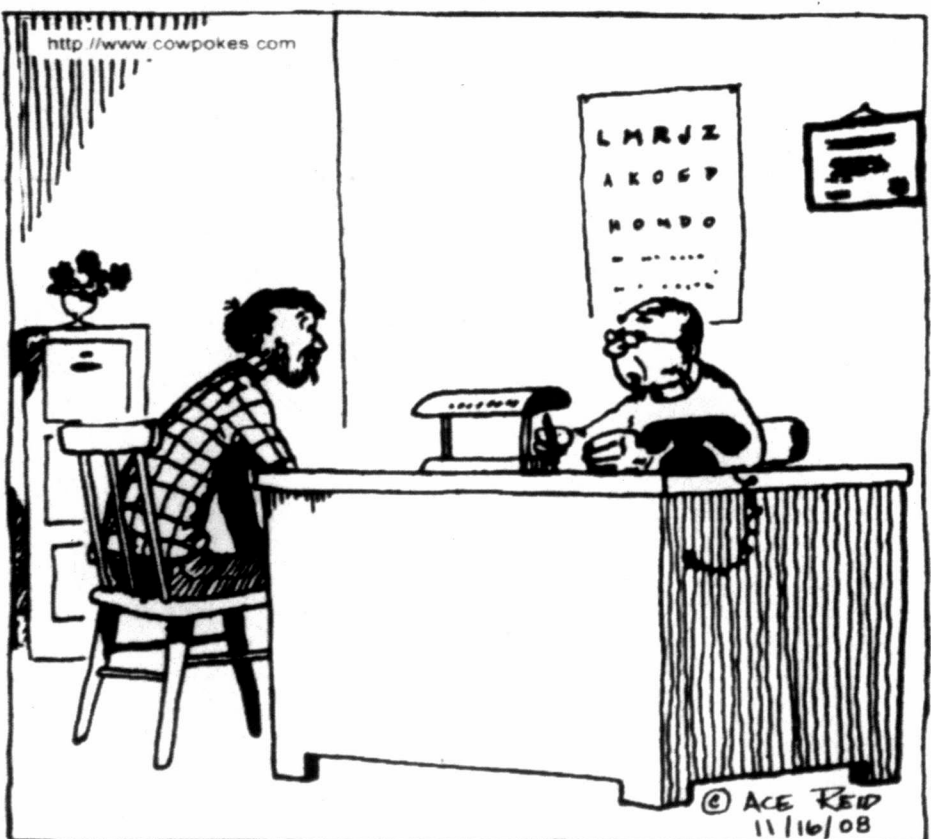
The supper will be held Saturday, December 6th at 5:30 p.m. at the Railroad Building, following the Christmas Parade downtown at 5 p.m.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children and may be purchased at the door.

For more information, contact Patricia Gillespie at 728-2462 or Sue Lowrance at the Chamber of Commerce.

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



"You're bound to need glasses, Jake. Apparently you couldn't read the bill I sent you for your last examination!"
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LOCAL NEWS

Tis the season to be giving hams

There is still time to win a delicious ham for this holiday season, thanks to sponsoring businesses. Look inside this week's issue to find coupons for a chance to win a free ham, fill them out and take them to the participating stores. The deadline for submitting coupons for the drawing is 3 p.m. on Monday, November 24. The drawing will be held at 5 p.m. that afternoon, and winners can pick up their hams from Fuller Foods on November 26. The ham giveaway is an opportunity for local businesses to express

their gratitude to their customers for their patronage. This is the 15th year local merchants have partnered with the *Colorado City Record* to sponsor the drawing. Merchants participating this year are: Higginbotham-Bartlett Home Center, The Medicine Place, C-City Printing & Office Supply, Gas 'n' Grub, Fuller Foods, B&B One Stop, Perkin's Apothecary & Mercantile, Wood's Boots, Maz's Place, Matlock, Auto Mart, City Discount Drug, Lone Wolf Video, Colorado Floral & Gifts, Parks Chevron,

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COUNCIL

Steve Shutt. Council members will no longer be able to list a general topic, then discuss whatever they want during that period of time. Rockefeller said the opinion raised a host of practical questions. Last minute topics would have to be held until the next council meeting, or such information could be distributed in a one-way communication format, i.e. no discussion, before the meeting or by email. Items may be placed on the agenda by the city manager, the mayor or by

request of three council members. In other city business, the council authorized seeking bids for an irrigation system to be used for wastewater irrigation on the new permitted land. Bid requests will be published in the newspaper and sent to professional contractors with experience in that area. Zane Graham reported \$401,198.28 in the landfill trust account during the quarterly report. Cecilia Scott announced Colorado City's selection as a MainStreet

city for the third year, with a score of 96.5 on the highly competitive application. Bids by Michael Murphy and Eric Molina for property at 103 East 7th Street and 1143 Chestnut were approved. However, a bid for property at 505 Cypress was voted down due to the bidders owing back taxes. The city manager told the council that in an effort to cut back on overtime hours, on weekends city workers will only fix emergency water leaks.

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be scattered, because we're a close knit family," said James. Moving from a bustling metropolitan area like Joliet to rural Colorado City has been something of a culture shock to the transplanted Yankee, who still misses his Dunkin' Donuts. "Joliet was more culturally diverse," he said. "Being in a small town is very different. You just can't get up at 5 a.m. and run to the store." James often finds the slower pace of life in Colorado City exasperating. "Out of the four years I've been here, I don't think I've slowed down. I like to go and do things. We spend a lot of time together. We'll get up really early to go to Abilene," said Doris. A typical trip to Abilene begins at 7 a.m. and will end at 7 p.m. after eating supper in the big city. "I would have liked to see what it was like before making the move," said Doris. "When we came to visit, it was a lot different." "When you're on vacation, you don't get to see the true inner workings," said James, who would like to start a Neighborhood Watch pro-

gram. "You never know until you try something, if it will work," he said, missing the way his Joliet neighbors watched out for each other. The couple misses a lot of the advantages of Joliet and are still finding the different rhythms in Colorado City in terms of the political system and inequalities of finances and code enforcements. "For the town to grow, we've got to bring something in. I don't see the political system is concern about what's really important like jobs," said James. One big difference they are aware of is greater police protection here. "You stick out more in a small town than you do in a big city," said James. "We get more police protection here."

"It was a good move because my mom is here," said Doris. "That's a good thing. Overall, she's happy being here with her mom," said James. "If it was up to James, he'd be gone yesterday," chuckles Doris. The couple are planning a return trip to Illinois for their former pastor's retirement party. Meanwhile, Doris stays busy making quilts for her family and helping her mom cook two days a week at the Civic Center for the Kiwanis and Lions Clubs. "I'm more involved in church here, too," she said. "That would not happen in Joliet."

BOOKS

from page 1 in schools across America. Her children's books captivate readers with wit and charm, while helping young readers learn about the world they live in. Masters has four new books coming out next year for children on how resources come into homes. Targeted for the elementary age, the books discuss electricity, water, natural gas and the telephone.

SEASON

from page 1 the old Ford House, where 2nd Street turns into Westpoint. Anyone interested in participating in the parade should contact the Chamber of Commerce, 728-3403. The Lions Club Chili supper fund raiser to help save eyesight will follow the parade at 5:30 p.m. at the Railhead Building. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Everyone is invited to take a stroll through a winter wonderland at the Festival of Trees, hosted by the Chamber and located in the Railhead Building. Opportunities to partake in this visual feast of trees will continue from 5:30 until 8 p.m. on Saturday, December 6 and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, December 7th. Anyone interested in having a tree should contact the Chamber of Commerce. More Christmas delights are in store during the Christmas Ball, to be held December 13 at the Civic Center. The ball will feature the talents of Kelly Spinks, country western singer from Brownwood. The ball will be from 8 p.m. until 12 a.m.. Tickets are \$15 per person and will include a finger food buffet and set ups.



