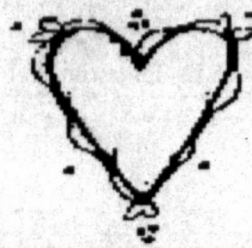




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Traffic stop reaps big dividends

A routine traffic stop, last Thursday, by a member of the drug enforcement task force quickly proved to be anything but normal.

While on a routine patrol along Interstate Highway 20, Investigator Ronnie Stiltner noticed a vehicle towing a trailer loaded with another vehicle. The trailer was not properly affixed to the lead vehicle, which is a traffic violation.

Stiltner stopped the vehicle to advise its driver of the violation, as well as the trailer being a safety hazard. When Stiltner made contact with the driver of the vehicle, he noticed signs of possible illegal activity.

Upon further investigation, Stiltner, who is with the district attorney's office, found that the spare tires on both vehicles were suspicious looking and determined that they concealed something inside. When the search of the vehicles was complete, six tires were discovered to contain bundles of money wrapped in plastic.

The two occupants of the lead vehicle, Adrian Ordonez Munoz and Ebdio Bravo Reyes of Mexico were placed under arrest for money laundering, which is a first degree felony, carrying a life sentence of not more than 99 years and not less than five years in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. The degree of the felony is based on the amount of

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TIGHTLY WRAPPED PACKAGES filled with varying denominations of money were hidden inside the tires of two vehicles stopped on I-20 for a traffic violation February 5. (Photo courtesy of district attorney's office.)



NEATLY COUNTED PILES of confiscated cash totaled around \$2.7 million dollars. (Photo courtesy of district attorney's office)

County buys land for future jail site

The county commissioners voted Monday to exercise options on purchasing land for a proposed new jail site west of the courthouse.

The options included purchase of property from the Lopez family for \$24,000; from the Gutierrez family for \$3,500; and Walter Sickles for \$24,000, according to Judge Ray Mayo.

"There is also one parcel of land we have not been able to acquire because it is part of the Wendall Jordan Trust," Mayo said.

The commissioners instructed the Board of Economic Development to continue pursuing acquisition of the property through purchase. However, if they are unable to purchase the property, the board has been authorized to proceed with condemnation proceedings through eminent domain.

The parcel in question is an empty lot on the southeast corner of the block at Pine and 3rd Street. Once the land purchases are complete, the county will own the entire block bound by Pine, Cypress, 3rd and 4th Streets.

Judge Mayo stated that if the county had to resort to eminent domain, they would be required to hire three separate appraisers to determine a fair appraisal value for the property.

Acquiring the land for the proposed jail site does not automatically assume county wide approval for a new jail. "At some point we would have to take the issue to the voters for a bond election for funds to construct the new jail," Mayo said.

The county also received good news from Bridger Anglin, director of the Mitchell County

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Main Street hosts Sweet Shop event

Downtown will offer some sweet opportunities this Friday, as Main Street hosts The Sweet Shop, a shopping experience with something for everyone.

Start Valentine's Day off early with a Divine Dinner at the Railroad at 5:30 p.m. Tickets for the lasagna and candlelight dinner, served under Parisian style street café umbrellas, are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Tickets will be on sale at Bella Janes, Eclectiques, the Dragonfly and the radio station. Any tickets not sold before the dinner will be available

at the door. "There will be tables for mingling, as well as family and couple tables," said Cecilia Scott, Main Street coordinator. "We want everyone to come, with or without a valentine."

A melt-in-your-mouth pecan praline whipped cream chocolate confection for dessert will finish off the dinner in high style. There will also be a raffle for a unique valentine gift basket to be given away at the dinner.

All proceeds from the dinner

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City manager resigns Friday

City manager Steve Shutt offered his resignation, effective Friday, February 13th during Tuesday night's city council meeting.

"I feel bad about leaving. This city means a lot to me. I wish I could stay and see things through," he said. "But I have so many other personal things that I need to take care of," such as construction and repairs on his home in Pueblo West, Colorado, his wife's job taking her out of town and a grandson, Gabriel Stephen, who is persistent about Grandpa taking him to guitar lessons.

Shutt said he originally had planned to leave at the end of January, "but some things just had to be done."

"The temporary job took longer than I thought because of a lot of state requirements and projects," said Shutt, who served

as Colorado City's city manager for a year and half this term, and nine and a half years during a previous administration.

Shutt offered his services to the city council as a consultant, free of charge, to help finish the projects started during the past two years.

The council unanimously voted to appoint Zane Graham as the new city manager.

"This is a good town with a good base," Graham said. "It's got a good council that cares about the citizens."

"Whenever we have to have a rate increase the council lobbies on behalf of the citizens to make sure we have fair increases. They're concerned about how it's going to affect their pocketbook," he said.

"The last two years we've taken on a lot of projects, unfunded state mandated projects,

and we've tackled them head on," Graham said, adding such projects aren't completed overnight.

"We have to build our reserves back up. The projects won't stop, because things wear out. We have to keep going bringing money in," Graham said.

"I'm willing to listen to these guys (the council members), the city engineer and take continuing education courses," he said, adding that on the job training is the best kind.

"I got a crash course with Steve. This man taught me how to manage the city," Graham added.

The council also appointed a seven member board of directors to oversee funding and renovation of the Opera House. First order of business for new mem

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A HOUSE FIRE early Tuesday afternoon leaves a local family homeless. See story on page 3 (Photo by Erika Cloutier)

Around Town

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Kathie Adoue, Argyle
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I.B. Hampton, Colorado City
Belinda Harris, Sweetwater
Aaron Thomson, Colorado City
James Wagner, Colorado City
Phillip McSwain, Ohio

Opry Cancelled

Due to scheduling conflicts the C City Opry will not have a show on February 14th. The next show will be held on February 28th. Live broadcasts of the previous Opry can be found on Saturdays from 5:00 to 5:30 p.m. on KAUM.

Christian Revival

Christian Fellowship Church will hold a revival on Fri. and Sat., Feb. 13, 14, at 7 p.m. and Sun., Feb. 15 at 10 a.m. Speakers will be Gaston and Mabelle Rivers. For more information, call 728-8688 or 242-0397.

Briefs

Lions Club

Mike Reasor, president of Texas State Technical College, will be the speaker at Lions Club Friday at noon at the Civic Center. Visitors and prospective members are always welcome.

MCGSA Meeting

The Mitchell County Girls' Softball Association will have a board member election on Thurs., Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Civic Center. Everyone is welcome. GT Nominations

Howl Nite

Puttin' On The Hitz at Howl Nite 2009 will be held on Thurs., Feb. 12 at

7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased for \$5 from Ann Bazany at the high school. Any tickets remaining will be sold at the door for \$8 each.

Disaster Fund

There has been a special account set up for Joel White, victim of a recent house fire, at City National Bank.

Band Booster Meeting

There will be a meeting of the CHS Band Boosters on Thurs., Feb. 19 at 6 p.m. in the band hall. All team members are encouraged to attend to plan concession stand times.

Thought of the Week

Doing nothing is very hard to do... you never know when you're finished.

Leslie Nielsen

Lake Levels

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LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES



NATIONAL COUNSELORS WEEK honors counselors from elementary through high school. Colorado ISD counselors are back row (left to right) Jody Womack, Charlotte Upshaw, Jincy Ross, front row (left to right) Bob Mace and Emily Strain.

Counselors listen from the heart

Listening is the major role of today's counselors play regardless of the age level of the student. "It's important that kids know there's someone who will just listen and be there for them," said Emily Strain, Colorado Middle School counselor. Last week was National Counselors Week and Colorado City's school counselors took a minute from their busy schedules to talk about the challenges and benefits of counseling in today's culture. "The most important job is being there for the kids and that they know you're there and have an open door at all times," said Strain, who has been a school counselor for six years. "The more they get to know you the more they want to come to you and tell you their problems." "I love working with kids," said Hutchinson Elementary counselor Charlotte Upshaw. "I love going into the classroom and doing character lessons and seeing them use the character traits that I teach."

"What surprised me most about working with 8-10 year olds is the depth of what they go through," Upshaw said. "They experience things earlier. The biggest challenge is working through loss. Like last year with Jacory's accident, experiencing See COUNSELORS, Page 5

Aaron James Thomson 1957-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mr. Aaron James Thomson, age 51, died on Wednesday, February 4, 2009, in Colorado City. Memorial services were held on Saturday, February 7, at 11:00 a.m. at New Life Bible Ministries Church with Rev. J.K. Wood officiating. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home. Mr. Thomson was born on November 1, 1957, to Laurence Thomson and Agnes Anderley Thomson in Menominee, Michigan. He resided in Colorado City since 1997. He married Nancy Mason on March 31, 1984 in Redondo Beach, California. Mr. Thomson graduated from Marinette High School in Marinette, Wisconsin. He worked as Electrical Resource with Georgia Pacific in Sweetwater. He also served as Certification Officer with the Colorado City Fire Department and was a member of the New Life Bible Ministries Church.

He leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Nancy Jean Thomson of Colorado City; son, James Aaron Thomson of Lubbock; daughters, Tiffany (Nikki) Thomson of San Angelo, Desirea (DeeDee) Thomson of Colorado City and Samantha (Sammi) Thomson of Colorado City; brothers, Larry Thomson and wife, Priscilla of Menominee, MI, Dean Thomson and wife, Cindy of Menominee, MI, Paul Thomson and wife, Linda of Franklin Park, IL and Harvey Thomson and wife, Rose of Oneida, WI; sisters, Jan Millering and husband, Hank of Loraine, Val Mathias of Stephenson, MI and Kathy Suley and husband, Roger of Peshtigo, WI; mother-in-law, Erwinna Mason of Colorado City; brothers-in-law, Robert Anderson and wife, Sally of Topock, AZ and Theodore Anderson, and wife, Kathy of Wisconsin; sister-in-law, Margaret West and husband, Rodney of Bullhead City, AZ; brothers and sisters of the Volunteer Fire Department.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Laurence Thomson and Agnes Thomson Manske; brothers-in-law, Jack Phillips and Al Mathias.

James F. "Jack" Wagner 1917-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mr. James F. "Jack" Wagner, age 91, died on February 6, 2009, in Big Spring. Funeral services were held on Sunday, February 8, 2009, at 3:00 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Felix Silva and Kerry Cain officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Wagner was born on December 3, 1917, to James H. and Eula Davenport Wagner in Iatan. Mr. Wagner served in the Army during World War II. He served for two years and 10 months. He was wounded on June 12, 1944, and received a Purple Heart. He also received the American Theater Campaign Medal, EAME Campaign Medal with one Bronze Star and Bronze Arrowhead, Good Conduct Medal, Victory Ribbon, and one Service Stripe. He returned to Colorado City on August 13, 1944. He then went to work for the Colorado City Water Department, and worked there for 29 years. He married Mrs. Paula Garcia in June of 1971 in Colorado City. He was a life time resident of Colorado City.

He leaves behind his son, Rey Garcia of Odessa; daughters, Ludivina Selvera of Colorado City and Laura Silva and husband, David of Colorado City; brother, Cliff Wagner of Colorado City; sisters, Amber Oden of Westbrook, Dorothy Reese of Andrews, and Wanda Jameson of Silver; numerous nephews and nieces; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife, Paula Garcia Wagner; brothers, Jewel, Fred, Vernon, and Sidney Wagner; sisters, Clara Crow, Euna Goswick and Grace Page.

Belinda Harris 1974-2009

SWEETWATER — Belinda Harris, age 34, passed away Saturday, February 7, 2009, at her residence. Services were pending at press time. Arrangements are under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home in Sweetwater.

Harris was born in Colorado City on July 12, 1974. She had lived in Sweetwater for the past 15 years. She had worked in fast food service most of her life.

She is survived by her mother, Barbara McGuire of Sweetwater; two sisters, Sandra Harris and Veronica Harris, both of Sweetwater; four half-sisters and two half-brothers.

Kathie Elaine Adoue

On February 6, one of the brightest lights of this world, Kathie (Kathi) Elaine Oeltjendiers Adoue, conceded her last breath to a relentless enemy. Until the very end of her three-year struggle with cancer, she fought with fierce determination, an unfailing positive attitude, and a quiet dignity that will forever inspire everyone who crossed her path. This life will be forever more dim for her absence, while the next realm of being now shines brighter because of her spirit's presence.

A rare beauty inside and out, blessed with great wit and intellect, Kathie was surrounded by her loving husband and three devoted daughters at the time of her passing. Truly at peace near water, the birds, and warm sun, she chose to spend her final days at her daughter Summer and son-in-law Espen's home on Lake Houston where she was blessed with unseasonably beautiful days.

Kathi had just returned from a visit to Maui where her daughter Cami, son-in-law Mark, and her much loved granddaughters Kali and Madison live. Even though the disease progressed rapidly, Kathie persevered to make a final visit with her numerous friends in Hawaii and to see the whales and turtles, a part of nature she always felt a special connection to.

Kathi was born to Frances and Elo Oeltjendiers in Dallas, Texas. She grew up in DeSoto and graduated from DeSoto High School. She then went to work for J.C. Hardy Publications as a graphic artist.



A talented artist and accomplished Middle Eastern dancer, Kathi devoted her life to her family, home and beloved pets. She approached everything with her unique creative flair and special spark of life. An avid protector of animal rights, Kathi was especially at peace in Maui during the annual whale migration. Although Kathi traveled extensively, she was first and foremost a Texan and was always anxious to return to her home state.

She was instrumental and a major force in assisting her husband to establish and maintain major veterinary medical facilities in Florida and Texas. Kathi oversaw the accounting and business operations of the animal hospitals and was invaluable in aiding in their great success. Kathi also provided valuable insight and advice on the ranch and cattle operations of the family.

Kathi is survived by her heartbroken husband, Dr. Vic Adoue of Argyle; daughter, Cami and her husband Mark Spurgin of Maui; daughter, Amber Adoue of San Francisco; daughter, Summer and her husband Dr. Espen Johansen of Houston; son, Tor and his wife Ellynn Adoue of Argyle. She is also survived by her grieving parents Fran and Elo Oeltjendiers of DeSoto; her wonderful and greatly loved grandchildren Justin, Asia, Dakota, Will and Isabelle Adoue and Kali and Madison Spurgin; sisters-in-law, Sue Santone and Beth Adoue-Polk and their husbands Roger and Brian; brother-in-law, Keith Adoue, and dearly loved nephews and nieces Thomas, Tara, Rebecca, Ryan, Tyler, Connor, and Walker. In addition, she is survived by Uncle Richard Huebel of Bastrop, Aunt Dorothy Noack of Austin, and T.C. and LaVerrel Pittman of Albany, Texas, and many cousins.

Kathi's Aunt Nora and Uncle John who helped raise her on their farm in La Grange, Texas, maternal grandparents Alfred and Mathilda Huebel of Smithville, Texas, parents-in-law Colonel Eugene and Robbie Adoue of Killeen, Texas, and Aunt Emabeth Thompson of Colorado City, Texas, precede her in death.

The countless friends that could always count on Kathi for their daily dose of laughter and love will always remember and appreciate the positive and life-changing impact she made on them and will miss her terribly. Her family at Angel Veterinary Center of Flower Mound is especially saddened by her loss.

Kathi cast an indelible mark that remains stamped forever on all she touched. Kathi was a Lutheran and believer, yet she possessed a unique spirit that encompassed and held close to her heart the greatness of the universe and the belief in Aloha. Her ashes will be spread in the waters of Maui, Hawaii, in the spring. Aloha and Happy Trails dear Kathi.

A memorial service will be held at West-Hurtt Funeral Home, DeSoto, Texas, on Friday, February 27 at 3:00 p.m. For information, call John David at West-Hurtt at 972-223-6314.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations or memorials to any legitimate animal shelter or animal welfare organization. Respectfully, please make no donations in her name to any cancer society or organization.

Maxine Barkley 1921-2009

BLACKWELL — Maxine Barkley, 87, of Blackwell, passed away on Friday, February 6, 2009, in a Bronte nursing home. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m. Monday, February 9, 2009, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring. Interment followed at the Loraine Cemetery.

Maxine was born on March 8, 1921, in Roscoe and married James A. Barkley on November 4, 1938 in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on January 13, 2001.

Survivors include two sons and three daughters-in-law, Robert and Betty Barkley of Blackwell, Gary Don and Larrie Sue Barkley of Grove and Glenda Barkley of Odessa; one sister, Lurline Feaster of Colorado City; two brothers, Bill Hunt of Oregon and Glen Hunt of California; seven grandchildren. In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by one son, James E. Barkley; one sister, Jerry Feaster; and one brother, Earl Hunt.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

I.B. Hampton 1934-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mr. I.B. Hampton, age 74, died Sunday, February 8, 2009, in a local care center. Graveside services were held at 4 p.m. Monday, February 9, in the Loraine Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Hampton was born June 27, 1934, in Erath County to Ira B. and Rena Montgomery Hampton and had been a longtime resident of Colorado City. He was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by two daughters, one grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Bennie Hampton and a brother, Orville Wayne Hampton.

Phillip Richard McSwain 1977-2009

OHIO — Phillip Richard McSwain, 31, born on April 16, 1977, in Columbus, Ohio, passed away at home on Thursday evening, February 5, 2009.

He is survived by his father, James McSwain; brothers, Anthony McSwain and Justin Hollingshead; sister, Christina Dean; and sons, Dylan McSwain and Emory McSwain.

He attended high school in Colorado City and graduated from Texas High School in Texarkana. He attended Texarkana College. He is a beloved first born son, older brother, and father.

Services will be held at Houston's First Baptist Church, 7401 Katy Freeway, Houston, TX 77024, Dr. James T. Draper officiating, on Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 11:00 a.m. Interment will be at Woodlawn Cemetery immediately followed by a public reception at HFBC. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: www.hcfc.org or www.NAMI.org. Condolences may be sent to mcswain191@comcast.net.

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LOCAL NEWS

Firefighters battle two house fires

A house fire on the corner of Austin and 16th left a Colorado City family homeless Tuesday afternoon.

The fire started in the children's bedroom of Carmen and Robert Gonzalez's home shortly after lunch Tuesday, quickly engulfing the residence in flames.

