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Run for the W



It was his first Run for the Wall.

His wife encouraged him to go, so he called her every evening to tell her how much it meant to him, how much he appreciated participating in the run; how much healing the experience brought him.

It was also his last Run.

Coming back from Washington, an SUV blew a tire and Vietnam veteran Alan Bandoli was killed.

Jim Frost, 2008 California State Run for the Wall Coordinator, struggled to get the words out between emotion-laden silences and tears. He wears a patch in Bandoli's honor and rides for him because Bandoli can't.

That is the true meaning behind Run for the Wall, riding to honor the men and women who laid down their lives in service to this country.

Frost wears another patch on his denim jacket. This one honors Corporal Jim E. Moshier, missing in action since 1967.

Last year, Corporal Moshier's body finally came home after 40 years.

The Run reminds those who live in freedom that freedom comes with a high price paid in blood.

It is a lesson Colorado Middle School students are learning as they prepare display boards on local veterans, make 500 plus shish kabobs, and respectfully serve the riders who came to Colorado City's annual Run for the Wall.

Last Saturday, over 500 bikers, support personnel, students and Colorado City residents turned out for the luncheon held at the Railhead Building. Cars and spectators lined Hickory and Second Street as the riders, led by an honor guard, roared into town.

Veterans hugged students in appreciation for the honor and respect shown and in thanks for the great meal prepared by the students under the direction of Coach Sowa and cooked by the Kiwanis Club. Students got a glimpse of the sacrifice United States military men and women and their families made to preserve liberty and defend freedom.

Greg Hillman, from Trophy Club, Texas, rode out to California to participate in this year's ride. "I'm going all the way," he said.

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LOOKING FORWARD – Career and college plans top the list of exciting events after graduation for CHS students (left to right) Brien Toombs, Ricardo Atkinson, Isabel Ventura, Chelsea Duncan and Nidia Bueno.

Life after graduation

interviews with graduating seniors

Four years of hard work, studying, sports competition and building friendships will soon come to an end, as seniors from Colorado City, Westbrook and Loraine walk across the stage to receive their diplomas.

In the midst of the excitement and worries over finals, the thought comes to mind, "What next?"

Is there life after graduation?

The *Record* asked fifteen graduating seniors what their future plans and goals were.

Joshua Fernandez, Westbrook: "I plan to attend WTC and get my Associates Degree in welding. After I get out of school, I will go to work for someone. When I start making enough money, I want to start my own contracting business."

Joseph Epperson, Loraine: "I will be entering the United States Navy. After a successful career in the Navy, I would like to go to college and enter a medical field."

Nidia Bueno, Colorado City: "I plan to attend Howard College in Big Spring to study dental hygiene. It is a two-year program. I hope to have a part-time job to fund my education. I also hope to receive scholarship money. I want to work at a dentist's office in San Angelo. Dental hygiene interests me because I like to help people feel confident about their appearance."

Jessica Bradley, Loraine: "I will be attending TSTC. I want to earn my RN degree and become a nurse."

Jessica Clowers, Westbrook: "After graduation, I plan on going to Howard College to get my certificate to become a nail technician. Later on I plan to attend WTC in Snyder to get my degree in business management. After my college years, I plan to open my own nail tech business; then

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Hutchinson students to host science fair Fri-

Hutchinson Elementary will be hosting its annual Science Fair Friday, May 23, according to Nova Dea, science teacher.

Students are responsible for generating a question for the topic they wish to discover, creating a hypothesis to test the question and research their topic through books, magazines, people, the Internet, encyclopedias and textbooks.

Results and observations from the experiments to test their hypothesis will be displayed on their boards.

Nick Palacios and Jonathan Blassingame recreated the Mentos and Coke experiment.

"I got the idea from Mythbusters," Blassingame said.

The boys put five mentos into a two-liter soft drink bottle to determine which brand of soft drink mixed with Mentos created the most pressure.

"Root beer went the highest," said Palacios. "It went higher than the meter stick."

The two boys used A&W, Diet Coke, Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper and Diet Dr. Pepper in their experiments.

Once the major experiment was finished however, they changed their variables and used both sour Mentos and sugar-free Mentos.

"The sour ones didn't do anything and the sugar free didn't go very high," Blassingame said.

"We think the different sugars in the candy and soft drink mixed together to cause a different reaction so it wouldn't explode," Palacios said.

The only sticky point came when one of the candies stuck to Palacios' hand and he ended up with soft drink all over him.

"I learned to wash my hands so the Mentos wouldn't stick,"

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A Salute To
...to fallen soldiers

On Memorial Day ... May 26, 2008, our thoughts turn to those brave people of our armed forces who died while serving their country. In times of peace and in times of war, these courageous men and women stood ready to defend the very freedom that we cherish. On Memorial Day, we pay tribute to themall. Their deeds will never be forgotten ... they did not die in vain. For a list of the servicemen from Mitchell County who died defending our country, see page 2.

Chamber seeks help in rewiring historic building

The Chamber of Commerce is seeking help from local businesses and service organizations to help defray the cost of rewiring the Railhead Building.

Years of neglect and minimal maintenance have resulted in the need for major refurbishing of the building's wiring, according to Sue Lowrance, Chamber of Commerce director.

"This is a historical building, although very few people think of it in that manner," Lowrance said. "It is a vital part of our community."

The land for the Railhead Building was purchased back in 1922 by A. J. Herrington. The building itself, which started as a car dealership with glass walls on the east and south sides, was built in 1924. Herrington sold Model

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Science teacher deploys to Iraq

They say "home is where the heart is" and for Nova Dea, home will soon be Mosul, Iraq.

Dea leaves in September to join husband, Tim, who is working with KBR (Kelly, Brown and Root) Contractors.

KBR is a leading global engineering construction and services firm, based in Houston Texas. The company employs over 50,000 people worldwide in locations that include Australia, Africa, the U.K., Asia and the Middle East.

For the past year, the Deas have spent only a handful of days together, because Tim has been working for most of the year in Iraq servicing the heating and cooling units for the military base located in Mosul.

"Tim wanted to help out the men and women who were serving our country by making sure they were warm in the winter and cool in the summer," Dea said.

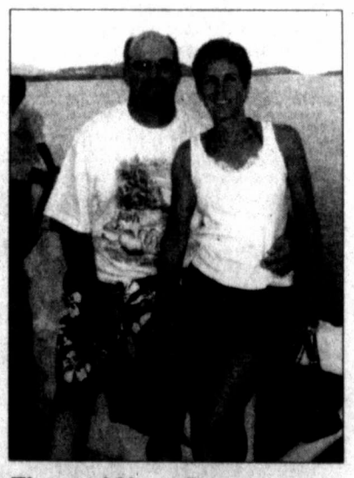
Tim Dea was doubly motivated since their son, Jordan was stationed in Iraq. Army Sergeant Dea spent 16 months in Mosul and suggested his dad come over as a civilian contractor.

"I thought, 'what an adventure,'" Dea said, when she and her husband discussed the feasibility of his working overseas in a war zone.

One and half weeks after applying for a post, KBR called and told Dea he had three weeks to get ready to leave.

"He had so much experience,

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Tim and Nova Dea

Around Town

Happy belated birthday **Cindy Diaz** (May 16)... **Earl Massey** cranking up the steel guitar... Happy birthday **Nia Williams** (May 23)... **Jackie Corbell** tasting a shish kabob... **J.D. Clay** touches hearts while playing Taps... Happy anniversary **Bubba & Rita Williams** (May 21)... **Sharon Myers** sorting through some boxes... **Leo and Wilma Prater** enjoying a garage sale...

Obituaries

Dorothy Warren, Seminole

Answerline

Q. How many seniors will graduate from Colorado ISD this year?

A. 73 students will graduate from Colorado High and Wallace Accelarated High School on May 30th.

Briefs

Can Donations
Donations of aluminum cans needed for mission trip to New Paris, Indiana. Call 728-9073.

Health Clinic
The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Mon., June 2 from 10 a.m. to noon and on Wed., June 4 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization records to the clinic. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Summer League Basketball
Anyone interested in participating in Summer League Basketball for incoming 7th & 8th grade boys, should contact Ismael Silva, 242-1591, 728-2361.

Plant Sale
Colorado Middle School's Life Skills class will have a Plant Sale May 21, 22 at the greenhouse on the CMS campus on Locust Street. The sale will begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 3:30 p.m. A variety of plants will be for sale including Mexican feather grass, Bird of Paradise trees, Turk's Cap, moss roses, ice plants, red yucca and yarrow.

Thought of the Week

Be a fountain, not a drain.

Rex Hudler

Lake Levels

(as of May 20, 2008)

Lake Colorado City...2066.10
Full at 2070.3' Down 4.20'

Lake Champion...2050.44'
Full at 2083' Down 32.56'

LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Dorothy Marie Warren 1926-2008

SEMINOLE – Graveside services for Dorothy Marie Warren, 82, were held Sunday, May 18, 2008, at 2 p.m. in the Gaines County Memorial Cemetery with the Rev. Eric Walsh officiating. Services were under the direction of Ratliff Funeral Home of Seminole. Mrs. Warren passed away May 16, 2008, in Odessa.

Mrs. Warren was born January 16, 1926, in Frankel to Hurley and Burdor Miller Burns. She married Leroy Warren on June 9, 1946, in Seminole. Mrs. Warren was a hairdresser and owned and operated several hair salons. She was a Baptist and was preceded in death by her husband, Leroy Warren; a sister, Wanda Reynolds; and three brothers, Bob Burns, Rex Burns and P.J. Burns.

Survivors include two sons, Terry Warren and wife, Barbara and Rick Warren and wife, Kay, all of Odessa; two brothers, Weldon Burns of Deer Park and Don Burns of Houston; four grandchildren, Brandon Lee Warren, Timothy Warren, Taylor Warren and Lindsay Warren; and lifelong friend, Frank Cash of Colorado City.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Compass Hospice, 1330 E. 8th, Suite 410, Odessa, TX 79761.

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T Fords from 1924 to 1927.

The dealership passed to H. N. Beakley, and was used by Joe Mills as a Chevrolet dealership.

In the past, the Railhead Building has served as a sewing factory and an armory and was owned by the Texas National Guard. It was used by the Industrial Foundation; used as a community center, food canning processing plant during World War II and has housed stock shows.

Prior to the construction of the Civic Center, the Chamber of Commerce office, a library and an activity room were located in the Railhead Building. The pressed tin office ceiling is still in pristine condition.

Today the building is worth $60,000 and the land is valued at $7,090.

Lowrance said the estimated cost of repairing the wiring will be $11,700, which does not include the $1,200 for mandatory repairs to the handicap bathroom to bring it up to ADA standards.

"We are working on grant money for this project, but even if we do not get a grant this work must be done," Lowrance said. Repairs to the bathroom would include a new high commode, a handicap sink and railings.

