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Double homicide shocks Loraine

Mitchell County had its first homicide since 1997 last week. A Loraine man has been arrested in connection with a double homicide that took place in Loraine last Friday.

The suspect, twenty-two year old Michael Robert Kinnan, was charged with two counts of murder in the deaths of Bryan Christopher Renfro, of Roscoe, and Justin Lee Ammons, of Sweetwater.

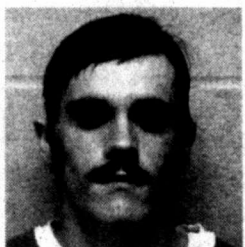
A call concerning a fight that broke out at 311 Campbell Street came in at 1:42 a.m. February 13, according to Patrick Toombs, Mitchell County Sheriff. "The deputy was headed that way when another 911 call came in that two of the people



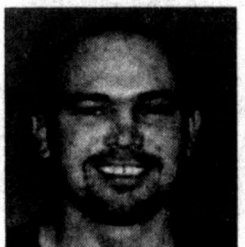
Michael Kinnan

involved in the fight had been stabbed," Toombs said.

A witness drove the two victims in a private ve-



Justin Lee Ammons



Bryan C. Renfro

hicle to the Mitchell County Hospital. Thirty-year-old Renfro and 22-year-old Ammons were pronounced dead at 2:27 a.m. by Justice of the Peace Glenda Halton.

"Apparently there had been a small party at the home," Toombs said. "Alcohol was involved, although the suspect had not been drinking as far as we know."

The bodies of the victims were flown to the Dal-

las County Medical Examiner pending an autopsy.

"The preliminary findings from the autopsy could be back to the grand jury as early as Thursday," said Toombs. If the findings are delayed, Toombs stated the case might be held until next month's grand jury.

"Our case doesn't hinge on the findings, but it would be useful in helping explain the case," he said.

Bail for Kinnan, who is currently in the Mitchell County Jail, has been set at \$100,000; \$50,000 per murder.

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City improvements benefit everyone

The city council has addressed numerous problems this past year, resulting large expenditures to fix long term sewer issues and address state mandated unfunded upgrades.

"We borrowed 2 1/2 million dollars to purchase sewer treatment property, repair the main and prison river lift stations, add a new fire station annex and police station," said Steve Shurt, who resigned as city manager last Friday.

"We purchased a new water meter reader system, making our meter reading more accurate and already it shows a 12% increase in revenues," he said.

Additional city improvements include an emergency 911 generator, improvements at the park,

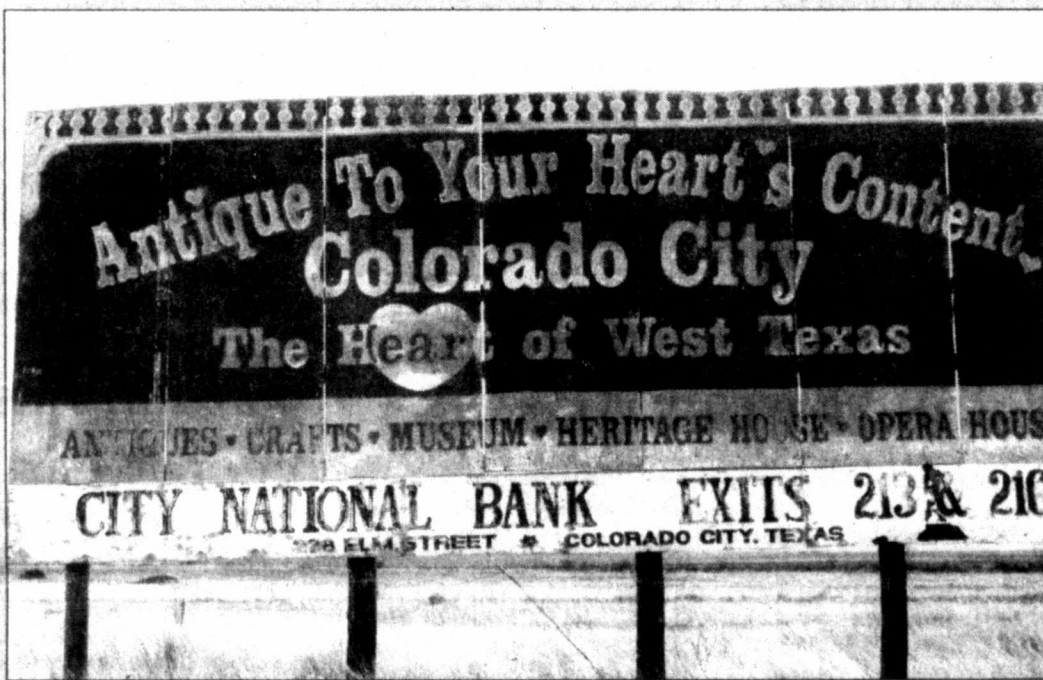
community block improvement grants, new fire trucks, sound system for the Railhead Building, new garbage trucks, new police vehicles, new waste water land permit and the finished Ponko litigation.

"We combined permits for landfill expansion for an additional 8-10 years, extended the Main Street program, acquired land for the new police station and lowered electric rates through CAPP," Shurt said.

Although the city council has accomplished a lot this past year, there remains a lot to be done, according to Shurt.

Incomplete projects for city development and growth include pivots for the waste water system,

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BIGGER IS NOT better -- state regulations means the oversized billboards advertising Colorado City will soon be a thing of the past.

Local billboards to be resized

The Chamber of Commerce will be renovating some of the billboards along Interstate 20 in order to comply with state highway regulations.

"The billboards were permitted in the 70s and have grown over the years to more than double the size they should be," said Sue Lowrance, Chamber of Commerce director.

"Kristy Gardner with the Texas Department of Transportation met with us and strongly

encouraged us to bring the billboards back to the permitted specifications," Lowrance said.

Gardner has worked with Colorado City in maintaining the billboard permits over the years. "A lot of changes are taking place withing TxDOT and Kristy does not know what her position will be. She may not be over this region. It is very important these renovations be done in a timely manner," said Lowrance.

The Chamber plans to reduce the size of the billboards and paint them white. "Some will be for rent, some for advertising our community and others for special events," she said.

"Please be patient with us as we strive to solve this problem. We must do everything in our power to maintain ownership of these billboards because once the permit is taken away, we cannot get it back," Lowrance

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Taxes coming early for school district

Superintendent Jim White commended the Mitchell County Appraisal District for their efforts in collecting this year's taxes.

"This time last year, the amount of taxes collected was 54%. This year it's 80%. That's a huge increase, especially considering the state of the economy," White said. "They always do a good job collecting. The taxes just seem to be coming in earlier this year."

School board president Charles Walker reported that all members of the Colorado ISD board have completed and exceeded continuing education courses

required from February 2008 through February 2009.

Election judges and clerks for the May 2009 election were approved. Nell Holman will serve as presiding judge; Charlie McCollum as alternate judge; and Geneva Jones as the bilingual clerk.

The judges and clerks will be compensated at the rate of nine dollars per hour. The presiding judge will be paid an additional \$25 for picking up the election supplies and delivering the election returns.

The board also approved the second half of the state mandated

minimum wage jump for custodial, maintenance and cafeteria personnel.

A bid for \$2,000 from Maria Isabel Burrola for tax sale property at 937 E. 13 Street was accepted.

Two-year administrative contracts were approved for Denise Farmer, Kitten Arthur, Mark Merrell, Jeremy Ross, Melinda Alexander, Frank Johnson and Shelia Redwine. One-year administrative contracts for James Owens, Pat White, Pam Alvarez and Janey Burke were also approved.

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Scam targets shoppers

The latest scam to hit Mitchell County is the mystery shopper scam, sending fake checks into the hands of eager participants.

The scam assumes the identity, address and routing number of a legitimate business which is not affiliated in any way with the scam, such as the McNally Elevator Company out of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The scam then mails an official looking check, along with a business letter and professional-looking necessary forms to hire mystery shoppers.

The checks, ranging from \$3,000 to \$4,200 dollars are purported to be funds to cover shopping in a variety of stores including Best Buy, Walmart, K-mart, etc.

"The mystery shopping scam mails fake checks to victims who then try to cash them," said Chief of Police Ron Dooley. "It's an epidemic in Texas. It hit the public in December, but didn't reach Colorado City until now."

A number of cases have been discovered in Mitchell County as victims deposit the bogus checks, then try to write checks on the funds.

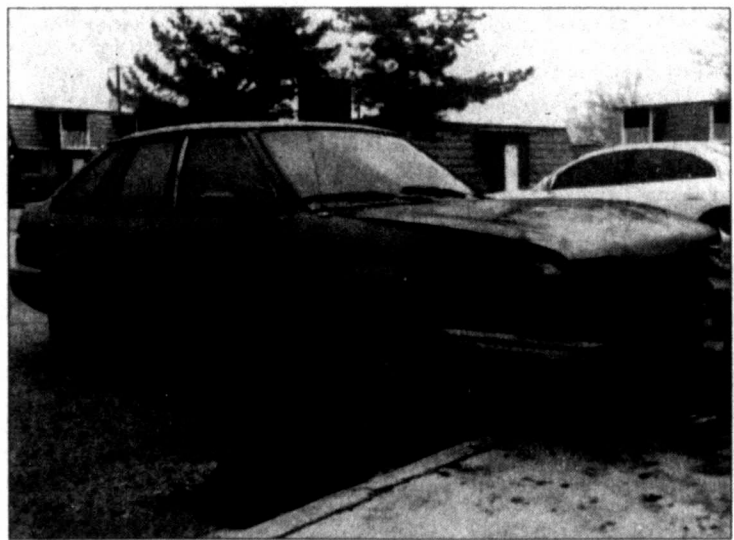
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Pancake supper set February 27

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

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12 years old. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanis member or may be purchased at the door on the night of the supper.

