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Answerline

Q. Will there be a High Plains Jr. Rodeo this year?

A. Yes, according to Charles Rice, the Jr. Rodeo will be held Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, June 12, 13, and 14th!

Briefly

C- City Swimming Pool
The Colorado City Swimming Pool will be opening May 31, 2003. Hours will be Monday through Saturday from 12:00 to 5:00. Cost will be $1.50 per person. Ages 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Praise and Worship Service
Praise and Worship service will begin at First United Methodist Church on Sunday nights beginning May 25, 2003. Services will be held in the Fellowship Hall at 7:00 pm.

Early Release, No School
Loraine ISD will have an early dismissal on Thursday, May 15, 2003, at 1:15 p.m. Also, there will be no school on Friday, May 16, 2003, due to the use of a bad weather day.

Youth Car Wash
Oak Street Baptist Youth will be having a car wash Saturday, May 24 from 9 am til 1 pm at the First National Bank parking lot.

Amatuer Paintball Games
Amatuer speedball paintball games will be held May 17 beginning at 8 a.m. at FM 3525. The games will be held in a 10 team round robin format limited to the first 10 teams to sign up. All proceeds to benefit the Christian Temple Youth Group. For more info call 728-3041, 728-2282 or 728-2393.

Youth Garage Sale
The youth at New Life Bible Ministries will be having a garage sale/bake sale on Friday, May 16, 2003, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Saturday, May 17, 2003, from 8:00AM to 12:00 PM to help raise funds for summer camp. It will be held at Walker Electric across from the 2nd street Skinny's.

Breakfast/Luncheon Benefit
Knights of Columbus will hold a benefit breakfast/luncheon for Tony (Stone) Rivera, to help with hospital bills. The luncheon will be held on Sunday, May 18, 2003, at St. Ann's Church Hall between the hours of 9:00 AM and 1:00 PM. The meal will include hamburgers, brisket burritos, and sausage on a stick. Everyone is invited.

Deaths

Bassinger, Roming, Snider, Bradbury, Free, Cox, Olson, McAdams, Johnson, Boyd

Around Town

Happy Birthday **Marissa Robinson (May 14)**...Congratulations to **Jeremy and Jincy Ross** and **Emily Strain** on receiving their Master's Degrees from Angelo State!...Happy Birthday **Iris Vasquez** (May 18)...Happy 13th Birthday **Simon Reyna** (May 18)...Congratulations **Hollis Gainey**...**Janine Lemons** starting a fire...**Randy Anderson** enjoying a Krispy Kreme Do-Nut...**Good Luck Wolves!!!**... Happy birthday **Ann Marie Morrison** (May 18)...

Lake Levels

Lake Colorado City.....2058.27
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Down 12.03'
Lake Champion.....2029.51
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Down 53.49'
Levels courtesy of the United States Geological Service, as of 1 p.m. Tuesday, Apr. 17, 2003

Shutt's resignation approved by council

Steve Shutt will end his tenure as city manager Nov. 30, 2003.

The City Council accepted Shutt's retirement resignation during its Tuesday, May 13, meeting.

Mayor Bob Reily, Mayor Pro Tem Sammy Contreras and council members Verta Hardegree, Blaine Lemons, Bob McNeal and Brigada Hiser went into excecutive session with Shutt to discuss his plans.

Following the session, they voted to accept Shutt's letter of retirement resignation, effective Nov. 30.

They also discussed the conditions of Shutt's remaining months of employment with the city.

The council approved a motion to where Shutt would be available to the public and city officials two to three hours in the morning and two to three hours in the afternoon.

Shutt's definite office hours still have to be set. He has served as city manager for nine years.

Until his retirement in November, an "at will" contract Shutt signed with the city in 1994 remains in effect. There is no other contract.

The 1994 contract was found in late March after Shutt had requested a new contract with the city.

New contract talks were scheduled to be discussed at the council's March meeting, but Shutt later dropped the item from the agenda and agreed to stay with the 1994 contract.

Reily said Shutt submitted his letter of resignation to the council's personnel committee Tuesday, May 6.

"The personnel committee discussed it, and tonight the council agreed to accept it," Reily said. "In another motion, he will be at the office two or three hours in the morning and two or three hours in the afternoon. Those hours are not set yet, but they will be, so citizens and council members know what time they can reach him if they need to see him."

Shutt said his remaining months as city manager will allow him to finish projects he has started.

"I am looking forward to retirement," Shutt said. "I have

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Congressman Charlie Stenholm (Far Left) poses with (L - R) Mayor Bob Reily, Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame inductee Hollis Gainey and Gainey's son, Coach Dan Gainey. Reily was Gainey's track coach at Colorado High School in 1954 when Gainey won state in the 100 and 220 yard dashes.

Inmate found dead in Mitchell Co. Jail

The Mitchell County Sheriff's Department is awaiting autopsy results in the death of a jail inmate found hanging in his cell.

Benito Garza Benavidez, 37, of Snyder, was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Kay Richmond, who ordered an autopsy into the exact cause of death.

Texas Ranger John Billings of Snyder also will conduct an investigation into the hanging.

Sheriff Patrick Toombs said Benavidez used a bedsheet to hang himself in a holding cell.

Toombs said Benavidez was arrested by Colorado City Police Officer Richard Perez shortly after 8 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Ruddick Park and charged with public intoxication.

Benavidez was booked into Mitchell County Jail and placed in the holding cell by himself at 8:40 p.m. with a blanket and bedsheet.

Toombs said Benavidez had been seen on the office's monitor at 8:50. At 9 p.m., Benavidez was not in view of the monitor.

The jail trusty was called to check on Benavidez in the second-floor cell shortly after 9 p.m. when he was found hanging.

"There was 10 to 13 minutes there when he hung himself," Toombs said.

Mitchell County EMS took Benavidez to the Mitchell County Hospital where he was pronounced dead.

The body was taken to the Southwest Forensic Institute in Dallas for the autopsy.

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Gainey inducted into Hall of Fame

By Carl Graham

Abilene -- For the second year in a row, a former Colorado Wolf, has been selected to be inducted into the TSTC Big Country Athletic Hall of Fame.

At last year's inaugural induction former Wolf and All-Pro football player Don Maynard of El Paso was a member of the elite group.

This year another former Wolf athlete and good friend of Maynard's, Hollis Gainey, was among the six inducted during a banquet Monday night, May 12, at the Fairway Oaks Country Club in Abilene.

Gainey, a retired teacher and coach, was an all-state running back at Colorado City in 1954 and is a member of the Texas High School Football Hall of Fame.

However, Gainey made his mark in his track abilities. He won the 100- and 220-yard dashes at the state high school track meet in 1954 and 1955. He also ran on relay teams at the University of Texas at Austin, setting three world records in the process.

Gainey was inducted along with the late Clyde "Bulldog" Turner, a 1936 graduate of Sweetwater who attended school with another selection from last year, Sammy Baugh.

Turner passed away a few

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Dryness delays planting cotton

Mitchell County cotton farmers may face some serious issues if rain is not received during the next two weeks to allow them to plant cotton seeds.

John Senter, county extension agent-agriculture, said, "It is too dry for cotton this time of year.

"The moisture level is very, very low. Producers are facing serious issues if it doesn't rain in the next two weeks.

"It is critcally dry, especially in terms of getting a cotton crop planted and getting it established."

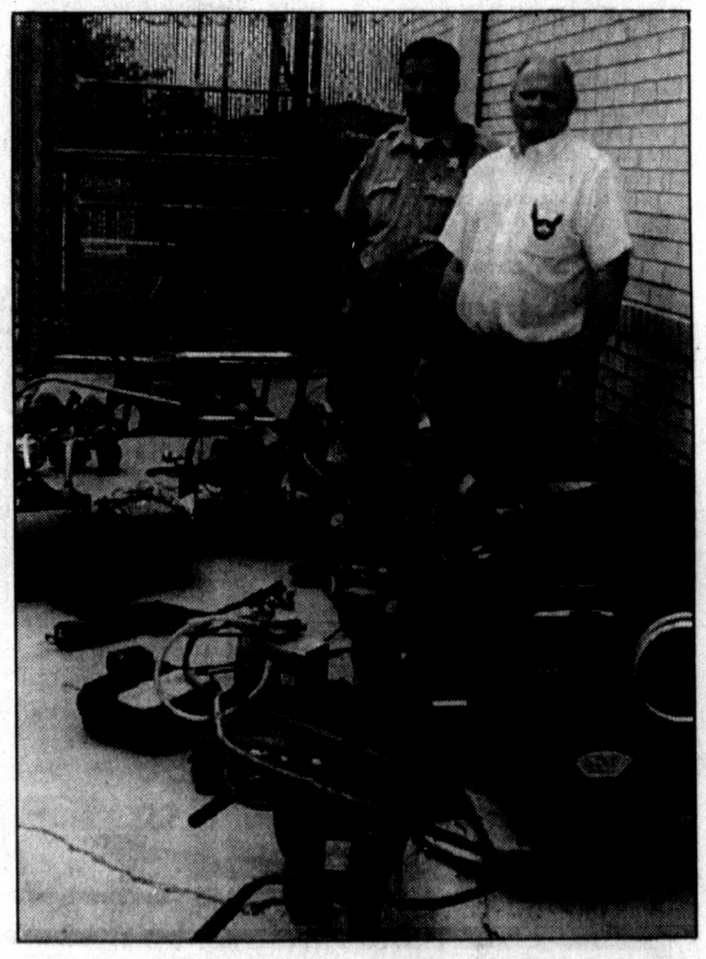
With Mitchell County receiving less than 2 inches of rain in April, Senter said, "The bottom line is that if it doesn't rain in two weeks we have trouble. It is too dry to plant."

Senter said a normal planting season runs from early to mid-May.

"That is an ideal time to start planting," he said, "and that would give us a growing season until about the first two weeks in November which is normally the first frost date."

Senter said a lack of rainfall in April is delaying planting because there is not sufficient moisture in the soil to help develop a root system and benefit a young cotton plant.

"You can't make it work without a good, general rainfall to wet the soil profile from top to bottom," Senter said. "We should have had something like 5 to 7 inches of rain so far."



AT LEAST 49 DIFFERENT items stolen over the past three months in Mitchell and Nolan counties have been recovered by the Mitchell County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff Patrick Toombs, right, said Chief Deputy Mike Redwine, left, and Deputy Darrell Campbell, not pictured, cracked a burglary-theft ring, solving at least six cases in the two counties.

Three projects head list at hospital

Linda Mize has been given a June 14 move-in time when equipment can be transferred to the new Mitchell County Hospital, but three main projects remain before that can happen.

Mize, the hospital's interim administrator, said, "We're still looking at a June 14 date when we will be able to move, but several things need to happen before we can move."

Mize said curbing, sidewalks and parking lot work remains.

"The helipad still has to be poured," she said. "There is a lot that still has to be done."

Raymond Chaisson, the project's general superintendent for Cooper Construction Co., said the hospital is 90 percent complete.

The Odessa-based company started construction May 2001.

Chaisson said when the project is substantially completed, "the owners can start moving in equipment and get ready for operation.

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Group to evaluate program at CMS

A five-member team from Austin will evaluate Colorado Middle School's Real History-Real Heroes program Wednesday, May 14, at the school.

The evaluation is part of the school seeking another three-year grant totaling $150,000 through the Community-Higher Education-School Partnerships Grant Program.

Through the Real History-Real Heroes program, CMS students document Mitchell County residents who have served and those are currently serving in the U.S. armed forces.

CMS Principal Mark Merrell said members of Academic Information Management will spend the entire day at the school and visit with administrators, teachers and a group of students.

The group also will meet

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County breaks theft ring

The Mitchell County Sheriff's Department has broken a burglary-theft ring and cleared at least six cases involving four law enforcement agencies in Mitchell and Nolan counties.

Mitchell County Sheriff Patrick Toombs said Chief Deputy Mike Redwine and Deputy Darrell Campbell started recovering items Thursday, May 8, that had been stolen over a three-month period.