The cost of re-wiring the building covers labor, rental on a sissor lift, 20 8-foot flourescent lights, reworking of breaker boxes, rewiring new plugs on the poles with separate circuits from the ceiling lights, as well as new kitchen plugs on separate circuits to prevent breaker box overloads.

"This is something that has to be addressed if we are going to continue to use it," Lowrance said.

Today the Railhead Building serves the community in a multitude of ways: TexasFest, school programs and band concerts, Main Street's Junktique, CC Riders' Car Show, chili suppers, Run for the Wall programs, dinners honoring prison officers, three Railhead Trade Days, Hunter's Dinner and the Festival of Trees.

"It's easily accessible for seniors, so we've seen an increase in attendance," Lowrance said, commenting on the building's impact on the community.

Thus far, the Kiwaniannes have pledged at least $2,000 for the repairs. Lowrance feels that if each service club at least matched that amount, the Chamber would have sufficient funds to rewire the building.

POLICE REPORT

On Saturday, May 17 at 8:20 p.m. Sgt. Hale responded to a call in the block of 10th and Cherry. A 36-year-old male was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and transported to MCSO.

On Saturday, May 17 at 8:20 p.m. Officer Turner responded to a call of public intoxication in the block of 10th and Cherry. A 27-year-old male was arrested and transported to MCSO.

On Satarurday, May17 at 7:43 p.m. Sgt. Hale responded to a call in the 500 block of Hickory. Complainant reported an assault by a known subject. Case is under investigation.

On Saturday, May 17 at 8:49 a.m. Officer Bivins responded to a call involving criminal mischief in the 400 block of East 14th. Case is under investigation.

On Saturday, May 17 at 3:27 a.m. Sgt. Hale responded to a call involving possession of marijuana under 2 oz and resisting arrest in the 1300 block of Locust. Case is under investigation.

On Friday, May 16 at 11:44 p.m. Officer Berrie responded to a call of a runaway juvenile in the 900 block of E. 13th. Entered NCIC. Case is under investigation.

On Friday, May 16 Officer Bivins responsed to a DOC Affray in the 300 block of 12th. Case is under investigation.

On Friday, May 16 Officer Bivins responded to two calls of assault by contact in the 1900 block of Colorado. Charges stem from an altercation that occurred at this location.

On Friday May 16 at 12:15 a.m. Officer Bivins served a Midland County warrant DWLI-Bond forfeiture near the Highway 208 bypass. A 32-year-old male was arrested and transported to MCSO.

On Thursday, May 15 at 7:54 p.m. Sgt. Hale responded to a DWI near mile marker 220 EB. A 31-year-old male was arrested and transported to MCSO.

On Monday, May 12, Officer Bivins responded to an assault by contact in the 2300 block of Highway 208. Case is under investigation.

On Monday, May 12 at 1:02 p.m. Det. Pearson responded to a call of credit card abuse in the 800 block of Locust. Subject reported stolen credit cards. Case is under investigation.

On Sunday, May 11 at 6:09 p.m. Sgt. Hale responded to call in the 500 block of 11th. A 26-year-old male was arrested for no driver's license and running a stop sign. Subject was transported to MCSO.

On Sunday, May 11 at 6:09 p.m. Sgt. Hale responded to a call of assault by contact in the 500 block of 11th, and served a Municipal Court warrant for assault by contact-family violence. A 26-year-old male was arrested and transported to MCSO.

On Sunday, May 11 Lt. Taylor responded to a call of assault by contact-family violence in the 2330 block of Hwy 208. Subject reported an assault by a known family member. Case is under investigation.



Service clubs donate AEDs to 6 schools

Local Colorado City school campus recently received Automated External Defibrillators (AED's) through the efforts of local service clubs, the Colorado Independent School District and several grants.

Earlier this year, the local Lions Club, Kiwanis Club, Wolves Booster Club, Wallace Accelerated Recycling Stars Grant and CISD teamed together to provide six campuses with on the spot treatment for shockable heart arrhythmias, according to Mary Smith, school nurse.

The top-of-the-line units use vocal prompts to guide individuals through CPR. In addition to the individual units, the schools received two training units to help train staff in the procedural steps for correcting arrhythmias until help arrives.

The units also have internal self-checking maintenance systems.

School campuses receiving an AED are Headstart, Kelly, Hutchinson, Middle School, Wallace and High School. Both the Middle School and High School gyms will also receive an AED.



SAVING LIVES – Representatives of Colorado City ISD and service orgnanizations donated AED units to six schools last Wednesday. Representing the clubs are (front row left to right) Lorianne Toombs, president Wolves' Booster Club; Melinda Alexander, Wallace; Nurse Mary Smith; Pat Cawthron, Service Learning Grant representative; (back row left to right) Darin K. Johns, Kiwanis and Jim White, CISD superintendent.

"A collaborative effort between the district and the service clubs made this possible," said Smith.

Staff members at each location are currently trained in CPR and AED use. By law all bus drivers, coaches and UIL sponsors have to be CPR and AED trained, and the Zoll program (the company which produces the AEDs) require five trained staff on every campus.



In Loving Memory of Mitchell County's Heroes

On this Memorial Day holiday, we pay tribute to the many Mitchell County service people who died protecting our freedom. Let us never forget the price these men and women paid serving our great country!

WORLD WAR I
Torrance A. Allison
Allen G. Birmingham
William E. Bohannon
John H. Brown
Arnett Daniels
John Estes
R.S. Garland
Oren C. Hooker
Junius Merritt
J.S. Peters
Conner Posey
Jesse J. Uzzle
Bill M. Williams
Sid Wimberley
Andy Wright

KOREAN CONFLICT
Aubrey Lee Benson

VIETNAM CONFLICT
Robert W. Cooper
Robert O. Davis
Richard Kayser
Gerald H. Martin
Manuel G. Martinez
Ralph M. Smith
Glenn Standefer

WORLD WAR II
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James Bodine
Joel W. Bradley
R. H. Breithaupt
Rebecca A. Britton
Roy E. Brookshire
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LOCAL NEWS



LOOKING FORWARD -- Loraine graduating seniors (from left to right) Joseph Epperson, Derek Austin, Maria Huerta, Donta Smith and (not pictured) Jessica Bradley have high hopes and dreams following graduation.



READY TO FACE the world -- Westbrook graduating seniors (left to right) Harley Bell, Ashley Vicars, Josh Fernandez, Jessica Clowers and Michael Conley look forward to life after graduation.

LIFE

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later on in the years I hope to stay home."

Isabel Ventura, Colorado City: "I plan to attend Angelo State University to study secondary education. I would like to teach Spanish at a high school level. I hope to fund my education through grants and possibly a part-time job. I hope to be a Spanish teacher in a mid-sized town. I want to graduate from college and settle down with a successful career. I want to teach people how to speak Spanish so they can be more marketable."

Brien Toombs, Colorado City: "I will attend Angelo State. I would like to major in communications and eventually end up in pastoral ministry. I plan on working part-time to fund my education. I would like to go to a seminary school, possibly Oral Roberts University in Oklahoma. I would like to pastor my own church one day in a large town. I feel God has called me into this line of work."

Maria Huerta, Loraine: "I am planning on attending WTC this fall. I want to become a nurse."

Michael Conley, Westbrook: "After graduation I plan to move to Weatherford, Texas and attend the junior college there. When I graduate from there I wish to transfer to U.T. in Dallas. For my career, I wish to achieve my life long dream as a physicians' assistant in the medical field."

Harley Bell, Westbrook: "I plan to go to LVN school in WTC, Snyder or TSTC, Sweetwater, Tx. I will go for a year and then work at Kristi Lee Manor. I will work for Kristi Lee manor for about five to 10 years and then get my RN from Howard College. I will work in a hospital until I retire."

Chelsea Duncan, Colorado City: "I plan to attend Angelo State University to become a registered nurse and receive a bachelor's degree in nursing (BSN). After receiving a bachelor's degree I want to go to graduate school and get a master's degree in physical therapy. I hope to get scholarships and have a part-time job to fund my education.

In the future I plan to live in the San Antonio area or close to Austin. I want to work for a rehabilitation center and I would enjoy working with kids. I want to be able to help people and would love to feel like I have accomplished good things that will benefit others."

Derek Austin, Loraine: "I am planning on entering the military upon graduation. I want to become a computer engineer while in the military and hopefully retire from the military."

Donta Smith, Loraine: "I will be attending Angelo State University. I want to become a teacher and coach. Eventually, I would like to go into student counseling."

Ricardo Atkinson, Colorado City: "I will attend UTI (Universal Technical Institute) in Houston. I want to study automotive diesel and become a technician for Ford Motor Company. The program I will be in will be completed in 1 ½ years. I hope to then get a job with Sewell Ford in Odessa. I have been working on cars since the age of 13. I enjoy this type of work because it's fun and easy to me."

Ashley Vicars, Westbrook: "I want to go to UTI and take classes in auto collisions and automotive technology program. I want to work with cars, fix them, make them awesome and follow my daddy's footsteps. I want to work in a car dealership or take the graduate programs UTI has to offer."

Fri., Sat., Sun.
May 23, 24, 25
Iron Man PG-13
7:15 p.m. & 9:15

COMING SOON:
Speedracer, Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian, Kung Fu Panda, Incredible Hulk.

We look forward to seeing Hutchinson and the Senior Class next week.

Area students eligible for communications scholarship

The *Colorado City Record* and publisher Earl Plagens are pleased to announce applications are currently being accepted from area students for two $2,000 Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships awarded through the West Texas Press Association and the Texas Press Association.

The contest is open to applicants in the area served by WTPA member newspapers, and whose career goals include working with a community newspaper. Mitchell County students are eligible to apply for the scholarships through the *Colorado City Record* membership in WTPA.

Each scholarship is divided into two payments of $1,000 each semester. The winners must be enrolled in at least three hours of college or university journalism courses each semester the scholarship is awarded. College students must have at least 60 hours of college course work. Each applicant must also fill out an application form and write an essay based on the theme, "My Future and Career Plans in Community Journalism."

One scholarship will be presented a graduating high school senior and the other to a student attending a college or university as a print journalism or advertising major. Broadcast or public relations majors do not qualify.

Application forms have been sent to member newspapers, high schools in the areas served by WTPA members and to college journalism departments. Applications may also be downloaded from www.wtpa.org. Applicants must be from the area served by WTPA membership.

Applications and essays should be sent to Bob Dillard, WTPA Scholarship Chairman, P.O. Box 1097, Fort Davis, TX 79734-1097, and be postmarked no later than June 19, 2008. Winners will be chosen by the West Texas Press Association board of directors, and announced during the association's 78th Annual Summer Convention in Fredericksburg, July 17-19.

The Bob Craig Memorial Scholarships are named in honor of late West Texas publisher Bob Craig of Hamlin. Craig, who died in 1981, was the long-time publisher of the Hamlin Herald and a member of the West Texas Press Association. He served 18 years on the board in various capacities, including president in 1967, and secretary-treasurer for many years.

