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April runoff to determine two close county races

Mitchell County voters will return to the polls in their respective precincts April 13 for two runoff elections following Tuesday evening's election results.

Early voting will take place April 5-9 at the courthouse.

Democrats Jennifer Rivera and Debby Guelker went down to the wire neck and neck in voting for county treasurer.

When the polls closed Rivera had 35.74% of the voter turnout with 223 votes and Guelker had 35.26% with 220 votes.

Janet McCright trailed with

29.01% and 181 votes.

In the second close race of the evening, Democrats Bill Preston and Ricky Bailey will continue their battle for county commissioner precinct 4 with an April runoff.

Voters really turned out in Loraine with higher than average voter turnout according to election officials.

The percentages showed up at the polls as Preston finished with 43.92% of the vote with 148 ballots, while Bailey received 35.31% of the vote with 119 ballots.

The clear winner on the Democratic ticket was Rick Grissam for Justice of the Peace Precinct 1 & 4 with 67.62% of the vote. Grissam received 284 ballots compared to challenger Ryan Eime's 136 ballots.

On the state level, Bill White received 77% of the vote statewide giving him a lock on the Democratic nomination for governor.

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Hank Gilbert beat out Kinky Friedman for commissioner of agriculture with 53% of the vote with 82% of the precincts reporting in late Tuesday evening.

On the Republican ballot, Mike Conaway was the clear winner for US representative District 11 with 78% of the

vote with 87% of the precincts reporting in late Tuesday evening.

In the governor's race, Rick Perry maintained his 51% lead with 79% of the precincts reporting in.

Kay Bailey Hutchison trailed with 31% of the votes; while Debra Medina brought in 18% of the votes.

Most of the incumbents on both the Democratic and Republican tickets kept their seats across the board, although several runoff races are possible in three US representative districts, as well as

one board of education place and one supreme court place.

Democratic incumbents for state representatives in Districts 43, 27 and 100 were upset by their challengers.

A little less than 25% of Mitchell County voters turned out for the elections with 1118 voters out of 4,567 registered voters casting ballots in the combined Democratic and Republican primaries.

Republicans cast a total of 476 votes, 181 in early voting and 295 on election day.

Democrats fared better in lo-
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To see how Mitchell
County voted in Tuesday's
election, turn to page 3.



ELECTRIC HEATERS MAY have been responsible for a motor home fire that claimed the life of a Loraine resident early Sunday morning, according to investigators.

Loraine resident killed in trailer fire

A motor home fire claimed the life of a Loraine resident at the 223 Trailer park on I-20 early Sunday morning.

Sixty-five-year-old Cathlene Martel died in the fire which destroyed her motor home between 3 and 4 a.m. Sunday morning, according to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

"The 911 call went to Sweetwater PD and was transferred from there," Toombs said.

Both the Loraine Volunteer Fire Department and the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department responded with three trucks each.

"The motor home was fully engulfed in flames upon arrival," said LVFD Fire Chief Rick Bailey.

The fire threatened a nearby travel trailer, melting its door, side windows and vents, according to Bailey. Fire fighters extinguished

the fire in 30 minutes, but stayed on site for another three to four hours to ensure nothing was disturbed or flared up again.

Delbert Baker Martel, husband of the deceased, managed to notify a neighbor three trailers down to call for help. Martel was transported to Mitchell County Hospital with serious burns to the arm, chest and head. He was transferred to University Medical Center in Lubbock and is listed in serious condition, according to Toombs.

"They had just returned Saturday afternoon from a trip to Bowie to visit their son," he said.

"We did call in the state fire marshal out of Midland, who requested an additional investigator from San Angelo," Toombs said. "Anytime anyone dies in a fire the fire marshal uses an accelerant dog to look for any kind of accel-

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Filing period for city wide elections ends next week

The filing period for a place on the ballot for city and school board offices in Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook ends Monday, March 8, 2010 at 5:00 p.m.

The deadline to register to vote in city elections is Thursday, April 8.

Early voting for city, school board, water and hospital dis-

trict elections will begin Monday, April 26 and continue through Tuesday, May 4 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Tuesday, April 27 and Tuesday, May 4 are designated 12 hour voting days for Colorado City elections and the polls will remain open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street.

Elections will be held on Sat-

urday, May 8 from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. at the Mitchell County Courthouse, 349 Oak Street.

Anyone interested in filing for positions on the city council in Colorado City may do so at City Hall, 180 W. 3rd.

In Colorado City, Bob Brookshear has filed for District 6 and Marcelo Alvarez has filed for District 3. No one has filed yet for

the District 4 seat, currently held by Jason Castillo.

In Westbrook, mayoral incumbent Ramiro Fuentes is being challenged by Willie Harrell who filed this week. Sue Hawley and Elida Fuentes have filed for the two open council seats they currently hold.

In Loraine, no one has filed for the three council seats up for

election. Two of the seats are held by Scott Edmonds and Susan Sanchez.

In local school districts, no one has filed for CISD place 7, currently held by Sally Neff. Incumbent Larry Mason has filed for place 3. Three people have filed for two open seats in the Loraine school district. Joe Lujan and Marsha Rickard will join

Geory Martin on the ballot. In Westbrook ISD elections, incumbent Tom Whitesides, who filed this week, will join Thomas Connell on the ballot. Incumbents Rance Dawson, Craig Rees and Bruce Rich have not yet filed.

In the Lone Wolf Groundwater District, Precinct 3 incumbent Kenny Gillespie faces
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Hospital showing signs of decreasing revenue

The Mitchell County Hospital District's Board of Directors heard some troublesome news during last Friday's regular meeting.

During the financial report, Joe Wright, MCHD Chief Financial Officer, explained to board members that revenue had seen a decrease when comparing January 2010 to January of last year due to a decrease in the use of hospital services. Total patient days, which are days patients actually spent in the hospital, were down to 249 in January, compared to 311 in January of 2009. The same is true for admissions, which is down almost

50% from 97 in January 2009 to 65 in January 2010.

Hospital CEO Karl Stinson said, "The general thing is the revenue is not supporting operations right now."

When asked if the citizens of Mitchell County should be concerned that the hospital is in danger of closing, Stinson answered, "No. This (lower statistics which mean lower revenue) has basically been the trend over the last two or three months. It just kinda' is what it is."

"I'm not overly concerned at this
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Trade Days coming up March 20-21

Railhead Trade Days is just around the corner with everything from sports memorabilia and antiques to great food.

Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, Trade Days will be held March 20-21 in the Railhead Building in Downtown Colorado City on 1st and Elm Streets.

Vendors will be ready for business from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, March 20 and from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday, March 21.

For more information or to book a booth, call 325-728-3403.

State sales tax allocations continue downward trend

Colorado City continued to see a drop in its monthly sales allocation returns from the state this month.

Comptroller Susan Combs returned \$59,894.74 this month, down 16.66% from this time last year. In February 2009, Colorado City received \$71,873.19.

For the year, Colorado City's allocations are down 18.24% -- \$97,084.58 during the first two months this year compared to \$118,750.15 last year.

Combs said the state collected \$1.66 billion in sales tax revenue in January down 14.2% compared to January 2009.

"Collections continue to be down in major industry sectors like retail trade, oil and natural gas production, construct and manufactur-

ing," Combs said. "January's sales tax revenue was down by double digits compared to January 2009, which was the third highest collection month ever and was also the last month of year-over-year growth."

"We will continue to closely monitor sales tax revenue, and although we expect further collection declines in the near term, it is anticipated the rate of decline will be moderate and then return to growth sometime in the second quarter of 2010."

Combs sent \$618.2 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, down 7.1 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2009.

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Around Town

Larry Johnson cooking hundreds of burgers... Nanette Mata serving up those burgers... Happy birthday Samaria "Macaroni" Hernandez (Mar. 4)... Happy birthday Raymond Molina (Mar. 3)...

Answerline

Q: When will the runoff election in Mitchell County be held?
A: Early voting in the runoff election for Pct. 4 county commissioner and Mitchell County treasurer will be April 5-9 and April 13 is election day.

Obituaries

Dorcus Bedford
Burleson, TX

Volunteers Needed

Integrare Hospice is seeking volunteers to visit patients. Training provided, call Dana Munkers, 574-1896.

Westbrook PTA

The Westbrook PTA invites all parents to their monthly meeting, coming up on Monday, March 8th at 6:00pm in the cafeteria. There is room for everyone in the PTA, and new ideas and input are welcome. Please make plans to join us in our effort to make a difference in the education and quality of life for all of our children!

Relay for Life

The Mitchell County Hospital volunteers will

Briefs

sponsor a Relay for Life fundraiser Mexican Lunch Fri., Mar. 12 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the hospital. Menu includes green enchiladas, pinto beans, Spanish rice, Texas chocolate dream cake, and iced tea for \$7.50. Tables will be set up in the east tower for dine in or take out is available.

Softball Signups

Last chance signups will be held for Mitchell County Girls Softball on Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center. Also, there will be a coaches' meeting held on Monday at 6 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room.

Blood Drive

Loraine ISD will hold a blood drive Mon., Mar. 8 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the school. To make an appointment, go online at www.bloodhero.com and enter sponsor code loraineisd or call Micki Hernandez at 737-2225, ext. 24.

