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Answerline

Q. When do CISD students return to school following the holiday vacation?

A. CISD students report back to school on Tuesday, January 7, 2003. Teachers report Monday, January 6.

Briefly

Immunization Schedule

There will be an immunization clinic in Colorado City Tuesday, January 7 from 10-12 and 1:30-3 at the Wallace Center, 149 South Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization record to clinic. For more information, please call 915-754-4945.

City of Loraine Notice

The City of Loraine has moved their offices to 111 S. Main (the old Loraine clinic building). The phone number will remain the same, 915-737-2222. Loraine City Hall now has a Drop Box for your convenience, located between the two windows to the left of the front door.

CMS Homework Night

This year Colorado Middle School will be offering a homework night on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:30 in the library for all CMS students. All students will be required to sign in and sign out in the library and follow the Homework Night Rules. Students are encouraged to work on homework, the Veteran's Program, National History Day assignments, or special classroom projects. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call CMS at 728-1049.

Ladies Aerobics

A ladies aerobics class is being held at First United Methodist Church Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 4:15-5 pm. All interested ladies welcome. Class is free. Class is led by Kaci Griffith.

Indoor Walking

The Administration building is now available for early morning walkers in our community if they would like to walk indoors. We ask that you wear rubber-soled shoes and try to walk around the floor outside the lines and off the playing surface. The gym will be open for walking every morning Monday through Friday from 7 am through 10 am. The Wallace Center gym is also available for walking on a daily basis, Monday through Friday from 7:30 am-4:00 pm.

Deaths

**Aycock, Barnett,
Billingsley,
Espinoza, Hall,
Kelley,
Rockstrom, Whitt**

Around Town

Happy Anniversary **Carl and Sandy Graham** (Dec. 31)... **Carl Guelker** getting ready for a stock show... **Mark Waldrip** spending some time in New Orleans... **Bob Martin** looking for a scale... **David Stubblefield** making a pizza... Happy 15th birthday **Henry Reyna Jr.** (Jan. 4)...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2058.80
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 11.50'
Lake Champion.....2029.87
Full at 2,083'
Down 53.13'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2002

Application being completed now...

Local hospital hopefully will become a critical access hospital

By Carl Graham

With the recent application by the Mitchell County Hospital to become a Critical Access Hospital (CAH), time is of the essence. The application process must be finished before a move to the new hospital, which is slated for early April.

The CAH program offers an alternative approach to help ensure ongoing access to health care for citizens of some small, rural communities.

"To be eligible for the program however, the process must be completed prior to the move into the new facility," said Linda Mize, QI/RM/Compliance Officer for the Mitchell County Hospital.

"That's why time is so critical at the moment. We have to get everything approved prior to the move. We have our work cut out for us, but we feel like we can make the deadline if everyone works together. The different organizations and

entities have expressed a desire to help us in getting it all accomplished."

The Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA), in conjunction with the Texas Department of Health (TDH), serves as the administrative agency for the program in Texas.

"What makes this so attractive for a rural hospital is that it goes back to a different form of reimbursement," said Mize. "It's called cost base reimbursement. I think that all hospitals have had significant financial problems with Medicare reimbursements and it has especially hit the rural hospitals hard."

To be eligible as a CAH, a facility must be a currently participating Medicare hospital. The facility must be located in a rural area of a state that has established a Medicare Hospital Flexibility Program, and must be located more than a 35 mile drive from any other hospital or critical access hos-

pital or be certified with the State to be a "necessary provider."

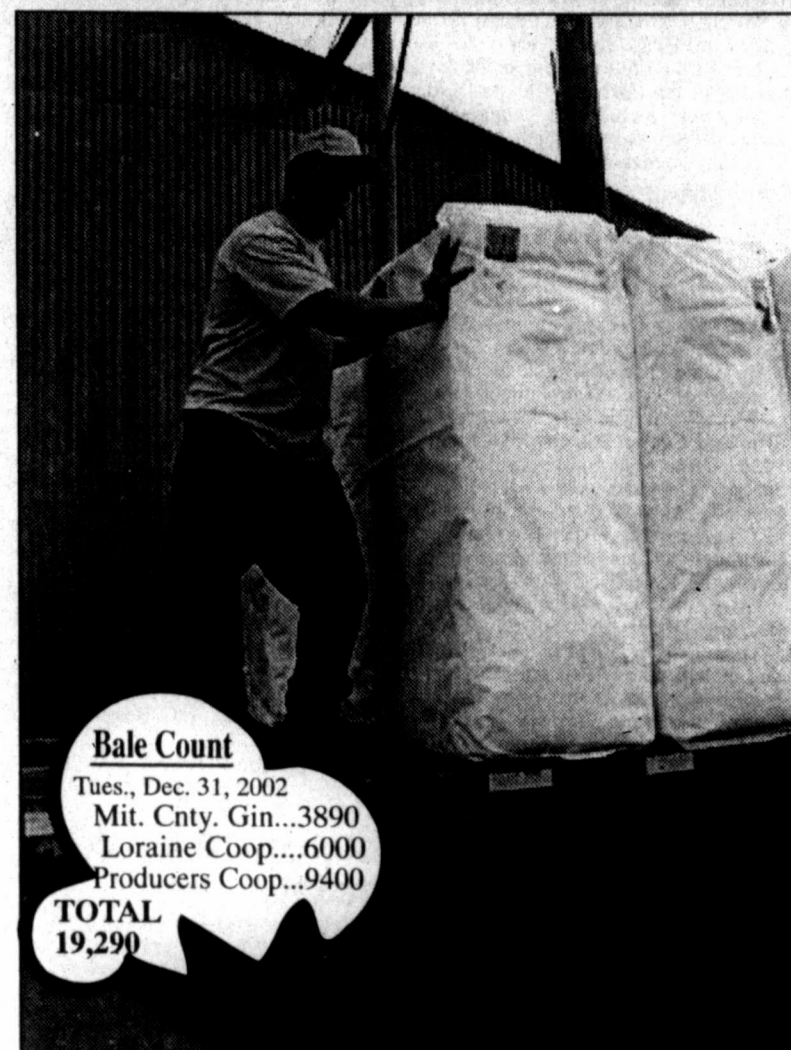
In addition, the facility must make available 24 hour emergency care services, provide not more than 15 beds for acute in-patient care, and maintain a length of stay, as determined on an annual average basis of no longer than 96 hours.

"Though Sweetwater and Snyder are closer than 35 miles from here, experts from ORCA have stated that because we are in a health professional shortage area, we would still qualify," said Mize. "We are also a rural county and a medically underserved county."

Mize said that part of the process is getting the public educated about how critical access status can help us and improve our financial situation.

"There is a requirement to have a town hall meeting with

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Bale Count

Tues., Dec. 31, 2002
Mit. Cnty. Gin...3890
Loraine Coop...6000
Producers Coop...9400
**TOTAL
19,290**

LOCAL GINS WILL HIT THE 20,000 bale count this weekend in what may be the most cotton ginned in Mitchell County since 1997. Travis Heupel is shown loading cotton bales last Monday at Producer's Coop Gin.

Annual Stock Show set for next week

The number of animals entered in the 66th Annual Mitchell County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will exceed last years numbers for what may be one of the largest stock shows in recent years. The show runs January 9, 10, and 11th at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.

"Our numbers have increased the past few years, and last years premium sale totaled \$43,790.00," said Dwayne Smith, Treasurer of the Mitchell County Livestock Show Association. "We are thankful to the community for supporting us, this helps our kids tremendously. We invite people in the

community to come out and support our 4-H and FFA kids again on Friday and Saturday," Smith said.

Weigh-ins for steers, hogs, goats and lambs will begin at 5 p. m. Thursday, Jan. 9, in the county fairgrounds' agricultural show barns off West Hwy. 80.

Judged by Scurry County Agent Greg Gruben of Snyder, the steer and hog shows will start at 5:30 and 7 p. m. Friday.