SHADE TREE SALSA offered a lingering taste of summer at Railhead Trade Days last weekend. Abilene resident Julian Briles (left) sampled varieties on display by Odessa vendors Richard (center) and Elaine Blount (right).

ENROLLMENT

from page 1 in the 4th grade and maintaining a low teacher-student ration gives way to state and federal monetary issues of maximizing class sizes. "We will have a few classes over 20 and 25 students, mainly in grade 5 and the freshman," White said. "Larger districts would be thankful to have that number of students, since they usually have 36 students per class." Smaller districts have smaller classes; although 20 students can be a huge class in some districts and a very small one in others. "We're slightly above where we were last year," said White. "We'll lose a handful at Christmas because of families moving; then pick up in the spring if tradition holds true. Then lose a few more before school ends. We ought to finish at 1050 if it holds true to form." "A couple of years ago, I used to kid the Hutchinson secretary that her job is to get us over 200," White said. Hutchinson's enrollment this year is 240. The smallest class is the senior class with 51, closely followed by the junior and seventh grade classes. Lower enrollments are a growing trend across the West Texas school system according to White.

"Most school districts used to be a lot bigger than they are now. With the economy tight and oil and gas headed south, everybody is losing kids," he said. "School districts are fighting a battle just to keep their kids. Most cases they're losing." The fastest growth is along the I-35 corridor and the Metroplex, especially near the airport. "Little schools like Frisco are just exploding," said White. "Getting new business here will help. We're optimistic that will help."

Westbrook	
PreK	22
Kindergarten	18
1ST Grade	14
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3rd Grade	22
4th Grade	25
5th Grade	14
6th Grade	17
7th Grade	17
8th Grade	13
9th Grade	12
10th Grade	6
11th Grade	10
12th Grade	13
Total	220
Loraine ISD	
PreK - 5th	74
6th - 8th	35
9th - 12th	58
Total	167

Five major myths about garbage

Myth No. 1: Fast-food packaging, polystyrene foam and disposable diapers are major constituents of American garbage. Myth No. 2: Plastic is also a big problem. Myth No. 3: A lot of biodegradation takes place in modern landfills. Myth No. 4: America is running out of safe places to put landfills. Myth No. 5: On a per-capita basis, Americans are producing garbage at a rapidly accelerating rate. The University of Alabama study concluded that "our means of disposal 'have never been safer or more technically advanced,' and that our record with regard to garbage disposal has gradually improved since the late 19th century."

PETS

from page 2 of dog bites are children under the age of 15. Dooley said the two methods employed by the department in dealing with suspected rabies dog bites are to kill the dog and send the head to the Austin labs or to confine the dog for 10 days to see if the animal develops rabies. The second method requires the victim to begin the rabies vaccinations which are painful and expensive. "Our first priority is the safety of the citizens of Colorado City," he said. Dog and cat owners are encouraged to keep their animals under control and make certain all their rabies vaccinations are up to date.

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toll on me and I'm not going to be capable of doing that," Harris explained. "Ultimately, we are going to stay affiliated with the military and do our best to continue helping veterans with their benefits."

Harris said he is proud of the efforts being made by the military to provide quality and cutting edge health care for injured veterans. Part of the innovative treatments Harris is undergoing involves pig bladder stem cell research in rejuvenative growth for missing limbs.

One of the highlights of Harris' military career was meeting President George W. Bush in Crawford. "It was like Christmas," said Harris.

"We knew about it for two months and couldn't tell anybody because of security issues," said Mrs. Harris. "We had to break plans, cancel sur-

geries and they just didn't understand why. It was worth it in the end."

"Bush made leaps and bounds in building support for the military," said Harris who is intensely passionate about respect for the country's veterans. He recounted the story of a buddy who was wounded in action and told by a female civilian "you got what you deserved."

"Until you've walked 25 miles in the boots of soldiers and the sacrifices they and their families have sacrificed, you have no idea," he said.

"Most of the soldiers I've been deployed with have been really proud to be a part of this (war on terrorism). They see the differences we're making each and every day that we're here."

"Iraq is at a turning point. Iraqis are tired of the terrorists manipulat-

ing their country. They're starting to take charge," said Harris.

Andra Maxwell, CMS 8th grade American History teacher, helped coordinate and plan the program with the help of middle school students.

"There were tons of kids that wanted to participate," she said. "In a 30 minute program we can't use everybody. It made sense to use the National Junior Honor Society."

Not only did NJHS provide a smaller, set number of students, but the members could use their participation as part of the accreditation for their NJHS civic work.

"We used Brent Morris, Hayden Redwine and Stephen Potter because of their personal experiences," Maxwell said. "When students are talking from their heart it makes it more real for the student body."

"It's great to see all the people that

lived through the wars and to get to talk about my grandpa," said Potter, whose grandfather served at Iwo Jima during WW II.

"It was amazing to see all the veterans that were still here and would go back and do it again any day. I pray for them," said Whitney Ortiz, whose beloved grandfather served in Vietnam.

"It's great that we can honor those that can serve our country," said Morris. "I thought it was different that we had all the veterans in town. I didn't know there were that many. I think they're great."

"I was glad to be a part of it," said Corbin Castillo. "I liked to see Sergeant Harris speak and see how he's getting better after what happened to him. It's different to see someone who was injured and came back than to see people who came back from the war healthy."

A child's perspective on how to cook turkeys

Preparing the Thanksgiving turkey is never easy and choosing from a myriad of recipes can be difficult. Here are some of Kelley Elementary second graders' favorite ways to cook the Thanksgiving bird.

Go to the field and kill a turkey. And warm it for 10 minutes. Then you put dressing on it and then you and your family and friends eat it. — Elizabeth Parras

I would go with my brother hunting for turkey. Kyle would pick the feathers out. I would make the dressing. I would put salt and pepper with a crisp sauce. — Kendall Koch

Go to Fullers or kill a turkey. Put dressing on it and cook it for 5 minutes, I think. — Dillon Harkins.

I will go shoot it. You got to take the feathers out and get all the stuff out of the body and then cook it. — Logan Fallin

Go to Fuller Foods and buy a turkey and then cook it for five hours and put pepper on it. Then let it cool down a little bit and then eat it with your family. — Destyni Espinoza

I will hunt for it and pull the feathers off of it and I will get hot water. Then make a fire and put it in the fire for 39 minutes. — Nathan Read

Heat ketchup, then cook it, then boil. — Jon Vanderpool

How to cook a Thanksgiving turkey. Get it wet. Cook it too. Take the feathers off. — Taylor Burnett.

Get a turkey. Put it in boiling water. Add salt and pepper and put it in the oven. Then cut out the bones and eat it! — Adam Clifton

You cut it and cook it for 3 minutes and segment and flip it. — Reid Harris

You have to put it in the oven for 20 minutes. Let it cool off and it is ready for Thanksgiving. — Bethany Barnett

I would dry it and season it. Cook it in the oven for 20 minutes and

take it out. Cook it with pudding, chicken and home made ice cream, potato salad, hot rolls, sweet peas, green peas, salad and glazed carrots. — Syrrah Tenorio

First I would buy the things I needed like stuffing and then I would get the turkey and I would cook it. I would wait for 1 and a half hours and when it is ready I will put on my cooking mitts and I would gently take it out. When it has cooled down I would put in the stuffing and then the turkey is ready to eat. — Nadia Gonzales

I put in my turkey, egg, milk and potato salad and eat it with my Mom and Dad and Sugar and Brandon. — Alexis Lara

I would cut it open, then clean it, then cook it for four minutes. — Taylor Smith

First you get the turkey, then if you want put barbeque or some flavor. Then maybe you can cut it or just leave it. Put it in the oven for like twenty minutes. Take it out. — Marissa Reyna

If I had to cook a turkey this is what I would do. First I dress it, then I put foil. Then I put it in the oven for ten minutes. — Leonard Williams

If I had to cook a turkey this is what I would do. I would cook it for an hour and I would pour gravy on the turkey. — Adon Flores

If I had to cook a turkey this is what I would do. Dress the turkey, bring it to school, then give it to your teacher. — Jarell Owens

Pepper and dressing and gravy and juice and salt and onions and peppers and cook it for three hours. — McKaila Davidson

I pull the turkey feathers off, put him in the oven for 3 minutes then take him out. Put salt on him and pepper in, then invite my family and friends and eat all together. — Destiny Garza

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TOMMY OUSLEY AND Willie Shell tear apart a music catalog to personalize their journals during Celebrate Recovery. Photo courtesy of Erika Cloutier.