Proceeds will fund Kiwanis scholarships for graduating seniors and local youth activities.



A CAR FIRE in front of Andrea Garden Apartments early Monday morning left significant damage. (Photo Courtesy of Chris Cloutier)

Fires burn 75 acres

A grass fire at the Morrison Ranch on CR 290 last Tuesday burned approximately 75 acres.

Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department joined by Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department and a county water truck worked for several hours to contain the fire.

Wind gusts of up to 40 miles per hour slowed the efforts of the departments. Westbrook Fire

Chief, Brandon Hale, called in a bulldozer to build a fire break due to the high winds.

Last Sunday afternoon near FM 63, a smaller grass fire, thought to be caused by a water well electrical short, resulted in damage to a resident's front yard and pasture. The resident was out of town at the time and no one was hurt.

Around Town

LISA WOOD buying a Valentine present... TAMMY GUESS loving some jewelry... DAVID STUBBLEFIELD cooking hamburgers... TONYA and RANDY COOPER go see Three Doors Down... Get well soon ESTHER GUELKER... SUE LOWRANCE enjoying a day off...

Answerline

Q. What state is the largest producer of wool in the United States?
A. More wool comes from the state of Texas than any other state in the United States.

Obituaries

Jessie Matos, Colorado City
David Anderson, Westbrook
Berta Aguilar, Colorado City
O.B. Trulock, Colorado City
Louville Long Brown, Colorado City

Briefs

Relay for Life raffle
The Pioneers Hospital District Team will be holding a raffle for a rifle, basket of goodies or a handmade cowhide cross. Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and may be picked up at the nurse's desk through Lindsey, Lulu, Cliff, Velma, Amanda, Jesse, Cristina, Al, Jeanalda, Iris, Aurora, Barbara, Sue or Maggie.

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

Band Booster Meeting
There will be a meeting of the CHS Band Boosters on Thurs, Feb. 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the band hall. All team members are encouraged to attend to plan concession stand times.

Celebrate Recovery
A 12-step Christ-centered "umbrella" recovery program is meeting weekly at Christian Temple, 1927 Hickory, each Mon. from 5 to 8 p.m. Join us for meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separate for open-share sessions. Call for more information, 728-3118.

Softball Signups
The Mitchell County Girls Softball Association will hold late signups on March 2, 3 at the Civic Center from 5 to 8 p.m. Coaches and umpires are also still needed.

Fireproof Your Marriage
Fireproof, the study, will be held on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning Feb. 24 at First Baptist Church. For more information, contact FBC at 728-3442 or visit the website at www.fbccc.org.

Thought of the Week

When we ask for advice, we are usually looking for an accomplice.
Marquis de Grange

Lake Levels

(as of February 17, 2009)
Lake Colorado City...2063.29'
Full at 2070.3' Down 7.01'
Lake Champion...2050.10'
Full at 2083' Down 32.90'

LOCAL NEWS



FARM BUREAU COOKOUT — Tex Blankenship, Randy Anderson, Lynn Bradbury and Tommy Morris (left to right) helped the Farm Bureau host a hamburger cookout in Kiwanis Park Tuesday in honor of Food Checkout Week, when the average American has earned enough money to purchase food for the entire year. Donations were 50 cents in recognition of what a farmer makes out of the cost of a hamburger dinner.

Simulated drill helps train TDCJ staff

A mock drill by the Wallace and Ware units may have given some citizens, unused to seeing TDCJ staff around town, a bit of a start.

However, the units' staff regularly holds mock drills in order to test their preparedness.

"Our agency entered an Incident Command System (ICS) to handle all emergency situations, such as escapes, natural disasters, disturbances and hostage situations," said Warden Jason Heaton.

"Part of the ICS process is to run simulations that test our preparedness," he said.

Heaton and his staff designed a simulated escape on Tuesday, February 11 that tested the unit's

abilities to respond quickly to a critical situation, to communicate and cooperate with local law enforcement and to evaluate the performance of their tracking program.

Providing a full experience, TDCJ posted staff on check points, racked up the building which placed all offenders in their housing areas.

"We stopped all movement of inmates until the simulation was completed," Heaton said.

In addition to going through all the motions with the human staff, TDCJ worked their scent and pack dogs by laying down a real scent trail.

"We put down a scent track with an offender, under the su-

pervision of a staff member," Heaton said.

The live test checked the abilities of the dogs and their handlers to track a human subject.

"We have two types of dogs," Heaton said. "The scent dogs are used in town. They're real friendly bloodhounds and are trained to track a specific human scent."

The pack dogs are programmed to track any human scent and are mainly used in large rural areas.

A two and a half mile scent track was laid out for the scent dogs; while a three and a half mile course tested the pack dogs.

"We had great cooperation from the local law enforcement agencies, city, county and state," Heaton said. "We really appreci-

IRS warns of fake emails

DALLAS — If you get an e-mail that appears to be from the Internal Revenue Service about last year's stimulus payments, don't be fooled.

It's coming from internet thieves looking to steal your personal information, like credit card or bank account numbers.

"Folks have tax refunds on their minds this time of year and that could be handy for con artists," said Clay Sanford, a Dallas IRS spokesman. "Don't get hooked by an unsolicited e-mail claiming to be from the IRS, because we don't send them."

Similar dangerous e-mails rampaged a year ago when the stimulus checks were announced,

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OBITUARIES

Jessie Pablo Matos

1962-2009

COLORADO CITY — Jessie Pablo Matos, age 46, passed away on Saturday, February 14, 2009, in Lubbock. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, February 17, 2009 at 10 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father Ruben Covos officiating. Rosary was held on Sunday, February 15 and Monday, February 16 at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

Jessie was born on March 2, 1962, in Snyder to Pablo and Guadalupe Delarosa Matos. He was a longtime resident of Mitchell County and a supervisor with Weavers Construction Company. He married Geneva Lambaren on July 7, 1979, in Snyder.

Jessie leaves behind his wife of 29 years, Geneva Lambaren; sons, Roland Matos and wife, Amber and children, Caleb and Kylee of Colorado City and James Matos of Colorado City and children, Adrian, Dameon and Jorden of Colorado City; daughter, Veronica Matos and daughter, Jade Magers of Colorado City; and his mother, Guadalupe Matos of Snyder; brothers, Manuel Barrera of Dodge City, KS and Mario Matos of Snyder; sisters, Olga Rincones of Garden City, KS, Phillis Felix of California, Margie Bastardo and husband, Raul of Phoenix, AZ and Sara Sosa of Marion, TX; numerous nephews and nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Pablo Matos, sister, Barbara Fuentes; brother-in-law, Carlos Rincones and nephew, James Rincones.

David Ray Anderson

1952-2009

WESTBROOK — Mr. David Ray Anderson passed away February 12, 2009, in Abilene. He was born June 23, 1935, to A.G. and Minnie Pelton Anderson in Westbrook. He grew up in the oil camp north of Westbrook, where his father worked for Standard Oil.

He married Lee Ann Dorn on August 30, 1952, in Colorado City. He worked most of his life in the oil fields of West Texas. He served 10 years on the Westbrook School Board and was a member of Westbrook Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He loved life and fishing on the Rio Grande was a favorite of his.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lee Ann; a daughter, Sandy Ray and husband, Dale Sheets of Colorado City and one grandson, Mark Sheets of Colorado City; one step-grandson, Jody Sams of Morrilton, Arkansas and a brother, Perry Anderson of Odessa, and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Randy Lee Anderson, his parents, and one brother.

Services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, February 14, 2009, at Westbrook Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Smith, Rev. Terry White, Rev. Kiefer Cauble officiating. Burial followed in the Dorn Cemetery.

Berta C. Aguilar

1948-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Berta C. Aguilar, age 60, passed away on Tuesday, February 10, 2009, in Houston. Rosary was held on Thursday, February 12, at 7 p.m. and on Friday, February 13, at 10 a.m. at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Mitchell County Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Berta was born on October 6, 1948, to Joe Carreon and Encarnacion Compasano in Houston. She resided in Mitchell County for 15 years.

She leaves behind her sons, Lorenzo Aguilar Jr. of Houston, Rudolph Garza of Colorado City, Fernando Aguilar, Raynardo Aguilar, Joe Aguilar and David Lee Aguilar, all of Houston; daughters, Virginia Martinez of Ballinger, Linda A. Ibarra, Lara A. Carmona, Rafalia A. Saucedo and MaryLou Morales, all of Houston; 47 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Oscar Ramirez of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lorenzo G. Aguilar, her parents, four brothers and one sister.

O.B. Trulock

1922-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mr. O.B. Trulock Jr., age 86, passed away Wednesday, February 11, 2009, in Colorado City. Funeral services were held on Friday, February 13, at Kiker-Seale Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Garold Waters and Rev. Monte Wike officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery.

