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Colorado City, Loraine & Westbrook

Monday fire destroys home

A house fire at Registers Point left a school teacher and his family homeless Monday.

Members of Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine Volunteer Fire Departments were unable to save the home of Norman McNeese at 1098 LCR 317 after a fire swept through the home and nearby carport.

Although the home and all its contents were a complete loss, fire fighters were able to save McNeese's motorcycle and no one was injured in the blaze. Items under the carport, including a boat, were also lost.

The cause of the fire, which began around 11:45 a.m., is still unknown.



UNDER CONTROL BUT still burning, fire fighters Kenny Parker, Tommy Henderson and Chris Cloutier continued to cool down the shell of Norman McNeese's home at Registers Point Monday on Lake Colorado City.

Firefighters auction nets good results

The Loraine Volunteer Fire Department held another record-breaking Farm Sale last Saturday, grossing \$500,000.

"In the past 22 years, the auction has just grown and grown," said Shady Mitchell, Loraine volunteer fireman. "This year was no exception. We just keep top-

ping the year before."

The annual farm auction helps the Loraine fire department raise funds for equipment and supplies. This year's auction boasted bigger merchandise, more money and even larger crowds according to Mitchell.

Holy week services to be held Apr. 6-10

Holy Week services, organized by the Ministerial Alliance, will be held the week of April 6-10th this year at First Baptist Church in Colorado City. Lunches will be served in two sittings, the first at 11:30 and the second at 12:30. The service will take place at noon.

The speaker on Monday will be Reuben Covos from St. Ann's Catholic Church; the meal will also be provided by St. Ann's.

Tuesday's speaker will be James Edwards from the First United Methodist Church. The meal will be provided by the First Baptist Church.

Terry White from Westbrook Baptist Church will be speaking on Wednesday. The meal will be provided by Calvary Baptist Church.

On Thursday, Dennis Bosley from All Saint's Episcopal Church will be speaking. The meal will be provided by the First United Methodist Church and the House of Hope.

The last speaker of the week will be Keifer Cauble from the Dorn and Loraine United Methodist Churches. The meal will be provided by the First Christian Church, Oak Street Baptist Church, All Saint's Episcopal Church and the First Presbyterian Church.

Everyone is welcome to this uplifting event!

Small child outwits would be kidnappers

A suspected kidnapping last Friday was thwarted when the six year old victim remembered her safety protocols and ran inside to tell her grandparents.

An unknown male subject approached the youngster in front of her home in the north west part of town stating "I've got you now."

The child ran into her residence and alerted her grandparents, who contacted the police.

Detective Adam Davis from

the Colorado City Police Department was dispatched to the address. Upon arrival he obtained a description of the suspect, who was wearing blue jeans, a short sleeve T-shirt and ball cap of unknown color and boots. The victim described the van used by the suspect as green and new because it sparkled.

According to Davis, the victim did not know the suspect, adding three additional people were

in the van at the time of the incident.

Mitchell County Sheriff's Deputy Jack Green arrived on scene to assist Davis in an attempt to locate the vehicle.

A green van was located, and a photograph shown to the victim, who stated it was not the van she had seen.

A state-wide teletype of the incident was sent out. Area police departments were also contacted

and notified of the situation. "This is the only reported occurrence of this type of incident," said Davis.

Any persons with information about the incident, or further sightings of suspicious vehicles can be reported to the Colorado City Police Department in person or by phone. The non-emergency telephone number for the department is (325)728-5294.

Profile spotlights C-City candidates

In preparation for early voting, the Colorado City Record sent a series of questions to local Colorado City political candidates for the offices of mayor and city council. Over the next two editions, those responses will be run enabling voters to gain insight into the candidates' positions, views and qualifications.

Voters will have an additional opportunity to speak one-on-one with candidates at a political forum sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce.

Early voting will begin April 27 through May 5 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. at City Hall on 180 W. Third Street. April 28 and May 5 have been designated 12-hour voting days. Early voters will be able to vote from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. on those two days only.

The last day to register to vote is April 9.

What strengths do you believe you would bring to the council as mayor / a councilman?

Sammy Contreras District 1 city councilman

My strength is the years of experience I have in the city and county. Another strength I have is making hard decisions for the betterment of Colorado City. Any decisions that I have made have been based on the need of our taxpayers.

Lisa Hernandez District 1 city councilman

I believe my strength is having a heart to do what needs to be done for the community, listening and

respecting different ideas.

Margaret Brown District 1 city councilman

This has been my home and my town all my life. I want to see it grow and prosper. It is my desire to give back to the community that has served me well. I will be available to anyone anytime for comments and to help in any way I can.

Bob McNeal District 2 councilman

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SUNLIGHT AND CLOUD make for an eerie weather pattern near the Coke/Mitchell county line mid-morning last Wednesday. (Photo courtesy of Ron Dooley)

Hospital board hears advantages of EMR

The Mitchell County Hospital Board of Directors heard from Healthland Automation Systems representative Mark Schnobrich during a called meeting last Thursday. Schnobrich gave a presentation on an electronic medical record system to board members Jerry Reynolds, DeLynn Hackfeld, Patty Pharis and Geneva Ratliff.

According to Schnobrich, Healthland has 28 years of experience in providing advanced patient management for both the hospital and clinic. A few features of the automated system include online insurance verification, scanning of insurance cards, automated work cues for the busi-

ness office and centralized charts for patients.

One of the most impressive aspects of the system is the centralized patient charts. Basically, this means that if a patient sees a doctor at the clinic at 2 p.m. and their condition worsens, the emergency room staff can access their records from the clinic if they need further medical treatment. The centralized recordkeeping goes even further, keeping track of all prescriptions each patient is taking. The system helps the staff get the right medicine in the right dose to the right patient, according to Schnobrich.

"Communication is one of the key things to electronic medical

recordkeeping," he said.

The new system will also enable doctors to e-prescribe to pharmacies, making prescriptions available to patients faster. "Imagine being able to leave the clinic and go to your pharmacy and be able to pick up your prescription because it's ready," hospital CEO Karl Stinson said.

Other incentives of the system are revenue generation and community wellness promotion. The system can be set up to "flag" accounts when it's time for certain tests such as mammographies, colonoscopies, etc.

According to both Schnobrich and another Healthland representative Ken Redman, with the

board's approval, the company would consider making Mitchell County Hospital a show site. The district would receive 1% credit toward the purchase of the system each time the site is visited and increased training and support for staff, as well as software discounts.

After hearing the presentation, board members discussed the proposal at length, sometimes asking tough questions.

According to Stinson, the system will cost the district approximately \$625,000, which includes all hardware and wireless system set up. The board seemed concerned about how the district

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Around Town

Happy birthday Jonell Mayes Keen (Mar. 31)... Happy birthday Angie Gomez (Apr. 4)... Deacon Magill getting lots of birthday wishes!...

Obituaries

Howard Burton, Colorado City
Nell Leach, Odessa
Marie Ball, Snyder
Gary Smith, Jacksboro, TX
Mannela Rivas, Big Spring

Briefs

Baseball Tryouts

Texas Teenage Baseball will hold tryouts and last chance signups Thurs., Apr. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Sports Complex. All players moving up to Midget or Freshman leagues, along with all new players, need to tryout. The draft will follow immediately at First National Bank.

Ragball Tournament

The Westbrook Spanish Club is sponsoring a Ragball Tournament, Apr. 18-19 at the Sports Complex. Cost is \$100 per 10-member team,

or \$10 per person. For more information, contact Ester Perales at 325-644-3451 or Teresa Matlock at 325-644-2951.

Volunteers Needed

Be a dear... volunteer. NursCare Hospice is in need of Colorado City volunteers. Many opportunities available, and training is provided. Call Dana at 574-1896.

Medical Fund

A medical fund has been set up at City National Bank for Betty Sanchez. All donations will go toward

medical expenses.

Burn Ban

The burn ban for Mitchell County is still in effect according to County Judge Ray Mayo.

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 a meal at 5 p.m. Men and women meet separate for open-share sessions. Call for more information 728-3118.

Thought of the Week

Friendships multiply joys and divide griefs.
H. G. Bohn

Lake Levels

(as of March 30, 2009)
Lake Colorado City...2062.01'
Full at 2070.3' Down 8.29'
Lake Champion...2050.14'
Full at 2083' Down 32.86'

Answerline

Q: Why is Mars known as the "Red Planet"?
A: Mars is known as the Red Planet because of the iron oxide in the soil.

LOCAL NEWS

High winds hamper firemen

The Colorado City and Loraine Volunteer Fire Departments assisted the Roscoe and Sweetwater Fire Departments with a grass fire in Nolan County early Monday morning.

The fire departments joined forces, along with the Maryneal Fire Department to contain and extinguish a blaze between CR 111 and CR 147 that began at 11 p.m. Sunday evening and continued through Monday morning threatening area residents in the Highland ISD area.

Colorado City sent three trucks and seven firemen to help deal with the blaze. Mopping up continued for several hours and into the next day after the fire was contained around 3 a.m.

The Loraine Fire Department responded with two trucks. Firemen were attempting to evacuate one elderly resident from the encroaching fire, when she met them at the door with a shotgun, according to Loraine fireman

Shady Mitchell. The lady was safely evacuated and five other structures were saved, according to Grant Madden, Sweetwater Fire Chief.

"We made a stand at the trailer houses and homes and kept it (the fire) from getting to them," said Madden.

"Everybody pitched in and did what they were supposed to do," said Roscoe Fire Chief Gary Armstrong. "It turned out good. Everybody was really lucky."

"It's a good feeling to know you've got help next door," said Mitchell, commenting on the ability of Nolan and Mitchell County fire departments to work together in combating range fires.

A second fire in the same general area broke out at 4 a.m. Monday morning and fire crews continued to combat the fire throughout the day Monday.

Although fire fighters believe the fire started by the road, an

exact cause is not known. No one was injured in the fires and no homes were lost.

Rodeo date set April 18

Contestants can get down and dirty with new events at this year's Ranch Rodeo on April 18 at the rodeo arena west of town on Business 20.

Youth, ages 10-18, will have the opportunity to chase a calf for a chance at a great prize, according to rodeo director Brodie Harris.

In the Cash Calf event, a handkerchief will be tied to a calf's tail and the calf turned loose in the arena. The lucky kid who manages to grab the handkerchief will win a free pair of Ariat boots.