Additional items were recoved Friday, May 9, and Sunday, May 11.

Toombs said two of the suspects in the case are currently in Mitchell County Jail on unrelated charges.

He said there is a third suspect in the case which is still under investigation.

No charges are expected to be filed until the case is presented to the Mitchell County Grand Jury on Thursday, May

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KEVIN DUMAS, (center), a former resident of San Angelo, joined the Colorado City Police Department, Monday, May 5. He is a graduate of the Odessa College Police Academy. Police Chief Patrick Taylor (left) said the addition of Dumas brings the department's staff to full force. Pete Torres, (right), a six-year member of the department, is the lead investigator.

Addition of new officer brings police department to full force

A former resident of San Angelo is the newest member of the Colorado City Police Department.

Kevin Dumas, 31, a November 2002 graduate of the Odessa College Police Academy, started his new duties Monday, May 5.

Police Chief Patrick Taylor said the addition of Dumas brings the Colorado City staff to full force.

Dumas, a Cincinnati, Ohio, native, joins police officers Pete Torres, Jeff Mitchell, Richard Perez, Daniel Heine and Tom Taylor.

Patrick Taylor has been a member of the department for 21 years; Torres, six years; Mitchell and Perez, both a year; and Heine and Tom Taylor, less than one year.

Dumas worked at the Midland County Juvenile Detention Center while attending night classes at Odessa College for almost 11 months.

Dumas said entering law enforcement is "something I always wanted to do. I never had the time and money to do at the time."

He worked at the Dallas County Jail for four years and worked at the Midland juvenile center for seven years.

Dumas, a graduate of Lakeview High School in San Angelo, said becoming a hostage negotiator is in his long-term plans.

While Colorado City is his first law enforcement job, Dumas said, "I didn't want to start out anywhere big, especially first coming out of the academy.

"In a smaller community you can get more experience. You're exposed to just about everything. You pretty much work your own cases and follow up on your cases.

"In a bigger department, you have the different divisions, such as traffic, street, juvenile investigators. Here, you do a little bit of everything."

When it comes to safe driving, Dumas said wearing seat belts and following traffic signs, such as stop signs, is important.

"Our job is to help people. I think they have a misconception about enforcement. We're just trying to help people out and not by telling someone you can't do this or you can't do that.

"But to give advice how you can do things better and protect yourself."

By not making a full stop at a stop sign, Dumas said a motorist "never knows when a kid might run out in front of you. Or, there is a blind spot where you can't see an oncoming car.

"I think it is important to buckle up and pay attention to the signs. I think a majority of the people in town wear seat belts."

Dumas learned the value of a seat belt in 1999 when he was a passenger in a vehicle. The driver fell asleep near Big Spring and the vehicle struck a concrete pillar.

"I was literally on the ceiling trying to pull myself down and I had a seat belt on," Dumas said. "I think that if we didn't have our seat belts on ... we were lucky.

"I was just thinking about what would have happened if we didn't have our safety belts on. That made me a firm believer."

BRIEFLY

Westbrook Cemetery Assn. There will be a meeting of the Westbrook Cemetery Association at the Golden Age Club at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 26, 2003. Everyone is encouraged to bring a covered dish.

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The value of the items stolen ranges from $5,000 to $10,000.

Toombs said cracking the burglary-theft ring solved at least six cases for the Colorado City and Sweetwater police departments and the Mitchell County and Nolan County Sheriff's Departments.

Those cases were reported over the last three months.

Redwine said 49 different items have been recovered from eight locations, and additional items are at a ninth location in Arlington.

Toombs said the suspects had sold the majority of the items, and they have been retrieved from the buyers.

He said when the case is taken to the grand jury the county will try to seek restitution from the suspects and return the money to the buyers.

In addition to Arlington, most of the items were found in Loraine and some in Colorado City.

Some items were found at a suspect's residence, but most had been sold.

Items stolen included several portable air compressors, hand tools, electric hand tools, chop saws, oil, law mowers and weed eaters.

"Some of the items they were getting out of yards, pick up trucks, backyards, barns and shops," Toombs said. "They might see something while driving around and pick it up. These items were taken during broad daylight and some at night."

Toombs said they received information about the burglaries and thefts from one of the suspects arrested on a different charge.

"We received some information about him and other suspects about them possibly doing some burglaries and thefts," Toombs said. "We didn't know that it was to this extent.

"We knew they were involved in a couple of burglaries, but we didn't know it was this big. We recovered an item that had been stolen out of a car and that led us to some of the other things that were stolen."

Toombs said the burglary-theft ring is the largest "we have cleared I know of since 1990 when two guys were working out of Big Spring. Just in our county alone we cleared 16 burglaries."

Toombs said the stolen items will be returned to the owners as long as they can identify that it is their property.

Redwine said "there may be some items out there that haven't been reported stolen, and that these guys admitted to taking.

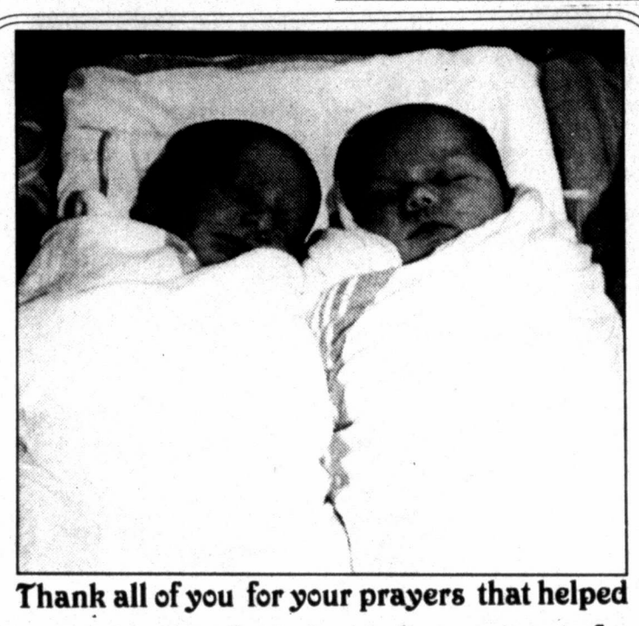
"We may have to hunt down some of the owners. These guys stole so much they can't remember where some of it came from.

"Most of the cases were reported. It's just that on some of the items we have recovered we don't have complainants. These guys admitted to taking items, but they can't remember where they got it."

Toombs said, "The suspects may know an area where items were taken, but not the exact location. To get this much stuff back at one time is pretty good. They did a good job on that."

Puzzle Solution





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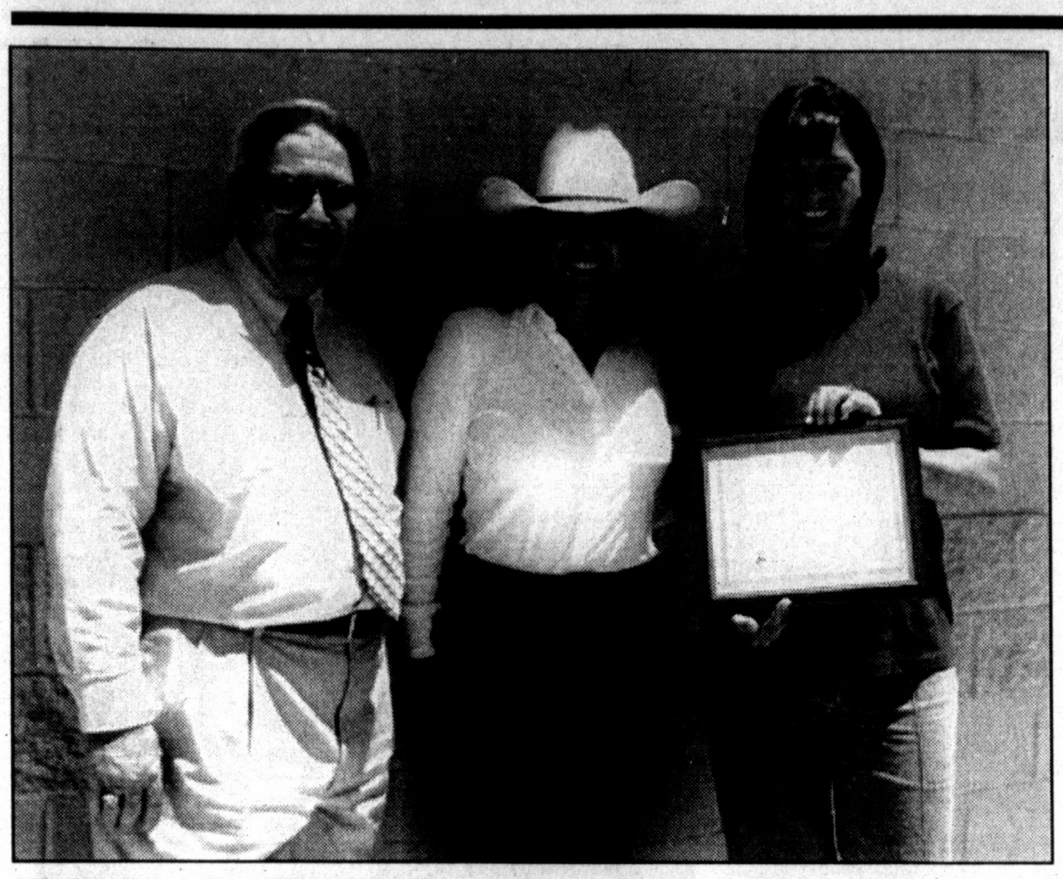
A Public Hearing will be held before the City Council, during its regular session, on the 10th of June, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. at the C.C. Thompson Room, 228 Elm, Colorado City, Texas.

The Public Hearing will be held to consider the following request for a variance: A variance for Block 95, N 93.33' of Lots 4-6 in OT for a carport to remain in its current location. The request was made by Johnnie Coulon of 143 W. 9th, Colorado City, Texas on May 6th, 2003.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Elizabeth Turner, City Secretary
Dated: May 6, 2003

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CHARMAINE DELMATIER, CENTER, state botanist for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Austin, presents Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo and Mitchell County Economic Development Board Director Windi Fuller with a certificate, recognizing Mitchell County's efforts to help preserve the endangered Texas Poppy Mallow by planting it at the county's sports complex because of the rare soil type located along the Colorado River. Mitchell County received state and federal grants to help construct the complex. The Poppy Mallow, which grows up to a foot tall, is only located in Mitchell, Coke and Runnels counties. Fuller said the rare soil is located in only six parts of Mitchell County.

County's rebate also down...

City's tax rebate shows slight decrease from 2002 figures

Colorado City's sales tax rebate for May 2003 showed a slight decrease over the same rebate period in 2002.

Sales tax rebates for Mitchell County and the city of Westbrook were down and Loraine showed an increase from a year ago.

Colorado City's sales tax payment of $41,528.47 is down 17.96 percent from May 2002.

To date in 2003, the city has received $169,773.83 compared to $176,241.29 in sales tax rebates at the same time in 2002.

Overall, Mitchell County and the cities of Colorado City, Loraine and Westbrook received $43,506.01 in rebates, reflecting a slight decrease of 17.88 percent over May 2002.

For May 2003, Mitchell County received $13,347.79, a decline of 27.32 percent from the last pay period.

Loraine's sales tax payment of $1,526.57 was up 8.03 percent for May compared to the payment in 2002.

Westbrook's sales tax payment was $450.97, a decline of 52.11 percent compared to the payment in May 2002.

May's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in March by monthly sales tax filers and in January, February and March by quarterly sales tax filers, and reported to the Comptroller in April.

