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County jail passes state inspection

The Mitchell County Jail once again passed the annual state jail inspection, according to Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs.

"The last time we didn't pass was back in the mid-1990s, when we had to build the recreation yard," said Toombs.

Unlike previous years, when the state jail commission would give county jails a heads up about upcoming inspections, 99% of all inspections are now unannounced.

Jimmy Barton, one of five state inspectors with the Texas Jail Commission in Austin, spent two and half hours reviewing the jail's records last Wednesday.

"He goes over records, files, and other paperwork we have to keep up," said Toombs. That includes work logs, prisoner menus, daily population logs, recreation logs (when and how long prisoners get recreation), as well as checking up on life safety equipment such as fire extinguishers and air

packs, checks up on quarterly and monthly fire drill records.

"He's a real stickler on life safety qualifications," said Carolyn Jeter, jail administrator.

The physical inspection of the jail's facilities took around an hour.

"There are so many things he can write up or fail us," said Toombs. "We always hope he's in a good mood because any little thing can be written up. The intent is to make the jail a safe environment for both employees and inmates."

Failing a state inspection affects the county which can still operate the jail, but which causes insurance rates to go up.

Due to its age, the Mitchell County Jail receives 27 variances or exceptions to current regulations, such as having a required number of single cells, the amount of space required for each prisoner, electronic and remote

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LIKE GRACEFUL DANDELIONS new wind turbines are popping up in Mitchell County.

Turbines to go operational soon

The first phase of the Loraine wind farm is nearly complete.

The installation of the last turbine in the first phase was completed Friday, according to Cheyenne Smith, with Third Planet Windpower.

"We should have the first 67 of 167 units up and running by mid to late January," Smith said, adding that the latest the turbines would be operational would be the first of February.

Reasons for the end-of-year delay focus on dozens of end-stage steps, including cable drops inside the turbines.

"The operator has to go inside and wire the turbines," Smith said. Cable drops are install the wiring necessary to transport electricity, as well as providing communication lines from the top of the turbine to the bottom.

"We also have to make sure all the nuts and bolts are properly torqued," he said.

The painstaking and time consuming steps are vital with a gear box ratio of 73:1 for smooth transition from the high speed blades to a lower speed shaft. Lower gear ratios mean longer life span for turbines, but according to Smith, companies with lower ratios have gone out of business.

A final physical walk through of each turbine is required before the turbines are turned over to General Electric. Once GE activates the towers, they are released to Third Planet for operation.

"The majority of the work is done," said Smith. "There are just a few steps that have to take place and with the upcoming holidays, it's not profitable to get everything up and running before the first of the year."

With the 67 turbines, the Loraine farm can generate a total of 100.5 megawatts of power, sufficient to provide electricity for

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Kiwanianne toy drive taking donations

While shopping for bargains on "Black Friday," Mitchell County residents are asked to think about purchasing a toy for a Mitchell County needy child as part of the Toys4MCKids.

The annual toy drive, sponsored by the Kiwanianne, helps provide toys for infants, toddlers, small children, pre-teens, and teenagers who would otherwise not be able to celebrate the holiday.

"Your generosity will help some less fortunate child and will certainly gladden your day and your heart," said Judy Phillips, co-organizer.

The Kiwanianne are hoping that this year will be a repeat of last year as far as the number of toys and the amount of money donated by the generous citizens of Colorado City and Mitchell County.

"Last year the less fortunate of

our area were greatly served by the people of Mitchell County and we're hoping for another banner year," said Phillips.

New and "like new" toys and gifts, can again be dropped off at several businesses in the county. Decorated Christmas boxes available for deposit of the toys will stay with the following businesses until around December 15, at which time the toys and gifts will be collected, sorted and

distributed: Alco, Ramage Appliance, Family Dollar, Dollar General, Eclectiques, Western Bank in Loraine, Dandy's Diner, Summer's in Westbrook, City National Bank, First National Bank, Fuller Foods, Law Office of Ty J. Wood, Colorado Middle School, Hutchinson Elementary School, Kelley Elementary School, Mitchell County Public Library, Mitchell County Hospital. See TOYS, Page 5

Blood donors share life through drive

The Colorado Middle School did their part in the United Blood Services blood drive Thursday, by providing publicity and a location.

The bloodmobile parked outside the school, and thanks to efforts by middle school students in getting the word out, filled all their appointment slots.

"We even filled up the rest of the appointment slots at the hospital and added eight additional slots," said Kristy Lloyd, secretary for the CMS counselor's office. "None of us could believe how

huge of a response we had," she said.

Forty-four people signed in at the middle school and 29 others signed in at the hospital, donating a total of 58 pints of blood.

"Blood donors give a piece of themselves and that is a priceless gift for families that have been touched by someone that has had to receive blood products," said Jennifer Seals, donor recruitment representative. "Donating blood is all about giving - giving a little bit of time, a little bit of blood,

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LOCAL BLOOD DONOR Lisa Wood (left) receives a shirt from Catrina Sturgeon (right), donor relations specialist, for donating blood during the United Services Blood drive last Thursday. The drive was sponsored by the Colorado Middle School.

City prepares for annual Christmas parade

The annual Christmas parade will rock around the Christmas tree on Saturday, December 5, 2009.

Beginning 4:30 p.m. at East Hill (at the Austin and Business 1-20 triangle near Dockrey Motors), the parade will proceed

down 2nd Street before turning right (north) on Oak and finishing up at the library.

Normally the parade terminates at the Railhead Building. The decision to change the route was to make it easier for parental pickup of children in the pa-

rade, according to Sue Lowrance, Chamber of Commerce director.

"We want all our service people who have served and are serving to be honored by being in the parade," said Lowrance. Veterans are asked to contact the Chamber office at 728-3403 so riding

arrangements can be made.

Santa will also make his traditional appearance during the parade.

Anyone wishing to participate in the parade needs to contact the Chamber early to allow directors

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TAKING PART in their community Andrew Munoz, Nick Reyna, Tyler Higgins, and Jade Cannon (from left) deliver over 300 canned goods to the Community Mission on behalf of fellow students at Colorado High School. The cans were collected as part of a week long food drive for the mission.

CHS gets involved in community projects

Community involvement is all part of a normal day at school as Colorado High School students donated over 300 canned goods to the Community Mission Monday.

Members of the CHS student body delivered the canned goods to the mission following a week long food drive sponsored by the Colorado FCCLA and Student Council to help with mission efforts to provide Christmas boxes during December.

According to Community Mission director Dot Smith, the mission will send out between 200-300 Christmas boxes, in addition to the 350 regular boxes which go out each month.

"We don't do a separate Thanksgiving box," said Smith, "we just add extra."

The mission will make the boxes available on Saturday, December 19 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

"This is a one day only distribution," said Smith. "We could use volunteers to help with the deliveries."

"We've had an excellent response to our monetary and canned food donations. We could also use donations of hygiene products, cleaning supplies, dish detergent, diapers, toilet paper, and paper towels," she said. "These are things they can't purchase."

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Around Town

Happy birthday Tony Martinez Jr. (Nov. 29)... Happy birthday Melissa Lara (Nov. 27)... Happy birthday Dovie Brownfield (Nov. 27)... Happy 13th birthday Bailee Young (Nov. 27)... Ask Misti Johnson how to come down stairs...

Obituaries

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Hunter's Education

There will be a Hunter Education class held Dec. 5, 6 at the C.C. Thompson Room. Cost is \$15 due at registration. For more information, call Wes at 728-2976.

Office Closing

The Colorado City Record will be closed Thurs., Nov. 26 and Fri., Nov. 27. The office will reopen on Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Supply Drive

There will be a food and supply drive to benefit the local mission

Briefs

on Sat., Dec. 5 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Fuller Foods. See story inside for specific items needed.

Popcorn Sale

The Boy Scouts will sell various flavors of popcorn on Sat., Nov. 28 in front of Higginbotham-Bartlett beginning at 8 a.m. Proceeds go toward the Boy Scout Fort Davis camping trip.

Basketball Sign-ups

Mitchell County Youth Basketball will hold final sign-ups Sat., Nov. 28, at the Administration Gym

from 9 a.m. to noon. Fee to play is \$35 and must be paid in advance. Coaches must also sign up and supply a copy of their driver's license.

City Closings

City Hall and all city departments will be closed Thursday and Friday. The landfill will be closed on Thursday and Friday but will be open on Sat., Nov. 28 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery

A 12-step Christ-centered "um-

brella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separately for open-share sessions. Call for more information, 728-3118.

Memorial Fund

A special account has been opened at First National Bank to benefit the family of the late Rickie Henderson.

LOCAL NEWS

Support needed for troop Christmas care packages

It's the season to be giving and Colorado Middle School students are at the forefront this season.

Students at CMS are raising funds to match a \$500 donation by Buster Aycock to send Christmas packages to US troops overseas in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Aycock was impressed with the generosity and dedication of the students who participate in the Real History Real Heroes program each year, as well as organizing an annual Veterans Day program in honor of military service men and woman.