An impromptu event at last year's rodeo makes a comeback this year as a full-fledged event. For free added fun, the "Hide Ride" awards a \$50 cash prize to the fastest horse pulled sledder. Contestants on a sled will be dragged across the arena by horses ridden by cowboys.

Four man arena team events are the ever popular wild cow milking, team doctoring, team penning and team branding. Entry fees for team events are \$400 and are due by April 15 at the Chamber of Commerce. Entry forms should be given to Carla Sauer at the Chamber.

The Mutton Bustin event provides an opportunity for the younger generation, children ages nine and under, to get a piece of the action.

Entry fees are \$10 the day of the rodeo and the sheep for each contestant will be provided by Wood's Boots.

"Browne Brothers and City National Bank are building our chute," said Harris. "Wood's Boots is sponsoring the event, providing the sheep and the winner with a belt buckle and free pair of Ariat boots."

The West Texas climate prompted the change to an earlier date for the annual fundraiser.

"The heat was so hard on the cowboys and livestock, we decided to move it up to a cooler date," said Harris. "It's supposed to be 70 degrees and sunny skies," he

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OBITUARIES

Howard Burton

1924-2009



COLORADO CITY -- Mr. Howard Burton, age 85, passed away on March 25, 2009, after an extended illness in the VA Hospital in Big Spring. Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at New Life Bible Ministries Church in Colorado City at 2:00 p.m. with Pastor J.K. Wood officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City

Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Howard came into this life the eldest son of Viva Winsor Burton and Claude (Boss) Burton on January 22, 1924 in DeKalb. He married Joyce Covington on December 22, 1946 in Lamesa, where they raised their family. He came to Colorado City about 1970 while caring for his ailing mother.

He is survived by his children's mother, Joyce Covington Miles of Colorado City; daughters, Theresa Burton of Roanoke; Claudia Lann and husband Kent of Midland; son-in-law, Gary Abrahams of Snyder; six grandchildren, Nar McGee, Kim Gray, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Lann, Jessica Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. Rainey Lann, and Mr. and Mrs. Ryan Abrahams; 12 great-grandchildren: Jordan, Morgan and Levi Gray, Krista Cooley, Austin Lann, Ragan and Paige Morrison, Tyler, Montgomery and Curtis Lann, Ryan and Rain Abrahams; sisters, V C Nance of Lamesa and Martha Holman of Lubbock; brother, Henry Burton and wife, Doris of Colorado City.

Mr. Burton was preceded in death by his mother, Viva and father, Claude Burton; daughters, Kay Abraham and Glenda Ann Burton; grandson, Chris Wade McGee; and sister, Luticia Burton.

Please sign register book at www.mem.com.

Nell Ruth Leach

1926-2009



ODESSA -- Nell Ruth Leach, age 82, passed away on Saturday, March 28, 2009, at Hospice House in Odessa.

She was born July 24, 1926, to Samuel M. and Margaret (Wilson) Bullock in Snyder, TX. She married Floyd Leach on May 4, 1942, in Colorado City. She was for many years, a Sunday school teacher in the First Baptist Church of Roscoe, and after moving to Odessa, she and her husband were active members of Chapel Hill Baptist Church. Her gentle spirit and her strong and resolute faith in the Lord will be missed by her family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a brother, Earl Bullock and a daughter-in-law, Margie Leach.

She is survived by her husband, Floyd Leach of Odessa; her son, Morris Leach and his wife, Tana of Odessa; her daughters, Karen Bechard and her husband, Paul of Cohoes, NY and Janice Herrera and her husband, Carlos of Odessa; her brother, John Bullock and his wife, Marion of Colorado City; and her sister, Judy Ruddick and her husband, Lawrence of Eldorado, KS; three grandchildren, Marcy Dyer and her husband, Dennis, Heather Escobedo and her husband, Alex, and Aimee Dumas and her husband, Michael; four great-grandchildren, Eric Dyer, Kristen Galindo, Joseph Dumas, and Devon Escobedo; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Following a private graveside service, the funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009, at Chapel Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Jeff Box officiating and Rev. Jeff Clear assisting.

Pallbearers will be Martin Ramos, Bert Frost, Tim McNurlen, Carlos Herrera, Paul Bechard, and Dennis Dyer.

Services entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home of Odessa.

Marie Winter Ball

1935-2009

SNYDER -- Marie Winter Ball, age 73, passed away Fri., Mar. 27, 2009, at her residence in Snyder after a sudden illness. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Chapel with Mr. Bob Martin officiating. Burial followed in Hillside Memorial Gardens, directed by Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Ball was born April 10, 1935, in Scurry County. She was an Administrative Asst. for MHMR, an avid reader, a lover of animals and a member of the Anthem Study Club. She was also a member of the 37th Street Church of Christ in Snyder.

Survivors include her mother, Nell Winter of Snyder; two daughters, Lesa Ball of Colorado City and Dona Withkowski of Fort Worth; two grandsons, Bryand Freeman of Arlington and Cameron Freeman of Fort Worth; two aunts, Connie Smith of Snyder and Helen Winter of Snyder; one uncle, Tom and wife, Dorothy Winter of Tucson, Arizona; and cousins,

Ted Winter of Midland, Mickey Winter of Snyder and Tom Winter of Frisco.

She was preceded in death by her father, Frank Mardell Winter.

Gary Roger Smith

1941-2009



JACKSBORO -- Gary Roger Smith passed away on March 23, 2009 after fighting a long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

He was preceded in death by his parents Charles David Smith and Gloria Ann Piester Smith.

He is survived by one brother, Charles David Smith II and wife Edna of Beaver Dam, Arizona; and one niece, Julia R Atkins and husband Tim, formerly of Colorado City. He has four great-nephews, Brandon Atkins, and wife Holly, of Coahoma; Robbie Atkins, and wife Julie of Colorado City; Michael Atkins, and wife Brooke of Big Spring; and Tim Atkins II of Big Spring. He has three great-great-nephews, Cutter, Tanner and Rowdy Atkins, and four great-great-nieces, Hope, Paige, Kayden, and Kamryn Atkins. He has many aunts, uncles, and numerous cousins that all loved him dearly as well.

He was a great man who loved God and Country. He served in Vietnam with UDT/SEAL TEAM more than 15 years (July 1965-January 1981), starting with SEAL TEAM 1, Bravo Platoon, SEAL TEAMS 1 and 2 were in response to President Kennedy's desire and request to develop an Unconventional Warfare capability, the U.S. Navy established these two teams in 1962. These teams were formed entirely with personnel from Underwater Demolition Teams. Their mission was to conduct counter-guerrilla warfare and clandestine operations in maritime and riverine environments. He spent 32 months in Vietnam, engaging in 257 combat missions. He was awarded the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, three Navy Commendation medals, two Navy Achievement medals, the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and numerous campaign ribbons, including the Combat Action ribbon. He earned second-class deep-sea diver status, Navy/Marine Corps parachute wings, Vietnam jump wings, and several other distinctions. He graduated with UDT Training Class 36 and U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy Class 17. He retired from the Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer and a Master EOD Technician.

In 1991, he also took part in explosive ordnance disposal in Kuwait. He was a member of the DOHA Brotherhood while stationed in Kuwait. He loved his military brothers and the life they led together. Following his military retirement, he became a Deputy Sheriff in Jack County, Texas. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman; he traveled Africa as well as many other lands to hunt and fish, bringing back enormous trophies. He was the author of four published books detailing his life in the military, Death in the Jungle, Death in the Delta, Master Chief, and DemoMen. He donated his large and lengthy memoirs to the Navy Seal Museum in Fort Pierce, Florida.

In honor of his love of all things military, memorials may be given to Disabled Veterans. Coker Funeral Home of Jacksboro is handling arrangements. At this time there is not a scheduled memorial service however you may leave online tributes at www.cokerfuneral.com.

Manuela Silva Rivas

1955-2009

BIG SPRING -- Manuela Silva Rivas, 53, died Tuesday, March 24, 2009, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Funeral Mass was held at 2:00 p.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Ariel Lagunilla officiating. Burial followed at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. A vigil service was held at 7:00 p.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

Manuela was born March 28, 1955, in Colorado City to Antonia and Selestino Silva. She grew up in Colorado City, and moved to Big Spring in 1980. She was a health care provider for Nurses of Del Rio. Manuela was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Manuela is survived by four daughters, Rosemary Silva and her husband Gilbert Sanchez, Teresa Silva and her husband Jason Bolt, and Carol Nava and her husband Ray, all of Big Spring, and Anna Silva and her husband Julio Gomez of Stanton; one son, Gilbert Silva of Big Spring; four brothers, Fermin Silva and Jesse Silva, both of Colorado City, Ruben Silva of Roscoe, and Luis Silva of Abilene; three sisters, Angelina Aguilar and Juana Silva, both of Big Spring, and Anita Fullwood of Colorado City; and nine grandchildren, Frank Hernandez, Jr., Albert Hernandez, Stacy Hernandez, Brandon Bolt, Anthony Bolt, Daniela Cruz, Thomas Cruz, Alexis Cruz, and Colby Cruz.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one son, Bobby Silva; and one sister, Luisa Silva.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay your respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

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 * Daphne and Donndric *

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LOCAL NEWS

Burchard recognized for inspiring museum



By Amie Wood
Heart of West Texas
Museum Director

The Heart of West Texas Museum proudly gives honor to a few of the patrons who have made an impact on the museum and community. Each of these individuals is recognized not only for their immeasurable contributions, but also for their spirit, generosity and forethought. Every week until the dedication, we would like to highlight one of these individuals as an additional public tribute.

Mr. Preston Coleman Burchard was born in Colorado City in 1923 and was delivered by his grandfather, Dr. P.C. Coleman

here in the Heart of West Texas Museum. The museum resides in the former Coleman home. Preston's father was a topographer for the U.S. Geological Survey and the family moved many times to several Western states. From his experiences at many of the most beautiful and expansive parks and parklands, he developed at a young age an appreciation and dedication to environmental and historical preservation. He served in World War II being stationed in France.

In 1951, he received a Masters Degree in History from Stanford University and worked as a tool and die maker building the electronics industry in California until his retirement. He lived in California and raised his family there, but his heart was often in Mitchell County.

He worked to preserve the West Texas history with frequent phone calls and letters advocating for historical markers such as the Discovery Well at Westbrook Field and supportive contributions to the museum and its endeavors. Mr. Burchard was the Museum Board Director who recommended the name "Heart of West Texas Museum" to better suit its new location in his grandfather's home. He also set up a generous endowment to have it moved to its current loca-

tion. He was instrumental in setting up the Heart of West Texas, Inc. and in encouraging others to make monetary donations to the museum and its goals to ensure its longevity. He often returned to attend a museum meeting or exhibit opening, to visit the Coleman Ranch near Cuthbert or to take his grandson fishing, all of which had a special place in his heart.