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COUNTY SALES AND USE TAX COMPARISON SUMMARY - MAY 2003

	Current Rate	Net Pmt. This Period	Comparable Pmt. Prior Year	% Change To Date	2003 Pmts. To Date	2002 Payments	% Change
Mitchell Co.	0.500%	$13,347.79	$18,367.66	-27.32%	$ 66,520.85	$ 71,640.13	-7.14%
Colorado City	1.500%	$41,528.47	$50,625.91	-17.96%	$169,773.83	$176,241.29	-3.66%
Loraine	1.000%	$ 1,526.57	$ 1,412.99	8.03%	$ 3,204.97	$ 3,425.23	-6.43%
Westbrook	1.000%	$ 450.97	$ 941.70	-52.11%	$ 2,142.05	$ 5,105.50	-58.04%
County Total		$43,506.01	$52,980.60	-17.88%	$175,120.85	$184,772.02	-5.22%

Health fair set in Colorado City

Texas Cooperative Extension; Mitchell County FCS-Committee; Mitchell County EEA Council & Mitchell County Commissioners Court are pleased to offer a Spring Health Fair in cooperation with UMC Health Source of Lubbock. This event will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2003, beginning at 8 am at the C.C. Thompson Room. The screenings will begin promptly at 8 am on a first come, first serve basis.

The following screenings will be offered:

1. Basic Wellness I: Lipid Profile + Glucose, $30.
2. Basic Wellness II: Comprehensive Metabolic Panel (includes glucose) + Lipid Profile, $45.
3. Cardiovascular Risk Profile: Homocysteine + C-Reactive Protein + Lipid Profile, $85.
4. Women's Comprehensive Wellness: Cardiovascular Risk Profile + Comprehensive Metabolic Panel + CA-125, $140.
5. Men's Comprehensive Wellness: Cardiovascular Risk Profile + Comprehensive Metabolic Panel + PSA, $130.

Individual Lab Tests:

1. CBC (Complete Blood Count), $20.
2. Homocysteine, $40.
3. CA-125: ovarian cancer screening (women only), $35.
4. PSA: prostate screening (men only),$20.
5. Iron, $10.
6. TSH (Thyroid),$60.

Here is a brief description of some of the newest screenings to be offered and UMC will also offer Bone Density Screening for $15 and Flu Shots for $15.

- Comprehensive Metabolic Panel: Liver enzymes, kidney function, electrolyes, glucose.
- Lipid Profile: Total cholesterol, HDL, LDL, VLDL, Triglycerides, Ratio.
- Homocysteine: High levels of Homocysteine may promote plaque build up in the blood vessels that may, over time, lead to serious cardiovascular problems.
- C-Reactive Protein: Elevated levels of C-Reactive Protein can indicate inflammation in the body. This inflammation may indicate factors which could lead to heart attack.
- CA-125: Levels of CA-125 often increase when cancer of the ovaries is present.

To schedule any of these screenings please call Texas Cooperative Extension, Mitchell County at 728-3111.



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County OKs Westbrook funds

Mitchell County Commissioners Court approved funds for the Westbrook Volunteer Fire Department to purchase equipment for a fire truck during its Monday, May 12, meeting.

Commissioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston also heard a presentation on a Texas Department of Transportation railroad underpass proposal in Loraine.

Stacie Goswick, representing the Westbrook department, said the U.S. Forest Service provided the department with a 2 1/2-ton military vehicle that will be converted into a fire truck.

Goswick said the truck will be a new addition to the department's firefighting equipment.

Commissioners Court approved $5,275 for Westbrook to purchase a water pump, light bar and radio.

A water tank is under construction for the truck.

Goswick said the pump will cost an estimated $4,475 and the light bar and radio will each cost an estimated $400.

She said the project must be completed in 90 days.

Roy Dill, area engineer at TxDOT's Big Spring area office, said the three options he outlined to the commissioners will be aired during an upcoming public hearing in Loraine.

The area includes the Union Pacific Railroad bridge in Loraine off Business I-20.

Commissioners favored the No. 1 option which provides a new underpass at an estimated cost of $3.3 million.

Dill said the option includes building a new railroad underpass to the north side of the existing underpass.

An estimated 3,400 feet of railroad reconstruction is involved, including embankment and raising the track 5 feet.

Dill said the project could be constructed in phases without the need to build a temporary track.

Dill said 4.5 acres of new right of way would be required; existing alignment would be altered slightly; and the project would increase bridge clearance.

"We also want to flatten out the curve in there," Dill said. "The bridge is old and needs replacement. Also at that location the site distance is not good because of the curve.

"Since we will be replacing the bridge we want to look at those issues at the same time and come up with a design that meets our current standards."

Commissioners also approved leasing seven lots in Loraine to Colorado Bridge Co. for $125 a month for six months.

The company will use the site while construction work is under way on Farm-to-Market Road 644 at Loraine.

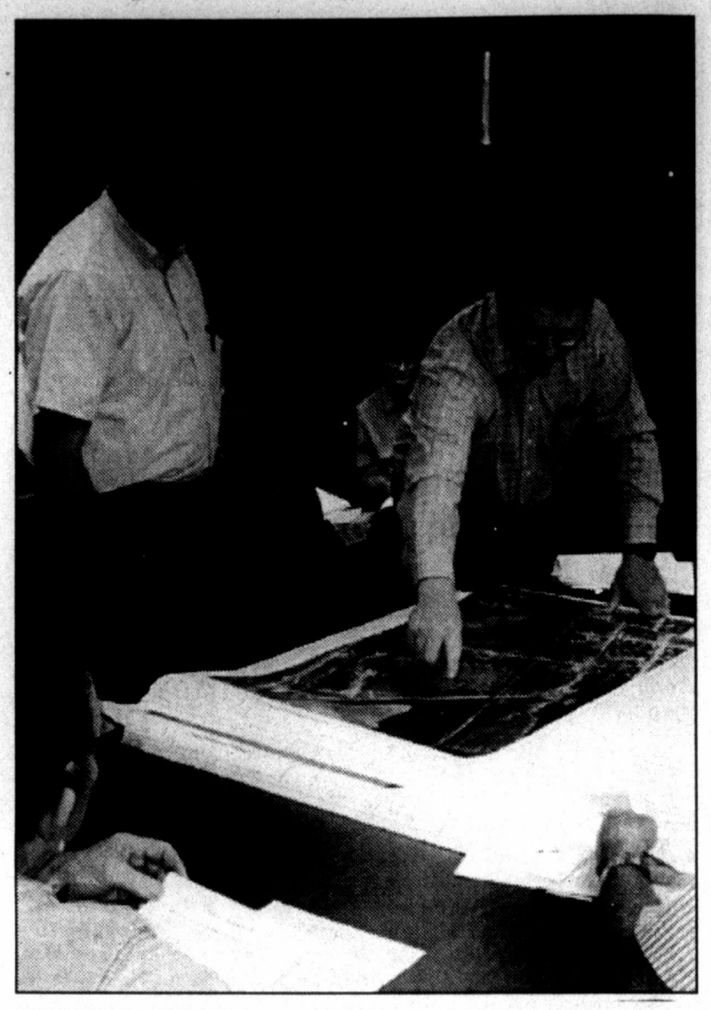
Dill said TxDOT and Reese Albert Construction of San Angelo will hold a pre-constructon meeting on the FM 644 project Thursday, May 15.

Reese Albert is expected to start building the detours Monday, May 19. The project includes work on bridges and roadways.

Dill said Price Construction of Big Spring has not contacted his office concerning any start date on the street project in Colorado City.

The court also approved two bids on tax sale property.

They accepted a $500 bid from Andrew Jones and a $1,500 bid from Jesse Limones Jr. on separate properties in Loraine.



ROY DILL, RIGHT, area engineer at the Texas Department of Transportation's Big Spring area office, and Tommy Jones, Abilene district right of way administrator, outline one of three options proposed to improve the Union Pacific Railroad bridge in Loraine. The options will be aired at an upcoming public hearing in Loraine.

Clean-up project set in Westbrook

Westbrook's first citywide clean-up project starts Thursday, May 15, and continues through Monday, May 19.

City Secretary Pansy Fernandez said a large dumpster will be placed next to City Hall during those days.

The service is limited to Westbrook residents.

Tires, batteries, oil, oil cans and dead animals cannot be placed in the dumpster.

Fernandez said appliances may be placed in the dumpster. Freon must be drained from refrigerators and air conditioning and red tagged.

Paint cans must be opened and allowed to dry for a few days. Boxes must be broken down.



THE COLORADO INDEPENDENT School District trustees for 2003-2004 are, seated, left to right, Charles Walker, Elizabeth Hernandez, Sally Neff and Janine Lemons; standing, left to right, are Mike Ratliff, Scott Stubblefield, Larry Mason, and CISD Superintendent Jim White. Walker and Neff were re-elected president and vice president, respectively, and Lemons was elected secretary during the trustees' officer election Monday night, May 12.

CISD trustees elect officers

The Colorado Independent School District's board of trustees inducted two trustees and elected officers Tuesday night, May 12.

Charles Walker was re-elected president, while Sally Neff was re-elected vice president. Janine Lemons was elected secretary.

Trustee Larry Mason is the outgoing secretary.

Business Manager and Notary Public Dobie Williams gave the oath of office to Walker and trustee Elizabeth Hernandez prior to the election.

Walker, the Place 6 representative, and Hernandez, representing Place 4, were unopposed in their bids for re-election.

Other trustees are Mike Ratliff and Scott Stubblefield.

Trustees also accepted the resignation of physical education teacher Patti Stubblefield, who accepted a position with the Midland ISD.

They also approved the annual Dropout Records Report -- a state-mandated report.

CPA Tracy Tarter of Haltom City said his report to Superintendent Jim White that "CISD had no findings for this period and as usual your employees were very conscientious and the district's records were in good shape."

Trustees also approved Tarter to perform the CISD's 2002-2003 annual audit of financial statements.

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Menudo cook-off draws large crowd to Ruddick Park

Ruddick Park came to life Friday and Saturday.

Colorado City's first annual Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-Off and lineup of award-winning entertainment at the East Pavilion attracted at least 2,000 people.

The menudo, fajita and salsa divisions of the cook-off drew 72 entries -- more than expected -- and there were 14 vendors providing a variety of of foods and drinks.

Cook-off entrants were camped throughout the park in tents and campers, and a variety of cooking equipment was used to make menudo and fajitas.

Chris Castillo, cook-off coordinator, said at least 1,000 people, including children, attended the opening Friday, May 9, which included entertainment by Country Music Revue of Colorado City and K-LOR of Abilene.

Those attending Friday received a bracelet, allowing them to attend activities Saturday, May 10.

At least 1,800 people, excluding children, were on hand Saturday for the cook-off and to hear and dance to the music of La Ravia of Abilene and the Grammy Award-winning Los Palominos of Uvalde -- the cook-off's featured band.

In addition, 12 teams entered the softball tournament that started Saturday and continued through Sunday.

La Familia of Colorado City, sponsored by Munoz Trucking, won the softball tournament.

Chica Style Barbecue of Sweetwater won the $500 first place prize in the menudo cook-off.

DCC Fajitas of Colorado City won the $250 first place prize in the fajita cook-off while the $250 first place prize in the salsa contest went to Rosa Fiero of Amarillo.