Reagan County Agent Robert Scott will judge the goat and sheep shows at 8 and 10 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

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TDH to drop rabies vaccine food packets

Attention all coyotes and gray foxes in South and West-Central Texas. Dinner is served.

Texas Department of Health plans to vaccinate area coyotes and gray foxes for rabies by way of air-dropped food packets again this year.

These hungry animals may look forward to food falling from the sky in the lean winter months as a special treat. But the staff from the TDH Oral Rabies Vaccination program, feeding coyotes and gray foxes specially prepared food packets is not particularly an act of kindness. Rather it is a part of a

vitaly serious program to protect the public by helping control the spread of rabies.

For the ninth year, TDH will airdrop bait food filled with oral rabies vaccine. This year the Oral Rabies Vaccination Program will drop about 2.5 million baits from airplanes flying across 50 counties beginning in early January.

The first flight takes off Jan. 7th, weather permitting, from Zapata County Airport in South Texas. The second portion of the drop will begin about Jan. 15th from Kimble County Air-

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West Texas Rehab to have local phone bank

Between now and midnight on January 18, Colorado City residents are urged to join others in West Texas in stepping forward to support the West Texas Rehabilitation Center in a very special way.

The occasion is the Rehab 2003 telethon, an event Rehab relies on to raise funds essential to its ability to provide outpatient physical

rehabilitation programs during 2003 to more than 20,000 children and adults - regardless of their financial status.

Coordinating the Colorado City phone bank again this year is long-time volunteer Shirley Delaney.

Delaney has arranged for the Colorado City phone bank to be

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MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL SECRETARY KAREN HOLMAN, (far left) and Linda Mize, compliance officer for the hospital, go over notes on what will be discussed at an upcoming town hall meeting, scheduled for Monday, January 27. Looking over their shoulder is Hospital Board President Larry Johnson.

Hospital foundation hoping for additional contributions

The Mitchell County Foundation has recently received two anonymous \$5,000 donations and two more are expected soon that will help equip rooms in the new Mitchell County Hospital.

The Mitchell County Foundation is a charitable tax exempt foundation that accepts donations that benefit the local hospital.

The Foundation Board of Directors include Dr. Dee Roach, Mike Burt, Terry Munoz, Mrs. C.C. Thompson, Mrs. Raymond Fuller, and Mrs. Elaine McMichael.

So far the foundation has purchased equipment for the existing hospital. The foundation is planning to purchase

equipment for rooms in the new hospital after the beginning of the year. It is estimated that \$5000.00 will equip one room.

The foundation will recognize \$5,000 donations by placing a plaque on the door of the room at the new hospital for which these funds purchase equipment. The contributor has the choice of the person's name to be placed on the plaque either in memory or honor of that person or persons.

Donations of \$1,000, \$500, and smaller will be recognized on the "Wall of Honor" in the new hospital's entrance lobby. The contributor has a choice on

how the donation may be used for the hospital district. Donations are appreciated no matter the dollar amount. All donations to this worthy cause are tax deductible.

Donations may be mailed to Mitchell County Foundation c/o Mitchell County Hospital, 1633 Chestnut, Colorado City, TX 79512. Donations may also be mailed to Mitchell County Foundation c/o Mike Burt 644 East 6th St., Colorado City, TX 79512.

For questions concerning your donation, you may call Karen Holman at 728-3431 ext. 220, Linda Mize at 728-3431 ext. 288, or Mike Burt at 728-3024.

local news

OBITUARIES

Lela Lucas Rockstrom 1918-2002

Lela Lucas Rockstrom, 84, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died Sunday, December 22, 2002 in Raleigh, North Carolina. Graveside funeral services were held Saturday, December 28, 2002 at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Eastern Star rites will be by Big Spring Chapter #67, Order of the Eastern Star.

She was born in Mitchell County, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hawkins Preston and Mr. and Mrs. John Ranson Lucas, who were pioneer settlers in Mitchell County. Lela grew up in Mitchell and Howard counties and had resided in El Paso for 50 years. She was a homemaker.

Lela was a lifelong member of the Baptist Church and was a 50 year and life member of the Harmony Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star in El Paso.

Survivors include one daughter, Patricia Nix of New York, New York; three grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

Oleta Dockrey Rogers Whitt 1921-2002

Mrs. Oleta Dockrey Rogers Whitt, 81, of Abilene, died Thursday, December 26, 2002 in Rockdale, Texas. Services were held Saturday, December 28 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Whitt was born November 5, 1921 in Amby, Lamar County, Texas to Ross and Evelyn Anderson Dockrey. The family moved to Mitchell County in 1926. Oleta went to school at Conway and graduated from Westbrook High School. Then she went to John Tarleton in Stephenville, Texas. After she was married, she worked at the City National Bank and G.D. Foster Insurance Agency in Colorado City. After her family moved to Abilene, Oleta worked for Young Insurance Agency. Later, she owned her own independent agency in Abilene. Everywhere she lived, Oleta was active in the Church of Christ.

Mrs. Whitt is survived by a son, Michael V. Rogers; two daughters-in-law, Charlotte Rogers and Gwynne Rogers; four grandchildren, E.G. Rogers III, Leslie Rogers, Eric Rogers and Kristi Rogers Stilling; a sister, Bobby Dockrey Furrer and three brothers, Beeman Dockrey, Harry Dockrey and Kenneth Dockrey and a host of dear friends and loved ones.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husbands, E.G. Rogers, Jr. and Bob Whitt and a son, Kenney R. Rogers.

The family requests memorials to Hospice of Rockdale or your favorite charity.

Antonio Espinoza 1937-2002

Mr. Antonio Espinoza, 65, of Colorado City, died Friday, December 27, 2002 in a Sweetwater Hospital. Services were held Monday, December 30, 2002 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Espinoza was born July 16, 1937 in Corpus Christi to Frank and Dominga Hernandez Espinoza. He had been a resident of Colorado City since 1940. He married Lilia Gutierrez on October 1, 1958 in Colorado City. He was a painter contractor and a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

He is survived by his wife, Lilia Espinoza of Colorado City; his mother, Dominga Espinoza of Colorado City; two sons and daughters-in-law, Fernando and Eunice Espinoza of Sweetwater and Jerry and Norma Espinoza of Colorado City; three sisters, Andrea Garcia and Velia Rodriguez, both of Colorado City and Mary Guerrero of Snyder; six brothers, Jimmy Espinoza, Cornelio Espinoza, Manuel Espinoza, Paul Espinoza, Ramon Espinoza and Jesse Espinoza, all of Colorado City; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

Hubert Edell "Easy" Hall 1922-2002

Col. Hubert Edell "Easy" Hall, USAF (Ret.), 80, of New Braunfels died Friday, December 27, 2002 at Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas. Col. Hall was born on July 6, 1922 in Dawson, Texas to James Hickman Hall and Nina May (nee Walker) Hall. He graduated from Colorado High School. He married the former Lila Louise Manning on August 6, 1941. Col. Hall was inducted in the Army Air Corps Canal on October 30, 1940, and during World War II, he served in Guadalcanal, Solomons, New Guinea and the Philippines -- where he received a battlefield commission to 2nd Lt. He also served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He retired from the 6970 Support Group USAFSS-National Security Agency in 1967. Following his retirement, he became a real estate broker and had his own office in New Braunfels, "Easy Hall Realty", which he kept for several years. He was a member of the New Braunfels Presbyterian Church since 1960; New Braunfels Fair Association; life member of Comal County Sheriff's Posse; life member of VFW Post; American Legion; New Braunfels Board of Realtors; Elks Lodge; Masonic Lodge; Grand Lodge of Sons of Hermann; Alamo Country Kickers (AKK); the Trailriders of the Bandera Hill Country; TETRA (Texas Equestrian Trailriders Association); founding member of the Heritage Trailriders Association (formerly the New Braunfels Founders Day Trail Ride).