Westbrook Homecoming

Start making plans now to attend the homecoming at Westbrook First Baptist Church June 20th. Watch for more information in the coming weeks.

BBQ Sale

House of Hope Church, 210 E. 17th, will sell barbeque plates Sat., Mar. 6 at 11 a.m. Deliveries available, 728-5900.

Thought of the Week

The foolish and the dead never
change their opinion.
James Russell Lowell

Lake Levels

(as of March 2, 2010)
Lake Colorado City...2060.07'
Full at 2070.3' Down 10.23'
Lake Champion...2048.00'
Full at 2083' Down 35'

LOCAL NEWS

Warrant roundup begins Saturday

Offenders with outstanding warrants have until Saturday, March 6 to pay their fines in court before law enforcement officials begin actively seeking them.

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\$7,274 in fines during the pre-roundup weeks, according to municipal court Judge Belinda Blassingame.

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Loraine fire fighters to hold annual sale

The Loraine Volunteer Fire Department is gearing up for its annual Farm Auction.

The LVFD is now accepting consignments. Consignment contact persons are Shady Mitchell at 933-0113 or Don Boyd at 242-1229.

For advertisement purposes a list of consignments is needed.

Everyone providing consignments needs to contact the LVFD as soon as possible.

The auction will be held at the Co-Op Gin yard in Loraine on the 27th of March. Consignments will be accepted after the gin has completed their ginning season.

Highway crash kills one near Abilene

One person was killed and three others injured in a three vehicle crash in Eastland County last Friday evening.

The unidentified vehicle responsible for the accident left the scene of the crash after running a 2005 Nissan, driven by Craig Alan Reynerson of Rockwall, off the roadway, according to DPS Trooper Shannon Mauney.

Both vehicles were traveling westbound on I-20 near mile marker 340 when the unknown vehicle cut off the Nissan, running it off the road. The Nissan went into the center median and on into the eastbound lane where it struck the left passenger side of a 2007 Chevrolet Suburban.

Sylvia Juanita Perez of Rockwall and a passenger in the Nissan, were pronounced dead at

Abilene Regional Hospital. Reynerson was treated and released from Eastland Memorial Hospital.

The driver of the Suburban, Kyla Shae Kinsey of Sterling City and her passenger Kathy Smith, also of Sterling City were treated and released from Eastland Memorial Hospital.

The accident is still under investigation.

Blood bank issues call for O neg

Despite continued appeals, United Blood Services' supply of O Negative blood type continues to be at an urgently low level. All O Negative blood type donors are asked to make an extra effort to donate. All blood types are welcome.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, go to www.bloodhero.com or call us at 325-223-7500 or toll free at 1-800-756-0024.

OBITUARIES

Dorcas Bedford 1927-2010

BURLESON – Funeral services for Dorcas Bedford, 82, were conducted at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 2010, in the Rosser Funeral Home Chapel in Cleburne with Rev. Gary Little officiating. Burial will follow at noon on Thursday, March 4, in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mrs. Bedford passed away on Sunday, February 28, 2010, in Alvarado. She was born in Quinlan on March 17, 1927, the daughter of Sybil (Hancock) and Willie Flem Little. She was a retired nanny and was a member of the United Methodist Church of Joshua.

Mrs. Bedford is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Bob Bedford; brothers, Earl and Jim Little; and sister, Evelyn Little.

She is survived by her sons, Johnny Bedford and wife, Desiree, of Lubbock, and Tommy Bedford and wife, Priscilla, of Plano; daughter, Bobbie Swan and husband, Clyde, of Burleson; brothers, Joe Little and wife, Margie and Glen Little and wife, Barbara, all of Quinlan; sister, Wanda Boyd; sister-in-law, Cora Little, both of Greenville; 10 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Condolences may be sent to the family at condolences@rosserfuneralhome.net.



KEY TO THE CITY -- Mayor Carol Sue Dakan awards Jason Heaton a plaque of appreciation along with the key to the city for his hard work and dedication as TDCJ warden.

Heaton honored at farewell reception

Last Thursday, citizens and officials from Colorado City said a final farewell to Warden Jason Heaton at a reception held in his honor at the Civic Center.

During the event, which was attended by approximately 70 people, Heaton was awarded a plaque by Woody Anderson thanking him for his service to Mitchell County, along with a pair of ostrich quill cowboy boots. Heaton also received a key

to the city which was presented by Mayor Carol Sue Dakan.

While saying his final good-byes to the citizens of Colorado City, Heaton introduced the new warden appointed to the Wallace and Ware units, Richie Wathen, to those attending.

Heaton was promoted to head of the training division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. He and his family are relocating to Huntsville.

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COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE -- Amy Trevino, Dollar General manager, and Maria Evans (from left) present Dot Smith with a check for cash donations and a basket of donated food items to be used at the Community Mission. The store will continue accepting donations through March 15 for the community wide food drive to benefit the mission. Photo courtesy of Dan Smith.

Census requires 100% participation

Census takers will be counting all residents of the United States on April 1, 2010.

Established by the U.S. Constitution, the census records everyone living in the United States, both citizen and non-citizen.

The census helps determine

the number of seats each state will have in the U.S. House of Representatives, as well as determining areas eligible for housing assistance, directing funds for assistance programs for low-income families, plan locations of health services such as hospitals, nursing homes and clinics.

Every year the federal government allocates more than \$400 billion to states and communities based, in part, on census data, according to the Census Bureau.

Questionnaires will arrive in the mail and should be filled out and returned quickly. Households that do not respond may receive a second questionnaire in early April. Census takers will

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LOCAL NEWS

HOW MITCHELL COUNTY VOTED REPUBLICAN PRIMARY ELECTION

All precinct totals include early voting and election day results.	PCT. 1	PCT. 2	BOX 025	PCT. 3	PCT. 4	BOX 046	TOTAL
UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 11							
Mike Conaway	108	36	43	95	38	50	370
Chris Younts	6	3	4	6	7	8	34
Al Cowan	10	5	4	19	4	1	43
GOVERNOR							
Kay Bailey Hutchison	36	15	16	38	14	19	138
Debra Medina	43	9	23	32	17	23	147
Rick Perry	48	27	15	53	21	19	183
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
David Dewhurst	100	37	48	103	42	55	385
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Greg Abbott	102	35	47	100	40	50	374
COMPTROLLER OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS							
Susan Combs	101	36	47	101	40	53	378
COMMISSIONER, GENERAL LAND OFFICE							
Jerry Patterson	92	35	46	98	38	46	355
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE							
Todd Staples	93	34	47	98	40	49	361
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER							
David Porter	62	31	31	82	30	26	262
Victor G. Carrillo	49	13	19	27	18	23	149
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3							
Jim Moseley	24	16	13	32	11	11	107
Rick Strange	18	10	8	18	11	5	70
Rebecca Simmons	12	5	11	12	3	9	52
Debra Lehrmann	11	2	4	14	5	4	40
Rick Green	9	4	5	7	4	8	37
Jeff Brown	9	3	3	13	3	7	38
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5							
Paul Green	86	34	44	86	34	43	327
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 9							
Rose Vela	38	14	22	35	22	11	142
Eva Guzman	49	21	21	65	18	33	207
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 2							
Lawrence "Larry" Meyers	86	35	43	93	34	42	333
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 5							
Cheryl Johnson	86	35	45	97	34	43	339
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 6							
Michael E. Keasler	86	35	46	95	34	41	337
MEMBER, STATE BRD. OF EDUCATION							
Randy Rives	29	17	12	27	19	21	125
Bob Craig	56	26	35	73	23	22	235
STATE REPRESENTATIVE, DISTRICT 72							
Drew Darby	105	38	46	100	40	54	383
JUSTICE, 11TH COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT, PLACE 3							
Terry McCall	80	35	42	93	33	41	324
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 2							
Jeremy Strain		35	52				87
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PRECINCT 4							
Jimmy Browne				37		49	86
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 2 & 3							
James E. Williams		38	42	98			178
COUNTY CHAIR							
John W. Beckmeyer	95	39	45	95	37	54	365

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY ELECTION

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GOVERNOR							
Bill White	87	13	34	59	110	60	363
Farouk Shami	11	1	4	7	17	6	46
Felix (Rodriguez) Alvarado	3	0	2	9	26	5	45
Clement E. Glenn	2	3	0	1	7	2	15
Star Locke	0	0	0	1	2	2	5
Alma Ludovina Aguado	3	2	0	2	4	2	13
Bill Dear	1	1	0	0	6	3	11
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR							
Ronnie Earle	46	5	12	34	51	45	193
Linda Chavez-Thompson	25	7	13	29	78	26	178
Marc Katz	17	6	2	7	21	8	61
ATTORNEY GENERAL							
Barbara Ann Radnofsky	72	17	23	60	118	54	344
COMMISSIONER, GENERAL LAND OFFICE							
Hector Uribe	21	5	12	18	48	15	119
Bill Burton	65	12	19	55	106	57	314
COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE							
Richard "Kinky" Friedman	31	8	11	36	93	34	213
Hank Gilbert	71	10	18	40	82	49	270
RAILROAD COMMISSIONER							
Jeff Weems	77	17	22	64	129	62	371
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 3							
Jim Sharp	92	18	27	66	135	67	405
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 5							
Bill Moody	80	17	22	62	128	63	372
JUSTICE, SUPREME COURT, PLACE 9							
Blake Bailey	81	17	24	64	129	63	378
JUDGE, COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS, PLACE 6							
Keith Hampton	80	16	25	60	129	63	373
COUNTY JUDGE							
Ray Mayo	121	21	39	81	181	94	537
DISTRICT CLERK							
Sharon Hammond	119	19	34	76	172	88	508
COUNTY CLERK							
Debby Carlock	123	18	36	86	184	92	538
COUNTY TREASURER							
Jennifer (Wilking) Rivera	43	3	13	36	94	34	223
Debby Guelker	47	14	18	34	66	41	220
Janet McCright	44	4	17	23	61	32	181
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 2							
Carl F. Guelker		18	32				50
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, PCT. 4							
Ricky Bailey					80	39	119
Bill Preston					103	45	148
Jeff Oliver					48	22	70
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 2 & 3							
Gene Kuhel		15	30	67			112
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE, PCT. 1 & 4							
Rick E. Grissam	77				154	53	284
Ryan N. Eime	37				58	41	136
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VOTING

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cal elections with 642 total votes, 223 in early voting and 419 on election day.