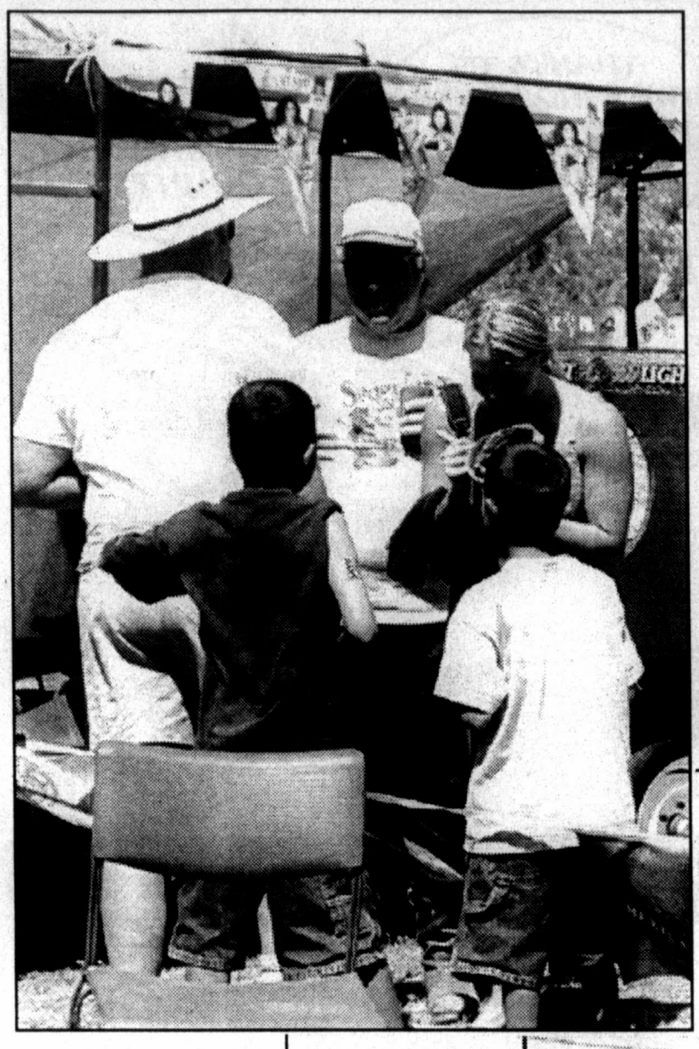
Elias Cervantes of Colorado City won the sportsmanship award; the Budweiser Guys of Midland-Odessa won the friendliest camp prize; Chihuahua Mama of Sweetwater had the best costume; and Theodoro Flores of Snyder won the best camp award.

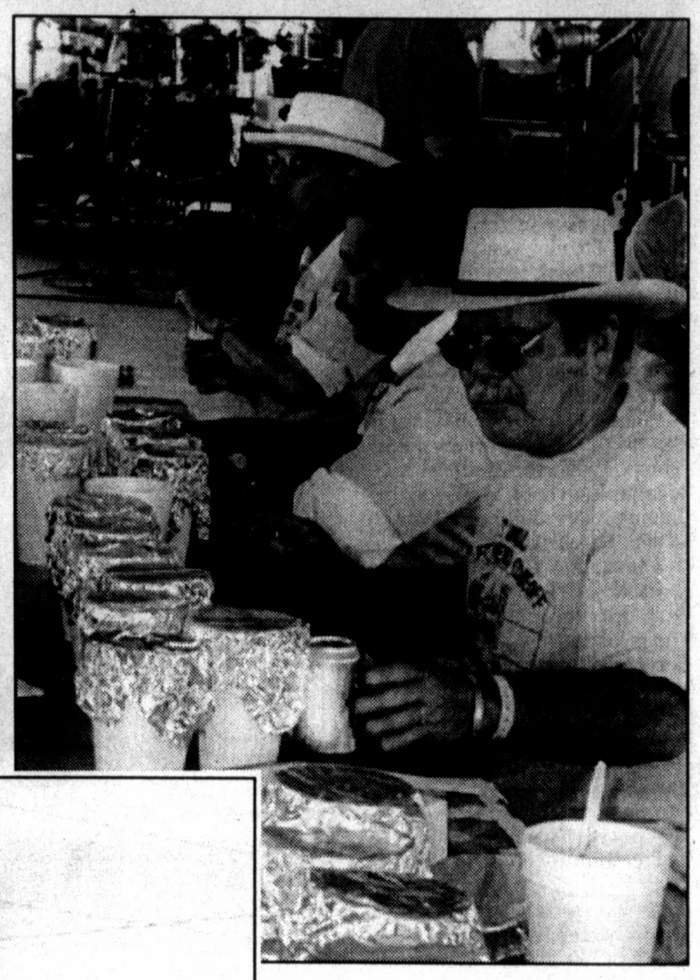
With a smaller crowd expected, Castillo said, "We were overwhelmed by the turnout. I didn't expect that. It was a big success. We never expected the cook-off to turn out as big as it did."

Although there was a shortage of volunteers serving on the cook-off committee, Colorado City and Mitchell County emergency services teamed up to help.

The Fire Department helped direct traffic while the Police Department and Mitchell County Sheriff's Department patrolled the grounds and the county EMS provided any medical needs.

"There are definitely things that can be done differently next year," Castillo said. "We learned a lot this first time. It took a lot of people to help make it a big success."







THE FIRST annual Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-Off at Ruddick Park featured a variety of events and entertainment and attracted an estimated 2,000 people Friday and Saturday. The Coors Light Girls were on hand to sign autographs on items, ranging from T-shirts to caps. Judges sampled entries in the menudo contest and a long line of traffic formed at the entrance to the cook-off.

Thank You!

The First Annual Mex-Tex Menudo Cook-off Committee would like to thank everyone who supported us during our first try at this endeavor. Without the support of the sponsors, volunteers and others, this event would not have been the success it was! We appreciate all you did!

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Sincerely,
Rod Paige
US Education Secretary

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with members of the community at 1 p.m. and 5:15 p.m. in the school cafeteria "to get an idea how the program is working and what kind of impact it has had on the community.

Merrell told the Colorado Independent School District trustees about the evaluation during their Monday, May 12, meeting.

Eight Texas CHESP programs are funded through the Texas Center for Service Learning.

The CISD is among three school districts funded by the program.

CISD and the Merkel and Bryan school districts also receive funds and have been CHESP sites since the program started.

CISD received the first three-year $150,000 grant starting with the 2000-01 school year.

Merrell said the school has "done things with veterans for a number of years, but the Real History-Real Heroes program is in its third year" and CISD is in its third year of the grant.

Grant money is used to help pay for materials, such as library books and display boards, and computer equipment used to produce the display boards.

Merrell said field trips are a major part of the program. They have traveled to Texas Tech University in Lubbock where they learn to interview veterans.

Funds also help pay for students competing in National History Day contests.

Kelley Elemetary School teacher Mona Crockett originated the title of the program.

Merrell said the Real History-Real Heroes program is a districtwide involvement, while schools in the Panhandle and Grapevine have implemented the program.

CISD also has given presentations about the program to other school districts and to the state middle school and social studies conferences.

"Other districts think it is a good program," Merrell said. "It's a great way to learn history. There is a lot of local history that is missed and there's just a tremendous amount of resources that every community has."

Merrell said Real History-Real Heroes projects are worked on during different classes, but "next year we hope to have a class for sixth-graders where every student can take a class called Real History-Real Heroes and learn how to do the interviews and display boards.



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Thomas Michael Hammond, 46, CCPD, PI Theft, 5-7-03.

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Johnny Ray Jones, DWI, plea of guilty; $226 court costsl 30 days jail sentence, 5-8-03.

Squirrel Hunting Without Bullets

By Tumbleweed Smith



Gene Allen lives way out in the woods near Crockett. He is an extraordinary hunter and loves to tell about his adventures. In cold weather he wears camouflage fatigues every day. "I'm always ready to hunt," says Gene.

He is a roofer by profession. "When I'm not working, I'm hunting deer, hog, squirrel or ducks."

Gene grew up near the place where he now lives. He was one of ten children. When he was about ten years old, he pulled enough cotton to buy a little twenty-two rifle. One Sunday afternoon his daddy told Gene to go get his twenty-two, that they were going to get a mess of squirrel for supper.

"We got the guns and the dogs, crossed the road and walked down to the branch," says Gene. "The first squirrel a dog treed was in a real tall, slick pine on the side of a hill and the wind was blowing. I didn't have but eleven shells when I got over there and I shot the tenth one before I got that squirrel."

"It kinda made my dad sore. He told me we ought to go back to the house, since I wasted all those shells. We started back up through the woods. "

"We had three dogs with us and each one of them treed a squirrel in a different tree. We had an old Collie that treed by sight. He wouldn't trail one, but he would watch a squirrel and run him in the timber. I went over there and started clapping my hands and stomping around in the brush. The squirrel jumped out, and the dog caught him."

"I went over to my dad, and he was standing by a little post oak where one of our dogs had treed a squirrel. He got to beating on the side of the tree with his ax, and that squirrel jumped out and the dogs caught him. That gave us three squirrels. Daddy said, 'Let's see if we can get one more.'"

"We went on to the top of the hill where old Rex had a squirrel up in a sweet gum. My dad chopped the tree down, and the dogs and I were standing were it fell. But instead of the squirrel staying in the top of the tree, he came back down the trunk and crossed over that stump. Daddy was trying to hit him with that ax and I chased it with a stick and the dogs were after him. That squirrel pulled out his tricks. He'd go between the dogs' legs and I chased him 'til I was about give out. Finally he went up one of those big virgin pines, I mean one of those with a trunk on it four foot through. The squirel was tired, too, and he stopped on the side of that tree."

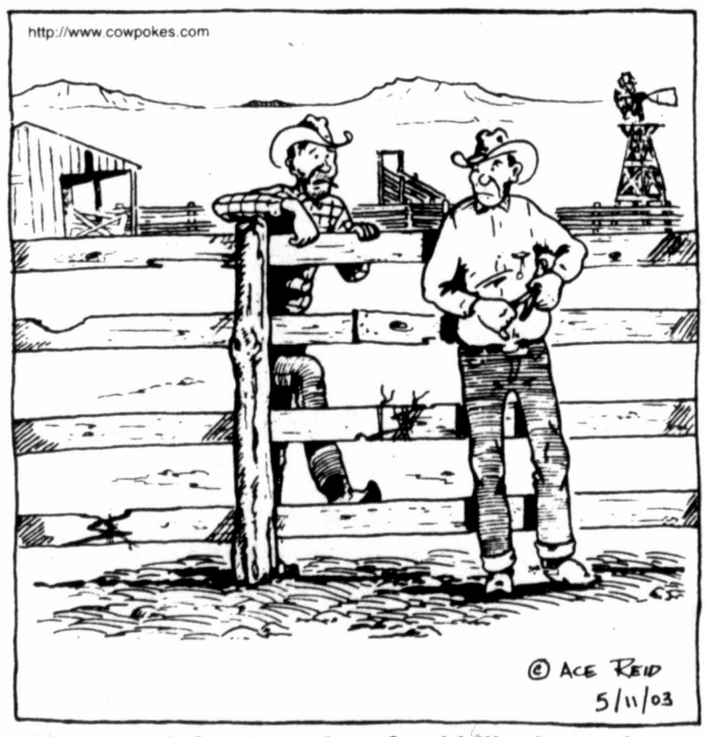
"My daddy was a good shot with a rock or a pine knot, and he picked up a pine knot and threw it at that squirrel and hit him right in the back of the head, and he dropped to the ground."

"We got one squirrel with ten bullets and three with no bullets," said Gene.

When he got home with the squirrels, they skinned them and had a good meal. "When you're skinning them, you put the young squirrels on one side and the older ones on the other side. The young ones are best fried like chicken and you eat'em with gravy and biscuits and ribbon cane syrup. The tough ones you boil them, then roll them in flour and fry them. Or you can brown them like a roast, put them in a pressure cooker and tenderize them. 'Course you can make dumplings or squirrel stew or whatever you like the best."

Gene learned how to use a slingshot when he was a little boy. "That's what we hunted with. My brother got two pairs of pigeons one time and put them in our old log barn. Within two years we had about five hundred of them and the barn got real nasty. My dad got aggravated with them, so we took our sling shots and spent a week getting rid of all those pigeons."

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5 Oldham Co. seat
6 TXism: "get your ducks in _ ___"
7 UT rose to ___ Final Four in '03
8 TXism: "smart as a bunkhouse ___"
9 TX Bruce McGill film "Shallow ___"
12 this Ralph is pres. of TX-based Luby's
17 in TX a pungent _____ is added to natural gas
19 famous TX honky tonker Mickey
21 Andrew Carnegie _____ funds for many TX libraries
22 Ector Co. seat
23 graduated marks on a scale
28 TXism: "he's _ ___ bricks shy of a load"
29 sheep (females)
30 people of northeast Africa
31 "Diez _ ____ de Septiembre" is celebrated in many TX towns
35 get rid of a computer virus?
36 french for TXism "know how"
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49 actress Taylor of TX-based "Giant"
50 homecoming flowers
51 TXism: "keep your saddle ____"
52 some TX soldiers in Iraq (abbr.)
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54 TXism: "at the ___ __ my rope"
56 fictitious sister of Ima Hogg
57 TX Martin sang about "King ___"
58 911 responders (abbr.)

