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Answerline

Q. When is the deadline to turn in the census of agriculture reports?

A. The reports are due back February 3, 2003.

Briefly

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

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

Community Mission
The Community Mission is asking for assistance from the people of Mitchell County in obtaining warm clothing, such as coats, sweaters and jackets to be given to the people in need. If anyone has good used winter clothes, please bring them to the mission building at 300 E 3rd St. Especially needed are children's clothing, all ages. Also blankets and quilts are needed.

Golden Age Club
The Westbrook Golden Age Club will meet Tuesday, January 14 at 6 pm with a potluck supper. Potential members and visitors welcome.

Project Celebration
Parents of Colorado High School seniors will hold their next monthly meeting Monday, January 13, 2003, at 5:30 pm at the First Methodist Church's fellowship hall.

Office Closing
Rob Junell has announced that January 14, 2003, will be the last day for the Colorado City office to be open.

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

Deaths

Aycock, Barnett, Crabb, Hartline, Miller, Norman, Self, Smith, Smith, Walthall

Around Town

Happy Birthday **Lauren Anderson** (Jan. 12)... Happy Birthday **Amelia Garza** (Jan. 5)... Happy Birthday **Jacob Reyna** (Jan. 9)... Happy Birthday **Tina Crisp** (Jan. 11)... Happy 35th Belated Birthday **Samuel F. Rivera** (Jan. 1)... Happy 22nd Belated Birthday **Kasey Lynn Garcia**... Happy Birthday **Daniel Perez** (Jan. 9)...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2058.66
Full at 2,070.30'
Down 11.50'
Lake Champion.....2029.83
Full at 2,083'
Down 53.13'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 7, 2003

Mitchell County stock show scheduled for this weekend

The 66th Annual Mitchell County 4-H and FFA Livestock Show will begin this week. The show runs January 9, 10, and 11 at the Mitchell County Fairgrounds.

This year the Livestock Show will be held in memory of Dakota Dawson, a Westbrook student killed in an automobile accident this past year.

Dawson was a participant in the local stock show the past five years. The junior showmanship buckles will be awarded in memory of him.

The $2500 Raymond Fuller Memorial Scholarship will be presented by Virginia Fuller and Rick Alvarez to a senior who exhibits in the livestock show. Raymond Fuller was a prominent supporter of the Mitchell County Livestock Show. This memorial scholarship was started in 2002.

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

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

Miles Dabovich of Andrews will judge the goat and sheep shows at 8 and 10 a. m. Saturday, Jan. 11.

B. E. Implement Co. of O'Donnell, Texas is sponsoring the champion and senior showmanship buckle award this year. "The support's been good, we are real pleased with the contributions we have received," said Carl Guelker, President of the Mitchell County Livestock Show Association..

"When the community contributes, it benefits the kids. It teaches them a lot of responsibility. The contributions given help the kids offset their expenses. The kids are the winners," Guelker said.

The contestants are members of The Future Farmers of America chapters at Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook

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SAM SHRODE, 12-year-old son of Steve and Nancy Shrode, working with his goats, Peg and Ghost in preparation for this weekend's Mitchell County Livestock Show. Shrode is a member of the Mitchell County 4-H Club.

Chamber manager resigns

Colorado City Chamber of Commerce Manager, Leigh Ann Erwin turned in her resignation at Tuesday night's board meeting. Erwin's resignation is effective January 31, 2003.

Erwin started as Chamber Manager May 30, 2000. She is leaving the Chamber of Commerce to pursue new business opportunities.

The Chamber of Commerce will be accepting applications in the near future to replace Erwin as Chamber Manager.

The board will meet again next week to review chamber operations and discuss the hiring of a new manager.

Hospital board updated on C-CNET audit report

Hospital Board members were brought up to date Tuesday night concerning an audit of C-CNET by MaryAnne Davila, a C-CNET board member. Davila reported the audit has been disappointing thus far and said the final audit is expected to be completed at the end of January.

"We at the board were obviously disappointed with the findings, everything is still preliminary. We expect a report from the auditor at the end of January," said Davila.

"We will be working closely with the hospital board to get the situation rectified," Davila said. At that time Hospital Board Member Bobbie Banks volunteered to be a board member on the C-CNET Board.

The hospital's involvement in C-CNET stems from hospital grant writer Terry Dukes and CISD Technology director, Brenda Hammond applying for a $500,000 grant in the year 2000. The $500,000 state Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant was designed to provide wireless internet service to Colorado City.

In other business, the board approved allowing Director of Nurses, JoAnn Merket to hire two nurses to fill vacancies. Hiring these nurses will help with the shortage in the nursing staff.

"The hiring freeze is still in place and any hiring will take

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Mitchell County Hospital District .....

Town Hall meeting set to discuss CAH program

So, you say you have questions about the Mitchell County Hospital thinking of becoming a critical access hospital?

Good! Then plan on attending the Town Hall Meeting at the C.C. Thompson Room on Monday, January 27, at 6 p.m.

At the meeting there will be personnel on hand that should be able to answer any questions that you may have about the hospital's application process into becoming a critical access hospital.

According to Karen Holman, secretary for the Mitchell County Hospital, that is the reason for the meeting, to air out any questions the public may have.

"We are hoping for a good turnout on the 27th for the meeting," said Holman. "We will have representatives from the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA) who will attempt to answer your questions to the best of their ability. We are also hoping to have a representative from a hospital that is a participant in the critical access program at this time."

The town hall meeting is a prerequisite to be considered for the program.

The Critical Access Hospital (CAH) program offers an alternative approach to help ensure ongoing access to health care for citizens of small, rural

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C-City Opry kicks off 2003

The Colorado City Opry will kick off its second year with a huge show, scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 16, at the C-City Opera House, located at 337 Walnut Street.

Due to the holiday season, only one show has been scheduled for the month of January, but next month they will revert to the old schedule of having performances on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Only one show per night will be held according to bandleader Shady Mitchell.

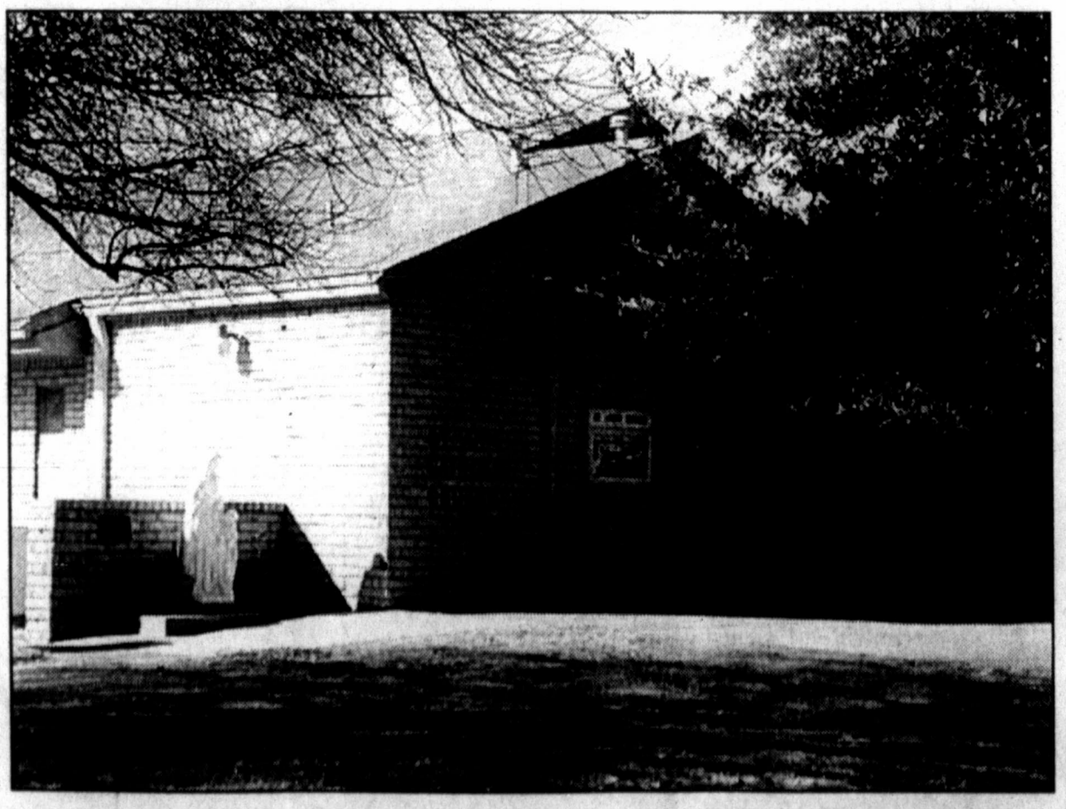
"We were beginning to have problems filling the place for the second show," said Mitchell. "It just wasn't very productive to have only 20 or 30 people at the second show. If things begin to pick up later on, we will probably take another look at it. But for now we will stick to having one show."

Mitchell said a price increase from $5 to $5.50 a ticket was necessary to help offset an increase in the utility bills.

Though the schedule of performers has not been com-

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St. Ann's Catholic Church celebrates 50th anniversary



ST. ANN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH is celebrating their 50th Anniversary Sunday, January 12. Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI will be celebrating the Anniversary at the 10:30 Mass.

St. Ann's Catholic Church's 50th Anniversary Celebration will be Sunday, January 12. Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, OMI will celebrate the anniversary with a Mass at 10:30 a. m.

The celebration will include mariaches and folklorico dancers and a dinner in the parish hall will follow the mass.

The anniversary celebration marks the 50th year that St. Ann's was recognized as a parish.

The history of St. Ann's Church dates back to December 26, 1890, when property was bought at Oak and Eighth Streets. According to records, the church was not erected until 1916.

Father Joseph M. Keller, pastor of the Catholic Church in Hermleigh, built a little frame church on this property. The Extension Society gave $500.00 to the church, stipulating that it be named St. Ann.

On October 14, 1924, a piece of property was purchased north of Colorado City (17th St. and Peach St.), upon which eventually the second St. Ann's Church was built.

The first resident priest in Colorado City was Fr. Peter Oliveros, C.M.F. who was appointed January 25, 1943. Oliveros remained until June 29, 1948, when the Oblate Fathers took over Sweetwater.

On June 29, 1948 Fr. James Riley, O.M.I. was appointed assistant pastor of the Sweetwater Catholic Church and also in charge of serving St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City. Father Thomas Quinlivan, O.M.I. was appointed October 25, 1951 as resident pastor of Colorado City and assistant to Sweetwater.

Previously the church was recognized as a mission and on January 15, 1953 the church was recognized as a parish and St. Joseph Catholic Church of Loraine being recognized as a mission. Father Quinlivan was appointed as first pastor.

Since that date the following priests have served as resident priests:
Fr. Arsenio Rey, O.M.I.
Fr. Joseph Buckley, O.M.I.
Fr. Arthur M. Kaeler, O.M.I.
Fr. Carlos Krzesinski, O.M.I.
Fr. Francis Arbet, O.M.I.

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...Praying The Scriptures...
Ken Northcutt, Pastor, New Life Bible Ministries
Psalm 119: 65-72

This is a continuing series by Ken Northcutt, Pastor, New Life Bible Ministries, dealing with the study of Scripture; spending time in meditation and reflection on the Lord's promises. The following is a sketch of my thoughts and emotions given to me by the Lord, as I prayed the Scriptures. I encourage you to make Him a part of your life and meditate the Scriptures often. I have been asked, "How do you pray the Scriptures?" I would recommend that you find a nice, quite place; a place to be alone with God, and allow Him to commune with your spirit. Before you begin, clear your mind of all daily distractions, and seek His guidance from Psalm 119:18, "Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law." Then relax and allow Him to speak directly to your heart. Be sure to write it down. Today's passage is Ps 119:65-72 (NKJV).

65 **You have dealt well with Your servant,**
O LORD, according to Your word.
66 **Teach me good judgment and knowledge,**
For I believe Your commandments.
67 **Before I was afflicted I went astray,**
But now I keep Your word.
68 **You are good, and do good;**
Teach me Your statutes.
69 **The proud have forged a lie against me,**
But I will keep Your precepts with my whole heart.
70 **Their heart is as fat as grease,**
But I delight in Your law.
71 **It is good for me that I have been afflicted,**
That I may learn Your statutes.
72 **The law of Your mouth is better to me**
Than thousands of coins of gold and silver.

"LORD, You have been good to me...*even* in my afflictions." This seems to fly in the face of truth and good sense. How can chastisement equal joy? How can pain and heartache lead to tranquility and peace? In the mind's eye, this notion just doesn't add up, does it? Most of us have experienced this. We have said to ourselves, perhaps in a somewhat self-righteous manner, "I am a faithful Christian, making an effort to live by God's standards. I love the LORD and *I attend church regularly*. I read my Bible daily and pray before I begin each new day. At the conclusion of the day, I thank Him and give Him praise and glory. I pay my tithes and give generously to the church. In spite of this, I am beset with adversity and hardship. It mystifies me and, I don't understand!"

For the "natural man", the unsaved person, it is befuddling, I will admit. However, as Christians, we have an understanding beyond the "natural man". The LORD has taught me that when adversity strikes, I may proceed in one of two ways. First, I can either view hardship simply as a means to draw me more intimately into Scripture, and into the sheltering arms of His love. Or secondly, I can reject Him and turn away by ignoring His warm pleas to come to Him and receive His rest. As our Savior pleaded, "Take My yoke upon you and *learn* from Me...For My yoke is easy and My burden is light" (Matthew 11:29-30).

Let us think for a moment about how the responses of earthly fathers to their children, can provide insight into how our Heavenly Father deals with us. When a father loves his children, he will discipline them and do everything within his power to train them in honest, moral, Christian values. He will spend time leading and correcting and encouraging them to live a life that is foundationally based on Scripture. When a father sincerely loves and cares for his children, he will lovingly prepare them. However, how many times have we witnessed an uncaring father allow his children to go unsupervised, undisciplined and unloved? The children are allowed to behave in any manner they see fit. They are allowed to *go* as they please and *do* as they please. The result may be witnessed in the headlines of the Daily News.