Mr. Trulock was born on December 29, 1922, to Oren B. and Edna Trulock in Paris, Texas. He moved to Colorado City in 1937 and graduated from Colorado High School in 1939. He attended Paris Junior College and graduated from Texas University with a BA degree in Bacteriology. O.B. served in World War II for three years in the Army Air Transport Command in North Africa. Following the war, O.B. returned to Colorado City where he worked with his father and uncle in farming and ranching. On November 10, 1949, he married Ola Margaret Leath in Snyder. They raised three sons who continued in their father's vocation.

He leaves behind his wife, Margaret Trulock of Colorado City; sons, Johnny Trulock and wife, Debbie of Colorado City, Blake and Bri Burnett of Sweetwater, Jimmy Trulock of Colorado City and Jeff Trulock and wife, Carol, of Snyder; step-brother, C.A. Wilkins and wife, Marian of Waco; cousins, Margaret Latimer of Colorado City, Jane Majors of Odessa and Joe Ed Young and wife, Gayle, of Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by an infant son and a grandson, Jacob Trulock.

Louville Long Brown

1912-2009

COLORADO CITY — Mrs. Louville Long Brown, age 96, passed away in Colorado City. Graveside services were held on Wednesday, February 18, 2009 at 1:00pm at Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. James Edwards officiating. Services are under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Brown was born on September 4, 1912 to R.B. and Ora Blasingame Long in Bonham, TX. She was resident of Colorado City for 70 years and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Colorado City. Mrs. Brown is preceded in death by her parents, R.B. and Ora Long; husband, Toby Brown; son, Corkey Brown; brothers, Jack and Leonard Long; sister-in-law, Florence Long.

She is survived by her daughter, Carolyn Lou Brown; granddaughter, Carol Ann Hildebrand and husband, Max; great-grandson, Kevin Hildebrand and wife, Callie; great-granddaughters, Shelby Hildebrand and Tessa Patterson; great-granddaughter, Cymber Patterson; nephew, Jack Lee Long; niece, Reggie Jones and sister-in-law, Billie Marie Long.

Lent services begin February 25

First Presbyterian Church will host a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesday evening beginning February 25 through April 8. "Lent is a time for Christians to undergo a discipline that helps them become better disciples," said Rev. Dana Mayfield.

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

An Ash Wednesday service, with the imposition of ashes, will

be observed on the first meeting, February 25.

"Ash Wednesday is a day of mourning for our sin and the sin of all humanity before God," said Mayfield. "It is recognition of our mortality save for the grace of God."

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

"You will discover a way to nurture your intellectual and spiritual understanding of Jesus Christ while exploring ways that

your faith is lived out in the real world," she said. "We promise not to ask you for money nor will you be asked to leave your current church affiliation. We simply want to provide a place to study God's Word and fellowship with you."

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

Mission has record year

New officers for the Community Mission were recently installed at the Mission's annual meeting on February 5.

Connie Hammond will serve as president. Serving as vice president will be Sandra Williams; Brenda Turnage, secretary; Pauline Light, treasurer; and Dot Smith, director.

The Mission is open to the public from (hours and times)

Last year the Mission was open a total of 642 hours to the public with volunteers putting in 4,237 hours.

Approximately 2,650 boxes were prepared and distributed, totalling 84,800 pounds. A record 386 families registered for assistance. Of that 386, 269 comprised families of one to three persons and 77 were families of four or more individuals.

The Mission collected \$32,932.75 in donations with a total of \$32,420.91 in expenditures, including \$6,700 to the Food Bank of Abilene and \$3,485.11 to Fuller Foods.

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LOCAL NEWS

Black History Month: Profiles in Excellence

Giving hope to young people

With a passion for young people, Margie King sees her job as director of the business office at Mitchell County Hospital as a springboard to encourage youth to be all they can be.

"I want to do a lot for children," said King. "That's why I decided to stick with the medical field."

"College is not for everybody. In this field, the administrative area, there are opportunities within the hospital to have contacts for the future," she said. "For young women in the medical field there is no limit. I want to give them hope and courage."

King completed nursing school with an RN degree and a major in the corporate sector in accounting. She worked for the Department of Labor in a lot of areas, coming to the realization that a caring attitude is tantamount to working in finance. "It takes patience in a lot of areas to get it right," she said. "People come in here and they want answers. I put myself in their place, how would I want to be treated?"

In the business office, there are three different types of jobs: the front office, the business office and collections/billing. "All

those jobs are ones you can find in any city," she said. "Working in those offices, requires a lot of knowledge. Learn this, adapt this, move on up. You didn't go to school but you gained knowledge. Knowledge is power."

King would like to start a program to train young people in the medical office field. "You can be anything you want to be," she said, stressing she wants to provide other avenues of learning for young people. "You can choose the right choice in life and be positive. If you go to school, then you have choices. If you don't go, then you don't have choices."

"Don't feel down because your friend went to a four-year college and you can't afford to go," she said. King stresses on-the-job training as important in making contacts for future jobs, as well as benefits in getting associate degrees from technical schools or two-year training programs.

"This is my passion," King said. "I'm a people person and I like helping solve challenges."

Although King grew up in Dallas, she grew up in a part of Dallas that was decidedly small town. "The year I was born, we had cattle and chicken and hogs.

During the summertime we spent time with my grandmother and did chores. This (Colorado City) was the norm."

"The people here are warm. It's not hard to fit in and be a part," she said. "Although if you're a real city city person, this would be difficult."

King loves the tranquility of life in Colorado City. She said it brings back fond memories of sitting with her grandmother on the porch drinking coffee. "This gives me access to have the quiet type of life and still go to the city. I get to have both worlds."

For King, who has traveled and worked all over the United States, finding that tranquility in today's hectic workplace is important. "There's a lot our children are not going to enjoy like we did because of the times we live in," she said, urging everyone to take time to enjoy life and learn new things.

King loves collecting regional recipes and learning new things, whether it's studying the nuances of clouds to spot tornadoes or learning tumbleweeds aren't meant to be picked up.

"The first time I saw a tumbleweed I screamed. I didn't know



MEETING PEOPLE IS one thing Margie King (right) likes about being director of Mitchell County Hospital's business office. King visits with Peggy Shoemaker (left) in the hospital's gift shop.

what it was and thought it was a moose," she said, laughing. "Then it rolled across and I hit it. I wanted it for a souvenir and found out the hard way it had stickers."

King and her husband, Keith have three grown children living in Dallas and Houston; along with six grandchildren and one on the way.

Building self esteem for kids is a high priority for the Kings. "We need to listen to our youth and pay attention. What's five minutes to just sit down and listen to what they have to say. Sometimes they're silent cries

and we're so busy we don't take the time to hear."

Keith, who was a professional football player with the Oilers, along with Earl Campbell is "always trying to save the world," according to King. "He travels doing football camps for boys on college campuses, usually five or six a summer."

King said she loves dealing with the public. "Everyday is a learning experience," she said. "There is something new to be learned from the patients and the employees. It's a team effort. I love doing it."

SCAM

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"Part of the scam involves sending money back to the company. It sounds reasonable, if the checks were good," Dooley said. "The victims find out when their personal checks start bouncing because the deposited check was no good."

Unfortunately, the victims are liable for writing the checks on the deposit, plus any bounced check fees, as well as being out the merchandise.

"The best solution is check the veracity of the business through the Better Business Bureau," Dooley advised. "We want to help our citizens to not become a victim."

Dooley also urged residents to remember that authentic mystery shopping require a person to apply for the job before sending any checks.

The Better Business Bureau also recommends the following tips to avoid being swindled by fake check scams:

Be suspicious of any check from an individual or business that you do not know.

Independently verify that the check is drawn from an actual account at a legitimate financial institution.

Do not rely on the telephone number listed on the check. Use directory assistance to get the telephone number of the financial institution and call them to verify the check.

When a company claims to be a "secret shopper," like Master Research, check with the Mystery Shopper Provider Association at www.mysteryshop.org to learn more about Mystery Shopping and to confirm the legitimacy of a company.

Do not rely on the money until the funds have been finally collected by your financial institution. Funds "available" is not good enough.

IRS

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but Sanford said fake IRS e-mails can entice you with other false proposals. They could simply state that you are due a refund or anything else to trick you.

Delete the email or you can forward it to the IRS, at phishing@irs.gov.

CITY

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the new police station which is currently under construction, additional vehicles for law enforcement and city maintenance, and water and sewer extension along I-20.

The former city manager urged the council to pursue grants with zero interest rates to help accomplish the city's goals for expansion.

"Expansion along the interstate means a commercial growth formula diminishes individual homeowner taxes," Shutt said. "We need a growing tax base to avoid future money problems."

He also encouraged taking on grants and loans for projects that would help pay for the entire debt.

Shutt cited the new pivot system at the waste water treatment plant as an example of a project that will save sufficient money in the long run to help pay off the debt to fix the system.

"The old side-roll system was labor and cost intensive, requiring \$100,000 to \$200,000 to regenerate (the deteriorating system) and make it work," he said.

The new pivot system requires fewer personnel, allowing personnel shifts to more critical need departments.