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2 San Antonio's Mexican market "El _____"
3 TXism: "hungry as _ ____ __ _ concrete pasture"
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10 TXism: "quick as _ ___ ___ ____"
11 Ford model
12 TX Janis Joplin tune: "___ Blues"
13 40s film "Texas _____ _____"
14 TXism: "____ in with the tumbleweeds" (arrived)
15 "what ___ is new?"
16 TXism: "bid____" (business)
18 British air military (abbr.)
20 TXism: "dance with who brung __"
23 TX Sissy (init.)
24 no. Atlantic fish
25 IA or TX town
26 uttered with lips
27 TX college grads
32 "yes" south of the border
33 TXism: "let '__ rip"
34 TX Trini's "__ I Had A Hammer"
36 tree fluid
37 ____ bomb
38 TV sound control
39 TX Kenny sang: "_ ____ Have Eyes For You"
40 TXism: "evil mannered"
41 mild oath
43 TX golfer Lanny (init.)
45 ex-Cowboy RB (init.)
47 TXism: "tight __ _____"
48 TX singer Meat ____
55 TXism: "he's feeling his ____" (frisky)

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POLICE RE

OFFENSES

• On Monday, May 5, 2003 at about 5 p.m., Connie Garcia, 25-year-old female, 216 E. 6th Street reports Criminal Mischief. She reports that she was at a residence in the 1800 block of Locust Street and a person that she knows threw a rock at her car. The rock struck the passenger side door and damaged the door. Damage is estimated at $40. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Heine.

• On Monday, May 5, 2003 at about 9 p.m., April Rivera, 21-year-old female, Huntsville, Texas, reports Assault by Contact. She was visiting at a residence in the 400 block of E. 9th Street, Colorado City and a person who she knows touched her inappropriately. This case will be referred to Municipal Court for consideration of prosecution. Investigating Officer: Heine.

• On Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at about 10:34 a.m., a dog bite was reported in the 400 block of Cedar Street, Charles A. Dawson, a City employee, was working in the alley when a loose pit bull bit him. The owner was located and cited. The dog had not been rabies vaccinated. The dog was euthanized and sent for rabies testing through the Mitchell County Vet Clinic. Mr. Dawson was treated and released from Family Medical Associates. Investigating Officers: Torres & Bender.

• On Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at about 12 a.m., a 16-year-old male juvenile from Colorado City was taken into custody for Criminal Mischief. The offense occurred earlier that night. A window of a car, which was parked in the 700 block of E. 8th Street, was broken out. Damage is estimated at $500. The juvenile was turned over to the Juvenile Officer. Investigating Officer: Heine.

• On Wednesday, May 7, 2003 at about 8:52 p.m., Thomas Hammond, 46-year-old male, Abernathy, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication and Theft at Fuller Foods. The stolen property included Tylenol, bean dip and oysters and was recovered; its value was less than $20. Hammond was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Mitchell.

• On Thursday, May 8, 2003 at about 11:46 a.m., Joyce Northcutt, 532 E. 9th Street reports Criminal Mischief. The right back quarter panel of her red 1997 Ford Ranger pickup had been scratched. The time and location of the offense was not known. Damage has not been estimated. Investigating Officer: Torres.

• On Friday, May 9, 2003 at about 2:40 p.m., William Roy Lentz reports information concerning the endangerment or abandonment of a child in the 200 block of S. Austin Street. The offense was reported to have occurred on or about May 3, 2003. Investigation is continuing. Investigating Officer: Pat Taylor.

• On Friday, May 9, 2003 at about 9:06 p.m., four individuals were arrested at Ruddick Park for Disorderly Conduct - Fighting. Tracy Carnline, 28-year-old female, 1845 Vine Street, Colorado City; Amy Peacock, 32-year-old female, 1001 Brand Street, Sweetwater; Elia Gary, 31-year-old female, 670 E. Colorado Street, Loraine; and Pennie Headrick, 32-year-old female, LCR 252, Colorado City, were all transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officers: Mitchell, Dill, Dumas and Taylor.

• On Friday, May 9, 2003 at about 11:39 p.m., Terri Hulme, 41-year-old female, 505 Cherry Street was arrested in the 500 block of Cypress Street for Public Intoxication following a report of a disturbance. She resisted arrest by kicking both officers Tom Taylor and Kevin Dumas and was further charged with Resisting Arrest. She was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about at about 4:52 p.m., B & B One Stop reports Theft. Three men in a gold Cadillac stole five seven-pound bags of ice. The suspects were described as two Hispanic males wearing blue tee shirts and one older white male with facial hair. Estimated Loss: Less than $20.00. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about 8:45 a.m., Officer Mitchell conducted a traffic stop at 14th and Oak Streets. A passenger fled from the scene. Investigation revealed that the passenger had identified himself with a false name and the individual was wanted for a warrant from Scurry County for Unauthorized Use of a Vehicle. Officer Mitchell captured the individual at about 1:46 p.m., following a foot chase, near Westpoint and Houston Streets. The individual is identified as Christopher Lee Mosher, 22-year-old male, 644 E. 16th Street Colorado City. He was charged with the Scurry County warrant, Failure to Identify - Fugitive, and Evading Detention. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about 6:49 p.m., Melissa Ferro, 24-year-old female, 210 E. 17th Street reports Burglary of Habitation. The offense occurred at a residence that she was moving from, 644 E. 16th Street. A Fender electric guitar and amplifier were stolen. A suspect has been identified in this case and the investigation is continuing. Loss is estimated at $550. Investigating Officer: Tom Taylor.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about 8:00 p.m., an individual was arrested for Public Intoxication at Ruddick Park following a report that the individual was inappropriately touching young girls. Benito Benavidez, 36-year-old male, 4006 Avenue U Snyder, Texas was arrested and transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about 9:37 p.m., two persons were arrested in Ruddick Park for Disorderly Conduct - Fighting. Vincente Gaona, 36-year-old male, 1237 Oak Street, Colorado City and Geoffery Gaona, 18-year-old male, 432 Hickory Street, Colorado City. Both were transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officers: Torres and Dumas.

• On Saturday, May 10, 2003 at about 11:54 p.m., Joe Louis Barrera, 34 year-old male, 191 Pebblestone, Arlington, Texas, was arrested in Ruddick Park for Public Intoxication following the report of the individual having just been involved in a fight. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail, Arresting Officer: Perez.

• On Sunday, May 11, 2003 at about 2:28 p.m., Lewis Munoz, 29-year-old male, 1136 Locust Street was arrested for Assault - Causing Bodily Injury - Family Violence. He was arrested in the 100 block of E. 6th Street. He was transferred into the custody of the Mitchell County Jail. Arresting Officer: Heine.

ACCIDENTS

• On Monday, May 5, 2003 at about 1:15 p.m., a collision occurred in the 1500 block of Dallas Street. A 2000 white Ford pickup driven by Gregorio Gaona, 27-year-old male, 528 E. 13th Street was northbound on Dallas Street and Failed to Drive in a Single Lane. The pickup struck another pickup, which was parked and unattended along the curb. The other pickup was a 1984 black Ford pickup owned by Robert Martin, Colorado City. There were no injuries. Damage is described as moderate. The white Ford pickup was towed from the scene. Investigating Officer: Torres.

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COUNCIL

FROM PAGE 1

been doing this for 37 years and ready to retire."

Reily said he is not sure when the city will start its search for a new city manager.

Reily said he will propose appointing an interim city manager.

"There is an organization that provides interim administrators," he said. "I think that will give us time the time to find someone else.

"Steve has been here for nine years and I would like to have an interim administrator for three to four months."

Also Tuesday night, the council tabled any action on awarding a bid for street work in Colorado City.

A Colorado City businessman also expressed concern about tearing down buildings in the downtown area.

Shutt said he will look into the matter.

JAIL

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Toombs said he expects to receive a preliminary autopsy report in two to three weeks and the final results in six to eight weeks.

The autopsy will include drug and alcohol screening.

Toombs said the last time an inmate was found hanging in a cell was in the late 1980s.

Toombs said the department followed guidelines during the booking.

During the process, Toombs said Benavidez answered questions that are required and "did not show signs of wanting to commit suicide.

"He answered all of the questions correctly, so that's why he was put in a cell by himself."

Toombs said inmates placed on suicide watch are checked every 15 minutes.

"He was in that time period where he had been watched on the monitor," Toombs said. "We found out that someone can do something pretty quickly.

"We do the screening to check to see if there are any problems and they might try to commit suicide or hurt someone else. He gave no indication that there was a problem and that he would commit suicide."

HOSPITAL

FROM PAGE 1

"Substantial completion does not mean the hospital is completed and can open the next day.

"The owners have considerable work to do even after the project is substantially completed. Substantial completion is the way it is written in the contract."

Chaisson said the architect, Bob Cox of Austin-based Cox Design Associates, will determine when the project is substantially completed.

At least two state inspections are scheduled for the new hospital, including one that will determine if the Mitchell County facility will qualify as a Critical Access Hospital.

Mize said the Texas Department of Health's architect will inspect the new building for its soundness.

Once equipment and personnel have moved to the new hospital, the state health department will inspect it for the critical access designation.

"The Critical Access inspection was scheduled to take place before we moved into the new hospital, but that has changed," Mize said. "The TDH will inspect the hospital after we have moved in."

The state agency was scheduled to inspect the current hospital, but Mize said the "delay will help us."

"If they came in and found any deficiencies, we would not spend the money to fix them because we are moving out," Mize said.

"The TDH inspection for Critical Access will look at how we take care of our patients."



CITY SECRETARY ELIZABETH TURNER administers the oath of office to Colorado City Mayor Bob Reily and City Council members Brigada Hiser and Bob McNeal during the Tuesday night, May 13, council meeting. Reily was re-elected to a second term as mayor during the May 3 city election. Hiser represents District 5 and McNeal represents District 2.

New City Council members inducted

Three City Council members were given the oath of office and the city municipal judge was reappointed during the council's Tuesday, May 13, meeting.

City Secretary Elizabeth Turner administered the oath to Mayor Bob Reily and incoming council members Brigada Hiser and Bob McNeal.

The City Council also approved reappointing Belinda Blassingame as municipal judge. She also was given the oath of office.

Sammy Contreras, the District 1 representative, was re-elected by the council as mayor tem.

He was unopposed in his bid to seek a new term. Since the District 1 election was canceled, he was not given the oath of office.

Reily, a 15-year veteran of the council, was re-elected to a second term as mayor during the May 3 city election. He represents District 6 at large.

McNeal is the new District 2 representative while Hiser represents District 5.

Motorcyclists to attend Real History, Real Heroes

Approximately one hundred "Run For The Wall" motorcycle riders, mostly military veterans, will arrive in Colorado City Saturday, May 17.

The riders will stop at Colorado Middle School for lunch and a "Real History, Real Heroes" program ,and depart at 1 p.m.

The mission of Run For The Wall is to promote healing among Vietnam veterans and their families and friends, to call for an accounting of all prisoners of war and those missing in action and to honor the memory of those killed in action.

West Texas Coordinator for the event, Phil Woodward of Midland said the riders will visit the Vietnam Memorial at Midland Air Terminal on Saturday, May 17.

Woodward said the objective of the annual pilgrimage across America is to create support for American POW's and MIA's from all wars.

The riders depart Ontario, California on Wednesday, May 14, will travel though West Texas this week as part of the nationwide annual Run For The Wall which culminates in Washington, D.C. on Memorial Day weekend.