He was also a prolific reader, writer and researcher of all things historic; including tracing many family branches of genealogy going back to England, ancestral pirates from Holland and members of the American Revolution. He was a member of Greenpeace, Sierra Club, Peninsula Open Space Trust (POST) and the Natural Resource Defense Council. This dedication cultivated in his family and those around him a respect and responsibility to the land, the people and their history.

The Heart of West Texas Museum is indebted to those who believed in the preservation of our historical heritage and the well-being of the community. To honor those whose lives have shaped the past, present and future, we will be dedicating rooms in the museum to our honorees on April 24, 2009 as a permanent symbol of our great appreciation.

WADA revenues cause more problems than they solve

Sometimes the best intentions back fire.

In an effort to distribute state funding more equitably between school districts, more attention was given to weighted average daily attendance and a target revenue system was factored in.

Unfortunately, the target revenue for each school was arrived at arbitrarily, according to CISD Superintendent Jim White.

The amounts were selected based on individual school districts' revenue for 2005-2006 earned through local taxes plus state funding.

If the school had a good revenue year, such as increased revenues through wind energy, the target revenue was high. If the school had a poor revenue year, the target revenue was low, regardless of the district's size.

Multiplying the target revenue with the district WADA gives each district the maximum amount of combined state and local funding a district can receive.

Colorado ISD with 1,016 students has a target revenue of \$4,635. That times the WADA of 1,634 gives CISD a maximum of \$7,573,590 yearly. But the same WADA multiplied by other area schools' target revenue points out the huge monetary difference. (See chart)

Area district 2A schools with approximately the same number of students as CISD benefit more from the target revenue system by as much as a million dollars, simply because they had a higher revenue during the randomly chosen target year, according to White.

The inequities of the system become glaringly obvious when compared across the state.

Small schools, such as Anton ISD which has 380 students with a revenue per WADA of \$4,683, a WADA of 1,262 and receiving \$5,909,946 are getting hammered, according to White.

However, a small school such as Highland ISD with 198 students, receives \$2,111,844 with a target revenue of \$5,677 and a WADA of 372, and makes out much better.

Even larger school districts can take a beating under the system. Hawley ISD, which has 765 students, is limited to a combined funding of \$5,170,299.

"There's a stretch of Highway 277 north of Abilene where a number of school districts are getting clobbered," said White. Those districts include Anson, Hawley, Stamford and Haskell. In addition, the target revenue system does not take into account, changes in revenues in succeeding years, changes in population or increased in expenditures in an effort to comply with state mandates.

"The number one thing that affects our budget yearly is the salary schedule," White said. "Almost all our staff will move up one step every year. The average difference the salary schedule creates is around \$300,000 a year and that's just a starting point."

"The frustrating thing is, if our students were going to Jim Ned we'd be getting about \$2 million more each year. I don't see anything fair about that," White said, adding the system doesn't need to take away from the other schools, just bring the rest up to par.

State legislation has locked the target revenue system into place for at least the past three legislative sessions with no hope in sight

for change.

White urges residents to call their state representatives and senators to inform them that the system is not equitable. If things remain the same, White believes local districts will once again band together to bring court action against the state for inequitable funding, similar to the *Edgewood vs Texas* case which resulted in House Bill 1 applying a band-aid solution to the problem with the target revenue system.

On a similar note, the proposed stimulus education package supposedly will create jobs and better serve students by stimulating activity within school districts.

But only, "if we get some latitude in spending it where we need to spend it," said White. "We know what our students need better than someone in Washington that has never been to Texas."

One of the problems with the stimulus package is the numerous regulations, restrictions and terms that limit what school districts can do with the money, prompting Texas Governor Rick Perry to reject part of the package.

White, who attended a Commissioners Cabinet TEA meeting in Austin on March 5, said TEA promised to put forthcoming information on their website, but so far he hasn't seen anything.

"Some folks are predicting it will be several months before any money is given out," White said. "I'll believe it when I see it."

Area District Comparisons

District	Target Revenue	WADA	Max. Funding	*Total Diff. in \$\$
Ballinger	\$4,908	1,533	\$8,019,672	\$446,082
Coahoma	\$4,800	1,201	\$8,004,966	\$431,376
Grape Creek	\$4,664	1,645	\$7,620,976	\$98,690
Jim Ned	\$5,751	1,574	\$9,397,134	\$1,823,544
Wall	\$5,422	1,512	\$8,859,548	\$1,285,958

(The difference in dollars area district schools would receive yearly if their target revenue were multiplied by CISD's student count and WADA.)

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Thank You
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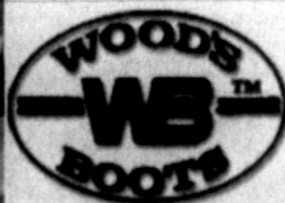
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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Sam Baker and his wild emotions

When Sam Baker is performing his music on stage he looks wild. His long unruly hair flies around and he moves in such a way that you wonder if he's sane. He sings loud with a raspy voice and strums his guitar like he was fighting it. Then his voice turns soft and contemplative and he plays his guitar with gentle, loving strokes. Sam Baker is one interesting guy. Music has taken over his life.

I had wanted to meet Sam for a long time. Texas artists and musicians kept telling me about him, but I somehow didn't connect with him until late last year when we both happened to be at Bill Worrell's place in Mason County.

There were crowds of people around, so to get away from the din, we settled down in a nearby pickup, rolled up the windows and had a visit. I asked him about an experience he had in Peru in 1956 when he was 32. His eloquence surprised me.

"When you're young you want a challenge, so you walk up in tall places and run wild rivers and go about the world as though you're immortal," he said.

In Peru, he and some friends climbed icy peaks in the Andes. He boarded a train in Cuzco and sat in a narrow compartment with a man, woman and child. He had a wonderful time in Cuzco, which he described as a beautiful city that makes you feel like nothing bad would ever happen to you. There had been trouble in Peru from a terrorist group called the Shining Path. Lima was under martial law. Sam says he had been keeping a watchful eye, but Cuzco relaxed him and he felt good. The terrorists had placed a suitcase bomb on a luggage rack just three feet from Sam's head. When it exploded, the three people in the compartment were killed. Sam suffered brain damage, a loss of hearing and the top of his left hand was blown off. Shrapnel punctured his body. He nearly died.

"My world changed from being a young man to an old man," Sam says. "From a place where I was strong and able to climb ice to a place where I couldn't hear, couldn't walk and couldn't use my hands. It's a miracle to be on the face of the earth."

Sam struggled with words. Instead of asking for a cup, he asked for that thing that holds coffee. He could see a chair, but couldn't remember the name for it. Eventually he started writing about his experience in Peru and some songs emerged. Four years ago, when he was fifty, he recorded a CD and called it MERCY. It launched his career as a singer-songwriter. He now performs all over the US and Europe, but calls Austin home.

"I'm like a kite with a long string," says Sam, "but it's anchored here in Texas."

His second CD, PRETTY WORLD, was released in 2007. The injury to his hand was severe. He says his guitar playing is almost primitive, but it gives him the emotional foundation for the words to his songs. Sam Baker was born in Itasca, played sports in high school and studied guitar at North Texas. He worked as a white water boatman and carpenter before he started singing for a living.



Chamber busy with upcoming events

Your Chamber of Commerce is busy fielding telephone calls, answering questions, sending re-locaiton packets, putting together welcome bags and handing out information about our town and county. We have received several calls about services in the county and were happy to recommend our member businesses.

Our events have been very successful this year beginning with the Stock Show. All of our events are fun, but it is especially fun to watch the kids work with their animals and ...eat pickles. We sold seven big jars of dill pickles. These kids and the adults who work with them represent our county in a very positive manner. Thank you for all your hard work.

The Chamber Banquet was enjoyed by many. Rodney Cooper was the speaker and he did a great job (I still laugh about the incarcerated chickens). We had many TDCJ people locally and from out of town. The Kiwanis' cooks did the steaks and TDCJ helped as well. The decorations were perfect. Thank you, ladies, for a job well done.

The Railhead Trade Days were one of the best ever for the Chamber and the merchants. The vendors were top quality and the food was exceptional. The business people, motels, stations and restaurants did well with the extra people in town. It is always good when you cannot find a parking space. Our



Sue Lowrance and Carla Sauer

deepest thanks to Doug and Lisa Stephens. They handed out 2000 Railhead flyers over two days. It took them three hours each day and this was done in the rain and mud. That is called dedication to one's hometown.

The next event to bring people into town is the Ranch Rodeo, April 18, 2009. We are expecting at least twenty teams and "Mutton Bustin'" will be a much anticipated special event. You need to come watch the cowboys do what they do best. It is always exciting. Down 1450 will be the band for the dance immediately following the rodeo. This will be in the south side of the Ag Barn.

May 2, 2009 will be the Lake Colorado City Bike Tour. The Chamber does this in partnership with the State Park. Tracy Ferguson does a great job getting this together. The Chamber does the paper work and provides the T-shirts and lunch. It is quite a sight to watch them leave from the Railhead Building in their bright colored biking suits.

I will chatter with you again before we start celebrating our July 3rd Fireworks, July 4th Fly-In and Railhead Trade Days. We thank all the volunteers and the Chamber Board for making these events successful. The Chamber of Commerce is the front door to Colorado City and Mitchell County and we welcome your suggestions, visits and calls. We are here to serve you.

Peeps, cotton candy chicks and people

By Cecilia Scott
Main Street Coordinator

A sense of community is one of the first priorities for bringing back any historic downtown. When people identify the downtown with visiting, shopping, business and fun, then the downtown makes a strong comeback.

Hippity Hop Let's Shop is geared toward all those events and will be happening this weekend from 6 - 9 p.m. You can shop for your Easter items, go to the movies, view the Peeps diorama contest, eat cotton candy, pick up a pulled pork sandwich or a great Dandy's meal, see the Easter Bunny, real chicks and bunnies, play free games with the children and visit with friends and neighbors.

Get together with family, friends, coworkers or wing it alone and put together a scene with peeps chickens or rabbits. If you need inspiration, check out washingtonpost.com for a look at some winning entries.

Don't forget that you can win \$50.00 in the adult division or \$50 in the youth division.

Bring your entry downtown by 5:45 for judging. Main Street wants to highlight all the incredible talent we have in our area.