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PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING COMMISSION MEETING
MAY 27, 2008; 5:30 P.M.
COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER
157 W. 2ND ST.; COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The Zoning Commission of the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on May 27, 2008 concerning an amendment to the 1950 Zoning Ordinance, City Code/ Chapter 14 - Planning and Zoning, and Ordinance 2007-09 to Disallow Multicolored Electronic Changeable Message Light Emitting Diode (LED) Billboards in the City of Colorado City and the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this amendment. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will also be considered on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for May 29, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas.

Signed

Donna Madrid
City Secretary
City of Colorado City

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Editorial

Local efforts successful for "Run for the Wall"

By Carol Parsons
Editor

They came from all walks of life, from all parts of the country. Men and women with the scenes of war still fresh in their memories. Family members of veterans, with the grief of loss which will never leave their hearts, make the long ten day trip from California to Washington so the sacrifices will never be forgotten.

Students, who have never known fear or want because of war, assembled to serve those who fought for the freedom we sometimes take so lightly.

It was a life transforming day.

So many of our veterans, both local and from far away, stopped for a few short hours to pass the torch to the next generation.

Not a torch of war and violence, but one of peace. A peace bought through violence and the shedding of blood so that their children and grand children and great-grandchildren might not have to endure what they endured.

We could only stand in awe and wonder, unable to understand the sacrifice; unable to understand just how much a simple meal and short program meant to those veterans and families who had traveled so far.

It was an event that involved the entire community.

The CMS students had worked hard on preparing the meal, setting up tables, getting the program ready. They poured hours into research for the display boards – all 416 of them—and into interviews with local veterans. Their teachers helped coordinate and support their efforts.

Mark Merrell and his wonderful staff who put in hours with the behind-the scenes planning made this year's Run for the Wall so memorable. The efforts of the service clubs, Kiwanis, Lions, Rotary, in cooking, serving and handing out bottled water to hot and thirsty riders, were acts of kindness that will have far reaching results.

The donations of time, effort and supplies from Main Street, Fuller Foods, City National Bank and the Chamber of Commerce helped keep things running smoothly.

Even the prisoners from the Wallace unit helped with many man hours of heavy duty cleaning of the Railhead Building.

No one could attend the Run for the Wall and not come away profoundly changed.

Every community should have a part in Run for the Wall. Every community should, like Colorado City, encourage our children to know that peace comes with a price.

What we do here, allowing our children to put faces with those who demonstrated courage on the battlefield, who fought so others might live, gives us the strength to stand against the petty shallowness of politicians.

It helps us to get our priorities straight and teaches us the true meaning of freedom.

In his speech Saturday, Robert Doyle quoted Ted Williams, famous Boston Red Sox slugger, who fought during WW II:

"Following his return to baseball, a young sports reporter asked him what it felt like to be a hero. Mr. Williams responded that he was no hero, that all the real heroes never came home."

Run for the Wall is not just about the past. It is about the present, about the men and women serving overseas in places most of us can't locate on the map. It is about our future, and standing up for those whose stand up in our place on the battlefield.

For the sons, brothers, husbands, wives, mothers, sisters who have laid down their lives and are laying down their lives today, who sacrifice time with their families and children, the students, parents, teachers and citizens of Colorado City say a heartfelt "Thank you" and "God bless you."

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Grateful 4-H Member

Letter to the Editor:

I am writing this letter to thank Blaine Lemons for helping the Mitchell County 4-H program and more specifically, the 4-H Mud Bog. We raised nearly $13,000 on May 10, 2008. This money is shared between the 4-H general fund and the 4-H project fund.

The money in the general fund goes to help defray costs at judging competitions, camp costs and expenses incurred at 4-H functions. The project fund will help pay for a project building and, hopefully, pens for 4-H youth to keep their animals.

No one really understands how much time and energy it takes to put on an event of this magnitude and how much it helps the kids and people in this community. I hope everyone in 4-H and this community will thank him the next time they see him in town.

Once again Blaine, thanks for the countless hours you spend to help our town.

Dalton Maddox
4-H Parents' Assoc. President

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Good Job

Letter to the Editor:

I attended my second "Run for the Wall" program last Saturday and want to say what an outstanding job the administration, faculty and students at Colorado Middle School did. They are to be commended for all their hard work.

My only complaint was the poor sound system, and I hope next year something will be done about it.

Thanks,
Mary Sticeman
Colorado City

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Concerned Taxpayer

Letter to the Editor:

As a concerned taxpaying citizen of Colorado City, I am really baffled as to why KCCB cannot receive more support from our City Council. When certain members of our City council stated the reason for not wanting to place the recycling center at 5th and Hickory was because it would be "an eye sore", it shocked me. The houses South of the lot in that same block are one of the biggest eye sores in the city.

Concerned citizens, I ask you to make a comparison. Drive by the block on Hickory, take a look, then drive up Vine north of 10th and look at the last three houses to your right; which block would you consider an eye sore. Those houses on Vine are owned by Carol Sue Dakan who is a member of KCCB. Ms. Dakan takes pride and hard work in the beautification of her property. Why wouldn't she do the same for the lot at 5th and Hickory with the help of the other members of KCCB?

The value of our property is never going to increase if we don't all pull together and work on our city appearance. If we had about a dozen more Carol Sue Dakans in our city and less of those who would like to work against her, I personally feel our city would be a lot better in appearance. We are the largest city in this county. It would be nice if we could start taking some leadership roles in working together instead of pulling against one of the most caring citizens in our city.

Thank you,
Russell Banks

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Run for the Wall

A visit to the official Run for the Wall Website, www.rftw.org, turned up glowing praise for the students and citizens of Colorado City.

"If you think patriotism is disappearing among the younger generation, one needs only to visit Colorado City and speak with the children that have created tributes to each and every Veteran that has ever worn the uniform from that proud community.

When you think that the younger generation no longer cares about its Country's Veterans, we suggest you take a trip to Colorado City, TX for an education that will last you a lifetime. These young adults took it upon themselves to design a memorial, to research the cost, to implement the building of the memorial, to research the history of the Veterans in the community, and to honor all that have participated in RFTW. Maybe we need to send a contingent of these young adults to Washington DC to educate our "Leaders" in what patriotism truly means."

Respectfully submitted by
MSgt Steve Hill, USMC (Ret)
"Hawgwash"

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Question of the Week

"Would you like to see the sports complex be named after former State Representative and now Federal Judge Rob Junell, since he was instrumental in helping us get the grant to build the complex?"

Go to our website to vote: www.coloradorecord.com. Click on Op/Ed Page.

Results from last week:

Last week's question:
"Should the City of Colorado City pass an ordinance prohibiting dogs from being tied up in resident's yards?

148 responses
40.8% yes
57.8% no
1.4% undecided
Thank you for participating!

COW POKES — By Ace Reid



"I hear a lot about the population explosion, but the only thing that has multiplied around here in forty years has been rabbits and coyotes!"

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LOCAL NEWS

Preparedness is key to summer storm safety

Several spring squalls which combined into a massive storm system that battered Abilene and spawned one tornado that crossed from Mitchell County into Nolan County acts as a reminder that tornado season has arrived.

The key to staying safe during tornado season is to remain alert during bad weather and to have a safety plan.

Staying alert to the weekly safety siren drills on Monday helps citizens to recognize the sound of the sirens; which will sound if a tornado is spotted. Preparedness is important since citizens may have only a few minutes to get to shelter once the sirens sound.

The Red Cross suggests having a disaster supply kit handy in easily accessible backpack or small carry-on. Items should include:

- A first aid kit with essential medication, in addition to the usual items
- A battery powered radio, flashlight, and extra batteries
- Canned and other non-perishable food and a hand operated can opener
- Bottled water
- Sturdy shoes and work gloves
- Written instructions on how to turn off your home's utilities

Knowing where to go in a tornado is also an important survival skill. The best places are in a designated storm shelter or basement, away from walls and windows.

Colorado City has six designated emergency shelters: City Hall, downstairs; the Courthouse; the Fire Department, downstairs; First Baptist Church, activity building; First United Methodist Church, educational building; and the Mitchell County Hospital.

In Loraine, the First Baptist Church basement has been designated as an emergency storm shelter.

o A small, windowless, first floor interior room like a bathroom or hall closet or under a stair well, is also a good place to ride out the storm.

o Flying debris is the greatest danger in a tornado, so protective coverings such as a mattress, sleeping bags, thick blankets, etc. should be kept nearby.

o Mobile homes offer no protection whatsoever in a tornado. If there is a sturdy permanent building within easy running distance, seek shelter there. Otherwise, lie flat on low ground away from the mobile home and trees and cars.

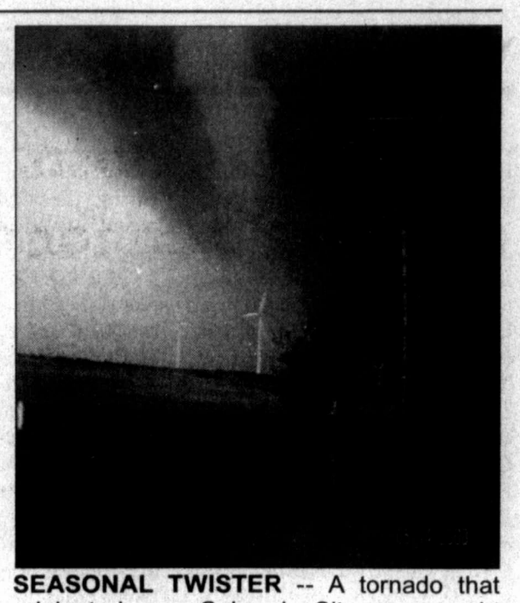
o Vehicles are extremely dangerous in a tornado. Leave the vehicle and seek shelter in a sturdy building. If not building is available, lie flat in a low spot, as far from the road and car as possible and cover head with arms.

o In open country, if the tornado appears to be moving to your right or left, escape at right angles to its path – to your right if it is moving to your left and vice versa. If the tornado appears to stay in the same place, growing larger or getting closer, but not moving left or right, it is moving toward you. Take shelter away from the car.

o Never shelter under bridges or overpasses. These offer no shelter from flying debris, can pose traffic hazards for emergency vehicles, or may collapse.

o For public buildings like stores, shopping malls or churches or theaters, seek shelter in an interior bathroom, storage room or other small enclosed area, away from windows.

o If there is no time, get under seats or pews, protecting the head with hands and arms.



SEASONAL TWISTER -- A tornado that originated near Colorado City was caught on camera by Oweda Lane of Roscoe last Wednesday evening.

Wallace offers students a choice



ELECTIVE COMPUTER CLASSES are part of the curriculum offered to both Wallace and CHS students. Brushing up on their skills are (left to right) Weston Wulfjen, Price Butler, A. J. Hill, Adrianna Perez and Carley Butler.