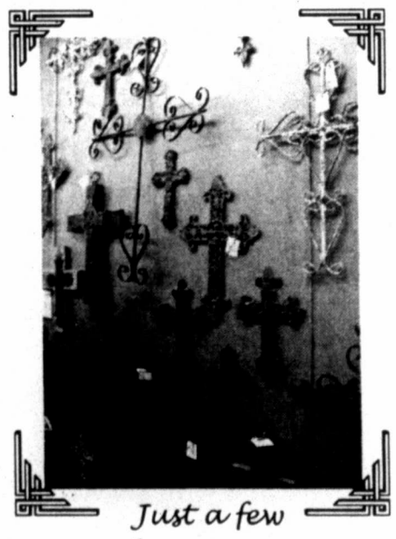
On Memorial Day Sunday, the riders will join rolling Thunder XV, a huge parade of motorcycle riders which in past years has numbered more than half-million.

The parade will proceed from the Pentagon to the Vietnam Veterans' Memorial (The "Wall").

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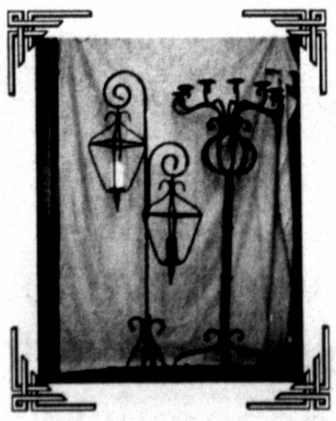


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THE STEPHEN F. AUSTIN OAK TREE DEDICATION at the Mitchell County Courthouse was held Monday, May 12. These trees were sprouted and grown by the Texas Forestry Service from acorns harvested from the oak tree where Stephen F. Austin died in Brazora County. The trees are donated by the Daughters of the Texas Republic. Colorado ISD band members performed at the dedication. Speakers at the event were 4th grade Hutchinson students aided by Leslie Geiger (left). Speakers were (l to r) Hunter Booth, Amanda Arispe, Andrew Munoz, Brandee Williams, Kyler Free, Ava Macedo, Tracy Russell, Christina Arispe, Valeria Vera and Mitchell County Judge Ray Mayo.

GAINEY

FROM PAGE 1

years ago and was the first to be inducted "posthumously".

John Kimbrough, an All-American running back at Texas A&M and professional football player, Bev Ball, a coach who spent 48 years coaching tennis and swimming, David Parks, a member of the Texas Sports Hall of Fame and All-American receiver at Texas Tech and later played professionally for the San Francisco 49ers and New Orleans Saints, and Bob Estes, a professional golfer who was the PGA Tour's rookie of the year as well as the nation's top collegiate golfer in 1988 at the University of Texas rounded out the 2003 inductees.

Gainey was introduced by Colorado City Mayor Bob Reily, his former track coach and life-long friend.

Reily told the audience, of more than 200 people, gathered for the induction ceremony of his classroom experience when he was Gainey's algebra teacher.

"If Hollis had been running the 100-yard dash in a 10.8 instead of a 9.8, he would have never been the success he is today," quipped Reily of his prize athlete. "He (Gainey) was right on the borderline of the passing grade of 70 he needed to pass the class and continue to be elgible to run. In fact, he had a 68, so I told him one six weeks I would allow him to borrow two points and that the next six weeks he would need at least a 72 to pay back the other two points."

Needless to say, Gainey made it through the course and the rest is history they say.

Gainey got even with his former mentor when he took the podium.

"In reference to our fishing escapades, I have talked to our local Game Warden Randy Bullard about you not having a fishing license and he wants to speak to you," Gainey said. "And about me making up 40 yards on the anchor leg of the mile relay at the state track meet, that thing seems to stretch more and more every year that goes by. I think it was really more like 10 or 20 yards I had to make up."

Gainey had a lot of moral support in the audience with several friends, former teammates and family members in attendance.

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LISD trustees meet

George Martin and Rick Bailey were given the oath of office, and Loraine Independent School District trustees elected officers Tuesday, May 6.

Martin was re-elected to the board, and Bailey was elected to his first term during the May 3 election.

Trustees re-elected Frank Garcia and Martin as president and vice president, respectively.

Rose Mary Aguilar was elected secretary.

Business Manager Debbie Finley said Bailey was selected as a delegate and Aguilar an alternate to a state convention Sept. 19-22 in Dallas.

Finley said trustees attending the Texas Association of School Administrators and Texas Association of School Boards meeting will receive credit toward training hours they are required to obtain.

Trustees also approved the Dropout Leaver Audit -- the first year for the state-mandated audit.

Finley said there were no findings.

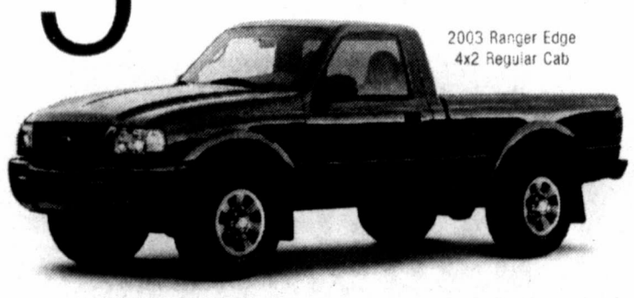
They also accepted First National Bank's bank depository bid for the next biennium, running from Sept. 1, 2003, through Aug. 31, 2005.

The trustees will meet next at 7 p.m. June 3 at the teachers workroom/board room.



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OBITUARIES

Dennis Bassinger
1939-2003

Mr. Dennis Bassinger, 64, of Rotan and formerly of Colorado City died Wednesday, May 7, 2003, in a Rotan care center. Graveside services were held Monday, May 12, 2003, at 3:00 PM in the Zion Rest Cemetery with Rev. Charlie Stice officiating, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral home.

Mr. Bassinger was born on February 23, 1939 in Rising Star, TX, to Gus Valentine and Mary Moore Bassinger. He was a heavy equipment operator, a welder, and truck driver. He married Sherry Bynum on September 21, 1957. He was a Colorado City resident since 1939.

He is survived by four daughters: Joy and husband, Jody Sims of Lubbock; Tricia and husband, Terry Martin of Tahoka; Mary and husband, Scott Morton of Andover, NJ; and D'Linda and husband, Greg Benham of Rotan; eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; one sister: Elizabeth Hickson, and two brothers: Wilburn and wife, Winona Bassinger of Abilene; and Hubert and wife, Shana Bassinger of Colorado City.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gus Valentine and Mary Maggie Lee Moore Bassinger.

James Alfred and Echo Idea Roming
1930-2003

Mr. James Alfred Roming, 82, and Mrs. Echo Idea Roming, 83, died Tuesday, May 6, 2003 in Mitchell County. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM, Friday in the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Monte Kreis officiating. Graveside services were held 10:00 AM, Saturday in the Eddy Cemetery in Eddy, Texas with Reverend Connaly Dugger officiating. Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Roming was born to Alfred and Alma Mae Norwood Roming in Eddy, Texas on April 4, 1920. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 1942, and on the same day he was commissioned into the US Army as a 2nd Lieutenant. He was in the European Theater, and at age 25 was made a Lieutenant Colonel. He resigned in 1947. He was in the retail clothing business until his retirement in 1998.

Mrs. Roming was born to William Asbey and Ada Daniel in Belton, Texas on November 13, 1919. She was a homemaker.

They were married on September 27, 1942 in Birmingham, Alabama. They lived most of their married life in Amarillo and the last four years between Blackwell and Maryneal. They were members of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo. Together they were avid golfers, loved to hunt, fish and spend lots of time with their grandchildren.

They are survived by one daughter, Judy and husband, Dr. Billy Bruce Bridgeford of Colorado City; four grandchildren: Brittany and husband, Randy Lloyd of Blackwell; Bridgett and husband, Steven Jost of St. Lawrence; Bethany and husband, Chris Hoegemeyer of Cedar Park; and Bettina Bridgeford of Colorado City; four great-grandchildren: Jordan, Saegan, and Edwin Jost of St. Lawrence, and Quay Lloyd of Blackwell; one brother: Clay and wife, Monie Roming.

Mrs. Roming is also survived by one sister: Ada Patterson of Arkansas

He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother Tommy Joe Roming. She was preceded in death by her parents, one sister Muriel Kick, and one brother W.A. Daniel.

Leona Mae Snider
1904-2003

Mrs. Leona Mae Snider, 99, of Snyder died Wednesday, May 7, 2003 in a local care center. Services were held Friday, May 9, 2003, at Colonial Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Miller Robinson, Dr. Ted Spear, and Dr. Tommy Culwell officiating under the direction of Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Snider was born in the Ennis Creek community in a half dugout. She attended school at Ennis Creek. She and her husband, W. C. "Bill" Snider were the first husband and wife to be baptized into Northside Baptist Church, where Mr. Snider was one of the first three original deacons. Her husband organized Snider Plumbing and Floor Covering in 1948, and she worked along side him until his death in 1975. She was devoted to her church and attended until her health kept her from attending.

Mrs. Snider is survived by one son, Don and wife, Joann Snider of Snyder; one daughter, Betty and husband, Carson Clayton of Colorado City; three grandchildren, Max and wife, Gail Snider of Snyder, Steve Snider of Dallas, and Belinda Blassingame of Colorado City; one sister-in-law, Jewell Williams; four great-grandchildren, Josh Snider, Emily Snider, Bethany Blassingame, and Jonathan Blassingame; four step-grandchildren: Jerrel and wife, Judy Pylant of Carlsbad, NM; Jeff and wife, Teresa Pylant of Amarillo, TX; Jacqueline and husband, Layton Freeman of Coppell, TX; and Janetta and husband, Darrell Kruse of Weatherford, TX; seven step-grandchildren: Ashley Pylant, Taylor Freeman, Brittany Pylant, Bailey Kruse, Brooke Pylant, Trent Freeman, and Kourteny Kruse.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, A.J. Williams and John Williams.

James Oscar Bradbury
1930-2003

Mr. James Oscar Bradbury, 72, of Colorado City died Monday, May 5, 2003 in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services were held Wednesday at Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. William Schibler officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Bradbury was born to Oscar and Florence Hulme Bradbury on June 26, 1930 in Gonzales. He married Ann Adams on May 8, 1954 in Clifton. He was a US Army Veteran of the Korean War. He was a Baptist, and he loved his grandchildren, football, fishing and camping. He was a wonderful dad.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann Bradbury of Colorado City; four daughters, Virginia and husband, Richard Stagner of Arlington; Delores and husband, Wes Ballard of San Angelo; Charlotte Musser of Mansfield; and Cheryl and husband, Dwayne Smith of Colorado City; three sons, Jim and wife, Cheryl Bradbury of Rockwall; Doug and wife, Jill Bradbury of San Angelo; Robert and wife, Tara Bradbury of San Antonio; 15 grandchildren and one great-grandchild; four sisters: Helen Gregory of Big Spring; Maydell Walker of Colorado City; Ima Light of Valley Mills, TX; and Liz Mayes of Loraine; two brothers: Gene Bradbury of Roscoe; and Clayton Bradbury of Colorado City.

Lillian Ajmour Hardin Free
1915-2003



Mrs. Lillian Ajmour Hardin Free, 87, of Colorado City died Friday, May 9, 2003, in a local care center. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM, Monday in the Kiker - Seale Funeral Home Chapel, under the direction of Kiker - Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Free was born to Robert Earnest and Mattie Ola McCullen Hardin in Comanche County, TX on June 23, 1915. She married Otis Free in Coahoma on June 23, 1933. He preceded her in death on May 3, 1988. She was a member of Oak St. Baptist Church and a lifelong resident of Colorado City.

She is survived by eight children: Ann Boland of Modesto, CA; Marie Garrett of Forsan; Wanda Escobar of Stockton, CA; Opal Tackel of Bridgeport; James Free of Colorado City; Jackie Free of Colorado City; and Rhonda Arelano of Midland; sixteen grandchildren and twenty-five great-grandchildren; One sister: Hellen Boyd of Modesto, CA.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband of 54 years, Otis Free. Four sons: Jerry Joe Free, Rex Free, Robert Free, and Charles Free. Two brothers and two sisters.