Col. Hall was preceded in death by his wife, Lila L. Hall, his parents, three brothers -- Jabus, Ernest and Emmett and one sister, Dorothy Hall Benton. Survivors include his wife of three years, Barbara Hall and her daughters, Deanna Fling and Andrea Spanley and her husband, Jeff Spanley; his children, Ronda "Roni" and husband Albert "Dickey" Laubach of Karnes City, Lester James Hall and wife, Carole of San Antonio and Heather Lea Hall of Seguin; 12 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held January 2, 2003 at 12:30 pm at the New Braunfels Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dr. Kenneth Peters officiating. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with full military honors.

Mikel Billingsley 1955-2002

Mr. Mikel Billingsley, 47, of Colorado City died Thursday, December 26, 2002 in a local hospital. Services were held Monday, December 30, 2002 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father David Espitia officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Billingsley was born May 23, 1955 in Lubbock to George and Nelda Jo Yarbrough Billingsley. He had been a resident of Colorado City for the past 15 years. He married Yolanda Lopez on June 27, 1992 in Mexico. He was a pipefitter in maintenance at the VA Hospital in Big Spring and a Catholic.

He is survived by his wife, Yolanda Lopez of Colorado City; two daughters, Michelle Billingsley and Dylan Billingsley, both of Colorado City; his mother, Nelda Jo Billingsley of Waco; two brothers, Sam Billingsley and Joe Billingsley, both of Waco.

Milan Kelley 1951-2002

Mrs. Milan Kelley, 51, of Colorado City, died Thursday, December 26, 2002, in a Lubbock hospital. A memorial service will be held Friday, January 3, 2003 in the All Saints Episcopal Church with Father Dennis Bosley officiating.

Mrs. Kelley was born June 13, 1951 in Yuma, Arizona to Robert and Loye Hodges McClung. She married Frank Kelley on November 30, 2002 in Colorado City. She was a waitress and a member of the Episcopal Church.

She is survived by her husband, Frank Kelley of Colorado City; a daughter, Cyndie Francis of Omaha, NE and a granddaughter, Kathleen O'Connell of Omaha, NE.

Betsy Aycock 1918-2002

Mrs. Betsy Aycock, 84, of Colorado City, died Monday, December 30, 2002 in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Berton Barnett 1920-2002

Mr. Berton Barnett, 82, of Colorado City, died Monday, December 30, 2002 in a Sweetwater hospital. Services are pending with Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

New farm bill could simplify marketing options

Some ag producers believe the new farm bill will simplify their marketing options, choices, and decisions. That may not be the case, according to a Texas A&M economist.

"The new farm bill does provide an enhanced income safety net. But that doesn't mean your marketing decisions will be any easier... in fact, marketing may become more complicated," said Jackie Smith, Texas Cooperative Extension economist based in Lubbock. "The methods we use to attain the best cash price haven't changed, but a portion of our income safety net is now market dependent."

The new farm bill includes a counter cyclical producer payment that is directly tied to market prices. That payment will be highest when market prices are lowest, but may not be there at all when market prices improve.

The first of four 2003 Master Marketer Program sessions begins on January 22, 2003. The registration deadline for this in-depth, intensive marketing and risk management education program is January 7, 2003. Participants will learn how to identify and evaluate marketing opportunities, and then design and follow through with sound marketing plans.

Master Marketer training pays direct dividends to the bottom line. A recent survey suggests past participants were able to increase their average annual gross revenue from three to 10 percent, or about \$30,000 each, simply by applying their new-found marketing skills and knowledge, Smith said.

Master Marketers learn from top industry and university professionals, who apply case study examples and simulation exercises in the classroom. The 64-hour curriculum is offered in four, two-day sessions held every two weeks.

Registration costs \$250 per person, plus a commitment to work with your county agent back home to try to start a marketing club. Anyone interested should register as soon as possible. The first two times the class was offered in Lubbock it

filled up before the deadline, Smith said.

Checks or money orders for registration should be payable to the Texas Extension Education Foundation. Enrollment for the 2003 Master Marketer Program in Lubbock may be limited, so prompt registration is recommended, Smith said.

Registration fees pay only a small portion of the program's cost. Grants from Extension partners such as the Texas Corn Producers Board, Texas Wheat Producers Association, Texas Farm Bureau, the Cotton State Support Committee, and agribusiness also helps fund the training.

Texans can get registration forms or more information on the 2003 Master Marketers Program in Lubbock by calling Smith at 806-746-6101, or their local County Extension office.

POLICE REPORT

• On Tuesday, December 24, 2002 at about 11:36 pm, Christy Vanderslice, 20 year old female, Colorado City Apartments #5 reports Assault by Contact. A person that she knows assaulted her by punching her in the face with a closed fist following a dispute over ownership of property. The victim did not require medical treatment. This case will be submitted to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Wednesday, December 25, 2002 at about 12:05 am, April Gutierrez, 21 year old female, Colorado City Apartments #27 was arrested for Public Intoxication at that location following the report of a disturbance. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Thursday, December 26, 2002 at about 5:50 pm, Fuller Foods reports Forgery. A forged check belonging to Armando Briseno Jr., San Angelo was passed to the store. Estimated loss: \$25.24. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Friday, December 27, 2002 at about 8:30 am, Robert Silva, 22 year old male, 1919 Boyd Street reports Assault by Contact - Family Violence. Silva reports that three persons that he knows, two of whom are family members barged into his home around 6:00 am, which led to a confrontation. One of the individuals struck him over the head with a plastic coffee mug numerous times. He did not require any medical treatment. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Friday, December 27, 2002 at about 10:23 p.m. Ruben Silva, 20 year-old male, 3740 Pine Mill Rd., Paris, Texas was arrested in the 100 block of Paris Street following a report of suspicious persons. Silva was charged with Minor in Possession of Alcohol and DPS warrants for traffic violations. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Saturday, December 28, 2002 at about 4:30 pm, Barry Belcher, 39 year old male, Fontana, CA was arrested in the 500 block of N.S. R. 1-20 for Public Intoxication following the call of a man lying partially in the roadway. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Sunday, December 29, 2002 at about 4:00 pm, Peggy Mentel, 42 year old female, 926 Pine Street reports Theft. A package had been opened and its contents discarded and stolen. Stolen property includes a Virginia Tech T-Shirt, ceramic coffee mug and a wooden picture frame. Loss is estimated at \$20. Investigating Officer: Heine.

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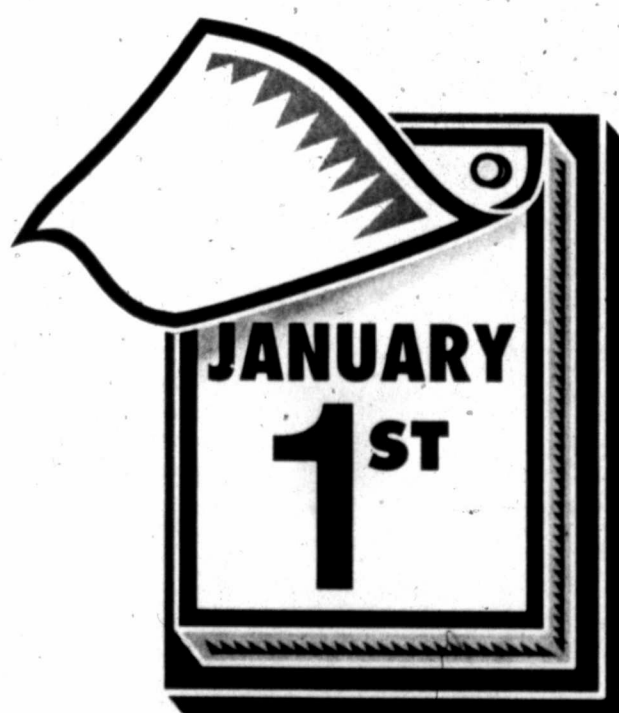
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- Seek voter approval before undertaking large projects that cost taxpayers money
- Insist on economical proficiency from any entity funded by the county
- Utilize our local businesses first when the law and costs allow
- Solicit constructive ideas from Mitchell Co. residents
- Listen to the residents about their concerns
- Be available to the residents
- Keep the taxpayers interest first
- No hidden agendas or outside influences
- Ensure ridged preventive maintenance on county owned equipment
- Curtail the funding of unproven speculations
- Ensure as to the health and welfare of our citizens
- No disguised taxes
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Darrell W. Logsdon, Rebecca M. Logsdon to D. Kirk Edens TTEE, Texas Bank, First National Bank of Monahans, Deed of Trust.