Wallace Accelerated High School is a school of choice, according to principal Melinda Alexander.

"No student has to be here," she said. "They choose to be here."

The school was begun three years ago through a TEA charter grant, which provided ½ million dollars a year to fund and operate the school. CISD contributed the remaining funds necessary to the school's operation the first two years, but has funded the school 100 percent during its third year in operation.

"Campus of choice" is a key term in the educational system, according to Alexander.

"There's a stigma that tends to be attached to the campus because it's an alternative campus," she said.

"In the world of education, alternative campuses tend to draw negative impressions in the public eye. The tendency is for people to think alternative campuses are for students who have made poor choices and have to be in these types of educational settings," Alexander said.

While some students have made what some people would term poor choices, that is not always the case at Wallace Accelerated High School.

"Students on our campus choose to be here," Alexander said. "Their parents choose for them to be here in order to complete their education."

"Some of our students are recovering credits for a variety of reasons. Some are attempting to accelerate for several reasons. Some are here because they want to be off the main campus in smaller class sizes," she said.

In the first two years of Wallace's existence, the school has graduated 31 seniors. This year, twelve seniors are expected to graduate; most of which would not have finished in a traditional setting, according to Alexander.

A traditional setting involves a full time student being on campus all day long. Wallace has a waiver from TEA allowing the school to have a flexible enrollment, which allows flexible schedules.

"This means we can enroll part-time so a student can work a full time job and come to school part-time," Alexander said. "It's one of the special characteristics of Wallace."

Another special characteristic is the relationship with CHS in terms of elective courses.

The two schools work closely together providing elective classes for both sets of students, sometimes sharing campuses and classes.

"The students are the most important thing, regardless of what campus they are on," Alexander said.

Wallace currently has 31 students enrolled in eighth through twelfth grades, with a staff of six. Three of the four teachers are certified and carry three of the core classes.

For English, as well as several elective courses, the school uses the computer curriculum, Odyssey. "More and more small schools that need additional classes are buying computer based curriculum that is highly qualified," Alexander said. The Odyssey curriculum is TEKS based and maintains the high standards set by the TEA."

During the three years the school has used the Odyssey English curriculum they have seen 100% passing of the TAKS ELA tests by their students.

"When there's an educational need, we do what's best educationally for the child," Alexander said. "Educational needs and requirements are what guides us."

She added that personal choices are secondary. "What they need educationally, may not be what they want personally."

"Sometimes they may feel like Wallace is the only choice they have; but it is a choice whether or not they come here or stay on the main campus," Alexander said.

When a student decides to go back to the main campus, the necessary arrangements are made and the student is allowed to go back.

"Factors may limit their choices, but they still have a choice," she said. "No one ever applies out here unless they want to be out here."

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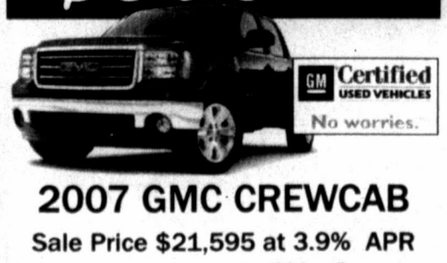
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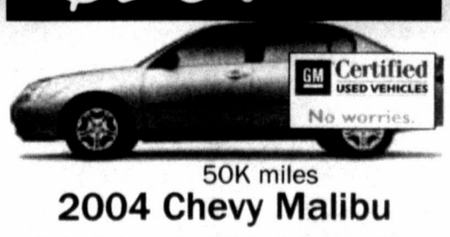
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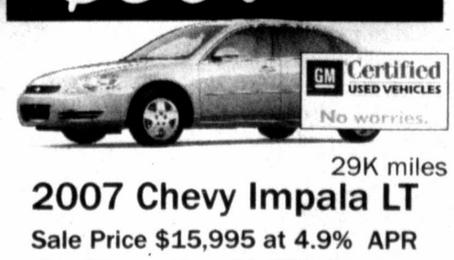
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Hillman rides in honor of his father, a World War II, Purple Heart and Bronze Star veteran.

"During 'Nam I was never drafted," he said. "I was just a smart alec kid who didn't want to go. I never appreciated what he did until after he got buried," Hillman said, through his tears. "This is my tribute to him."

Glenn Quigg served as flight attendant and cook on Air Force One for four presidents: Nixon, Ford, Bush and Reagan.

"I made four trips to China, one with each president," he said. One of his most memorable trips with President George Bush, Sr. involved broccoli. "Bush told us, 'Don't ever put broccoli on my plane again,'" he said. "You spent all that time around them (the presidents) and they become like friends. We're close to them all."

This was Quigg's first year with this particular group of riders, but he has made the Run for the last eight years.

This year is the 20th anniversary of the Run for the Wall, an event to remember those who are MIA, POWs and KIA, so they are not forgotten.

"We do this, so the next generation shouldn't have to," Quigg said. His words of advice to the next generation, "Show respect to the veterans; honor the things done by the people that came before. Colorado City does a good job here," he said, commenting on the warmth and hospitality and gratitude shown.

Over 400 boards designed by Colorado Middle School students were on display, as well as a free standing exhibit chronicling the history of C-City's involvement with the Run.

Adrianna Gomez and Tara Higgins sang "What Dreams are Made of" and the CHS jazz band entertained the audience with fast paced selections that brought a standing ovation and cheers from the veterans.

Army veteran Robert Doyle presented CMS with a framed collage, "Salute to Sacrifice" featuring the CMS students, and recent historical pictures of the memorial wall.

"The logistics of an endeavor like this, while small in comparison with the Run for the Wall; are indeed significant for a small community," Doyle said.

"It requires a concentrated effort by lots of folks."

"Memorial Day for many means barbeque and fire works, which is all well and good. But the true significance is found in the sacrifice that permits us to celebrate," Doyle told assembled students, teachers, parents and veterans.

"Freedom has a precious price; and any individual who took those two steps forward and donned a uniform deserves our eternal gratitude," he said.

Beverly Adams presented a Power Point presentation "Some Gave All" in honor of the dedication and sacrifices of local veterans.

On behalf of the RFTW riders, a plaque of appreciation and gratitude for Colorado City and CMS was presented by a veteran known only as "Cowboy."

A detachment of Marines from Dyess Air Force base provided a color guard throughout the event and were on hand to honor the veterans as they drove past the memorial wall located on the Mitchell County Hospital grounds.

The honor of laying the wreath at the wall was given to firefighter Jeff Scott, son of Tom and Cecilia Scott of Colorado City.

Scott is the battalion chief for the Kansas City fire department.

According to Tom Scott, the Run for the Wall organization only lays six wreaths across the country. This year, besides the ones at the Wall in Washington, D.C and at the D-Day Memorial, wreaths will be laid in Wytheville, Virginia; Monroe, Louisiana; Albequeque, New Mexico and in Colorado City, Texas.

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he said.

"Feed Fun", an experiment to determine which feed sheep tend to go to first, was designed by Mason Maddox and Taegen Harris.

The girls filled two pans with rolled oats, whole corn, horse feed and cracked corn and set the culinary feast before their sheep, Hershey and Reeces.

"They tried everything," Maddox said, "but they went to the horse feed first because they could smell the molasses and it's sweeter."

Controlling the two sheep proved to be the biggest problem in the experiment. "It was kinda hard because they wanted to eat out of the same bucket," Harris said.

The biggest hit of the fair might just be the pair of real lungs on loan from the Snyder hospital for Savannah Williams and Hailey Dunn's experiment.

The girls researched the effect of smoking on lungs. Dunn's mother works at the Snyder hospital, giving the two girls an opportunity for some personal observation.

"I found out bronchitis makes the air sacs in your lungs smaller," Dunn said.

The hospital demonstrated the effect of smoking on the lung's air sacs by blowing into healthy lungs and then into damaged/diseased lungs.

Forty projects will be judged by Middle School teacher Cristi Sparks and CHS science teachers Amie Felan and Jana Barnes. Winners will be determined based on several criteria including documented research, effective interpretation of data and presentation. Awards for Best Overall Presentation Board, Best Physical Science Experiment, Best Earth Science Experiment, Best Consumer Product and Best Original Hypothesis will be awarded in addition to first, second and third place ribbons.

Ribbons and certificates will be awarded on Friday, May 23 and the public is invited to an open house from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

DEA

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they hired him over the phone," Dea said.

KBR tries to put family members together whenever possible, so the elder Dea spent five months with his son on the base before the sergeant was deployed back to the States.

Mosul is the third largest city in Iraq and a major trade, industry and communications center for northern Iraq. It has also been described as the last major urban area where al-Qaida in Iraq maintains a significant presence, according to a British news source.

In spite of the occasional mortar fire that comes in the base and the bombs that come close, Dea said she doesn't "worry like I did with Jordan who was going out in it." Her husband doesn't volunteer to go outside "the wire", which is the term for the safety perimeter around the base.

"I drive back and forth from Snyder every day to work at Hutchison, which I love, and I could easily be killed in a traffic accident," Dea said. "Do you stop taking a shower because you can slip and fall in the tub? God's going to take care of us."

The Hutchison fifth grade teacher said it occurred to her one night that she could go and be with her husband. "It's been hard to be apart," she said. "I want to be with my man."

Their four adult children have been very supportive of their mother's decision.

"Gerrico is going to graduate in December and she never asked me to stay. It's awesome that they're that supportive," Dea said.

Jessica, the oldest, and her husband Adam live in Houston. She and her husband have the first grandchild, Joshua. Jordan and wife Kristina are stationed at Ft. Bliss in El Paso. Gerrico is studying at Texas State in San Marcos and Kaitlyn is at WTC in Snyder.

"We're a very independent family," Dea said.

That independence is a legacy from Dea's own parents. "My dad served in World War II and the Korean conflict. That generation lived a life we can't imagine," she said. After his discharge from the military, her dad hitchhiked 2000 miles to ask her mother to marry him.

Dea's father told her going to Iraq would be a "neat thing to look back on."

"I thought if my 85 year old daddy says I can go, I can go," Dea exclaimed.

Dea plans to leave September first, if a number of things continue to fall into place.

"First there has to be a job opening, then the supervisor has to personally request me," she said.

Although Dea has included Iraq in her classroom in a number of ways, including a clock set on Iraqi time, she won't be teaching in Iraq. "Tim said it was the weirdest feeling not to see a child for months," Dea said, as no children are on the base.

But her organizational skills will come in handy for jobs like billeting, administration/secretarial duties and materials controls.

She'd like an opportunity to work in MWR – moral, welfare and recreation. "It's a glorified Coach A," she said. "I'd love to do that. That would be awesome."

Moving to Iraq "feels very normal to us," she said. "It's been a very real part of our lives for the last three years."