"It also puts out twice as much water with 25% less electrical generation, saving on the electricity bill," Shutt said. Purchasing land for the waste water system, allows the city to lease the land out, gaining more funds from farmers instead of leasing land to

use for waste water disposal.

"Of the \$2 1/2 million (the city borrowed), 40% of that money is directly attributable to the sewer plant payment of \$180,000," he said, adding that the money saved in terms of electric bills and personnel costs is enough to pay the debt payment and still leave

the city with a profit margin.

"The goal for future projects should be to bring money back into the city, improve the tax rate and improve jobs," Shutt said.

Shutt, whose home is in Colorado, has served a total of 11 years as Colorado City's city manager.

SCHOOL

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School attorney Lance Hall was authorized to institute litigation against Barron Plumbing in regard to the renovation project at the Pit.

The school board nominations for the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB)

Media Honor Roll were Jim Baum, Tim Lelek, Car Geiger of KVMC/KAUM Radio; Earl Plagens, Carol Parsons, Carl Graham and Tony Franco of the Colorado City Record; and Rita Espinoza and Ismael Silva of Charter Communications.

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The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. to receive requests for allocations of the Hotel/Motel Tax Funds. The public hearing will be conducted at the Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. All interested parties are urged to submit their written requests with a detailed explanation of their proposed utilization of funds on or before 12:00 Noon on March 5, 2009 at the Colorado City Hall, 180 W. 3rd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Proposals will then be opened at 1:30 P.M. on March 5, 2009 and reviewed by Administration Staff. Proposals received after the time and date for receipt will not be considered. The City Council will then consider the applications for funding at a second public hearing which will be conducted at a regular meeting of the city council at the Civic Center, 157 W. 2nd Street at 6:00 P.M. on April 14, 2009. The City Council reserves the right to accept or reject any proposals which may be submitted and to determine the appropriate disbursement of Hotel/Motel Tax Funds in accordance with the Hotel Motel Regulations.

Donna Madrid
City Secretary



CASIE LEMONS, SUSAN MARTIN and Pam Barron (left to right) enjoy a special lasagna dinner at the Railhead during Main Street's Sweet Shop Valentine event last Friday evening.



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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Some of Abe's kinfolks live in Alto

Bob Pearman of Alto got a special present from his oldest daughter, Ellen, this past Christmas. It was his family tree. She did a lot of research on both his mother's and father's sides of the family. Bob found out he had a famous relative.

"On my dad's side, my fourth great-grandfather, turned out that he was a first cousin to Abraham Lincoln. I thought that was kind of cool. That's definitely a present I will always cherish."

Here's the way it shapes up: His fourth great-grandfather, William Pearman, was married to Mary Elizabeth Hanks, whose sister Nancy Hanks married Thomas Lincoln. Abraham was born on February 12, 1809 to Nancy and Thomas Lincoln. William and Mary had a son named Weldon Pearman. That would make Weldon and Abe first cousins.

Christmas morning, with the family gathered around the Christmas tree, Ellen asked that her father open his present last.

"When it came my turn, I opened the book containing the family tree. My daughter told me to start from the front and go through it to the end. I got to my grandfather and great-grandfather, and she took it from there. She told me the Pearmans were originally from England and settled in Virginia and South Carolina. On the very back sheet, she revealed the kinship to the former president."

The family tree was presented in a beautifully bound 60-page book with gold lettering on the front of it. Bob keeps it handy in the office of his car dealership in Alto. The book has several photos, newspaper articles and family documents, including his dad's high school diploma and his grandfather's World War I draft registration card. One article from the Alto Herald reports on the opening of his grandfather's service station. The book contains census records showing when and where various family members were born.

Bob's brother J.D. was surprised to learn he was kin to Abraham Lincoln.

"I was pretty shocked, you know, being a southern boy. You never really know about family members from a long time ago. I thought more than likely we'd be kin to John Wilkes Booth. But as it turns out, our four-back great-grandfather being first cousin to Abraham Lincoln is pretty interesting. It's not something that turns up all the time."

Bob's father had a friend who called him George.

"I asked Daddy one time, 'What does your friend mean when he calls you George?' He said, 'Oh, that comes from George Washington Never Tells a Lie Pearman.' Maybe that falls in there somewhere, too. We might be kin to Washington as well."



Sweet memories, sweet shop success

Sweet Shop was a lively downtown event that gave many an opportunity to experience our shops, a movie and a very successful dinner. Not only was the food excellent, the diners had a chance to visit with friends and neighbors. Many new faces in the county were present and we appreciate their support and attendance as well as our special regular supporters.

Many of our merchants stayed open for late shopping. Main Street values our merchants and we hope that if you didn't get to shop ahead of the event, that you made it a point to take advantage of the late hours. We know



DOWN MAIN STREET WAY
By
CECILIA SCOTT
COORDINATOR

ing. I saw again firsthand how much difference promotions can make in

too that some of our merchants such as Colorado Floral, Perkins and Stacie's Creations are further north of our Main Street and on the fringe of our designated Main Street area. We hope that you won't miss them as a great shopping experience as they all carry gift items. Our next event highlight for downtown will occur Friday April 3 from 6-9pm. More details will be disclosed closer to the event.

On the subject of promotions, I was in Bastrop this past week for yearly trainings. I saw again firsthand how much difference promotions can make in

economic development. The mayor, city manager and Main Street Board president discussed the benefits of having an event almost every month. These events filled motels, packed restaurants, and consumed more gasoline. The success of the events made potential business owners more confident in starting a new business and the empty stores were purchased and renovated. They also listed the numerous differences in the city since Bastrop had become a Main Street city. Even though we are small, the other cities had heard about our special and unique events and were anxious to hear about how they could implement some of our ideas. Main Street thanks you for all of your very special suggestions and outstanding ideas that we can utilize and pass on to others.

Warrant roundup slated for March 7

Law enforcement agencies state wide will combine forces for a warrant roundup March 7-16, 2009.

Beginning March 7, law enforcement officials will actively seek out those with outstanding warrants. Offenders may be arrested at home, in the place of business, or wherever officers find them.

To avoid arrest, offenders need to pay fines now by mail with a cashier's check or money order, or they may pay fines by appearing in person.

Warrants will remain active for payments sent by mail until the payment has been received and posted by the appropriate court. Offenders should call to confirm payment.

Fines may be paid at the Colorado City Municipal Court at 157 W. 2nd Street, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. or by mail to: P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512.

For more information, please call 325-728-2072.

The following individuals have outstanding warrants:

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Ernest Leroy Mills, Sandra Mince, David Joseph Nelson, Rebecca Gonzales Portales, James L. Raney, Glenda Rivera, Ricky Rodriguez, Rosendo Rodriguez, Curtis Rollie, Gabriel Salazar, Kallie Dawn Sikes, William Christopher Smith, Christian Vazquez, Oscar Vazquez, Sandra Vigil, Kevin Michael Worthington,

Westbrook

Margaret Marie Herndon
Shannon Meek

Loraine

Janice Dawson
Billy Don Epperson

Additional names for Snyder, Sweetwater, Big Spring and other Texas cities, including addresses, can be found on the Record's website: www.coloradorecord.com and will be run in next week's edition.

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By Ace Reid



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SOCIETY

Texas art guild elects officers

The West Texas Art Guild displayed their art for the month of January at the Sweetwater County Library. Members of the club include artists of all

mediums from around the West Texas area. Members who participated in the exhibition were: Judy Hill, Sweetwater; Lea Cleveland, Sweetwater; Ann

Jennings, Nolan; Nancy Verschoor, Westbrook; Nita Mahan, Colorado City; Estelle Howard, Big Spring; Linda Rupard, Big Spring; Joan Long, Lorraine; Carolyn Walker, Colorado City; and Leada Wood, Colorado City.

Officers for 2008-2009 are Leada Wood, president; Nita Mahan, vice president; Carolyn Walker, secretary/treasurer; Lula Boyd, publicity; and Linda Rupard, activities.

The West Texas Art Guild meet the last Saturday of each month at Leada Wood's Studio Twenty, located at 887 East Interstate 20 in Colorado City. Everyone interested in art is welcome to join the guild.

The guild offers different levels for patronage to support the West Texas Art Guild's ongoing projects and scholarship programs. Levels include Individual \$15; Family, \$25; Silver, \$100; Gold \$250; Diamond, \$500; and Platinum \$1000. The guild is a non-profit organization helping to promote art education in West Texas.

For more information, call Leada Wood at 325-728-3497 or Carolyn Walker at 325-728-2184.



DISPLAYING A VARIETY of talents at their January art show, are West Texas Art Guild members. (left to right) Carolyn Walker of Colorado City, Lea Cleveland of Sweetwater, Judy Hill of Sweetwater, Leada Wood of Colorado City, Nancy Verschoor of Westbrook and Ann Jennings of Nolan.



Mildred Dupree and Stanley Swatek

KLM king and queen crowned

Residents of Kristi Lee Manor enjoyed a candlelight dinner of chicken and ribs cooked on the grill with all the trimmings to celebrate Valentine's Day. Employees of the home provided the desserts for residents including cherry cheesecake, strawberry shortcake, and an assortment of pies.

Love songs were played during dinner, and the residents were given Valentine bags full of Valentines from the employees.