Be sure and save the date for the Junktique this year. The date has been changed to Sept. 26-27. This was done for several reasons, including securing vendors and shoppers that were previ-

ously committed to the White Buffalo event. Many of the best and most frequent shoppers of our downtown area reside in Snyder and they want to participate in both events.

I had a great conversation with a downtown business person and he shared some wonderful information. A little over three years ago this business considered moving out of the downtown area because the downtown was so desolate. When it was announced that Main Street was coming in, the business decided to stay and the last two years have been the most prosperous.

This is one of many stories that I've been told about the importance of Main Street support and we look forward to the continuation of that support in years to come.

Our downtown has made quite a

transformation in three years, if you just look on Walnut Street alone. I have had calls and visits from groups in Snyder wanting to visit with me to discuss the secret to C-City's progressive work and look. Even other cities have noticed the change in downtown.

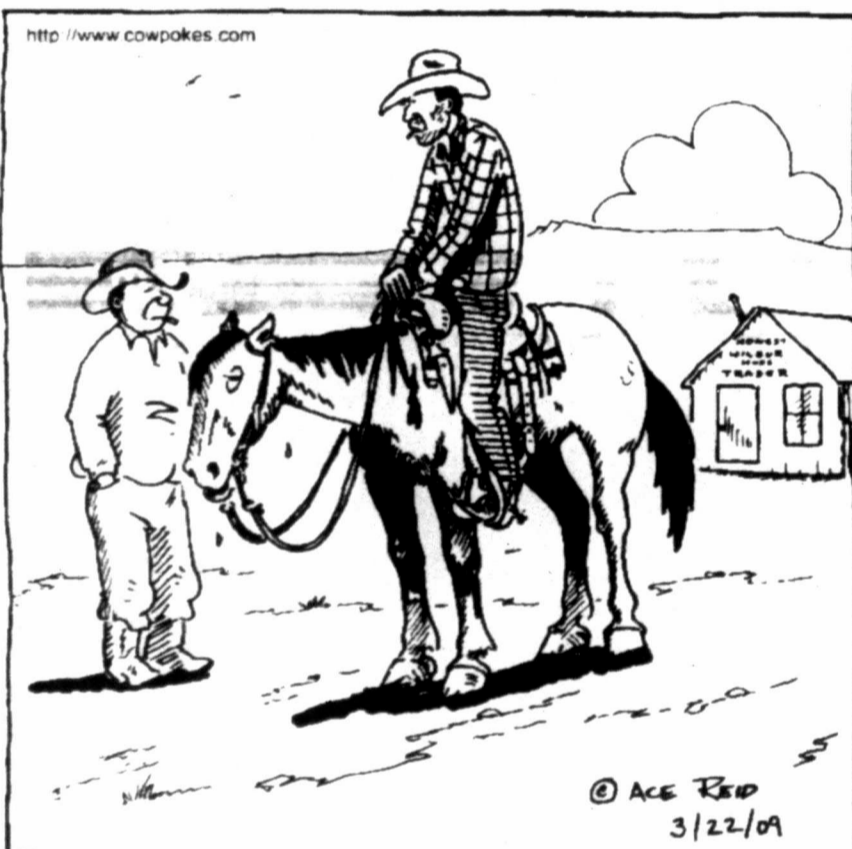
Those who have helped in this change deserve special credit and our Main Street merchants and volunteers are a huge portion of the people making a difference.

There is a great renewed interest in updating and restoring our Opera House. The completed restoration will have a much stronger future if it is located next to a downtown that is seen as vibrant, historical and entertaining.

Don't forget to come on down this Friday night, April 3 for free fun from 6 - 9 p.m. See you there!

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Letter to the Editor:

Loraine Volunteer Fire Department wishes to extend a thank you to all the people of Mitchell County and the surrounding counties that consigned merchandise to the annual Loraine Farm Auction.

This year's sale has proved to be the largest to date. The money we earn from

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We wish to extend a special thank you to Kevin Hutson Auctioneers, County Commissioner Bill Preston, Precinct 4 employees Darrell, Billy, Vick & Stan, as well as Maz's Place, First Bank of

West Texas, Bill Crockett, Fuller Foods, Wood's Boots, City of Colorado City, City of Loraine along with the mayor and city council, Blattner Construction, Randall Smith, the Co-Op Gin, all of the firemen's wives and anyone else we might have forgotten to mention above.

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Edward Warren Jr., 53, CCPD, DWLI, 3-28-09.

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would be able to pay for the system. Stinson reminded board members that the district is the beneficiary of \$325,000 coming from the Emabeth Thompson trust.

"We can pay for a big chunk of this already," he said.

"We're also set to get \$470,000 from the cost report settlement in about 45 days," Chief Financial Officer Jaime Jacoby added.

According to Stinson, the federal government has mandated that all hospitals implement a centralized automated record system by 2014. "We're gonna have to do it anyway," he said. "It's only a matter of time."

After more questions by the board, Director of Nurses

Donna Goebel addressed the members. She reported that the current system being used by the nursing staff promotes errors because the various types of software aren't compatible. She also stated that a lot of time is spent trying to get the current system to work; time that could and should be spent on patient treatment.

"I can't emphasize enough how important this is," she said. "You just cannot imagine what they (the nurses) are coping with now."

Pharis asked about a timeline for installation and training for the staff. Schnobrich estimated that it would take about six months from start to finish.

As far as training is concerned, "they (the staff) will be seeing us a lot," he said.

Hackfeld expressed concern about approving such a large proposal with three board members absent. "I know we need it, and I am for it, but I feel like we need the rest of the board to make this decision," she said.

After much discussion, Reynolds called for a motion to approve the CEO to pursue a contract with Healthland Automation Systems which he received from Pharis. Ratliff seconded the motion, and the proposal passed 3-1. Hackfeld voted against approving the proposal, due to the absence of her fellow board members, Bobbie

Banks, Hollis Gainey and Florence Bodine.

RODEO

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The rodeo, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, will begin at 3 p.m. on the 18th followed by a dance at 9 p.m. Adult tickets are \$5 for the rodeo and \$10 for the dance. Rodeo tickets for children under 12 are \$3. Any business that would like to help sponsor the rodeo should contact Brodie Harris at 242-2619 or the Chamber of Commerce.

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CANDIDATES

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I have no problem expressing myself. I believe we should be up front and open. I understand my boldness has been mistaken, by some, as arrogance and for that I am sorry. I am not arrogant. I just believe in standing up for my convictions.

I've had experience in a lot of the issues we tackle. I can help save money on projects so we can make our money go further. Being a contractor and laborer myself, I know what questions to ask and what to look for when we go out for bids.

I know the issues our employees face. I've been where they are. I can sympathize with them and try to get them more money and better benefits.

Sue Mason District 2 councilman
A new and fresh perspective. I would

represent District 2 to the best of my ability. Colorado City is a wonderful town with many talented people and I feel we should listen to the people and all work together to make Colorado City the best town ever for every citizen.

What qualifications (skills and/or experience) do you have for being a mayor/councilman?

Contreras
I have been in the city council for 13 years or longer, mayor protem over six years. I was on the Steering Committee to bring our two prisons. At one time our lake was almost dry and we were running out of water. We now have clean water; we have a new water treatment plant.

Hernandez

I have lived in Colorado City all my life. This is home to me. I was also a trustee on our school board for 12 years and have had an opportunity to be part of a lot of changes in those years. I also believe that I have an understanding of the budget and on policies and procedures.

Brown
Working in Colorado City at the management level has made me aware of the problems and difficulties that one could face as a city councilman. I would like to give back to this community using the skills and knowledge that I have to make our city move forward.

McNeal
I have served six years on the council. I have attended workshops on a

yearly basis in an effort to gain more knowledge and do my job as a councilman better. I have tried to involve myself as much as I can in every project and decision in order to be more effective and look out for the interests of the city.

Mason
I have worked in the medical field 30+ years after recently resigning from Mitchell County Hospital. I have previously worked as a supervisor and served on different committees at my church. I enjoy working and helping others. I strongly believe in honesty, hard work, pride, compassion and accountability.

Some realtors estimate 70 to 90 new families wanted to move to Colorado City in 2008, but were unable to do so because of a housing shortage. If you are a member of the council, what would you try to do to eliminate our housing shortage?

Contreras
I feel that the city should move fast to get government grants in the next few years. C-City must grow by providing housing for those that want C-City as their home and the only way this can happen is through these government grants.

Hernandez
We could start with a committee and see if we could find other towns that have written grants for help on our housing shortage. I believe that there is help if we just start to look. I also think the community would support the council, if we were to keep them up to date.

Brown
Working together with the Board of Economic Development, Chamber of Commerce and County Commissioners would get the improvements that our city needs. All of the entities working for a common cause could serve the needs of our community.

McNeal
As we continue to develop an I-20 corridor, I believe we will encourage people to come to Colorado City. As we encourage people to come, I believe developers will continue to build here. Sometimes it feels like a Catch 22. Developers need people to buy and people need something to buy. We need to work with developers to encourage them to build spec housing and we need, at the same time, to work with people to convince them that Colo-

rado City is the place to live and raise their families.

Mason
There are many entities here in Colorado City, such as the Chamber of Commerce, County Commissioners, Economic Development Board and others, that could give valuable input or perhaps even form a committee with such entities to research ways to eliminate the housing shortage while developing strong working relationships.

What are your convictions about economic development?

Contreras
Economic Development has brought in two prisons, creating a lot of employment for people who would otherwise be jobless. Economic Development Board works hand in hand with the city working on a better future for our town. Our job is to bring in the money so the other organizations can use it. There has to be a vision.

Hernandez
I think we need strategies to generate business into our community. Honestly, I don't know how to answer this question, but I would sit down with anyone that has any ideas.

Brown
Anything that promotes the growth of our city and encourages our young people to stay in our community I will support.

McNeal
We need economic development. We need restaurants, stores and entertainment outlets. There is more to life than just working. People need things to do to relax. One of the biggest indictments against Colorado City is that there is nothing to do here.

We need to change that. We need to see our friends and citizens at local businesses, instead of meeting them in the stores of Abilene on a weekly basis.

Mason
I believe without economic development a community begins to dwindle, jobs become scarce and overall community pride declines. Economic development stimulates growth and revitalizes the community.

Do you think continuing to develop along the interstate will encourage new business to locate here? Why or why not?

Contreras
Yes, I look at I-20 as a money flow.