Local philanthropist to set up scholarship

Robert B. (Buster) Aycock, a noted local philanthropist, is taking on an immense and important task. He wants to challenge the people of Colorado City to join him in raising $100,000 for college scholarships to be awarded to local students.

Buster and his late wife, Betsy, both graduated from Colorado High School. He married Betsy August 21, 1938, and had two sets of twins, Cynthia and Bob and David and Douglas. Their children were also CHS graduates.

In 1958, Betsy graduated from Hardin-Simmons University with a B.A. in education and began her teaching career at Kelley Elementary. She was a dedicated teacher and involved with her church until her death five years ago.

Since Betsy's death, Buster has made a tremendous effort to give back to his community. He has raised and donated over $15,000 to Mitchell County Hospital. He has donated $5,000 for scholarships given to CHS students over the past three years; last year's amount totaled $2,500. Mr. Aycock has only one qualification for scholarship applicants; that they be dedicated students who need help paying for college.

Aycock is quite serious about this undertaking. He has convinced the presidents of both City National Bank and First National Bank, Royce Clay and Mark Waldrip, to help him oversee the project and wants to get the whole community involved.

"I know someone could raise it all, but that is not what I want. I want it to be an ongoing commitment," Aycock said. "It is a great feeling to get a card or have a student walk up and say, 'This means the world to me.' The students want to shake my hand or give me a hug because I have helped them realize their college dreams."

Aycock is promoting the idea that donations can be made in honor of a loved one, a teacher or a family member. "If you think about it, I believe it will make our teachers feel more appreciated and will make the students better," Aycock said.

Aycock has pledged to add an additional $10,000 after the first $100,000 is raised.

Anyone wishing to find out more about the project should contact Jeremy Ross or Orphie Conner at CHS, or Mark Waldrip at First National Bank or Royce Clay at City National Bank.

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WEST TEXAS ART Guild members will be exhibiting at the Heart of West Texas Museum throughout the month of May. Displaying their wares are: (left to right) Lea Cleveland, Debby Guelker, Adele Morgan, Leda Wood, Nita Mahan, Carolyn Walker, Nancy Verschoor and Becki Del Rio.

Abstinence program presented at Colorado High School May 16

The Aim for Success abstinence program was presented to parents of Colorado High School students on May 15 at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. The abstinence program was presented to the students on May 16 during the day at high school.

Aim for Success is a nationally acclaimed education organization and the largest provider of sexual abstinence programs in the nation. These programs cover the risks of teenage pregnancy, the epidemic of sexually transmitted diseases, the pain of emotional scars and much more.

Aim for Success presented about 2,500 of these health-based programs last year. Ninety percent of those programs were in public schools across the nation, reaching about 200,000 students and their parents. Aim for Success has received local, state and national recognition for their work in public schools.

The parent meeting includes a preview of the student program, so parents can see firsthand what the students will be hearing. This program equips parents with the tools and medical information needed to communicate effectively with their children without embarrassment. Parents learn how, when and why to talk to their children (toddlers to teens) about sex. Aim for Success believes parents should be their children's primary sex educators, but they have found that many parents don't know how to approach this critical subject.

This is was must see event for family members, youth workers, counselors, nurses, school administrators and anyone who is concerned about teenage sexual activity in our country.

Stubblefield, Free to wed in August

David and Melody Stubblefield and Scott and Robie Free, all of Colorado City, wish to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Krista Stubblefield to Kaleb Free.

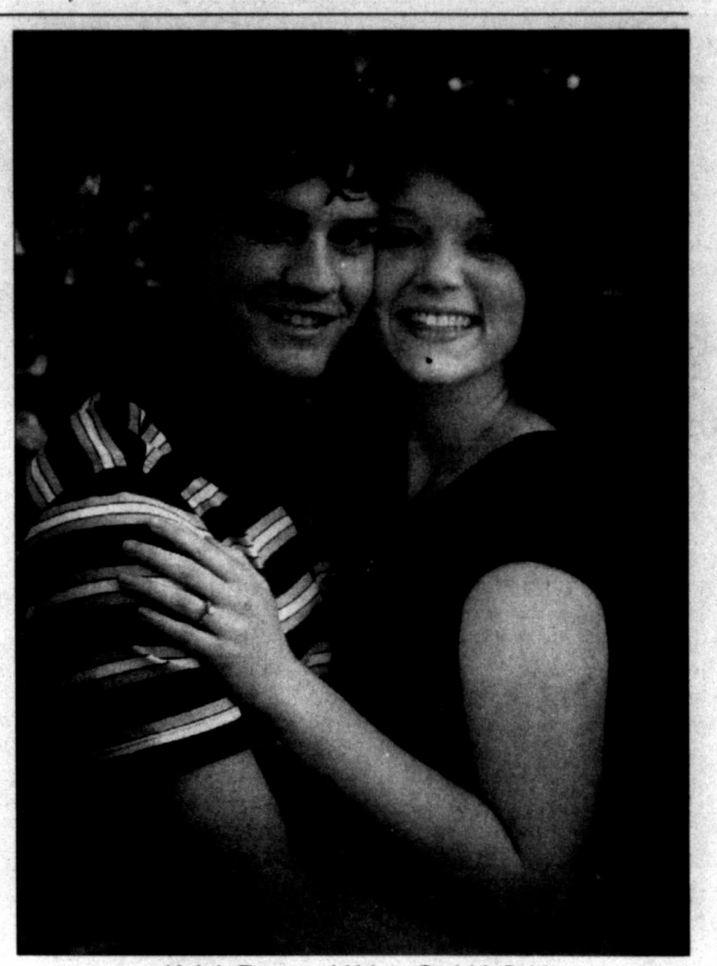
Grandparents of the bride are Ira and Jean Edwards, Ernestine O'Dell and honorary grandparents, Wayne and Lenetta DuBose, all of Colorado City.

Grandparents of the groom are Alton and Linda Raschke and Craig and Fredda Jolley, all of Colorado City, and great-grandmother, Marjorie Lamb of Ranger.

Krista is a 2006 graduate of Colorado High School and a senior at Texas Tech University, majoring in Early Childhood Education. She is employed at the First Baptist Church Child Development Program in Lubbock.

Kaleb is a 2005 graduate of Colorado High School and is currently a senior at Texas Tech University, majoring in Construction Engineering.

The wedding is planned for August 9, 2008 at First Baptist Church in Colorado City.



Kaleb Free and Krista Stubblefield

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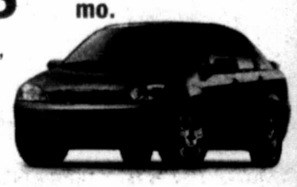


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SCHOOL NEWS



TOP WINNERS IN the Jump Rope for Heart at Hutchinson Elementary are Hunter Gonzales and Brennan Ross (left to right). Gonzales and Ross raised the most money which helps support the National Heart Association.

Westbrook Boosters to hold final meeting

The Westbrook Booster Club will have their final meeting for the 2007-08 school year on Tues., May 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

The purpose of the meeting is to finalize scholarships for the 2008 seniors and to discuss perfect attendance awards. The club will also be electing new officers for the 2008-09 school year.

It is very important that all members and any interested parties attend this meeting. Offices to be elected are president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. Current officers are no longer interested in holding these positions.

The Westbrook Booster Club was formed in 1999 and has been an asset to the school. There needs to be some interest shown, in order to continue this program.



HANDS ON PROJECTS – Not all learning takes place in the classroom. Students from Kelly Jones' classes at Wallance Accelerated High School gain practical experience while planting a salsa garden. The students plan to raise tomatoes, onions and peppers. From left to right, the gardeners are (back row) Daniel Villalon and Sebastian DeLeora, (front row) Stacey Pfeuffer, Cecelia Ybarra, Curtis Lindsey, Teresa Vest and Kimberly Pfeuffer (not pictured).

SCHOOL MENUS

Colorado ISD Head Start
Breakfast Menu
May 26-30

Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Tuesday – breakfast bites, chilled juice, milk.

Wednesday – scrambled egg, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Thursday – oatmeal, toast, chilled juice, milk.

Friday – donuts, chilled juice, milk.

Colorado ISD Head Start
Lunch Menu
May 26-30

Monday – sloppy joe on a bun, oven fries, fresh veggies, applesauce, milk.

Tuesday – beef and mac, glazed carrots, half slice bread, peaches, milk.

Wednesday – chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, pears, milk.

Thursday – hamburger on bun, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday – ham and cheese sandwich, baked potato chips, pickle spears, fresh fruit, milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

Tuesday – waffles, jelly, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday – breakfast burrito, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – manager's choice, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – manager's choice, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Lunch Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

Tuesday – beef and mac, golden corn, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – manager's choice, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – hot dog on a bun, baked potato chip, veggie sticks, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – ham and cheese sandwich, baked potato chip, pickle spears, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Kelley & Hutchinson Elem.
Breakfast Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

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

Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday – dry cereal, biscuit, manager's choice, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday – dry cereal, biscuit, manager's choice, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

CMS & CHS
Breakfast Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

Tuesday – chef salad with chicken, manager's choice, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – chef salad with ham, meatloaf with sauce, roasted potatoes, sweet peas, hot rolls, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – manager's choice, fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – ham and cheese sandwich, baked potato chips, pickle spears, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
May 26-29

Monday – English muffins, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday – egg & cheese burrito, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday – pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Thursday – toast & jelly, cereal, fruit juice, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
May 26-29

Monday – pizza, seasoned corn, tossed salad, fruit, milk.

Tuesday – nachos grande, lettuce & tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk.

Wednesday – cook's choice.

Thursday – cook's choice.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

Tuesday – cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Wednesday – breakfast sandwich, juice, milk.

Thursday – breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.

Friday – breakfast pockets, juice, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
May 26-30

Monday – holiday.

Tuesday – chicken nuggets, chef salad, dressing, carrots, orange halves, milk.

Wednesday – minidogs, mustard, baked beans, pickle halves, peaches, milk.

Thursday – sub sandwich, tomatoes, lettuce, fries, mixed fruit, milk.

Friday – hamburgers, mustard, fries, ketchup, salad, pickles, shape-up, milk.

Four get degrees from SPC

South Plains College awarded 1,083 degrees and certificates at the 50th Anniversary Commencement on Friday (May 9) in Texan Dome.

"Commencement is the completion of one part of these student's lives," said Dr. Kelvin Sharp, SPC president. "I anticipate the great things these students will accomplish in the future and we are proud of the class of 2008."

Colorado City student receiving Associate of Applied Science degree was Staci Elyse Dickard, Associate Degree Nursing.

Recipient of the Associate of Arts degree from Colorado City was Melanie B.S. Sampley.

Colorado City recipient of the Associate of Science degree was Felicia Franco.

Colorado City student receiving certificate of proficiency was Felicia Mia Arrendondo, Cosmetology Certificate.

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SCHOOL NEWS

CMS 6th grade band competes

Saturday, May 3rd, 6th grade Band members travelled to Angelo State University to compete in their first solo competition. Here are the results from the competition.