DAKOTA KIRK AND Gabby Ousley use different media to customize their journals. Christian Temple is hosting Celebrate Recovery each Monday night. Photo courtesy of Erika Cloutier.

HELD AT CHRISTIAN TEMPLE WEEKLY

Everyone welcome at Celebrate Recovery

By Erika Cloutier

It wasn't that long ago when tragedy, in the form of her brother's death, struck the family of Karen Magill. When counseling wasn't enough to ease the pain and naming the illness (adult child of an alcoholic) didn't suddenly make it go away, she was blessed to discover a program that could help. The program, Celebrate Recovery, is a Christ-based recovery program that she and her husband were able to bring to Christian Temple on Hickory Street.

Celebrate Recovery, which is run similar to an AA meeting, is currently helping several families deal with the pain from things ranging from depression and co-dependency to chemical dependency, divorce, over-eating, and any other addiction or habit that is interfering with their lives. "[This program] benefits everyone who comes, no matter what walk of life you come from, or what hurts, hang ups, or habits you have," commented Allison Ousley as she cleaned up after group.

"When you work through the steps you delve into your past. It takes you through all those things you don't want to deal with and you work [walk] through them. You aren't stuck there anymore. How much do you want to be free? You can't move forward until you are unstuck," added Magill.

One thing many of the people who attend Celebrate Recovery have in common is that it is a place where they are not judged, regardless of where they have been. It's a place where they fit in and belong. Everyone who joins the group becomes a vital part of it. Ousley has, to everyone's delight, become the official cook for Monday night dinners. "I really get a blessing out of cooking for everyone; the smiles and the fellowship that comes out of it." The meals are a great way to enjoy fellowship and bring people together before the meetings begin.

Another important part of Celebrate Recovery is the small group sessions. Ousley feels that small

groups "are a safe haven. You can talk about anything and know it doesn't leave the room. You can vent," she said.

Currently small groups are divided into men's groups and women's groups. The women are also divided further into one group specifically for chemical dependency and another for hurts, habits, hang ups, and behaviors. The men only have one group at this time because there are only a few who attend. As the group grows, more specific small groups will emerge.

There is even a place for the kids at Celebrate Recovery. After everyone enjoys dinner together, the kids break up into age groups. The little bitty ones go with Miss Rose into the nursery, while the four to seven year olds (and some extremely active younger ones) go with Rachel Cloutier and play games and do crafts. Erika and Chris Cloutier co-lead the group of eight to twelve year olds. A lot goes on in the eight to twelve year old room, from games and challenges, to journal

time, sharing and, of course, a lesson. The kids in this group are learning how to build relationships, deal with fear and anxiety, how to be responsible for their own actions, and most importantly that they can always trust God when they can't trust what is going on around them.

There is a lesson in everything. Eleven year old Tommy Ousley recently learned about humility when he was given the opportunity to try on some fire gear during a recent meeting. "Oh my, what an experience!" Tommy remarked with a grin, while reflecting back on the experience. Tommy, full of pride, told the group that the air tank was not heavy after having being told it was. A few minutes later he found himself in full turnout gear with an air pack carrying his seven year old sister, Alysa. This was his most memorable moment in the group so far.

Everyone has a place at Celebrate Recovery. Stop by early and be blessed by dinner at 5 or arrive just in time for the recovery meeting from 6-8 p.m.

AARP to offer help with income tax preparation

The AARP Foundation in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) will again be providing free income tax preparation service for all middle and low income taxpayers for the 2008 tax year beginning February 4, 2009.

Volunteers are needed to be trained as preparers for returns in Abilene and the surrounding area towns. Training will be conducted in Abilene during the week of January 12-17, 2009.

No experience is required, however, volunteers should have a basic knowledge of the Form 1040 instructions and some basic computer skills. Having prepared one's own return is sufficient.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in helping in this program, please call Ken Roussel at 672-7596.

Tickets on sale now for third annual MLK fete

The 3rd Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Banquet has been set for Monday, January 19, 2009. The banquet will be held at the Nolan County Coliseum Annex, 1699 Cypress Street in Sweetwater from 6 to 8 p.m.

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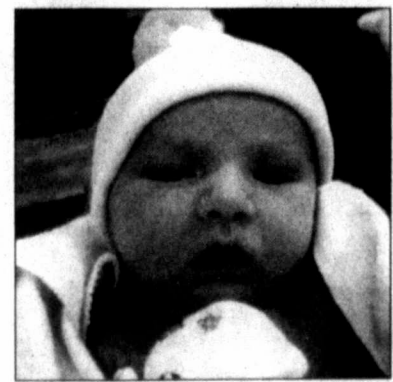
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BIRTHS



Cade and Noelia Carlock of Anton are proud to announce the birth of their son, Caleb Ray Carlock.

He was born October 31, 2008 at 11:49 a.m. at Covenant Medical Center Lakeside in Lubbock. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces. He was 20 1/2 inches long.

Paternal grandparents are Tom and Debby Carlock of Colorado City. Paternal great-grandparents are Ray Anne Carlock and the late E.B. (Bim) Carlock of Colorado City and Bobbie and Wanza Graham of Loraine.

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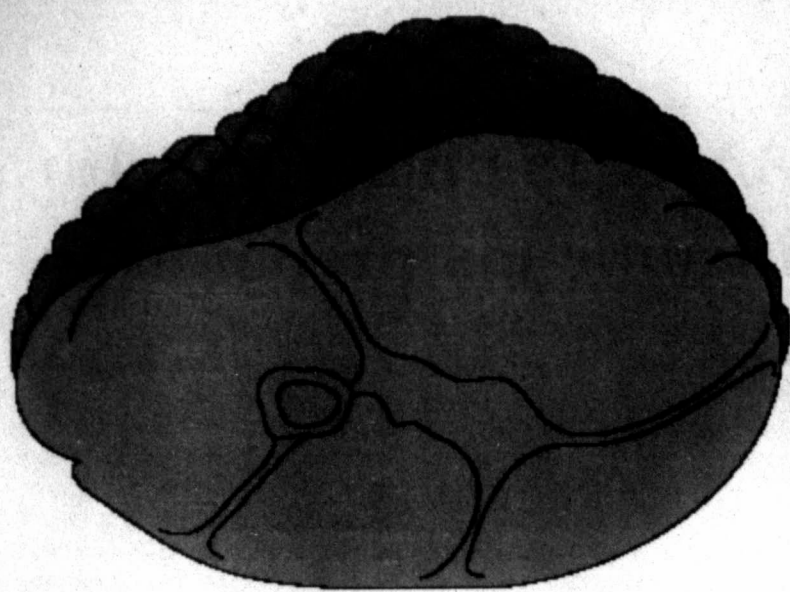
2008 PeeWee Football Champs

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The Board would like to give a Special Thanks
to everyone who donated their time, effort and funds to the PeeWee Football League. We had a great year!