"I think we can make this thing fly," said Aycock, who approached principal Mark Merrell about involving students in the project.

"He thought it was a good idea. Two days later the Ft. Hood incident happened and it became a better idea," Aycock said. "Mark,

his staff and the students are the reason we have the veterans wall north of the hospital. I think we owe them (veterans) more than we can ever pay."

Although the original idea was to raise \$1,000, Aycock realized a larger total of \$2500 would be needed to cover the cost of sending Christmas packages to approximately 50 soldiers. Middle school students will be in charge of the project, as well as making and signing Christmas cards for the intended recipients.

"This is about our young men and women that are serving 10,000 or 12,000 miles from home in a war not of their choosing; a war that we, the people, are not very interested in, and a government that could care less. This is about honoring our service people and giving all the credit to the Colorado Middle

School," Aycock said.

Aycock is making the rounds of the civic organizations challenging them, as well as the general public, to meet the goal.

"It is very humbling to have about 40 young students to come up and shake your hand," said Aycock, who was recognized at the veterans' program last week. "It's not about me. I just want the school recognized for their involvement in community projects."

Donations to the project may be made through the middle school within the next two weeks. For more information, contact Mark Merrell at 728-2673.

Play casting call slated for Dec. 3rd

Auditions for parts in the upcoming Opera House play *Eyes in the Back of Her Head* will be held on Thursday, December 3, 2009.

Anyone wishing to audition for one of the roles in the all-female cast should pick up a cut script from Carol Parsons at the Colorado City Record. The cast includes five adult leads, two teenage girls, two older girls and two small girls (kindergarten-second grade).

The auditions will be held at the All Saints Episcopal Church, 304 Locust, at 5 p.m.

The play will be the first drama performed in the newly renovated Opera House and is scheduled for middle to late January.

Eyes in the Back of Her Head honors the wit, wisdom and unconditional love of mothers and daughters.

For more information contact Shirley Delaney 728-5187 or Carol Parsons 721-9781.

OBITUARIES

Gene Benjamin Hanks 1931-2009

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Gene Benjamin Hanks, age 78, went home to be with the Lord on Friday, November 20, 2009, after a courageous and valiant battle with cancer, never complaining or blaming anyone. Funeral services were held on Sunday, November 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church where Gene had been a member for many years with Rev. Monte Kreiss officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.



Gene was born August 29, 1931, to Samuel G. and Savannah (McCoy) Hanks at the home place in Divide. He graduated from Divide High School in May 1948, then attended Texas Tech University for 2 1/2 years. Knowing college was not really for him, he joined the Marine Corp. and served 2 years. After his Marine Corps service, he went to work with his brother on a cable tool drilling rig. He met the love of his life, Nancy Elizabeth Avary, while she was a teacher at Divide and they married on May 26, 1955. When his brother opened Hanks Oilfield Service, Gene went to work for him and continued until the business shut down in 1994.

Gene believed in putting in a full day's work, and continued to demonstrate his Christian work ethic after his many years in the oilfield by cutting fire wood, driving a school bus for Colorado ISD, and mowing yards, even up until this past year when his cancer would not allow him to do so. He was a man of his word and was always ready to help anyone. He believed we were all allowed to make mistakes, just as long as we learned something from them. Gene was a friend to all and a father figure to many.

His parents, Sam and Savannah Hanks, preceded Gene in death. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Nancy; his son, Griff and wife, Beverly Hanks of San Angelo; his daughter, Beth Ponsetti of San Angelo; his son, Squeaky and wife, Jodi Hanks of Colorado City; his brother, S.R. (Dick) and wife, Doris Hanks of Hot Springs, AR; sisters, Dorcas (Sis) Rhodes of Carlsbad, NM, Martha (Babe) and husband, Donald Bowen of Springfield, VA, Jo Anne (Joey) and husband, Keith Bray of Collier, KS, and Dorabelle (Dody) Gibbs of Hobbs, NM; grandchildren, Lauren Hanks of San Antonio, Tristan and wife, Christy Hanks of Dell Valle, Dylan Ponsetti of San Angelo, Nick Hanks of Bastrop, Derek Ponsetti of San Angelo, Steve and wife, Amity Ponsetti of Austin, Kristi and husband, Stacy Wright of San Angelo, Chance Smith of Centerville, and Dallas Leger of Jennings, LA; great-grandchildren, Jake Ponsetti, Kaden and Kinley Wright; numerous nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

Gene's love for his family was second to none. He was the number one fan in all the endeavors of his kids and grandkids, attending as many events as possible no matter whether it was in the blazing heat, freezing cold, pouring rain, sweaty gym, or involved many miles of travel. Even in his last hours he made sure his family knew just how much he loved each and every one of them, showing them once again what a true man of class and courage he was. Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Texas Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Wellborn St., Dallas, TX 75219-3993, Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St. A, Big Spring, TX 79720, or a favorite charity.

Naomi Rhode 1916-2009

FLORIDA -- Naomi Rhode, age 93, formerly of Colorado City, died Monday, November 9, in Tampa, Florida, where she currently resided. Mrs. Rhode lived in Colorado City from 1940 until 1981. She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church, serving as teacher/leader for various groups of children and youth, acting as church librarian, and taking a leadership role in ecumenical activities. She was also a member of the Zetaganian Study Club.

Mrs. Rhode was preceded in death by her husband, William S. "Dr. Bill" Rhode, long-time physician in Colorado City. She is survived by her daughters, Susan Bennett of Portland, Oregon, and Anne Youngstrom of Tampa, Florida; her grandchildren, Eric Youngstrom of Austin, Texas, Jennifer Harrison of Portland, Oregon, Jeff Bennett of Portland, Oregon, and Kristin Stanton of Tampa, Florida; and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Wesley United Methodist Church in Yakima, Washington, on Saturday, November 28, at 11 a.m.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent to the McCurdy School, (261 McCurdy Road, Espanola, New Mexico 87532), The Nature Conservancy, Habitat for Humanity, the Salvation Army, or the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

Glenda Wallace Fuentes

WESTBROOK -- Funeral services for Glenda Wallace Fuentes will be held on Saturday, November 28, at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook. Burial will follow in the Westbrook Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Friday, November 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Ag technology goes on tour

Amarillo, TX (November 19, 2009) The Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show is excited to announce the appearance of Monsanto's Mobile Technology Unit (MTU), a unique showcase of agricultural science and innovation, at the show December 1 - 3, 2009 at the Amarillo Civic Center, at 3rd and Buchanan, in Amarillo, TX.

This year marks the 25th Anniversary of the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show and the event continues to encompass every aspect of farming and ranching providing a one-stop shop for attendees to interact with manu-

factures, attend informational seminars, obtain necessary CEU credits and network with other producers in the region. The show is expected to attract over 30,000 attendees from the Texas and Oklahoma Panhandles, as well as New Mexico, Colorado and Kansas and will host over 445 local and leading exhibitors to showcase the latest products and services in the agriculture industry.

Monsanto invites you to explore its Mobile Technology Unit (MTU), during show hours Tuesday - Thursday, December 1 - 3, where they will host tours from

9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. The Mobile Technology Unit is a 53-foot long, 1,000 square-foot interactive display featuring Monsanto's latest advances in seed breeding, biotechnology and new product development designed to help farmers be successful.

This one of a kind, hands-on exhibit, highlights how:

* Monsanto seed breeders are using "exotic" seed germplasm from around the world to develop new, high-performing crops

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To All Our Good Neighbors At Thanksgiving



As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving holiday, we realize that your friendship is at the top of the list, and for this we are truly thankful.

From all of us to all of you go our sincere best wishes for a happy Thanksgiving filled with the blessings of family, good friends, good food and good fun. You deserve it!