Earning 3rd division ratings (good) were: David Garza-trombone and Daisy Vasquez-trombone.

Earning 2nd division ratings (excellent) were: Adrian Ausbie-baritone, Tori Barrera-flute, John Campos-cornet, Consuelo Hernandez-clarinet, Courtney Huff-clarinet, Mackenzie Kimball-clarinet, Jacob Ludwig-alto sax, Heather Merket-clarinet, Darian O'Banion-alto sax, Ana Ramirez-flute, Isabel Salazar-trombone, and Jason Vidal-clarinet.

Earning 1st division ratings (superior) were: Gracie Aguilar-clarinet, Ta'Mar Brooks-clarinet, Rankin Bullard-snare drum, Allison Burrola-clarinet, Laura Chaney-trombone, Claudia Deloera-cornet, Maricela Espinoza-trumpet, Emelia Franco-French horn, Felipe Garcia-tuba, Taylor Griffith-clarinet, Damion Huff-baritone, Ashlyn Kildow-trombone, Jacob Kimball-tuba, Trey Kimball-clarinet, Sarena Lujan-snare drum, Joey Maberry-trombone, Haley Maxwell-French horn, Paris Mayo-French horn, Keeley McClintock-flute, Marissa Molina-clarinet, Jessica Nichols-baritone, Marissa Robinson-xylophone, Ricky Roman-alto sax, Cason Smith-alto sax, Josh Sutton-snare drum, Cody Thomas-trumpet, Code Tolle-French horn, Bethany Toombs-snare drum, and Summer Valenzuela-clarinet.

Mr. Johns, Mr. Branch, and Mrs. Clay are very proud of their students' accomplishments. Their hard work and dedication have paid off. These students will receive their awards (medal for 1st division and ribbon for 2nd division) at their school concert on Thursday morning at 8:30 at the middle school auditorium. Mr. Johns stated, "I look forward to their continued success next year in the 7-8th grade Band."



CHEYENNE GUELKER (R) participated in the Houston Livestock Show American Quarter Horse Division recently with her horse, Jose Lucky Pat. She placed 1st in Western Horsemanship, 2nd in Hunt Seat Equitation, 2nd in Western Riding, 5th in Hunter Under Saddle, 6th in Performance Halter Gelding and 7th in Trail. She was awarded Reserve Champion 14-18 High Point Youth and took home a 23" flat screen TV for her work. Guelker, a junior at Colorado High, is the daughter of Carl and Sue Guelker.



HUTCHINSON STUDENTS OF THE WEEK are (left to right) Zachary Potter, Casey Hammond and Jaci Smith.

Hutchinson names students of the week

Hutchinson Elementary's Students of the Week are Zachary Potter, Casey Hammond and Jaci Smith.

Zachary, a third grader in Mrs. Jone's class, is the son of Brian and Michelle Potter. He has a cat named Sunkissed. His favorite subject is spelling and his favorite thing about Hutchinson is the field trips.

Casey, son of Blake and Brenda Hammond, is a fourth grader in Mrs. John's class. He enjoys playing with his cat, TomTom. Math is his favorite subject. Casey says he likes Hutchinson because of all the parties.

Jaci, daughter of Diane Smith, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Gainey's class. She enjoys playing video games and science and band are her favorite subjects. Her favorite thing about Hutchinson is the TAKS strategy party.

W'brook to release early next week

During the last week of school, May 26-29, all classes will be dismissed at 2 p.m. at Westbrook ISD.

Baccalaureate services for the 2008 graduates of Westbrook High School will be held May 25 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook.

Graduation ceremonies for junior high students will be held Thursday, May 29 at 7 p.m. at the school, and high school graduation will be held Friday, May 30 at 8 p.m.

ASU lists Mitchell Co. graduates

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 504 students during the 2008 Spring commencement exercises May 10 in San Angelo.

The 2008 Spring graduates include the following from the Colorado City area: Bradly J. Graham, Bachelor of Science; Kaci L. Griffith, Master of Education; Terah B. Lelek, Bachelor of Science, cum laude; and Daley L. Seeker, Bachelor of Business Administration and Master of Business Administration, magna cum laude.

Wolf Tracks

CHS NEWS **By Senior, SARAH SMITH**

State Solo and Ensemble

The CHS Band will be sending two ensembles to the UIL State Solo and Ensemble Contest in San Antonio this weekend to compete Monday.

The brass ensemble and baritone quartet have both been practicing long hours to perfect their pieces. They are hoping for a rating as close to a 1 (the highest possible rating on a scale of five) as possible.

"We practice every day." Baritone player, Adrian Ventura said. "We've been practicing since spring break. We're trying to get a better rating than last year."

Practice, to some, is the absolute key to making it to state Solo and Ensemble.

"We're practicing and trying to perfect all of our little mistakes. I don't expect a one, because that is like absolutely perfect, but maybe a two or a three. You just have to practice with your ensemble (to make it). If you don't put in enough hours, then don't have a very good chance."

Last year the same four baritone players, Toni Diaz, Autumn Martin, Andrea Castillo and Ventura got a 3 rating. However, for several of the young musicians, it is about more than the contest ratings.

"It is a really cool piece of music that we're playing," Trombone player, Ryan Graham said. "I really enjoy it. We practice about an hour after school and occasional in the morning."

Graham is in the brass ensemble. He is joined by trumpets, JD Clay, Meagan Montalvo, Morgan Maddox; Trombones, James Smith, Daniel Hammond; and drummer, Zach Garza.

"The title of our song is 'March for Timpani and Brass'." Montalvo said. "We've been practicing for two weeks. On the trip, the best part is going to Fiesta Texas. It's really great because it's kind of our last chance to hang out before school is out."

The baritone quartet will be playing a medley for their performance.

"We're playing three songs in one," Diaz said, "a slow, a fast and a medium. We will be practicing this whole week to get ready for Monday."

The tempos Diaz mentioned have been a focus of the ensemble's practice.

"We've been trying to get solid, where the tempos don't get messed up," Martin said. "Mr. Johns and Mr. Branch have been helping us. It's fun to be with the band; you know it is not going to get you in trouble. Ultimately doing this makes you a better player and it's cool to meet people from other schools that do the same things you do."

Other Events

The CHS Academic Awards Banquet was held at the civic center Tuesday night.

Students wishing to buy yearbooks for the '07-'08 school year can pre-order with Mrs. Brenda Hammond for $20. Those who do not pre-order will be charged more next year when the books are in.

Several CHS students including the jazz band helped out at the Run for the Wall program that was held downtown last Saturday. The jazz band played and other students helped serve lunch to veterans who attended.

Seniors will take their final exams this week in preparation for 'senior week' and graduation next week. "Senior Week' is a week when the senior class does community service and has a senior play day which is reminiscent of fifth grade play days.

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FOOTBALL AWARDS GIVEN at last Thursday's Sports Banquet were: (back row, l-r) J.C. Johnson, defensive MVP; Clint White, offensive MVP; Simon Reyna, outstanding receiver; Manuel Garza, outstanding defensive back; Matt Sowa, pit award; (front row) Ritchie Atkinson, KVMC Fighting Heart; Alfredo Ventura, outstanding offensive back; Mario Atkinson, KVMC Fighting Heart Award. Not pictured was Billy Gonzalez, *Colorado City Record* E Award and defensive MVP.



THESE STUDENTS RECEIVED baseball awards at last Thursday's Sports Banquet: (l-r) Jacob Martinez, Slugger Award; Nick Reyna, Golden Glove; and Clint White, MVP.



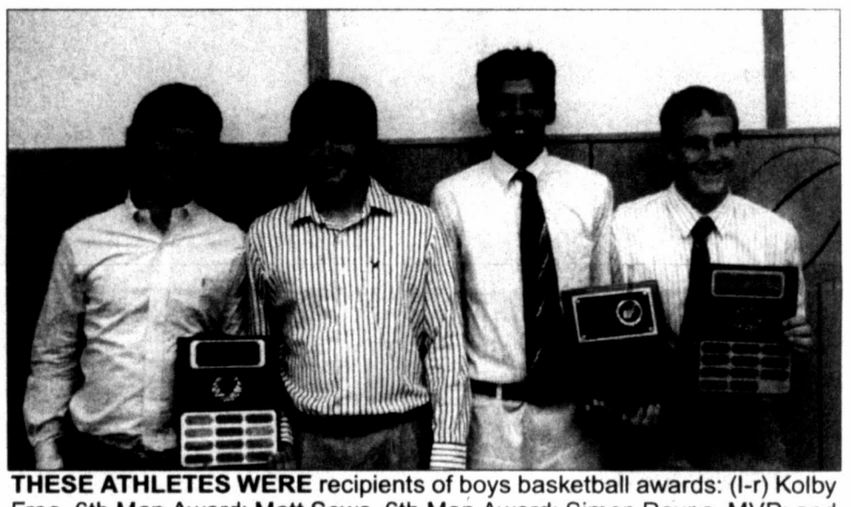
GIRLS BASKETBALL AWARD RECIPIENTS at the Sports Banquet were: Crystal Stewart, MVP; LaCresha Johnson, MVP; Le'Tesha McDuffie, defensive MVP.



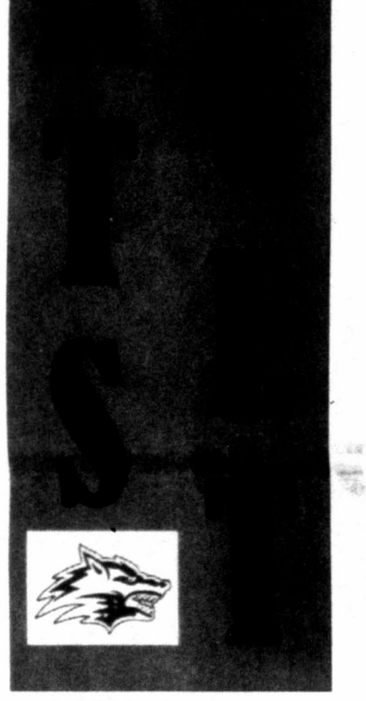
THESE STUDENTS RECEIVED tennis awards at last week's banquet: (l-r) Catherine Dolan, MVP; Matthew Wilson, Deuce Award; and Morgan Maddox, Smash Award. Not pictured was Ashton Raschke, Deuce Award.



VOLLEYBALL AWARDS GIVEN at the Sports Banquet were: Crystal Stewart, MVP; LaCresha Johnson, offensive award; Jessica Hernandez, offensive award; and Le'Tesha McDuffie, defensive award.



THESE ATHLETES WERE recipients of boys basketball awards: (l-r) Kolby Free, 6th Man Award; Matt Sowa, 6th Man Award; Simon Reyna, MVP; and Clint White, MVP and defensive award.



JONATHAN MILES, not pictured, was honored as the Top Hand during the Sports Banquet. Miles is a trainer for CHS sports.