Roy J. Henderson Agent & Atty., First Preferred Insurance Co. Subrogee, Fred I. Franklin to Jeffrey Lynn (Watt) Matties, Rel. of Judgement.

Rebecca Ramirez to Fred Lentz, Tommie Lentz, Warranty Deed.

Cecil Long, Mary B. Long to Doyle Wayne Mitchell, Deborah Kay Mitchell, Warranty Deed.

Doyle Wayne Mitchell, Deborah Kay Mitchell to Cecil Long, Mary B. Long, Pat Barber TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Calvin D. Sholtess to Scythian LTD, Jafar R. Salehi Pres., JSDS Inc. Gen. Ptnr, Asgmt & Bill Sale.

B. Ronald Carnes, Marilyn J. Carnes to Scythian LTD, Jafar R. Salehi Pres., JSDS Inc. Gen. Ptnr, Asgmt & Bill Sale.

Jessie E. Dorn Indiv. & Atty-in-Fact, Shirley Cline, Shirley Limones fka, Donna Boyd, Lonnie Wyrosdick, Glenn A. Matlock, David Hamill, Deborah Sommer to Rebecca Ramirez, Warranty Deed.

Alejandro Rocha Jr. to Lone Wolf Land Company, Warranty Deed.

Petroleum Synergy Group Inc., Wayne C. Gundersen CEO to Black Diamond Royalty Company LLC, Mineral and Royalty Conv.

Charles S. Hazeltine Family Trust U/A, Charles S. Hazeltine TTEE to HAG Partnership, Harry Tolson, Gene T. Hey, Jean Y. Tolson, Deed.

Darvin Cox, Marvin Cox, Sylvia Marinovich to Deloris Stockton, Warranty Deed.

Deloris Stockton to Deloris Stockton, Darvin Cox, Marvin Cox, Sylvia Marinovich, Warranty Deed.

Robert D. Batjer Jr. deceased to Jacqueline Bye Batjer, Public, Will.

Howard Rogers Affiant, Sallie M. Rogers to C. Rogers Murry Estate, Public, Thelma M. Rogers Heir, Charles Grady Rogers Heir, James Hugh Rogers Heir, Affidavit Heirship.

Sharp Image Exploration LLC, Vince Hatfield Manager to RBM-Co, Sharp Image Energy Inc., Sharp Image Exploration LLC, West Texas Energy Services LLC, Dr. Scott Mays, Jerry Hatfield, Tom and Carol Gipson, Adobe Oilfield Services, Robert J. Meador, Robert H. Beck, Horizon Mud Company Inc., Black Diamond Enterprises LP, Richco LLC, Otter Creek LLC, Bill Fenn, W.T. Boyle, Piedra Properties LTD, Darling Trust, Tom Darling TTEE, JE Too Inc., 4-C Consultants, Michael C. Hatfield, Bynum Oil Company Inc., Vince Hatfield Trust, Assignment.

Sharp Image Exploration LLC, Vince Hatfield Mgr. to Sandra Sears Lowenfield, Suzanne Sears Hagino, Asg. Orr. Roy Intr.

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Linda R. Porter to Trucktown Restaurant, Assumed Name.

David W. Stewart, Noma T. Stewart to Dana L. Stewart, Warranty Deed.

Donald E. Ladner Jr. to First National Bank, Colo. City, Mark A. Waldrup Pres. & CEO, Extension of Lien.

Bobby Lemons Affiant, George Womack Affiant to William E. Morren Deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Rebecca Sue Hudgins Indiv. & Ind. Exec., Wilma Hudgins Deceased, Patsy Jan Hudgins, Judith Ann Rankin to Joe Morren, Mary Beth Morren, Warranty Deed.

Matthew S. Fatheree to Cowboys Resources Corp., Asg. Orr. Roy Intr.

Royce Don Clay, Linda Ruth Clay to Lupe Gracia TTEE, Household Finance Corporation III, Mortgage.

Donal Jennings, 29, MCSO, POM (B), 12-28-02.

Daniel Allen Jarbee, 20, THP, POM (B), poss. of CS (B), 12-28-02.

Ben Turnbow, 23, CCPD, poss. of cocaine, no DL, 12-29-02.

FILED IN DISTRICT COURT

Westbrook ISD vs. Ted Anderson, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. J. Robert Christopher, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. Francisco Fuentes, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. Elias Gomba, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. Brenda Harvey, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. Mrs. Pat Oglesby, tax, 12-26-02.

Westbrook ISD vs. Edward J. Peterson, tax, 12-26-02.

DISTRICT COURT ACTION

The State of Texas vs. Joe Delgado Jr., Order Releasing from Substance Abuse Felony Punishment Facility, 12-19-02.

The State of Texas vs. Javier Perez Martinez, Judgement on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, TDCJ-ID 10 years, probated 10 years, \$288 court costs, \$4000 fine, \$140 restitution, 12-19-02.

The State of Texas vs. Joann Torres, Judgment on Plea of Guilty or Nolo Contendere Before Court Waiver of Jury Trial, 5 years TDCJ-ID, \$288 court costs, \$400 attorney fees, 12-19-02.

The State of Texas vs. Joann Torres, Court Appointed Request for Base Compensation, 12-19-02.

The State of Texas vs. Courtney Lyn Gutierrez, Order, 12-23-02.

The State of Texas vs. Darron Emerson, Order on Defendant's Application for Determination of Indigency and Request for Court Appointed Counsel, 11-8-02.

The State of Texas vs. Israel Davila, Order on Defendant's Application for Determination of Indigency and Request for Court Appointed Counsel, 12-27-02.

MARRIAGES

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REHAB

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set up at City National Bank from 7 pm to 10 pm on January 18. The telephone number is 915-728-5221. You are asked to call in your pledge during those hours. Donna Barlow will also be accepting donations at the bank from now until the day of the telethon. Checks can be made payable to W.T.R.C.

Rehab 2003 promises to be a fast-paced show, featuring country music singer Tanya Tucker, plus regular Rehab telethon entertainers Bill and Susan Hayes, Florence LaRue, Anacani and Jay Michaels. Returning as emcees will be Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase. The five-hour show begins at 7 pm and will be aired on 12 television stations covering Texas and part of New Mexico and Oklahoma.

In addition to entertainment, the show includes an auction of over 300 items ranging from agriculture products to travel packages. On-line bidding is underway at www.WestTexasRehab.org. Telephone bidding begins at 6 pm on telethon night. The toll free number will be 1-866-219-7013.

Significant underwriting for Rehab 2003 has come from AEP-West Texas Utilities and Associated Publishing's Area-Wide Phone Books. "We are most grateful to these two corporate friends for the momentum their telethon sponsorships provide. Our job now is to build on that momentum because hundreds of people are counting on Rehab for help every day next year," concluded WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

For more information on Rehab 2003 call Dan Huggins in Abilene Donor Relations at 915-793-3508.

ACCESS

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representatives from ORCA to be there and discuss this and discuss future healthcare needs," said Mize.

That meeting has been scheduled for Monday, January 27, at 6 p.m. in the C.C. Thompson Room according to Karen Holman, secretary to the hospital administrator.

"We want to encourage everyone to attend that meeting that possibly can," said Holman. "This is something that can be very beneficial to us and to the hospital. This will be an excellent opportunity to get any questions answered that you may have about becoming a critical access hospital."