After dinner Stanley Swatek and Mildred Dupree were crowned Valentine King and Queen 2009.

"Judging by all the smiles, a good time was had by all," said Clark Moody, director.

WTC president speaks at banquet

Western Texas College president Dr. Mike Dreith entertained members of the Colorado City Lions Club at the annual Sweethearts Banquet last Friday evening.

Dreith, a former radio broadcaster, kept up a lively patter of humorous anecdotes and witty jokes as he spoke on the strengths and hardships of marriage.

Dreith has served as president of WTC for the past two years.

"My wife, Carol, is responsible for my being here (as president of WTC)," he said. "At 42, she wanted to be an occupational therapist and she wanted to live in Texas so she could be closer to George Strait. The last two years for us here have been absolutely wonderful."

Recalling his days as a radio broadcaster, he said his first day on the job as a new director, he discovered he was responsible for reading the obituaries and the divorces. "They were very thorough. Not only did we tell who was getting a divorce, but also who got the car," he said.

"It was a small town, small county and they saw it as a social service - who was available and who had transportation."

"I can relate to West Texas sports. It speaks volumes about my tenacity," said Dreith who worked nights and weekends on his doctorate. "I was captain of the worst football team at my high school. My nickname was 'Cold Gravy' because cold gravy doesn't run and neither did I."

"Every Friday night we went out and got beat. Every Monday we got out of the whirlpool and decided we'd go out and win," Dreith said. "That's what life is

about. It's about going out and getting trounced and bouncing back."

Since being in Texas, Dreith said he has been forced to do a few things against his will: boot scooting in Big Spring, attending rodeos too numerous to mention and going to a George Strait concert.

"Every town in Texas, except Snyder, has been immortalized in a George Strait song," he said.

"I could recommend a few songs, such as 'I'd like to Hide Her in Snyder,' 'Hurry to Scurry,' and

'Snyder by Morning.'"

"From the depth of despair from a failed 25 year marriage (to his first wife), I have learned when is it not possible to trust God. God provided the perfect college president wife. No matter where Carol is, that's home and that's where I'll be," Dreith said.

"What I've learned about marriage in 30 years, if you put them all together, is that our marriage is based on compromise," he concluded. "I admit I'm wrong and she forgives me."



WTC PRESIDENT MIKE DREITH (right) entertained Lions Club members at their annual Sweethearts Banquet February 6 while Kitten Arthur and Carol Dreith (left to right) listen.

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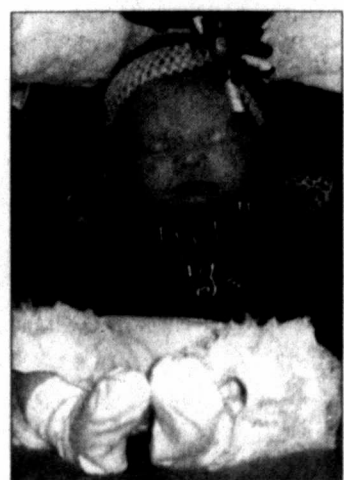
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BIRTHS



Proud parents, Jeff and Stephanie Potter would like to announce the birth of their daughter, Elizabeth Grace on December 26, 2008. She was born at Abilene Regional Hospital weighing 7 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. "Baby Grace" was welcomed by her brother Kaden and her grandparents Gary and Kate Matlock and Randy and Betty Potter.

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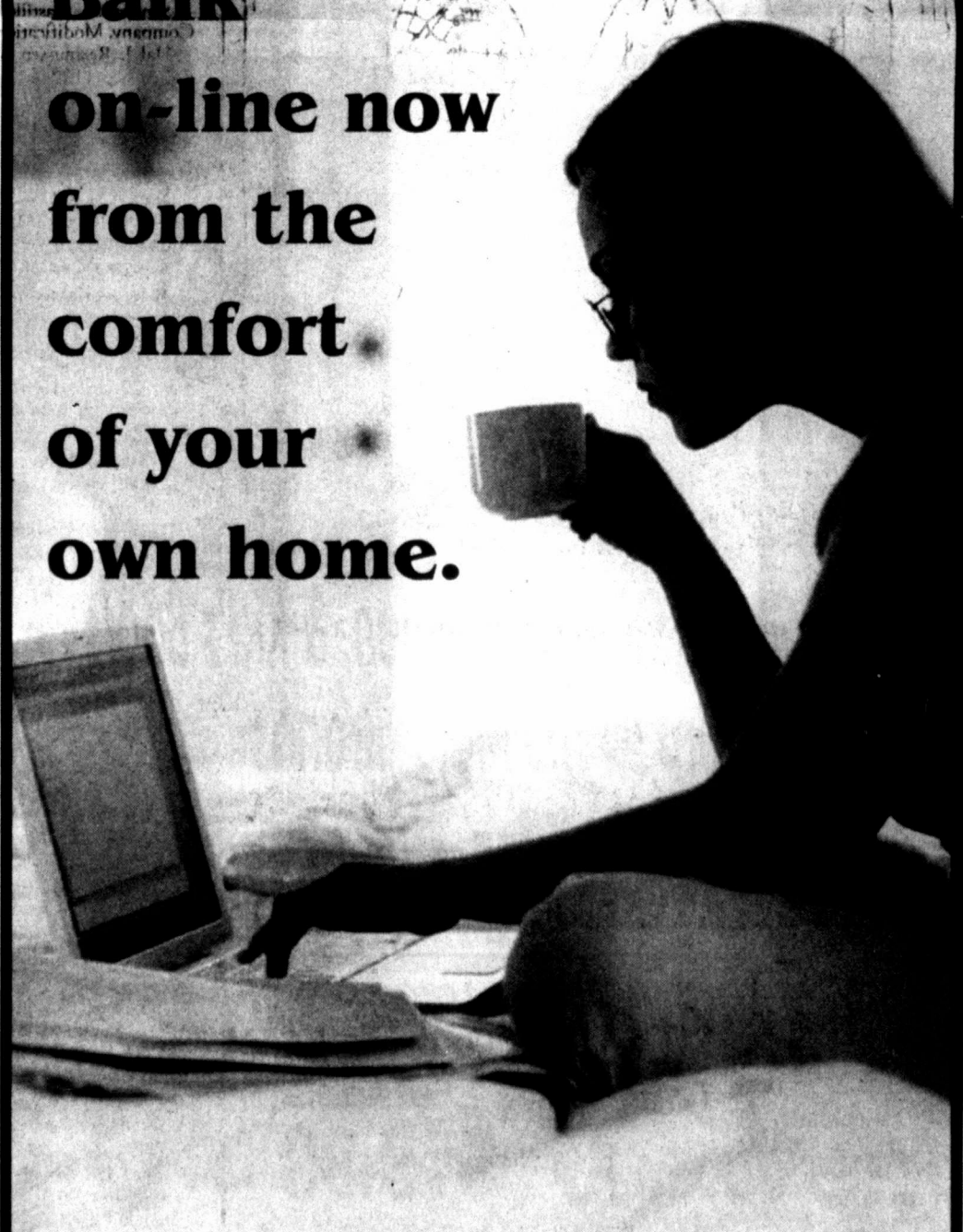
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SCHOOL NEWS



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Mrs. Ellis' class proudly displays the flag that was flown over Camp Bucca, Iraq on Christmas day and the certificate of verification that was presented to the students of Kelley Elementary. Students in the class are: (front row, l-r) Kendall Lastly, Karen Barrera, Lauren Sims, Michael Molina, Destyni Espinoza, Dillon Adkins, Keelan Eades, Nathan Read; (middle row) Logan Fallin, Kristina Parker; (back row) Lilly Parras, Ivie Green, Kasey Casarras, Jarayel Hill, Barrett Stephens, Isaiah Quiroz, and Zackary Gomez. Not pictured were Tatum Johns, Akearha Montgomery and Angel Solis.

Kelley students honored by Iraqi soldiers

Students in Kelley Elementary got a surprise from the United States Air Force on Monday, February 16. They received a United States flag that had been flown over Camp Bucca in Iraq on Christmas day of 2008.

Last November, Kelley students and parents generously donated enough snacks and hygiene supplies for 23 care packages that were sent to military personnel who had ties to Mitchell County. The shipment was made possible by a Service Learning Grant.

Three of these boxes were sent to MSgt. Jeremy Alvarez, son of Jessie and Marcelo Alvarez. To show his appreciation, he brought the flag and certificate back to the United States with him when he returned to San Antonio last Friday.

Alvarez is a 1989 graduate of Colorado High School.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are (left to right): Kelsea Martinez, Jennifer Roman and Zachariah Luera.

Students of the Week named at Hutchinson

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Kelsea Martinez, Jennifer Roman and Zachariah Luera.

Kelsea, daughter of Chris Martinez and Evelyn Franco, is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Newman and her favorite subject is Mr. Hardman's math. She especially enjoys going on field trips and playing games at her school.

Godina's class, is the daughter of Maria and Homero Roman. She has a dog named Mixi, and enjoys reading as a hobby. Math is her favorite subject, and P.E. class is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Zachariah, son of Michelle and Gabriel Ramero, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stone's class. He enjoys playing chess as a hobby, and science is his favorite subject. The courtyard is his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

Jennifer, a fourth grader in Mrs.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start - Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Tuesday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday - breakfast bites, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday - sausage, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - chicken strip, potato wedges, green beans, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday - spaghetti, meat sauce, sweet peas, Texas toast, crushed pineapple, milk.

Wednesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, peaches, milk.

Thursday - grilled ham and cheese sandwich, potato salad, pears, milk.

Friday - PB&J sandwich, vegetable soup, mixed fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado Middle School Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

sausage & biscuit, French toast with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, oatmeal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, pile on burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - cheeseburger, fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - beef stew, pickle spears, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - tuna salad sandwiches, lettuce cup, veggie with dip, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - king ranch casserole, refried beans, tossed salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - catfish, potato casserole, cole slaw, cornbread, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - Hot Pockets, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - French toast sticks, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - oatmeal, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - scrambled eggs, toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - burrito, Spanish rice, tossed salad, fresh fruit choice, sugar cookie, milk.

Tuesday - popcorn chicken, macaroni & cheese, tossed salad, chilled pears, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday - steak patty, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, hot roll, frozen cherry bar, milk.

Thursday - fajita chicken over rice, broccoli & cheese, seasoned corn, garlic bread stick, apricot fruit fluff, milk.

Friday - chicken quesadilla, tossed salad, fresh banana, chocolate cake, milk.

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - cheese toast, bacon, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - waffles, syrup, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday - sausage, biscuit, jelly, cereal, milk.

Friday - breakfast burrito, cereal, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu Feb. 23-27
Monday - burritos, cheese, baby carrots, corn on cob, cake, pears, milk.

Tuesday - beef and veg soup, sandwich, celery sticks, crackers, jello with fruit, milk.

Wednesday - fish strips, tartar sauce, macaroni & cheese, black-eyed peas, cobbler, milk.

Thursday - taco salad, cheese, salsa, beans, pineapple chunks, milk.

Friday - pizza, tater tots, ketchup, salad, dressing, push-ups, milk.



KELLEY ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, including Harlee Haag, have been learning about healthy food choices, having a healthy heart and living a healthy lifestyle in honor of the American Heart Association's Jump Rope for Heart.

Students collect \$2,725 for Jump Rope for Heart

Kelley Elementary students held their Jump Rope for Heart event last Thursday, jumping in memory of those with heart problems.

First and second grade students have been learning about healthy

food choices, having a healthy heart and living a healthy lifestyle with lots of activities including running, playing basketball, exercise and jumping rope.

The students collect money for the American Heart Association each year by participating in Jump Rope for Heart. This year, students collected \$2,725.45.

Students collecting \$150 or more will receive two free tickets to Hurricane Harbor for Celebration Day, May 17. Students receiving the tickets are KeAndrea Emerson, Anastasia Espinoza and Nadia Gonzales.



KELLEY ELEMENTARY SECOND grader Nadia Gonzales collected the most money for Jump Rope for Heart. Kelley students jumped rope last Thursday in memory of those with heart problems. Gonzales is a second grader in Mrs. Smith's class.

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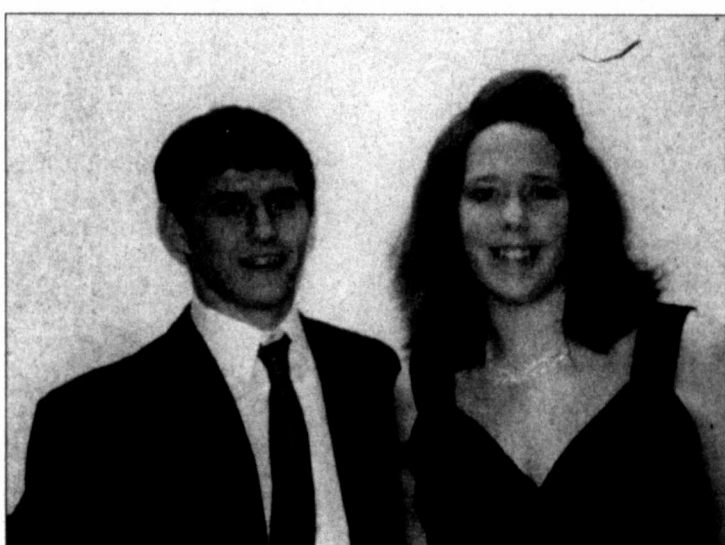
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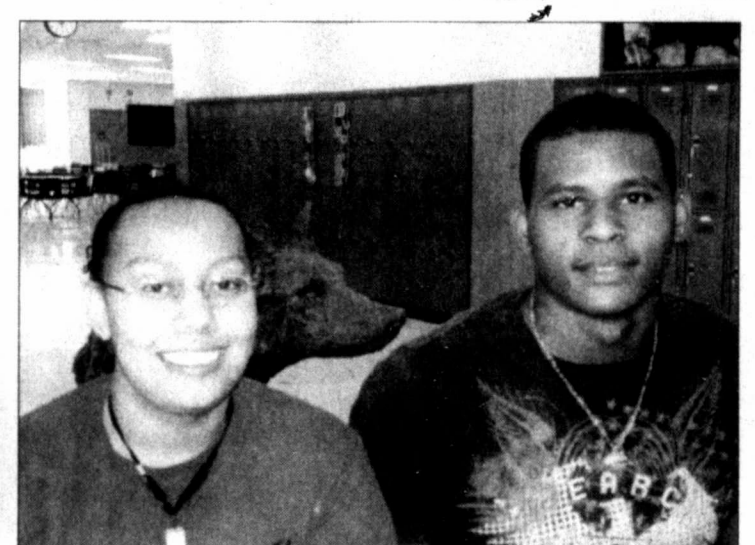
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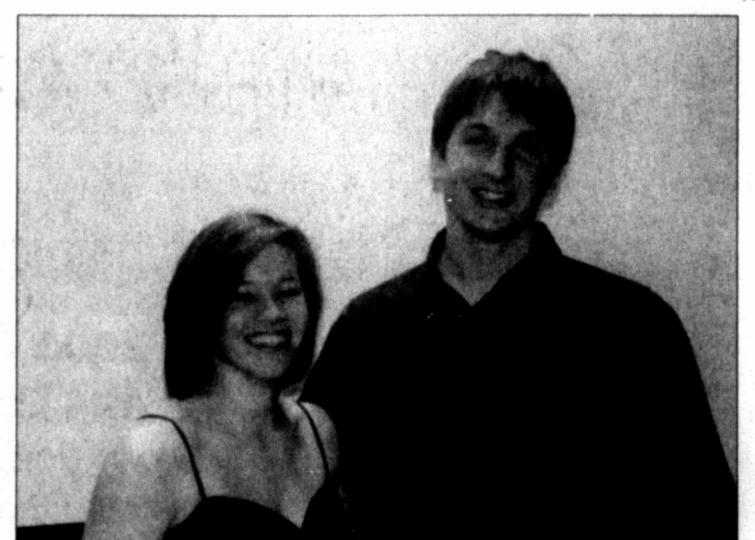
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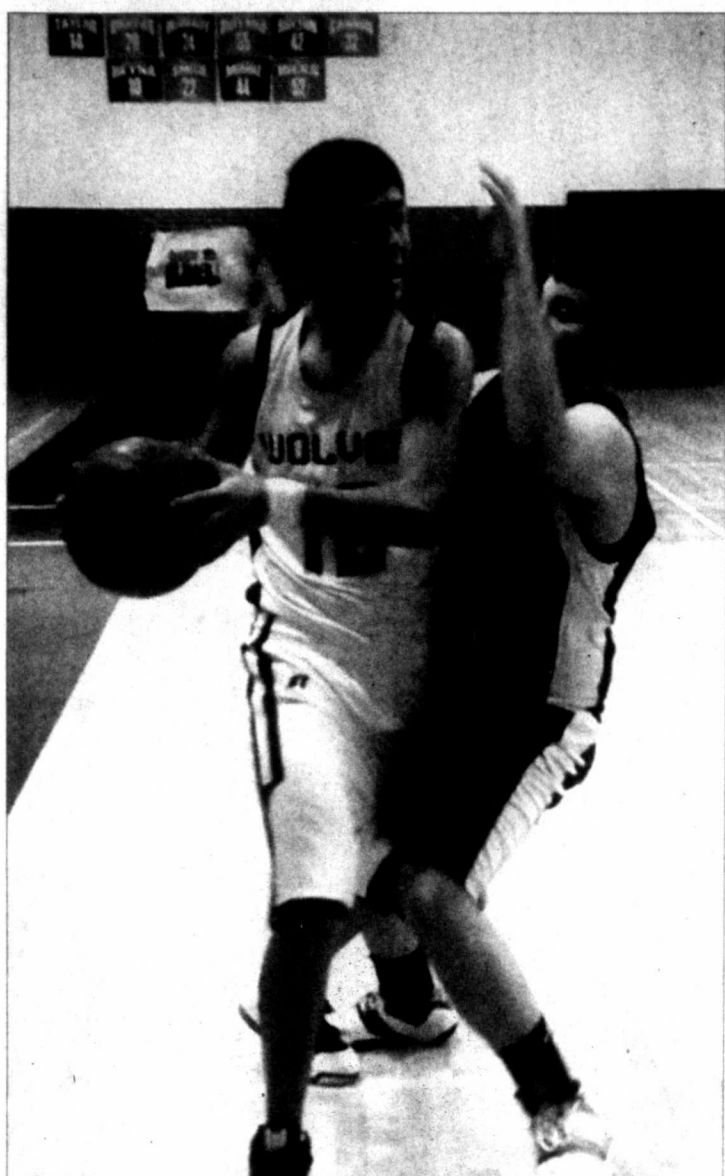


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SPORTS

Wolves down Eagles, 58-43

Wolves lose to Jim Ned, still tied for 2nd place



LANCE ESPINOZA CONTROLS the ball against Hunter Ashley during Colorado High Schools' 58-43 victory over Grape Creek last Friday night. Also pictured for CHS is Clint White.