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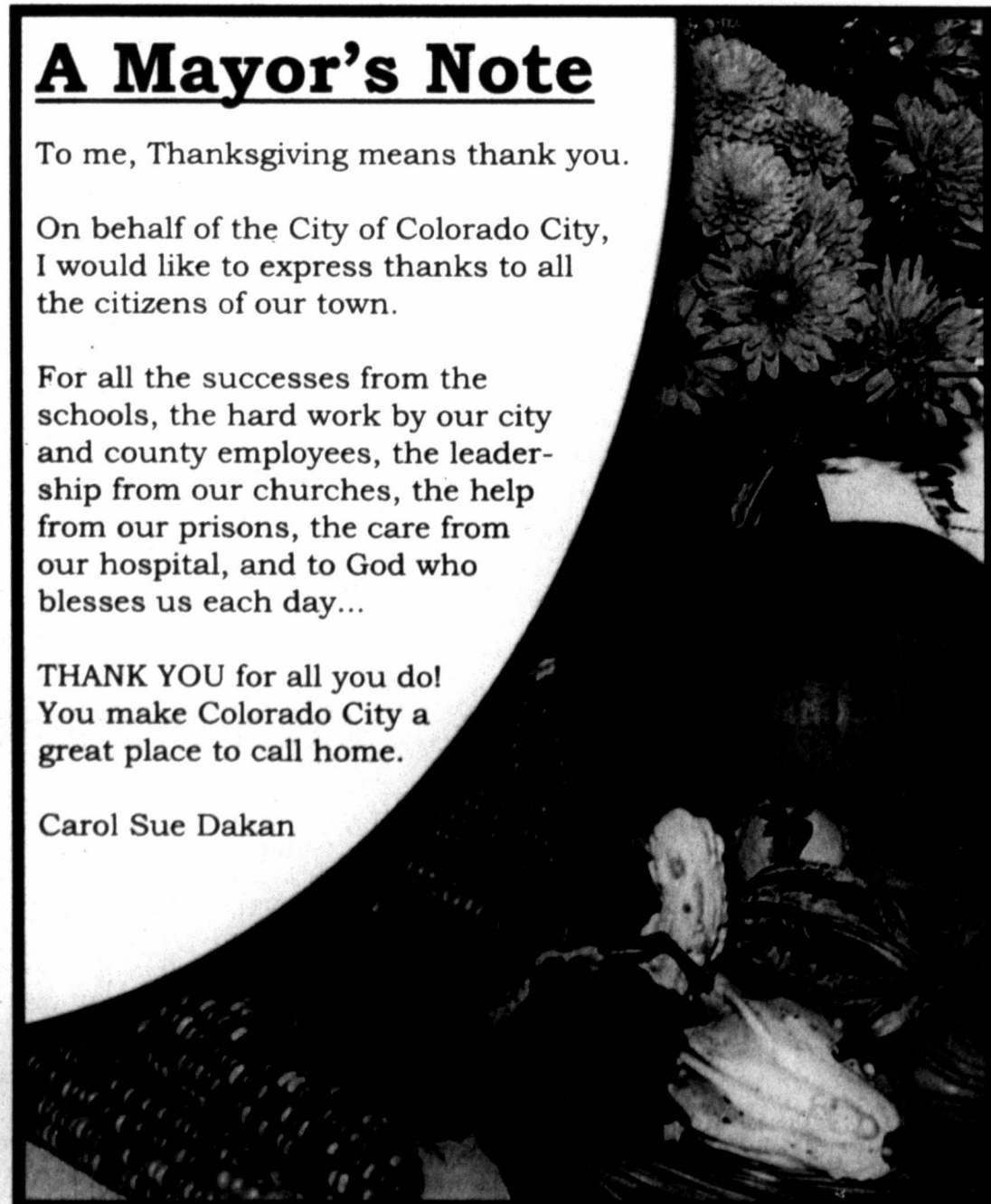
To me, Thanksgiving means thank you.

On behalf of the City of Colorado City, I would like to express thanks to all the citizens of our town.

For all the successes from the schools, the hard work by our city and county employees, the leadership from our churches, the help from our prisons, the care from our hospital, and to God who blesses us each day...

THANK YOU for all you do!
You make Colorado City a great place to call home.

Carol Sue Dakan



LOCAL NEWS

Come Back Kid series

Family values worth coming home to C-City

The flexibility of a small town and more time with family lured Blaine Lemons away from the metroplex.

"I got kinda tired of the hustle bustle and the traffic," said Lemons, who graduated from Colorado High School in 1986. "I didn't want to raise my kids in that environment, so we decided to move back here."

Lemons had moved east after graduating from Texas Tech working for several companies, including TU Electric. "I went to all 23 TU places in Texas doing environmental work," said Lemons.

The hectic lifestyle began raising big questions about the future.

"I actually wanted to be in a countryside setting, be able to ride horses and raise livestock for shows, go hunting," he said.

"My wife went to a smaller school than here (in Colorado City). Neither one of us actually wanted our kids to go to a school with thousands of other kids. CHS pretty much offers everything the kids want," he said.

Although he didn't actually have a job waiting for him in Colorado City, the Lemons moved back while their children were small. "Kyle was in first grade and Casie was four," he said.

Lemons took his insurance test and began selling insurance through Farm Bureau.

"The Col Tech refinery clean up was going on, so I started doing environmental clean up with them. The part time work went to full time, so I quit the insurance job," Lemons said.

The Col Tech job led to working with ERI in other environ-

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COLOR ME THANKFUL - First place winners of the First National Bank Thanksgiving coloring contest won a \$50 savings bond and the runners-up received \$10 in cash. This year's winners are (from left) Natalie Munoz, first place winner in the 4 year old division; Harlee Ann Hoag, second place in the 5-7 year olds; Jett Johnson, first place 8-10 year olds; Iva Rodriguez, second place in 4 year olds; Shelby Ortiz, second place in 8-10 year olds; and Katie Helm, first place in 5-7 years olds.

Ham winners announced

Mitchell County businesses, in conjunction with the Colorado City Record, hosted another successful pre-Thanksgiving ham give-away this week. This year's winners are:

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Vickie Jones
Bill Davery
April Jones
Elena Tirado
Michelle Cabrera
Sharon Chambers
Joyce Morton
Nelda Howard

Commodity grant deadlines scheduled for November 30

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23, 2009 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today urged farmers and business owners to apply for grants to add value to the commodities they produce. The deadline to apply is November 30th.

"I encourage farmers and businesses to take advantage of this opportunity to add value to their agricultural products by funding planning activities such as feasibility studies, marketing and business plans, or for working capital," said Vilsack.

For example, in 2004, USDA awarded the Michigan Turkey Producers Cooperative in Wyoming, Mich., a Value-Added planning grant totaling \$55,000 to prepare a feasibility study and business plan for marketing turkey products to health-conscious customers. In 2005, a second \$150,000 grant was awarded to provide marketing capital in order to increase brand awareness

and promote the benefits of the company's farm-to-table practices. As a result of USDA's assistance, the cooperative was able to hire 66 new employees and open a new processing plant for new product lines.

USDA will award planning grants of up to \$100,000 and working capital grants of up to \$300,000 to successful applicants. Applicants are encouraged to propose projects that use existing agricultural products in non-traditional ways or merge agricultural products with technology in creative ways. Businesses of all sizes may apply, but priority will be given to operators of small and medium-sized family farms - those with average annual gross sales of less than \$700,000.

Applicants must provide matching funds equal to the amount of the grant requested. Ten percent of the funding being made available is reserved for beginning farmers or ranchers

and socially disadvantaged farmers or ranchers. An additional 10 percent is reserved for projects involving local and regional supply networks that link independent producers with businesses and cooperatives that market value-added products.

Paper applications must be submitted to the Rural Development state office in the state where the project will be located. A list of state offices is available at www.rurdev.usda.gov/recd_map.html. Electronic applications must be submitted through www.Grants.gov. For more information on how to apply, please see page 45165 of the September 1, 2009 Federal Register or visit www.rurdev.usda.gov/rbs/coops/vadg.htm.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA Rural Development's web site at www.rurdev.usda.gov.

Conference offers education credits

LUBBOCK - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service High Plains Ag Conference is set for 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Dec. 2 at the Texas AgriLife Research and Extension Center at Lubbock. The center is located at 1102 E. Farm-to-Market 1294.

The multi-county event is being conducted by the AgriLife Extension offices in Lubbock, Floyd, Crosby and Hale counties.

Five Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered (one in laws and regulations, two in integrated pest management and two in general). Certified Crop Advisors can also receive five continuing education unit credits (1.5 in

crop management and 3.5 in pest management).

The morning topics will include talks on cattle parasites, alternative crops, plant fungal diseases and weed management.

The afternoon topics will include recommendations for native and improved grass, and identifying and controlling oak wilt.

Preregistration received by Nov. 30 is \$35 and includes lunch. Late registration is \$45 with no lunch guaranteed.

For more information and to pre-register, contact Robert Scott, AgriLife Extension agent in Lubbock County, at 806-775-1680, or r-scott@ag.tamu.edu.

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Wilson's Weekly Happy Thanksgiving

Some believe that thanksgiving had its beginning with the Pilgrims in the Plymouth Colony in 1621. Others believe that thanksgiving had its beginning with the institution of the national holiday by George Washington in 1789. But I suggest to you that thanksgiving had its beginning in the God of heaven.

In 1 Thessalonians 5:17,18, we are told to pray without ceasing and in everything to give thanks. The Christian should be thankful for the earthly blessings he has received (Matthew 6:33) and for the spiritual blessings he has received (Ephesians 1:3). The offering of thanks giving to God is not new to the Christian dispensation. The children of Israel were to be thankful for the things God had done for them (1 Chronicles 16:8), for His love for them (1 Chronicles 16:34), for the salvation He provides (1 Chronicles 16:35), for His righteousness (Psalm 7:17), and for His protection (Psalm 28:7).

Christians should count their blessings each day and praise God for His wonderful works. With our whole hearts, let us give thanks to God, praising His glorious name every day for all that He has done for us (Psalm 86:12).