Beulah Irene Cox
1907-2003

Mrs. Beulah Irene Cox, 96, of Colorado City died Sudnay in a local hospital. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday in the Clifton Memorial Park in Clifton, Texas, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Cox was born to Sidney and Albert Compton on January 15, 1907 in Loraine, TX. She married Willis Boyd on November 25, 1925 in Loraine, he proceded her in death on June 15, 1966. She was a Baptist.

She is survived by three sons: Willis Boyd Jr. of Colorado City; Russell T. Boyd of Star, TX; and Douglas boyd of North Zulch, TX; six grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews.

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Patricia Olson
1954-2003

Mrs. Patricia Olson, 48, of Colorado City died Saturday, May 10, 2003, in a Lubbock hospital. Graveside services will be 10:00 AM, Tuesday in the Dorn Cemetery under the direction of Kiker - Seale Funeral Home with Rev. Monte Kreis officiating.

Mrs. Olson was born to Athole and Rosemary Judd on June 15, 1954, in Riverside, California. She married Paul Olson in Payson, Arizona. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints. She loved to cook, collect owls, and take care of people and animals. She enjoyed taking trips with her family and making afghans.

She is survived by her mother, Rosemary Judd, and her husband of 24 years, Paul Olson of Colorado City; two daughters: Terri Heton of Syracuse, KS; and Katie Olson of Colorado City; one son Brian Olson of Colorado City; three grandchildren: Rebecca Mae Heton; Christopher Howard Heton; and Bryce Joseph Heton; two sisters: Karen Beard of Syracuse, KS; and Sue Fishel of Prescott, AZ.

She was preceded in death by her father, one son Christopher Lee Olson and one sister Mary Ann Hawn.

Sidney William "Jiggs" McAdams
1928-2003

Mr. Sidney William "Jiggs" McAdams, 75, of Loraine, died May 7, 2003 in a Lubbock hospital.

Graveside services were held Friday, May 9, in Hansford Cemetery in Spearman, TX, with Rev. Patrick Six officiating.

Mr. McAdams was a member of the Baptist Church and a veteran of World War II, having served in the Navy.

He was married to Ruby Jo Hayes of Loraine for over 50 years. He worked in the oilfields in New Mexico and Texas for more than 40 years.

They lived in Spearsman most of their marriage. He had moved back to Loraine 2 1/2 years ago.

He is survived by two daughters: Jeanette Gikas of Lubbock; and Lori Franklin of Oklahoma City; a son, Kirby McAdams of Oklahoma City; a brother, Durwood McAdams of Loraine; two sisters: Katherine Barr of Hobbs NM; and Joan Long of Loraine; seven grandchildren and one great-grand child.

Sid was preceded in death by his wife, Jo; his parents, K.C. and Mae McAdams; three sisters and three brothers.

Imogene Barlow Johnson
1930 - 2003

Mrs. Imogene Barlow Johnson, 73, of Abilene, passed away Saturday morning at a local care center. A funeral service will be held at 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 13, 2003, at the First Baptist Church of Abilene with the Reverends Bill Ballou and Mark McMillian officiating. Burial will follow at Elmwood Memorial Park under the direction of Elwood Funeral Home, 5750 HWY 277 South.

Mrs. Johnson was born on April 5, 1930 in Knott, Texas, to the late Walter P. and Grace Motley Barlow. She attended schools in Big Spring, Irving and following graduation from Abilene High School in 1947, attended Hardin-Simmons University. She married Adron C. Johnson on August 22, 1948 in Abilene. She was a longtime resident of Stamford, Texas, where she worked as a church secretary for the First Baptist Church and at the University Baptist Church for one year. She spent several years working with church youth groups, twenty years (over 2750 hours) as a volunteer with the Hendrick Hospital Auxiliary and a lifetime of service to others.

She is survived by her husband, Adron "A.C." Johnson of Abilene; one daughter, Ronda and husband, Jerry Haire of Snyder; one son, Russell and wife, Karen Johnson of Midland; grandchildren, Austin and Molly Haire; Tylor, Travis, and Trevor Johnson; one sister, Pat Owsley of Phenix City, Alabama; one brother, Bill Barlow of Colorado City; numerous nieces and nephews and a sister-in-law, Hazel Stein of Corpus Christi.

A brother, James Walter Barlow and a sister, Lula Vee Owsley preceded her in death.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Hendrick Hospital Auxiliary, 1242 N. 19th St., Abilene, Texas 79601, or the First Baptist Church "Priscilla Class", 1333 N. 3rd St., Abilene, Texas 79601.

The family will receive friends from 5-8 PM on Monday at the funeral home.

Willard "Dick" Boyd
1918-2003

Mr. Boyd passed away Monday morning, May 12, 2003, at his residence. Graveside services for Willard "Dick" Boyd, 84, of Wills Point, are scheduled for 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 14, 2003, at Union Grove Cemetery near Wills Point, with Rev. Jeremy Ogdie officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Allan Fuller Funeral Home in Wills Point.

He was born on December 3, 1918, in Winster, Oklahoma, the son of Arch Monroe Boyd and Susan Arizona Bullard Boyd. He had lived in Loraine, Texas, before moving to Wills Point twenty-six years ago. Mr. Boyd loved fishing and loved his dogs. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by two sisters: Dorthy Wilkie of Hugo, Oklahoma; and Ruby Whitley of Sanford, Texas; one sister-in-law, Patsy Boyd, of Wills Point.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Audie Boyd, George Boyd, R.V. Boyd, and T.J. Boyd and one niece, Nancy Boyd.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home Tuesday evening, May 13, 2003, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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New transportation provider signed on by commissioners

Mitchell County has a new public transportation provider.

Commissioners Court selected South Plains Community Action Association of Levelland during its Monday, May 12, meeting.

The Levelland group operates SPARTAN public transportation system which is the current provider for nine counties and the rural areas of Lubbock County.

SPARTAN also serves Scurry County.

The Levelland group and the Concho Valley Council of Governments of San Angelo, which operates Thunderbird Transit, were the two finalists.

Both gave presentations of their services during previous Commissioners Court meetings.

Commssioners Ed Roach, Carl Guelker, Wendy Inman and Bill Preston voted to join the existing rural transit district.

Thunderbird Transit provided temporary transportation in Mitchell County until the county selected a rural transit district.

STAGE Transit, a subsidiary of Sweetwater-based People for Progress Inc., was providing the transportation service in Mitchell, Nolan and Taylor counties until the Texas Department of Transportation severed a more than 20-year relationship and a $600,000 grant agreement with PPI on April 11.

The Texas Department of Public Transportation told commissioners March 18 that the county could join an existing rural district or form a new one with Nolan and Taylor counties.

The county decided to join an existing rural transit district. TxDOT funds the program.

County Judge Ray Mayo said commissioners decided to select South Plain Community Action because "it doesn't require anything from the county except a resolution saying that they will provide the service.

"The Concho Valley Council of Governments will require us to pay a portion of the driver's salary. That would mean out-of-pocket expense for us."

Mayo said South Plains Community Action would start providing transportation services as soon as it is notified of the Commissioners Court's decision.

For more information about the Levelland group's service, phone 894-6104.

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COOK'S CORNER

As Memorial Day is fast approaching, outside-grilling fever will soon be in full swing. To help alleviate some of this anxiety, try some of our great grilling ideas.

Grilled Shrimp

1 cup olive oil
1/4 cup parsley
1/4 cup lemon juice
1 tablespoon tomato paste
1 tablespoon oregano
1 tablespoon minced clove garlic
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon liquid hot pepper sauce
2 pounds shrimp, shelled and deveined

Combine olive oil, lemon juice, parsley, tomato paste, oregano, garlic, salt, ground black pepper, and liquid hot pepper sauce in a large glass dish or bowl; stir well to combine ingredients. Add shrimp; stir to coat. Marinate for 2 hours at room temperature.

Heat a grill until coals are white or heat a gas grill. Grill shrimp 3-4 inches from heat source for 3 minutes. Turn, cooking the second side for 3 minutes.

Use fresh or frozen shrimp; if frozen, defrost in the refrigerator. Devein and remove shells prior to marinating.

Grilled Mixed Vegetables

2 zucchini, sliced
2 tomatoes, sliced
1 onion, peeled and thinly sliced
4 teaspoon butter or margarine
4 teaspoons grated Parmesan cheese
1/4 teaspoon crushed dried thyme
1/4 teaspoon crushed dried rosemary
1/4 teaspoon ground black pepper
1/8 teaspoon crushed dried oregano
1 cup dry bread crumbs

Preheat grill.

Divide zucchini, tomatoes, and onion among 2 pieces of aluminum foil.

In a saucepan over low heat melt butter; add Parmesan cheese, thyme, rosemary, pepper and oregano. Divide and pour over the vegetable mixture. Sprinkle with bread crumbs and seal the aluminum foil tightly.

Grill over medium-high heat for about 15 minutes. Turn over and cook 20 minutes more.

Open foil carefully and serve.

Independence Burgers

2 pounds lean ground beef
1 cup shredded cheddar cheese
1 can(8-oz.) crushed pine apple, drained
1/3 cup dry bread crumbs
3 1/2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley
4 1/2 teaspoons minced and seeded green chiles
2 teaspoons garlic salt
1/2 teaspoon crushed dried oregano
1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
6 hamburger buns
1 tomato, sliced
1/4 cup prepared mustard
1/4 cup ketchup

Preheat grill.

Combine ground beef, cheddar cheese, crushed pineapple, dry bread crumbs, parsley, green chil es, garlic salt, oregano, and dried pepper in a large mixing bowl. Mix gently until thoroughly combined. Shape into patties.

Grill 4 inches from hot coals for about 4 minutes on each side. Serve with hamburger buns, tomato, prepared mustard, and ketchup.

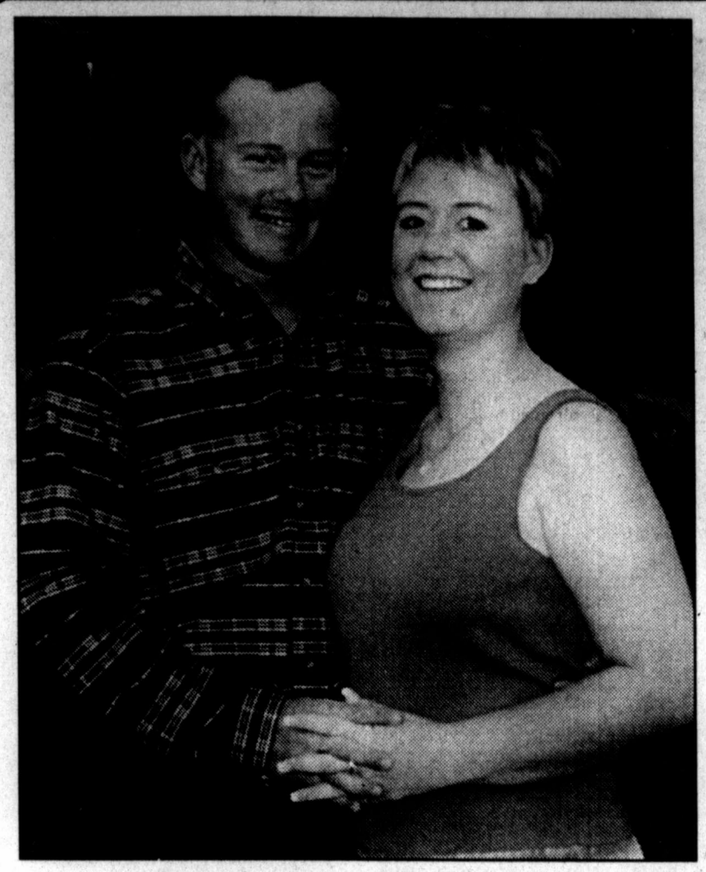
Bar-B-Que Pork Loin

1-1/2 cups catsup
3/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
2 tablespoons curry powder
1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 teaspoon hickory-flavored salt
1 teaspoon pepper
2 to 3 cloves garlic, minced
3 1/2 to 4 pounds pork loin back ribs

In a large bowl combine catsup, vinegar, brown sugar, curry powder, Worcestershire sauce, hickory-flavored salt, pepper, and garlic. cover; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes or refrigerate for up to 3 days.