Voting results will not be official until the votes are canvassed on March 11.

Facing opponents in the November election on the local level are incumbent Carl Guelker (Democrat) against Jeremy Strain (Republican) for County Commissioner Precinct 2; and incumbent James Williams (Republican) against Gene Kuhel (Democrat) for Justice of the Peace Precincts 2 and 3.

Currently running unopposed in the November election are Ray Mayo, county judge; Debby Carlock, county clerk and Sharon Hammond, district clerk.

Write in candidates must file a Declaration of Write-in Candidacy with the county judge, no earlier than July 25, 2010, and no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 24, 2010 to be eligible for the November elections.

FIRE

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erant in the fire. It is their standard procedure."

The preliminary investigation ruled out any criminal intent, according to Toombs.

The next step is to determine the cause of the fire, which investigators believe was electrical, possibly from one of two electric heaters in the home. "They haven't reached any definite conclusion," Toombs said.

ELECTIONS

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opposition from Tom Rees who filed this week. David Stubblefield will be running for Precinct 1.

In the Mitchell County Hospital District no one has filed for the three seats currently held by Hollis Gainey, Bobbie Banks and DeLynn Hackfeld.

TAX

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January state sales tax collections and February's local sales tax allocations represent sales made in December, and also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The comptroller sent \$417.7 million in sales tax to Texas cities, down 6.2% compared to February 2009 payments.

Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$35.1 million, down 15.1% compared to last February.

The 163 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$24.6 million in sales tax, down 7.8% compared to February 2009. Ten local transit systems received \$140.6 million in February sales tax payments, down 7.5% compared to a year ago.



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Offer valid at Pizza Pro, Colorado City, TX
Coupon expires March 10, 2010

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Offer valid at Gas 'n' Grub, Colorado City, TX
Coupon expires March 10, 2010

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Offer valid at Gas 'n' Grub, Colorado City, TX
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH THE TEXAS FORTS TRAIL



As you travel along highways in central and west Texas you've probably seen those blue and white signs with crossed sabers indicating you're on the Texas Forts Trail. It stretches from Jacksboro to Aspermont on the north to Eldorado and Mason on the south. It's a 650-mile loop containing eight historic military forts and one Spanish Presidio. If you choose to drive it, plan to spend at least three days, preferably five.

Along the way you'll see monuments to the Texas pioneer spirit and learn about unique events like the goat cook-off in Brady or the world's largest amateur rodeo in Stamford. You'll see the stone chimneys at Fort Phantom Hill near Abilene, the only things left standing after a fire. Just out of Menard is Fort McKavett, which had more than 35 buildings in the 1870's. Fort Richardson at Jacksboro was the biggest military installation in the country in 1874. San Angelo's Fort Concho is called the best preserved western fort in the United States. Other forts on the trail are in Mason, Bronte, Albany and Graham. A Spanish Presidio south of Menard, built to protect a mission, dates back to 1757 and was the first place that Europeans in Texas came into conflict with Comanche Indians. The Comanches were fierce warriors and forced the Spanish to withdraw from Texas, leading to the establishment of a new line of defense along the Rio Grande.

Margaret Hostra of Abilene is regional coordinator of the forts trail and says it is one of a series of historic trails set up back in the late sixties when San Antonio was gearing up for HemisFair, an event which drew large numbers of crowds to the Alamo city. "Governor John Connally wanted to give people coming to San Antonio the opportunity to visit other parts of Texas," says Margaret. "He got with the highway department and developed a series of ten trails around the state: Forts, Brazos, Forest, Lakes, Hill Country, Independence, Mountain, Pecos, Plains and Tropical."

The trails were highly successful for a while, then nothing happened for several years until George Bush became governor. Margaret says he was interested in preservation and rural economic development. "He was concerned that too many historic theaters, court houses and hotels were being demolished. He thought those places define who we are. He pulled together various agencies to consider the situation. The Texas Historical Commission took a look at those old driving trails and made them into heritage tourism regions. The Forts Trail was the pilot project. In the late nineties we proved to be a very successful program. We increased tourism and awareness of history. Now all the trails are up and active. Each one of us is an independent, non-profit organization. We get an annual grant from the Texas Historical Commission and our job is to promote our part of Texas, including the cities that don't have a fort. We help them tell their stories. We don't mix mortar but we promote and encourage preservation of the forts so we don't lose them. We make people aware of the forts, their importance and relevance and encourage visitation to them. Every fort has a personality and a unique story to tell."

Providing The Groundwork For The Visioning Process: The Initiating Committee

By Pete Kampfer

(This article is a continuation of my article from the February 18th edition of The Colorado City Record.)

Community visioning is both a process and an outcome. Its success is most clearly visible in an improved quality of life, but it can also give individual citizens and the community as a whole a new approach to meeting challenges and solving problems.

Citizens of all types who care about the future of their communities conduct community visioning projects. These people are collectively called "stakeholders." The stakeholders in successful visioning efforts represent the community's diversity—politically, racially, geographically, ethnically, and economically—lending different "stakes," or personal and group interests, to the process. They form the core planning group for the visioning effort, perform community self-evaluation, set goals, and develop the action plan and implementation strategy. To ensure the success of the stakeholders' work, effective process design and structure are essential.

Successful visioning efforts start with an Initiating Committee (IC) consisting of 10 to 15 people. These individuals must be willing to invest a substantial amount of time over roughly three months in the development phase of the project. They may or may not wish to continue on as members of the stakeholder group for the planning effort itself. The Initiating Committee needs to reflect the community's diversity in terms of race, gender, economic sector, and

place of residence and employment. Each member of the Initiating Committee should wear "multiple hats," or represent multiple interests. The Initiating Committee will make the first statements about the visioning initiative to the community, so it must be credible and well balanced.

The two crucial attributes of the Initiating Committee are diversity and credibility. A good question to ask while forming the group is: "Will any community member be able to look at the Initiating Committee membership and say, 'Yes, my perspective was there from the beginning?'" If this isn't the case, then the missing perspective must be identified and a credible individual recruited to participate.

The purpose of the Initiating Committee is to focus on the process and logistics required to move the project forward. The content of the community vision will be developed during the broader stakeholder planning phase. The diverse voices on the Initiating Committee must create and agree to methods by which stakeholders can equitably address complex and controversial issues.

In selecting stakeholders for the community visioning process, the Initiating Committee must consider the diverse sectors and various interests and perspectives of the community. The committee must avoid "rounding up the usual suspects" or forming a "blue ribbon panel" of the same community leaders and organizations that have always been involved in past community efforts. These active peo-

ple are valuable contributors, but this type of project must tap into populations and people that are traditionally excluded from community processes. A balance of the "old guard" and "new blood" is useful. Further, it is important that participants act as citizens with a stake in the quality of life in the whole community, not simply as representatives of a particular organization, part of town, or issue. In this process, stakeholders should be effective spokespersons for their interests and perspectives, but they should not simply serve as advocates for their agencies and organizations. A sample of the categories in identifying the stakeholders in the community may include:

- Pro-Growth/No Growth
- Business Type (Small, Corporate, Industrial)
- Old/New Resident
- Conservative/Moderate
- Geographic Location
- Age
- Ethnicity
- Service Provider
- Income Level
- Education Reform/Back to Basics
- Elected/Appointed Leadership
- Institution Type (schools, police, etc.)
- Inside/Outside City Boundaries

TASKS OF THE INITIATING COMMITTEE ... to be continued.

Quote of the Week: "You cannot push anyone up the ladder unless he is willing to climb himself." Andrew Carnegie

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When "Praise God Anyway" was hard to say

By Monte Wike

One Sunday I preached a sermon, "Praise God Anyway," no matter the circumstances, no matter how you feel or the stress you are under. Some people in the church had a plaque made with that motto, which I still have, many years later.

Not long after this, I was trying to assemble a desk for my pastor's study from some old vanity drawers, a top from a discarded shoe display, and a front and legs that were new. I was working on the front porch of the par-

sonage, and had the top glued on and getting ready to attach the legs. The sun was warming up, so I picked it up to move into the shaded carport. When I did, the top came unglued, and so did I! Noma opened the kitchen window and said, "What are you supposed to say?" I yelled back, "Later!"