Friends and neighbors we ought to be thankful for our homes, our families, our opportunities to work with our hands, our school system, our medical community, our law enforcement personnel, our postal service, our businesses that provide for our needs, and for our country which provides us the opportunities to worship God, praising Him for His marvelous works, in freedom from persecution. Take a moment out of each day to be thankful for the blessings of God: physically and spiritually.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH TEXAS SIDECARS

I was headed toward Leonard, northeast of Dallas, when I saw this sign that read TEXAS SIDECARS. It piqued my curiosity. When I got to town, I saw a motorcycle with a sidecar on it. It was a nifty looking thing and reminded me of a bullet. It was black and shiny. It belonged to Bob Darden, who owns Texas Sidecars. He started his business ten years ago as he was winding down his job as a designer of computer programs. Before that he was a teacher.



"It was sort of a hobby," says Bob. "I built my first chassis for a sidecar in the 70's and took my kids for motorcycle rides. I wanted to retire to some facet of the motorcycle business. I had worked in fairly sedentary jobs and wanted something where I could do more mechanical things. I'm sixty now but when I was fifty or fifty one, the company I worked for was closing down the division I was in and I made the decision not to relocate back to the big city. I had worked in Washington and Boston and wanted to get out of the rat race. I had a good friend here and one day I woke up and said, 'what am I doing here' and came to Texas. My wife and I decided we would make this work."

Bob climbed on his motorcycle and took me for a ride in his sidecar. It was a new experience for me. I loved it. I felt the breeze. He can make a sidecar for a motorcycle or scooter. "The majority of motorcycles and scooters on the market today have very sturdy frames. We are able to design a mounting kit for both. About a third of our business is for scooters."

Most of his customers are in their fifties and sixties. "They want to keep riding and with a sidecar they don't have to worry about balance, they don't have to put their feet down and hold up an 800 pound machine and they can carry more stuff. We advertise it as the world's largest purse for women. Or men who carry purses. We sell a lot of these to people who want to give their dogs a ride." A law went into effect this year that says any child under five years old who is a passenger on a motorcycle must be in a sidecar. He says there is some loss of power when you add a sidecar, but it makes the vehicle a lot safer. "You drive a sidecar rig where you ride a motorcycle or scooter. With a sidecar, you may slide when you hit a patch of ice or wet leaves, but you won't go down like you would on a two-wheeler."

Bob says putting a sidecar on or taking it off is easy. It connects to the motorcycle or scooter with just four bolts. Bob's company makes four models of fiberglass sidecars with prices starting at \$2900. Some extra fancy ones that are wider, taller and deeper with all sorts of equipment can go as high as \$10,000. They all come with windshields. He can make a sidecar for the right side or the left side. He can also build a special motorcycle ramp and locking device so that a handicapped person can drive the motorcycle from a wheelchair. He sells at least one sidecar a week and has sold them to every state except Wyoming. Bob Darden's website is texassidecars.com.

COWPOKES

By Ace Reid



"Banker, I ain't got any credit references, they have all gone broke!"

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Main Street Event a huge success

Parking in short supply is always a great sign of a busy downtown and this weekend parking was scarce during the biggest Railhead Trade Days of the year. The weather was perfect and it was wonderful to see shoppers in our downtown area. The Art Guild had an outstanding art show and we had some special volunteers to highlight our historic buildings and ghost stories.

Our Main Event was a busy place as well. We had shoppers from many places and several from quite a distance. One shopper purchased several retail displays for her San Angelo store and called on Sunday to see if we would meet her so that she could purchase a button display she had seen Saturday. She then drove another 140 miles (round trip) to pick up her prize.

A Wallace student purchased vintage items for

the first time in our store and many regular customers loaded up on toys, shoes and décor. Our Saturday volunteer workers are to be commended.

We will be having an open house during Light Before Christmas on Friday, December 4th at the Main Event. Light Before Christmas was a huge success last year. The event will begin at 5:00 with some of the stores staying open until 9:00. Carolers will be singing on a designated stage, Christmas stories will be read, marshmallows will be roasted and neighbors will be visiting.

Make plans to celebrate this special season with your family and friends. More details will follow in next week's article and ad. If you would like to set up a booth or tent to sell products or treats please let us know. Cecilia Scott 325-242-0206.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor,

As Seniors of the 2009 volleyball team, we greatly appreciate the support the community has shown this year. As a team, we have worked harder than any season before, and we have improved in many ways. It means a lot to our team when the community takes notice of our accomplishments. We cannot begin to name individuals or groups that supported us through the season for fear of leaving someone out. On behalf of the Lady Wolves volleyball team, thank you so much for supporting us and making our season a great one!

Sincerely,

Candice Aoyama, Laura Warren and Briana Ortiz

Letter to the Editor,

On November 11, 2009 we had a Veteran's service at our church where we had a chance to honor our veterans and thank them for their service to our country. We thank all those who came.

We were going to have a meal for them and when Rick Alvarez at Fuller Foods heard he said, everything we needed for an enchilada dinner plus a cake would be donated by Fuller's.

Our hearts overflow with gratitude for Rick's kindness and generosity. It was such a blessing to us because we wanted to provide the best for our guests.

We live in such a great community and we thank God for each one as we ask His blessings upon all.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

Love in Christ,

Primera Iglesia Bautista El Calvario

Letter to the Editor,

United Blood Services would like to say thank you to the parents and staff of the Colorado ISD and the community for the phenomenal response at the blood drives last week.

There are so many more lives that will be saved and helped through the generous blood donations that were

made at these blood drives. Someone, somewhere, will need blood every two seconds and volunteer blood donors give virtually all the blood needed in the United States for transfusions.

Many people do not know that the blood they donate stays locally to help someone in the area served by United Blood Services - therefore the blood that is needed for surgeries performed and transfusions at the Mitchell County Hospital comes from us, as Mitchell County is one of the surrounding counties that we serve.

The blood that people receive from transfusions comes from caring donors, like all of those that just gave blood. Words can not express the gratitude that we have for volunteer blood donors - our heroes! Thank you for giving and helping to save another life!

Jennifer Seales

Donor Recruitment Representative
United Blood Services

Opinion page to feature new column

Beginning next week, the Record will add another new column to its repertoire: *Joyous Living* by Larry Fitzgerald.

"It is an honor to begin this column for the residents of C-City and the surrounding towns and ranches," said Fitzgerald.

"The intent of these articles is to be encouraging and uplifting," Fitzgerald added. "It is my prayer that you will find it a source of strength for your week while we read and think about our Heavenly Father, Jesus Christ and the blessed Holy Spirit."

With a diverse work experience and educational background, Larry has written literally hundreds of articles and columns dealing with business, science and religion. He was worked as a marketing

director, scientist, book and magazine publisher and minister. Dr. Fitzgerald holds three degrees in communication and religion and has completed graduate studies in business, economic development, journalism, education, physics

and Bible. Currently, he is the minister of the Plainview Church of Christ, 3 miles south of Colorado City on the Sterling City Highway.

Events Calendar

Nov. 26	Thanksgiving Dinner	St. Ann's Catholic Church
Dec. 5, 6	Festival of Trees / Parade / Chili Supper	Downtown, Railhead Building
Dec. 12	Christmas Past	Heritage House
Dec. 13	CHS Winter Band Concert/Meal	CHS Cafeteria/Auditorium
Jan. 15-16	Mitchell County Livestock Show	Ag Barn

Add events to the Events Calendar by calling 728-3413.

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LOCAL NEWS

TURBINES

25,000 homes.

The construction schedule for the second part of the Loraine Wind Farm project has not been finalized at this time.

Although all 67 turbines are in Mitchell County, residents won't be seeing a reduction in electric bills in the foreseeable future. Due to deregulation, power prices went up instead of down, according to Smith. "The majority of Texas is under ERCOT. Texas is in a deregulating market, so there is no regulating agency with the authority to reduce prices."

An increase in power generation will require an increase in transmission lines. "Initially there is not enough transmission line capacity," said Smith. "A rough guess is that in the West

Texas area, there is a 4,000 megawatt capacity on the transmission lines to Dallas."

Wind turbines can produce around 6,000 megawatts per junction.

"Every one (of the turbines) can't be in full production every time," he said.

ERCOT is working on the problem by establishing CREZ (Commercial Revenue Energy Zones) to pick strategic sites based on wind production. ERCOT will build transmission lines to each CREZ. Some lines will be in this area, south east of Snyder and five miles west of Hermleigh, and will be among the first to be started, according to Smith.

Although wind energy is not

100% reliable, technology allows wind energy companies to maximize production times.

The steel-reinforced fiberglass blades have hydraulic motors which turn the turbine blades to catch the most wind, thereby creating the most force and driving the turbines faster to produce more electricity.

Production can be controlled remotely via computers. Operators can also feather the blades in high winds to prevent damage. The cutout speed for the blades is a 55 mile per hour wind.

ERCOT plans day ahead forecasting using wind forecast tools to determine when to turn off the turbines and balance the load on the transmission lines.

JAIL

controlled door locks, automated fire suppression system, day rooms and visitation areas, safety vestibules, back up power generation for the entire jail, updated plumbing, and two exits on each floor of the jail.

"Without them (the variances), we couldn't keep the jail open," said Jeter.

Currently Mitchell County Jail has only one single cell and space requires limits the number and type of prisoners the jail can house.