When the LORD allows afflictions to enter my life because of disobedience, my immediate reaction is to pout and become very *hurt*. However, if I will pause and meditate His Word, allowing Him to speak to my heart, and if I will honestly admit to my prideful nature, asking Him to remove it, I feel very loved, very cared for, and very special. The hardship has been lifted, and freedom to live flourishes. The burdens are no longer heavy and overwhelming, and my heart is filled to overflowing with enthusiasm and excitement. I have a fervent desire to tell someone what the LORD has done for me. I ask myself, "Is it really so bad to be chastised by my Father? Is it really so awful to feel His loving hand reach down and guide me back into His fold?" Our God is *marvelous*. He is *magnificent*, even when we don't recognize His all-forgiving love, forever inscribed in the Blood of His precious Son, Jesus Christ.

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pletely set, Mitchell said that Lyndall Underwood of Roscoe and Tim McCallay of Colorado City will be among the many performers. McCallay, who recently lost his wife, will be performing a song in tribute to her memory.

Debbie Mitchell, wife of bandleader Mitchell, is maintaining a web site that is dedicated to the C-City Opry. The site, www.ccityopry.com, will have links to other web sites of local interest as well as letting the public know who will be performing each month.

"We have pictures of all our past performers on the website," said Debbie. "As things progress we plan on adding the monthly schedule of performers to the site so everyone will know whom to expect. At the present however, we just haven't gotten confirmation back by the performers in enough time to do it."

Members of the stage band, besides Shady and Debbie, include Tony Adams and Henry Mitchell on guitar, Linda Mathis on drums, Brian Fowler doing the fiddling and backup singers Debbie Mitchell, Jeff Wooddell, Kelly Mitchell and Gayle Younger.

Other regulars that keep the audience laughing with their comic relief are Tommy Wright and "Wild Willie", better known as Roland Graham.

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communities.

"We have a lot of paperwork to get completed in a very short time," said Linda Mize, QI/RM/Compliance Officer for the Mitchell County Hospital. "Time is very critical at this stage because all the application process must be completed prior to our move into the new facility."

Holman said that everyone she has talked to has been in full support of the hospital becoming a critical access facility.

"Through talking to staff members of the hospital I have received nothing but positive feedback," said Holman. "The doctors, nurses and other staff members are fully behind the program and are ready to implement it should it get approved."

Personnel from ORCA have stated that the hospital meets all the criteria set for implementation.

Among the criteria a facility must be a currently participating Medicare hospital. It also must be located in a rural area of a state that has established a Medicare Hospital Flexability Program, and must be located more than a 35 mile drive from any other hospital or critical access hospital or be certified with the State to be a "necessary provider".

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

Though Snyder and Sweetwater are closer than 35 miles, ORCA personnel say that Mitchell County Hospital would still qualify due to being in a health professional shortage area.

LIVESTOCK

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High Schools and the Mitchell County 4-H Club.

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

"Our numbers have increased the past few years, and last year's premium sale totaled $43,790.00," said Dwayne Smith, Treasurer of the Mitchell County Livestock Show Association.

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

E-commerce workshop to be held January 13 & 14

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

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

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

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

Mary McMullen says the class can help you:

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

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

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

Extension programs serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic level, race, color, sex, religion, disability or national origin. The Texas A&M University System, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the County Commissioners Courts of Texas Cooperating. We will seek to accommodate all persons with disabilities for all meetings. We request that you contact the Mitchell County Extension Office as soon as possible to advise us of any auxiliary and/or services needed.

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OBITUARIES

George E. Crabb
1911-2003

Mr. George E. Crabb, 91, of Colorado City, died Wednesday, January 1, 2003 in a Sweetwater hospital. Graveside services were held Saturday, January 4, 2003 in the Capital Parks Cemetery in Austin under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Crabb was born March 23, 1911 in Hamilton County, Texas to Samuel E. and Nancy Walker Crabb. He had been a resident of Colorado City since 1963. He married Alpha Carter on December 27, 1937. She preceded him in death on August 15, 1984. He was a retired engineer for Sun Oil Co., a WWII veteran of Army Air Force and a Baptist.

Survivors include two brothers-in-law, two sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews and friends.

Bobbie Nell Norman
1926-2003

Mrs. Bobbie Nell Norman, 76, formerly of Lake Colorado City, died Thursday, January 2, 2003 in a Temple hospital. Graveside services were held Saturday, January 4, 2003 in the Westbrook Cemetery with Rev. Bob Manning officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Norman was born October 31, 1926 in Woodson to John and Jessie Everett Thompson. She married Roy L. Norman on December 23, 1944 in Breckenridge. He preceded her in death on December 18, 1985. She was a homemaker, a former member of the Lioness Club, Extension Club and a member of the Westbrook Baptist Church.

Mrs. Norman is survived by two sons, Roy Norman of Abilene and Alan Wayne Norman of York, PA; a daughter, Linda Hearin of Temple; a brother, David Thompson of Stanton; a sister, Pauline Elliott of Alvoid, TX; three grandchildren, Stacie Kline of Temple, Paul Norman and Natalie Norman, both of Abilene; six great-grandchildren.

Berton Barnett
1920-2002

Mr. Berton Barnett, 82, of Colorado City, died Monday, December 30, 2002 in a Sweetwater hospital. Services were held Thursday, January 2, 2003 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Mike Foster officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Barnett was born April 26, 1920 in Colorado City to Frank and Lennie Chaney Barnett. He had returned to Colorado City nine years ago after his retirement. He married Dorothy Hatch on August 23, 1944 in Pasadena, TX. He was a restaurant cook, a veteran of the US Army during WWII and a member of the First Assembly of God.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Barnett of Colorado City; a daughter, Bonnie Chandler of Big Spring; two sons, Barney Barnett of Loraine and Lynn Barnett of Big Spring; six grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Albert Walthall
1915-2002

Mr. Albert Walthall, 87, of Colorado City, died Sunday, December 29, 2002 at his residence. Services were held Friday, January 3, 2003 in the First Baptist Church. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Walthall was born September 15, 1915 in Clarksville, Texas to George A. and Eva Ridge Walthall. He married Dorothy Marshall on May 15, 1978. He was a retired mechanic and truck driver for Fina and a member of St. James Baptist Church.

Mr. Walthall is survived by two sons, George Walthall of Albuquerque, NM and Jimmy Walthall of Eden; six daughters, Bessie Wright, Bertha McBride and Connie Walthall, all of Houston, Dorothy Williams of Sweetwater, Elavon Boone of Colorado City and Helen Devorce of Elk City, OK; 28 grandchildren, 35 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Lucien Burt "Mike" Smith
1908-2002

Mr. Lucien Burt "Mike" Smith, 94, a longtime Colorado City resident, died Saturday, January 4, 2003 in a local hospital. Graveside services were Wednesday in Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Monte Kreis officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Smith was born March 3, 1908 in Mitchell County to Edward and Lucille Green Smith. The family moved to Colorado City when he was a young boy. He graduated from Colorado High School and later married Susie Richardson on July 19, 1930. She preceded him in death on May 19, 1993.

Mr. Smith moved to the Seattle, WA area during WWII where he helped build ships for the war effort and served in the active Coast Guard Reserve. After returning to Colorado City, he became a licensed electrician. Before retiring in 1974, he taught in the Gatesville School for Boys.

He is survived by a son, Dan and wife Nelda Smith of Austin; a daughter, Barbara Monroe of Dickenson; six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

The family requests memorials to the Alzheimers Association, PO Box 3389, Midland, TX 79702.

In addition to his wife, Susie, Mr. Smith was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Cawthron.

Marge Hartline
1923-2003

Mrs. Marge Hartline, 79, of Colorado City and formerly longtime resident of Erick, OK, died Sunday, January 5, 2003 in a local hospital. Services were held Wednesday, January 8, 2003 at the First Baptist Church in Erick, OK with Rev. Carl Heine officiating. Burial followed in the Erick Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Hartline was born September 20, 1923 in Graham, Texas to Alvis and Oma Jones Milligan. She was a retired LVN and a member of the First Baptist Church in Erick.

She is survived by a daughter, Donna and husband Bill Barlow of Colorado City; six grandchildren, Karen Sleber of Rockdale, Mary North of Erick, OK, Susan Poulson of Woodward, OK, Bob Barfield, Jim Barfield and Jeff Barfield, all of Stilwell, OK; 17 great-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Glendora Milligan of Dumas, TX; three nephews, Mike Milligan and Cary Milligan of Dumas and Charles Choate of Graham.

She is also survived by her precious pets, Sasha and Baby.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, H.L. Milligan, a sister, Willie Choate and a son-in-law, Harry Barfield.

Vivian Smith
1904-2003

Mrs. Thurston (Vivian) Smith died Monday, January 6, 2003 in Abilene at Spring Season. Services will be held at 2 pm Thursday, January 9, 2003 in the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Carl Brecheen, her son-in-law officiating, assisted by Kerry Cain of 22nd and Austin Street Church of Christ. Burial will be in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

She married Thurston Smith July 13, 1924 in Snyder. Mrs. Smith resided in Mitchell County and the Buford community most of her life. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was active in the Buford Home Demonstration Club.

She is survived by two daughters, Billie Allen and Ethelyn Brecheen, both of Abilene; a sister, Werlie Cosper of Dalhart; nine grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Thurston Smith, in 2000 and a son, Ray, in 2001.

Betsy Aycock
1918-2002

Mrs. Betsy Aycock, 84, of Colorado City, died Monday, December 30, 2002 in a Midland hospital. Services were held Friday, January 3, 2003 in the First Baptist Church with Dr. Ted Spear, Revs. Glenn Roenfeldt and Chuck Fisher officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Aycock was born Mary Elizabeth July 10, 1918 in Artesia, NM to Fielding and Lillian Ewing Lee. Shortly after her birth, the family returned to Cisco, Texas where they resided until 1931 when they moved to Midland. The family moved to Colorado City in 1933 and she graduated from Colorado High School in 1936.

After attending college for one and a half years, she returned to Colorado City and married her high school sweetheart, Robert Bruce Aycock on August 21, 1938. She gave birth to twins on December 21, 1939. A second set of twins followed on October 14, 1947.

She went back to college in 1955 and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University in 1958. She began teaching at Kelley Primary School in Colorado City where she taught 24 years.

Betsy was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Colorado City and served the church in many capacities. In addition to these activities, she was a member of and held various offices in a number of organizations, including Delta Kappa Gamma, Texas Retired Teachers Association, Garden Club and served as a hostess for the Mitchell County Reunion. She was also an ardent supporter of the Mitchell County Library and a frequent visitor at the Valley Fair Lodge.

Mrs. Aycock is survived by her husband, Robert B. Aycock of Colorado City; a daughter, Cynthia Jones of Indianapolis, IN; two sons, Robert F. Aycock of Lewisville and Douglas Aycock of Arlington; a sister, Jan Boyd of Summerville, SC; six grandchildren, Kimberly Aycock of Houston, Michael Aycock of Dallas, Kelly Aycock of Austin, Bryan Jones of Arlington, Crystal Main of Irving, David Aycock of Austin, and three great-grandchildren, Marissa Main, Karen Jones and Ryan Jones.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, David Richard Aycock in 1973.

The family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church, West Texas Rehab Center or the American Cancer Society.

Ben Self
1908-2002

Mr. Ben Self, 94, of Colorado City, died Tuesday, December 31, 2002 in a local hospital. Services were held Thursday, January 2, 2003 in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Sammy Elliott officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Sele Funeral Home.

Mr. Self was born July 15, 1908 in Van Zant County, Texas to Doc and Dicie Alford Self and had been a resident of Mitchell County for more than 60 years. He married Della Doss in 1935 in Colorado City. She preceded him in death on April 5, 2001. He was a retired farmer and rancher.

He is survived by one son, Ben Self of Roby; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

James Dudley "Doug" Miller
1931-2002

Mr. James Dudley "Doug" Miller, 71, of Colorado City, died Sunday, December 29, 2002 at his residence. Graveside services were held Thursday, January 2, 2003 at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring with Rev. Bob Manning officiating under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Miller was born June 1, 1931 in Many, LA to Chester and Josie Salter Miller. He was retired from the insurance business and was a veteran of the Korean War era serving as a 1st LT in the US Air Force.

Survivors inlude a sister-in-law, Sue Miller Choate of Midland; a nephew, Bruce Miller of Midland; a great-niece, Austin Dawn Miller of Midland; and friends in Colorado City.

He is preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Joe Miller.

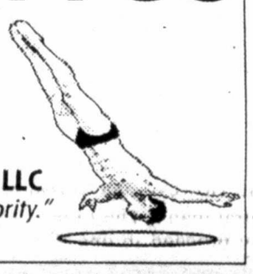


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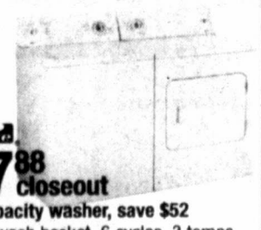
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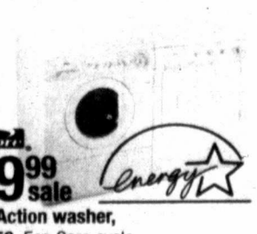
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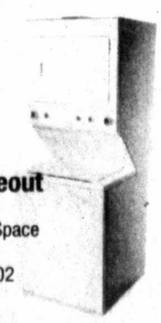
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THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT of New Life Bible Ministries Church as they performed their annual Christmas pageant under the direction of Mrs. Nancy Thomason. The program was held December 15.