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by Charley & Guy Orbison

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Some End of the Year Musings

By Tumbleweed Smith



I'm thrilled to live in America. When I was 20, I went to school in Mexico. A year later I went to Cuba. A year after that I went to Europe for two years. I've been to Africa and China. When you get away from your home country, you get a better look at it. The perspective enhanced my appreciation for the USA.

I was in Europe during the era of The Ugly American. A book by that name told us how American we looked and acted overseas. We didn't bother to learn the language of the country we were visiting, we wore only American clothing and sought out the food and places that most resembled America.

I try to eat native food and learn languages and generally blend in when I visit a foreign country so I can learn a little about it. I was taught to respect differences. Some of the places I've visited are very different.

I've not been to Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia, Iran or Iraq. Right now I think it would be hard for me to appreciate the differences in those countries. I don't understand Bin Laden.

He is a capitalist, yet he says he hates capitalism. He thinks he's following God by killing innocent people and destroying our buildings, factories, schools, stores, and service industries. What do you want, Osama? Why do you feel such a strong urge to conquer? Would you really be happy if all the people in the US believed as you do? I don't think so. Why is your degree of hate beyond measure? What have we done to you?

Here, most Americans are involved with taking care of our families. We generously reach out to feed the hungry, heal the sick, give comfort to the troubled and bring hope to the poor. We encourage education and teach our children to aspire to lives of accomplishment.

Why do you teach your children to hate us? Are you jealous of what we have? I can understand that. I don't understand why there is murder in your heart. Not since Hitler have we seen such hate. And your desire is to surpass what he did. Have you ever heard of live and let live?

You have not succeeded in making us afraid. You've just made us mad. Once we know who our enemy is, we can fight. You are our enemy, Osama. And we are fighting you. There's no sense trying to reason with you. There's no reasoning with a crazy person. You won't listen to anybody but your so-called voice of Allah that promises you a good time in heaven. You poor man. Killing people in the name of religion. Have you heard that murder is a sin?

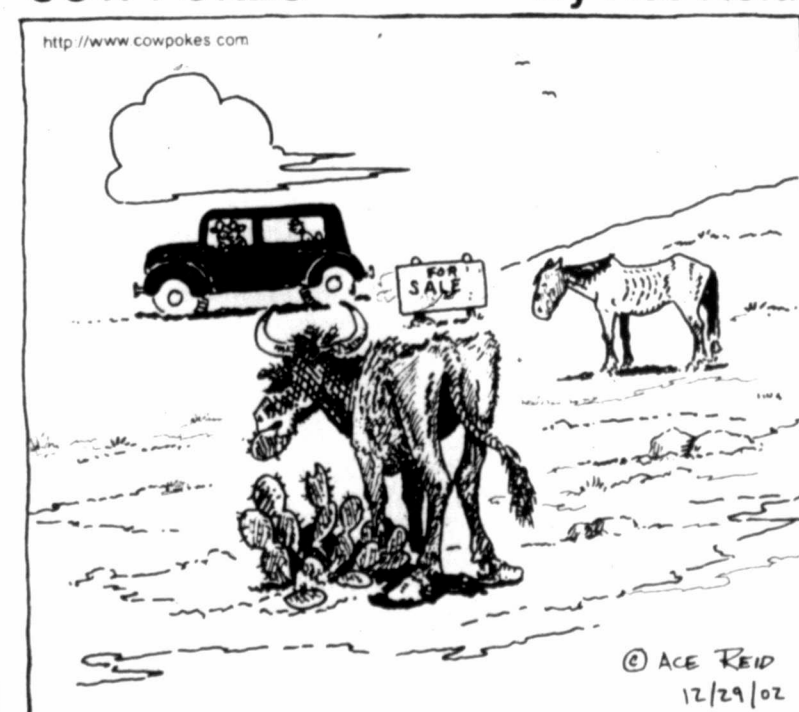
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Instead of trying to see how many people you can kill, why don't you try to make your country come into the twenty-first century?

Have you ever lived as an American and experienced the life we have here? Have you felt our greatness? Seen our forests, our seashores, sunsets? Have you ever had a Dr. Pepper and watched a rodeo? How many people are trying to get into your country?

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local news



CITY OF LORRAINE MAYOR Catarino Martinez is pictured presenting a plaque of appreciation to former city secretary, Christine Britton. Ms. Britton retired recently after 21 years of service.

Reception held for Britton

The City of Lorraine held a surprise reception for City Secretary Christine Britton on Friday, December 13, 2002. The reception was in honor of Ms. Britton's retirement from her position that she has held for

the past 21 years with City of Lorraine.

The city council presented Ms. Britton with a watch for her dedication and years of service. Mayor Catarino Martinez presented Ms. Britton

with a plaque noting her years of service to the City of Lorraine.

There were many Lorraine citizens who attended the reception, along with the Lorraine city council.

SHOW

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Lemons, Secretary Maureen Morris, Treasurer Dwayne Smith, Finance Chairman Kirk Morris.

Community representatives are Roberta Fiscus of Westbrook, Carol Parham of Lorraine and Steve Shrode of C-City.

Superintendents are Larry Don Dawson for steers, Donald Smith for sheep, Gary Don Rich for hogs and Paik and

Jennifer Morris for goats.

This year the Livestock Show will be held in memory of Dakota Dawson, a Westbrook student killed in an automobile accident this past year. Dawson was a participant in the local stock show the past five years.

Last year, 148 hogs, 63 goats and 37 sheep and 10 steers were shown by 88 exhibitors. This year 167 hogs, 87 goats and 35 sheep and 20 steers will

be shown by 102 exhibitors.

The contestants are sponsored by Future Farmers of America chapters at Colorado City, Lorraine and Westbrook High Schools and the Mitchell County 4-H Club.

A large crowd of premium sale contributors from here and surrounding counties attends the 6 p.m. sale, at which refreshments will be served starting at 5 p.m.

Livestock Show Association Officers are President Carl Guelker, Vice President Blaine

RABIES

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port in Junction, and the final phase will fly from the Pecos County Airport in Fort Stockton beginning on Jan. 23, weather permitting. Mitchell County is included in the final phase of the drops beginning Jan. 23 and continuing until the end of January.

"This program continues to show results. We have no human cases of rabies in either area since the vaccine airdrop began, and among the coyotes and gray foxes we have seen a significant drop in the number of animal rabies cases," said Tom Sidwa, Oral Rabies Vaccination Program Director and TDH veterinarian.

The number of canine rabies cases in South Texas has declined from a high of 142 cases when the program began in 1995 to one in 2001 to none in 2002 through October. Gray fox cases have shown a similar decline from 244 cases in 1995 to 54 through last October.

The baits offer fish meal for coyotes and dog food containing molasses and flavored with vanilla for gray foxes. Inside each bait is two milliliters of oral rabies vaccine in an edible sack.

"The baits are harmless," Sidwa said. "The vaccine inside the bait cannot cause rabies in people or animals."

People should not handle these baits because wildlife is less likely to eat them if people have touched them. Anyone who comes in contact with the baits may call TDH toll free at 1-877-722-6725 for information. Each bait, which measures 1 1/4 by 1 1/4 by 3/4 inches, is marked with a label that includes the telephone number.

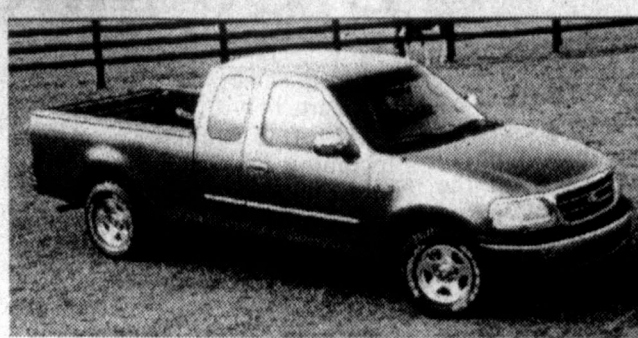
Sidwa emphasized that owners of domestic animals still need to get their pets vaccinated against rabies by a veterinarian as required by law. A domestic animal's rabies vaccination can be safely given even if the animal recently ate an oral rabies vaccine bait, he said.