Inmates can't be housed together, depending on offense and past history. Limited space at the county jail often causes difficulties on this particular point.

"We keep minimum and me-

dium risk prisoners here and house out the maximum security prisoners because we don't have a place to put them," said Toombs.

With the current layout, if the jail holds more than 10 inmates on the second floor, those extra prisoners must be housed out or the jail must employ a second person on that level.

"It's not very cost effective or efficient to have two jailers maintaining 12 inmates as opposed to two maintaining 96 on one level," said Toombs.

Going up and down stairs means the jailer can't check the inmates as often, something that is not allowed in newer jails. "We're required to make a visual round every hour, even though we have monitors and a communications system," said Jeter.

One of the issues in remodeling or even renovating the jail hinges on the \$50,000 repair limit. Any projects that bring the total repairs to over \$50,000 would result in the jail losing its variances. Because of the jail's age and layout, even simple repairs would quickly exceed the limit.

Right now the variances are all that stands between operation and closure for the jail.

"The inspector said we were getting closer to the time we're going to have to have a newer one built," said Toombs.

Meanwhile the county has already taken a step in that direction by purchasing land for a future jail.

PARADE

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to plan the location of walkers, riders and floats. The Chamber of Commerce's Festival of Trees will be on display following the parade. Everyone is invited to gather at the Railroad Building downtown to enjoy the beauty of the indoor winter wonderland and warm up with a bowl of hot chili, provided by the Lions Club.

Tree decorators should contact the Chamber and are asked to leave the tree up until the end of the following week to allow tours for the elementary children.

DRIVE

and a little bit of hope to another person or family."

Colorado City residents contributed 32 pints of whole blood. Three individuals donated two units each, bringing the total to 38 units collected. According to United Blood Services, each pint of blood will save three lives.

The Colorado High School

also participates each year with a local blood drive in the spring.

Mitchell County is one of several surrounding counties served by United Blood Services of San Angelo.

The bloodmobile will be back in Colorado City Dec. 7 at the Wallace/Ware parking lot from 7 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

TOYS

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"If you don't have time to shop, cash donations will always be welcome, and the money will be used to purchase toys," Phillips said. "Any way that you can help will be appreciated."

Applications for those wanting to receive toys and gifts this year can be completed at the Community Mission, 244 Chestnut Street until noon on December 15.

If you are interested in making a monetary donation in lieu of a

toy, those donations can be sent to Kiwanians, c/o Jan Lemons, 314 WCR 145, Colorado City, Texas 79512; or to Kiwanians, c/o Judy Phillips, P.O. 1067, Colorado City, Tx 79512. The Kiwanians will also make arrangements to pick up donations.

As always, the Kiwanians appreciate all of the citizens who come forward each year to help with this good cause. If you have any questions, please call Judy Phillips at 325-207-6252 (cell).

VALUES

mental cleanup work. However, the environmental work began to resemble their metroplex lifestyle. Lemons travelled all over the northern hemisphere, from New Brunswick, Canada to Panama.

While his trips to Panama lasted one to two weeks, the Canadian jaunts were longer, usually six to eight weeks.

"I missed one of Kyle's football seasons and decided that was too much of that," Lemons said.

"Cory Beavers and I started a well servicing business."

"Why Colorado City? I knew the people and had good memories as a kid. I never did want to live in a big town. I was forced to

with work," he said.

The Lemons jumped into life in C-City. His wife Janine opened a downtown chic boutique, Ecclectiques. Lemons served on the city council and the appraisal review board. He is active in 4-H and the Mitchell County Livestock Show, working the premium sale and serving as a director for the livestock show and president of the stock show and adult leaders in 4-H.

"I've never regretted it," he said. Currently the Lemons live out at Lake Colorado City. "We love it out there. It's nice and peaceful. I don't think I'd want to ever live anywhere else."

MISSION

chase with food stamps, but are necessary for living. They can buy cookies, but they can't buy bath soap. Any donations like these would sure be appreciated."

At the same time families who signed up for the Toys4MCKids program through the Kiwanians may pick up their toys at the mission.

The mission will be closed for the holidays from December 20 until after January 1, 2010, according to Smith.

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ber 1 - 3, 2009 at the Amarillo Civic Center in Amarillo, Texas. Show hours are 9:00 am to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday, and from 9:00 am to 4:00 p.m. on Thursday. Admission is \$2.00 with 100% of the proceeds being donated back to local FFA chapters.

For more information on attending or to be placed on the waiting list to exhibit at the sold out 2009 event, visit www.farmshows.com or call 800-827-8007.

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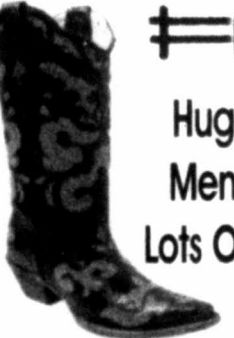
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BIRTHS



Trey Beavers would like to announce the birth of his sister Sally Ann Beavers, daughter of Jody and Mandy Beavers. She was born Friday, November 20, 2009, at 3:16 pm at The Birth Place in Midland, weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measuring 20 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Matthew and Mary Ann Syler of Colorado City, the late Sally Beavers, and Larry and Donna Beavers of Lubbock.

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IT'S THE SEASON for giving – The Preschool Class from Mother's Day Out at First Baptist Church made a visit to the Community Mission on Thursday, November 19th. The children were getting into the spirit of giving this Thanksgiving season by collecting and donating items for those in the community who are in need. Participants were: front row (from left) Connor Grizzle, Kyla Lacefield, Bodie Forbes; middle row (from left): Evyn Alvarez, Chayni Chamberlain, Karli Shrode, Katie Munoz, Brenlye Strain; and top row (from left) teachers Sandra Midgett and Barbie Lelek.

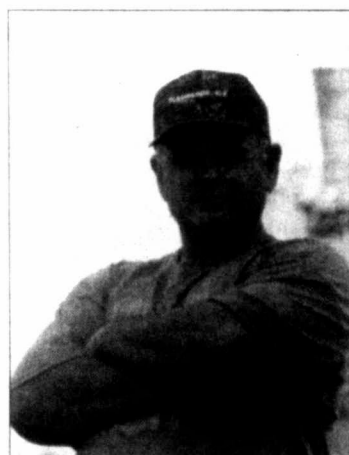
Boyd retires from TXU after 25 years of service

Jerry Boyd has retired after 25 1/2 years at the local electric company. He started work for TUGCO on April 26, 1984, as a helper and worked his way up the ladder until he made supervisor. He worked as a supervisor for the company for 10 years.

Mr. Boyd has seen the plant change names and ownership over the past 25 years from TUGCO to TU, then TXU and the last being Luminant which the company is today. Bruce Moore was the plant manager when he started, and he later worked for Paul Watson, Alvin Goodman, Andrew Valencia and Tim Warren.

Jerry followed in his dad's footsteps. Joe Boyd worked for the Morgan Creek power plant 37 years before his retirement. Texas Electric was a family tradition because his brother Thomas Boyd of Colleyville who worked for TXU out of Dallas for many years before starting his own consulting company.

Jerry is married to Lulu, who is employed by the Mitchell County Hospital District as a



Jerry Boyd

computer specialist and heads the information technology department. Mr. and Mrs. Boyd have four children and 10 grandchildren.

Jerry is enjoying a short retirement and looking forward to new opportunities. He will begin work in early December in Sandow where he will work as a contract maintenance planner for a plant there. In closing, he said he is looking forward to this venture in his life.

Thanksgiving history has it's roots in 1621

By Amie Wood

Thanksgiving has become synonymous with food, family, football, floats and giving thanks. As the masses become lost in tradition, it is nice to take a step back in time to learn about the origin and history of this holiday.

The story most are familiar with took place in Plymouth Colony, in present-day Massachusetts, in 1621. The colonists and about ninety Wampanoag Indians shared an autumn feast to celebrate the success of the colony and its crops as well as the successful interaction and cooperation between the two groups. This type of celebration was one of the first recorded. However, giving thanks for a successful harvest is a tradition that dates back to times long before any Europeans set foot in the Americas. Organized harvest festivals have been a regular part of many Native American cultures throughout the Americas. In fact, all of the major world religions have rituals that express thanks and gratitude to a higher power for the gift of life and its wonders.

Plymouth colonist Edward Winslow's journal from 1621 says "although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty". It is likely that roasted turkey (not stuffed) was on the menu for this feast. It is recorded that four colonists were sent on a mission to gather wild fowl while the Native Americans contributed five deer. This feast was likely centered around many other types of meats as well, possibly lobster, seal, duck, goose and swan. Mass variety of vegetables and sweets were not available to

the colonists though. Pumpkin, beans and corn were probable sides but not in the same form as modern feasts. They had brought some sugar with them on the Mayflower, but by this time the supply was very limited. The pilgrims used spoons, knives and fingers and usually only ate the dishes that were closest to them instead of sampling everything. The feast lasted three days. Although not documented, there may have been some friendly athletic competition and parading about going on during that time for entertainment as well.