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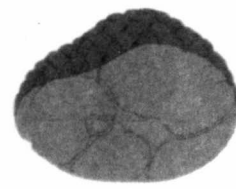
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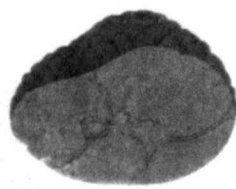
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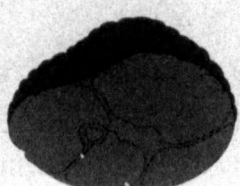


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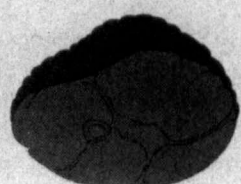


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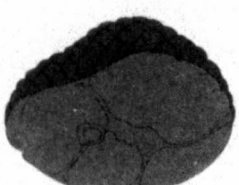


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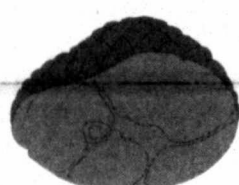


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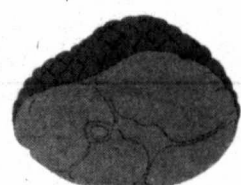


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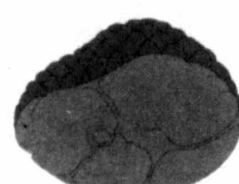


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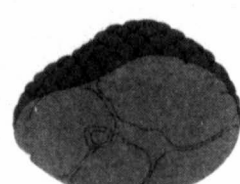


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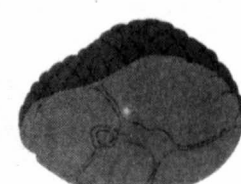
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SCHOOL NEWS

Loraine Lodge rewards summer readers

Two Loraine fifth graders received awards Monday for completing the summer Take Time to Read program.

Members of the Loraine Masonic Lodge #1307 presented awards to Crystal and Chris Olivarez for par-



READING IS FUN discovered Chris and Crystal Olivarez during a summer reading program. The Olivarez twins received awards from the Loraine Masonic Lodge for completing a summer program.

ticipating in the summer program by reading a variety of books and completing and returning a reading calendar.

"I don't really like to read," said Chris, "but when I got into books that were really interesting it was so much fun." His favorite books were about cowboys and the Alamo.

"It was fun," said Crystal. "I liked reading about horses and all the things they can do."

The program encouraged the youngsters to read both fiction and nonfiction books, according to Diolanda Moore, program director at Loraine ISD. As part of the program to encourage children to read during the summer vacation months, the Loraine ISD library was open to the public two days a week during the month of June. "Our theme was the rain forest. All the activities in the library dealt with the rain forest," said Moore, who plans to offer the program

again next summer.

"I stress the importance of reading. You can't even get a job in housekeeping if you cannot read," she said. "I encourage students to pull out their magazines, quit looking at the pictures and read the articles."

This was the first year for the summer reading program which is sponsored by the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children in conjunction with local Masonic Lodges.

"You must read to succeed," Jesse Kossman told Loraine students. Kossman is Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Texas, as well as Junior Warden and District Deputy. "Even in the age of computers, you still need to read to operate a computer."

Also presenting the awards on behalf of the Loraine Lodge were Kenneth Rogers, secretary and Edgar Haltom, treasurer.



REWARDED FOR READING - Crystal and Chris Olivarez (center) were honored for completion of a summer reading program by members of the Loraine Masonic Lodge # 1307. Members (left to right) Kenneth Rogers, Edgar Haltom and Jesse Kossman presented the two Loraine fifth graders with gifts for their hard work in conjunction with the Take Time to Read program.

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HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY collected approximately 400 cans of food for the Community Mission. Students helping Dan Smith load the cans are: Cameron Oakley, Keifer Holman and Megan Cloutier.

SCHOOL MENUS

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Nov. 24-25 Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk. Tuesday - Pop Tarts, cereal, fruit, milk.	Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Nov. 24-25 Monday - English muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk. Tuesday - egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Nov. 24-25 Monday - hamburgers, salad, pickles, chips, mixed fruit, milk. Tuesday - Hot Pockets, baby carrots, pickle spears, push-ups, milk.	Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Nov. 24-25 Monday - hot dog, oven fried potatoes, apple & orange smiles, sherbet cup, milk. Tuesday - enchiladas, refried beans, tossed salad, cinnamon apple, milk.

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ACADEMIC ALL-DISTRICT VOLLEYBALL players for the 2008 Lady Wolves are: (front row, l-r) Lauren Munoz, Jordan Hammond and Courtney Sutton; (middle row) Amanda Arispe, Laura Warren, Briana Ortiz, Erin Graham and Michelle Billingsley; (back row) Emily Hicks and Kayley Molina.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK of Hutchinson Elementary for this week include (left to right): Sierra Santana, Skyler Givens and Bianca Palmer.

Hutchinson names students of the week

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Sierra Santana, Skyler Givens and Bianca Palmer.

Sierra, daughter of Starla Santana and Bryan Casares, is a third grader in Mrs. Toombs' class. She enjoys running as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. She says the teachers at Hutchinson are her favorite thing about her school.

Skyler, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lindsey's class, is the daughter of Kim Kirby and Phillip Garcia. Her favorite subject is writing, and she enjoys spending time with her dogs, Fredda and Pebbles. She says her favorite thing about her school is that it's a caring place.

Bianca, daughter of Tabby and Ricky Perry and Richard Palmer, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Wulfjen's class. Swimming is her hobby, and science is her favorite subject. When asked about her favorite thing at her school she said that she has the best teacher ever.

Whitesides takes top honors in speaking

The Westbrook FFA Chapter competed Monday night in the Lone Wolf District FFA Career Development Events competition. Freshman Klanci Whitesides took top honors in the Jr. Creed speaking contest. She competed and defeated contestants from, Sweetwater, Borden County, Ira, Snyder, Colorado City, Blackwell, Hermleigh, and Roscoe.

Whitesides will now represent both the Westbrook FFA Chapter and the Lone Wolf District at the Area II contest which will be held on Saturday on the campus of Howard College in Big Spring.

Also representing Westbrook at the district contest in the FFA Quiz Contest were Michael Bray, Emily Harkins, and Joel Gaona. The three-member team placed fourth.

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Westbrook ISD to hold SBDM November 19

Westbrook ISD would like to invite all parents and business owners to participate in the next Site-Based Decision Making Meeting (SBDM).

The SBDM has been mandated for all Texas districts since 1992. This committee is made up of professional staff, parents of students enrolled in the district, community members and business and industry representatives.

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and improve communications and information flow within the school district. Teachers, parents, and community representatives provide input for their respective school's site-based decision making policies and procedures and campus improvement plans.

The next meeting will be held on November 19 at 3:30 p.m. in the library at Westbrook ISD. Anyone wishing to participate is welcome.

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Thanks Again!

SPORTS

Wolves lose to Bangs

By Tony Franco

A fourth quarter comeback fell short for Colorado High School at Brownwood last Friday as Bangs held on to take a 37-21 Bi-District victory. Bangs advances to an Area Championship game in Class AA Division II football action against Cisco.

The loss to the Dragons ended Colorado City's season with a 6-5 record. The Wolves, third place finishers in District 7-AA at 3-2, were making a return trip to playoffs after a two year drought and threatened to knock off the heavily favored Dragons.

The Dragons, champions of District 8-AA, surged ahead 29-8 early in the final quarter before the Wolves mounted another spirited charge. The Pack quickly struck back with an 80 yard touchdown.

Wolves running back Jamaricus Brooks took a short screen pass from quarterback Clint White just over the right side of the line of scrimmage, cut left and then raced down the left sideline-escaping two Bangs defenders at the 20 yard line. Brooks' score and Nick Hart's point after kick made it 29-15 with 11:31 left in the third period.

Special Teams Player of the Game Jarred Lynch then recovered on on-sides kick by Hart. The Wolves were unable to convert that opportunity into points but held Bangs to a three and out to get the ball right back.