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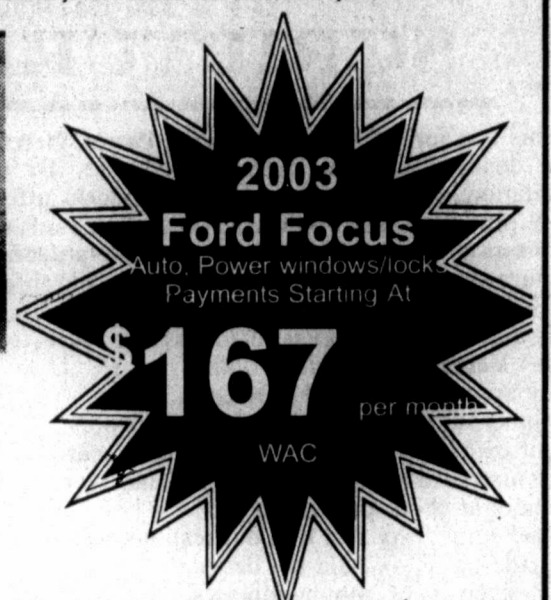
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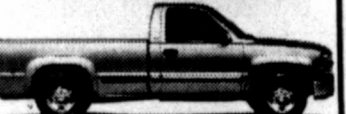
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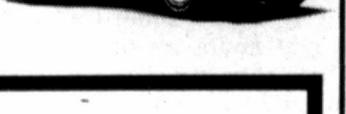
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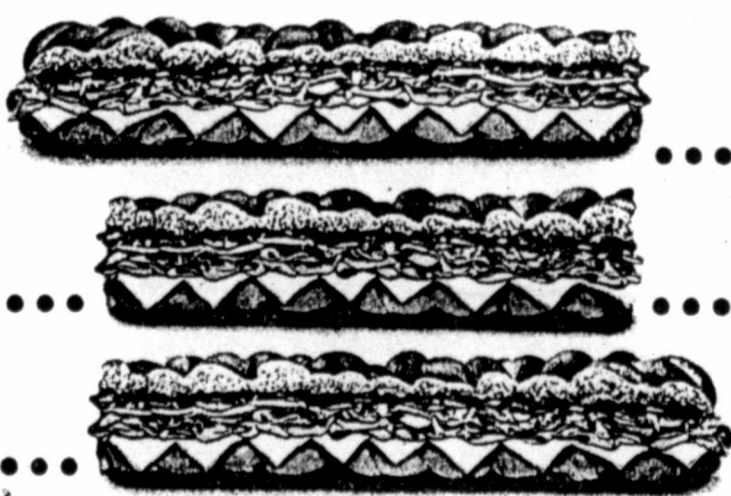
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PRAYING THE SCRIPTURES

This is a series by Ken Northcutt, Pastor, New Life Bible Ministries, dealing with the study of Scripture. By spending time in meditation, I can compare what the world offers with what the Lord promises. The following is a sketch of my thoughts and emotions given to me by the Lord, as I prayed the Scriptures. I encourage you to make Him a part of your life and to meditate the Scriptures often and allow Him to speak directly to your heart.

Today's passage is Psalm 119:57-64, taken from the New King James Version of the Holy Bible.

You are my portion, O LORD;
I have said that I would keep Your words.
I entreated Your favor with my whole heart;
Be merciful to me according to Your word.
I thought about my ways,
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
I made haste, and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
The cords of the wicked have bound me,
But I have not forgotten Your law.
At midnight I will rise to give thanks to You,
Because of Your righteous judgments.
I am a companion of all who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts,
The earth, O LORD, is full of Your mercy;
Teach me Your statutes.

One of my greatest joys in life, is knowing I have a Friend in Jesus. I say that in all humility and reverence. As a father and son share a very special bond, my relationship to the LORD is one of closeness and love. As a member of His Family, God has given me a portion, an inheritance, beyond my broadest dreams. I must open my eyes in order to see the wonders of His love even though He has made it so simple for me. He has literally set the table, prepared the feast, and all I must do is sit down and begin eating. Although He has prepared a wonderful meal, steak and lobster, I am sometimes tempted to settle for much less.

He has provided the Scriptures, His marvelous Word, and yet I am sometimes tempted to feast on the comic books of life. He has provided the joys of eternal bliss in heaven, and I am tempted to frequent the low place of earth. My walk with Him is confronted with many forks in the road, many crooks and turns conveniently placed there by Satan. Satan makes the left fork look very enticing, very appealing, indeed. But he doesn't tell me that the bridge is out, just around the bend. Once I have made the wrong turn, there is nothing the LORD will do, until I face reality, repent, and turn back to the path of righteousness.

The joy of this turning about, rests in one of the beautiful attributes of God, His love. He is waiting with open arms and a forgiving smile written across His face saying, "Come along now, my son, we have a long stretch of road up ahead." The feeling I receive with His assuring words is beyond description. Perhaps it may be described as the feeling a child might have when lost in a supermarket, and is suddenly found by his mother. Such a glorious feeling of joy and reassurance.

At the end of the day, I think back on my walk with the LORD. Sometimes there are regrets for decisions made that are contrary to His will. My soul feels as if it were dragged through the dust, eating dirt as we go. Sometimes there are thoughts of joy and appreciation when decisions were made in His will. My soul shouts out in jubilation, expressing the joy of walking leisurely through a green meadow at sundown when the grass is transparent and blushes in shades of bright green.

These are the times I allow God to speak to my heart. These midnight hours are times of quiet meditation where I may gain wisdom surpassing that of the great philosophers, because the LORD Himself is the teacher. He can reveal to me, in times of quiet solitude, what He desires to write on my heart. His Word refreshes me with sweet rest and soul satisfying contentment, soothing every part of my body.

Yes, we have a companion, we are not alone in this world when we walk with the LORD. The world is full of His loving kindness expressed in His Word. I continually seek the joy of allowing Him to reside in my heart and soul each day. And as the night curtains come down, I rest assured that if the dawn comes in the morning, I will begin a new day, clothed in His marvelous love and care. If I should pass before the dawn, I again rest assured that I will come fully into His presence to spend an eternity with my Friend. Oh, what a Friend we have in Jesus.

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E-Commerce workshop set Jan. 13, 14

Local small business owners can learn how to move into the world of E-Commerce at an upcoming workshop in Colorado City. The Mitchell County office of Texas Cooperative Extension is sponsoring the workshop. It will be held at the CCNet Technology Lab in Colorado City on January 13 & 14.

Specialist faculty from Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University and County Extension Agent - Family and Consumer Sciences, Mary McMullen, will serve as instructors for the project, known as Target Texas Business: E-Commerce for Rural Microbusiness.

"The course is geared to

very small businesses, with fewer than 20 employees and to home based businesses," says Mary McMullen. "The workshop is based on materials developed in Minnesota called Access Minnesota Mainstreet. The course material is relevant to those who are wondering what electronic commerce is all about, those who are thinking about developing an electronic commerce website, and those who have a website and want to improve it.

Mary McMullen says participants in training in other states have included owners of existing retail and service businesses, people wanting to start an Internet business, people operating businesses from their homes, retired persons seeking new challenges, farmers and people considering alternative employment.

Mary McMullen says the class can help you:

- Learn to use the Internet as a business research tool to find new markets or suppliers or to check out the competition.
- Decide if a web presence is right for your business.
- Learn the process of planning a website.
- Learn techniques to effectively promote a website.

Learn how to incorporate the Internet into your business plan.

The only skills necessary to take the class are basic computer techniques, including keyboarding and mouse operations. Participants should also be able to use an Internet browser.

The workshop fee is \$49 and includes all course materials. For more information on the Target Texas Business: E-Commerce for Rural Microbusiness, contact Mary McMullen at the Mitchell County office of Texas Cooperative Extension at 915-728-3111.