Photos courtesy of Sylvia Reyna



LAUREN MUNOZ WAS chosen to receive the Spirit Award at the CHS Sports Banquet.



GOLF AWARDS GIVEN at the Sports Banquet went to: (l-r) Jordan Hammond, MVP; Nathan McCright, MVP; Zach Garza, Most Improved Boy; and Jade Cannon, Most Improved Girl.



CHS ATHLETES RECEIVING track awards at the Sports Banquet were: LaCresha Johnson, MVP; Janna Guerra, MVP; J.C. Johnson, MVP; and Ricky Davila, Cross Country MVP.



POWERLIFTING AWARD RECIPIENTS were: Alfredo Ventura, Outstanding Male and Krystal Pharis, Outstanding Female.



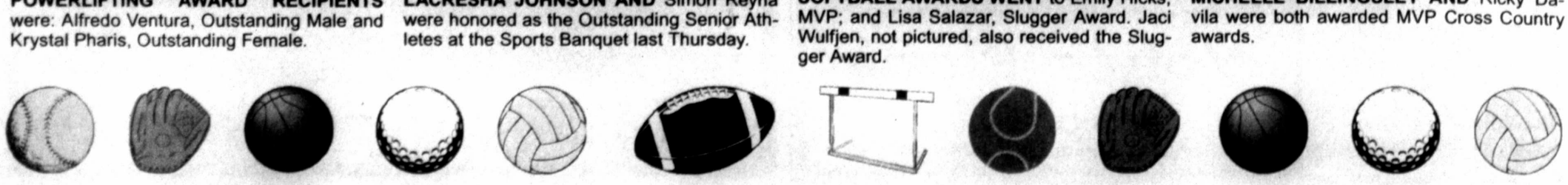
LACRESHA JOHNSON AND Simon Reyna were honored as the Outstanding Senior Athletes at the Sports Banquet last Thursday.



SOFTBALL AWARDS WENT to Emily Hicks, MVP; and Lisa Salazar, Slugger Award. Jaci Wulfjen, not pictured, also received the Slugger Award.



MICHELLE BILLINGSLEY AND Ricky Davila were both awarded MVP Cross Country awards.



SPORTS



STAYING IN SHAPE – Vincent Gaona's boxing group works hard, training for area boxing competitions. From left to right, local boxers are: Vince Gaona, Sr., coach; Vince Gaona, Vince Rivera, Joel Gaona and Ivan Rivera (in front).

Gaona takes first at meet

Fifteen year old Joel Gaona of Colorado City took first place at the West Texas Junior Olympics Boxing championship in Lubbock last Saturday. The competition was hosted by Lubbock's Optimist Boys and Girls Club.

Weight class winners earn berths in the Texas Junior Olympic state championships, to be held in Lubbock on May 23-25. State champions will advance to the national level.

Gaona is the son of Vince and Melissa Gaona of Colorado City and has been boxing for five years.

Gaona said winning the championship "feels good." Gaona plans to work hard and to train for next weekend when he will compete on the state level.

"Boxing keeps me in shape and out of trouble," he said.

Gaona, his brother, Vince and several other boys and girls train under the leadership of Gaona's grandfather, Vincent Gaona, and Ernest Aguilar at the Boys' Club.

Twelve year old Ivan Rivera also participated and finished "runner-up." "The competition was tough," he said, adding he would continue with "a little bit of conditioning."



BOXING CHAMP – Joel Gaona won first place in the West Texas Junior Olympics boxing championship at Lubbock last weekend.

Jesse Salazar, who didn't get to participate in last week's competition, has been boxing since he was little. "I didn't take it seriously until now," he said. The 16 year old will compete in the future.

Joel's brother, Vince, also finished "runner-up" and plans to work harder. "It keeps me out of trouble," he said.

Both boys and girls can participate in boxing, according to Gaona. "We have the same rules as school," he said. "If you don't pass, you can't work out or practice."

Fighting at school knocks a boxer out of training for a month. There is also a two strike rule, which permanently takes a student out of training.

Boxing practice is offered at the Boys' Club every day from 6:30 p.m. "until we finish," Gaona said.

The boxing group is sponsored by the Colorado City Mission.



ALL-STAR TEAM members for the 12 & Under age division of the Mitchell County Girls Softball league are: (back) Coach Vince Gaona, (middle row, l-r) Kenzy Morris, Shelby Cogburn, Destyne Gaona, Emily Franco, Huntyr Messick, Raegan Castabile, Heather Merket; (front) Ashley Maxwell, Taylor Griffith, Desiree Martinez, Kristine Gaona and Hope Sanchez. *(Photo courtesy of Sylvia Reyna.)*

Loraine adds 3 to Wall of Honor

By Carl Graham

As Loraine observes their homecoming this coming September, three new Loraine High School Wall of Honor recipients will be announced during halftime.

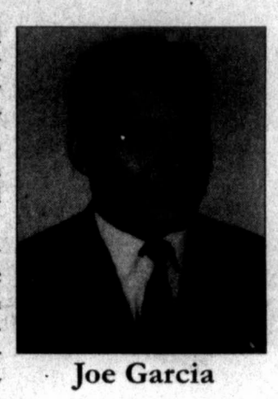
Among the three will be a former distinguished congressman, the youngest head coach to ever coach at Loraine, and in the state of Texas at the time, and the only LHS graduate to play in the Junior College National Championship game that was held in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena, California.

In the newly started "Lifetime Achievement" category, the late George Mahon, a 1918 graduate of Loraine will be enshrined along with W.F. "Chubby" James, Jr. who graduated as the class salutatorian in 1937 at the age of 17.

After four years of lettering at Abilene Christian College, James returned to Loraine at the age of 21 to become the head football and basketball coach. After a year of coaching, he entered the military in what was then known as the Army Air Corps. At the end of his four-year career, he had attained the rank of captain. He was recalled to active duty in 1951 to serve during the Korean Conflict. In 1967, he retired from active duty as a Lt. Colonel before going on to become a Civil Service Intelligence Specialist. He retired from the Civil Service in 1983 as a GS-12, Step 7.

The Honorable George Mahon held one of the most highly regarded committee positions when he was the head of the House Appropriations Committee. He was elected to the U.S. Congress in 1934 and served until his retirement in 1978. He returned to his home in Colorado City in 1984. Never forgetting he was raised on a cotton farm, Mahon returned to West Texas every year and picked 100 pounds of cotton. His funeral in Lubbock was attended by a large delegation from Washington D.C. and followed on to Loraine where he was interned.

Joe Garcia, along with Loraine farmer Stanley Moore, were both starters as freshmen on a Loraine football team that set a record though not a popular one. They held the record for the most points allowed during a season at 676. There were only 17 members that year, and no seniors came out for football. Bobby Dodds, who now lives in San Angelo, was a new coach just out of Howard Payne University.



Joe Garcia

By the time Garcia was a senior, he helped lead the team to a district championship win over Robert Lee. They took on Knox City in the bi-district round, losing to the Greyhounds on Thanksgiving Day of 1962. A member of the Greyhound football team was former state representative David Counts.

After Garcia left LHS, he attended Cameron State Junior College in Lawton, Oklahoma, which was ranked number one at the end of the season, along with Long Beach Junior College. Cameron State lost their bout with Long Beach after holding them close the first half. Garcia tore his ACL and eventually dropped out of school to enter the military, serving in Vietnam for a year. After the military, he returned to California to finish his college degree. He spent several years as an Operations Manager with a Fortune 500 company that had offshore drilling operations. He spend several years in Saudi Arabia and off the shores of Louisiana before coming back to Sweetwater a few years ago to be closer to his family.

"I feel very humble to be selected for this honor," said Garcia. "There have been so many great athletes to come through Loraine. We had a lot of great athletes the year we won district. Back then it was a lot harder to win district and only one team advanced. We always had a hard time in beating Robert Lee back then. I want to thank everyone who had a hand in my selection."

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MAY 29, 2008; 6:00 P.M.
COLORADO CITY CIVIC CENTER
157 W. 2ND ST.; COLORADO CITY, TEXAS 79512

The City Council of the City of Colorado City will be conducting a public hearing on May 29, 2008 concerning an amendment to the 1950 Zoning Ordinance, City Code/ Chapter 14 - Planning and Zoning, and Ordinance 2007-09 to Disallow Multicolored Electronic Changeable Message Light Emitting Diode (LED) Billboards in the City of Colorado City and the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ). Interested parties are encouraged to attend the meeting and to voice their opinion regarding this amendment. The recommendation of the Zoning Commission will also be considered on the Agenda for the City Council Meeting which is scheduled for May 29, 2008 at 6:00 P.M. at the City Civic Center, 157 West 2nd Street, Colorado City, Texas.

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Donna Madrid, City Secretary
City of Colorado City

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The Rodriguez, Wooddell, Barajas, Sturgis & Moreno families

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, 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, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Specifications can be obtained from the School Business Office, 1132 Hickory Street, Colorado City, Texas, or by calling (325)728-5312.

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Shelia Redwine
Business Manager
Colorado Independent School District

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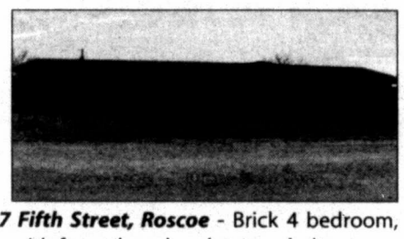
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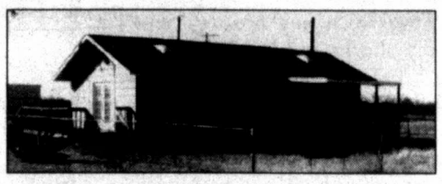
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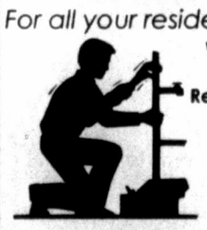
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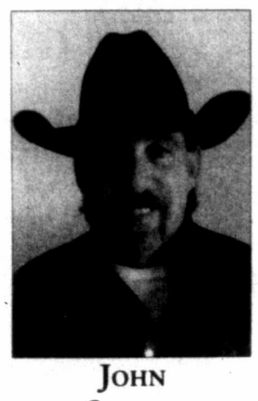
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LOCAL NEWS

Now is the time to protect against Pecan Nut Casebearer

By John Senter,
Mitchell CEA-Ag

One of the most potentially devastating insects for pecan enthusiasts is the Pecan Nut Casebearer, and it appears that now is the time to take action to scout your pecan trees and take action to control this pest if situations occur. Once again, a special word of thanks to Nutty Acres for establishing and monitoring our traps and catches. Now, the time has come to take action to protect pecans against this unwanted pest.