A fond local memory of Thanksgiving tradition took place in the 1930's. A few may remember standing in the streets of downtown staring up at the tops of the tall buildings waiting for the turkey drop. Many of the downtown merchants purchased live turkeys and brought them to the roof of their businesses to be thrown off at the same time. This was a catch and keep pastime that lasted several years. There was always a large crowd scurrying about to either catch or get out of the way of the unpredictable landing poultry.

It wasn't until November 26, 1941 that President Roosevelt signed a bill establishing the fourth Thursday of November as Thanksgiving Day. This came 78 years after President Lincoln declared the same in 1863 and 320 years after the first Thanksgiving celebration. Before and since that official date, families and communities have been celebrating in a relatively traditional way; a few days off of work, hours of food preparation, days of family gatherings, sharing stories, blending ways of life, and giving thanks.

Mission in need of several particular items

The Colorado City Community Mission helps many, many people in need all throughout the year, and now the citizens of Colorado City have the opportunity to help the mission.

There are several items that are not available at the Food Bank, where the mission routinely gets supplies, and the mission is in need.

Items in short supply include sugar, flour, instant potatoes, stove top dressing, paper products, diapers, personal hygiene products and household cleaning products.

Local residents will hold a food and supply drive on Saturday, December 5 at Fuller Foods from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. All items collected will be donated to the mission.

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SCHOOL NEWS



THE PRIDE OF Wolf Country Marching Band section of the week is the clarinet section. Section members are: Hope Sanchez, Macey Owens, Tiffany Gonzales, Melanie Jones, Alyssa Stanford, Trey Kimball, Micah Minkina, Christina Arispe and Rachel Cloutier. Photo courtesy of Sheila Montalvo.

Colorado High School announces honor roll for the second six weeks

Colorado ISD has announced the A and A/B Honor Rolls for the second six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

9th grade: Randall Duncan.

10th grade: Tabbatha Angelo, Kristi Barnett, Alyssa Bonner, Marisela Hernandez, Joanna Parsons, Miranda Reyna, Jason Rodriguez and Sydney Upshaw.

12th grade: Kyle Lemons, Briana Ortiz and Laura Warren.

A/B Honor Roll

9th grade: Arden Alvarez, Rachel Cloutier, Shelby Cogburn, Raegan Costabile, Leslie Davila, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Thea Guazo, Jake Johnson, Darian Lendermon, Alyssa Leverton, Jacqueline Mendoza, Micah Minkina, Whitney Ortiz, Blaine Proctor, Simon Reyes, Gabryella Rico, Aaron Rivera, Esperanza Sanchez, Gustavo Silva, Samantha Thomson, Andres Trevino, Brittany Vasquez and Sean Williamson.

10th grade: Heather Barrera, Shyana Baugh, Juan Beltran, Dylan Billingsley, Bethany Blassingame, Megan Bullard, Ashli Cooper, David Davila, Tucker French, Derek Gainey, Delbert Gloria, Adriana Gomez, Tyler Hammond, Hunter Harman, Taylor Harris, Guillermo Hernandez, Jeffery Hickson, Tara Higgins, Kalea Hubbard, Candace Huff, Trey Kimball, Casie Lemons, Tylor Lorenz, Luran

Westbrook honor roll announced for the second six weeks

Westbrook ISD has released the All A and A Average Honor Roll lists for the second six-weeks of the school year.

All A

1st grade: Bailey Connell and Shelby Lamb.

2nd grade: Kaitlyn Blackshear, Sara Brewster, Greenley Deatherage, Will Geiger, Jessica Heiskell, Austyn Montgomery, Alysa Ousley, Jacob Perez, Brianna Towery and Quinton Ware.

3rd grade: Skyler Jones and Taylor Parsons.

4th grade: Alejandro Chavez, Jayce Lamb and Peyton Lamb.

5th grade: Hannah Bishop, Shea Hale, Bradyn Lamb, Brianna Lathers, Sebastian Rincones and Emily Whiteley.

6th grade: Garrett Brownfield.

8th grade: Jacob Morris and Jahari Vanover.

9th grade: Kenzey Morris.

10th grade: Casey Bass and Kayla

Furgerson.

12th grade: Hannah Berber, Kelby Bradbury, Millina Funderburg, Vicente Gaona, Kimberlin Johnson and Dakota Redwine.

A Average

1st grade: Rachel Blackshear, Zachary Falzone, London Hudnall, Kenan Morris and Jacob Walters.

2nd grade: Jesse Boyce, Selena Gonzales, Jaclyn Latimer, Braydon Roberson and Haydon Roberson.

3rd grade: Mark Denison, Miranda Goswick, Adrian Hale, Brianna Hale, Zoey Rees and Taylor Wagner.

4th grade: Constance Bolt, Kaci Ferris, Gabrielle Ousley, Gabriel Rivera, Kyla Rogers and Jaryn Vanover.

5th grade: Taylor Anderson, Aaron Blacksher, Darian Dowd, Ivy Gutierrez, Aubrianna Jones, Cameron Mikels, Nathan Perez, Katlyn Rees, Cheyenne Reyes and Georgianna Rivera.

6th grade: Corbin Aufill, Seth Burleson, Anthony Gutierrez and Shannon Morris.

8th grade: Jasmine Alaniz, Linda Hanks and Madison Rice.

10th grade: Paige Lewis, J.T. Mize and Klanci Whitesides.

11th grade: Michael Bray, Joel Gaona, Emily Harkins, J.R. Jaimes, Stetson Jones, Richard Nelson, Rebecca Perez and Aaron Vicars.

Sixth Grade GT students take second place in competition

Students in Colorado Middle School's sixth grade gifted and talented class, under the direction of Coach Harold Sowa, placed second in a Region 14 infomercial competition.

The competition, part of Region 14 Distance Learning Department, challenged high school and middle school students to develop a 1-3 minute infomercial about their town, their school or their school district.

"This was a regional competition," said Sowa. "We were up against everybody." The GT class's entry promoted Colorado City.

"It was a lot of hard work and we used all the technology we're bringing into the school," said Sowa. "It's a wonderful thing. The kids learned a lot."

Also competing were students from Emily Strain's Rachel's Challenge class who placed 4th.

Colorado High School competitors in Jill White's gifted and talented class tied for 6th place against Abilene High School.

The presentations will be viewed through distance learn-

ing on Tuesday, December 1 at 1 p.m. at the middle school in the cafeteria. The winning entries will also be aired on KWLF Wednesday, December 2 at 1:15 p.m. on Channel 6 through Charter Communications.

The seventh grade GT class also submitted entries, although they did not place in the final rounds.

The sixth grader GT entry will advance to the next round of competition.

Participating sixth grade GT students were Andrew Burrola, Megaen Cloutier, Nadia Davila, Mikayla Dillon, Maddison DaCasse, Madalyn Gutierrez, Keifer Holman, Brittany Munoz, Marrison Parras, Eric Pool, Jake Rivera and Brennan Ross.

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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS

CISD Head Start/ Daycare

Breakfast Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk
Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk
Wednesday - breakfast bites, toast, chilled juice, milk
Thursday - cream of wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk
Friday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk

CISD Head Start/ Daycare

Lunch Nov 30-Dec 3

Monday - PB n J sandwich, veg soup, mixed fruit, milk
Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, sweet peas, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk
Wednesday - baked chicken, mashed potatoes, golden corn, orange pieces, milk
Thursday - grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, pears, milk
Friday - hamburger on a bun, pickle spears, cookie, peaches, milk

Kelley and Hutch

Breakfast Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - waffles with jelly, chilled fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, milk
Thursday - morning roll, chilled fruit juice, milk
Friday - scrambled egg with toast, chilled fruit juice, milk

CISD Kelley and Hutch

Lunch Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, fruit, milk
Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic toast, fruit, milk
Wednesday - pork n gravy, mashed potatoes, sweet rolls, hot roll, fruit, milk
Thursday - burrito w/ cheese, golden corn, toss salad, fruit, milk
Friday - wolf burgers, fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, milk

CMS

Breakfast Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, chilled fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - cereal, biscuit, French toast w/ syrup, chilled fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - cereal, biscuit, biscuit n gravy, chilled fruit, milk
Thursday - cereal, biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, milk
Friday - cereal, biscuit, scrambled egg w/ biscuit, chilled fruit juice, milk

CHS

Breakfast Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, chilled fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, biscuit n gravy, chilled fruit juice, milk
Thursday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, milk
Friday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, milk

CMS and CHS

Lunch Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, milk
Tuesday - turkey/ cheese subs, vegies and dip, pickle chips, fruit, milk
Wednesday - baked chicken, potatoes, gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, milk
Thursday - frito pie, refried beans, toss salad, canned fruit, milk

Friday - cheese burger, fries, lettuce cup, fruit cobbler, milk

Loraine ISD

Breakfast Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk
Tuesday - sausage, biscuit, cereal, juice, milk
Wednesday - pancakes w/ syrup, cereal, fruit, milk
Thursday - oatmeal, toast, cereal, fruit, milk
Friday - breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk

Loraine ISD

Lunch Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - burritos, salsa, corn, apple halves, spice cake, milk
Tuesday - meat spaghetti, green beans, waldorf salad, toast, shape-up, milk
Wednesday - steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes, bread, peaches, milk
Thursday - turkey pot pie, celery sticks, biscuit/ butter, fruit, milk
Friday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, tater tots, orange halves, milk

Westbrook ISD

Breakfast Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Tuesday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast n jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Thursday - sausage n gravy, biscuit, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk
Friday - morning sausage roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk

Westbrook ISD

Lunch Menu Nov 30- Dec 3

Monday - chicken fajitas, refried beans, seasoned corn, orange smiles, chocolate pudding cup, milk
Tuesday - pigs in a blanket, pinto beans, baked chips, pineapple orange salad, milk
Wednesday - chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread sticks, strawberry shortcake, milk
Thursday - meat and bean chaulupas, Spanish rice, lettuce and tomatoes, rosie applesauce, milk
Friday - submarine sandwiches, lettuce, tomato, pickles, tater tots, brownie, milk



SHOWING WE CARE - Kelley Elementary students recently collected all kinds of 'goodies' to send to our military personnel. Helping sort items for the Christmas care packages are: Dylan Williams, Emily DuCasse, KeAndrea Emerson, Lydia Hurlburt, Mariah Chavez, Alex Tenorio, Sera Stephans and Noah Alvarez. Photo courtesy of Jeanne Ellis

CHS lists perfect attendance for second six weeks

Colorado High School released the list of students with perfect attendance for the second six weeks. Those with perfect attendance are:

Freshmen: Arden Alvarez, Payton Anderson, Alfredo Bueno, Rico Campos, Shelby Cogburn, Randall Duncan, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Nathan Jackson, Lance Johns, Jacob

Johnson, Anna Lara, Darian Lendermon, Jordan Lendermon, Olivia Luera, Erica McCright, Michah Minkina, Joshua Morris, Katelynn Munoz, Brittany Owen, Joseph Polanco, Blaine Proctor, Simon Reyes, Gabriella Rico, Aaron Rivera, Jacob Rizo, Sebastian Turner, Brittany Vasquez, and Sean Williamson.

Sophomores: Kristi Barnett, Shyana Baugh, Dylan Billingsley, Colton Cannon, Juan Carrillo, Derek Gainey, Delbert Gloria, Adrianna Gomez, Raphael Gonzalez, Matthew Guerra, Tyler Hammond, Hunter Harman, Taylor Harris, Guillermo Hernandez, Marisela Hernandez, Jeffery Hickson, Tara Higgins, Kalea Hubbard, Landon Johns, William McKinney, Luran Meeks, Ezra Melendez, Joanna Parsons, Omar Perez, Ryan Rivera, Daniel Rodriguez, Jason Rodriguez, Patrisia Roman, Amanda Scott, and Sydney Upshaw.

Juniors: Amanda Arispe, Michelle Billingsley, Tony Castillo, Emma Coonrod, Tyler Free, Erin Graham, Emily Hicks, Emma Leanos, Laiza Lopez, Ava Mendoza, Christopher Madrid, Kirstie Taylor, and Isaac Yanez.

Seniors: Francisco Atkinson, Andrea Castillo, Jordan Hammond, Wesley Hernandez, Kyle Lemons, Jarred Lynch, Autumn Martin, Christian McKinney, Ramzi Messick, Inez Salinas, Carissa Sutton, Ricky Ventura and Tanya Vera.



COLORADO CITY FCCLA and Student Council sponsored a food drive for the mission recently. There were 370 food items collected from CHS students and teachers. Students helping with the collection are Nick Reyna and Jade Cannon. Photo courtesy of Judy Merrell.

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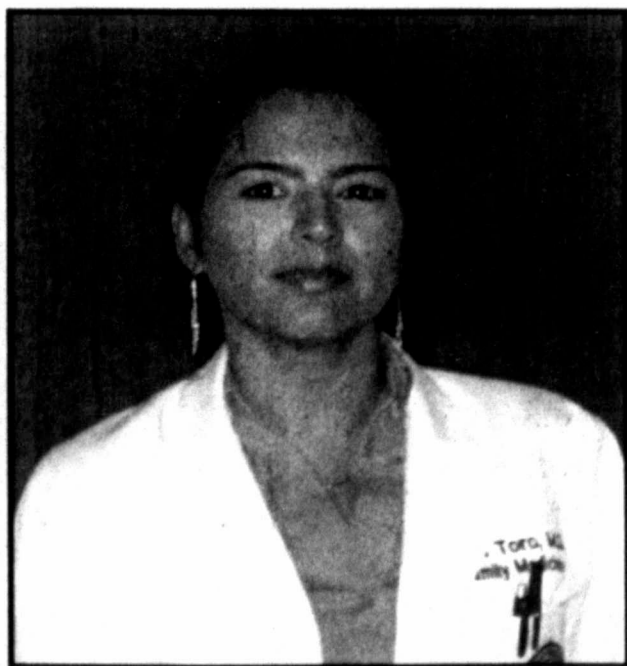
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SPORTS

Lady Cats get first win of season

The Westbrook Lady Cats got their first win of the season, beating Hermleigh 66-54 on Tuesday, November 17.

Milina Funderburg led the

scoring attack with 24 points. Emily Harkins put in 15, Kenzey Morris had 13, Kimberlin Johnson contributed 10 and Klanci Whitesides and Kayla Furgerson

each had 2.

After a slow start in the first half, the Lady Cats came out and executed their fast break offense outscoring the Lady Cardinals 39-27 in the second half.

On Friday, November 20, the Lady Cats fell to Loraine 49-50.

"Two of our starters were injured in the first quarter, so we relied heavily on our bench who did a great job," said Coach Sylvia Walters Tuesday. "We had many opportunities to still win the game but we did not capitalize on them.

It is hard to win close ball games when we shot only 50% from the free throw line."

Funderburg again led the scoring with 19, followed by freshman Kenzey Morris with 13. Johnson and Harkins each had 6 and Whitesides had 3 in the first quarter before she was taken to the emergency room with a head injury.

"Again it was a great game for our young kids to get experience in pressure situations so everyone will be ready when district starts," Walters said.

8th grade "A" Lady Wolves lose to Jim Ned

By Reggie Gardner

The Colorado City 8th grade "A" Lady Wolves basketball team lost to a good Jim Ned team on Monday, November 16 at the Pit.

After the 1st period, Jim Ned led 24-1. The halftime score was 32-4 in favor of Jim Ned. After three periods of play the

Lady Indians led by a score of 42-4. The game ended with Jim Ned defeating the Lady Wolves by a score of 46-7.

Scoring for the Lady Wolves were McKenzie Kimball with 3 points, Heather Merket had 3 points, and Daisy Velasquez added 1.

8th grade "B" Lady Wolves fall to Jim Ned

By Reggie Gardner

The Colorado City 8th grade "B" lost a basketball game against the Lady Indians of Jim Ned Monday, November 16 at the Pit.

The Lady Indians led 5-2 after the 1st period. Gracie Aguilar of the Lady Wolves scored the 2 points for the Wolves.

At halftime, the score was 13-2

in favor of Jim Ned. After three periods of play, Jim Ned led 20-2. During the 4th period, the Lady Wolves scored 2 more points by Emily Franco while holding Jim Ned to just 4 points.

The final score was Jim Ned 24 and the Lady Wolves 4. The girls traveled to Coahoma on Monday, November 23 to take on the Bulldogs.

7th grade "A" boys pound the Bulldogs

By Reggie Gardner

The 7th grade "A" boys defeated the Coahoma Bulldogs by a score of 33-6 at the Pit Monday night.

After the 1st period the Wolves were leading 9-0. At halftime, the Wolves extended their lead to 21-4. At the end of the 3rd period, the Wolves had a 25-4 lead. During the 4th period, the Wolves added 8 more points to end up with 33 for the game.

Leading the way for the Wolves were:

Brandon Cabrera	8pts	7 rebounds	1 blocked shot	3 steals
Jonathon Jackson	8pts	6 rebounds	4 steals	
Dillon Gainey	7pts	4 rebounds	1 blocked shot	4 steals
Leevon Henderson	5pts	4 rebounds	3 steals	
Alex Salinas	3pts	1 rebounds	1 steal	
Jeremiah Williams	2pts	2 rebounds	2 steals	
David Sanchez		7 rebounds	2 steals	

CMS boys take on Coahoma

By Reggie Gardner

Colorado Middle School's 7th grade "B" team fell to the Coahoma Bulldogs in a close contest by a score of 17-12 in Coahoma last Monday.

After one period of play, the score was tied 2-2. At halftime, the score remained close with Coahoma leading 6-4. At the end of the 3rd period, the Wolves trailed 12-8. The final score was 17-12 with the Bulldogs defeating the Wolves in a hard-fought contest.

Scoring for the Wolves were

Aaron Griffin with 4 points; Jonathan Blassingame, Colton Heupel, Jacob Garcia, and Adam Pineda each had 2 points.