Local women help with REHAB telethon

Colorado City Business and Professional Women will once again man the telephones for REHAB 2003 telethon on January 18 from 7 to 10 p. m.

Volunteers from the organization will be answering phones and accepting donations at City National Bank. Mitchell County residents are urged to call 728-5221 during those hours to make their pledges which will be forwarded to Telethon during the evening.

Coffee and soft drinks will be available in the bank lobby if anyone would like to come down and join in watching the Telethon according to Shirley Delaney, local coordinator.

Rehab is a non-profit organization. The organization relies on your gift to ensure the continuation of patient services for the several thousand individuals that turn to West Texas Rehab Center for help each year.

Rehab services offered include:

- Audiology / Hearing Aid Services
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- Occupational Therapy
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- Social Services
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Checks made out to Rehab or WTRC may be directed to Donna Barlow at City National Bank, during regular banking hours preceding the Telethon. You may call Ms. Delaney at 728-5187 if you would like to make a pledge or have a check picked up before Saturday evening.

Contributions through the local phone bank more than doubled last year, the third year the local BPW members have worked during the Telethon. "Many of you have received outpatient rehabilitation care from WTRC and many of you have already contributed for this year's Telethon, but if you haven't let us do it for you," said BPW president, Christine Cooley.

The Rehab relies on your gift to ensure the continuation of patient services for the several thousand individuals that turn to WTRC for help each year. Donations made during this time make it possible for men, women, and children in West Central Texas to obtain those services whenever needed.

Hospitality House volunteers needed

The Samaritan Hospitality House Committee is asking for volunteers to come help refurbish the old cable office building, 1325 West Point. This building will be used to give the families a place to stay while visiting their family members in the prison.

Workers are needed to hang sheetrock, taping and bedding, painting, sanding, and texturing. Electrical work needs to be done in most rooms and cabinets need to be installed. Please bring your own tools. You may come and go as needed.

"Someone is there working on the house most everyday. Volunteers can call to set a time to work or just show up to help anytime," said Margaret Bodine.

The Committee would like to thank everyone in the community for the prayers and donations given so far. Donations would be appreciated to aid the House with expenses in the future.

Cash donations can be given to the Samaritan Hospitality House c/o City National Bank, 228 Elm, Colorado City , TX 79512.

For more information on this worthwhile project, please call or write Margaret Bodine at 915-728-8893 or 545 W CR 145, Colorado City, TX. 79512

USDA to hold briefing on available USDA programs

The U.S. Department of Agriculture will hold an informational briefing January 15, 2003, in Victoria, Texas, to acquaint farmers, ranchers and other constituents with a wide array of agency services and to highlight changes and new provisions in the 2002 Farm Bill.

"This session is an important part of our ongoing implementation of the 2002 Farm Bill and commitment to reach as many people as possible about USDA programs," said Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman. "Stakeholders will have the opportunity to hear from USDA experts on the many programs availble to them."

The briefing will be held January 15th at the Holiday Inn in Victoria, Texas from 8:30 am to 2 pm. The session, organized by USDA Rural Development and the USDA Office of Outreach, will feature presentations on a broad array of topics, including conservation programs, insurance and drought relief programs, food and nutrition programs and rural utilities, rural business and rural housing programs. Other meetings are being considered and will be announced when details are available.

"We are committed to reaching out to the full spectrum of USDA customers, including under-served customers, minorities and women, to ensure they benefit from USDA programs and services," said Assistant Secretary for Administration Lou Gallegos.

For information about the briefing, please visit USDA's Farm Bill website at www.usda.gov or call 202-720-6350 or toll free 1-800-880-4183.

File early to avoid lines at FSA offices this spring

By Keith Hiser
County Executive Director
Mitchell County FSA

Standing room only may be the case at county FSA offices in a couple of months. An article written in the Omaha World-Herald last week indicated less than 10% of the $4.5 billion available for direct payments has been paid out to date. Procrastinate on your paperwork and you could spend the better part of your spring waiting in lines.

Less than 25% sign-up describes about how many farms are signed up in Mitchell County. This has state FSA officials concerned that if farmers wait until February or March to file their Base and Yield Options Report, not enough time will be left to process all of the paperwork ahead of the April 1 deadline.

I recommend that farmers and landowners alike determine now whether to update to new base acres (cotton, wheat, sorghum). You only prove new yields ('98 to '01) if you update to new base acres. Many farms will keep their old yields and update the base.

Getting power of attorney completed by landowners up to this point has been the hold-up for many of our producers. If you can get this form as needed for all your landowners (and spouses for community property) between now and the end of January, we should finish signup with time to spare before the April 1, 2003 deadline.

On the other hand, waiting until February or March to get started pretty much puts a lock on where you'll be in February and March.

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Nancy P. Neal TTEE, Neal Family 2001 Trust to Sharp Image Exploration LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

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Dale Geiger to Rita Munoz, deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Manuel Munoz Jr., Margaret Roach, Martha Munoz Linam, Patricia Munoz Perkin, Jerry Munoz, Richard Munoz, Teresa Munoz, Robert Munoz to Manuel Munoz, Power of Attorney.

Manuel Munoz Ind. Exec., Manuel Munoz Jr., Margaret Roach, Martha Linam, Patricia Munoz Perkin, Jerry Munoz, Richard Munoz, Teresa Munoz, Rita Munoz Estate to Robert Munoz, Lauren Ann Munoz, Warranty Deed.

William B. Ezell Ind. Exec., Francis L. Wood, Martha Jo Salmon, Nona L. Ezell deceased to Troy A. Powell, Warranty Deed.

Elba M. Perry to Paula Munoz, Gift Deed.

Larry F. Blassingame, Ina J. Blassingame aka, Jeanna S. Blassingame to Household Finance Corp., Lupe Garcia TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Ina J. Blassingame, Jeanna S. Blassingame aka, Larry F. Blassingame to Public, Homestead Designation.

Larry F. Blassingame, Ina J. Blassingame aka, Jeanna S. Blassingame to Public, Affidavit and Agreement.

City of Colorado City, Bob Reily Mayor, Mitchell County, Colorado ISD, Charles Walker President Bd. of TTEES, Ray Mayo County Judge to Phillip Anderson, Tax Deed.

Charles Abbie Northcutt II, Kimberly Northcutt to Blaine D. Lemons, Susan J. Lemons, Warranty Deed.

Blaine D. Lemons, Susan J. Lemons to Lone Star Land Bank FLCA, Glenn R. Parr TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Tee Haynes Batjer deceased to Public, Susan Batjer Shelton Co. Inc. Exec., Robert D. Batjer Jr. Co. Ind. Exec., CC Probate.

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Cathalene Martell to Centex Home Equity Company LLC, Anthony H. Barone TTEE, Deed of Trust.

Cathalene Martell to Public, Affidavit.

Texas Savings Bank SSB, Darryl Calley Vice-Pres. to Tommy D. Linam, Brenda K. Linam, Release of Lien/DT.

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Vergil Stone, Geraldine Stone to Janet Carol Rodgers, Gift Deed.

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Frankie Janelle Clark to Public, Affidavit.

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Dr. Scott Mays to JAP Consulting Inc. Profit Sharing Plan, Johnny A. Pearcy TTEE, Deed of Trust.

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Melissa Gaytan Titling Analyst, Texas Dept. Housing & Comm Affairs to Danny Fuller, Kelly Wilson, Certificate of Attachment.

Kathleen Coe Fodell to R.O. Coe deceased, Affadivit Heirship.

Mike K. Foster, Michel Foster aka, Patricia G. Foster aka, Gail Foster to Public, Homestead Designation.

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Cleo A. Reeder deceased to Marjorie A. Patterson Ind. Exec., Will.

ARRESTS

Raul Guerrero, 30, THP, DWI-1st, 12-30-02.

Ramon Espinoza, 55, THP, PI, 12-30-02.

David Neal Wright, 37, THP, DWI-F, Ector Co. wrnt, 12-31-02.

Henry Limones Barrera, 41, CCPD, agg. assault, felon in poss., 1-1-03.

Darren Lamont Emerson, 29, CCPD, PI, 1-1-03.

Donald K. Emerson, 21, CCPD, CCPD warrants, 1-3-03.

Bobby Ray Knox, 35, CCPD, PI, open container, 1-4-03.

Jimmy Lee Mayes, 45, CCPD, PI, open container, 1-4-03.

Treva Lynn Russell, 36, CCPD, PI, 1-4-03.

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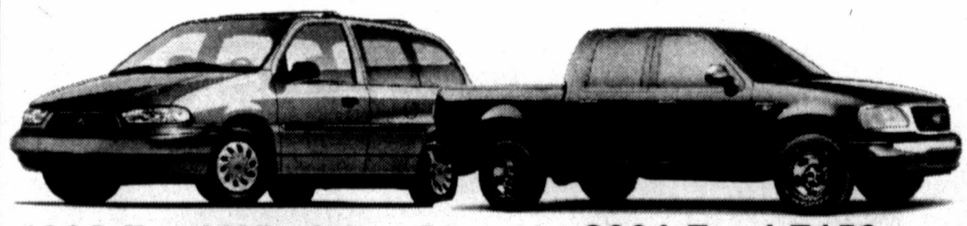
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TFU seeks LCP eligibility for Texas Livestock Producers

Texas Farmers Union president Wes Sims recently sent a letter to U.S. Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman and the Texas congressional delegation asking that Texas Livestock producers who suffered drought losses be eligible for assistance through the Livestock Compensation Program (LCP).

"The producers in many Texas counties have been terribly disadvantaged," Sims said. "Secretary Veneman announced the program, but provided little time for counties to submit qualifying applications. The administration of this program is unfair to those producers who would otherwise have been eligible for financial assistance provided by the LCP and its unfair to the county Farm Service Agency officials who were unable to meet the program deadline."

The LCP was established in 2002 to offer assistance to livestock producers living in counties declared as primary disaster areas due to drought. The official end-date for a county to apply for a primary disaster designation under this program was September 19, 2002. This is also the same date that the Livestock Compensation Program was announced by the administration.

"We are asking that Secretary Veneman operate the program in a fair and equitable manner in order to give all livestock producers who have suffered serious drought losses the opportunity to be eligible under this program," said Sims.

Craddick and Campbell to hold Legislative Briefing

State Representative Tom Craddick (R-Midland) and Representative-Elect Scott Campbell (R-San Angelo) will host a legislative briefing on Friday, January 10th at 11:00 am in the Theatre Conference Room (Rooms 110-111) in the University Center at Angelo State University. The briefing will include a discussion of the major issues facing the 78th Texas Legislature when it convenes in Austin on January 14th.

Representative Craddick has served over 33 years in the Texas House and is anticipated to be elected as the next Speaker of the House when the session commences. Representative-Elect Campbell begins his legislative career next week, and will represent the 72nd District of the Texas House which includes Coke, Mitchell, Scurry and Tom Green counties.

BRIEFLY

CMS Homework Night

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

Public Notice

Parents of home-schooled students and those enrolled in private schools are being notified that the local school district will conduct a full individual evaluation of your student if you suspect that he or she is disabled. If the student qualifies as a student with a disability, he or she may be eligible for special education and related services. You may initiate a referral for a full and individual evaluation by notifying Dr. Nancy Jobes at 207 Musgrove Street, Sweetwater or calling 235-8621.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the Editor,

Congratulations Mitchell County. You should be proud of yourselves! The Christmas Toy Drive for 2002 was truly a resounding success with over 125 children, 12 years or younger, having been given one of the best Christmas ever. You provided all the kids with lots of stuffed animals, at least one major new toy and one minor new toy, new books plus lots of refurbished items to fill in the gaps. If you do the math, that means donations of new toys were up from the past. Your contributions made us realize how lucky we are to be a part of this project. Your giving made this Christmas one never to be forgotten.

Our local media, Charter Communications, KAUM, and the Colorado Record helped to keep you updated. We know it worked because we saw the results! One surprise we received, as a result of our media coverage, were phone calls asking to adopt whole families and provide their complete Christmas. With help from concerned citizens within Mitchell County, four entire families and three individuals, who were truly in need of some Christmas joy were provided for. This was such a rewarding project to take part in; our special thanks go to our "special donors" for their generosity and to the employees at New Discovery Child Care for their wrapping expertise.

The local businesses, Adkins Supply, Alco, City National Bank, Dandy's Diner, Dill Electronics, Dollar General, Family Dollar, Fullers, First National Bank, First State Bank of West Texas, Garcia's Restaurant, Kandy Kottage, Lone Wolf Resources, Skinny's on 2nd and Ramage Furniture were great help with the drop boxes as well as donations of gifts and cash.

Some of our community groups like the C-C Riders, the Kiwanis Club, the Garden Club, Retired Teachers, the Mitchell County Courthouse employees and TDCJ all provided incredible support to help make the toy drive a success. The C-City high school students once again provided the labor to rework our "like new" toys and the students at the Middle School did absolute wonders putting all our used Barbie collection into perfect packages.

We hope your Christmas was as special for you as you made it for others. This community has our heartfelt THANK YOU! We wish you all the best of the new year and look forward to working with all of you again next Christmas.

Colorado City Kiwaniannes

HOSPITAL

FROM PAGE 1

Board Action," said Mitchell County Hospital Board President, Larry Johnson.

The board approved taking bids on purchasing a car, to replace a rental car used now as transportation for the nursing staff to the Wallace / Ware unit work camps in San Angelo.

A state shared scholarship was awarded by the board to Jamie Alvarez, a physical therapy student. This scholarship will help with living expenses and travel while Alvarez attends school in San Angelo.

The board chose to cancel the contract with Medical Processing Systems. The contract was not cost effective.

The board awarded service pins to Billie Woods for 35 years of dietary service. Cheryl Haggerton, RN was awarded a pin for 10 years of service in Cardiac Rehab. Maria Beltran, LVN and Connie Henson, LVN were awarded pins for 5 years of service to the Mitchell County Hospital District.