The accidental fire was apparently started by children playing with a cigarette lighter.

The family escaped without injury, but lost everything, including their car which was parked under the carport.

Winds and a live, downed power line sent lines of flame creeping across both the front and back yards, as CCVF, police and DPS responded.

Donations to the family may be made through family member Maggie Sosa at 242-5038.

Another house fire at 10th and Cherry last Saturday resulted in heavy damage to the structure, but no injuries.

Colorado City fire fighters responded to an accidental grease fire at 4:55 Saturday that went up the wall and ceiling at 942 Cherry.

"The fire caused heavy damage to the kitchen, dining room and den," said Chief Rufino Martinez. "There was heavy smoke damage to the rest of the house."

The home's resident escaped uninjured when she broke a window and crawled out of the house.

Kiwanis pancake supper slated Feb. 27

The Colorado City Kiwanis Club will hold its annual Pancake Supper Friday, February 27 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Colorado Middle School cafeteria. The menu will feature pancakes, sausage, bacon and a drink.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and

\$3 for children under 12 years old. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or may be purchased at the door on the night of the supper.

Proceeds will fund Kiwanis scholarships for graduating seniors, as well as helping promote local youth activities.

Library annex closes Friday

The last day for checking out books at the Mitchell County Library's temporary location at the courthouse annex will be Friday, February 13th so library staff can begin moving the computer system back into the main library.

Work at the library continues to proceed according to schedule, although the library will not be open for another couple of weeks according to librarian Brigada Hiser.

The library will be closed on Monday, February 16 for President's Day. However beginning Tuesday, patrons may use the book drop on the north side of the library for returning books.

"But no checking out books," said Hiser. "The repainting is almost complete. The guys are working on the trim."

"The prison trustees are a huge help. We're very fortunate to have a crew," she said.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH: PROFILES IN EXCELLENCE

Doing what she does best

Colorado City is a long way from New York, but for Jeanalda McCrory, the director of health information management at Mitchell County Hospital, it's beginning to look like home.

McCrory joined the staff at Mitchell County Hospital January 5th to help get the medical records office back in shape.

"My job is getting things to run smoothly. That and the challenge to design an area and see it function a little better than when you got there," said McCrory.

With over 40 years of experience behind her in the medical and business field, McCrory is well equipped with a methodical work ethic developed over the years in places like the San Juan Regional Medical Center in Farmington, New Mexico; Deaconess Hospital in Billings, Montana; Price George Medical Center outside Baltimore, Maryland; Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, Huntsman Cancer Institute in Utah, and St. Vincent's Comprehensive Cancer Center in New York.

McCrory said she was drawn to Colorado City by the "ability to do what I did in places like Huntsman and St. Vincent's. I felt that all that background from other locations I could use here."

"Ben Tanner gave me a chance to do it at Huntsman. He told me, 'Do what you do best,' and let me go run with it. I'm trying to do the same thing here in reorganizing the medical record's department," she said.

Although McCrory has spent the past four years traveling all over the United States as a consultant, she has also been instrumental in working with doctors such as Dr. Gerald Rosen, head of the Cancer Center at St. Vincent's.

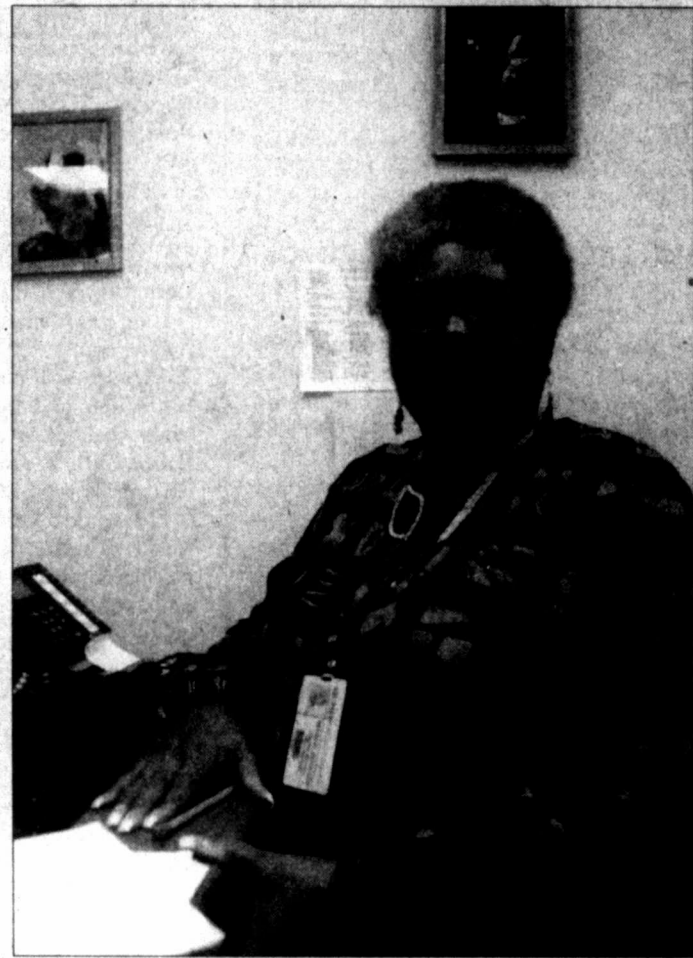
"St. Vincent's Hospital had been there for 125 years, when they decided to add a cancer center in 1997. I was one of a number of people that helped with that start up," she said.

Part of her job during the or-

ganization of St. Vincent's Cancer Center was helping set up the framework. "I helped with the infrastructure, the department budget, policy and procedures for employees and even some of the physical setup," McCrory said, including setting up Dr. Rosen's personal office with his furniture and books.

McCrory didn't start out in the medical field. She began work in insurance. "My insurance background caused me to end up in Memorial Cancer

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FAMILY AND HELPING others forms the heart of Jeanalda McCrory's work ethic. McCrory is the new director of health information management at Mitchell County Hospital.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Taking the Polar Express to the North Pole

The excitement grew as the big steam engine approached the depot in Palestine ringing its bell, sounding its whistle and creating clouds of steam. Families dressed in pajamas were full of anticipation. They would soon be boarding the Polar Express for a trip to the North Pole.

Last year, 18,000 people rode the Polar Express out of Palestine. This year, the number increased to 30,000. My wife and I were among the group. Yes, I did have on my PJ's. Our five-year-old grandson, Caleb, was with us. He is a train fanatic first class. I asked him how many times he had seen the Polar Express movie and he said thousands of times. He has been fascinated with trains since he was a year old. He has half a dozen different train sets in his room.

The Polar Express runs along the tracks of the Texas State Railroad in November and December. It has two or three runs every evening. The steam engine pulls nine cars, each one carrying around 100 passengers. The train leaves Palestine and travels a few miles up the track toward Rusk and stops at Santa's house at the North Pole. It's actually a spot along the railroad with thousands of lights. Santa's house sits at the entrance to the North Pole, and he waves at passengers as the train comes to a stop.

While the children and adults plaster their noses against the train windows to see the lights, Santa boards the train with some elves who start handing out large reindeer bells to passengers. Santa and his elves ride back to the depot in Palestine.

The hour-long trip has lots to offer. Soon after the train starts moving, those on board are treated to cups of hot chocolate while the hot chocolate song (Hot, Hot, Hot!) from the movie plays over the train's sound system.

The servers of the hot chocolate are acrobats who turn flips at the depot while people board the train. On board, they dance with passengers and lead the crowd in Christmas songs. On the return trip, they pass out copies of the Polar Express book. The pajama-clad passengers follow along while the story is read over loud speakers.

The American Heritage Railway, which owns the Silverton-Durango train and the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad, bought the Texas State Railroad a year ago and has brought some unique trains to operate between Rusk and Palestine. Huge crowds showed up to view Thomas the Tank Engine. The two newest ones are The Little Engine That Could and The Lone Ranger. The latter, to run on Thursdays, will feature a train robbery that is interrupted by the Lone Ranger. A Lone Ranger movie with Johnny Depp as Tonto will be filmed on the railroad in coming months. The Little Engine That Could will run pretty much all year on Thursdays. On the drawing board is a train featuring Snoopy and Charlie Brown.

Sweet shopping treat

You're in for a treat this weekend, if you come downtown Friday night for the Sweet Shop event. Many downtown merchants will be open from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Some of the merchants will feature a Crazy Cupid promotion that will reward the lucky shoppers with \$25 in merchandise, as well as additional drawings.

Start your Valentine weekend with a fantastic, fabulous and fun event. Gather up your sweetheart, family, friends or come by yourself.

Pick out a valentine gift or a gift just for you. You will also have an opportunity to have an outstanding meal featuring a special lasagna, great salad, French

bread, tea and a wonderful chocolate praline dessert.

We have mingle tables just for visiting and hanging out if you happen to be a single shopper.

Children are welcome and the cost for a child's plate is \$5. The meal is from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

After the Divine Dinner, you have the time to shop, visit or catch a movie. We have so much to offer in our downtown area and this is the perfect time to check it out and celebrate as well.

Check out our floral shops early for gifts as well, since they'll be swamped with floral work Friday.



DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
By
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

Making dreams into reality

By Carol Parsons

Investing in a dream and seeing it through to reality involves a lot of hard work and perseverance. After all, faint heart never won fair lady.

It also involves priming the pump. One must be willing to put something in regardless of the outcome. Even if there isn't much visible return at first, the long term investment always pays off.

Taking risks is also crucial to making dreams reality. Just because it's never been done, doesn't mean it won't work. Braving the nay-sayers takes courage, conviction and hard work.

Finally, putting foundations under castles in the air takes determination.

The early pioneers didn't let mountains, stop them from moving westward.

Never give up. Never surrender. Darn the torpedoes. Full speed ahead.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor:

I am once again writing and asking for the support of Mitchell County. As you have heard, Joel White lost all of his belongings and house in a fire Friday night. Joel has been a Paramedic, EMT, Police Officer, and Volunteer Fireman for over 28 years in our great county.

He would like to find a 2 bedroom trailer to move in. Also he needs help tearing down and hauling off the house and property. He may also need foundation work done for the trailer. How about it, my friends? Any volunteers with the equipment and man power to help him? I know we can come up with the plan.

Please contact the fire department with any information. They also will be setting up an account for donations. There will also be a raffle for a quilt.

Thank you and God Bless,
Margie Brophy
728-8143

Letter to the Editor:

I do not understand what I keep reading in the paper from the hospital and Valley Fair Lodge. At the two board meetings about selling Valley Fair, the new company made several statements

that I am now questioning. One was that it would keep the same staff. In the paper several times after that, it was stated that they would even be adding staff. Within the first two days after the new company took over, they laid three people off. However, this was not the way it was written in the paper. Now they have lost many more employees because of the changes they have made. So my question is, was the board really told the truth about facts or what was to come?

The new company was asked about insurance by the board, and they told the board that their company had insurance for the employees, yet when they took over all the employees were told that their insurance was cancelled. The new company has insurance, but the employee must pay it all, so really no one has insurance. So my question is, was the board really told the truth?

The new company stated several times at those board meetings that they must stop the "bleeding" (referring to Valley Fair losing money), yet when I called Mr. Karl Stinson just hours before the second board meeting, he told me personally that Valley Fair was not costing the taxpayers any money. This was a total reversal of what was being told to

the community and to the board just weeks before. He stated that Valley Fair had a substantial bank account. When I asked Mr. Stinson, "Is Valley Fair not part of the hospital district?", he would not answer the question. I believe that I was cut short because my next question would have been, "If Valley Fair has such a substantial bank account, where did all that money in their account come from when they have been losing money for years?"

How can they say their losses weren't our taxpayer dollars? Why didn't the hospital have the money available to them when they were losing so much, and we needed it for the hospital to survive?

I know we all want to believe that the hospital district is doing well, but how do we really know when we are not being told everything? I feel like we are only given the information that looks good and not the whole truth about the condition of the hospital district. The community and even the hospital board cannot be expected to make complete, informed decisions when they are not presented with complete and accurate information.

Amanda Hernandez

COW POKES

By Ace Reid



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LOCAL NEWS

MCCRORY

search lab," she said. "Memorial Sloan Kettering was really the beginning. I only worked as a secretary at the psycho biology study unit, run by Dr. Peter Stokes," she said.

McCrory worked for nine years at Memorial, until her husband Eric was diagnosed with liver cancer.

"Dr. Rosen and his wife were

very instrumental in helping get him into the liver transplant program at Mt. Sinai," McCrory said. Her husband, Eric Paul Fleming, died in 1998 and McCrory went to Utah to stay with her brother for a while. She spent five years running the cancer registry at Ogden General, before running the outpatient clinic at Huntsman Cancer Institute.

Family continues to be important to McCrory, who has three grown children; daughters Ashley in Georgia and Stacey in New York and one son Vincent, who lives in California. She also has three grandchildren who are the delight of her life; grandsons Cassadyme and Michael and granddaughter Aviance.

"We stay in touch with cell phones," she said of the widely scattered family. "We also cross paths moving back and forth across the United States."

"My goals at this point are to get into school now that everybody's really grown and I'm on my own," McCrory said, desir-

ing to get her degree in health care management. "I'm open to whatever comes. God's always dropping me all over the place."

"It seems as though every place I've been outside the country (she spent three years in Japan) or traveling jobs I've always felt inclusive in whatever the environment has been. I would like to see our country do more of that," McCrory said. "I think one of the new president's big concepts is to include everybody. The economy being what it is, if there's more participation of the country at large, we can't do anything but get better."



CMS STUDENTS AND Principal Mark Merrell honored retired teachers and staff with a luncheon and photo presentation of the original school-building Tuesday.

MAIN ST

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go back into the Main Street sign and facade grant to improve downtown businesses.

Additional activities for the evening include a Crazy Cupid search and drawings for gift certificates at local downtown merchants.

A Crazy Cupid card will be hidden in Bella Janes, Eccle-tiques, Dragonfly and Perkins and will entitle the finders to a prize.

"Even if someone else finds the cupid card, you can still register for the gift certificate drawings, so don't stop shopping just because the card is found early on," Scott said.

Along with the antique shops

and boutiques, the Main Event will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Free candy will also be available at the Main Event and Tracy Molina will be selling candy next to the 3M Palace theater.

Stacie's Creations will stay open offering last minute gifts and flowers; but don't forget to shop early for your Valentine bouquets at Colorado Floral and Gifts.

The Main Street board invites everyone to come downtown Friday night and enjoy themselves. "Eat, go to a movie, go shopping, just hang out," said Scott. "We want people just to visit and enjoy themselves."

COUNTY

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Court Collections, which collected \$654,844.43 in felony and district court costs, attorneys fees, fines and retributions for 2008.

Court costs, fines and attorneys fees go back to the county, while restitution fees go to the appropriate entity, either the county or the victims involved in the cases. Also a portion of the court costs go to the state.

In other court business, the commissioners consented to continue the burn ban for an additional 90 days; approved \$90,187.78 in bills for payment; approved a \$63,957.98 payroll and voted to accept tax sale property bids from David Rogers for \$250 for property on Pacific Avenue in Loraine and \$2,000 from Maria Isabel Burrola for property on 937 E. 13 Street.

CASH

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money seized. Both the vehicles and cash were seized as contraband and are subject to forfeiture.

"Typically on vehicles, if law enforcement can use them, we can do that; but we can also sell them at auction," said District Attorney Ann Reed.

According to Reed there was around 2.7 million dollars hidden in the vehicles' tires. "I am always proud when we make a dent in the flow of drugs, whether it is by seizing the drugs themselves or the proceeds from the sale of them," said Reed. "When you take this amount of money out of the hands of drug dealers, it leaves a lasting impression."

COUNSELORS

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trauma is the biggest challenge." Prior experience in teaching helped clarify career directions for Colorado City's counselors.

"I just enjoyed getting to know the kids and talking to them about their problems. It was what I wanted to do every-day more than being in the classroom," said Strain, who taught 7th grade language arts at CMS before taking the counselor position.

"I taught for 10 years," said Upshaw. "I like working with kids; just knowing about them and their lives, trying to help them to be the best they can be."

Bob Mace, counselor at Wallace also spent a number of years teaching before making the shift to full-time school counselor for eight years. "Wallace is the first job that blended teaching and counseling," he said.

"When I took my certification, the list of job responsibilities included a combination of babysitter, shrink and counseling all rolled into one," he said. "The short version is, you take the mood of your environment

and seek to find ways to improve it. "Mothering" in a sense."

"I like getting to know all the kids schoolwide and being able to work with all of them," said Jody Womack, school counselor at Kelley Elementary. Womack taught 5th, 3rd, 1st and special education before taking on counseling.

"Sometimes it's hard to figure out what's really going on with a child because they don't understand how to talk about a problem," Womack said. "The most rewarding part is when they come and give you a hug. Something simple like that feels pretty good."

Jincy Ross served for three years as a counselor at Hutchinson, and is in her third year as counselor at the high school.

Ross said her main job as counselor is making sure students have what they need to graduate.

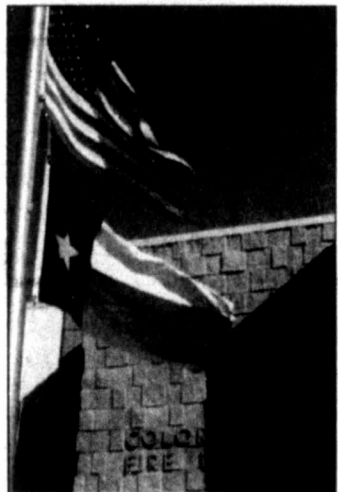
She also plans career and college events for students and mock job interviews in the spring.

"The rewarding thing is the diploma side, knowing they met

all the requirements and they can do anything now. They did their part and we did our part in helping them," said Ross. "Graduation day is the best, seeing how proud their family and teachers are of them."

The biggest challenge for Mace is "making sure I see the kids as individuals and not as a collective number. I have to avoid seeing the group and fixing the group."

Paperwork is the biggest challenge for Strain. "We get bogged down with paper work and I really mean TAKS," she said. "It's part of the job and we don't get enough time to just talk to the kids."