CUTTER WADE ATKINS, eight-year-old son of Holly and Brandon Atkins, killed his first deer, an 8 point buck, on the Boyd farm located south of Colorado City in the Spade Community on opening day of deer season. Photo courtesy of Lulu Boyd.

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ORDINANCE NO. 2009- 19

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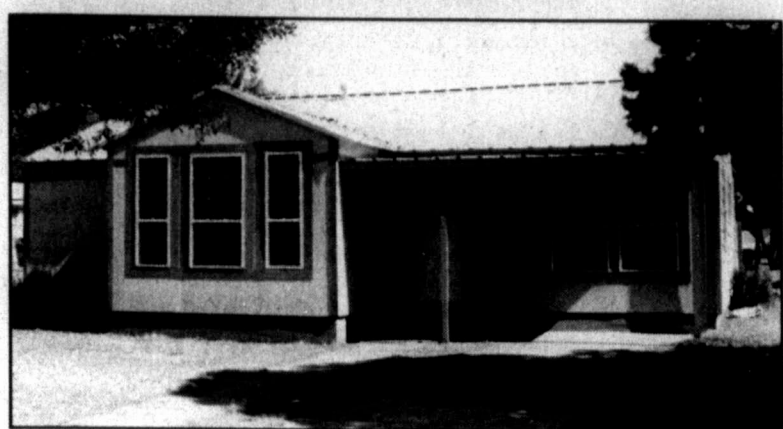
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Disease impacts quail population

SAN ANGELO - Disease may be playing a role in the demise of Texas quail, said a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"Quail season has been disappointing," said Dr. Dale Rollins, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo. "By Texas standards, wild quail hunting has been sub-par since 2006, and I'm wondering if disease might not be part of the puzzle. Certainly, it's probably not the key reason, but I'm starting to suspect it may be a contributing factor."

Rollins said coccidiosis (malady caused by parasitic protozoans of the digestive system) is often

blamed, but exactly what disease might be behind the drop in quail populations, or even if there is a disease contributing to the problem, is currently unknown.

Sick quail don't last long before something eats them, so disease surveillance in wild quail is a tough proposition, according to Rollins.

"I've always been intrigued by the possible role disease plays in quail dynamics," Rollins said. "When you think about it, the birds offer a perfect biological fuse for disease spread among the population."

They are social birds,

and when a covey dwindles to less than about six birds, they go join another covey.

"Blue quail used to be common over areas as far east as Throckmorton, but they disappeared over much of their range in 1988; December 1988 to be exact in my opinion. While hunting in Crockett County that December, I dressed several birds with spotted livers, but didn't think much of it. I just took some photographs and discarded the birds. Within months, blue quail had vanished as far west as the Pecos River. I can't explain such a die-off except by some mystery disease.

Suffice it to say my antennae are up for sick quail now."

Rollins asks quail hunters to be on the lookout for sick quail this season. If birds taken are too light for their size or if a green discharge from the vent is spotted, he said it would be worth noting. He said to pay special attention to whether the liver has white or yellow nodules in it which are signs of a bacterial infection.

If disease is suspected, Rollins asks hunters to place the bird in a plastic zipper-type bag, refrigerate it and call him as soon as possible at 325-653-4576 or 325-776-2615.

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LORAINES STUDENTS INDUCTED into the National Honor Society on November 12 were (from left) Brandon Gibson, Alicia Hernandez, Megan Sanchez, Megan Oliver, Jordan Womack, Catelyn Johnston, Erica Medina, Ray Cantu. Photo by Alisha Morris.

Loraine ISD Inducts twelve to National Honor Society

The Loraine ISD National Honor Society inducted 12 members on November 12 in a combination ceremony for both the junior and high school honor societies.

"Members in the society must maintain a 3.5 GPA or higher in their core subjects," said Kristie Martin, NHS sponsor.

National Honor Society inductees for the 2009-2010 year were Brandon Gibson, Alicia Hernandez, Megan Sanchez, Megan Oliver, Jordan Womack, Catelyn Johnston, Erica Medina and Ray Cantu. National Junior Honor Society inductees were Madeline Gibson (6th grade), Carson Edmonds (7th), Madison Edmonds (6th) and Brooke Womack (8th).

The student-directed program began at 6 p.m. and explored the four central values that make up the honor societies, followed by the pinning of NHS and NJHS emblems and pledges.

Refreshments were served following the ceremony. Those helping with decorations and refreshments were Evon Harbor, Sheila Womack, Bonnie Walker, Dianna Wilkinson and Randall Volko.

Workshop on fire ants set Dec. 10

STEPHENVILLE — A pesticide applicator's training on Dec. 10 in Stephenville will include an update on the spread of a phorid fly, a minuscule parasite that only preys on red imported fire ants.

"The parasite releases that have been made the last five or six years have been spreading out," said Dr. Chris Sansone, Texas AgriLife Extension Service entomologist at San Angelo.

Sansone, one of the speakers at the program, will also review the chemical controls currently available for fire ants and talk about hay quarantine restrictions on counties where fire ants are established.

The program will be held at Graham Street Church of Christ Family Center, 312 N. Graham St., Stephenville. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. The program should conclude by 3 p.m.

Preregistration by Dec. 1 is \$30 and includes lunch. Registration after Dec. 1 or at the door will be \$40. Josh Blank, AgriLife Extension agent for Somervell County, strongly encouraged pre-registration to ensure there will be enough lunches available.

Holders of a Texas Department of Agriculture private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicator's license will earn five continuing education units; one in the general category, one in laws and regulations, and three in integrated pest management.

Other speakers and topics will include: "Being Prepared for a TDA Audit," "Pecan Management," "Pest Control Around the House," and "Rangeland Brush and Weed Control."

To register or for more information, contact Kathy Singletary at the AgriLife Extension office in Somervell County, 254-897-2809 or kmsingletary@ag.tamu.edu.



NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR Society inductees at Loraine ISD on November 12 were (from left) Madeline Gibson 6th grade, Carson Edmonds 7th grade, Madison Edmonds 6th grade, and Brooke Womack, 8th grade. Photo by Alisha Morris.

LORAINES NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Hello Readers. We hope you had a good week and stayed well. Also that your Thanksgiving day will be an enjoyable one!

A traditional Christmas Brunch is scheduled for December 5th at Bama's House. All ladies of Loraine are invited to attend and enjoy the food, festivities, fellowship and fun. The brunch begins at 9:30 a.m. The decor is always pretty and the food good.

Elnora Mitchell went to Lockney, on November 10th and stayed through the 17th to be with her daughter, Judy Macha, who had gall bladder surgery at the Plainview Hospital. It seems amazing that it was a day surgery. Elnora reported that Judy was very sore for a few days but started healing quickly. She went to church at the end of the week.

City Hall will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving holiday as is the Senior Citizens Association. The post office will close on Thursday and reopen on Friday.

Visiting with Hank and Jan Millering last Friday was Winnie Mason.

Hank Millering had bypass surgery on his lower leg to correct a blood flow problem and he is doing better now.

Jan is baking goodies on Monday for the Pink Ladies bake sale.

Friends visiting with Wayne and Lenetta Dubose were Betty and Jack Cook of Austin last Friday. It is good to have Wayne and Lenetta back in Mitchell County. We always miss them when they are gone long periods of time.

Millie Rose will leave for Fort Worth soon to be with her daughter Sherrie. Also from California her daughter Sandra Harris and husband Lamont will be there. Sandra is an RN and always busy working. This year she is off

work.

Shirley, Josholl, and Josh and Crystal also from California will be with the family members in Fort Worth. Millie's boys and their families also will be there. This will be a special time for them.

Krystal and David Barrera of New York City, along with their daughter Raeli have been visiting here with her parents, Danny and Pam Butler, and her grandparents in New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Marian Hughes.

Pam said they always enjoy the company of little Raeli. They rode horses and did a lot of fun things with her. Pam drove them to Kerrville to be with David's grandparents before returning to New York.

"Giving Thanks"

I sure did miss a turkey dinner and especially the cornbread dressing. "Just eat your sandwich child: bologna is truly a blessing."

I'm still dreaming about pumpkin pie with little marshmallows on the top. "Don't waste your time wishing girl. Look at all we've got."

Mama what about tomorrow? Will we be out on the street? Our winter clothes have holes. To-

morrow will we eat?

Sue says we need a VIP to help you find a job. "We know who is most important child, let's have a talk with God."

By the time some of you get your Colorado City newspaper you will be thinking of ways to use your leftover turkey and dressing. Now we count the days until Ho! Ho! Ho! And the reindeer get busy.

Providing special music at the Loraine Methodist Church was Brother Keifer Cauble who sang "The Way That He Loves" and he played piano.

On Monday instead of playing bingo the attendants had a visitation period with friends and neighbors before lunch.

Dorothy Norwood of Snyder; Charles Dunn, Colorado City; and Durwood McAdams, Loraine provided music prior to the noon meal on Wednesday.

Crystal Acevedo visited the center last Friday and had lunch.

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