The Mitchell County Hospital Board went into executive session for less than an hour. When the meeting reopened the board appointed Shirley McMahan, Chief Financial Officer.

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Chef for a Day at the Mansion



By Tumbleweed Smith

I did a good thing. For my wife's birthday I gave her a "Chef For a Day" package at the Mansion on Turtle Creek in Dallas, the state's only five star hotel and restaurant. Susan is an excellent chef (we really dine every night) and we had enjoyed eating at the Mansion.

Our wedding anniversary is just a couple of weeks before her birthday. I gave her a card on our anniversary that told her she would be a Chef for a Day on her birthday. She was thrilled. She spent the next two weeks full of anticipation.

The package includes a day in the kitchen, a meal for two in the Mansion's restaurant, a copy of Executive Chef Dean Fearen's Cookbook and a night's stay at the hotel.

When we arrived, Susan was taken immediately to the kitchen and given a chef's jacket with her name embroidered on it. She was one happy cook.

During the day she got to actually help prepare food that was served in the restaurant. She loved it and learned a lot. Our meals haven't been the same since. They've been much improved.

She worked in the kitchen from 10 A.M. until 6 P.M. While she was relaxing in the Jacuzzi, the kitchen sent up a bottle of champagne, some nachos and some chocolate covered strawberries. Our kids had cards and flowers sent to our room. It was a very festive occasion.

At dinner, we stopped at the entrance of the restaurant to admire some of the desserts. Susan proudly told the Maitre d' which ones she had helped prepare. She actually got to use a tiny blowtorch to scorch some of the restaurant's signature dessert, the Creme Brulee.

Before the meal, Dean Fearen came over and sat with us for a couple of photos. He told us "you're going to eat 'til the cows come home."

He informed us we were going to have small portions of every item on that night's menu.

The sommelier came to our table and presented us two bottles of wine, one red, one white.

We had a dozen courses. About halfway through the meal I remember the maitre d' coming over and giving us four more forks.

Toward the end of the evening they brought us five desserts all at once. The four people sitting at a nearby table had been glancing over at us occasionally during the meal. When the desserts showed up, they just stared.

As I write this, I'm looking at a small pile of items that serve as memories of that special day: photos, cards, notes, ribbons, some hotel stationery and the menu. Susan's chef jacket still has food stains on it. She hasn't moved it from the door knob where she put it when we arrived home. She loved the day.

It might be my best present to her ever, even better than the trip to the Rose Bowl Parade I gave her one year. I announced that trip by putting a rose on her pillow with airline and parade tickets attached to it. She asked me if she could take anyone she wanted. Luckily, she chose me.

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5 this Jack was in "The Texas Wheelers"
6 large birds raised on some TX ranches
7 Edwards Aquifer is ___ source of drinking water for San Antonio
8 TX Pride was '71 CMA _____ of the Year
16 Dallas Morning News banned them from front page in 1907
17 TXism: "he's ___ _____" (not alert)
21 TX Mandrell's "If Loving You __ Wrong"
22 Olney hosts "One-Armed Dove ___"
23 TX rancher Chuck Norris was ___-weight karate champ
24 TXism: "couldn't fight his way out of _ _____ bag"
29 TXism: "____ up on" (study)
30 TX Lefty Frizzell hit: "Always ____ With Your Kisses"
31 Ozona H.S. class
32 big oil discovery: East ____ ____
34 TX Buddy Holly hit: "Not ____ Away"
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37 this Meredith was in "The Son of Davy Crockett"
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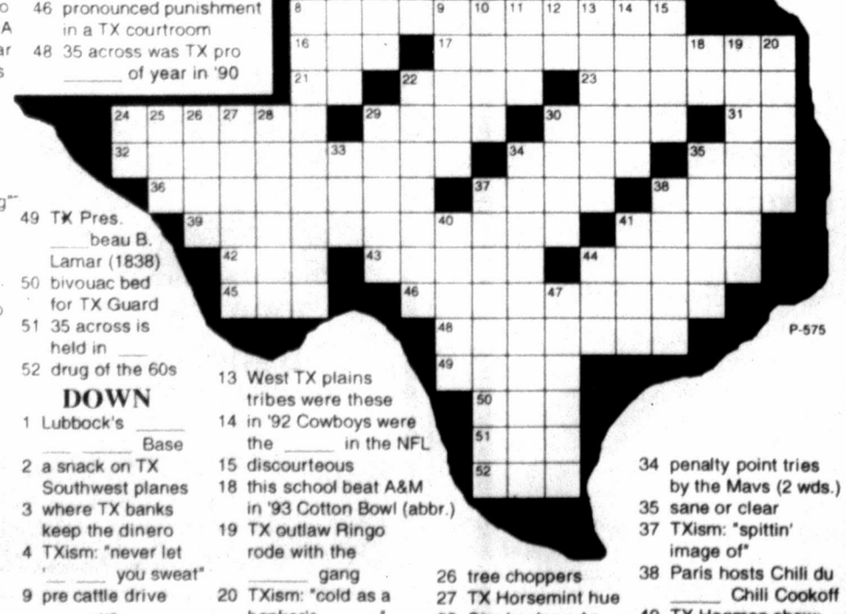
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15 discourteous
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local news

POLICE REPORT

• On Sunday, December 29, 2002 at about 2:36 am, Ben Fidencio Turnbow, 23 year old male, of 820 E 5th St. was arrested for Possession of Controlled Substance and for No Drivers License at the intersection of 15th and Austin St. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

• On Monday, December 30, 2002 at about 5:45 pm, Grady Morris, reports Burglary of a building. Morris reports that sometime after Saturday afternoon someone entered his house located at 304 E 4th. Morris reports that his house had been ransacked and that a .22 cal. pistol was stolen. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Mitchell.

• On Tuesday, December 31, 2002 at 2:45 pm, Gary Matlock reports Burglary of Vehicle. Matlock reports that sometime during the night on December 30, 2002 someone entered his vehicle and stole several items from his pickup truck. The loss is estimated at $170 dollars. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On January 1, 2003 at about 1:18 am, Henry Limones Barrera, 41 year old male, 441 Cedar was arrested for Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by Felon and for Aggravated Assault in the 1100 block of Nicolosa after receiving a call of a man with a gun. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On January 1, 2003 at about 1:18 am, Darron Lamont Emerson, 29 year old male, 1808 Delaney Circle was arrested for Public Intoxication in the 1100 block of Nicolosa after receiving a call of a man with a gun. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On Thursday, January 2, 2003 at about 11:00 am, the Colorado City Senior Apartments, 1324 E 10th St., report Failure to comply with duties upon striking a fixed object at that same location. They report that someone struck a trash bin and then left the scene. A suspect has been identified and this case will be forwarded to Municipal Court. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at 9:42 am L.L. Thomas, 932 Elm St., reports Burglary of a Motor Vehicle. Thomas reports that sometime between Dec. 30, 2002 and Jan. 2, 2003, someone entered his vehicle that was located at 932 Elm St. and stole his Texas Registration sticker and his Texas inspection sticker. The loss is estimated at $58.30. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Hicks.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at about 11:47 am, Paul Wright, 1609 Highway 163, reports dog bite. Wright reports that he was at a friend's house when he was bitten by a small brown dog. The dog was found to have had his rabies vaccinations and was released back to his owner. Investigating Officer: Hicks.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at about 9:40 pm, Jimmy Lee Mayes Jr., 45 year old male, 308 N 2nd St., Haskell, was arrested for Public Intoxication and for Open Container at 10th and Austin St. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at about 9:40 pm, Freddie Kingsbury, 55 year old male, 918 E Front St., was arrested for Public Intoxication and for Open Container at 10th and Austin St. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Office: Heine.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at about 9:40 pm, Bobby Ray Knox, 35 year old male, 14415 Player, Houston was arrested for Public Intoxication and for Open Container at 10th and Austin St. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Saturday, January 4, 2003 at about 9:40 pm, Treva Lynn Russell, 36 year old female, 406 Colorado St., was arrested for Public Intoxication at 10th and Austin St. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

• On Sunday, January 5, 2003 at about 12:34 am, Divinsio Scottie Vasquez, 23 year old male, 240 W. Central St. was arrested for Public Intoxication at the Colorado City Apartments. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Taylor.

• On Sunday, January 5, 2003 at about 12:00 pm, Billy Rawson, 3016 LCR 252, reports a lost phone. Rawson reports that he lost his phone at Fuller Foods. Investigating Officer: Hicks.

• On Sunday, January 5, 2003 at about 4:30 pm, Dairy Queen, 2301 N. Hwy. 208 reports theft. Sometime between 1-4-03 at 10:30 pm and 1-5-03 at 4 pm a green bank bag was found missing from the safe. The loss is estimated at $1306. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Heine.

• On Friday, January 3, 2003 at bout 11:59 am, a collision occurred in the 500 block of Chestnut St. A purple 1999 Dodge RAm pickup driven by Richard Lewis McSpadden of 713 E 16th St. was backing up from a parking space at the Family Medical Assoc. Clinic. He backed without safety and struck a parked car that was parked and unattended in the 500 block of Elm St. The damage was moderate and there were no injuries. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Friday, January 3, 2003 at about 3:51 pm a collision occurred in the 1700 block of Delaney Circle. A white 1989 Pontiac Grand-Am driven by Alma Zamora, 28 year old female, 1705 Delaney Circle was parked northbound along the west curb line. A green 1997 Ford Contour driven By Brenda Joyce Russell, 45 year old female was northbound on Delaney Circle and was attempting to turn left onto Manuel St. Alma Zamora made an improper start from a parked position and the two vehicles collided. Investigating Officer: Taylor.

• On Friday, January 3, 2003 at about 3:51 pm, a collision occurred in the 500 block of Chestnut St. A green/tan 1988 Ford F-150 pickup driven by Lucinda D. Wemken, 44 year old female of 920 Walnut St. was standing still dropping a passenger. A tan 1999 Ford contour driven by Rita Brown, 21 year old female, 206 W. Campbell St., Loraine was parked waiting to back out. Lucinda Wemken was then motioned by another driver of another vehicle to back up, so that she could back out She then backs up at the same time that Brown is backing up from her parking space. The two vehicles then collided. There were no injuries and the damage was minimal. Investigating Officer: Heine.

Trailer house burns

Mitchell County Fire Department answered a call at 4:12 a. m. Friday to 618 Waco, Colorado City. A vacant trailer house caught on fire during the night. Seventeen firemen fought to extinguish the blaze.

A few hours later the fire rekindled under the trailer, the Fire Department was dispatched at 8:42 a. m. Twelve firemen responded and rolled the trailer house over to extinguish the fire.

At 11:11 a. m. the Fire Department dispatched eleven men back to the address to again extinguish the fire. Burning debris and easily combustible materials in the trailer caused the trailer to begin burning again.

Todd Moody was in the process of moving out of the house, most of his property was still in the trailer. Owners of the home, Lynn and Larry Moody, and other family members had items stored in the house.

The Colorado City Fire Marshal's office has found no cause for the fire. "At this time the cause or origin of the fire is undetermined," said Colorado City Fire Marshal, Charles Rice.



A VACANT TRAILER HOUSE AT 618 WACO burned Friday, January 3rd. Although the home was vacant at the time of the fire, Todd Moody and family members storing items in the home lost all in the blaze. The cause of the fire is still unknown.

Girls Scouts now selling cookies

The West Texas Girl Scout Council has begun their annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale. "Our theme this year is CELEBRATE and we are celebrating all the things that make girl scouting and this cookie sale unique and wonderful," said Girl Scout Program Coordinator, Jewelie Rambach.

"The girls who participate are able to learn valuable skills like money management, goal setting, and business etiquette. The girls are filled with pride and also learn important values including honesty, integrity, and self-esteem," said Rambach.

All profit from the sale benefits the girls and stays within the council's jurisdiction. The money is used for troop activities and supplies and the girls play an active role in deciding how the money will be spent.

This year's cookie sale includes eight varieties of girl scout favorites. "We have the classic and always a favorite, Shortbread, and the world-famous Thin Mint," Rambach said.

"We have two newer cookies, Animal Treasures, a fudge dipped shortbread cookie with fun animal imprint, and the Friendship Circles, a chocolate sandwich cookie. We even have the Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Creme, for those who prefer a healthier cookie. There is sure to be a cookie to fit everyone's taste," said Rambach.

The local Girl Scout troop will be taking orders for cookies Jan. 4th through Jan. 18th. Cookies will be delivered in early February. You may call Anna Marney at 728-5672 to place an order. All phone orders will be divided evenly among the girls .

COOK'S CORNER

After all the sweets and treats during the holidays, Texans are ready for some good, hearty main dishes for dinner. This week Cook's Corner has come up with some recipes sure to please the entire family.

Slow Cooked Swiss Steak

3/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 to 2 1/2 pounds boneless round steak
1 to 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
1 1/3 cups water
1 cup sliced celery, optional
1/2 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 to 3 teaspoons beef bouillon granules

In a shallow bowl, combine flour, pepper and salt. Cut steak into six serving size pieces; dredge in flour mixture. In a skillet, brown steak in butter. Transfer to a slow cooker. Combine the remaining ingredients; pour over steak. Cover and cook on low for 8-9 hours or until the meat is tender. Yield: 6 servings.

Italian Pork and Rice

1 cup sliced fresh mushrooms
1/3 cup chopped onion
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
1 can (14 1/2 oz) Italian diced tomatoes, undrained
1 cup cubed cooked pork (about 2 pork chops)
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper
1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
1/2 teaspoon salt, optional
pinch sugar
1/2 cup uncooked instant rice

In a saucepan, saute the mushrooms, onion and garlic in butter until tender. Stir in tomatoes, pork, peppers, Italian seasoning, salt if desired and sugar; bring to a boil. Stir in rice. Cover and remove from the heat; let stand for 5 minutes. Stir before serving.