We need to continue to build there in order to lower taxes and expenditures. We must go where the money flow is. If nothing is built on I-20, then the money will just pass us by and other towns will benefit from it. We should have done it years ago. We're ready now.

Hernandez
Yes. By developing on the interstate it would help our economy and encourage new business to at least check into our town. This will also bring along new families, then we attract the mama and papa businesses into our downtown area. With the help of the City and the Chamber advertising our yearly events, our downtown will attract tourists from the interstate.

Brown
Good advertising along the interstate will create the use of our resources in our town. If we take a look at other cities that have developed on the interstate, we can see that other businesses have followed in locating on the interstate also.

McNeal
Since being elected to the council six years ago, I have had a desire to develop the I-20 corridor. You can look at the other towns on I-20 and see how their development on I-20 has profited them. They have new restaurants, retail stores and motels. I believe we are as good as Sweetwater or better. If it is working for them, it will work for us.

Mason
Yes, I do think continuing to develop along the interstate will encourage new businesses to locate here. I believe that's your 'curb appeal' so to speak, but we need a united city government with vision to maintain.

Did the city make any decisions last year that you feel should have been handled differently? Please explain.

Contreras
I feel the decisions that were made were based on evidence and materials provided. I think some improvement must be and will be made.

Hernandez
As a member of this community, I think the lawsuit settlement should have been looked into more closely. I believe we should give our city employees the benefit that they are looking out for the city's best interest. Again this is my personal opinion. I don't know any or all the facts and I am not criticizing anyone.

Brown
Not having the full knowledge and available information on decisions that were made, I don't feel I can give a valid response to this question. However, there were some decisions made by the council that I did not understand.

McNeal
We cannot try to second guess decisions that have already been made by the city. The world is full of Monday morning quarterbacks. We must remember that the city does not rush into decisions that are made. We try to make every decision based on all the information available at the time, and what will benefit the city most as a whole. If you are looking at us from the outside and second guessing, you may not have all the facts to make a good decision.

Mason
There were some issues that concerned me; however, I cannot comment whether I would have handled the situations differently since I was not there and did not have all the facts to make an informed decision.

Renovations are nearing completion in the Emergency Department at Cogdell Memorial Hospital. Once complete there will be a separate entrance for emergency services and the main hospital. This will allow medical staff to provide quicker and more efficient services to our patients.

Upon completion the following changes will take place: The Admitting desk, located in the main lobby, will be staffed from 7:00am - 6:00pm, Monday through Friday. Customers coming in to register for outpatient testing, surgery, etc. will need to enter through the main lobby during these hours of operation. Registration for outpatient services after normal hours of operation will take place in the Emergency Department.

Visiting hours for family and friends of patients will remain between the hours of 8:00am - 9:00pm, seven days a week. On weekends and after the hours of 9:00pm on weekdays, visitors will need to go to the Emergency Department to request a visitor's pass.

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THIS CHEERSTAR ATHLETICS team will participate in the U.S. Finals competition in Las Vegas, Nevada, on April 17, 18. Team members are: (back row, l-r) Savannah Shiller, Leah Wood, Katelyn Clifton, Courtney Velasquez, Nicole Clark; (middle) Cylie Velasquez, Kaci Hudson, Lucy Alls, Morgan Kariainen; (front) Macie Hanshaw, Nia Williams and Tegan Dickson.

CheerStar team headed to Nationals in Las Vegas

The CheerStar Athletics mini level one team is gearing up to compete in the US Finals in Las Vegas, Nevada on April 17 and 18. They will be competing in the US Finals at the behest of America's Best Cheer & Dance and also from COA LoneStar Nationals.

The team consists of 12 girls ages eight and under from Colorado City, Borden County, Rotan and Snyder. They currently hold two National Titles and have finished in a close 2nd at two more competitions this season, according to Coach Neika Porter.

The team recently finished their fourth competition of the season in Grand Prairie on March 7 at the Nokia Theater. They finished second behind Maverick Cheer out of Weatherford, by a few tenths of a point.

The team is looking forward to the tough competition at the US Finals, according to Porter.

On February 21-22, the team placed 1st at the American

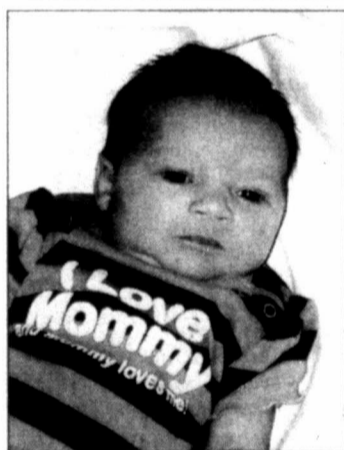
Showdown National Championships in Fort Worth. The team also received a team trophy and banner for the gym, while each individual on the team was given a National Champion jacket and medalion. The girls were also recognized as the Judge's Choice for Choreography.

"This is a huge honor and only one team was chosen for this award out of all the levels and age groups," said Porter. "They defeated some top name gymns in the DFW metropolplex at the competition."

In January, the team attended the LoneStar Roundup in Arlington, receiving the title of National Champions, an overall award for Outstanding Tumbling Achievement and Judge's Choice in Choreography. They also placed third overall out of all age groups in level 1.

The team is coached by KK Vinson, Terry Hanshaw and Neika and Kay Porter.

BIRTHS



Jess'lynn Jay Turnerhill

Daniell Mari Arispe would like to announce the birth of her daughter, Jess'lynn Jay Turnerhill. She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Jess'lynn is welcomed home by her great-great-grandmother, Dessie Lynch; her great-grandma and grandpa, Mike and Laura Arnett; her grandmother, Amie Arispe; three uncles, Robert and Johnny Arispe and Tyzane Hill and several friends.

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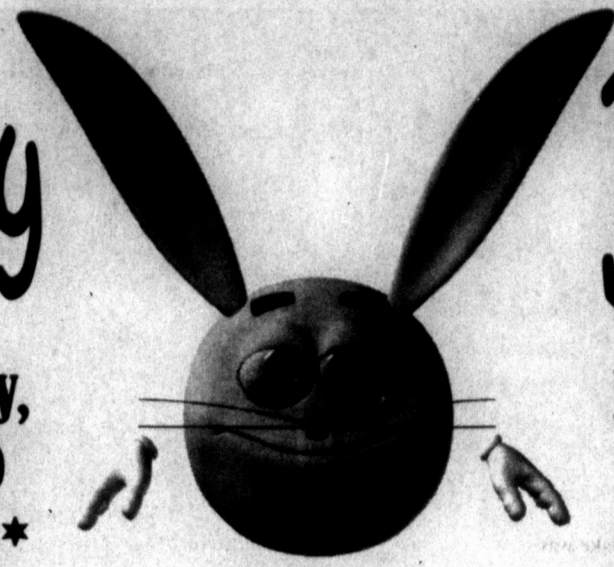
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SCHOOL NEWS



KELLEY HAS CLASS... Miss Rich's 1st grade class just finished an author/illustrator unit on Mo Willems. Each student also wrote and illustrated their own "Knuffle Bunny" book. Students in the class include: Ashlin Alvarez, Lilianna Cavazos, Ellee Chambers, Chasity Diaz, Alexis Eirne, KeAndrea Emerson, Destiny Gentry, Joey Gutierrez, Chandler Hand, Samme Herrera, Michael Huff, Janci Johnson, Brooke Oen, Kason Proctor, Antonio Rubio, Britney Ruth, Dylan Rutherford, Savannah Shiller and Josiah Silva.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Hutchinson Elementary are (left to right) Kaci Phariss, Kaytlin Sims and Ramsey Alvarez.

Students of the week announced at Hutchinson Elementary

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Kaci Phariss, Kaytlin Sims and Ramsey Alvarez.

Kaci, daughter of D'Lynn Phariss, is a third grader in Mrs. Partin's class. She enjoys playing softball as a hobby and has a dog named Pepper. Her favorite sub-

ject is computer, and P.E. is her favorite thing about Hutchinson.

Kaytlin, a fourth grader in Mrs. Johns' class, is the daughter of Kristy Martinez and Clint Sims. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Diego, and reading is her favorite subject. She really likes

"that all the teachers are nice" at her school.

Ramsey, daughter of Alison and Jamie Alvarez, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stovall's class. Science is her favorite subject, and playing softball is her hobby. The field trips are her favorite at Hutchinson Elementary.

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Texas Teenage Baseball will hold tryouts and last chance signups Thurs., Apr. 2 at 5 p.m. at the Sports Complex. All players moving up to Midgett or Freshman leagues, along with all new players, need to tryout. The draft will follow immediately at First National Bank.

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start Breakfast Menu April 6-10

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Tuesday - Cream of Wheat, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Wednesday - scrambled eggs, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Thursday - oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.
Friday - NO SCHOOL

Colorado ISD Head Start Lunch Menu April 6-10

Monday - grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, apple crisp, milk.
Tuesday - beef-n-mac, glazed carrots, 1/2 slice bread, peaches, milk.
Wednesday - turkey and gravy, mashed potatoes, golden corn, milk.
Thursday - nacho grande, refried beans, pears, milk.
Friday - NO SCHOOL

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Breakfast Menu April 6-10

Monday - dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday - breakfast bites, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday - cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday - pancake pup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday - NO SCHOOL

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem. Lunch Menu April 6-10

Monday - Wolf burgers, lettuce cup, fries, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday - corn dog, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday - steak fingers, potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, milk.
Thursday - spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic toast, golden corn, canned fruit, milk.
Friday - NO SCHOOL

April 6-10

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

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, French toast with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit and gravy, morning roll, chilled fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - dry cereal with biscuit, scrambled eggs/toast, chilled fruit juice, milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Colorado High School Breakfast Menu April 6-10

Monday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage and biscuit, pancake with syrup, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, biscuit and gravy, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

Friday - NO SCHOOL

CMS & CHS Lunch Menu April 6-10

Monday - pizza, fries, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, golden corn, garlic toast, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday - carne adovada, pinto beans, toss salad, tortilla, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - turkey and dressing, potatoes and gravy, sweet peas, hot roll, mixed fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Westbrook ISD Breakfast Menu April 6-10

Monday - morning sausage roll,

cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - sausage, gravy, biscuits, jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Cinnamon roll, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday - blueberry muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Westbrook ISD Lunch Menu April 6-10

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

Tuesday - crispy tacos, lettuce and tomato, Spanish rice, pinto beans, fancy gelatin, milk.