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COOK'S CORNER

Happy New Year from Cook's Corner! We've had a request for leftover ham recipes, so this week we've found some delicious sounding dishes.

Ham It Up Spaghetti

1 pkg. (16 oz) spaghetti broken into 2" pieces
2 cans condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 3/4 cups milk
1 tablespoon dried minced onion
2 teaspoons dried parsley flakes
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
2 cups shredded cheddar cheese

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large bowl, combine soup, milk, onion, parsley and Worcestershire sauce. Drain spaghetti; add to soup mixture with ham. Transfer to a lightly greased 2 1/2 qt. baking dish. Sprinkle with cheese. Cover and bake at 375° for 15 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes longer or until lightly browned and heated through. Yield: 6-8 servings.

Ham Tetrazzini

1 (8 oz) pkg thin spaghetti
1 (16 oz) jar sliced mushrooms
1 small onion, chopped
1/4 cup margarine
1/4 cup flour
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1 1/2 cups milk
1 teaspoon chicken bouillon granules
1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
2 cups diced cooked ham
salt and pepper to taste
1/2 cup grated parmesan cheese

Cook spaghetti. Drain and set aside. Drain mushrooms and save the liquid. Add water to mushroom liquid to equal 1 cup. Set aside. In medium saucepan, saute onion in margarine until onion is clear. Add flour and dry mustard, stirring until smooth. Cook 1 minute, stirring constantly. Gradually add mushroom liquid, milk, bouillon granules, and Worcestershire sauce.

Cook, stirring constantly until thick and bubbly. Combine cooked spaghetti, reserved mushrooms, ham and salt and pepper. Spoon mixture into a buttered 2-quart shallow baking dish. Cover and refrigerate several hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator and let stand 30 minutes. Bake covered at 350° for 30 minutes. Uncover and bake 5 minutes more. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese and bake 10 minutes uncovered.

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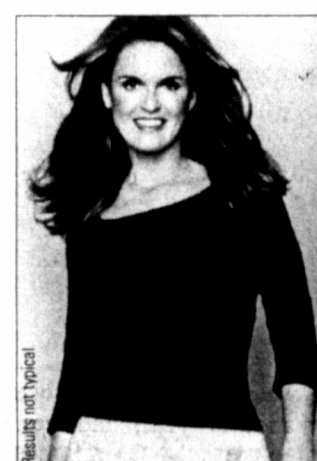
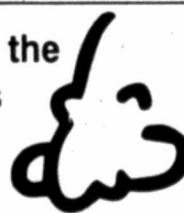
Broccoli Ham Stroganoff

2 cups frozen chopped broccoli
1 tablespoon water
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1/4 cup chopped onion
3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 can (10 1/2 oz) chicken broth
2 cups cubed fully cooked ham
1 cup sour cream
1 jar sliced mushrooms, drained
hot cooked noodles

Place broccoli and water in a 1-qt. microwave-safe bowl. Cover and microwave on high for 3-5 minutes or until the broccoli is tender, stirring once. Drain; set aside and keep warm. In another microwave-safe bowl, heat butter, uncovered on high for 20 seconds or until melted. Add onion; cover and microwave on high for 2 minutes or until tender. Stir in flour until blended. Gradually stir in broth; mix well.

Microwave, uncovered, on high for 4-6 minutes or until thickened and bubbly, stirring once. Add the ham, sour cream, mushrooms and reserved broccoli; mix well. Cook, uncovered, on high for 3-5 minutes or until heated through, stirring once. Serve over noodles.

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WALLACE CENTER

The Wallace Senior Citizens have enjoyed very good programs both November and December.

One of our most loved programs that I'm afraid I have failed to mention before is brought by Ken Northcutt, pastor of New Life Ministries Church. He is scheduled to come on the third Thursday of each month and if you've never heard him sing, you've missed a blessing. Sometimes Pat Hudgins joins him and they make a good duo. They sing some of the older gospel songs that most of us older folk never get tired of hearing. As I mentioned before, the third Thursday is also the day birthdays for the current month are celebrated.

Mrs. Joann Tolle's 7th grade gifted and talented students gave the program December 5. They sang a number of songs accompanied by J.D. Clay, one of the students. The others present were as follows: Sara Hurst, Catherine Dolan, Marina Arispe, Zack Garza, Brien Toombs, Matthew Wilson, Isabel Ventura, Isak Santana, Ryan Graham, Colton Nobles, Lucas Salazar, Christa Valdivia, Cody Upshaw, Celena Gonzales, Kolby Free and Chelsea Duncan.

The other group that I would like to recognize is Mrs. Tammy Johnson's gifted and talented 8th grade students. They are little "live wires". They made up their own skit and dressed the part which was a boxing match. The names of these students are as follows: Lee Beddingfield, Veconica Beltran, Jana Cox, Britany Shill, Axel Lewis, Kelley Morris, Kirby Matlock, Sonja Rocha, Nick Edwards, Eric Roman, Chase Wylie, Shanta Kreis, Baillie Redwine and Michelle Arispe.

I think I speak for all of the regulars that we love and admire Mrs. Johnson so much. She is a very gifted teacher that is evident by her love of her students and her motivational talents that bring out the best in them. She has been coming to the Wallace Center three years and we anxiously

awaited the birth of her third baby (a third boy). Then she brought him out to see us after he was born. She knows how to relate to, from the youngest child to even the oldest of us seniors. She has even been seen behind the lunch counter to help serve our meal. Thank you, Mrs. Johnson, for giving us so much of your time! I know there are other teachers who are as talented but we have been privileged to get to know Mrs. Johnson the past three years. If you do not know her, she is a working mother of three young boys and the wife of the head football coach, Mr. Frank Johnson. Need I say more about her gifts, but especially her energy!

On December the 3rd, Bobby and Robin Richardson were at the center and Bobby gave the program. He sang a variety of songs, ballads, popular and a little country. He sang a rendition of "Precious Memories" that was different and very touching. I guess you could say he has "hidden talent" because this was the first time he has sung at the Wallace Center and Shirley has told me he is scheduled to come back very soon.

We shared the Civic Center with the Lions Club for their annual chili fundraiser (or they shared with us). We had a bake sale along with some homemade Christmas craft items. Dexter and Dorothy Norwood from Snyder along with Charles Dunn played music during the day.

On December 10, the three of them gave the program before the meal at the center. That is more of that "foot-patting" music.

Gayle Younger sang again December 17. She has such a beautiful voice and is so good to share it with us.

I have to speak of our care and concern for Mr. and Mrs. Jim White, the superintendent of CUSD, and she, a middle school teacher. From the beginning of Mr. White's tenure, he has been visiting the Wallace Center. The first time, to introduce Shirley

Scott as the selection of Director of the center. Since then, he has been out many times to visit and eat lunch (he likes the cooking). He is one of the nicest, friendliest persons and seems so supportive of the center.

On the night of the ice cream supper we were privileged to meet Mrs. White and their two younger children. She, like him, is warm & friendly. I have heard several of the teachers who teach with her comment on what a wonderful person she is. So it goes without saying how deeply concerned we are for her and want her to know she is in our prayers throughout the town and on the church prayer lists and we, especially, at the Wallace Center.

The month of December is such a busy time of the year, what with cooking, shopping, mailing cards, etc. Then there are all of the Christmas programs at school and churches, parties to attend, it gets so hectic. We tend to forget what Christmas is all about. Then when we go to the programs at church and hear the beautiful music and sing the Christmas songs and once again hear the children tell or act out the story of Jesus' birth as told from the Bible, there comes a rest to the body and a calm to the soul. We have heard the same story over and over each year and it is always like hearing it afresh and anew for the very first time.

Some of the visitors since the last news were JoAnn Snider, Tom and Ann Palmer, Rue Reeves, Jim Crest, Louise Crenshaw and Gina cCledway. Also, Mrs. Martinez's daughter, Betty Casares, and Junior and Bobbi Smith.