The Colorado Wolves continued preparations for the 2009 basketball playoffs by downing the Grape Creek Eagles 58-43 here at The Pit last Friday night. The victory left the Wolves in sole possession of second place with a final district game to have been played at Tuscola's Jim Ned High School this past Tuesday.

Colorado High School is guaranteed one of three playoff spots regardless of the outcome at Jim Ned. The Wolves are now 16-11 for the year and at 7-2 in District 7-AA. Jim Ned is at 9-0 and Wall currently sits in third place at 6-3.

A Wolves victory over Jim Ned would give Colorado City an outright second place finish. Should Jim Ned win and Wall beat Grape Creek in other action this past Tuesday, then the Wolves and Wall Hawks would finish in a tie for second place. They could have a playoff or choose to flip a coin for post season position.

According to the University Interscholastic League schedule, first round bi-district games will be played February 23 or 24. Should the Wolves finish as the second place team in District 7-AA, they'll likely play Bangs, but at press time Early still had a chance at District 8-AA's third spot. A third place finish by the Wolves would pit CHS against District 8-AA second place Comanche.

After the struggle against Grape Creek last Friday, Wolves Coach Barry Kimball was unsure of which option The Pack would take if the Jim Ned Indians can manage to cool off the Wolves. Colorado City's success this year has started to wear on the Wolves' eight man rotation and Coach Kimball weighed the possibilities. "If we play it (second place playoff) you get a game against some good competition," said Coach Kimball. "We don't want to use up our energy playing them."

Starting sophomore point guard Nick Reyna missed the game against Grape Creek and is nursing a hip. How much that affected the game is unknown. The Wolves did struggle to find their offensive rhythm.

With Nick Hart scoring 18 points to lead three Wolves in double figures, Colorado City scored above their district average but it wasn't until late in the game that CHS pulled away from the physical Eagles. The Wolves trailed 10-8 after one period, led 23-20 at halftime and then 35-30 after three periods.

The Wolves made only eight

goals through the first three periods, struggling to make even point blank shots. As heard from the team bench, the Wolves "finally" made it a double digit lead when Lance Espinoza hit consecutive three pointers midway through the final period. Colorado City made 13 of 18 fourth period free throws to pull away and made 29 of 45 free throws for the game with only 12 field goals.

"It was a war," said Coach Kimball after the game. "I was worried it would turn into a rough game. They (Eagles) had nothing to lose but once we started scoring things were alright."

Scoring totals for the Wolves were Hart 18, Espinoza 14, Clint White 11, Tyler Higgins 8, Benny Jones 4, Matt Sowa 2 and J.C. Johnson 2.

McCall and Farmer led Grape Creek with 10 points.

Scoring for the junior varsity Wolves in their 56-38 victory were Ronald Aoyama 14, Jason Rodriguez 12, Blaze Alford 9, Derek Gaaney 9, Andrew Munoz 4, Tylor Lorenz 4, Matt Potter 2.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 20, 2009

Colorado Lady Wolves Softball vs. Loraine, 6 p.m.

FEBRUARY 21, 2009

Colorado Lady Wolves Softball @ Snyder, 7 p.m.

FEBRUARY 23, 2009

Colorado Wolves Baseball vs. Lamesa, JV 4:30 p.m.; Varsity 7 p.m.

Colorado Lady Wolves @ Fort San, 4:30 p.m.

FEBRUARY 26, 2009

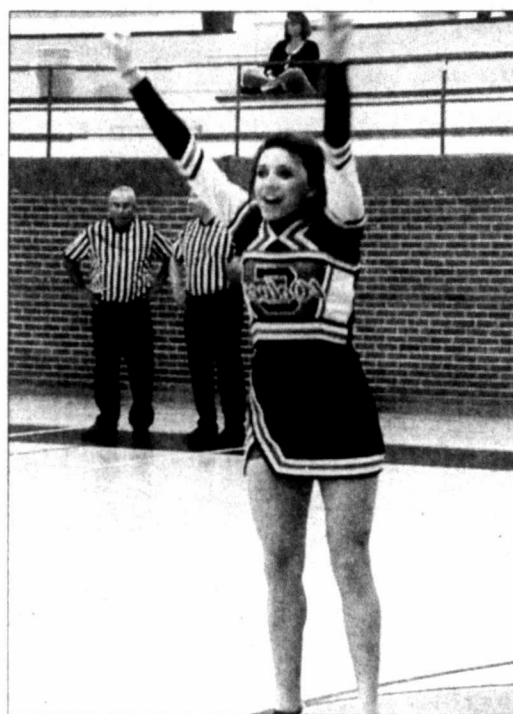
Loraine Bulldogs Baseball @ Hawley, 6:30 p.m.

The loss to Jim Ned and Wall's victory over the Grape Creek Eagles, left the Wolves tied with Wall for second place in a very tough district.

Kimball said that there will probably be a coin toss to determine who goes into the playoffs in the second place spot, which will leave the Wolves facing either Comanche or Bangs in the first round.

Coach Kimball was headed to a district meeting in San Angelo on Wednesday morning to nail down more of the specifics for the upcoming playoff games.

Regardless of the opponent, Kimball expects to begin the bi-district round of post-season play with a game as soon as next Tuesday night. The time and place of the game is still yet to be determined.



BRIANA ORTIZ LEADS cheer during Colorado City's victory over Grape Creek at The Pit last Friday.



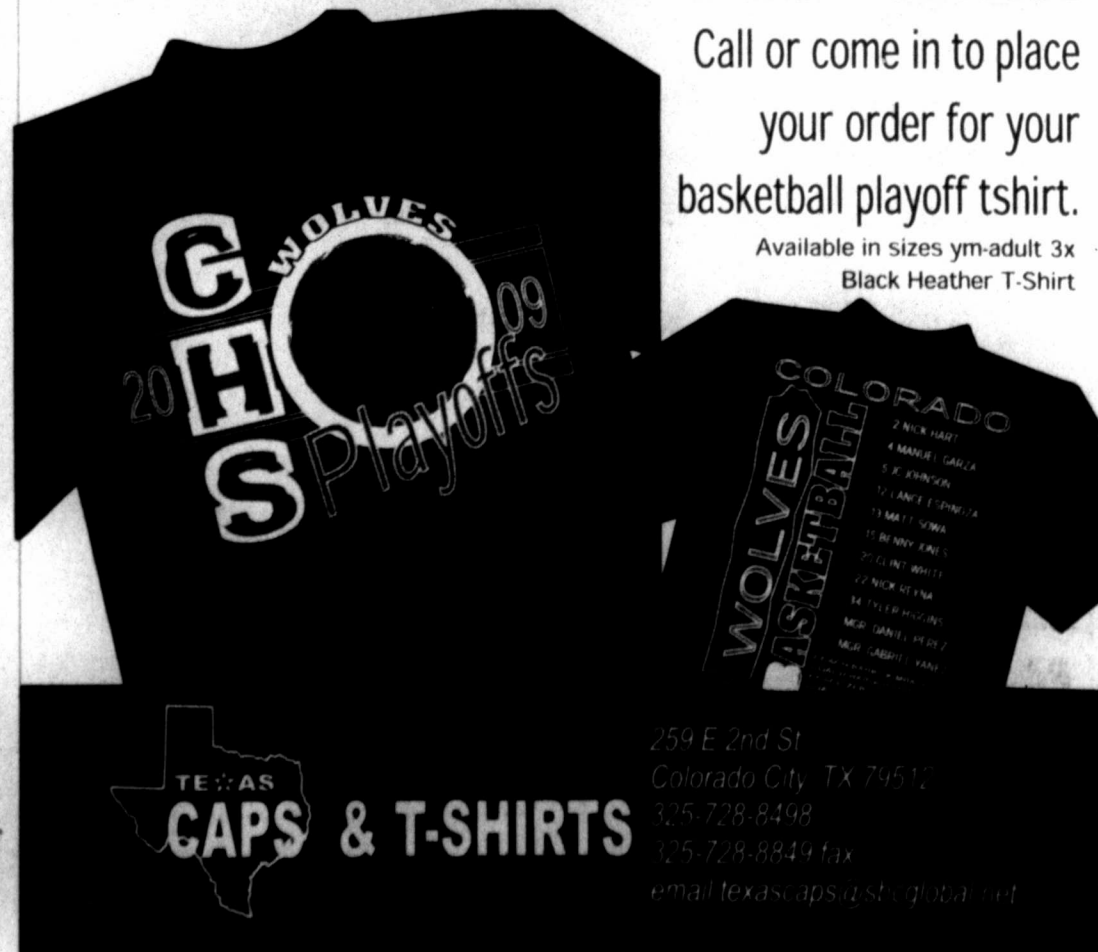
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CHS band students compete at UIL Solo & Ensemble

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

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

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

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

Tamara Lelek, vocal solo, Division 1

Meagan Montalvo, trumpet solo, Division 1

Adriana Gomez, alto sax solo, Division 1

Leslie Blake, mallet solo, Division 1

Blaze Alford, snare drum solo, Division 1

Macall Maddox, French horn solo, Division 1

Sydney Upshaw, trumpet solo, Division 1

Matthew Guerra, trumpet solo, Division 1

Megan Bullard, clarinet solo, Division 1

TFS urges citizens to be aware of fire danger

Texas Forest Service (TFS) is urging citizens across the state to be aware of heightened wildfire danger due to high winds and low relative humidity levels on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The areas of highest concern are the Panhandle, West Texas, Central Texas, the Hill Country and South Texas. This includes the cities of Paris, Wichita Falls, Childress, Perryton, Dalhart, Amarillo, Lubbock, Abilene, Brownwood, Midland/Odessa, Pecos, El Paso, Presidio, San Angelo, Del Rio, San Antonio, Laredo, Brownsville, Corpus Christi, Victoria, La Grange, Austin, Waco and Dallas/Fort Worth.