Starting at their own 36 yard line, The Pack marched 64 yards in 11 plays to pull within one touchdown. Hart, who was the Offensive Player of the Game, had a 9 yard reception in the drive to give the Wolves a first down at the Bangs 47. A screen pass to Brooks moved the ball 12 yards

to the Dragons' 35.

After a roughing the passer call on the Dragons, senior quarterback White connected on a 10 yard touchdown throw to Manuel Garza inside the near, front left corner of the endzone. That made it 29-21 with 4:41 left in the game and with the extra point attempt still to come.

Bangs blocked the extra point and the Dragons' Grant Bear returned the ball the length of the field for two points and a 31-21 Bangs lead. Colorado City again attempted an onside kick. However, Bangs recovered and took advantage of the field position and completed the scoring with a 5 yard touchdown run by sophomore running back Deshawn Johnson.

"Too many mistakes but it was still a ballgame," said Wolves Coach Frank Johnson after the game. "We put the defense on the field too much. The score wasn't indicative. We restored pride in the program. I'm proud of them."

The Wolves put themselves in an early hole with turnovers. It proved to be The Pack's weakness this year. White led an offense that was largely unstoppable this year. Losing 35 turnovers stalled the Wolves this year when opposing defenses couldn't.

Senior wide receiver, defensive back and kicker Nick Hart scored on a 43 yard touchdown for the Wolves in the second quarter. Hart took a quick pass from White in the left flat then avoided Bangs defenders as he sped down the sideline with 8:19 remaining in the first half. White's two point pass to junior tight end Tyler Higgins tied the game at 8-8.

"Nick Hart had the best game of his life," said Coach Johnson at the Wolf field house Monday. Hart finished with 4 catches for 114 yards.

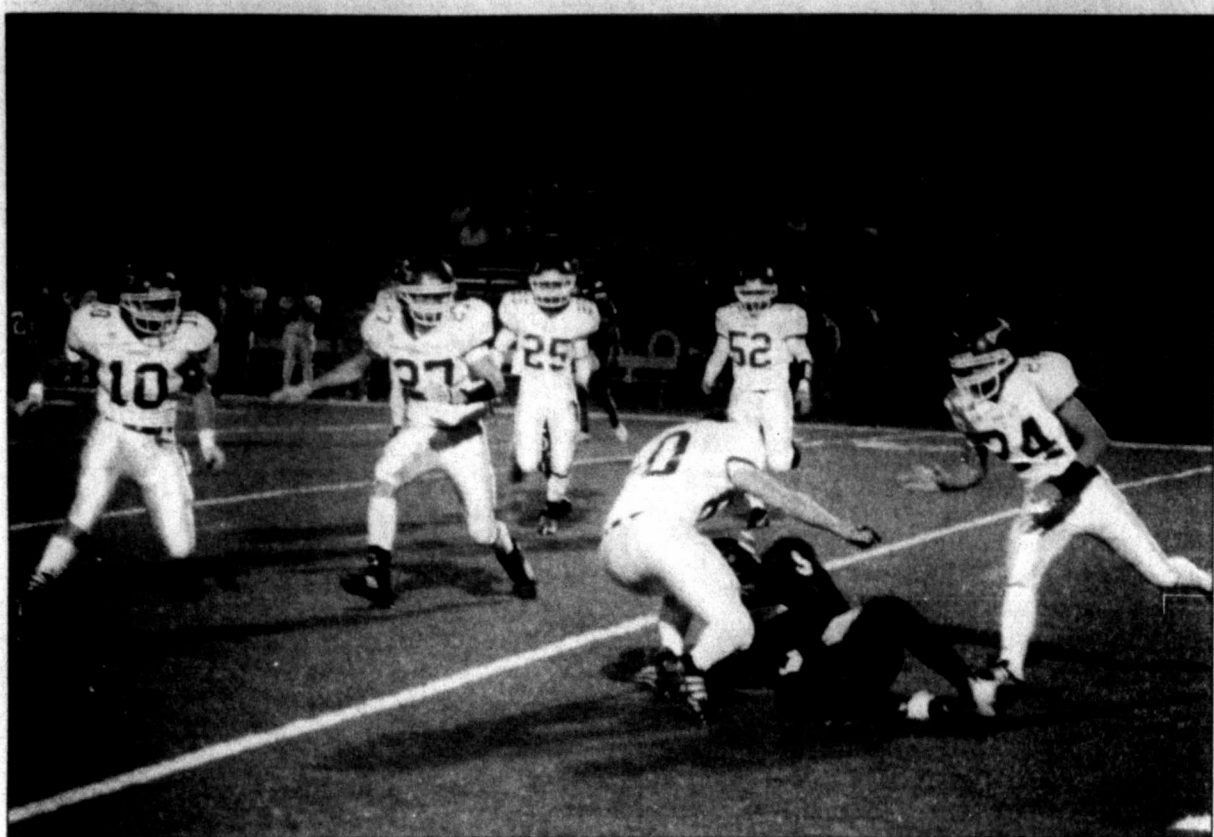
Hart's score was the only touchdown for the Wolves in a first half more notable for Colorado City turnovers. The Wolves stopped an early Bangs drive but then fumbled to give the Dragons possession at the Colorado City 10 yard line.

The Dragons took the gift for an 8-0 lead. Another Wolves fumble put Bangs at the CHS 16. Two plays later the Dragons took a 15-8 lead into halftime.

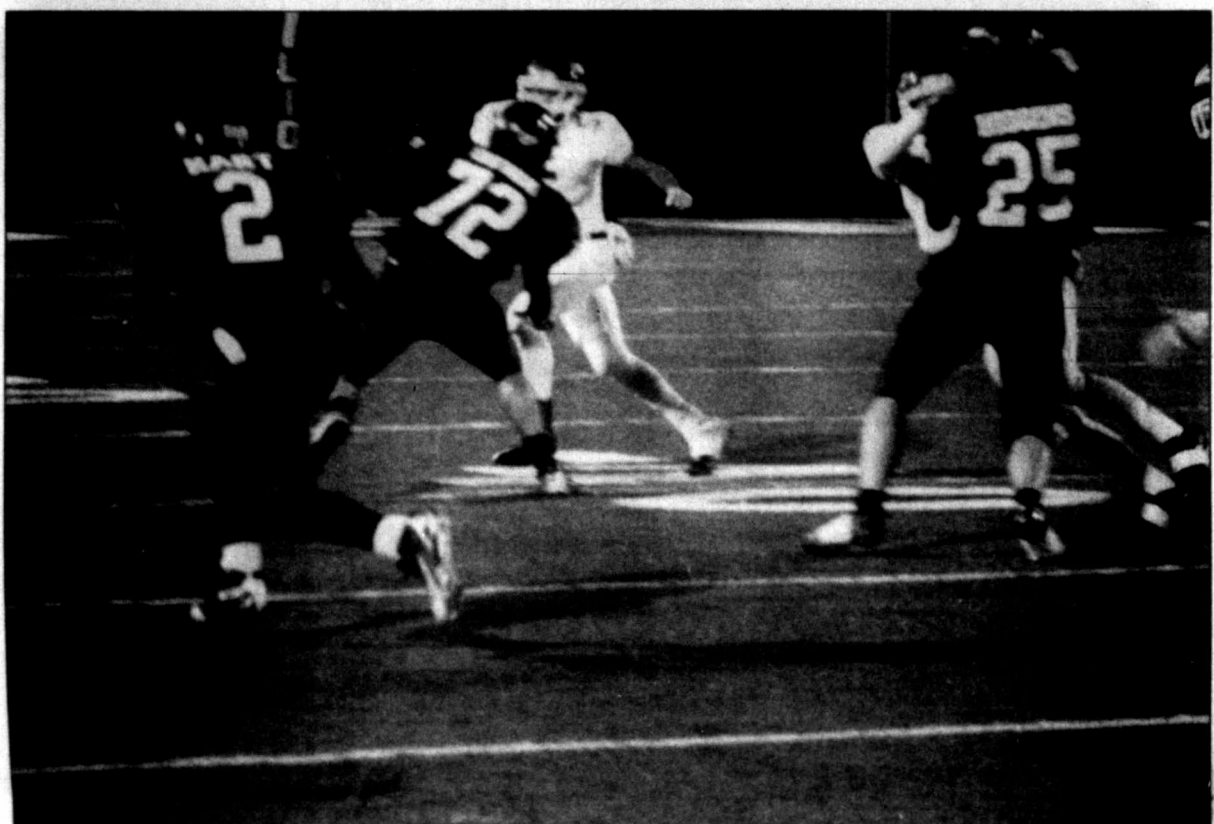
A 35 yard touchdown run by Bangs quarterback Bradley Lee made it 22-8 with 11:14 left in the third period. Wolves linebacker J.C. Johnson made an interception to stop the following Bangs possession. Bangs running back Michael Peters scored from 4 yards out with 11:55 left in the fourth period to make it 29-8 before the Wolves roared back.