Wednesday - spaghetti with meat sauce, seasoned corn, tossed salad, garlic bread stick, sliced peaches, milk.

Thursday - hamburger, lettuce, tomato, baked beans, baby carrots with ranch, crispy cereal treat, milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Loraine ISD Breakfast Menu April 6-10

Monday - cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - breakfast burritos, cereal, juice, milk.

Wednesday - pancakes on a stick, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday - sausage roll, cereal, juice, milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

Loraine ISD Lunch Menu April 6-10

Monday - taco salad, salsa, cheese, beans, pears, milk.

Tuesday - pizza, salad/dressing, corn, shape-up, milk.

Wednesday - steak fingers/gravy, pea salad, mashed potatoes, jelly with fruit, biscuit, milk.

Thursday - ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, hot roll/butter, milk.

Friday - NO SCHOOL

PUBLIC NOTICE

On March 6, 2009, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos Energy" or "the Company"), filed a Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") filing to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders. This filing is applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division, with the exception of the City of Dallas. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is July 20, 2009. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,186,634 residential, 97,855 commercial, and 790 industrial and transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the affected incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$9,735,814, or 0.67% percent, including gas costs, or 3.40 percent, excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code.

Based on the proposed rate design, the typical monthly bill for each customer class within the affected incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percentage shown in the table below.

Customer Class	Current Bill	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Increase with Gas Cost	Percentage Increase without Gas Cost
Residential	\$85.97*	\$86.51*	\$0.54	0.63%	2.49%
Commercial	\$363.79*	\$364.88*	\$1.09	0.30%	2.39%
Industrial	\$3,724.55*	\$3,738.82*	\$14.27	0.38%	2.65%
Transportation	\$631.86	\$646.13	\$14.27	2.26%	2.65%

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

* Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$9.48 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30

Mcf for commercial and 300 MMBtu for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include updates to factors included in Rider WNA and revisions to the Rider GCR to allow the recovery of gains and losses, as well as transaction costs associated with financial hedging transactions.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Rate Review Mechanism, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos Energy's offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240 or on our Web site at www.atmosenergy.com/RRM. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex Division de Atmos Energy Corporation (la Compañía) que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes en las áreas incorporadas y servidas por Mid-Tex Division excepto la Ciudad de Dallas. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

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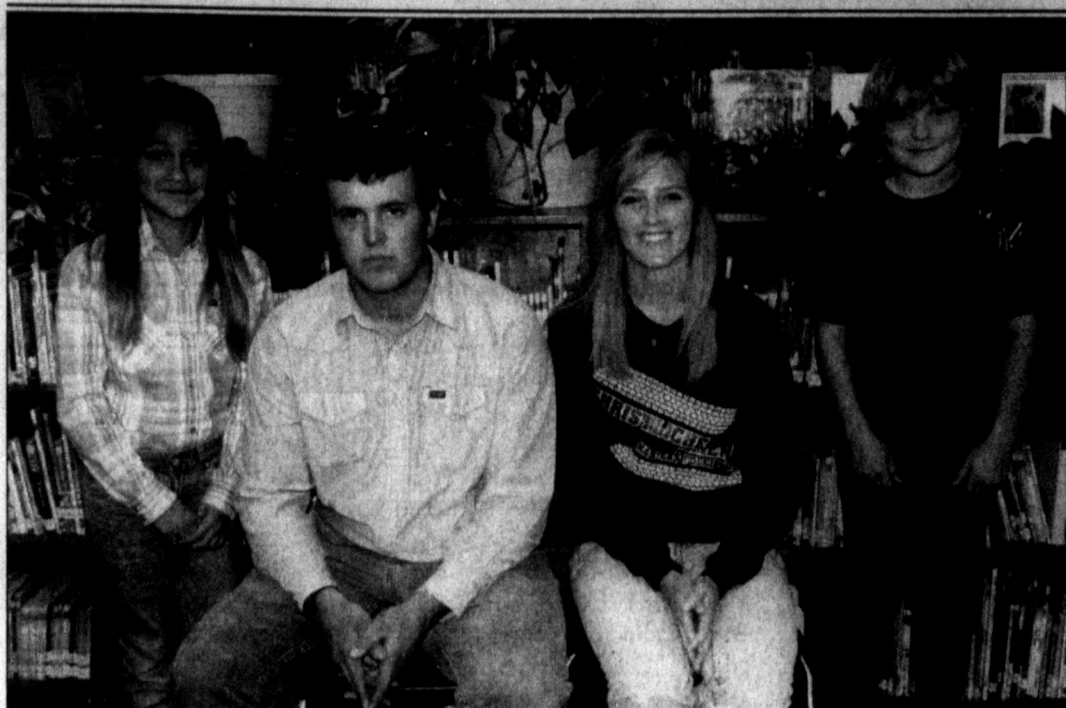
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SCHOOL NEWS



WESTBROOK STUDENTS OF the month for March are Aubrianna Jones, Colton Rich, Kimberly Johnson and Taylor Anderson. Students of the month receive a certificate and self-portrait at the March board meeting.

First exhibit won a blue ribbon

Westbrook FFA Ag-Mechanics team recently received a blue ribbon on their 6 X 16 utility trailer at the San Angelo Livestock Show and Rodeo Agriculture Mechanics Show.

The team members include Colton Rich, Wesley Goswick and Brandon Smoker.

The utility trailer division was the largest division at both shows and receiving a blue ribbon in their first year was quite an accomplishment.

The team designed, constructed and exhibited their project in conjunction with their agricultural mechanics class at Westbrook ISD. The

members not only constructed the project, but had to be familiar with all aspects of the project, as part of the judging was based on knowledge of their project and the equipment used in construction.

This was the first year for

the Westbrook FFA to exhibit a project and they plan to continue in the future. This gives the students who do not want to exhibit a livestock project a chance to participate in a competition. The Westbrook team advisor is David Bray.



WESTBROOK FFA AG Mechanics team members Colton Rich, Wesley Goswick, Brandon Smoker are proud of their blue ribbon.

Head Start to hold registration

Colorado ISD Head Start will hold registration for the 2009-10 school year on Thursday, April 14 from 2 to 6 p.m.

Head Start provides three and four-year-olds educational foundation in pre-reading and writing, science, math, social development and much more. They also receive vision, health and dental screenings through Head Start.

The program also supports families and helps family members get better jobs, establish family goals, obtain medical assistance when needed, obtain career training, housing assistance and much more.

When registering for Head Start, income verification, proof of birth, immunization records and insurance or Medicaid information should be taken to the school. For more information, call 325-728-8833.

Westbrook students put on an All-Star performance

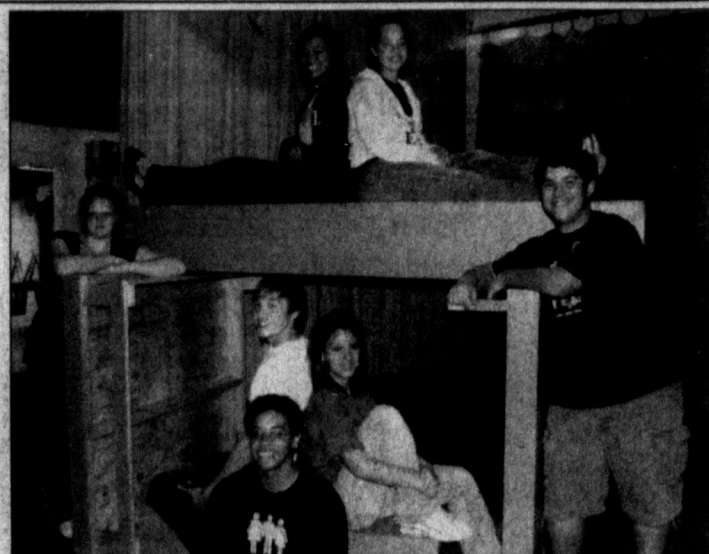
Westbrook High School students participated in UIL One Act Play competition on Thursday, March 26th, in Sterling City. The cast and crew performed the comedy, *The Diary of Adam and Eve*, originally written by Mark Twain and adapted to the stage by Mark Bucci.

The cast included Hardy Berber as Adam, Kayla Ferguson as Eve, and Kingslee King portrayed the serpent. Additional cast included Hannah Berber as the lamb and Dakota Redwine as the tiger. The stage crew included Laremi King and Milina Funderburg. This year's production was under the direction of Wes and Amy Brown.

Hardy Berber, Kingslee King, and Dakota Redwine were selected for the All-Star Honorable Mention Cast for the portrayal of their characters and Kayla Ferguson was selected for the All-Star Cast.

The cast and crew performed their production for the entire Westbrook student body on Friday, March 27th. The elementary students especially found the serpent and tiger entertaining.

Send us your school news at coloradorecord@yahoo.com



UIL ONE ACT play participants- Top: Milina Funderburg, Laremi King. Middle: (l-r): Kayla Ferguson, Dakota Redwine, Hannah Berber, Hardy Berber. Front: Kingslee King.

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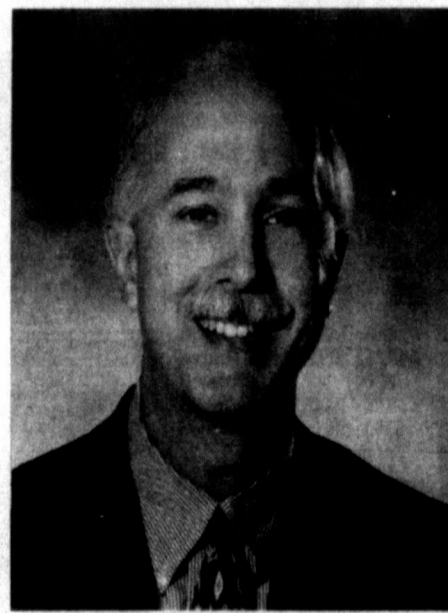
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It has been an honor and a privilege to be a part of First Assembly here in Colorado City. We do not think of the people of the 1st A/G as just a congregation. You are our family and we love you very much. We have received far more than we have given over the past 20 years. We do not feel worthy or deserving to be a part of this great family, but we are so grateful to the Lord for allowing us to be a part of such a gracious and loving church.

1 Peter 2:5 says, "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ." This can be the church's finest hour and we look forward to serving God together as "lively stones" acceptable to God to win the lost and help hurting people.