"The combination of dry fuels, strong winds and critically low humidity will make fast moving wildfires," said Kent Prochazka, a National Weather Service meteorologist working with TFS. "Wildfires that start on Tuesday or Wednesday will very difficult to control."

These potentially devastating wildfires can quickly endanger public safety and property. Citizens should be aware of the conditions and should not engage in activities that could lead to an accidental wildfire. In Texas, humans cause 95 percent of wildfires.

Since the beginning of the winter 2009 wildfire season, which began on January 22, 2009, TFS has responded, along with local fire departments, to 167 wildfires for 27,563 acres. During the same period, local fire departments have reported an additional 1,149 wildfires for 24,095 acres according to an on-line database managed by TFS.

For more information on fire advisories and area conditions, go to <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu> and click on Fire Danger/Advisories.

Division 1
Elizabeth Chancellor, flute solo, Division 1

Ashli Cooper, flute solo, Division 1

Alyssa Bonner, snare drum solo, Division 2

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

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

Dylan Billingsley, French horn solo, Division 2

K'Leigh Wallis, trumpet solo, Division 2

Emma Leanos, trumpet solo, Division 2

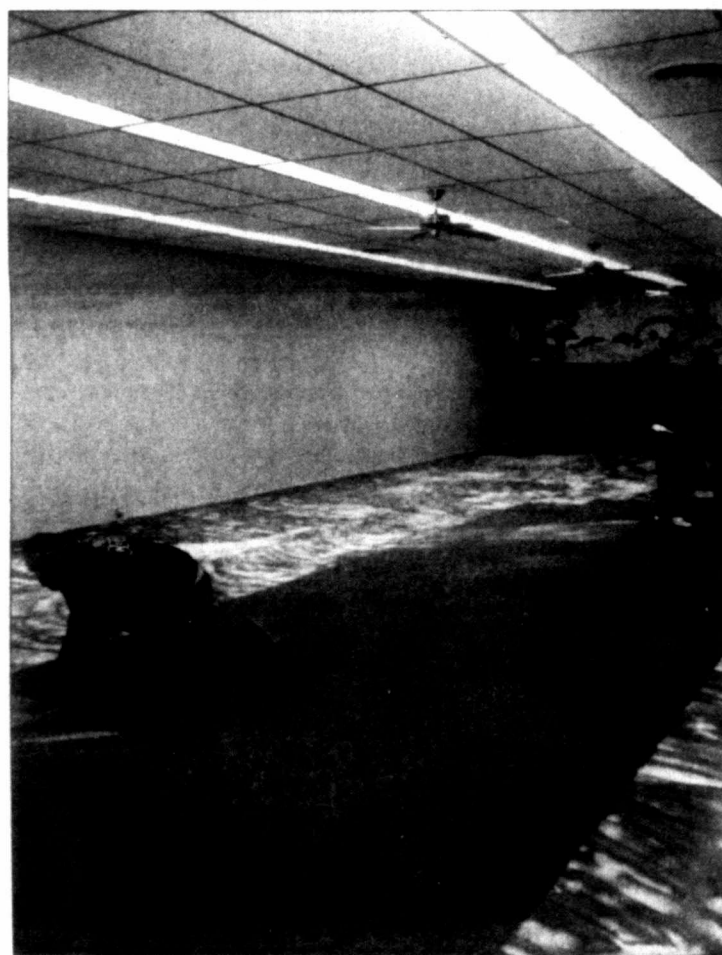
Division 2
Trey Kimball, clarinet solo, Division 2

Kristi Barnett, clarinet solo, Division 2

Valeria Vera, clarinet solo, Division 2

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

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



WORKERS BEGAN LAYING the new carpet in the Mitchell County Public Library recently. Pete Acosta and Pry Gonzales were working hard to get the library ready for business. (Photo courtesy of Brigada Hiser).

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LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Hi, readers. We hope you had a good week, stayed warm and well.

Barzie Parker called me Sunday afternoon to chat about Loraine, its people and the next homecoming at school.

Barzie and I are "old" classmates, and he was a very longtime Loraine resident. We talked about all the many stores that were open here and thriving in the 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s. His parents had a cafe here that stayed busy.

I will mention having concerns for Barzie's wife. She will have surgery to remove a tumor in her throat next week.

Barzie says hello to old friends and neighbors. The Parkers still live in Denver City.

Visiting in the home of Hershall and Helen Williams were Hershall's brothers and his wife, Garland and Francis Williams. They live in Snyder, and when they come to visit, Helen says they usually stay a couple of hours and really enjoy the get-together.

On President's Day, Feb. 16th, I wondered if I could name all 44 presidents. I decided to make a test of it. I couldn't look at a magazine, book or computer.

In about 10 minutes I knew I was in trouble, naming the same ones over and over. It has been two days since I started my test, and I have come up with 31 names. It's driving me bonkers, because I know I should do better.

I even go over the names when I should be sleeping. Two more days for my test. I need to crack the books. It's been a long time since I was in school.

Gerrie and Dub Wooddell are taking care of their two-year-old great-granddaughter these days

Texas writers contest open

The West Texas Writers are now accepting entries for their annual short story contest.

All entries must be original, unpublished work and be between 1,000 to 2,500 words.

There is a \$10 entry fee for each short story, payable to West Texas Writers. Multiple entries are accepted. Three entries or more by the same author entitles the author to a 2009 membership to West Texas Writers.

Winners will be announced at "Celebration of Writers" on Saturday, April 4, 2009 at the First Presbyterian Church, Lynn Hall, Midland, Tx from 2-4 p.m.

For more detail contact Debbie Pelham 432-634-0139 or visit www.westtexaswriters.org.

because their son had an accident at work. Jamie works for Halliburton and is having to put in some healing time.

Gerrie and Dub are enjoying the little girl. Remember, though, how active a two-year-old child can be.

Joan Long had another inspection that went well down at Taylor-Witta. The rural development came and inspected the manager's books and did some policy checks. Some of the apartments were checked as well.

A Life Meeting will take place at the Senior Citizens Center Monday night at 6:30 p.m. Improvement policies will be discussed, and input from the attendees will be valued.

A Q. and A. will make the meeting interesting. We hope for good ideas.

Special music was provided for the Methodist Church last Sunday by Ronny and Sharon Mayberry of Colorado City. They sang "The Old Rugged Cross" and Ronny played the guitar.

It was very well received by all.

Coming to be with Jan and Hank Millering for a memorial service for her brother, Aaron Thomson, were brothers and sisters and nieces: Larry and Priscilla Thomson of Menominee, MI; their daughter, Cindy Crissman, Marinette, MI; Dean Thomson, Menominee, MI; Paul Thomson, Franklin Park, IL; Harvey and Rosa Thomson, Oneida, WI; Val Mathias, Stephenson, MI; and

Kathy Suley, Peshtigo, WA.

Bob and Gert Karwowski set up their camping trailer in the Millering's yard here in Loraine to give them extra sleeping room for the brothers, sisters and niece who came for the memorial.

Jan and Hank were so thankful for everyone's generosity and support as they cope with their loss. This community sends condolences as well to Jan and Hank Millering for the loss of her brother, Aaron Thomson of Colorado City.

Having lunch with Elnora Mitchell Sunday after church at First Baptist Church were: Herman Mitchell, Bro. Dale Hartley and wife, Helen and Anita Graham. They had a lovely lunch and a nice fellowship.

Henry and Kelly Mitchell and children made a trip to San Antonio to take children's entries at the stock show on Friday. They returned home on Monday.

On Feb. 9th, nominations didn't take place for the board of directors and officers at the center. That will get done in a few days.

A Valentine's celebration took place at the center Friday, Feb. 13. Tommy and Janie Wright were voted to be king and queen of Valentine's Day. They received a large box of candy.

Coming next week to volunteer music will be Audry Wilson and friends and Dorothy with Debbie and Judy.

Friday, Feb. 20th, enchiladas will be served with Leon and Wanda Applin entertaining.

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