"We let them have the ball way too much in the third quarter," said Coach Johnson. "We didn't control the ball enough. It's been a bad quarter for us all year. Our defense played pretty good. Turnovers hurt tremendously but I feel we've got the program back in the right direction. Now we can talk about what we're going to do when we reach the playoffs, not if we make the playoffs."

"It was a fun season because the kids played hard," added Coach Johnson. "The seniors beat teams they had never beaten before, they came back to win games and made the playoffs. With the pep rally and all it was a lot of fun. I consider it a successful season"



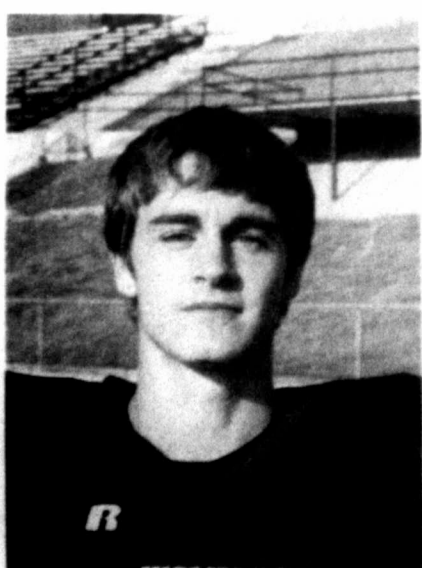
THE WOLVES' J.C. Johnson (on the ground) is surrounded by Dragons during the playoff game against Bangs. The Wolves were eliminated from the playoffs after losing to the Dragons 37-21.



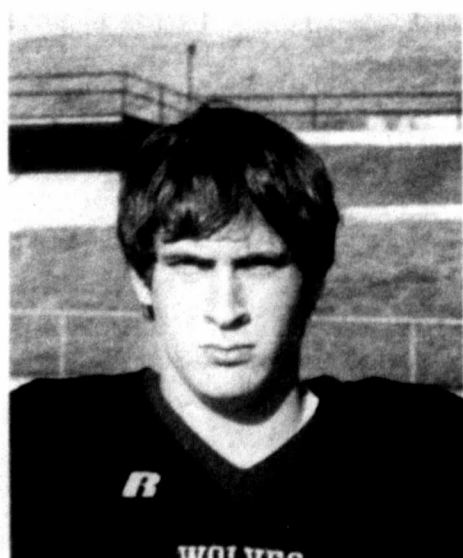
COLORADO CITY WOLF Nick Hart (2) picks up two blocks as he scampers for a good gain in the playoff game last Friday in Brownwood. Blocking for Hart is (25) Tyler Higgins and (72) Matt Sowa.

Colorado City Wolves PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Colorado City vs. Bangs
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Nick Hart
Offensive Player of the Week



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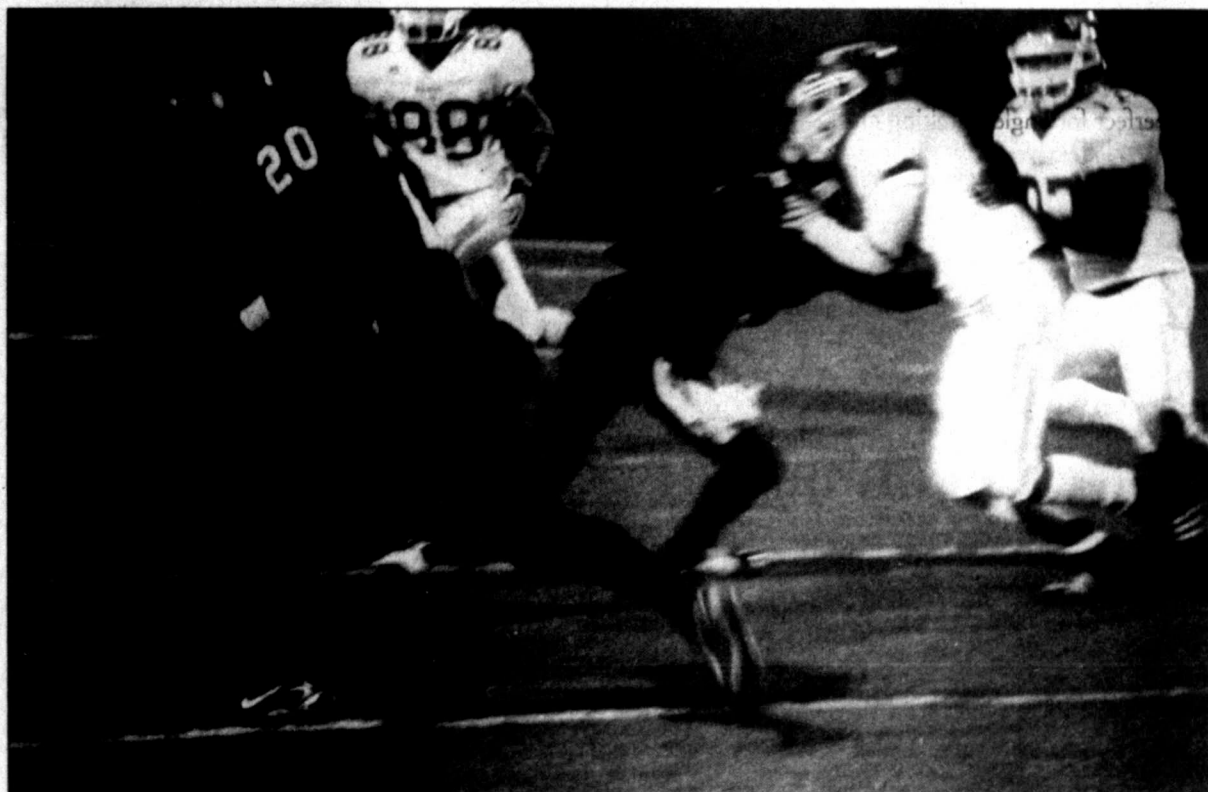
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RYAN GAANEY of Colorado City runs around the left end for a short gain in last week's play-off game. The Wolves lost to Bangs 37-21.



LADY WOLVES NAMED to All-District for the 2008 Colorado High School volleyball team are: (front) Lauren Munoz; (middle row, l-r) Felicia Arellano, Michelle Billingsley and Erin Graham; (back row) Emily Hicks, Laura Warren, Briana Ortiz and Kayley Molina.

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RECEIVING DISTRICT AWARDS were Loraine football team members (back row left to right) Jacob Sanchez, 1st team all-district punter, 2nd team speedback; Jacob Benivamondez, 2nd team utilityback, 2nd team cornerback; Ector Lopez, honorable mention fullback; Carlton Johnston, 2nd team wide receiver, honorable mention center; (front row left to right) Anthony Gonzales, honorable mention wide receiver; Robert Cantu, 2nd team defensive lineman; and David Huerta, honorable mention linebacker.