*With love and appreciation
Pastor Mike Foster*

SPORTS

Wolves open district play with two losses



THE 2009 WOLVES baseball team members are: (back row, l-r) Coach Kevin Wright, Clint White, Lance Espinoza, Nick Reyna, Derek Gutierrez, Jessie Guerra, Coach Brent Paris; (front row) Derick Gainey, Gabriel Yanez, Jason Rodriguez, Corey Foster, Ryan Gainey and Daniel Perez. The Wolves lost their first two district games coming off a three-game winning streak.

Losses to Grape Creek and Jim Ned last week put the Colorado High School baseball team in an early hole for the District 7-AA race. The Wolves, 7-7 for the year, lost to Grape Creek 12-1 on Tuesday of last week then followed that up with a 7-4 setback against the Jim Ned Indians last Saturday in their second district game.

The Grape Creek Eagles, who advanced the state tournament last year, jumped on Wolves starting pitcher Lance Espinoza for 4 runs in the first inning. Espinoza settled down to allow just one more score through five innings but the Eagles broke the game open with seven runs in the top of the sixth inning.

Nick Reyna pitched in relief for CHS. Wolves right fielder Jessie Guerra batted in the home team's lone run with a hit in the bottom of the fourth. Colton Rathmell was on the mound for the Eagles victory.

Ross Salmon gave the Wolves a dramatic 5-4 victory in the junior varsity contest. Salmon came to the plate with two outs in the Wolves final at bat and singled to right field scoring Tylor Lorenz for the game winner.

"The infield held them," said Wolves Coach Kevin Wright. "Benny Jones pitched a complete game with two earned runs. We had other hits. I thought the defense has vastly improved. Grape Creek's a good team. We pounded the strike zone today and it paid off," Wright said.

Against Jim Ned last week, the varsity Wolves lost despite Clint White giving up just three earned runs. Ryan Gainey went two for three at the plate for Colorado City.

"The wind was really blowing," said Coach Brent Paris. "We didn't make the plays. Everything we hit went right at them. We put it in play all day but just couldn't find the hole."

Hart, Johnson leads Wolves at relays

The Eagle Relays at San Angelo Grape Creek were the latest stop for Colorado High School track teams last Saturday where Nick Hart and J.C. Johnson led the Wolves with gold medal finishes in the 300 meter intermediate hurdles and 800 meter run.

Hart won the hurdles in a time of 43.91 in addition to helping the 400 meter relay team to a second place finish. Johnson continued preparations for a possible return to the Region I meet by winning the 800 in 2:10.00.

Frankie Atkinson captured two silver medals for the Wolves with tosses in the discus and shot put. The top finish for the Lady Wolves was Michelle Billingsley's third place run in the 400 meters.

The junior varsity Lady Wolves won their division with 133 points. Megan Bullard and Kayley Molina were double winners for the squad while Adam Gonzales took the lone individual gold for the junior varsity boys. The

next meet will be at Merkel April 2. Field events start at 4 and running is scheduled to start at 6.

Varsity Boys

High Jump-5. Matt Sowa 5'2"
Discus-2. Frankie Atkinson 114'4"; 4. Tyler Higgins 105'5"
Shot Put-2. Atkinson 41'1"; J.D. Brooks 39'3"
400 Relay-2. Nick Hart, Manuel Garza, Derek Gainey, Brooks 46.2
800 Meters-1. J.C. Johnson 2:10.00
110 Meter High Hurdles-2. Kyle Lemons 16.22

400 Meters-5. Manuel Garza 56.3
200 Meters-5. J.C. Johnson 24.4
300 Intermediate Hurdles-1. Hart 43.91; 6. Lemons 50.19

Varsity Girls
100M Hurdles-4th. Lauren Meeks 17.95; 5th Emma Leanos 19.35
100M-4th-Lauren Meeks-13.44

400M-3rd Michelle Billingsley-71.3; 5th Valerie Vera-71.45
400M-4th Lauren Meeks-29.15; 5th Emma Leanos-29.55
Long Jump-5th Michelle Billingsley-13' 6 3/4"

JV Girls.
Discus-1st Rebecca Perez- 74; 2nd Ava Macedo- 73' 9.5"; 5th Dylan Billingsley- 68' 10.5"
Shot Put-1st Ava Macedo- 29' 11"; 3rd Dylan Billingsley- 25; 9"; 4th Rebecca Perez- 23' 1"
Long jump-1st Kayley Molina- 11' 11"; 2nd Tara Higgins- 10' 9"
Triple Jump-1st Megan Bullard- 30'10"; 2nd Tara Higgins- 27' 2"
3200M-2nd- Christina Arispie-16.19

800M-1st Megan Bullard-3:03.05; 3rd Ann Marie Morrison-3:11

400M-1st Kayley Molina-1:14.57; 4th Megan Bullard-1:19.8; 6th Tara Higgins-1:25.34
200M-3rd- Ann Marie Morrison- 32.22; 4th- Ashley Cooper-32.41; 5th- Frankie Gaona- 33.36
1600M-3rd Christina Arispie-7:20

JV Boys

Shot Put-1. Adam Gonzales

35'4"
3200M-1. Michael Hernandez 13:07.73

400M Relay-1. Aaron Mendoza, Michael Hernandez, Colton Cannon, Adam Gonzales 49.46
800M-2. Joe Salazar 2:29.86
100M-2. Adam Gonzales 12.13
300M Hurdles-4. Mendoza 55.37
200M-5. Gonzales 26.27
1600M-5. Hernandez

Stamford rolls over Loraine girls, 18-6

Stamford rolled into Loraine last Tuesday, March 24 and coasted to a 18-6 win over the Lady Bulldogs.

"Stamford was probably the best team we have faced this year," was the way Coach Rick Lucas summed it up.

Loraine jumped out to a 4-2 lead after the first inning, but after that it was all Stamford.

Offensively, the Lady Bulldogs hit the ball well. Catelyn Johnston had 3 hits, including a triple. Megan Sanchez, Alicia Hernandez and Raven Limones each had two hits while Ariel Bailey tripled in 2 runs and Felicia Gibson picked up 1 hit and 1 RBI. Sanchez also had 2 RBIs.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

- APRIL 2 Colorado Track @ Badger Relays, Merkel Westbrook Tennis @ Forsan Westbrook JH Track @ Roby Invitational Loraine Track @ Roby Invitational
- APRIL 3 Colorado Baseball vs. Ballinger, here JV, 4 p.m.; Varsity 7:30 p.m. Colorado Softball vs. Ballinger, here, 4:30 p.m. Colorado Tennis @ Forsan Loraine Baseball vs. Westbrook, in Loraine Westbrook Softball @ Haskell, 5 p.m.
- APRIL 4 Westbrook Track @ Roby Invitational Loraine Track @ Bronco
- APRIL 7 Loraine Baseball vs. Winter, in Loraine Loraine Softball vs. Trent, in Loraine, 4:30 p.m. Westbrook Baseball @ Hermleigh, 5 p.m.
- APRIL 8 CHS District Golf Tournament @ Comanche Trails in Big Spring

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Public Hearing Notice on the City Budget
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The City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 1, 2009 and ending April 30, 2010. The public hearing will be conducted on April 21, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. at the Civic Center which is located at 157 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas. Upon completion of the public hearing, the City Council shall consider an ordinance adopting the budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010. The proposed budget may be examined on weekdays at City Hall located at 180 W. 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. The general public is invited to attend and to ask questions or make comments regarding the budget for FY 2009-2010.

Individuals with disabilities who require special assistance should contact the City Secretary at City Hall to arrange for special assistance at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled time of the meeting. The City Secretary may be contacted by calling 325-728-3464.

Signed
Donna Madrid
City of Colorado City

SPORTS



WESTBROOK HIGH ATHLETES Kimberlin Johnson, far right, and Cassie Bass-Olivas, second from right, earned the consolation trophy in girls doubles at the Snyder tennis meet held recently. Casey Bass, far left, and Schelli White, second from left, placed 2nd in mixed doubles at the same meet.

Westbrook JH track team participates in Gorilla Relays

The Westbrook Junior High Wildcats track team traveled to Trent to participate in the Gorilla Relays.

The Wildcats started off the meet with Jahari Vanover and Dylan Register placing 2nd and 6th in the shot put. Ian Hale placed 4th in the 2400 m run. The trio of Jacob Morris, Kutter Stewart, and Zachary Dalton pulled out a 2nd, 3rd, and 4th in the 800 m run. Cutter Rees placed 2nd in the 100 m dash.

In the 800 m relay, the team of Jahari Vanover, Rylan Gardner, Jacob Morris, and Cutter Rees placed 3rd. In the 400 m dash, Jacob Morris placed 3rd and Rylan Gardner placed 5th. In the 200 m dash, Jahari Vanover placed 3rd and Cutter Rees placed 5th. Ian Hale placed 6th in the 1600 m run. In the mile relay, the team of Jahari Vanover, Rylan Gardner, Jacob Morris, and Kutter Stewart placed 4th. The Wildcats placed 4th overall.

The Lady 'Cats started off the meet with Kenzey Morris placing 1st in triple and long jump. Reanna Krapf also placed 5th in the long jump. Koe Alvarez placed 2nd in the discus and Crystal Alvarez placed 6th in the shot put.

The 400 relay team of Katy Forbes, Koe Alvarez, Reanna Krapf, and Kenzey Morris placed 2nd. In the 800 m run, Kaylea Holbrook and Brianna Brown placed 4th and 6th. In the 100 m hurdles, Kenzey Morris and Reanna Krapf placed 3rd and

5th.

Katy Forbes placed 3rd in the 100 m dash. In the 300 hurdles, Kenzey Morris placed 2nd. In the 200 m dash, Reanna Krapf and Koe Alvarez placed 2nd and 4th. In the 1600 m run, Kay-

lea Holbrook and Brianna Brown placed 2nd and 4th. The Lady 'Cats placed 3rd overall.

"They did an awesome job competing against seven other schools," said Terry Morris, Westbrook coach.

Harkins, Nelson place third at relays

On Saturday April 28, the Wildcats and Lady Cats traveled to Sterling City to participate in the Eagle Relays.

In the varsity girls division, Emily Harkins placed 3rd in the discus and 4th in the shot put. Cassie Bass Olivas also placed 5th in the long jump.

In the JV boys division, Richard Nelson placed 3rd in the long jump, 1st in the 800 m run, 2nd in the 400 m dash, and 1st in the 1600 m run.

In the varsity boys division, Eli Farrell placed 5th in the shot put. Coy Mize placed 6th in the 100 m dash. Vince Gaona placed 6th in the 200 m dash. The 800 m relay team of Aaron Vicars, Joel Gaona, Vince Gaona, and Dakota Redwine placed 5th.