On a fun last paragraph note, my quote is this: "The three stages of man are, he believes in Santa, he doesn't believe in Santa, and he is Santa!"

On a serious note, my quote is "Feed your faith, and your doubts will starve to death." This could be a goal to strive for rather than a new year's resolution.

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Colorado ISD Kelley, Hutchinson Elementary and CMS Breakfast Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - No School.
Tuesday - Dry cereal, teddy graham, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Breakfast on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Cinnamon toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Dry cereal, teddy graham, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD Kelley, Hutchinson Elementary, CMS Lunch Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - No School.
Tuesday - Corn dog, french fries, golden corn, applesauce, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Potato and egg burrito, spicy pinto, spanish rice, mixed fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Chicken pot pie, mashed potatoes, hot roll, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.
Friday - Hamburger on a bun, french fries, lettuce cup, blueberry cobbler, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD High School Breakfast Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - No School.
Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, french toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, pop tart, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD High School Lunch Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - No School.
Tuesday - Baked potato, corn dog, burrito w/cheese, french fries, spicy pinto, applesauce, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Pasta salad, grilled cheese sandwich, beef n mac, garlic bread, sweet peas, peaches, choice of milk.
Thursday - Cream of broccoli soup, steak sandwich, chicken nuggets, french fries, glazed carrots, pears, choice of milk.
Friday - Chef salad w/turkey, hamburger basket, french fries, lettuce cup, blueberry cobbler, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Donuts, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 6-10

Monday - chicken nuggets, gravy, creamed potatoes, sweet peas, biscuits, honey, milk.
Tuesday - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced bread, pears, milk.
Wednesday - Tortilla beef bake, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.
Thursday - Burritos, salsa, fiesta rice, corn, fruit cup, milk.
Friday - No School.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Jan. 6-10

Menus not available at press time.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Jan. 6-10

Menus not available at press time.

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Greetings and Best Wishes for a wonderful New Year!

While the year is new and our hope is great-discard old thoughts of intolerance and hate.

We pray for peace and good will toward men.
Make this a better year--Thank You--Amen.

George M. Lee, George Lee Jr. and Faye Lee of Loraine, and Loyce Lee of Colorado City had Christmas dinner in the home of Alma and D.M. Smith of Colorado City.

Visiting with Elwood and Mable Graham over the Christmas holidays were her sister and brother-in-law, Theta and T.J. Stovall from Mesquite, a niece and her husband, Alex and Diane Molina from Jewett, Wayne and Joyce Childs of Loraine, Lee Franklin of Colorado City and a friend Mike Carey of Lake J.B. Thomas, Carl and Sandy Graham of Colorado City, Jean Graham of Lancaster, Tommy, Mechelle and Jenna Paige of Clyde, a grandson, James Martin of San Angelo, and great-grandsons Michael Kinnam of Midland and Sean Casey of Colorado City.

Last Saturday, Jay and Charlotte Lee with children Jason and Jace from Irving were in Loraine visiting with their dad George M. Lee.

Diane and Jim Sanders had a wonderful Christmas with their children. They arrived in shifts, as not everyone could get off at the same time.

Hank and Jan Millering enjoyed the company of her brother and his family on Sunday. Present were: Aaron Thomason and wife Nancy and their four children of Colorado City, James, Nicki, Dede and Sammy.

The Millerings served a nice brisket lunch and enjoyed gift exchanging.

Jan also reported that Hank was doing very well after his recent surgery.

Charles and Mary Rose Bowen have been on the go lately. They joined their children, grandchildren and great-granddaughter in Abilene on the 21st of December meeting at the Fairfield Inn for a Christmas get-together of holiday snacks, fellowship, and a rollicking good time.

Saturday night they went to the Outback Steakhouse for steaks then returned to the Fairfield and continued visiting until past midnight.

Sunday morning they went to IHOP for breakfast, then all departed to their respective homes.

Attending were: Charles and Mary Rose of Loraine, Barbara and Jake Gonzales of Lubbock, Brenda Kinning and Marshall Bewley of Lubbock, Wesley Bewley of Nashville, TN and his guest, Catherine Akers of Abilene, Charles Jr., Jan and Andrea Bowen of Austin, Michele and Haley Marie Alexander of Throckmorton, and Brad and Denise Bowen of Euless.

Doug and daughter Andi of Lubbock were unable to attend due to work and schedule conflicts. They were missed.

On December 24, Charles and Mary Rose Bowen journeyed to Euless for a Christmas visit with newlyweds Brad and Denise Bowen and Denise's father Fred Dorrough. All attended the Christmas Eve service at Irving Bible Church. Later, snacks and sandwiches were served.

On Christmas Day, Denise prepared a delicious holiday feast that was enjoyed by all.

Charles and Mary Rose returned home reflecting on a very special holiday.

Dub and Gerry Woodell enjoyed having their son David Heskew from Washington home for the holidays.

The Woodells had all their children but one, also most of their grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren, all under the age of 9. They all had a

great time.

Doris Peck of Grandbury is in town visiting with her sister, Iva Armstrong. Doris came Saturday and to Iva's delight she will stay a few days before returning home.

Our concerns go out to Garland Haygood of Roscoe. He had recent surgery. Garland was a long time resident at one time. We send our get well wishes.

We have concerns this week for Frank Lamboreau. We wish Frank a speedy recovery. He is in Mitchell County Hospital at this time.

On December 22 visiting with George M. Lee were James Lee, Joshua, Jessica, Marcus and Mace of Colorado City.

Ralston Bruce visited with Ronald and Nelda Bruce recently. There are concerns over Ronald's health at this time. We send get well wishes to him.

Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams attended the 50th wedding anniversary party in Weatherford, Texas for her cousin and husband, Roy and Lorraine Rothrock Saturday PM.

Betty Chandler went to Abilene Christmas Day to celebrate Christmas with her son James Kilpatrick and family. She enjoyed the day and spent the night. Later she went to Calvin Haltom's to pick up Dorothy Haltom and they returned home.

Dorothy Haltom spent several days recently in Abilene at the home of Calvin and Barbara Haltom. The family group traveled to Ft. Worth to spend Christmas with Jamie Haltom, Dorothy's grandson.

Spending Christmas in Sweetwater with Pat, Pat and Brittany Sadler were J.A., Yvonne and Mike Sadler, also Bertie Colson of Sweetwater. Dick and Mary Colson of Dripping Springs, Amy Hall of New Braunfels, Bari Sadler and Angela Quilici of Euless, Sharon and Heather Sadler of Lubbock, Ina Mae and A.B. Colson of Baird. Also Rhet Buntin of Merkel.

Senior Center
Friday, December 27, Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams along with Tommy Wright delighted everyone with their music and singing.

Aubrey Wilson and his band

from Snyder was the entertainment prior to the noon meal. We always enjoy hearing them as well.

Monday, December 30, the Sweetwater line dancers put on a good show. They are fun to watch.

The New Year's Eve party will prove to be a success, I'm sure, as there will be music, food and fellowship.

Everyone is talking about New Year's resolutions. Most say they aren't making any.

Visiting this week from Colorado City was Nancy Womack.

Coming to the Center Friday with Margaret Brame were her children, Kenneth and Judy Brame of Nashville.

Here and There
Iva Armstrong and her sis-

ter, Doris Peck, shopped in Roscoe recently. Haney's was going out of business and had a big sale. Also Vickie's Gift Shop had sales, so the sisters had a ball. They also visited with the Pantoja's, former Lorainians, now residing in Roscoe.

Dub and Gerry Woodell and Ronnie and Linda Hubbard had a great Sunday lunch at the Farm House Cafe in Loraine.

Millie Rose spent Christmas day here at home and her son Kenneth from Eastland came to be with her.

We send condolences to Nelda Jo (Yarbrough) Billingsley and her family as her middle son, Michael Billingsley, passed away recently. He was 47 years old.

Happy New Year!

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