Well, that sermon came back in full force, and I thought, all right, this is just what I was taking about. The glue had pulled the veneer loose from the old vanity end, and when it turned upside down, I discovered holes where the

top was screwed to the base. I screwed the top on, rather than gluing it, and it was good and sturdy. I finished in the antique green that was so popular at the time, and used that desk for several years until I could buy a new one.

When my granddaughter needed a desk, I gave it to her, and she painted it pink and then handed it down to her daughter when she needed a desk.

What may seem a disaster can be turned into a blessing with just those simple words, that really do work: "Praise God Anyway!"

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LOCAL NEWS

Ranchers keep big game hunting close to home

Big game hunters no longer need to travel to the Serengeti to bag their trophies. Hunters can bag exotic game down the road at Champion Ranch.

The ranch, owned and operated by father-son combo Joe and Joel Swan, run 28-32 different species of winged and four-footed game.

"We've hunted all our lives, and loved the exotics," said Joel Swan. "Seems like every where we went we found things right and a bunch wrong. We wished we could go to a place that did it all right."

Setting up on a portion of the old Wulfjen 96 Ranch in 2002, gave the Swans the perfect opportunity to develop a hunting preserve that "did things right."

The ranch boasts a three bedroom, two bathroom Buffalo Lodge at the original farmhouse built by U. D. Wulfjen. Additional bunk rooms that can comfortably sleep 50 and a well-furnished lodge make the ranch a far cry from the stereotyped image.

"We've done a few weddings, complete with catering," said Swan. The lodge has done receptions and is equipped to handle corporate retreats.

"We're slideshow and PowerPoint presentation capable," Swan said.

Three to six expert and qualified guides conduct the three five-day hunts.

"We've got a Midland hunter

that loves the African game, but doesn't want to have to go to Africa. He can spend four to five days here as opposed to a 20-30 day trip to Africa and doesn't have to take all that time off from work," Swan said.

The free range ranch is not a "canned shoot". Only 10% of hunting is done out of blinds, with 90% spot and stalk. Hunters go up on the cliff lines or high sides of the river with binoculars and spotting scopes until they find an animal, often two miles away. Then they try to stalk in.

Set on 2500 acres, the high

Champion Ranch boasts 1200 head of animals on the ranch, including blue wildebeest, aoudad sheep, fallow, sika and axis deer, zebra, yak and eland. Ninety percent of those are self-sustaining, meaning the Swans don't have to import them every year. However, they do import the male Coriscan rams.

"We have a nice combo of browser and grazer. They live off the natural forage, plus protein feed year round and round bales of hay," said Swan.

Grains are planted along the road ways to add to the diet, as well as specific plots for feeding which are off limits to hunting.

The Swans are also scientific breeders of whitetail deer through the state of Texas breeder program.

Fawns are born in pens and released at one year onto the ranch to help improve the herd

and add larger genetics, resulting in 180-200 in deer on the ranch.

The ranch also serves to preserve species vanishing in their native African habitat. The scimitar horned oryx is on the endangered species list and almost extinct in the Kalahari desert due

to poaching for food, rather than poaching for tourism.

"They do extremely well in Texas. Texas is very similar to their native land," Swan said. "These animals would already be extinct if it weren't for Texas ranchers."

Although the Swans run longhorns, those are just for looks. "People come here and they just need to see a good ole Texas longhorn," Swan said.

Visitors come to Champion Ranch from not just all over Texas, but as far away as Baltimore, Minnesota, Connecticut, Scotland and Germany. Many are contacts made at safari and big game shows such as the Dallas Safari Club and the Harrisburg Eastern Sportsman Show in Pennsylvania.

Although the Swans live in Lubbock, from September 1 until the end of March, they are down at the ranch four to five days a week and support the local economy through Fuller Foods, CC Quality Meats, use of the local veterinarian and taxidermy. "We try to keep everything local," Swan said. Using a veterinarian extends the life of animals who would otherwise die in the wilderness from infections or injuries.

This summer the Swan plan on starting a summer camp program for kids 10-17 to get their hunter safety certificate.

For more information, visit www.huntchampionranch.com



NO ONE ROUGHS IT at the Champion Ranch hunting lodge. Comfortable surroundings provide a relaxing atmosphere at the end of a day spent stalking big game trophies.



LOVE OF THE HUNT led Joe and Joel Swan (from left) to establish their own big game preserve outside of Colorado City.

fences encircle the ranch, but there are no cross fences to hinder game from running four to five miles.

"Yes there's a high fence, but any animal in here has a chance to run and hide and get away from you," Swan said.

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point," he said. "If the trend continues for the next eight or nine months, then we'll have to start looking at expenses but that's not something we want to do right now."

Stinson also said that hospital statistics depend on various things such as physicians' orders and disease trends. "Things have been picking up. The end of February was picking up, and March has started off good," he said. Surgeries also bring revenue to the hospital and Stinson noted that there were three surgeries scheduled for Tuesday, March 2.

On a brighter note, Wright reported that approximately \$282,000 has been recovered from bad debts during the last year.

Beverly Cogburn, an RN who works with the Wallace-Ware Medical Units at the prisons, introduced the new head warden Richie Wathen to the board. Wathen was previously assigned to the Montford Unit in Lubbock which is the medical unit for the western region of TDCJ, making him familiar with the hospital setting. He expressed his excitement and said he is looking forward to the cooperation of working with the MCHD board.

Andrew Cargile, EMS Director, gave board members a report on the current condition and future plans for the Emergency Medical Services department. The new EMS Station, located

at the corner of 16th and Chestnut streets, is equipped with two beds, a kitchen, living area and ambulance bay. Carlile invited all the board members to stop by the station anytime to take a look at the facility.

The EMS currently has two 2009 F450 Ford ambulances, one new unit purchased in 2009 and one remounted unit. The service also has one 2006 GMC ambulance.

According to Cargile, all the ambulances have, as of this past week, been upgraded with digital radios. The radio changes bring the medical service into compliance with FCC-mandated changes. The only component still needing to be updated is the digital repeater. Cost for that update is estimated at \$10-\$20,000, and the director is looking for revenue to cover those expenses.

Cargile reported that he has worked with the West Central Texas Council of Governments in the past and will be looking in that direction to secure the additional revenue needed.

Thanks to Cargile's experience with grant-writing, the EMS service has already received several grants in small amounts. The Texas Department of Rural Affairs granted \$2500, an EMS Enhancement Grant, to the local

emergency services department. This grant assisted two students with paramedic completion training.

Other grants received include one from the Texas Department of State Health Services, the Big Country RAC county grant funds, gave \$7177 which went towards purchasing two digital radios for ambulances and the purchase of four new pagers for personnel. The department of health also allocated \$2600 from their hospital planning group funds for the purchase of another digital radio. These funds are expected in March.

Another grant obtained from the health department, in the amount of \$1400, has paid for advanced medical life support courses for six of the EMS staff members, along with books for that training. The grant also helped to purchase GPS devices for ambulances.

Board vice president Jerry Reynolds approved a resolution to call the May 8 election of the hospital board, in the absence of board president Bobbie Banks, who along with Hollis Gainey, left the meeting early to support the Wolves basketball team in the playoffs. Members up for election are Banks, Gainey and Delynn Hackfeld.

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Monday, March 8

Pork Tenderloin, Squash Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Salad, Hot Roll

Tuesday, March 9

Hamburger Steak w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Hot Roll

Wednesday, March 10

Garlic Mushroom Chicken Melt, Scalloped Potatoes, Broccoli Blend, Salad, Roll

Thursday, March 11

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CENSUS

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visit households that do not return questionnaires to take a count in person.

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The information is used solely for statistical purposes and is not shared with the FBI, CIA, Immigration or police.

The data will help determine how federal funds are distributed to hospitals, schools, child care and school programs.

The 2010 Census questionnaire has only 10 questions and should take 10 minutes to complete.

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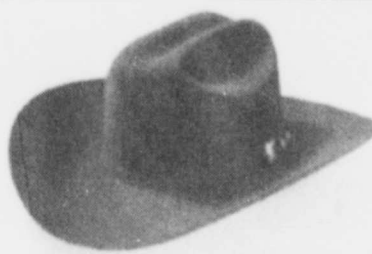
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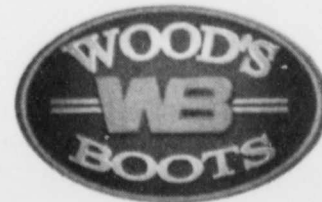
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MITCHELL LODGE 563 presented Dan Smith (center) with the Golden Trowel lifetime achievement award last Saturday. Standing with Smith were family and friends George and Sandra Smith, Roger Smith, Glen Smith, Dot Smith, Faith Stansel, Sandra Carrillo, Betty Anderson and Tanner Killebrew.

Smith presented Golden Trowel

Members of the Mitchell Masonic Lodge 563 honored Dan Smith Saturday evening with the presentation of the Golden Trowel.

The highest honor presented by the lodge, the trowel is awarded for lifetime achievement in spreading the cement of friendship and brotherly love.