FLYING AT HALF-MAST, the flags at the Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department were lowered in memory of fallen firefighter Aaron Thomson, who died at his home last Wednesday.



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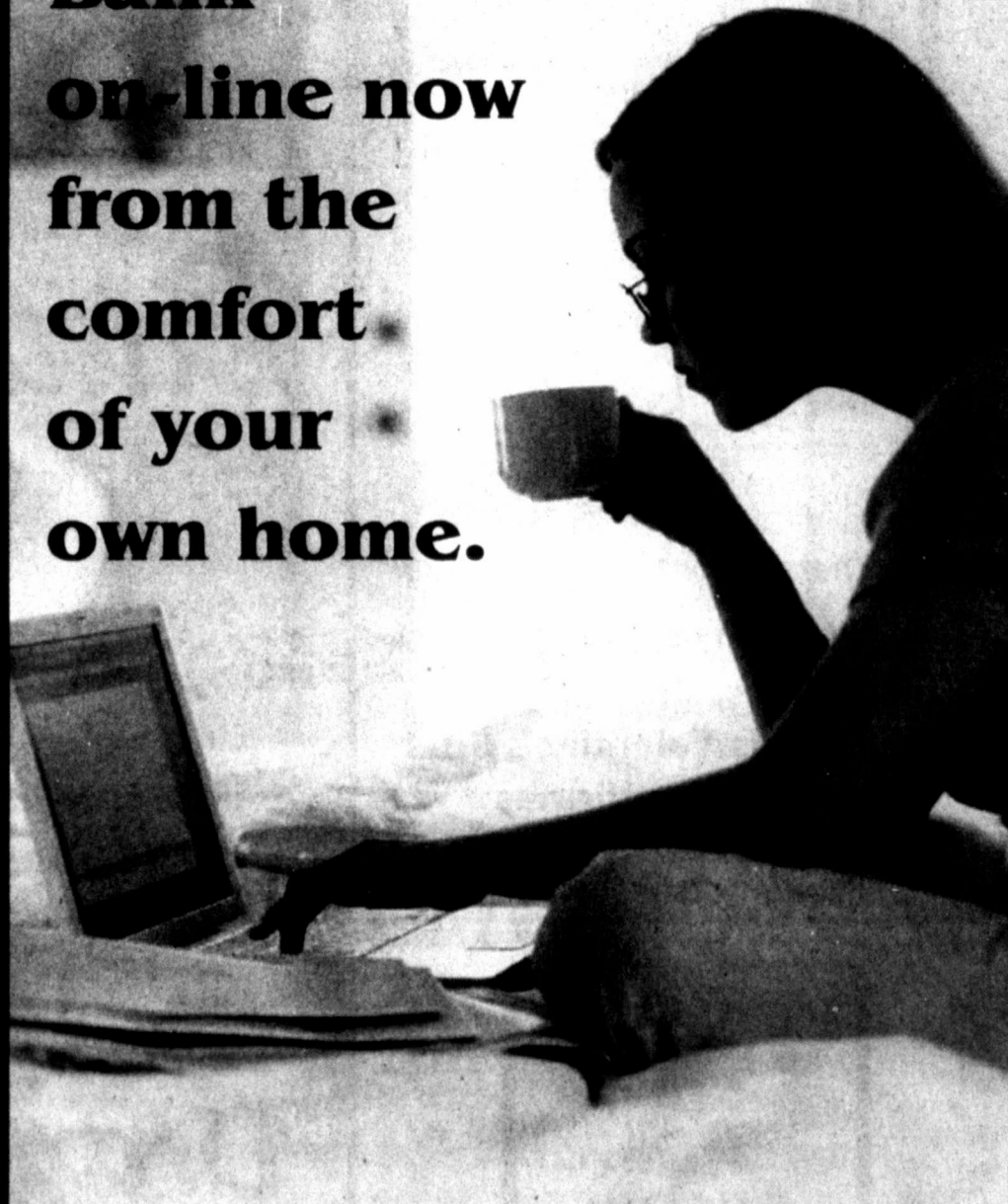
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MEMBERS OF THE local photography club include: (l-r, back to front) Keith and Brigada Hiser, Hollis Gainey, Scooter McGaha, Nancy Verschoor, Vesta Bowen, Cat Geiger, Jerry Bowen, Toby Verschoor and Felicia Carver. Members not pictured are: Lulu Boyd, Shane Terry, Lisa Wallgren and Chris and Erika Cloutier.

Photo Club celebrates first year anniversary

The local photography club was formed a little over a year ago by several local photographers. The purpose of the club is to learn more about photography and to share experiences that members have encountered in their attempts to take better pictures.

The club meets once a month and, from time to time, takes field trips to photograph such places as the Spade and Pax 96 Ranches.

The club met at Cat Geiger's home on February 3rd. Members

discussed the merits of the latest digital Single Lens Reflex (SLR) cameras and the various lenses that are available for them.

The members of the local club, for the most part, are not professional photographers, but they enjoy learning about the latest cameras and equipment. Generally, members share photographs they have taken, as well as ideas for new experiences.

Anyone interested in attending club meetings is welcome. For more information, call 728-5007 or 728-3393.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED



JOHN JACKSON JR. of Colorado City and Crystal Meza of California are proud to announce their engagement. The couple plans to marry in Las Vegas, Nevada, before continuing a trip to California.

Garden Club meets

The Colorado City Garden Club held its regular monthly meeting on February 6, 2009 at Bama's House. The meeting was opened with a blessing given by Dana Mayfield, followed by a delicious meal.

The program for the day was "Venerable Vines" presented by Terri Johansen of Johansen's Landscape & Nursery in Big Spring. Johansen showed a number of "vining" plants, describing good places for these to grow—in sun, in shade, in pots, in flower beds. She also gave many good tips on watering, fertilizing, and preparing soil.

The business meeting was called to order by co-president Margaret Sparks. Under new business Janie Henderson of the Nominations Committee presented the slate of new officers who are: Carol Compton and Dana Mayfield. Co-Presidents: Janie Lou-Greenlee, First Vice-President: Brooksie Raschke,

Second Vice-President: Gay Houston, Secretary; and Faye Nell Herm, Treasurer. This slate was elected by acclamation.

Other business consisted of committee reports by various members on plans in progress for the Texas Garden Club District VIII Spring Meeting which is being hosted by the local club on March 6, 7 here in Colorado City.

The hostesses for the meeting were JoAnn Merket, Geneva Ratliff, Glenda Marcum, and Joyce Womack. Seventeen members were present: Sandra Brown, Laverne Chalker, Carol Compton, Donna Edwards, Nell Gainey, Janie Henderson, Nelda Hill, Gay Houston, Bobbie Johnson, Marj Kolman, Dana Mayfield, JoAnn Merket, Brooksie Raschke, Wilma Reynolds, Margaret Sparks, Joyce Womack, and Sue Womack. There were also two guests, Terri Johansen and Natalie Mowery.



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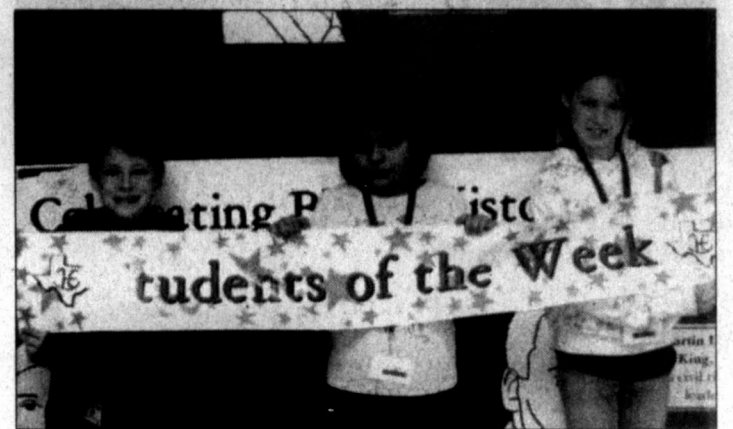
Students of the Week are named

Hutchinson Elementary has named their Students of the Week. They are Jordan Morgan, Jazmin Mendoza and Kenzie Kildow.

Jordan, son of Susan Morgan, is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. He has two pet turtles, and science is his favorite subject. He likes "getting to learn new things" at Hutchinson.

Jazmin, a fourth grader in Mrs. Geiger's class, is the daughter of David Mendoza. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Gizmo, and reading is her favorite subject. She especially enjoys library time at Hutchinson.

Kenzie, daughter of Laurie and Dondi Camp and Keith Kildow, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Chico, and reading is her favorite subject. She also enjoys playing with her friends. The courtyard is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.



STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are: (l-r) Jordan Morgan, Jazmin Mendoza and Kenzie Kildow.