Westbrook will travel to Roby to participate in the Cottonwood Relays on April 4th. Their district meet will also take place in Roby on April 9th.

CMS tracksters compete in Wall

The Colorado Middle School 7th and 8th grade boys traveled to Grape Creek to compete in the Eagle Relays last week.

The 7th grade Wolves competed against Roscoe, Grape Creek and Snyder during the track meet and placed third. Results are as follows:

Doug Garcia captured 1st place in both the triple jump, the 800-meter dash, and the 1600-meter run. He also participated in the 4x400 meter relay which placed third, along with teammates Josh Sutton, Felix Muñoz and Cason Smith.

Sutton also managed a 2nd place finish in the 300-meter hurdles, a 4th place finish in the high jump and 5th place in the 100-meter hurdles.

Muñoz took 3rd place in the 2400-meter run and 6th in the 800-meter dash.

Smith placed 2nd in the 100-meter hurdles and 4th in the triple jump.

Robbie Gonzales took 1st in the 2-mile run, 5th in the 1-mile run, as well as competing in the

4th place 4x200 meter relay with his teammates Rankin Bullard, David Garza and Nick Perez.

Bullard also managed a 6th place finish in the 300-meter hurdles.

Garza placed 3rd in the long jump and the 100-meter run and 5th in the 200-meter dash.

Brandon Nava threw the discus 75-feet to earn himself a 3rd place finish. He also placed 6th in the shot put.

Damion Huff ran the 2-mile event, placing 2nd. He also placed 4th in the 1-mile run.

8th Grade Results
The 8th grade Wolves fared better than their younger counterparts, winning 1st place at the meet and beating the 2nd place team, Snyder, by more than 40 points.

Gustavo Silva set the bar for his teammates by capturing two 1st place finishes, in the 2400-meter run and 1600-meter run.

The 4x100-meter relay team, consisting of Jacob Rizo, Alex Hernandez, Nathan Jackson and Mark Henderson, placed

1st.

Rizo also placed 1st in the 300-meter hurdles, 5th in the long jump and competed in the 4x400 relay which also finished 1st. Others participating in the 4x400 relay were Daniel Dillon, Jackson and Hernandez.

Hernandez placed 2nd in the 300-meter and 100-meter hurdles and 5th in the discus and shot put.

Jackson finished 1st in the triple jump, 1st in the 400-meter dash and 6th in the long jump.

Henderson took 1st place in the long jump and 2nd in the high jump.

Along with running on a relay team, Dillon finished 2nd in the 800-meter dash.

Joseph Polanco placed 2nd in the 2400-meter run and 3rd in the 1600-meter run.

Jaime Espinoza finished 4th in both the discus and shot put events.

Brent Morris placed 6th in discus, Alex Salazar took 5th in shot put and Arden Alvarez placed 4th in the 100-meter hurdles.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO ENTITY FOR DENSITY PURPOSES ORDER WESTBROOK SOUTHEAST UNIT WESTBROOK FIELD MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS

Energen Resources Corporation is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the Entity for Density Order adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas in Docket 8-76,022 for the Westbrook Southeast Unit (20847). Westbrook Field, Mitchell County, Texas. Energen proposes to conform the existing order to the modern Entity for Density Orders and to permit wells to be drilled in the Westbrook Southeast Unit consistent with the existing field rules as they exist now and as they may change from time to time. Energen also proposes that the Entity for Density Order recognize the expansion of the unitized interval to include the Westbrook (Clear Fork, Upper) Field in Oil and Gas Docket Nos. 08-0231733 and 08-0231734. Energen proposes the adoption of the following language to be applicable to the Entity for Density Order for the Westbrook Southeast Unit:

1. That the unit's density will not exceed that authorized by applicable field rules, within the limits of the unit.
2. That no well under the provisions of this order will be drilled closer than the applicable lease/unit line spacing rule without first having given 10 days notice to offset operators and after public hearing, if protest to such proposed location is filed with the Commission.
3. That all applications to drill wells (Form W-1) under the authority of this order be submitted to the Rule 37 Department for approval.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, by May 14, 2009, to Technical Permitting, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6813).

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR AMENDMENT TO ENTITY FOR DENSITY PURPOSES ORDER NORTH WESTBROOK UNIT WESTBROOK FIELD MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS

Energen Resources Corporation is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend the Entity for Density Order adopted by the Railroad Commission of Texas in Docket 8-76,362 for the North Westbrook Unit (20831), Westbrook Field, Mitchell County, Texas. Energen proposes to conform the existing order to the modern Entity for Density Orders and

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to permit wells to be drilled in the North Westbrook Unit consistent with the existing field rules as they exist now and as they may change from time to time. Energen also proposes that the Entity for Density Order recognize the expansion of the unitized interval to include the Westbrook (Clear Fork, Upper) Field in Oil and Gas Docket Nos. 08-0254451 and 08-0254452. Energen proposes the adoption of the following language to be applicable to the Entity for Density Order for the North Westbrook Unit:

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Sealed proposals for contracts listed below will be received by TxDOT until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT(S)

Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 0005-07-049 for UNDERSEAL AND MICROSURFACING in MITCHELL County, etc. will be opened on April 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.

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Dist/Div: Abilene Contract 6032-50-001 for RETRO-REFLECTIVITY DATA COLLECTION in HOWARD County, etc. will be opened on April 29, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. at the District Office for an estimate of \$45,790.78.

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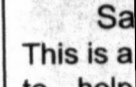
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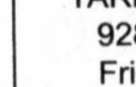
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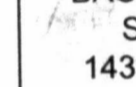
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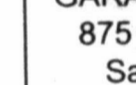
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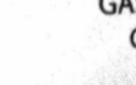
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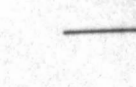
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**By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Lorraine Correspondent**

Jan Millering's sisters, Val Mathias from Stephenson, Michigan and Kathy Suley from Peshtigo, Wisconsin, visited with Jan and Hank for four days this past week.

While here, their sister-in-law, Nancy Thomson of Colorado City, her daughter, Sammi and mother, Winnie, took them all out to eat at Mi Ranchito for a very nice meal.

They celebrated Val's birthday early, as it is April 4th, and Hank's birthday is April 6th and Jan's birthday is April 16th.

We have concerns at this time for Bertie Colson. She is in the hospital at Rolling Plains in Sweetwater. We send a get well wish and prayers out her way. Bertie is Y. Sadler's sister.

The Ladies Salad Dinner will be held on April 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. There will be a speaker to give a short devotional. We will have food, fellowship and fun.

There will be no Men's Breakfast for the month of April. The next one is slated for May 9th.

Visiting with J.A., Y. and Mike Sadler Sunday were Pat and Brittany Sadler of Sweetwater and Dick Colson of Dripping Springs.

Y. cooked a wonderful dinner for her company, and if that weren't enough effort to put forth, she and Brittany paid me a visit and brought me a lunch as well.

Kiefer played piano and sang a special song before the morning message. His selection was "An Evening Prayer".

Edgar Haltom was feeling better Monday. He was over his bronchial cold. His mother, Dorothy Haltom, is also feeling better and back in the care facility, Room 5. She likes to have company.

Millie Rose said she had finally thawed out by Monday and was hoping the wind didn't blow. She is looking for her daughter, Sherry, on Easter and two of her sons as well. The church will have a big Easter program, she reports.

A recent visit by Mike and Rachael Britton in the home of Mike's mother, Christene Britton, to make arrangements for the memorial service of Rachael's father, Hughie Jones of Colorado City.

Also visiting was Mike and Rachael's son, Michael Britton from McKinney. Also, their daughter, Christy and her husband, Cole and children, Chloe and Coleman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was in attendance.

Cole, who is a pastor, conducted the memorial service. Mike and Rachael live in Allen.

Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams have returned home after spending a week in Valley Mills. They visited their sons, Jimmy and Gary and their families.

On Sunday, they attended the morning worship services at First Baptist Church. Their granddaughter, Melissa, sang a special.

That afternoon, Ina Vay attended the wedding shower for Melissa at the church parlor.

On Monday, they visited relatives and friends in Clifton.

Tuesday lunch was shared with their granddaughter, Andrea, who is a third grader at Valley Mills Elementary School. Tuesday afternoon was spent with several friends there, as they lived in Valley Mills for 12 years in the late '60s and early '70s.

Wednesday through Friday noon, Ina Vay attended a Judges' Seminar in Round Rock. After a wonderful rain of 6 1/2 to 7 inches, the countryside was greening up with Bluebonnets and a few Indian Paintbrushes.

Saturday, March 28th, the 22nd annual farm sale fundraiser was held at the co-op gin yard in downtown Lorraine which began at 9 a.m. The auction featured varied farm items along with other items to bid on.

Volunteer fireman Doyle Mitchell reported that the sale grossed \$500,000. It was reported that it costs from \$4,000 to \$4,500 to outfit a fireman with clothing and all the equipment he needs to do the job of putting out fires.

The concession stand stayed busy with Bill Crockett and Jeff Wood-dell making hamburgers and the firemen's wives made desserts to sell. Fire Chief Ricky Bailey said all the department did a heck of a job.

Doyle reported that the good rains we had a few days ago have been blown away by high winds and asks everyone to please be careful not to start a fire. The department is thankful for all the help it received.

Gerrie Wooddell says her sister, Betty Darnell is some better and out of the hospital. She has a heart problem, so we send concerns about her health and sent get better wishes and prayers her way.

The other sister, Joyce Honeycutt, is still living in Arkansas at this time but plans to move here soon. Betty already resides here in Lorraine.

Spring began on the 20th of March, and the Applins donated their musical talents to please everyone at the Senior Center.

The Mayberrys were at the center on the 23rd with a good program, and on Wednesday, we had our birthday party lunch and the good music of

Debbie and Judy. Seniors having birthdays in April are: Louise Phillips, Maudie Evans, Neva Hall, Dorothy Haltom and Loree Musick.

Sharon Mayberry and Bobby Richardson will entertain on Monday. It's Debbie Mitchell's turn on Wednesday, and bingo will be played Friday.

Visitors at the Center were Brenda Edwards, daughter of A.W. and Louise Phillips; Jeanie Telly of Austin, daughter of Tommy and Janie Wright; Kathy Suley of Peshtigo, Wisconsin and Val Mathis of Stephenson, Michigan, sisters of Jan Millering; Janet Mayo of Colorado City and Gene and Belle Parham.

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