Smith became a master mason in 1966 in Anchorage, Alaska and has been a member of the Ballinger and San Angelo lodges. He is a simultaneous member of both the Mitchell and Scurry Lodges and has served in the Mitchell Lodge as Worshipful Master, secretary, District Deputy Grand Master (2009), in addition to restoring the lodge's historical showcases and documenting its 125 year history.

The lodge also honored Smith's wife, Dot for her support and participation in her husband's service.

Dignitaries from other lodges attending the ceremony in Smith's honor were Ernest Herford, District Deputy Grand Master, District 79 Hermleigh; Les Montgomery, District

Deputy Grand Master, District 80 Big Spring; Johnny Fulton, District Deputy Grand Master, District 105, Ballinger; Bob Norred, Worshipful Master, Scurry Lodge 706; Bill Alexander, Senior Warden, Hermleigh Lodge 987; Jack Thompson, Past Master, John Sayles Lodge 1408 Abilene; Clifford Jackson, Past Master, John Sayles Lodge 1408 Abilene; Cecil Young, Midland Lodge 623; and Charles Bowen, Sr., Past Master, Loraine Lodge 1307.

Community leaders from Colorado City who attended were County Judge Ray Mayo, Mayor Carol Sue Dakan, and former mayor Jim Baum.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony.



THE KIWANIS PANCAKE supper was packed last Friday evening in spite of cold weather and basketball games. The annual event, featuring mouth-watering pancakes, sausage and bacon, raises scholarship funds for local graduating seniors. *Photo courtesy of Pete Kampfer*



ALL YOU CAN eat pancakes hit the spot with Winnie and Edward Roach and Gene and Joan Parker (from left) at the Kiwanis annual pancake supper held at the middle school cafeteria last Friday. *Photo courtesy of Pete Kampfer*

Cancer support group helps to live beyond the diagnosis

ABILENE, Texas - Cancer Services Network, an agency of the United Way of Abilene, will offer 2 six-week Cancer Support Groups for those interested in learning to live beyond a diagnosis of cancer.

If you or someone you know has cancer, this group is for you. When you have cancer, you have many things to think about. This group teaches you ways to help yourself and your family. You, your family and friends are welcome to attend.

This group will meet weekly for six weeks to discuss topics relevant to dealing with a cancer diagnosis. One session will be offered on Tuesdays, March 16 to April 20, 2010 in the Perkins Room at the Hendrick Cancer Center located at 2000 Pine Street.

Another session on Thursdays, March 18 through April 22, 2010 will be offered in the conference room at Texas Oncology - Abilene located at 1957 Antilley Road. The Cancer Support Groups will meet from 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. A light lunch will be provided.

Weekly topics include: Telling your Story, Dealing with Emotions, Thoughts and Feelings; Using Spirituality to Cope with a Cancer Diagnosis; Communicating with your Family and Loved Ones; Communicating with your Medical Team; and Coping with the Side Effects of Cancer Treatment.

Aimee Colley, LMSW, Social Worker at Cancer Services Network, will facilitate the groups. Mrs. Colley has over

twelve years experience in the area of oncology. There is no charge associated with the support groups. Register by calling (325) 672-0040 or via e-mail acolley@cancerservicesnetwork.org. This program is made possible in part by a grant from the Cancer Prevention & Research Institute of Texas.

Cancer Services Network is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization that provides emotional and financial support to underserved cancer patients and their families in a 19-county area of West Central Texas, including: Brown, Callahan, Coleman, Comanche, Eastland, Fisher, Haskell, Jones, Kent, Knox, Mitchell, Nolan, Runnels, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor and Throckmorton.

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Friday - Fried Catfish / Hushpuppies.....\$6.09

Saturday - Enchiladas / Rice / Beans.....\$6.09

Sunday - Chicken & Dressing, Brisket
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DESCRIPTIVE CAPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010-02
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS, AMENDING ORDINANCE 2002-03 BY AMENDING THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES CHAPTER 5, FIRE PREVENTION & PROTECTION BY AMENDING CHAPTER 5 ARTICLE 5.04, OPEN BURNING BY AMENDING SECTION 5.04.001 (b) (6) PERMIT REQUIRED; ADDING SECTION 5.04.005 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT, SECTION 5.04.006 SUSPENSION OF REVOCATION OF PERMIT, AND SECTION 5.04.07 EXTINGUISHING FIRES; REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCE; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE.

PENALTY SECTION:

Sec. 5.04.003 Penalty for Violation

(a) The violation of any provision of this article shall be punished as provided in section 1.01.009 of this code.

(b) Each day any violation of this article continues will constitute a separate offense. If any such violation is designated as a nuisance under the provisions of this code, the nuisance may be summarily abated by the city manager or assigns.

EFFECTIVE DATE:
This ordinance shall become effective no less than ten days following passage of the ordinance and after publication by the City Secretary of the descriptive caption and the penalty section of this ordinance in a local newspaper twice within a ten-day period in accordance with Section 29 of the City Charter.

Wilson's Weekly

Psalm 19 - The Day of Trouble!

Some days are better than others. Some days are filled with excitement and our hearts are filled with a zest for life. Some days are filled with grief and sorrow so that our hearts ache from the difficulties of life. You have heard the expression, "when life gives you lemons, make lemonade." While it may not always be so easy...my luck is I wouldn't have any sugar or ice...our outlook does affect the direction of our life.

In the day of trouble, David declared a glorious blessing upon those who call upon our Lord and King (v.9). The Lord will defend, protect, strengthen and remember us, accepting our offering if we do His will (v.1-3). God can make all of our dreams come true (provided they are in accordance with His will). Our God is a great God and He "is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us" (Ephesians 3:20).

The key to receiving the blessings of God is that we must first be in Christ for all spiritual blessings are in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 1:3). Sadly, many think they should receive the blessings of God even though their hearts desires, their purpose and their citizenship have nothing to do with God. Too many put their "trust in chariots" or in "horses" (v.7). In our day, people still put their trust in uncertain riches. They are not aware that "life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses" (Luke 12:15). They do not realize that they are lost if they lay up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God (Luke 12:21).

If one will remember the name of the Lord and serve Him, salvation is waiting. God will be there to fight for us and help us in our journey. Our dreams will come true because we are living according to God's purpose. Our prayer for this community and for our world is that all will become citizens of the kingdom of God with all its reward including abundant life (John 10:10). If we can help you to know God and His plan for men, please contact us. We would love to study with you. - Denny Wilson

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Denny Wilson - roydw3@aol.com - or leave a message at 644-5356
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SCHOOL NEWS



THIS WEEK'S STUDENTS of the Week are Zackary Gomez, Kaitlyn Kimball and Baylie Lindsey. Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.

Hutch announces this week's Students of the Week

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Zackary Gomez, Kaitlyn Kimball and Baylie Lindsey.

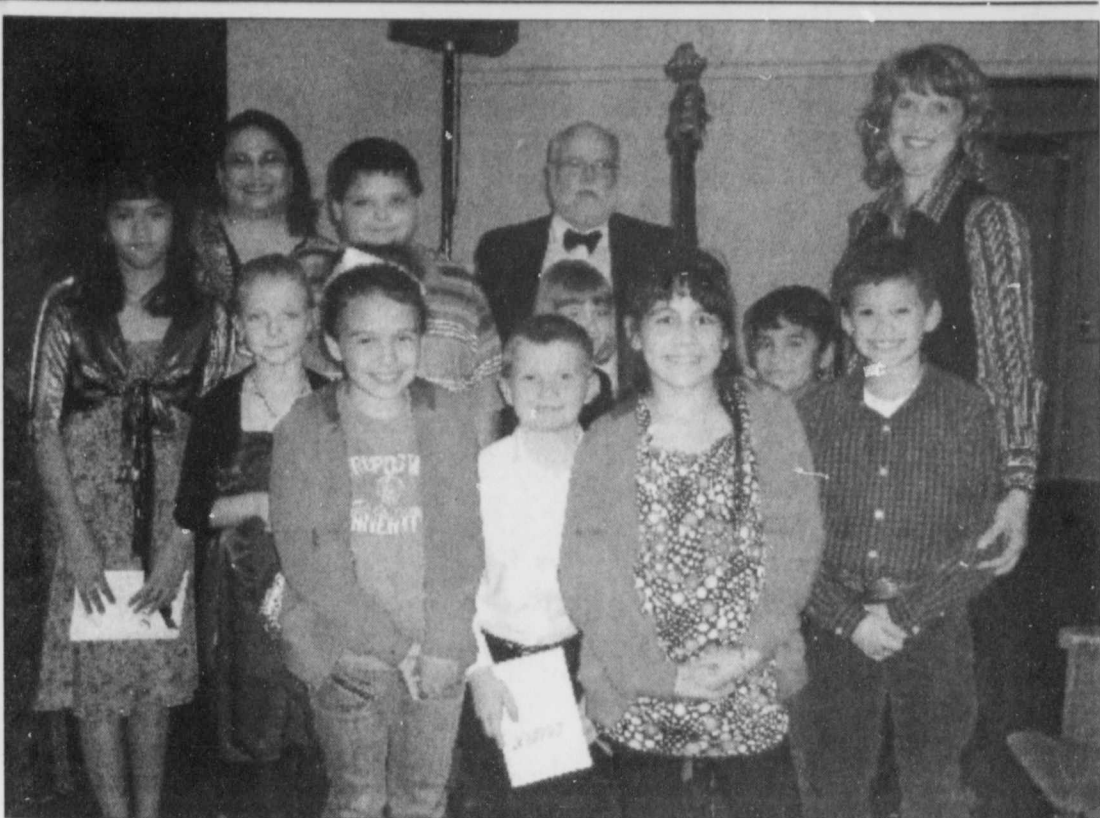
Zackary, son of Kasey Garcia and Miguel Gomez, is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. He enjoys spending time with his dog, Muddy, and reading is his favorite subject. His favor-

ite thing about Hutchinson is "math, because it helps me learn," he said.