Beef 'n Rice Bake

1 pound ground beef
3 celery ribs, thinly sliced
1 medium onion, chopped
2 cups cooked rice
1/2 cup chopped green pepper
1/2 cup chopped sweet red pepper
1 jar (4 1/2 oz) sliced mushrooms, drained
1/2 cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
1 tablespoon brown sugar
1 can (3 oz.) chow mein noodles

In a skillet, cook beef, celery and onion until the meat is browned and vegetables are tender; drain. Stir in rice, peppers, mushrooms, soy sauce, butter and brown sugar; heat through. Transfer to a greased 2-qt. baking dish. Cover and bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes. Sprinkle with chow mein noodles. Bake, uncovered, 5-10 minutes longer or until the noodles are crisp.

Mexican Meat Loaf

3/4 cup milk
2 eggs, beaten
1/2 cup dry bread crumbs
1/4 cup finely chopped onion
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 1/2 pounds lean ground beef
1 jar (16 oz) picante sauce

In a large bowl, combine the first seven ingredients. Add beef and mix well. Pat into a greased 8x4x2" loaf pan. Bake, uncovered, at 350° for 1 hour or until juices run clear; drain. Top with warm picante sauce.

ANNIVERSARY

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Fr. James Faelker, O.M.I.
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Baileys celebrate 50th anniversary



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dee Bailey ... *now*

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dee Bailey of Loraine celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary New Year's Day, 2003. They were married January 6, 1953 in Calera, OK, where Roy Dee grew up.

Roy Dee was in the Navy aboard the ship KS20USS Mercury in Norfolk, Virginia. Betty Katherine was still in school. When Roy Dee got out of the Navy two years later, they began their family, which consists of nine children: Kathy Eagle of Achille, Oklahoma; Danny Bailey of Big Spring; Gary Bailey of Big Spring; Rene Nickols (deceased); Alan Bailey of Achille, Oklahoma; Kelvin Bailey (deceased); Melody Morris of Loraine; Ricky Bailey of Loraine and Misty Bailey of Colorado.

The couple's year of 2003 began quietly and happily. Many family members and friends dropped by the Bailey home extending cards and gifts and lots of love. Betty enjoys Elvis music, along with other music from the 1950s while cooking and visiting. Betty's genealogy searches have revealed elvis to be a distant relative from her Grandpa Mansell's side of the family.

The couple enjoyed receiving friends and family. Everyone ate, visited and took pictures. As other family members gathered that evening, everyone enjoyed each other's company, celebrating Christmas, New Year's and the 50th anniversary at the same time. Roy Dee commented that he would like to celebrate this way again on the couple's 75th anniversary.

Betty claims several more famous relatives. She said that distant cousins from her grandmother's German side and Colbert Chickasaw side of her family, such as President George Bush, Governor Rick Perry and Senator Troy Frazer would have been too busy to attend had she told them of the celebration.



Roy Dee Bailey



Betty Katherine Duke



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dee Bailey, 1953



Criswell, Hoyle exchange vows Dec. 14



Mrs. Matthew Brett Hoyle

Lindsey Anne Criswell and Matthew Brett Hoyle, both of Canyon, were united in marriage at 2 pm, December 14, 2002. The double-ring ceremony took place in the Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride's parents are Jerry and Mary Criswell of Canyon. The groom's parents are Nathan and Cheryl Hoyle of Colorado City.

Vocalist . was Brandon McDonald, the groom's cousin. He sang "Surely the Presence" and "More". Stephanie Partain, groom's sister of Canyon was the pianist.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless white satin gown with a full skirt and a cathedral-length train. The bodice of the dress was trimmed with crystal beads and iridescent sequins. She carried red and white roses.

Serving as matron of honor was Sharalyn Fichtt, sister of the bride of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Marla Ehly, childhood friend from Canyon, and Darrah Boxberger, childhood friend from Denton. They wore black gowns with white straps, and black and white shawls. They carried bouquets of red roses.

Candlelighters were Jesse Criswell, uncle of the bride of Arlington, and Eric Hoffman, cousin of the bride of Canyon.

Matt Thackerson, best friend of the groom from Idalou, served as best man. Groomsmen were Michael Hoyle, brother of the groom of Canyon and Drew Carpenter, college friend of the groom of Canyon. Ushers were Travis Criswell, bride's brother of Canyon, Eric Hoffman, bride's cousin of Canyon and Rod Partain, groom's brother-in-law of Canyon. They wore black tuxedos with silver vests and ties, with red rose boutonniers.

The church was decorated with greenery, white lights, poinsettias, white candles, an arch with Christmas garland, lights and red bows, red bouquets, and rose red boutonniers.

A reception was held in the fellowship hall at the Southwest Baptist Church in Amarillo.

The bride's table was decorated with the bride's and bridesmaid's bouquets and a silver punch bowl. The cake was 4-tier with red rose arrangements on top of each tier.

Servers at the bride's table were Jennifer and Rebecca Criswell, cousins of the bride, Penny Pollart, friend of the couple and Valerie Noggle, friend of the bride.

Serving cobblers and homemade ice cream at the groom's table were Stephanie Partain, sister of the groom and Sherri Ritchey, friend of the groom.

The bride, a 1999 graduate of Canyon High School, is a senior at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, majoring in Special Education.

The groom, a 1999 graduate of Colorado High School, is a senior at WTAMU majoring in History.

After a honeymoon trip to Galveston, the couple will make their home in Canyon, Texas.



Dustin Anders & Anjanette Morgan

Engagement announced

Dan and Adele Morgan of Colorado City would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Anjanette Morgan of Stephenville, to Dustin Michael Anders, also of Stephenville.

Parents of the future groom are Ted Anders of Burleson and Debbie Olne of Glenpool, Oklahoma.

The wedding will take place at 6 pm on July 26, 2003 at the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Colorado High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University.

The future groom is a graduate of Burleson High School and is currently attending Tarleton State University.







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SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD
Kelley, Hutchinson
Elementary and CMS
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Dry cereal, teddy grahams, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Breakfast pizza, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Pop tarts, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Biscuit w/jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Dry cereal, teddy grahams, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Kelley, Hutchinson
Elementary, CMS
Lunch Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Chicken patty on bun, pinto beans, french fries, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, garlic toast, tossed salad, peaches, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Pizza, green peas, glazed carrots, applesauce, choice of milk.

Thursday - Steak fingers, mashed potatoes w/gravy, golden corn, hot rolls, pears, choice of milk.

Friday - Hot dog on a bun, tator tots, baked beans, cookie, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
High School
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, egg-potato burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, bread sticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Assorted dry cereal w/toast, sausage & biscuit, breakfast sandwich, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
High School
Lunch Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Chef salad w/bacon, chicken patty on a bun, sloppy joe on a bun, french fries, carrots, pears, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Chef salad w/ham, BBQ on a bun, spaghetti w/meat sauce, sweet peas, garlic toast, peaches, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Tomato soup w/grilled cheese sandwich, corn dog, green chili casserole, pinto beans, golden corn, salsa/chips, choice of milk.

Thursday - Mexican bean salad, steak sandwich, pork chop, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, pineapple tidbits, choice of milk.

Friday - Chef salad w/chicken, hamburger basket, french fries, lettuce cup, cookie, applesauce, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Texas toast, sausage links, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - Scrambled eggs, hash browns, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - Cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, honey, milk.

Tuesday - Frito pie w/cheese, pinto beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday - Turkey pot pie, black-eyed peas, fruit cup, crackers, milk.

Thursday - Chicken fajitas w/cheese and tortillas, tossed salad, corn, pears, milk.

Friday - Barbeque ribs on bun, french fries, pickle spears, half orange, milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 13-17

Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Muffin, toast, juice, milk.

Wednesday - Cheese toast, fruit, bacon, milk.

Thursday - Scrambled eggs, toast, hash browns, milk.

Friday - Honey bun, toast, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
Jan. 13-17

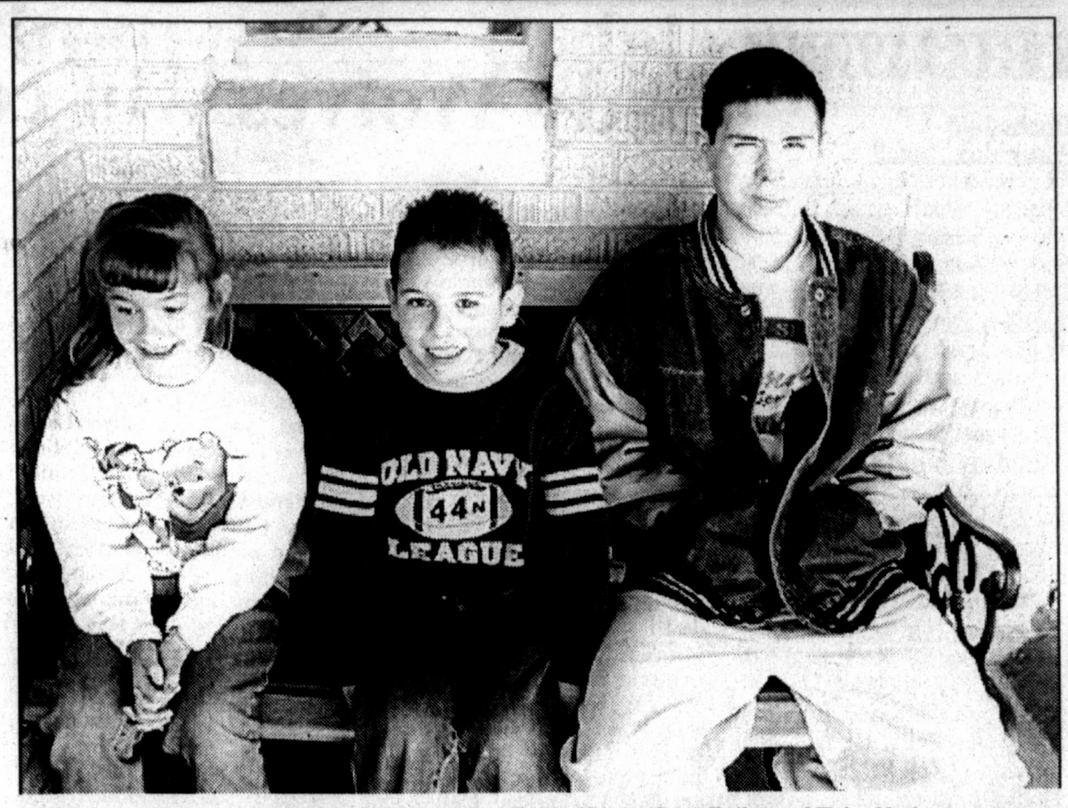
Monday - Spaghetti w/meat, salad, black-eyed peas, garlic toast, fruit delight, milk.

Tuesday - Tacos, cheese, carrot salad, beans, salsa, crispy bar, milk.

Wednesday - Fried chicken, broccoli, mashed potatoes, biscuit, cobbler, milk.

Thursday - Corn dog w/mustard, corn, pork n beans, apple, milk.

Friday - Barbecue on a bun, chili beans, french fries, ketchup, orange, milk.



LORAINE STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are (l-r) Bailee Young, Scott Bailey and Tyler Neel.



HUTCHINSON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are Heather Barrera, Matt Neff, and Ritchie Martinez.

Costabile receives technology scholarship

More than 30 students from Texas State Technical College West Texas received the Technology Tomorrow Scholarship for the fall term. Each student will receive up to $800 each semester while attending TSTC WTX.

The Technology Tomorrow Scholarship program is funded by a grant from the National Science Foundation and is designed to attract more students to two-year technical programs in computer science and engineering technologies.

Scholarship applicants are reviewed by a scholarship committee and approved based upon various requirements that include grade point averages, TASP scores and written recommendations from high school math teachers or previous employers. Applicants are also required to write an essay demonstrating motivation, determination, professionalism and communication skills.

Students applying for admission to the following associate degree programs may qualify for the scholarship program: Automation/Robotics Technology, Computer/Network Electronics Technology, Computer Network Technology, Computer Science Technology, Digital Imaging and Design Technology, and Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology.

Crystal Costabile of Colorado City was a recipient of the Technology Tomorrow Scholarship for the fall term.

WTC meat judging team competes

The Western Texas College meats judging team competed November 24 at the Beef Empire contest in Garden City, Kansas, and brought home several team and individual awards.

The team placed third in pricing/selection, fourth in grading, fourth in placing and fifth in questioning.

Individually, Sam Schiwait of Robert Lee placed fifth in grading, seventh in placing and 12th overall.

Nathan Shrode of Colorado City took eighth place in quality grading. Zach Wylie of Colorado City garnered the 11th place spot in placing.

Brodie Redwine of Colorado City took 10th place in quality grading. Becky Griffin of Tularosa, NM, placed 13th in pricing and Jacob Harrison of Wink finished 13th in carcass selection.

Sixty contestants from six states competed.