Gifts sure to please anglers

(ARA) - Anglers and hunters are always on the look for the latest gear or gadget to improve their time in the outdoors, so to help you and Santa, here are seven gift ideas that are sure to warm the heart of your favorite outdoors enthusiast this holiday season.

Offering top-of-the-line features including Shimano's innovative Propulsion Line Management System, new Sedona FD series reels are perfect for anglers seeking great value, reliability and performance from their fishing equipment. The Sedona's larger reels feature varispeed oscillation, while the ultralight 500FD is designed with slow oscillation and a redesigned bail trip to easily flip the bail closed by turning the handle.

Carl Zeiss binoculars are revered worldwide for their innovative design and legendary German craftsmanship. Compact enough to fit in a shirt pocket when folded, these binoculars deliver brilliant, bright images and a remarkable field of view -- with or without eyeglasses.

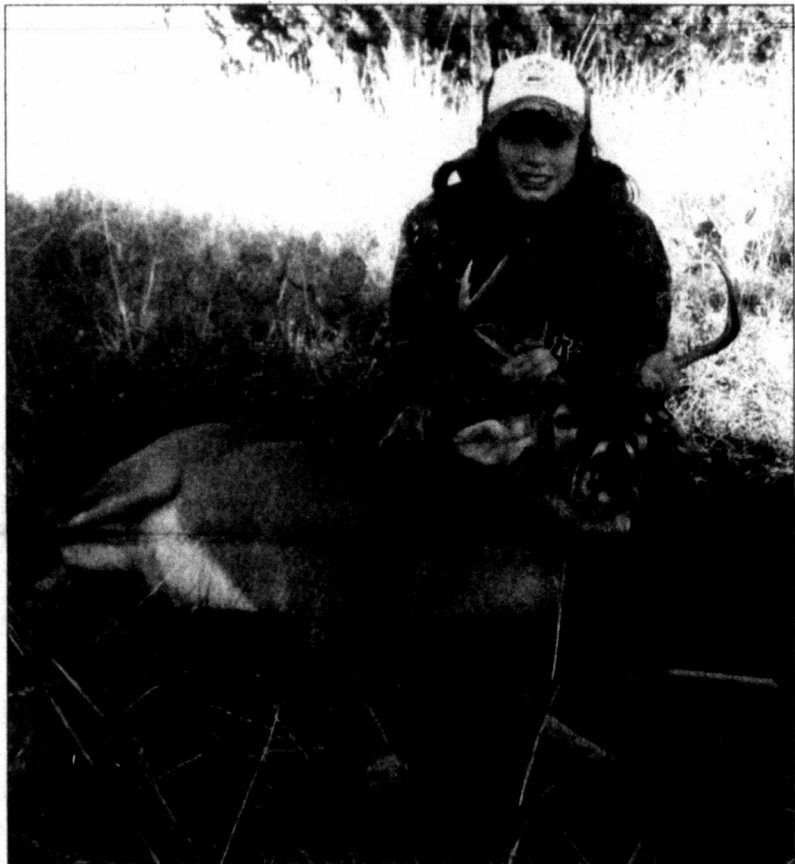
The Stormy Kromer Cap has been relied upon by anglers and hunters for 105 years. Made in Ironwood, Mich., this legendary cap is made of wool and features a unique pull-down earflap to keep your noggin warm and cozy.

Evair Fishing/Marine Shoes are ultra-lightweight shoes (less than 9 ounces per shoe) and are specifically designed to reduce the wear and fatigue on one's feet while fishing. Made from one-piece, molded EVA with an ergonomic arch to absorb heel shock and reduce foot fatigue, Evair shoes have removable waterproof insoles and a non-marking rubber outsole.

Shimano Clarus fishing rods have carved out a name for themselves among anglers-in-the-know thanks to their solid, on-the-water performance. Designed with IM-7 graphite blank construction, Clarus rods are lightweight and extremely sensitive, providing the durability and action that serious anglers desire. The rods feature Fuji New Concept aluminum oxide guides, grade A cork handles, Gudebrod thread wrapped guides for added strength, and a convenient hook keeper.

Blackmoon fishing tackle backpacks are built for anglers on the move. The Blackmoon medium backpack comes with four Plano 3650 utility boxes, a detachable cell phone pocket, multiple pockets for accessories and gear, non-corrosive zippers, an insulated pocket to use with an ice pack, and mesh rod holders.

For that really hard-to-get-for angler or hunter, you and Santa will never go wrong with a gift certificate from a nearby fishing tackle shop or sporting goods store.



MADISON RICE SHOT her first deer, an eight-point buck, on a ranch south of Colorado City on Saturday, November 15.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

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Fri., Nov. 21

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CHS Varsity Girls	vs. Roby	6:30 p.m.
CHS Varsity Boys	vs. Roby	8:00 p.m.
WHS	at Loraine	5 p.m.
LHS	vs. Westbrook	5 p.m.

Mon., Nov. 24		
CMS Girls	vs. Coahoma	4, 5, 6, 7 p.m.
CMS Boys	at Coahoma	4:30-7:30 p.m.
Loraine JH	at Highland	6 p.m.
LHS	at Sterling City	5 p.m.
WJH	vs. Water Valley	6 p.m.

Tues., Nov. 25		
CHS JV & Varsity Girls	at Merkel	4 - 6:30 p.m.
CHS 9th - Varsity Boys	at Merkel	4 - 8 p.m.
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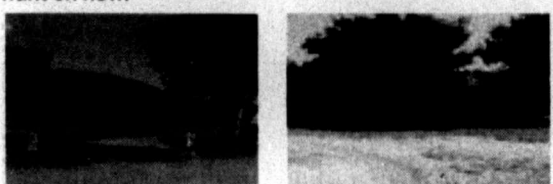
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WAYNE THOMPSON of Sweetwater was one of the many vendors at Railhead Trade Days held last weekend in Colorado City. Thompson sells crosses to help raise funds for a group that works with handicap, deaf and blind children across the nation. He is active in the group partly because of his son, Caleb, who is deaf, blind and confined to a wheelchair. Caleb fell victim to these maladies as a result of the chemotherapy he was taking for leukemia. Caleb, now 14, has been honored before for the work he's done on behalf of kids like himself.

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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Saturday, November 1st, Herman and Pennie Mitchell picked up Elnora Mitchell and went to Lockney to visit with Ray and Judy Macha.

Elnora made the trip with plans to stay as long as Judy would need her, after having knee surgery November 4th.

Judy was injured some time ago by a cow knocking her down and stepping on one of her knees. She had scope surgery for torn cartilage, scar tissue and arthritis. She did very well after surgery and healed quickly.

Elnora came home last Friday, November 14th. All prayers for Judy are greatly appreciated.

Charles Bowen will go to Lubbock on the 27th to have Thanksgiving lunch with daughter, Brenda, Doug and others.

In October, Charles Bowen received his 50-year pin from the Loraine and Colorado City Masonic Lodges. This impressive ceremony was held at the Colorado City lodge.

Charles' daughter, Brenda and her husband, Doug; his grandson, Marshall Bewley; his son, Brad and another son, Buddy (Charles Jr.); as well as Charles' good friends David, Becky and Mark Denison from Colorado City attended.

The Loraine Volunteer Fire Department annual Christmas banquet will be held on Sat., Dec. 6 at the Senior Center. They also elected Shady Mitchell as the assistant chief in Donny's absence.

Providing special music at the Methodist Church Sunday was Charlene Hays. She sang, "Rock of Ages."

We send condolences to the family and friends of Erta G. Williams. She passed away last Tuesday in Abilene during open heart surgery.

Erta G., her husband, Ike and their large family have made Loraine their home for many years.