Kaitlyn, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lindsey's class, is the daughter of Barry and Jerri Kimball. She enjoys playing basketball as a hobby, and math is her favorite subject. She says her favorite thing about

Hutchinson is "P.E. and playing with my friends at recess."

Baylie, daughter of Cole and Lorie Lindsey, is a fifth grader in Mrs. White's class. She enjoys playing sports as a hobby, and P.E. is her favorite subject. She says, "being able to be with my friends" is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.



HUTCHINSON ELEMENTARY STUDENTS who made a perfect score on the orchestra instruments test earned a special treat Saturday, February 20. They were invited to attend a classical concert by the Big Spring Symphony Orchestra and Conductor Dr. Keith Graymann. Those in attendance were: (back row) Amor Carrillo, Nannette Mata, Adrian Matos, McKinna Komppa, José Vargas, Karen Johns; (front row) Kristina Parker, Shelby Ortiz, Daniel Meguire, Marissa Reyna and Brayden Coronado. Also in attendance as chaperones were David Jones, Tracy Komppa, Darin Johns, Diana Castro, Adrianna Gomez and Tucker French.

CMS lists perfect attendance for the fourth six-weeks

Colorado Middle School has released the list of students with perfect attendance for the fourth six-weeks of the school year.

6th grade: Selena Barnett, Mo-lik Boone, Macy Bullard, Haven Campbell, Stashia Campbell, Albert Campos, Mikayla Dillon, Freya Griffin, Joseph Griffin, Madie Gutierrez, Delaney Hernandez, Tony Martinez, Dylan Lee McGuire, Jazzlyn Mendoza, Clara Morris, Mark Muñoz, Alexis Muñoz, Seth Myers, Cameron Oakley, Bianca Palmer, Marissa Parras, Hayden Peasley, Katelynn Polanco, Eric Pool, Chris Reyes, Brennan Ross, Andreanna Salas, Sierra Salazar, Devon Santana, Ethan Smith, Hannah Sosa, Brandon Thomas, Allison Torres, Brianna Torres, Daniel Ventura and Leslie Ventura.

7th grade: Cheyenne Alford, Harlie Blake, Dillon Gainey, Jacob Garcia, Shala Greer, Aaron Griffin, Taegen Harri, Shirley Hemphill, Jasmine Jones, Mason Maddox, Mikaela Madrid, Desiree Martinez, Joseph Martinez, Kasey Miller, Nicholas Miller, Makyla Molina, Alexis Moore,

Krystin Northcutt, Nick Palacios, Serena Paschall, Adam Pineda, Joshua Rees, Jeremy Rivera, Jeremiah Salazar, Alejandro Salinas, Jaci Smith, Cassandra Sutton, Emanuel Ventura and Jeremiah Williams.

8th grade: Graciela Aguilar, Rene Aguirre, Sabrina Arispe, Tori Barrera, Allison Burrola,

Rankin Bullard, Maricela Espinoza, Felipe Garcia, David Garza, Taylor Griffith, Cortney Huff, Mackenzie Kimball, Joseph Maberry, Haley Maxwell, Heather Merket, Jessica Nichols, Justin Ortiz, Nickolas Perez, Ana Ramirez, Ricardo Roman, Mark Sanchez, Cody Thomas and Bethany Toombs.



JUMP ROPE FOR HEART... Kelley Elementary 1st and 2nd grade students participated in the Jump Rope for Heart event on February 12. The students raised \$2,518.42 for the American Heart Association. Students participating included (l-r) Pacey Lee, Sheree Vanderpool, Jasmine Castillo and Jake Connell. As part of the project, red and white hearts were displayed on their Wall of Honor to represent loved ones with heart problems who have died and those who are currently living with the condition. Photo courtesy of Mary Lou Costabile.

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DESCRIPTIVE CAPTION:

ORDINANCE NO. 2010 - 03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO CITY, TEXAS AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 86 - 07 AND BY AMENDING CITY CODE BOOK CHAPTER 2, ANIMAL CONTROL; DIVISION 2. REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND VACCINATION; BY AMENDING SECTION 2.02.033 REGISTRATION LICENSE FEE (a), (b), (c), & (d); REPEALING ALL PRIOR ORDINANCES OR ORDINANCE PROVISIONS IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE RATES AND FEES ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS ORDINANCE.

PENALTY SECTION:

Sec. 2.02.072 Enforcement

(a) For the purpose of enforcing this chapter, any animal control officer or police officer is hereby authorized to issue to any owner, or other person, who violates any provision of this Chapter a citation which shall be dated and signed by the issuing officer. The citation shall set forth the general nature of the violation charged and shall direct the violator to appear in the municipal court of the city on or before a certain day. The violator shall sign the summons to indicate his agreement to appear. In the event a violator refuses to sign the agreement to appear, a police officer may be called to the scene and, upon the continued refusal of such person to sign, may arrest such person. In those instances wherein the violator is not present, the citation may be issued, a complaint filed, and procedure followed as permitted by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE:

This ordinance shall become effective no less than ten days following passage of the ordinance and after publication by the City Secretary of the descriptive caption and the penalty section of this ordinance in a local newspaper twice within a ten-day period in accordance with Section 29 of the City Charter.

SPORTS

Wolves bow out of playoffs to Olney

By Reggie Gardner

The Wolves faced a good team from Olney last Friday night in Cisco in the area round of the playoffs.

The game started off with Colorado City taking an 8-0 lead. The Wolves were red hot with their shooting and played tenacious defense during the 1st period, leading 18-10 at the end of the 1st period.

During the 2nd period, C-City continued with their hot hands and aggressive defense and went into halftime with a 13-point lead. Everything was going the Wolves' way during the 1st half and at halftime, they led 35-22.

During the 3rd period, Olney changed their defensive strategy and went to a 1-3-1 and the Wolves began to struggle to get points. Colorado City was only able to score 3 points in the 3rd period as Olney ended up tying the game 38-38 going into the final period.

Olney took the lead for the first time in the game with 6:29 to play in the final period. Once

Olney got the lead, they had no intention of giving it back to the Wolves. The Wolves had to foul late which put Olney on the line, and they ended up defeating the Wolves by a score of 61-52.

The game was a game of two very different halves. The Wolves dominated the first half and Olney dominated the 2nd half. After putting up 35 points in the first half, the Wolves only scored 17 points in the 2nd half. Olney scored only 22 points in the first half, but turned it on with 39 points in the 2nd half.

After a great year, and a Bi-District Championship, the Wolves bowed out of the playoffs to Olney. Leading scorers for the Wolves were:

Derek Gainey; 14 pts, 5 steals
Nick Reyna; 12 pts, 4 rebounds
Tyler Higgins; 11 pts, 7 rebounds, 3 steals
Ronald Aoyama; 6 pts, 4 rebounds, 3 steals
Eli Farrell; 4 pts, 1 rebound
J.C. Johnson; 2 pts, 2 rebounds, 1 steal
Tylor Lorenz; 2 pts
Jason Rodriguez; 1 pt



THE VARSITY LADY Wolves took first place in a softball tournament in Sweetwater last weekend. Team members are: (back row) Miranda Reyna, Lauran Meeks, Ava Macedo, Lisa Salazar; (middle row) Carissa Sutton, Shelby Cogburn, Sydney Upshaw; (front row) Lexi Espinoza, Olivia Ornelas, Amanda Arispe and Emily Hicks. Photo courtesy of Erin White.

Varsity girls take 1st place

The Colorado City Lady Wolves won the Sweetwater Classic - White Division Softball Tournament last weekend. The Lady Wolves won four games while losing only one.

Victories were over Loraine, San Angelo Central JV and a 6-2 victory over Hawley and also a 7-1 win in the championship game over Stamford.

Ava Macedo was a standout in the game against San Angelo Central JV, hitting an in-park homer, as well as a triple.

Lexi Espinoza led her team with a home run, as well as two singles and five RBIs against Loraine.

Sydney Upshaw and Amanda Arispe stood out in the game against Hawley, each hitting a single and two RBIs.

Emily Hicks and Espinoza were pitchers during the tournament.

The Lady Wolves' bats were hot as they outscored their opponents 47-17 while averaging .330 as a team offensively.