Hutchinson students of the week announced

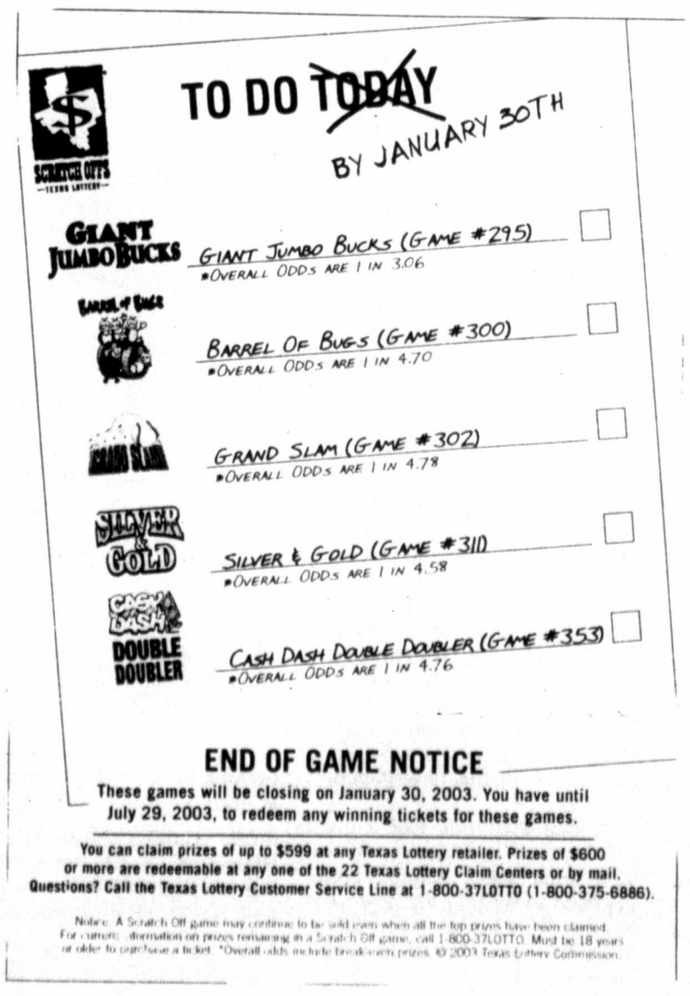
Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Heather Barrera, Matt Neff, and Ritchie Martinez.

Heather is a third grader in Mrs. Free's class. Her parents are Danny and Jessica Barrera. Her hobbies are singing and dancing. She has a pet dog named Elizabeth. Her favorite subject is Spelling and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is doing work and reading library books.

Matt is a fourth grader in Mrs. Weaver's class. His parents are Sally and Mickey Neff. His special hobby is cars. His favorite subject is PE and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is Mrs. Weaver.

Ritchie is a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class. His parents are Sammy and Jennifer Martinez. He has a pet cat. His favorite subject is reading and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is that it is a fun and cool school.

Each week a student from each grade level is chosen as the student of the week and a picture is in the paper. The student is chosen based on criteria established by the teachers. The student receives a 'dog tag' necklace with Student of the Week, Hutchinson Elementary. The tags are donated by City National Bank.







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THIS WEEK

COLORADO CITY

Basketball

Thursday, Jan. 9

7th girls, Stanton, H.....5:00
8th girls, Stanton H.....6:00
7th boys, Stanton, T.....5:00
8th boys, Stanton, T.....6:00
JV "B", Stanton, T.....7:00

Friday, Jan. 10

JV girls, Seagraves, H (HS).....5:00
JV boys, Seagraves, H (Pit).....5:00
Varsity girls, Seagraves, H.....6:30
Varsity boys, Seagraves, H.....8:00

Monday, Jan. 13

7th girls, Coahoma, T.....5:00
8th girls, Coahoma, T.....6:00
7th boys, Coahoma, H.....5:00
8th boys, Coahoma, H.....6:00
JV "B", Coahoma, H.....7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 14

JJV girls, Crane, H.....5:00
JV boys, Crane, H (HS).....5:00
Varsity girls, Crane, H.....6:30
Varsity boys, Crane, H.....8:00

LORAINE

Basketball

Monday, Jan. 13

Jr. High girls, Blackwell, H.....6:00
Jr. High boys, Blackwell, H.....7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 14

JV girls, Trent, T.....4:00
JV boys, Trent, T.....5:00
Varsity girls, Trent, T.....6:30
Varsity boys, Trent, T.....8:00

WESTBROOK

Basketball

Monday, Jan. 13

Jr. High girls, Highland, H.....6:00
Jr. High boys, Highland, H.....7:00

Tuesday, Jan. 14

Varsity girls, Hermleigh, H.....6:30
Varsity boys, Hermleigh, H.....8:00

Lady Wolves win consolation at Reagan County

After losing to 4-A Killeen Shoemaker in the opening round of the Reagan County Invitational, the Colorado Lady Wolves came back to defeat district rival Coahoma and edge out Midland Trinity to give the Lady Wolves the consolation trophy last Saturday in Big Lake.

Against Killeen, the Lady Wolves were down 16-8 in the first quarter and 28-21 at halftime.

The Lady Wolves rallied in the third quarter to go ahead 39-38 with an 18-6 run but Killeen had a strong fourth quarter, outscoring the Lady Wolves 18-8, to take the 53-47 win.

Teri Phariss scored 21 points and Alison Lopez added another 12 to lead Colorado. Phariss also had two treys in the contest.

In game two on Friday, the Lady Wolves faced off against Coahoma, and due to illness of several Lady Wolves, Coach Steve Sumners had to bring up Chasity Jackson from the JV to add depth to his team.

The Lady Wolves, despite their illness, dominated the contest.

After a slim 9-8 lead at the end of the first quarter, the Lady Wolves used an 18-0 second quarter run to take a 27-8 halftime lead.

The domination continued in the third quarter with an 11-2 run that put the Lady Wolves up 38-10 going into the final period. The last quarter the Lady Wolves scored 12 and held Coahoma to 6 to take the game 50-16.

Amanda Guerra led all scorers with 17 points.

The win put the Lady Wolves into the consolation finals against Midland Trinity on Saturday.

The Lady Wolves led 8-7 at the end of the first quarter but fell behind 18-13 at half. A 17-9 third quarter run by the Lady Wolves, however, put them back up 30-27 at that point.

The Lady Wolves outscored Midland 15-14 in the final period to put the game away by the score of 45-41.

Lopez had 14 points and Phariss 10 to lead the Lady Wolves.

Kotia Russell lhad three treys in the game that was also very huge according to Coach Sumners.

"I felt the girls played real well considering everything," said Coach Sumners. "Kotia came through with three big treys for us in the final game against Midland. She was one of the few girls that wasn't sick. I started to cancel out of the tournament after I saw how sick the girls were but they wanted to play. I am glad we were able to finish it out."



2002-03 VARSITY LADY WOLVES Basketball team: (top row, l-r) Rachel Arguijo, Shasta Kreis, Amanda Guerra, Teri Phariss, and Coach Steven Sumners; (bottom row, l-r) Alison Lopez, Kotia Russell, and Hannah Bassham.

Lady Wolves lose district opener to Stanton Lady Buffs, 48-38

The Colorado Lady Wolves opened district play last Friday night at "The Pit" with a loss to the Stanton Lady Buffs by the score of 48-38.

Opening district with a loss is something the Lady Wolves have not done in some time, but considering Stanton is 21-1 on the year and ranked in the top 10 in the state speaks for it self.

The Lady Wolves opened the game on an 8-0 run in the first quarter until the Lady Buffs got settled into their normal game plan.

The Buffs tied the score up at 10-10 with 39 seconds left to go in the initial period and took the lead for good at 12-10 with 7:11 left to go in the first half.

By halftime the Lady Buffs had increased their lead to 28-18.

The Lady Wolves outscored the Buffs 12-6 in the third period to cut tinto the lead, ending the third quarter down 34-30.

Stanton closed out the final period with a 14-8 run to take the win, a big one for the Lady Buffs.

Lady Wolf Head Coach Steve Sumners said the early lead was just not enough to put away the Buffs.

"They have a pretty salty team," said Coach Sumners. "They are well coached and will make a lot of noise in this conference before the season is over."

Coach Sumners said depth once again hurt his squad.

"We were missing our back up post (Rachel Arguijo) due to a tragedy in the family," said Coach Sumners. "That basically cut us to six kids which left Alison, Teri and Kotia playing the whole game; and that eventually got to us, They were able to keep fresh bodies in and out If we had a little more depth I believe the early 8-0 run would have helped us a lot more."

The team falls to 11-9 on the season and 0-1 in district 3-2A play.



THE LORAINE HIGH JV BASKETBALL TEAM took third place at last Saturday's JV tournament held at Highland. Members are, standing, (l-r) Junior Delgado, Marcus Williams, Johnny Jimenez, D.J. Vanderpool, Gene Messick, Cameron Smith and coach Victor Garcia. Kneeling is Elias Martinez.

Blackwell blasts Loraine teams

The Blackwell high school boys and girls basketball teams swept the Loraine teams in action played at Blackwell last Friday.

The girls took the court first and played Blackwell close for the first quarter with the ladies down 11-10 after the first quarter. Blackwell outscored Loraine 14-4 in the second quarter and increased their lead to 25-14 at halftime.

A 12-8 run in the third quarter pushed the Lady Hornet lead to 37-22 and both teams put up 7 points in the fourth period for a 44-29 Blackwell victory..

Christina Rico recorded 12 points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.

The Lady Bulldog JV team won their game with Blackwell 34-21. April Bailey led the JV with 10 points.

2002 Sports in Review

The year 2002 began with the Lady Wolves dropping their district opener against Seagraves, a team that was state ranked with a 19-1 record, by the score of 62-41.

The Lady Wolves rebounded well however, knocking off Forsan and Stanton in the next two games to improve their district record to 2-1.

After defeating Coahoma and Plains, the Lady Wolves ended the first half of district play at 4-1 and firmly in second place behind league-leading Seagraves.

Then, the unexpected happened.

First, the Lady Wolves dropped a 53-33 game to Seagraves to fall to 4-2 in district play. Then, the Lady Wolves hosted Stanton, a team they defeated in round one, and this time come up on the short end of a 60-51 loss.

Again rebounding, the Lady Wolves come back strong with a 66-36 win over Forsan and a 63-40 win over Plains.

With a record of 6-3, the Lady Wolves were tied with Stanton for second place going into their final district game with Coahoma, a team sporting a 5-4 record and in fourth place.

The win would not come however, as the Lady Wolves lost the game 60-42. This forced a one-game playoff with Stanton to determine the second and third place team in the district.

The Lady Wolves won the game 42-30 with Alison Lopez making 25 point to lead the way.

The Lady Wolves then faced New Deal in the bi-district play and won in a low-scoring game by the score of 33-28 with defense the key to the win.



WINNING SECOND PLACE at last Saturday's Highland JV tournament were the following members of Loraine High School's JV team: front row (l-r) Krystal Sanchez, Lacey Reyes, Amanda Aguilar, Gloria Rodriquez and Luisa Rico; back row (l-r) Angela Wooddell, Ashley Smith, Stephanie Rich and Coach Walowicz.

Speaking of Sports...

By Carl Graham

Smorgasboard while wondering whatever happened to former Wolf and Texas A&M ace left-hander Steve Hillhouse.

Also wondering the whereabouts of former Wolf and University of Texas running back Dan Steakley.

A new year brings lots of hope and expectations for another great year in sports.

The Lady Wolves started district play last Friday against Stanton while the boys will have to wait until Friday, Jan. 10, when both the girls and boys take on Seagraves.

The Seagraves girls are ranked in the state top 10 and are picked to win the district crown again. The Seagraves boys team is not as talented as the girls team but could provide a few surprises.

I got to catch a few of this year's bowl games. I missed most of the University of Texas game due to an early (10 a.m.) kickoff. Not that I had a late New Year's Eve mind you, I just like to sleeep in on New Year's Day.

I don't think they could have planned a better National Championship game than that of the University of Miami and Ohio State. Ohio State won the game in double overtime despite being an almost two touchdown underdog.

That's just one more reason the game is played on the field instead of in the newspapers I supposse.

I hope everyone had a great holiday and is looking forward to a great 2003. I hope I can get used to writing the new year on checks before the year is over. Be a great sport in everything you do!

Loraine girls place second

The Loraine High JV girls basketball team placed second at last Saturday's JV tournament, winning game one over Blackwell 31-27 before bowing to Highland 41-16 in game two.

In game on against Blackwell the Lady Bulldogs jumped off to a first quarter 10-3 lead. They led 15-10 at halftime.

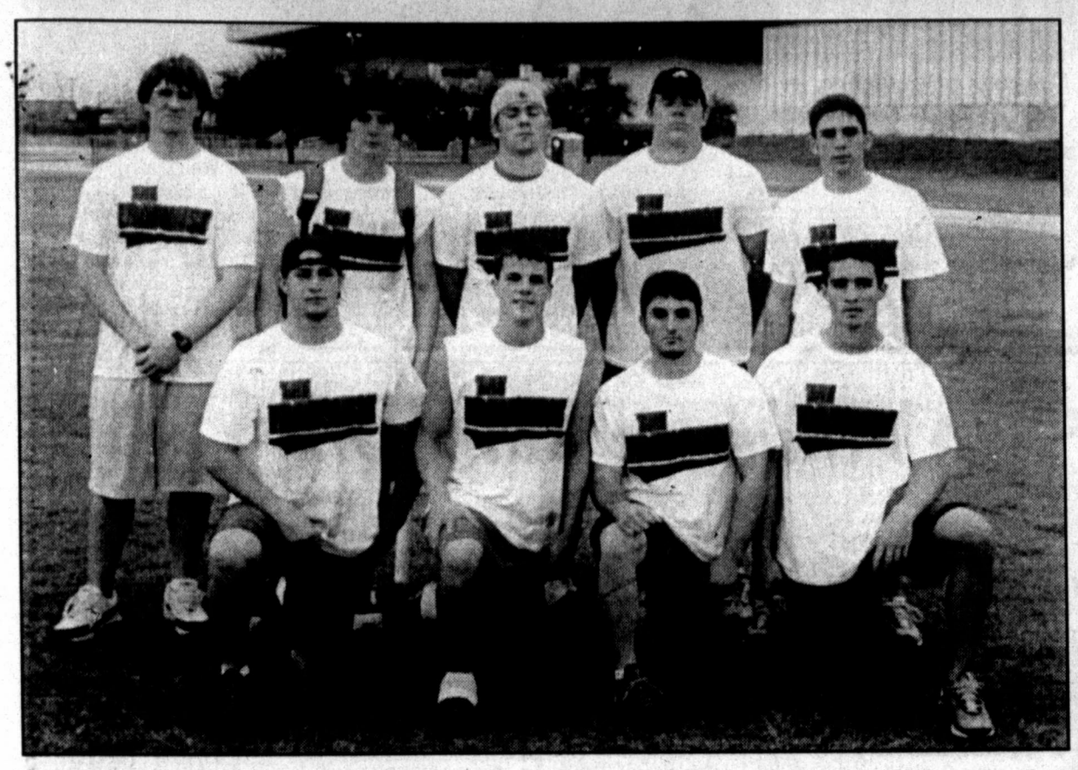
At the end of three quarters Blackwell trailed 22-14, and despite outscoring Loraine 13-9 in the final quarter, went down by a margin of 31-27.