LOCAL ROTARIANS JOINED with the West Texas Art Guild to help encourage art in area schools, by presenting representatives from Colorado City schools with checks totaling \$500. On hand for the presentation were: Sarah Davies, Iesha Taylor, Amber Campos, Isabel Duarte, Melinda Alexander, Jeremy and Jincy Ross, Carolyn Walker, Linda Mathis, Leada Wood, Jackie Brem, Lee Ann Stone, Leah Daves, Mona Crockett, Sammi Thomson, Jordan Lendermon, Chris Alaniz, and Hayden Redwine.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - yogurt, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - corn dog, green beans, peaches, milk.
Tuesday - macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, pears, milk.
Wednesday - BBQ on a bun, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, milk.
Thursday - chili beans, tossed salad, cornbread, crushed pineapple, milk.
Friday - steak fingers, gravy, golden corn, applesauce, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - pancakes, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - oatmeal, toast, sausage, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - pizza, green beans, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - chicken pot pie, tossed salad, hot roll, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - Frito pie, refried beans, Spanish rice, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - wolf burger, lettuce cup, French fries, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, French toast, syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, scrambled eggs, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, scrambled eggs, biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast Hot Pocket, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, biscuit and gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - steak and cheese calzone, golden corn, black-eyed peas, fresh fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - Salisbury steak, potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday - nacho grande, spicy pinto, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Friday - hamburger on a bun,

fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - morning sausage rolls, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Tuesday - sausage, gravy, biscuits & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday - egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - BBQ wings, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, fresh apple, hot roll, milk.

Tuesday - crispy tacos, lettuce & tomatoes, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, garlic bread stick, sliced peaches, milk.
Thursday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, pickles, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk.
Friday - chicken patty sandwich, tater tots, western beans, orange smiles, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk.
Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit, milk.
Wednesday - sausage roll, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday - egg sandwich, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday - muffins, cereal, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 16-20

Monday - steak fingers, sliced potatoes, green beans, biscuit, mixed fruit, milk.
Tuesday - chicken tenders, gravy, mashed potatoes, salad, bread, peach cup, milk.
Wednesday - minidogs, mustard, tater tots, ketchup, pork n beans, bananas, milk.
Thursday - tacos, cheese, salsa, spanish rice, beans, lettuce, tomatoes, strawberries w/topping, milk.
Friday - hamburgers, salad, pickles, chips, shape-ups, milk.

Band students headed for state

On Saturday, February 7th, 40 Colorado High School band students traveled to Angelo State University in San Angelo to compete in UIL Solo & Ensemble contest. Results are as follows:

Alyssa Bonner, Damian Davila, Tucker French and Landon Johns, percussion ensemble, Division 1

Andrea Castillo, Tony Castillo and Autumn Martin, baritone trio, Division 1

Tucker French, Adriana Gomez, Landon Johns and Laura Warren, sax quartet, Division 1

Tamara Lelek, vocal solo, Division 1

Meagan Montalvo, trumpet solo, Division 1

Adriana Gomez, alto sax solo, Division 1

Leslie Blake, mallet solo, Division 1

Blaze Alford, snare drum solo, Division 1

Macall Maddox, French horn solo, Division 1

Sydney Upshaw, trumpet solo, Division 1

Matthew Guerra, trumpet solo, Division 1

Megan Bullard, clarinet solo, Division 1

Elizabeth Chancellor, flute solo, Division 1

Ashli Cooper, flute solo, Division 1

Alyssa Bonner, snare drum solo, Division 2

Andrea Castillo, Tony Castillo, Autumn Martin and Adrian Ventura, baritone quartet, Division 2

Daniel Hammond, Christina Leanos and Adrian Ventura, trombone trio, Division 2

Dylan Billingsley, French horn solo, Division 2

K'Leigh Wallis, trumpet solo, Division 2

Emma Leanos, trumpet solo, Division 2

Trey Kimball, clarinet solo, Division 2

Kristi Barnett, clarinet solo, Division 2

Valeria Vera, clarinet solo, Division 2

Students qualifying for UIL

Texas State Solo & Ensemble Contest are: Alyssa Bonner, Damian Davila, Tucker French, Landon Johns, Andrew Castillo, Tony Castillo, Autumn Martin, Adriana Gomez, Laura Warren, Meagan Montalvo, and Tamara Lelek.

The state contest will be held in San Marcos on May 30 - June 1.

PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING COMMISSION MEETING

FEBRUARY 24, 2009; 5:30 P.M.

COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER

157 W. 2ND ST., COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Zoning Commission for the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on February 24, 2009 to discuss a request of Robert E. Dennis, Jr. to rezone Block 26 T&P, Section 40, AB 907, 2.820 AC, Colorado City, Mitchell County, Texas. Mr. Dennis request that the property in question be rezoned from Zone "A" which is a Single Family Dwelling District to Zone "H" which is a Central Business District. Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this rezoning request. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will then be placed on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for March 10, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Individuals residing within 200 feet of the property in question have been notified in writing of this proposed meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

MARCH 10, 2009; 6:00 P.M.

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FIREPROOF

The Community is invited to a **FREE** Showing of the Movie *Fireproof* on Saturday, Feb. 14th at 4 p.m. at the 3M Palace Theater

sponsored by First Baptist Church

The movie lasts approx. 2 hours and we want to encourage everyone to make plans to have dinner afterwards at one of our local restaurants. Many Valentine's Day Specials are featured in today's Record.

We hope you'll take advantage of this FREE matinee movie!

Also...

We invite you to be part of a special **Six Weeks Couples Study Course**

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FOR MORE INFORMATION about the movie, the free showing or the six weeks study course, please call First Baptist Church at 728-3442 or visit our website at www.fbcccity.org

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SCHOOL NEWS



KELLEY HAS CLASS...
 Mrs. Shields' kindergarten class celebrated the 100th day of school by making glasses with "100" on them, counting to 100, eating 100 pieces of snacks and several more 100th day activities. Students in Mrs. Shields' class are: Zaraiha Arizmendi, Will Camp, Stormie Cosby, Christian Diaz, Bailey Garcia, Robert Gonzales, T'Liyah Harrison, Carter Peaslee, Nathan Pilcher, Melinda Ramos, Nathaniel Rivera, Meledine Ruiz, Madison Sims, Dezaray Speer, Everett Sperry, Shelby Sumruid, Sheree Vanderpool and Jeremy Vanover. Darian Molano is not pictured.

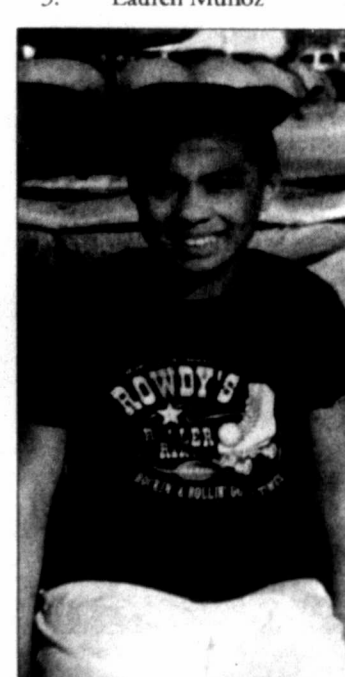
Howl Night Thursday, nominees listed

- "Putting on the Hitz" is the theme for this year's Howl Night at Colorado City High School. Yearbook senior members chose the theme for the live variety show to relive their Hutchinson Elementary years with Susan Anderson.
- Nominations for the annual yearbook fundraiser are in and winners will be announced during the evening's entertainment on February 12 in the CHS auditorium beginning at 7 p.m.
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| Freshman Favorite - Boy | 1. Colton Cannon | 2. Derek Gainey | 3. Jason Rodriguez |
| Freshman Favorite - Girl | 1. Casie Lemons | 2. Miranda Reyna | 3. Sydney Upshaw |
| Sophomore Favorite - Boy | 1. J.C. Johnson | 2. Andrew Muñoz | 3. Nick Reyna |
| Sophomore Favorite - Girl | 1. Emily Hicks | 2. Ema Leanos | 3. Olivia Ornelas |
| Junior Favorite - Boy | 1. Frankie Atkinson | 2. Jamarus Brooks | 3. Ricky Ventura |
| Junior Favorite - Girl | 1. Briana Ortiz | 2. Carissa Sutton | 3. Tanya Vera |
| Senior Favorite - Boy | 1. Lance Espinoza | 2. Derrek Gutierrez | 3. Daniel Perez |
| Senior Favorite - Girl | 1. Hannah Chaney | 2. Morgan Maddox | 3. Lauren Muñoz |
| Mr. CHS | 1. Lance Espinoza | 2. Manuel Garza | 3. Clint White |
| Miss CHS | 1. Christina Leanos | 2. Morgan Maddox | 3. Elena Rodriguez |
| King Howl | 1. Nick Hart | 2. Corey Owens | 3. Matt Sowa |
| Queen Howl | 1. Amber Campos | 2. Carmen Rivera | 3. Dieshia Smith |
| Most Likely to Succeed - Boy | 1. Nick Hart | 2. Matt Sowa | 3. Clint White |
| Most Likely to Succeed - Girl | 1. Tamara Lelek | 2. Morgan Maddox | 3. Kari Matlock |
| Most Handsome | 1. Jadrian Dominguez | 2. Nick Hart | 3. Kyle Lemons |
| Most Beautiful | 1. Lauren Muñoz | 2. Briana Ortiz | 3. Carissa Sutton |
| Most Athletic - Boy | 1. Jamarus Brooks | 2. J.C. Johnson | 3. Nick Reyna |
| Most Athletic - Girl | 1. Michelle Billingsley | 2. Courtney Sutton | 3. Iesha Taylor |
| Most Talented - Boy | 1. Tony Castillo | 2. Tucker French | 3. Willie Hernandez |
| Most Talented - Girl | 1. Tabbatha Angelo | 2. Adriana Gomez | 3. Laura Warren |
| Most Academic - Boy | 1. Tucker French | 2. Kyle Lemons | 3. Clint White |
| Most Academic - Girl | 1. Erin Graham | 2. Marisela Hernandez | 3. Laura Warren |
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| Most Courtesey - Girl | 1. Tabbatha Angelo | 2. Breanna Biggers | 3. Kari Matlock |
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| Best Dressed - Girl | 1. Tabbatha Angelo | 2. Breanna Biggers | 3. Kari Matlock |
| Best Smile - Boy | 1. Jadrian Dominguez | 2. Corey Owens | 3. Nick Reyna |
| Best Smile - Girl | 1. Lexi Espinoza | 2. Briana Ortiz | 3. Carissa Sutton |
| Best All-Around Boy | 1. Lance Espinoza | 2. Manuel Garza | 3. J.C. Johnson |
| Best All-Around Girl | 1. Jordan Hammond | 2. Tamara Lelek | 3. Lauren Muñoz |