JOHN SENTER
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Casebearer moth catches in our traps have begun with the first moth captured about May 13th. Therefore, now is the time to scout your pecan trees and carefully examine the nutlets for eggs. If eggs are found, they will hatch about 7-10 days later and that would mean that nut entry would follow about 12-14 days later. Careful scouting is critical to properly time insecticide applications and prevent damage to the small nutlets and dramatic decreases in production.

Projected spray dates would be May 24-28 if eggs are present and hatching. Insecticide control choices are very limited for homeowners and would include either Carbaryl (Sevin), Bacillus thuringiensis (commonly known as Bt) or malathion.

Although we have seen a large number of untold different species of moths, it appears that some of these moths are the beginning of the Casebearer. Casebearer moths are only active at night when they mate and lay eggs on pecans. Each female is capable of laying from 50 to 150 eggs during her 5 to 8 day life.

The eggs, deposited on the nutlets, are greenish-white to white, changing to pink or red prior to hatch. The eggs hatch in 4 to 5 days, and the larvae crawl to nearby buds below the nuts to begin feeding. The empty egg shell is white and remains on the nut, which is a good indication of application timing.

The tiny larvae feed on the bud for a day or two, then enter the pecan nut, normally tunneling in at the base. Once inside the nut, the larvae are safe from insecticides, making control measures very ineffective. Larvae are olive green in color and reach a length of about ½ inch. They feed inside the nut for 3 to 4 weeks; easy to see why they can be so devastating on a pecan crop. Depending upon the temperatures, the full grown larvae pupate in the nut, and the adult moths emerge about 9 to 13 days later.

The Casebearer completes several generations each year. The generation we are approaching is the overwintered generation. Second generation moths begin egg lay usually in mid-summer about 42 days after nut entry by the first generation. This round of moths lay their second generation eggs in grooves on the tips or bases of nuts or on buds. The third generation moths normally lay their eggs from July to early September. These larvae feed only on shucks if the pecan shells have hardened to prevent penetration into the kernel. Many third generation larvae do not feed but crawl to the base of a dormant bud and build a tough, silk-like cocoon to spend the winter in and prepare for a first generation emergence the following spring.

To properly control first generation insects, carefully examine nutlets for eggs and apply insecticides 2 to 3 days after the first eggs hatch. If properly timed, often a single application of insecticide provides adequate control for first generation Casebearer. A second application may be required if unhatched eggs are found 7 to 10 days after the first application.

While making insecticide applications, you could also consider an application of fertilizer, which would be very timely now. Generally, 1 to 1 ½ pounds of actual nitrogen per one inch of trunk diameter is satisfactory. Make certain to apply this fertilizer in the drip line of the tree, not by the trunk, and water in well.

Hopefully, this information and background will allow you to monitor your trees, protect your pecans and keep your sights set on that ever-popular pecan pie during the holidays. One final note: references to products or trade names is for informational purposes only and is not intended as an endorsement by Texas Agrilife Extension Service. As always, if we can answer questions, do not hesitate to call our office at 728-3111.

CMS health and fitness fair slated for May 23

"Move to Live, Live to Move" is the theme for the Health and Fitness Day scheduled at Colorado Middle School Friday, May 23.

The day's activities begin at 9:00 a.m. and feature guest speaker Kendra Anderson Hassell from Ft. Worth, according to Emily Strain, CMS counselor.

Hassell, a CHS graduate made All American and was named NCAA Woman Athlete of the Year in Texas for all Classifications at Hardin-Simmons. She played in 8 national championships at Hardin-Simmon, coached High School sports in Forney, Texas and was assistant coach at Oklahoma State University.

Hassell will speak on "Lifetime Fitness."

Several speakers from the area will serve as rotational speakers during the breakout sessions, geared to education students and adults about the benefits of physical fitness.

Mary Smith, Colorado City, will cover Careers in the Health Field; Nieka Porter, from Snyder, will discuss gymnastics and Georganne Conway will talk about being a nutritionist.

Porter leads competitive Cheer Star programs, which compete statewide.

Former Colorado City graduate Eric Winn, who currently lives in Copperas Cove, will represent the military and discuss Army Fitness Training. Winn will be deployed to Afghanistan shortly.

Other participants include Richard Arthur, Fitness Training/Cycling; Susan Anderson, Physical Education; personal trainers Cliff Shiller and Jamie Alvarez; Physical Therapy and CMS head baseball coach, Brent Paris, Physical Fitness Training and Nutrition.

Mitchell County EMS personnel Jason Castillo and Shane Terry will be on hand to speak about the EMT and duties of being a Helicopter Nurse.

An Air Evac helicopter will be available, providing an opportunity for students to study the onboard equipment first hand.

Ciana Merrell, from Amarillo, will be conducting Physical Fitness Assessments for all the students.

The afternoon guest speaker will be Larry Fields, a martial arts instructor from Abilene. Fields will demonstrate brick breaking in the gym from 1 to 2 p.m.

"Everything is open to the public," Strain said. "Students will be assigned to breakout sessions, but the public has the opportunity to choose those they're interested in."

"At 2:20 p.m. we'll have the 5K walk/run with an optional 1 mile walk/run for those who don't want to do the longer run," she said.

Strain said the entire CMS staff, teachers and student body will be participating in the walk/run and that the public is invited to join in.

LORAINE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn
Loraine Correspondent

Elnora Mitchell attended the First Baptist Church last Sunday and all her children were there with her. Judy Macha of Lockney provided special music Sunday. She sang a Vern Jackson selection entitled "Higher Than I've Ever Been" and was accompanied by her brother, Henry Mitchell, on guitar. Also present were Herman and Penny Mitchell of Loraine and Sonja Miles of Colorado City.

The entire family ate lunch after at Elnora's home with her. They all had a great time together.

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We send a belated condolences to Connie Rodriguez and her family. Our prayers and well wishes go out to her.

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Sunday I received a call from my traveling sister-in-law, Dottie Vaughn of Irving. I prepared to hear a long narrative about her travels; who went with her, where they went and what they dined on.

I was so wrong because right away she let me know she was in a hospital. She's had a lot of problems breathing well. She will have surgery on her heart valve in two or three days.

Of course I will call and check on her later. Then I will send her a get well card and sign it... Love, Me and Robert Lee.

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Kristian and Tylor Knowlton of Abilene, along with granddaughter, Taryn, who is three weeks old, attended the Methodist Church last Sunday. They visited with Kristian's parents, George and Brenda Martin of Loraine who are great-grandparents.

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Joan Long's nanny goats are all having kids. The last two kids born were girls and their names are Molly and Polly. One nanny had two boys last week. Their names are Chester and Lester.

Another nanny had two kids, but one was rather frail and weak. Helen and Hershall Williams adopted it. They want to care for it, give it lots of TLC since they aren't in the dog business anymore. Maybe they needed something to nurture.

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Guests in the home of Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams last week were a cousin and his wife, Robert and Georgia Boyse of Abilene. They had a good visit and discussed a Compton Reunion in the near future.

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Bro. Dale and Helen Hartley attended the wedding of a granddaughter and the graduation of another grandchild last weekend. The attending pastor Sunday was Bro. Bob and Peggy Manning.

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Roland Graham provided special music at the Methodist Church Sunday morning. He sang "Reach Out to Jesus" and Bro. Kiefer Cauble accompanied him on piano.

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We are pleased to know that Billie Sheffield is feeling some better and was seen out and about this past weekend. Continued better health to her.

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Last Monday, the Senior Citizens honored the senior class by serving them a nice lunch. David Woods gave an inspirational message to them.

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Last Wednesday, Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams, Charles Dunn and Dale Hartley provided music for the center.

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On Friday, there was visitation and Randy Phillips came with his parents, A.W. and Louise Phillips, Eli Reyes, Charles Summers of Roscoe.

We were glad to have Betty and Delmas Bowlin eat lunch at the center Friday.

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The Loraine Senior Citizens had a wonderful turn out for their hamburger fundraiser Saturday night.

Thank you very much, Bill Crockett of First Bank of West Texas for providing the meat and all other things that were donated toward the meal.

We also thank the musicians: Shady and Debbie Mitchell, Curtis Rodgers, Jeff Wooddell, Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams, Charles Dunn and Henry Mitchell.

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Joan Long reported that the Loraine Exes Association had a meeting last week about scholarships.

Three students applied for scholarships and they were awarded to Henry Esquivel, Whitney and Lindsey Martin. Congratulations to them. Plans for school homecoming this year is set for September 19 and 20, 2008.

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Seniors having birthdays in May are Christene Britton, George Lee, Wayne DuBose, Francis Godwin, D.C. Fowler, June Barron, Inez Stewart and Tom Underwood.

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This past week on Thursday, May 15, a birthday party was given to help George Lee Sr. celebrate his birthday. His birthday was actually on Wednesday, May 14, but we had such a bad cloud here in Loraine that his family put it off until Thursday.

Attending the get-together were Alma and D.M. Smith, Donna and Tim from New Mexico, George Sr., George Jr. and Faye Lee. They had a nice meal at Mi Ranchito and enjoyed the celebration.

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Bobbie Richardson is scheduled to be at the senior center on Friday, May 23.

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On Memorial Day, Monday, May 26, the Senior Center will be open.

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May 28th is birthday lunch. Debbie Mitchell will provide music.

Three Loraine seniors awarded scholarships

By Carl Graham

Three future Loraine graduates were awarded scholarship money from the Loraine Ex-Students Association and from the Lloyd and Margaret Brame Scholarship Fund last Saturday when the members of the Ex-Students Association Committee met at the Senior Citizens Building in Loraine.

Kenny Esquivel received the Brame Scholarship, and it will be good for $500 per semester to go towards books and tuition. Esquivel will be graduating on May 30th as the class Valedictorian which will also give him scholarship money. He plans to attend Angelo State University in San Angelo and plans on majoring in physical therapy.

Receiving the alumni scholarships were twin sisters, Lindsey and Whitney Martin. Lindsey will be attending the University of Texas Permian Basin (UTPB), while her sister will be headed to Tarleton State University in Stephenville on an agriculture scholarship established by Joan Long. She plans on one day becoming an ag teacher. Their scholarship money of $500 per semester will go towards their books and lab fees as their tuition will be underwritten by the military.

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Specializing in baking, catering, parties and special events.
Menu for the week of May 19 - May 22

Mon, May 26	CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY
Tues., May 27	Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad and a Hot Roll
Wed., May 28	Stuffed Pork Chops, Corn Casserole, Broccoli Blend, Salad, Hot Roll
Thurs., May 29	OUR LAST DAY OPEN! Chicken Spaghetti, Corn, Salad, French Bread

HOT LUNCH SPECIALS, $6.25
+ tax (includes tea)
Catering is our specialty -- large or small -- give us a call! We can take care of all your catering needs!
We will be closing for the summer this year, as always. May 29 will be our last day open for awhile, but we will be available for catering or special events as needed. Call us here at 728-9009 and leave a message or call me at home at 728-9158 or on my cell at 242-1272. Have a great summer.