Amanda Aguilar led Loraine with 9 points in the win.

Against Highland, the Lady Bulldogs trailed the entire contest. Highland led 21-7 at halftime and 30-13 at the end of three quarters. An 11-3 run in the final period propelled the Lady Hornets to the 41-16 win.

Krystal Sanchez scored 5 points to lead Loraine.

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MEMBERS OF *THE FRANCHISE* are bottom row (l-r) Jeremy Hull, Aaron Waldrip, Trey Neal and Andrew Spear; top row (l-r) Kevin Wright, Kris Cavazos, Chase Pharis, Clay White and Ryan Nash.

Local athletes advance to finals in flag football competition

Five Colorado City locals were members of a team from Texas Tech University that advanced to the finals of the Footlocker.com ACIC Flag Football National Championships held in New Orleans on December 28 through January 1.

Chase Pharis, Aaron Waldrip, Andrew Spear, Clay White, and Kevin Wright competed with their team, *The Franchise*, in the five-day tournament preceding the Sugar Bowl. *The Franchise* reached the finals, consisting of four rounds, after defeating Central Arkansas 12-8 and Louisiana 35-0.

In the first round of the finals, *The Franchise* dominated Missouri 21-6 but then fell to Southern Florida 26-20 in the second round.

After leading 13-0 at halftime, *The Franchise* lost the lead to Southern Florida late in the second half and trailed 20-13 with 34 seconds remaining. Utilizing two timeouts, the team from Texas Tech was able to drive the length of the field to tie the game with one second remaining, sending the game into overtime where Southern Florida prevailed.

Southern Florida also won its third round game, but was ousted by a team from Baylor in the fourth round.

Baylor, who defeated *The Franchise* in the regional finals at Waco, lost in the championship game to Southern Baton Rouge by seven points.

For their efforts, *The Franchise* was awarded the sportsmanship trophy and one member, Trey Neal of Childress, Texas was named 2nd Team All-American on offense.

Loraine boys remain undefeated after thrashing Hermleigh, 69-15

The Loraine junior high boys basketball team stayed undefeated at 6-0 with a 69-15 thrashing of the Hermleigh Cardinals Monday night.

Loraine jumped on the Cardinals quickly with a 28-3 first quarter lead before increasing the lead to 42-3 at halftime.

Junior high coach Rick Lucas began to liberally substitute in the second half, but Loraine still increased the lead. At the end of the third quarter the Bulldogs led by 58-9. Loraine outscored Hermleigh 11-6 in the final quarter as the second string team finished out the game.

All 14 Loraine players made it into the scoring column with Alejandro Lopez and Joe Epperson topping all scorers with 12 points each. Miguel Acevedo added 10 points.

Others scoring were Zachary Gibson, Sean Vasquez, Nathan Oliver, Danta Smith, Derek Martinez, Eric Jones, Jake and Levi Hester and Kenny Esquivel.

Blackwell blasts Loraine 75-28

The Loraine Bulldogs were defeated by Blackwell 75-28 in basketball action last Friday night at Blackwell.

Blackwell led in the game from the very beginning, going on a 23-2 opening quarter run. They took a 41-12 lead into halftime.

The scoring parade continued in the second half with the Hornets outscoring Loraine 18-9 and 16-7 in the third and final quarters.

Ryan Lucas accounted for 10 points to lead the Loraine scoring.

The loss dropped Loraine's season record to 6-7 and 1-1 in district play.

The JV boys dropped a heartbreaker to Blackwell 38-37 in a game prior to the varsity game.

Elias Martinez had 12 points and Marcus Williams 10 to lead the Loraine contingent.

Lady Wolves end 2002 on positive note

In their last action of 2002, the Colorado Lady Wolves defeated Eldorado 60-48 in action played at "The Pit" on Monday, December 30.

The Lady Wolves led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter and were ahead at half 32-26.

The Lady Wolves pushed the lead to 45-33 in the third period with a 13-7 run and both teams scored 15 points in the final period to end the game with the 60-48 margin.

Teri Phariss notched 23 point to lead all Lady Wolf scorers while Alison Lopez added 18. Hannah Bassham was also in double figures with 10.

Eldorado won the JV game just prior to the varsity game 29-23.

Wolves clip Eagles wings

The Colorado Wolves won their last game of 2002 with a 60-47 win over the Eldorado Eagles in action played at "The Pit" on Monday, December 30.

The Wolves led 17-9 at the end of the first quarter, and increased the lead to 32-21 at halftime.

Eldorado cut into the Wolf lead in the third quarter with a 16-11 run, cutting the deficit to only 43-37.

The Wolves finished strong with a 17-10 fourth quarter run to put the game away.

The win pushed the Wolves record to 8-8 on the season.

Jacobie Russell was high point for the Wolves with 17 while Chris Spear added 13 and Jonathan Spear hooked up with 11.

Eldorado won the JV game prior to the start of the varsity game by a score of 50-42.

Loraine JV Boys place 3rd in Highland tournament

The difference between first and third place sometimes comes down to a single point.

The Loraine boys JV basketball team lost a heartbreaker 36-35 to Blackwell in game one of the Highland JV tournament held last Saturday, a game that ultimately cost them the first place trophy.

Blackwell led 9-4 at the end of the first quarter and led 21-14 at halftime.

Loraine tied the game up at the end of three quarters with a 13-6 run, but Blackwell pulled the game out with a final quarter 9-8 run.

Wildcats smash Southland in non-district play

Five Westbrook Wildcats hit in double figures as the Westbrook Wildcats tuned up for district play last Monday with a solid 85-58 win over Southland.

The Wildcats led 22-12 at the end of the first quarter and increased the lead to 52-22 at the half.

At the end of three quarters Westbrook led 75-38 and Coach Jim Hill began to liberally substitute in the final period.

Southland outscored Westbrook 20-10 in the final quarter with Westbrook's reserves in.

Jared Matlock led the Wildcats with 16 points but had ample support from Sterling Burleson with 13, Colt Rich with 12, Trey Chavez with 11 and Jordan Johnson with 10.

Wildcats notch win

The Westbrook Wildcats had an easy time last Friday in disposing of the Highland Hornets in District 13-A play, winning by the score of 63-38.

Ahead 18-12 at the end of the first quarter, the Wildcats would take a 28-23 lead into the locker room at half.

Using a 22-9 run in the third quarter, the Wildcats increased their lead to 50-32. The Wildcats also outscored the Hornets in the final period 13-6 to notch the win.

Jared Matlock and Colt Rich shared high point honors with 13 points each, while Sterling Burleson added 12.

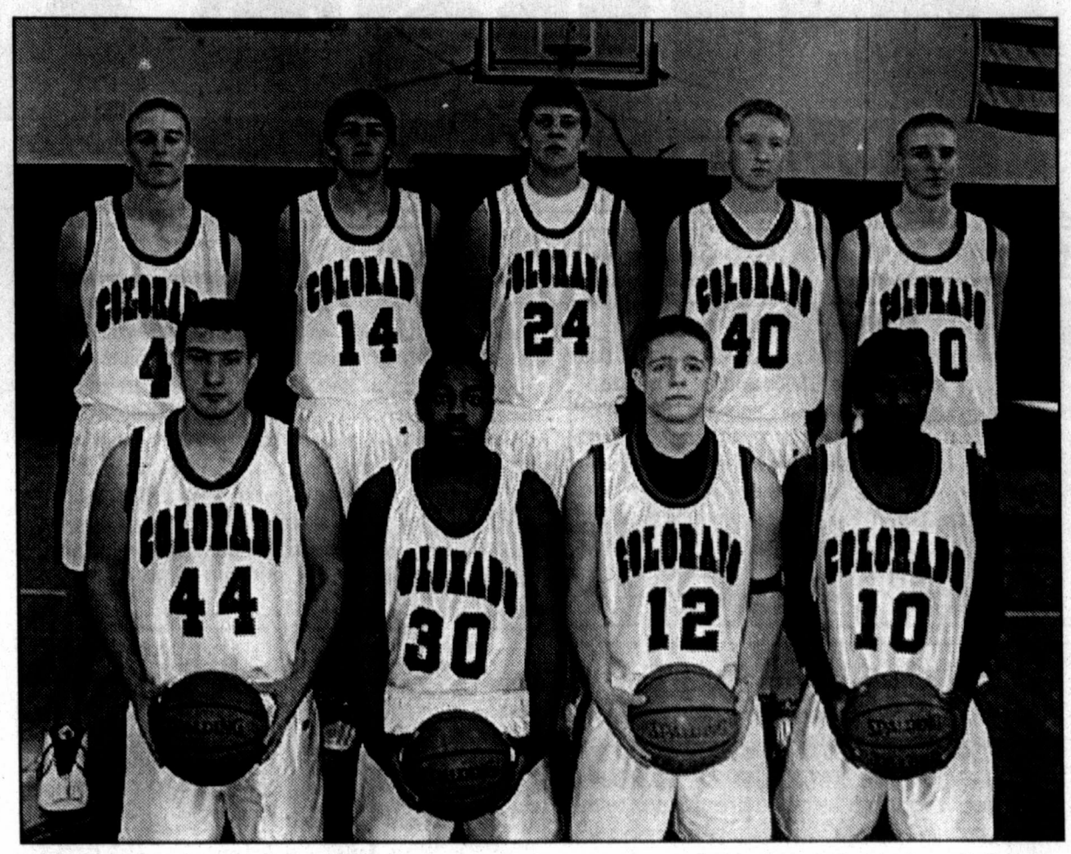
The Wildcat JV team also notched a win by the score of 28-25.

The Lady Wildcats took one on the chin to the Lady Hornets of Highland by the score of 48-29.

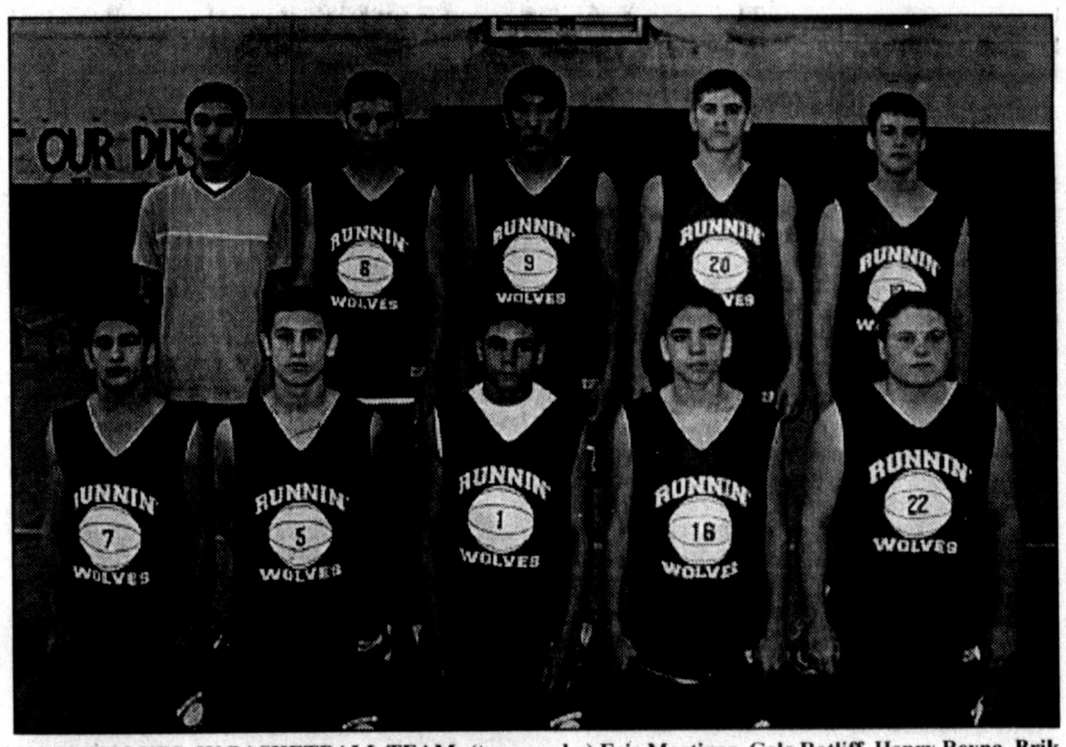
Highland was ahead 9-8 after the first quarter and never looked back, increasing their lead to 23-15 at halftime.

The Lady Wildcats were outscored 25-14 in the second half.

Leading the Lady Wildcats was Sheena Fernandez with 15 points.



2002-03 VARSITY WOLVES BASKETBALL TEAM: (bottom row, l-r) Ryan Mason, Justin Russell, Jonathan Spear and Jacobie Russell; (top row, l-r) Chris Spear, Evan Jones, Cole Arthur, Bryan Proctor and Patrick Spear.



2002-03 WOLVES JV BASKETBALL TEAM: (top row, l-r) Eric Martinez, Cole Ratliff, Henry Reyna, Brik McGuffin and Caleb Free; (bottom row, l-r) Roland Rivera, Erick Martinez, Hann Ollison, Cody Avalos and Kenneth Scott.