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PRINCIPAL FOR A DAY
 Madison Davis, a 5th grader at Hutchinson, learns the ins and outs of running an elementary school. "There's lots of important stuff to do," she said. "The best part is not being in class."

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SPORTS

Wolves beat Wall Tied for 2nd place

The Wolves are in. Colorado High School beat the Wall Hawks at The Pit this past Tuesday and will be making a trip to the basketball playoffs this year. Senior Nick Hart scored 13 of his team high 15 points in the second half and the Wolves finished off the Hawks 50-49 in a District 7-AA thriller.

Colorado City is now 6-2 in the district standings, good for second place with two games remaining. Wall dropped to 5-3. With Grape Creek already having 5 losses prior to Tuesday night, the Wolves are guaranteed to finish no worse than third place. After grounding the Hawks, second place and even first place in the district are possible. The top three teams enter the playoffs.

The Wolves, now 15-11 for the season, host Grape Creek tomorrow night and finish the regular season at district front runner Jim Ned on Tuesday night. Ballinger and Coahoma are already out of the picture.

A few Wolf turnovers were the difference early and Wall led 6-2 midway through the first period. Colorado City senior Clint White connected from 3 point range to ignite a 7-2 run that put the Wolves up 9-8 at the end of the period.

The teams both scored 15 points in the second period for a 24-23 Wolves lead at halftime. Hart got his first points with a minute left in the half to put the Wolves up 24-18 for the biggest lead of the game. Just when it appeared the Wolves might build on the lead for some breathing room, the Hawks got two quick scores to end the half including a three pointer from NBA range at the buzzer.

Wall retook the lead at 30-29 with another three pointer five minutes into the third period, but Hart poured in seven of the Wolves' 10 points to lead Colorado City to a 34-32 lead going into the final period.

CHS senior Lance Espinoza's steal and full court drive put CHS up by five early in the fourth period. Again Wall climbed back as the Hawks' Justin Walling scored six points in an 8-3 run that put Wall up 40-39 with 4:40 left in the game.

Hart switched to his left hand for a layup that stopped the Hawks' flight. After buckets by Nick Reyna and White, and a three pointer by Espinoza, Hart muscled in a score underneath for Colorado City's last score and a 50-47 Wolves lead.

Wall scored to make it 50-49 but Cameron Schooley, who led the Hawks with 15 points, missed a three pointer with 7.4 seconds left.

Scoring totals for the Wolves were Hart 15, Espinoza 10, White 9, Reyna 7, Higgins 6, Matt Sowa 2 and J.C. Johnson 1.

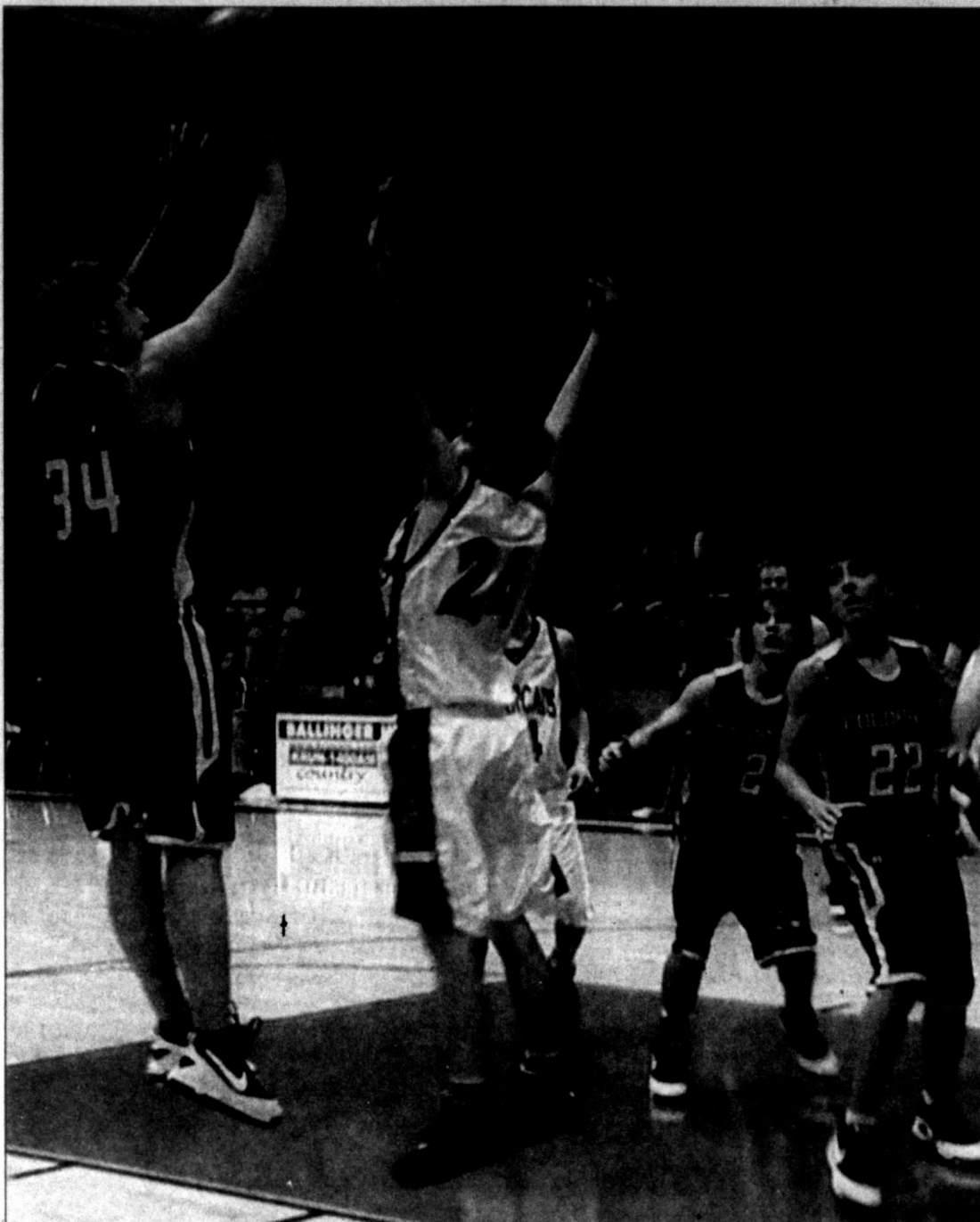
Scoring for the junior varsity Wolves in their 44-37 loss were Jason Rodriguez 11, Tylor Lorenz 7, Derek Gainey 5, Tyler Hammond 5, Blaze Alford 4, Andrew Munoz 3 and Ronald Aoyama 2.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Friday, February 13, 2009
CHS JV, Varsity Boys vs. Grape Creek, 6:30, 8 p.m.
WHS Boys @ Sterling City, 4 p.m.

LHS Boys at Trent, 5 p.m.
Tuesday, February 17, 2009
CHS JV, Varsity Boys at Jim Ned, 6:30, 8 p.m.

CHS Softball vs. Merkel, Here, 7 p.m.
LHS Softball vs. Sweetwater JV, There, 4:30 p.m.



TYLER HIGGINS, COLORADO High School junior, shoots over Randy Niehues during the Wolves 46-44 victory at Ballinger last Friday. Also pictured for CHS are Nick Hart (left) and Nick Reyna.

Lady Wolves finish season

Seniors Lauren Munoz, Iesha Taylor, Diesha Smith and Breanna Biggers stepped onto the court as Lady Wolves for the last time this past Tuesday night.

The four were recognized prior to the Colorado City's season ending contest against the Wall Lady Hawks.

Wall won the game played here at The Pit to finish in a tie with defending state champion Jim Ned atop the District 7-AA standings. Colorado High School's Lady Wolves finished out the playoff race as Ballinger secured the third and final post season spot.