CMS boys Relay results

The 7th and 8th grade boys and girls from Colorado Middle School competed in the CMS Junior Lone Wolf Relays on Thursday, February 25. Boys results are as follows:

7th grade
400 Meter Relay: 1st place - Jeremiah Williams, Jonathon Jackson, Leevon Henderson, Dillon Gainey

Sprint Medley: 4th place - Perry Donnell, Jonathan Blassingame, Colton Heupal, Adam Pineda

800 Relay: 3rd place - David Sanchez, Jeremiah Williams, Oliver Sosa, Aaron Griffin

Distance Medley: 5th place - Colton Heupal, Oliver Sosa, David Sanchez, Nick Palacios

1600 Meter Relay: 1st place - Brandon Cabrera, Dillon Gainey, Leevon Henderson, Nathan Jackson

3200 Meter Relay: 3rd Place - Nick Palacios, Aaron Griffin, Javier Coulon, Brandon Cabrera

Shot Put: 5th Jacob Hill

Discus: 5th Alex Salinas

Team Totals: Wall 138, Colorado City 80, Ballinger 64, Coahoma 59, Forsan 54, Stanton 2

8th grade

400 M Relay: 2nd place - Felipe Garcia, Josh Sutton, Cason Smith, Jonathan Martinez

Sprint Medley: 4th place - Cody Thomas, Rylan Gardner,

Rankin Bullard, Cason Smith

800 M Relay: 2nd place - Cason Smith, Rylan Gardner, Jonathan Martinez, Douglas Garcia

Distance Medley: 3rd Place - Jonathan Martinez, Rankin Bullard, Rylan Gardner, Felix Munoz

1600 M Relay: 4th place - Cody Thomas, Josh Sutton,

Felipe Garcia, Douglas Garcia

3200 M Relay: 4th Place - Cody Tolle, Jacob Ludwig, Felix Munoz, Douglas Garcia

Shot Put: 1st place - Jonathan Martinez

Discus: 4th Place - Jonathan Martinez

Team Totals: Wall 130, C City 82, Stanton 71, Ballinger 68, Forsan 61, Coahoma 16



CMS TRACK AND Field athlete Jason Vidal competed in the shot put contest during last week's middle school track meet held at Wolf Stadium. Five area teams competed in the event. Photo courtesy of Cody Thomas.



THE JV LADY Wolves took 1st place in a softball tournament held in Sweetwater last weekend. Members of the team are: (l-r) Jacquelin Mendoza, Hope Sanchez, Coach Reggie Gardner, Whitney Ortiz, Shylowe Honeycutt, Shyana Baugh, Olivia Luera, Nese Braziel, Reagan Costabile and Huntir Messick. Not pictured is Brittany Standerfer and Morgan DuCasse.

JV Lady Wolves softball wins 1st place in Sweetwater tourney

By Reggie Gardner

The JV Lady Wolves softball team traveled to Sweetwater to participate in a tournament this past weekend. They played games against Haskell, San Angelo Lakeview, Hawley, and San Angelo Central.

The JV Lady Wolves came

out of the tournament only losing one game to San Angelo Central and winning the other four. Facing Hawley in the championship game, the girls won 13-3 to take 1st place in the tournament.

Members of this year's JV Lady Wolves softball team are:

Reagan Costabile, Whitney Ortiz, Olivia Luera, Shyana Baugh, Hope Sanchez, Nese Braziel, Jacquelin Mendoza, Brittany Standerfer, Shelby Cogburn, Huntir Messick, Morgan DuCasse, Kristine Gaona, and Shylowe Honeycutt.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR USE OF HOTEL/MOTEL TAX FUNDS

The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on March 3, 2010 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on March 3, 2010 and reviewed by Administrative Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the City Council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 13, 2010. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations.

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CARD OF THANKS

Card of Thanks

We are truly grateful to the good friends and family who did so much for us during our recent sorrow. A special thanks to the Guadalupanas of St. Ann's Catholic Church and to all those who offered cards, flowers, food, thoughts and prayers which comforted us so much. May we take this means of saying thank you for the many comforting expressions of your friendship and affection.

The family of Estrella Ornelas

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Energen Resources Corporation, 3300 North "A" St, Bldg 4, Ste 100, Midland, Texas 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Middle Clearfork formation, North Westbrook Unit, Well Number(s) 808W and 809W. The proposed injection well(s) are located 11 miles Northwest of Colorado City, in the in the Westbrook Field, in Mitchell County.

Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2850 to 3500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

NOTICE OF SHERIFF SALE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF MITCHELL

By the virtue of Order of Sale issued out of the honorable 32nd Judicial District of Mitchell County, Texas, on the 26th day of February, 2010, in the following case to the Sheriff directed, the following property, which is more particularly described in the judgment entered in that cause, was levied on the 1st day of March, 2010 and will be sold at 10:00 a.m. on the 6th day of April, 2010, which is the first Tuesday of said month, at the East door of the Courthouse in Mitchell County, Texas, in the City of Colorado City, Texas, to satisfy judgment with interest and with all cost of suit in favor of Mitchell County, et al, and other taxing units and against those defendants listed in said Judgments and Order of Sale.

Cause #14, 473 MITCHELL COUNTY VS SHIRLEY SMITH. Tract 1: Lots 7 and 8, Amended Addition, Westbrook. Tract 2: Lot 9, Block 26, Amended Addition, Westbrook.

Cause #15,317 MITCHELL COUNTY VS KEISHA CONNELLY. All the east half of lots 4,5 and 6, Block 7, R.T. Manuel's Highland Park Addition, Colorado City.

Cause #15,328 MITCHELL COUNTY VS REYNALDO ARGUIJO. All the South 32 feet of Lot 1 and the North 28 feet of Lot 2, Block 130, Original Town, Colorado City.

Cause #15,336 MITCHELL COUNTY VS VENSEN E. STEWART. All Lot 6 of the J.H. Moon Subdivision of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 5 of the Marshall S Addition #1, Colorado City.

Cause #15,406 MITCHELL COUNTY VS ROBERT HERREIRA. Lot 6, Block 2, La Union Addition, Colorado City.

Cause #14,848 MITCHELL COUNTY VS KENNETH LEE LOGAN. Tract 1: All lots 6 and 7, Block 4, Austin Heights Addition No 1, Colorado City. Tract 2: All Lots 4 and 5, Block 8, Austin Heights Addition No 2, Colorado City.

Cause #15,028 MITCHELL COUNTY VS SIMON DIAZ. All the East 60 feet of Lots 18, 19, and 20, Block 11, Dunn Snyder Moorar Addition, Colorado City.

Given under my hand this the 1 day of March, 2010.
Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff
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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of Mitchell, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados Mitchell, Texas)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on May 8, 2010, for voting in a general election to elect Board of Directors.

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Mayo de 8 de 2010 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir junta directiva.
On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote.

(El Dia de Elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

Location of Election Day Polling Places
(Ubicación de las casillas electorales el Dia de Elección)
Mitchell County Courthouse, Colorado City
(Palacio de justicia de Condado de Mitchell, Colorado City)
Lorraine Senior Citizen Building, Lorraine
(Lorraine Persona de la tercera edad Edificio, Lorraine)
Westbrook ISD Tax Office, Westbrook
(Oficina de Impuesto de Westbrook ISD, Westbrook)
For early voting, a voter may vote at any of the locations listed below:

(Para Votación Adelantada, los votantes podrán votar en cualquiera de las ubicaciones nombradas abajo.)
Locations for Early Voting Pollin Places
(Ubicación de las casillas electorales de votacion adelantada)
Mitchell County Hospital Lobby April 26 - May 4 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(Vestibulo de Hospital de Condado de Mitchell 25 de abril - el 4 de mayo 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas de botación adelantada por correo deberán enviarse a):
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997 West I-20
Colorado City, TX 79512

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1008 E 12th
Thurs, March 4th
10am-2:30pm
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BID NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

RFP 10-1056 SALE OF SCHOOL BUS

Colorado Independent School District will receive sealed bids at the Business Office, 1132 Hickory, PO Box 1268, Colorado City, Texas 79512 until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 22, 2010 for the sale of one (1) school bus.

The bus bid proposals may be picked up and the bus inspected at the bus garage, 630 East 3rd Street during regular business hours 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday. Bids will be opened, read aloud and awarded within ten (10) days.

Colorado ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids and to waive any and all formalities.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (TxDOT) CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)
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Contract 6053-83-001 for BRIDGE JOINTS/CONCRETE STRUCTURE REPAIR in MITCHELL County, etc. will be opened on March 30, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$183,995.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

NPO: 32220
State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540
Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.

Mitchell County Commissioners Court will receive sealed bid proposals for economic development of property located at 780 West I-20, Colorado City, Texas. The bid proposal must include number of jobs to be created, proposed sales tax revenue, taxable inventory and value of same for inclusion in a five year economic development contract. The Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids dependent on the best bid or best value to Mitchell County; and the ability to perform based on bidder's company history. Bids may be mailed to Judge Ray Mayo at 349 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas 79512 and will be opened at 9:00 a.m. on March 22.

BID REQUEST

Mitchell County Commissioners Court will receive sealed bids at the Office of the County Judge or County Auditor until 9:00a. m., March 22, 2010 for one (1) Sheriff's Office vehicle.

Specifications are available at the Office of the County Auditor or Sheriff. Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject and all bids and/or waive an and all formalities.