Helen Hartley went to Washington last week to be with her mother who is ill. We send her mom get well

prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery.

Providing special music at First Baptist Church last Sunday morning prior to the message was Jennifer Zuniga, Cindy Hackfeld and Danny Butler.

Ladies class of First Baptist Church will celebrate a Christmas brunch Saturday morning, December 6th. All ladies are invited to the brunch at Bama's House. More details will follow later.

Joan Long, along with 49 other folks, took a Bob Chalker tour to Branson, Missouri. They left from Colorado City, drove on to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where they spent the night.

They did some shopping after arriving in Branson and later, saw three different shows: Mickey Gilley, Andy Williams and the Brett Family.

The next morning they went to see The Ricky Borin Show from Odessa. They left Branson the next day and went to Springfield, Mis-

souri, where they ate a nice meal and started back home.

In Tulsa, they stopped at the famous Cracker Barrel Restaurant and had a nice meal, then came on back home Friday.

Joan said they shopped, laughed, saw some good shows and ate, and ate, and ate. She had a fun time.

Wanza and Bobbie Graham accompanied Tom and Debby and Ray Ann Carlock to Anton to visit Cade and Nolie Carlock and newborn son, Caleb Ray on Sunday.

It was the first visit for the two great-grandmothers and the great-grandfather.

They all had a wonderful time. They stopped in Lubbock and bought chicken and all the trimmings.

The new mother, daddy and baby were doing fine.

Christene Britton had her son, Mike and Rachel Britton from Allen and also her grandson, Michael and wife, Anne and great-grandsons, Joshua, Sammy and Drew from McKinney, visiting this weekend.

Visitors at the Center last week were Ray and Peggy Harmon and D.C. Stubblefield.

Brittany Sadler of Sweetwater visited with J.A., Y. and Mike last Sunday.

Gerry and Dub Wooddell have returned home from their Branson trip. It was a sibling get-together with six brothers and sisters and

three spouses attending. They are all senior citizens but still young enough to have fun and enjoy each other's company.

Gerry said her brother, Richard Hubbard from Louisiana, paid the way for all to go. She also said the beautiful fall foliage colors were worth the trip alone.

They all went shopping, did a lot of eating and saw two Christmas shows, Presley's Music Show and The Dixie Horse Stampede, a beautiful show of horses.

While there, the family members stayed at a Cape Cod cottage at Stormy Point, Missouri. Gerry said it was named right because while they were there, it rained and hailed.

They all reported having a very special time together.

Economic downturns for nation not always bad news for Colorado City

Recounting a joke about the Dow, "when they ring the bell, they just play taps," Royce Clay painted a dismal picture of the nation's economy to the Lions Club.

But while the country is facing economic woes with a number of banks and businesses folding over the past few months, Clay reiterated the strength of Texas' and Mitchell County's economies.

"We're making history," Clay said. "In my lifetime, I have never seen these things. To have lost 2-3 players and still be standing is remarkable."

Clay cited three factors responsible for the de-stability of the nation's economy: lack of mutual self-interest by big business in protecting the interests of their shareholders, the interdependence of world markets, and hedge funds.

"We have reached a mentality that allowed companies and banks to get too big to fail," Clay said, explaining that allowing companies to fail kept the economy from overinflating. "The result is that everyone tried to get smaller, using de-leveraging to reduce their debt or size."

"The idea to shrink in size to make the equity appear larger is very painful for the economy," he said, explaining that state deficits come back to the taxpayer in terms of budget cuts to community services.

"The volatility in the Dow tells you there's not any direction and a lot of emotional trading in the markets," Clay said.

"What this means for smaller banks where we live is that it's been great for us," he said.

People are scared of Wall Street, so they use local banks. The personal services on a local level are drawing more customers back, as well.

"Citibank doesn't have time to talk to customers; that's an advantage of a community bank," Clay

said.

Clay is optimistic about the turmoil in the national economy, stressing that it will prompt citizens to "get back to values and priorities on what really matters. The current attitude is 'I want it now and I want to spend it now.' I hope it changes to make it better for our children and grandchildren."

"In Mitchell County we're still very strong. The jobless rate in the nation is the lowest it's been in years. In Colorado City, if you don't have a job, you don't want one too badly," Clay said.

"In terms of jobs, tax base and economic growth, I'm very optimistic," he said.

Another Board of Economic Development member Sue Young spoke with Lions about the progress of economic development in Mitchell County, beginning with a landowners meeting called by Third Planet for Loraine landowners.

"Third Planet is also in the process of moving their offices from Sweetwater to Loraine," said Young.

She called the new office location an "active little place," adding there were more houses at the Third Planet intersection than in all of Loraine.

Results of the new venture make it difficult to find parking at local restaurants and the need for an additional 200 spaces for trailers or rent houses marks an exciting time for Loraine and the county.

More growth for Mitchell County centers on the construction of two new micro hotels along I-20. "These are very nice, beautifully appointed motels," said Young, who has experienced them firsthand.

Construction plans include the extension of Watson Street further north to the interstate, and the extension of Eastover at least to 21st Street, possibly further. The street

extensions will allow more access to the proposed hotels.

"Everybody, including the police and fire departments will be happy to have access to that area," said Young.

Additional water and sewer lines will provide better service to businesses along I-20, including the new motels.

A third hotel is also in the works just west of First National Bank, according to Young. Stewart Developers plans not just another hotel, but 3-4 duplexes at the south end of the hotel property between 21st and 22nd Streets; along with four spec houses.

Plans are also in the works for Mitchell County to be the site of a prototype concrete tower for wind turbines. A company that builds concrete towers had contracted with Highland High School to build a vertical wind turbine prototype for the school's use.

"At that location it wouldn't be apparent to the rest of the world," said Young. "The company wanted something on the interstate to show off the prototype."

So the company is working with Mitchell County Economic Development Board to find the best location along I-20 to build a second turbine in Mitchell County.

"There will be six acres of lay down yard, plus the prototype and the offices," said Young.

The big problem with getting turbines near Colorado City is that all studies indicate there is no wind in Colorado City. "It requires a \$50,000 met (meteorological) tower to prove to the bankers that wind does blow in Colorado City," said Young.

"I'm excited about everything. We're sitting in a really good spot to have some significant growth that we can accommodate," she said.

NOTICE TO LORAINI RESIDENTS

On Saturday, November 22, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon, city employees will be set up in the fenced-in area just east of town with the wood chipper. Any Loraine resident with tree branches less than 12 inches in diameter may bring them on Saturday and the employees will run them through the chipper and the resident may either leave them or take the tree chips home. Please don't forget to bring a container for the chips should you choose to keep them. For any questions, contact City Hall.

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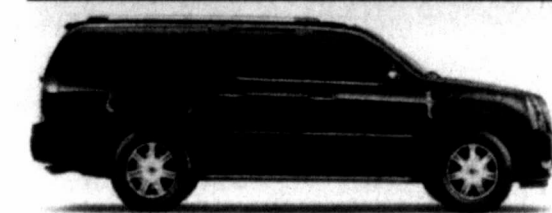


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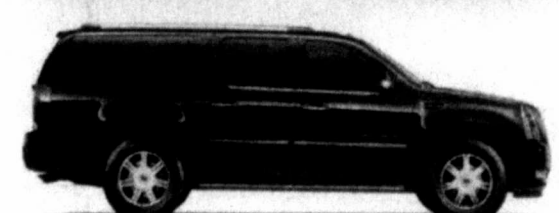


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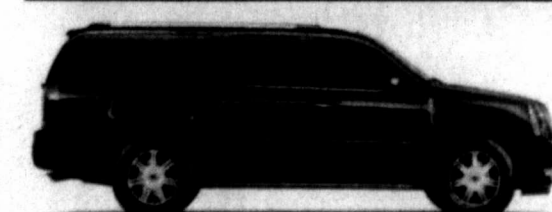


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