Scoring for the Lady Wolves Tuesday were sophomore Michelle Billingsley 7, junior Lisa Salazar 5, Smith 4, freshman

Miranda Reyna 2 and freshman Megan Bullard 1.

Nikki Niehues led Wall with four three-pointers and 19 total points.

The loss by the Lady Wolves followed a defeat at Ballinger last Friday night. Scoring in that contest were Jade Cannon 10, Ava Macedo 2, Billingsley 2 and Bullard 2.

Scoring for the junior varsity Lady Wolves in their loss to Wall were Lauran Meeks 9, Lexi Espinoza 8, Tara Higgins 4, Kathrine Hickson 4, Sarah Campos 2, Rebecca Perez 2, Averie Percy 2 and Emma Leanos 1.

Against Ballinger for the JV were Percy 7, Meeks 6, Leanos 4, Dylan Billingsley 4, Higgins 2, Campos 2 and Espinoza 1.



LAUREN MUNOZ, SENIOR, goes for a rebound against Ballinger in action Friday night at the Pit.

Wolves win narrowly over Ballinger, 46-44

Senior Clint White scored a team high 18 points and the Colorado High School Wolves erased three Ballinger leads to take a narrow 46-44 District 7-AA basketball victory last Friday night.

The Wolves' Tyler Higgins knocked away two Ballinger scoring attempts in the last seconds to help Colorado City remain in second place with a 5-2 record in district play. The win at Ballinger put CHS at 14-11 for the year.

With the Wolves missing early layups and losing turnovers, the Bearcats stormed out to an 8-0 lead but CHS clamped down on defense to climb back into the game. Ballinger led 11-6 at the end of the first period but White made a steal then scored a bucket and a free throw to cut Ballinger's lead to 13-10 with 6:08 left in the second period.

White and Lance Espinoza were off target for most of the game but both hit key 3 pointers.

Ballinger again led by eight at 18-10 with 4:25 left in the first half. White made a twisting, falling layup with a minute left in the first half, then Espinoza hit a three pointer with 40 seconds left for a 24-24 halftime tie.

The Bearcats took an eight point lead for the third time by scoring the first 8 points of the second half. That made it 32-24

with three minutes remaining in the third period. The Wolves held Ballinger to just two more points in the period.

White tied the game at 34-34 with a three pointer with 40 seconds left in the third period and Espinoza followed with a score for Colorado City's first lead. Espinoza's shot came with 13 seconds left in the period and made it 36-34 for the Wolves going into the final quarter.

The final period saw the teams tied twice and the lead exchanged three times. Ballinger scored on an inbounds play for its last lead at 40-39 with 3:00 left in the game.

White and Espinoza hit three pointers for Colorado City's last buckets that put the Wolves up 45-42 with 1:05 left. Ballinger's Slade Egan, who topped all scorers with 19 points, made it a 45-44 game with 19 seconds left.

The Wolves made one of four free throw opportunities to keep Ballinger's hopes alive in the final seconds, but Higgins twice knocked away Ballinger lobs at the basket.

"The kids played hard especially on defense," said Wolves Coach Barry Kimball after the game.

Scoring totals for the Wolves were White 18, Higgins 11, Espinoza 8, Nick Reyna 4, Nick Hart 3 and Benny Jones 2.

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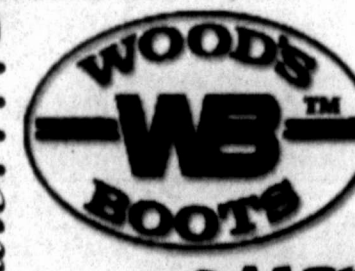
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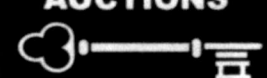
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SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES - Hochheim Prairie Mutual Branch 214 president Steve Roark (right) presents checks totaling \$1,700 to members of the Community Mission, Friends of the Mitchell County Library, the Hospital Auxiliary, Keep Colorado City Beautiful, Mitchell County Healthcare Volunteers and Wallace and Loraine Senior Citizens Centers. Receiving the donations are Dot Smith, Brigada Hiser, Dorothy Shurtleff, Helen Stubblefield, Bob Reilly, Adeline Boyd, Emma Hopper, Inez Stewart.

Lent Bible study to begin February 25

First Presbyterian Church will host a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday evening beginning February 25 through April 8. Lent is a time for Christians to undergo a discipline that helps them become better disciples. One such discipline is simply to study God's word.

First Presbyterian Church will provide *Alive to God in Jesus Christ* as the study for this Lent. The study will consist of 40 daily readings and five sessions of group study, led by Rev. Dana Mayfield.

An Ash Wednesday service, with the imposition of ashes, will be observed on the first meeting, February 25. Ash Wednesday is a day of solemn assembly. It is a fast day, a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God. It is recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God. And it is a request that the Lord remembers our creation and breathe new life into our burned-out, dusty lives once more. It is a reminder that it is Christ, not

us by our own actions, who saves us from the ravages of sin, and it is upon him that our hope is placed.

A light meal will be served each Wednesday, prepared by the hands of Tommy Meeks Jr. There is no charge for this meal.

First Presbyterian Church makes this pledge to all who attend this Lenten study: You will discover a way to nurture your intellectual and spiritual understanding of Jesus Christ while exploring ways that your faith is lived out in the real world. We promise not to ask you for money nor will you be asked to leave your current church affiliation. We simply want to provide a place to study God's Word and fellowship with you.

Make plans to attend this Lenten study on Wednesday evenings beginning at 6 p.m. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of 5th and Chestnut. If you need further information, please call the church office at 728-5235.

BUSINESS

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bers Ty Wood, Linda Clay, Shady Mitchell, Jeremy Ross, Linda Baum, Jan Lemons and Shirley Delaney will be investigating becoming a 501C in order to make donations tax deductible.

The council approved securing the audit services of Bowman and Wilks for another year; a resolu-

tion endorsing legislative changes through CAPP and authorizing the city manager to publish a notice for Hotel/Motel tax request.

A \$2,000 bid by Maria Isabel Burrola for tax sale property on 937 East 13 Street was also approved.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn Loraine Correspondent

Hello, readers. We hope you had a good week.

For several days now we have had enough strong winds blowing to provide wind power for all of America and most of Mexico and China. March winds are getting anxious.

Oh Valentine, sweet valentine I think of you most all the time. I close my eyes and what do I see?

I see the handsome face of "Robert Lee".

We are so proud for the Senior Citizens Center for being gifted with \$290 on Monday.

The Hochheim Insurance Company picked out this area of some customers and policy holders in the country. The insurance company donated \$5 for each policy holder in this area.

The company picks out a non-profit organization or charity every year. Their giving back policy is wonderful.

Senior Center manager Inez Stewart and all the attendants are so very thankful.

We, in the community, wish to send condolences to Jan and Hank Millering, as her brother, Aaron Thomson, passed away last week.

Mr. Thomson and his family lived in Colorado City at the time of his death.

Last Monday night, the ladies salad supper club met at the fellowship hall in the Methodist Church. Prior to supper, a short devotional was given by Martha Anderson of Colorado City. She sang along with beautifully taped music.

Twenty ladies were in attendance, and they enjoyed the food.

fellowship and fun.

We send our condolences to family and friends of Mrs. Billie Ruth. She passed away Friday night.

She and her husband, Jimmy Ruth, lived in Loraine for many years. Jimmy still makes his home here.

My traveling sister-in-law, Dottie Vaughn, called me Monday. She had just returned from Oil City, Louisiana. She visited a friend that lived right by the water with terrific views. Her friends invited other people, and they all played bridge for two days.

She wanted to know if she could visit me sometime in the last week of February. I crossed my fingers and told her that Robert and I were going to take a small motor home to the north country in Camp Springs at that time, but March would be better for me.

Crossing my fingers is not going to get it, because she wants to come in March and go to Camp Springs, camp out and hear the water trickle down.

Oh yes, she still wants to meet Robert Lee!

Dorothy Haltom has been moved to Valley Fair Lodge in Colorado City for a 30-day trial period.

She has been unwell for a very long time. They hope to build her up so she can come back here to live. Our get-better wishes and prayers go out to her.

In the absence of Bro. Dale and Helen Hartley, who are both under the weather, Bro. Bob Manning preached both morning and evening services last Sunday. All of the members and guests were very appreciative of Bro. Manning. Peggy Manning accompanied her husband.

LORAIN NEWS

Sara Petty provided special music at the Methodist Church last Sunday. She sang "Is Anything Too Hard for God?"

Gerrie Wooddell enjoyed a birthday celebration last week with her family. Her sister and brother-in-law, Joyce and Garland Honeycutt and their daughter, Heather from Bryant, Arkansas, and sister, Betty Darnell of Loraine, plus 18 other family members and friends attended the celebration.

They took her out to eat at Hidalgo's in Colorado City, and they all enjoyed the food. Gerrie said she received money, perfume, other gifts, cards and calls.

Mike Britton has been visiting his mom, Christene Britton, while his wife Rachel visits with her dad in Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater.

During one of their visits, granddaughter Christy Hedgecock with Cloe, Coleman and Michael Britton, also came to visit. Michael is from McKinney.

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