2002 Year in Review

boys basketball

The Colorado Wolves boys basketball team may have gotten off to a slow start last season, going 0-3 in district play before getting on a roll to finish district play at 7-3.

This was in spite of not having three-year Marquise Lenard for much of the season due to being inelgible and the loss to senior Tyson Zigler due to an injury.

Coach Danny Keeton looked to his underclassmen to step up into leadership roles and they did just that.

Sophomore Jacobie Russell, the Wolf point guard, stepped in and ran the team like a well-oiled machine, helping out in any capacity he was called on.

The Wolves drew Idalou in the bi-district round of the playoffs and Lamesa was selected as the site to play at.

The Wolves went down in defeat to the Wildcats 57-44 but gained a lot of experience through the season.

Lady Wildcats notch win over Southland

The Westbrook Lady Wildcats took a 36-26 win over Southland last Monday at Westbrook in a non-district game.

The Lady Wildcats were ahead 9-6 at the end of the first quarter and 23-14 at halftime.

Westbrook upped their lead to 29-18 at the end of three quarters before Southland managed to cut into the final score with a 8-7 final quarter run.

Amy Duke was high for Westbrook with 20 points.

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The family of Kathy Willis would like to thank the ambulance service, the EMTs and all of the doctors and nurses who worked so hard. For all of the cards, flowers, food, comfort, support and prayers in our loss, we thank each and everyone. To Calvary Baptist for the wonderful lunch you prepared, and to Pastor Sammy Elliott for the beautiful service, thank you. May God bless each and everyone.

The family of Kathy A. Willis

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We would like to express our sincere thanks to family and friends for the cards, letters, visits, phone calls, flowers, food and memorials. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated; and your kindness was a blessing to us during our time of need.

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District Office(s)
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1132 Hickory Street entry north door, upstairs for computers/sewing machines.

1312 Chestnut Street Middle School Shop Building for other items.

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Geneva Ratliff, B. Mgr.
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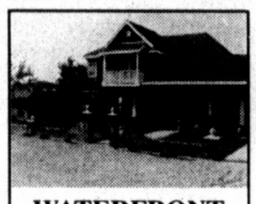
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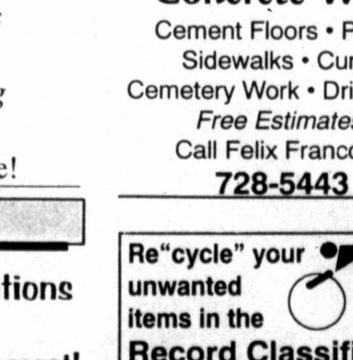
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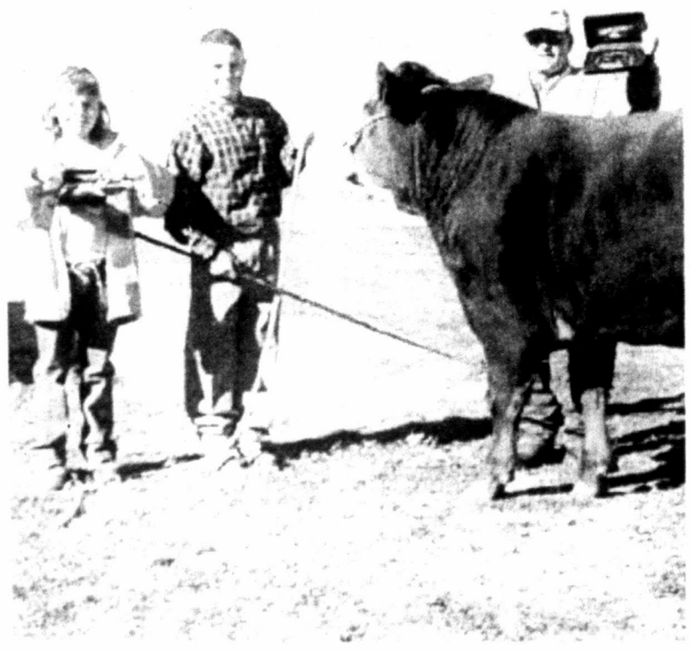
Loraine ISD holds annual stock show

Loraine ISD held their annual Livestock Show on January 4, 2003. All the participatns did a great job with their projects. The judge for this year's show was Eddie Puckett of Sweetwater. The winners in each event are as follows:

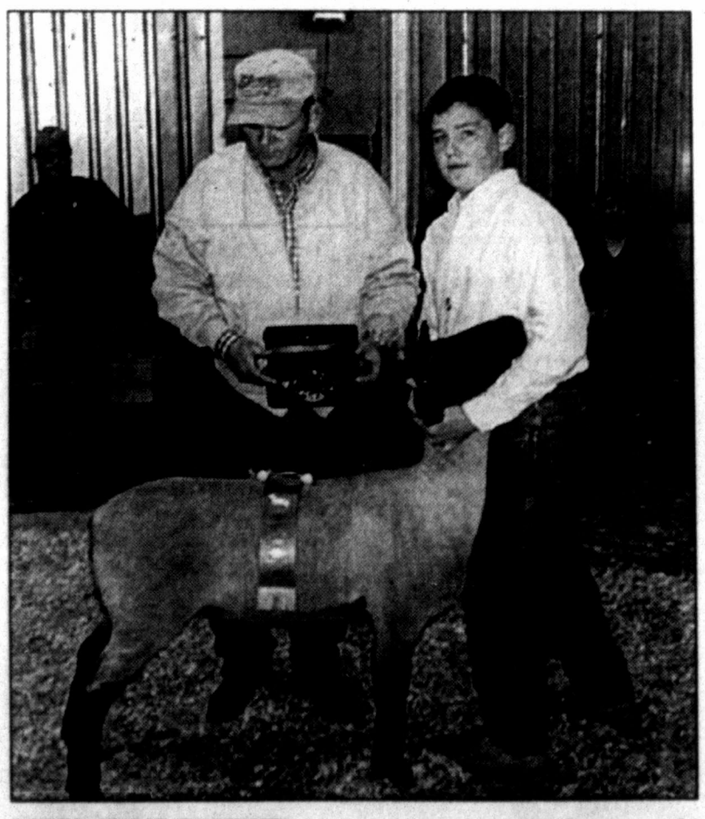
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Reserve Grand Champion Lamb	Jeanny Moore	
Lamb Showmanship	Stacy Parham	
Grand Champion Goat	Stephanie Rich	
Reserve Grand Champion Goat	Stacy Parham	
Goat Showmanship	Seth Clements	
Grand Champion Pig	Megan Sanchez	
Reserve Champion Pig	Anthony Garcia	
Pig Showmanship	Heaven McGrael	
Herdsman Award	Jeanny Moore	
Lamb		
Champion Finewool	Stacy Parham	
Champion Finewool Cross	Willie Clements	
Reserve Champion Finewool Cross	Seth Clements	
Light Weight Medium Wool		
1st Place	Samantha Harshaw	
2nd Place	Jeanny Moore	
3rd Place	Willie Clements	
Heavy Weight Medium Wool		
1st Place	Jake Hester	
2nd Place	Stacy Parham	
3rd Place	Jeanny Moore	
Champion Medium Wool	Jake Hester	
Reserve Champion Medium Wool	Samantha Harshaw	
Champion Southdown	Jeanny Moore	
Reserve Champion Southdown	Stacy Parham	
3rd Southdown Lamb	Stacy Parham	
Goat		
Light Weight Goat		
1st Place	Seth Clements	
2nd Place	Anthony Garcia	
3rd Place	Shannon Clements	
4th Place	Kendra Baugh	
Medium Weight Goat		
1st Place	Stacy Parham	
2nd Place	Jeanny Moore	
3rd Place	Nathan Clements	
4th Place	Kendra Baugh	
Light Heavy Weight Goat		
1st Place	Willie Clements	
2nd Place	Stephanie Rich	
3rd Place	John Garcia	
4th Place	Tyler Neel	
Heavy Weight Goat		
1st Place	Stephanie Rich	
2nd Place	Stacy Parham	
3rd Place	Jeanny Moore	
Pig		
Light Weight Duroc		
1st Place		Anthony Garcia
2nd Place		Lacy Bruce
3rd Place		Jacob Sanchez
Heavy Weight Duroc		
1st Place		Anthony Garcia
2nd Place		Joseph Epperson
3rd Place		Stormy Folsom
Champion Duroc		Anthony Garcia
Res. Champion Duroc		Lacy Bruce
Light Weight Hamp		
1st Place		Megan Sanchez
2nd Place		Heaven McGrael
3rd Place		Tabatha Epperson
Heavy Weight Hamp		
1st Place		Megan Oliver
2nd Place		Nathan Oliver
3rd Place		Nathan Oliver
Champion Hamp		Megan Oliver
Res. Champion Hamp		Heaven McGrael
Light Weight Black OPB		
1st Place		Jake Hester
2nd Place		John Garcia
Heavy Weight Black OPB		
1st Place		Heaven McGrael
2nd Place		John Garcia
3rd Place		Tabatha Epperson
Champion Black OPB		Jake Hester
Res. Champion Black OPB		John Garcia
Light Weight White OPB		
1st Place		Jacob Sanchez
2nd Place		Stormy Folsom
3rd Place		Heaven McGrael
Heavy Weight White OPB		
1st Place		Eric Wooddell
2nd Place		Eric Wooddell
Champion White OPB		Jacob Sanchez
Res. Champion White OPB		Eric Wooddell
Light Weight Cross		
1st Place		John Garcia
2nd Place		Leslie Bruce
3rd Place		Krystal Sanchez
Heavy Weight Cross		
1st Place		Anthony Garcia
2nd Place		Nathan Garcia
3rd Place		Samanta Harshaw
Champion Cross		Anthony Garcia
Res. Champion Cross		Nathan Oliver



LORAINE STOCK SHOW Judge Eddie Puckett presents Stephanie Rich a belt buckle and a ribbon for showing the grand champion goat at last Saturday's stock show held in Loraine.



CATELAND JOHNSTON, (l) holds the ribbons her brother Carlton won showing the Grand Champion Steer at the Loraine Stock Show last Saturday. Carlton holds his steer while Judge Eddie Puckett of Sweetwater holds the belt buckle Carlton received.



JUDGE EDDIE PUCKETT presents grand champion sheep award to Jake Hester at Loraine's Stock Show on Saturday.



MEGAN SANCHEZ shows her grand champion pig at last Saturday's Loraine Stock Show. Judge Eddie Puckett of Sweetwater holds the belt buckle.

Greetings from Loraine. We hope your new year is a joy thus far and that you stay well.

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Juanice Butler returned home Thursday after a 12-day stay in Conroe and Katy, Texas. On December 20, Juanice joined Danny and Pam Butler along with Mr. and Mrs. Marion Hughes of New Mexico on a trip to Conroe to visit Paul and Dawn Kropp and girls, Danielle and Elizabeth.

Kennie Sue Irwin and Ruby Homad also went to Conroe to join the family. On December 21, Juanice returned to Katy with her daughter, Kennie Sue Irwin and friend, Ruby Homad. Juanice enjoyed getting to be with everyone. She came home last Thursday, January 2nd.

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Enjoying Christmas with her children, Nell Doyle reported having a great time. They played games, visited, and ate a lot of good food. Coming home were Tommy and Becky Doyle and Shannon of Arlington, Beverly and Chester Collier of Westbrook, Jimmy, Jodi and Hudon of Wall, Texas and Gloria Hernandez of Sweetwater.

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Royce and Margaret Mahon spent several days in Ft. Worth over the holiday. Barbara and Charles Cook hosted their visit while other family members visited as well.

Getting together were James and Sandra Mahon of Shermon, Cindy of Ft. Worth and Susan from Sherman. Also visiting were Eldon and Nova Lee Mahon of Ft. Worth. Royce and Margaret returned home Sunday night.

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We have concerns at this time for Ninfa Esquivel. She is hospitalized and we send our prayers and well wishes out to her.

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We also have concerns for Kay Nell Cornutt. She is in an Abilene hospital at this time. Our well wishes and prayes go with her as well.

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Nell Doyle attended the New Year's Eve party at the Senior Center where she had a great time.

She played table games, socialized, enjoyed some good food and good music.

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Elba Mae Evans returned home Sunday from Greeville, Texas, where she spent two weeks with her daughter and son-in-law, Peggy and Ray Harmon. She reported having a wonderful visit and enjoyed the holidays.

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Connie Harshaw, our new city secretary, is happy in her new work home in the old clinic building in downtown Loraine, the "new" Loraine City Hall.

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Spending four days with her children, Kitty Gage and family in Lubbock during Christmas, was Nola Taylor.

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Helen and Hershall Williams enjoyed having Sterling Williams and family and Terry Reyes of Colorado City over for a nice Christmas get-together. Brother's Hershall and Garland and their sister Johnnie Harber of San Angelo all have birthdays in early January so in order to celebrate, they and their spouses went to San Angelo and had a great birthday dinner.

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Marie Hare's son, Dean Hare, who lives in California, was here over the holidays with her daughter, Betty Smith of Corpus Christi. Their family unit plus Lucille Frazier had a nice get-together.

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Senior Center

The Loraine Senior Citizens had a New Year's Eve party December 31st. There were 42 people attending and 33 stayed to ring in the new year.

Several people enjoyed card games or dominoes. There was plenty of food to graze on all evening. Music was provided by Doyle and Debby Mitchell, Durwood McAdams and Charles Dunn. Others singing were Jeff Wooddell, Tommie Wright, and Ina Vay McAdams.

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Friday, January 3, Tommie Wright entertained seniors and their guests with his kareoke music. It was very well received.

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January 8th, bingo was played and January 10 Vida Mae McDaniel is scheduled to play piano.

The Norwood's are scheduled for January 15 and green enchilidas will be the lunch and games and visitation will take place on Friday, January 17. Plan to come have lunch and visit often.

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