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Gas Range & Refrigerator Provided.
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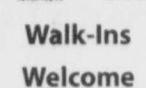
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157 E. 14th, large corner lot, 3 bd, 3 bath, 2 CP, approx. 1945 sf, great buy!
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1636 Waco, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, CH/A, great buy
907 E. 13th, newly remodeled, a must to see! 3/1. All new paint & carpet.
NEW! 751 E. 8th, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath, call for more information
416 E. 16th, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, fantastic bungalow. Great investment.
Why rent when you could have your own place?
1665 Watson, 3/3 1/2 baths, formal living, den with fireplace, formal dining, in ground swimming pool. This house has it all!

HUD owned property that have a Century 21 sign we can show you!

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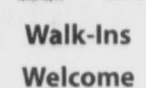
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Under the authority of Chapter 3, Article 3.600 Housing Standards Code, of the City of Colorado City Code, Colorado City, Texas, and City Ordinance 2009 – 19 of the City of Colorado City, Texas the following owners are notified that the buildings identified below have been determined, after inspection, to be substandard and beyond economical repair. By order of the Housing Standards Commission, the City is directed to demolish the identified buildings, to remove the foundation, if one remains, and to remove all debris, trash, tree limbs, appliances and other personal property, weeds and tall grass, etc., from the building lot, and bill the owner. Failure by the owner to pay will result in a lien being filed against the property.

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Legal Description | Steve Haralson
136 West 2nd Street
OT; Block 32; East 20' West 40' Lots 5-6 |
| 2. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Ramona Molina
392 East 2nd Street
OT; Block 35; East ½ Lot 6 & East ½ S. 30' Lot 5 |
| 3. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Curtis Craghead
502 East 2nd Street
Tolar City; Block 1; Lots 1-3 & Lot 10 |
| 4. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Virginia Tammen
540 East 2nd Street
Tolar City; Block 1; Lots 6, 9 and East 20' Lot 5 |
| 5. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Tommy L. & Eva Wright
736 East 2nd Street
WM; Block 33; Lots 3-4 and East ½ Lot 5 |
| 6. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | James Williams
419 East 2nd Street
OT; Block 37; East ½ Lots 4-6 |
| 7. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Liana Chawdhury Et. AL
741 East 2nd Street
WM; Block 34; Lot 2 and Lot 3 |
| 8. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Michael Thomas Towne
East Westpoint
DSM; Block 5; East 150' North ½ and East 290' of South ½ Lot 1 |
| 9. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Frelon O. Huff, Jr.
1132 E. Westpoint
DSM; Block 3; East 120' Lots 13-15 |
| 10. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Louis Arguijo, Jr. & Peggy Arguijo
545 E. 16th Street
OT; Block 190; East ½ Lots 1-3 |
| 11. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Wayman Thurman ETAL
% Wayman Thurman
2036 Chestnut Street
H. C. No. 1; City Block 12; Lot 8 |
| 12. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Vincente A. Gaona
1097 Oak Street
OT; Block 130; N65' Lot 1 |
| 13. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Betty Cantu
336 W. 7th Street
OT; Block 65; East ½ Lots 7-8 |
| 14. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Clyde Leverett
729 Cypress Street
OT; Block 62; Front Lots 2-3 |
| 15. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | David McLead
221 Locust Street
OT; Block 35; East ½ Lot 4 & East ½ N20' Lot 5 |
| 16. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Dixie Rogers
616 Locust Street
OT; Block 76; Lot 9 & N1/2 Lot 8 |
| 17. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Leola B. Rand EST.
828 Locust Street
OT; Block 91; Lot 10 |
| 18. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Robert E. & Tina Roland
545 Chestnut Street
OT; Block 3; Lots 1-2 & N19.5' Lot 3 |
| 19. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Jim Martinez
542 Pine Street
OT; Block 6; West ½ Lots 11-12 |
| 20. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Addie Carroll Est.
% Edwin Williams
420 Pine Street
OT; Block 13; Lot 9 |
| 21. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Winnie Royal
% Robert Royal
448 Cypress Street
OT; Block 12; West end 50x90 Lot 12 |
| 22. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Walter Sickles
420 Cypress Street
OT; Block 12; Lot 9 & S1/2 Lot 10 |
| 23. Remains of Structure
Location
Legal Description | Walter Sickles
403 Cypress Street
OT; Block 11; Lot 6 |

Interested individuals must contact the office of the Code Enforcement Officer of the City of Colorado City, Texas, Police Department, 201 W. 3rd St., Colorado City, Texas, within ten (10) days from the date of this notice.

City of Colorado City
Jesse Hernandez, Code Enforcement
325-728-5294

LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Hello, Record readers. It seems as if Mother Nature is practicing her willful way, and each day the wind blows a little harder and stronger. The March winds should turn the turbines fast enough to help energize most of the country.

My news will go to the Record before we, in Loraine, will know how the election turns out. We will be anxious to learn the outcome.

Working the election Tuesday will be Yvonne Sadler, democrat judge; Christene Britton, republican judge; Doris Henderson; Wanza Graham; and Connie Rodriguez.

A free concert will be held at the First Baptist Church in Loraine with the gospel singing of The Brooks Brothers and Allen Ashbury on Wednesday, March 10 at 6:30 p.m. Free!

Randy Brooks' career includes playing piano for J.D. Summer and The Stamps Quartet, performing in "The Promise" and being voted Branson's Male Artist of the Year.

Bill Brooks was voted Entertainer of the Year in Texas four years in a row and voted Branson's Male Christian Entertainer of the Year.

Allen Ashbury is a veteran actor and singer who has had No. 1 Christian music hits and played in several stadiums.

Make your plans to attend this musical event and bring a friend. This is a free concert.

J.A. Y. and Mike Sadler went to Sweetwater over the weekend to help celebrate Brittany's 18th birthday at Pat and Pat Sadler's home. Also attending were Elaine Jamison and Jackson, Lori and April McClain from Oklahoma.

Andy and Norma Perez are the proud grandparents of a new baby girl, Aaliyah Victoria, who was born February 27. She weighed eight pounds and was 21 inches long.

Parents are Krissi and Louie Martinez of Austin.

Our condolences are sent to Jeff and Myra Wooddell as her brother passed away last week. They went to Kerrville Friday to attend his funeral. While there, they visited other relatives and returned home late Saturday.

We also send condolences to family and friends of Cathy Martel. She passed away early Sunday morning, February 28.

She and husband, Delbert, were here in Loraine Saturday evening visiting with Jan and Hank Millering playing table games and visiting. They returned home to the 223 Trailer Park between here and Colorado City. While sleeping early Sunday morning, their trailer caught on fire. Cathy died from smoke inhalation and Delbert was sent to Lubbock with burns to his arms and hands.

Jan Millering reported late Sunday that Delbert is some better at this time. The Martels frequented the Loraine Senior Center and enjoyed the fellowship and good there for several years.

Providing special music prior to the morning message at Loraine Methodist Church last Sunday

morning was Charline Hays and her daughter, Linda. They sang "Remind Me Dear Lord."

The Men's Breakfast is slated for March 13 on Saturday at 7 a.m. Please come and bring a friend. You will have good food, fellowship and fun plus short devotional. Everyone is welcome.

It is still winter and there are a few people that are suffering colds, flu, sore throats, aches and pains. Some remedies you might want to try are "old timey" but reasonable are:

- Watkins liniment diluted with water for a good gargle.
- Sugar and turpentine swallowed slowly for a sore throat.
- Warm salty water as a gargle.
- An aspiditiz pouch on a string worn around the neck to ward off everything.

- Balmal tea for internal cleansing.
- Hoar hound candy, chicken soup, eating raw onions and garlic and finally the dreaded black draught, which may not cure your cold but it will keep you so busy you won't think about how sick you are.

No? Well, you may want to go to the doctor.

Several Lorainians attended the noon meal at Wallace Center Sunday after church. They enjoyed a nice meal, a fundraiser for the center.

Because of inclement weather, the senior center was closed last Wednesday, February 24.

On Friday, February 26, the center opened for business and the birthday meal for the month of February was served. We had chicken and dressing, sweet po-

tatoes, green beans with onion and pimento, cranberry sauce, hot rolls and birthday cake.

I think you might enjoy this candy that you don't have to cook, and it makes quite a bit. Compliments of Dottie Vaughn.

Peanut Butter Balls
1 cup creamy peanut butter
1 cup honey
2 cups powdered milk
1 ½ cups crushed cornflakes
1 ½ cups chopped walnuts or pecans, or

1 cup of powdered sugar
Mix peanut butter, honey and milk together to form a thick mixture. Roll out in small balls about the size of a walnut. Then, roll in crushed cornflakes, finely chopped nuts or powdered sugar. Place on wax paper and refrigerate.

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Gerrie Wooddell was pleased to report that her son, Jamie Wooddell, no longer works in the overseas war areas like Iraq and Afghanistan with Halliburton. He will work the next 30 days in Pennsylvania. After that, he may get to come visit his parents and other relatives and friends.

Last week, visitors at the center included Elaine Jamison of Muskogee, Oklahoma, niece of J.A. and Yvonne Sadler; Ryan and Mary Eime; and Geneva Rivera.

Entertaining at the center Friday were Debby Mitchell and Judy Beasley.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING ON AGENCY PLANS

The Loraine Housing Authority will hold a Public Meeting on Thursday, March 17, 2010 at 1 p.m. to receive comments on the Annual Plan for the Loraine Housing Authority.

All Documents are on display at the office of the Loraine Housing Authority, 304 W. Colorado St., from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

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