In a grill with a cover arrange hot coals around a drip pan. Test for medium heat above the pan. Place ribs, fat side up, on grill rack over drip pan but not over coals. Cover and grill for 1-1/2 to 2 hours or until meat is very tender, basting generously with sauce the last 15 minutes of cooking.

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Brandon Hale and Mindy Syler

Couple plans wedding in Colorado City June 28

Matthew and Mary Ann Syler, of Midland, Texas, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Mindy Ann Syler to Mr. Brandon E. Hale, son of Eddie Hale, of Westbrook, Texas. The ceremony will take place at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City on June 28, 2003, at 3:00 PM.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Elton and Mary Hodge and Vernon and Joyce Syler, all of Midland, Texas.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Floyd and Lavada Hale of Westbrook, Texas, and Alene Matlock of Newberry, Michigan.

Garden club meets

The Colorado City Garden Club met May 2, 2003 for a patio luncheon at Mi Ranchito. The Meeting was called to order by president Margaret Rees. Secretary, Janie Lou Greenlee, and treasurer, Nell Gainey, gave reports. Committee Chairperson, Margaret Sparks gave a description of the success of the Garden Tea Room at the Home and Garden Show. It was very successful, due in part to the hard work of club members. A little over $1,000 was raised for the Crepe Myrtle Project. Many of the venders reported that they also had successful days during the show.

Wilma Reynolds told of the activities at Friendly Park for the past month. Jerry Reynolds had mowed the park and helped to plant blue lantana to replace some plants that had to be removed last month.

New officers for the coming biennium were initiated by president Rees. The new officers will be: president, Cecilia Scott; first vice-president, Margaret Sparks, second vice president, Sally Neff; co-treasurers, Nell Gainely and Laverne Chalker; secretary, Janie Lou Greenlee; and yearbook, Margaret Rees.

The hostesses for the day were Mary Margaret Cox, Sally Neff, Judy Bridgford, Cindy Fisher, Leslie Scott, and Leada Wood. The hostesses had a drawing and gave away eight Gruber daises.

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Marriage defense act passes House

Only Texans have the right to define Texas Marriage law. That is a primary premise behind the Defense of Marriage Act (S.B.7) which has overwhelmingly passed the Texas House and is on its way to the Governor for his signature.

"Texas will not be dictated to by out-of-state judges of the Vermont legislature when it comes to Texas marriage law," said State Representative Scott Campbell. "It's pretty simple - in Texas, marriage is between one man and one woman - period."

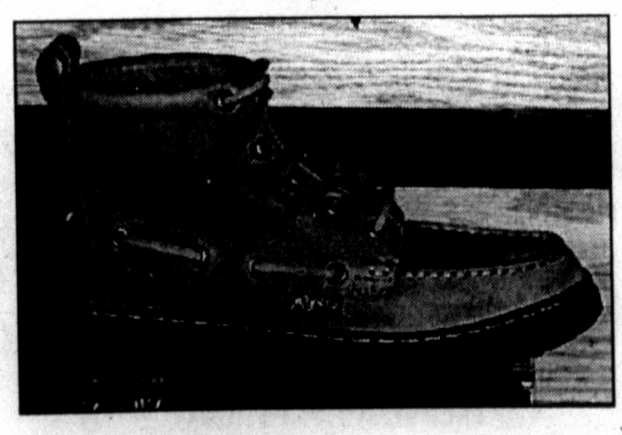
The purpose of the bill is to defend the family and the institution of marriage, both fundamental building blocks of our society. In recent years, there have been serious attempts to institute same-sex marriage or "civil unions" in other states. Vermont has enacted such a law. The bill ensures that Texas is not forced by an activist court to recognize same-sex marriage or so-called "civil unions" passed by other states.

Similar legislation has been filed in Texas in the past, but it was never allowed to come up for a vote. This year, with the support of the new Republican majority in the House, the bill will become law.

"The Defense of Marriage Act reaffirms current Texas law and the beliefs of the vast majority of Texans," continued Campbell. "And it ensures that a liberal judge doesn't impose his views on the rest of us."

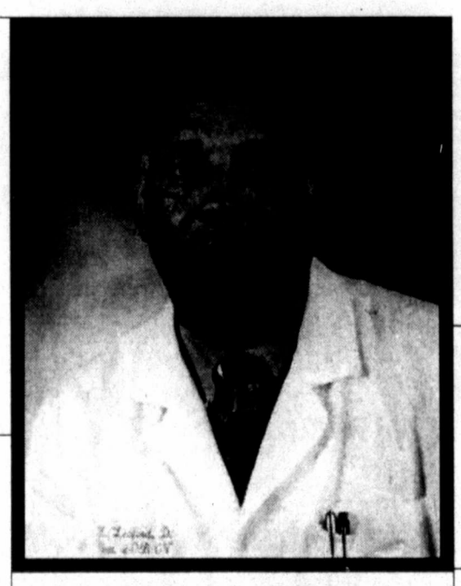
Texas law currently defines marriage as being between one man and one woman, but makes no mention of civil unions. The passage of DOMA ensures that Texas is not forced to recognize such civil unions from other states. Texas joins thirty-six other states and the U.S. congress in passing Defense of Marriage legislation.

Representative Campbell represents House District 72.

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HUTCHINSON 3RD GRADE GIFTED AND TALENTED students passed out flyers in the neighborhood this week inviting citzens to the Hertiage Park Workdays planned for Thursday, May 22 and Friday May 23 at the corner of 5th and Cedar Streets. Tanner Spraberry (left) handed Vince Gaona (right) a flyer Tuesday inviting him to help at the workdays.

Workdays planned for park

Hutchinson Elementary students are planning Hertiage Park Workdays Thursday, May 22 and Friday May 23 at the corner of 5th and Cedar Streets.

"Our mission is to assemble the playground equipment," said Hutchinson principal Kitten Arthur. We also hope to have one of the sidewalks poured and have all the Hutchinson students place their handprints in the cement."

Ms. Partin's 3rd grade gifted and talented class passed out flyers in the neighborhood this week inviting citzens to the workdays.

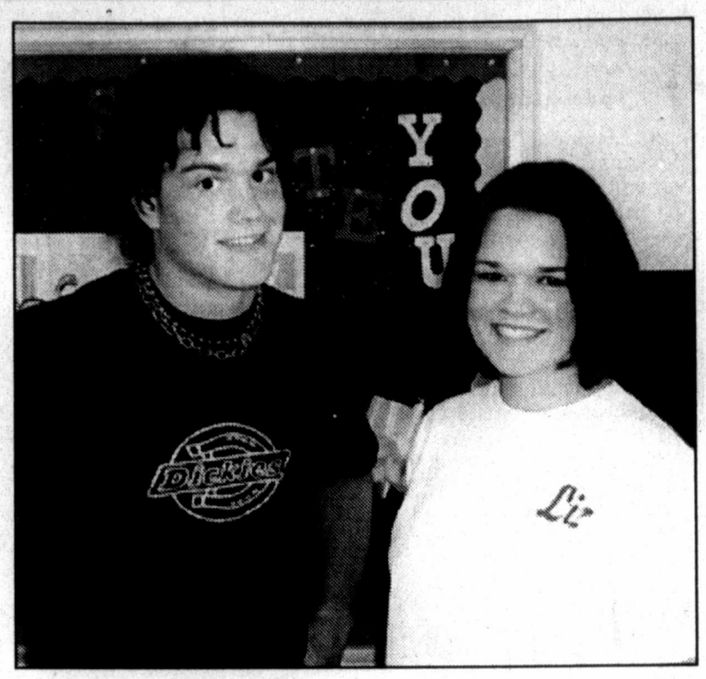
Last Falk, Hutchinson Elementary adopted this property at 505 Cedar in conjuction with the Colorado City School district, the city and the county. The property was origionally called "The Lot" and will now be known as Hertiage Park.

The park will have a playground, a xeriscape area, a West Texas reading area, and a small soccer practice field.

Bricks are being sold at Hutchinson to be placed in the park, $20 for small bricks and $50 for large bricks.

The contributor has the choice of the person's name to be placed on the brick, either in memory of or in honor of that person or persons. Area businesses or organizations may purchase bricks and and choose to place their name or logo in the park.

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Breakfast Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Dry cereal, Teddy Grahams, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Cinnamon toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Bread sticks, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Sausage w/toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Friday - Morning roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Kelley and Hutchinson
Elementary School
Lunch Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Macaroni and cheese, glazed carrots, sweet peas, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Hot dog on a bun, tater tots, baked beans, pineapple tid bits, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chicken and noodles, mashed potatoes, green beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday - Meatballs in sauce, mashed potatoes, golden corn, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Frito pie, tossed salad, refried beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
Middle School
Lunch Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Garden salad, chicken patty on bun, potato salad, pork and beans, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Chef salad w/chicken, beef n' mac, garlic bread, golden corn, peaches , choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chef salad w/Ham, steak sandwich, French fries, glazed carrots, pears, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chef salad w/turkey, chicken spaghetti, garlic toast, sweet peas, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Friday - Chef salad w/bacon, hamburger basket, French fries, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Colorado ISD
High School
Breakfast Menu
May 19-23

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

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

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

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

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

Colorado ISD
High School
Lunch Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Garden salad, Manager's choice, choice of milk.

Tuesday - Chef salad w/chicken, Manager's choice, choice of milk.

Wednesday - Chef salad w/ham, Manager's choice, choice of milk.

Thursday - Chef salad w/turkey, Manager's choice, choice of milk.

Friday - Chef salad w/bacon, hamburger basket, French fires, lettuce cup, chilled fruit, choice of milk.

Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Cereal, toast, fruit, milk.

Tuesday - Sausage, toast, juice, milk.

Wednesday - Donut, toast, juice, milk.

Thursday - Scrambled eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.

Friday - Breakfast pizza, fruit, milk.

Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Fiesta salad, carrot sticks, salsa, Spanish rice, cookies, milk.

Tuesday - Pizza pockets, French fries, corn fruit, milk.

Wednesday - Spaghetti w/meat, sliced potatoes, green beans, garlic toast, Jell-O w/topping, milk.

Thursday - Enchiladas, beans, salsa, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday - Rib-on-a-bun, tater tots, chili beans, push-up, milk.

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Donuts, fruit juice, milk.

Tuesday - Sausage, biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

Wednesday - Blueberry muffins, fruit juice, milk.

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

Friday - No School.

Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
May 19-23

Monday - Ovenfried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, carrots, biscuits, honey, milk.

Tuesday - Hamburgers w/cheese, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, peaches, milk.

Wednesday - Turkey roast, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, bread, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday - Taco salad w/cheese, salsa, corn, crackers, pineapple, milk.

Friday - No School.

CMS awards program set for May 16th

Colorado Middle School will hold an Academic Awards ceremony Friday, May 16th at 6 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

Immediately following the ceremony Kim Anderson, counselor at Colorado High School, will meet with the parents of eighth grade students.

The purpose of the meeting is to prepare these parents and students to enter as freshmen at Colorado High School in the coming year.

The end of year dance will be held following the awards ceremony. Tickets are $3.

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Students of the Week are (L-R) Ashli Cooper, Imelda Ramirez, and Jordan Hammond.

Students of the week named

Students of the week at Hutchinson Elementary are Ashli Cooper, Imelda Ramirez, and Jordan Hammond.

Ashli is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. Her parents are Randy and Kim Cooper. Her favorite animal is her dog, Speedy-Dog. Her favorite subject is Art and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is the Texas Theme.

Imelda is a fourth grader in Mrs. Godina's class. Her parents are San Juana and Florentina Ramirez. She has a pet cat named Daniela. Her favorite subject is Math, and her favorite thing about Hutchinson is the teachers.

Jordan is a fifth grader in Mrs. Dea's class. Her parents are Clay and Robyn Hammond. Her special hobby is riding horses. Her favorite subject is Math and her favorite things about Hutchinson are the nice teachers, Mrs. Arthur, and P.E.

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

CMS end of year program planned

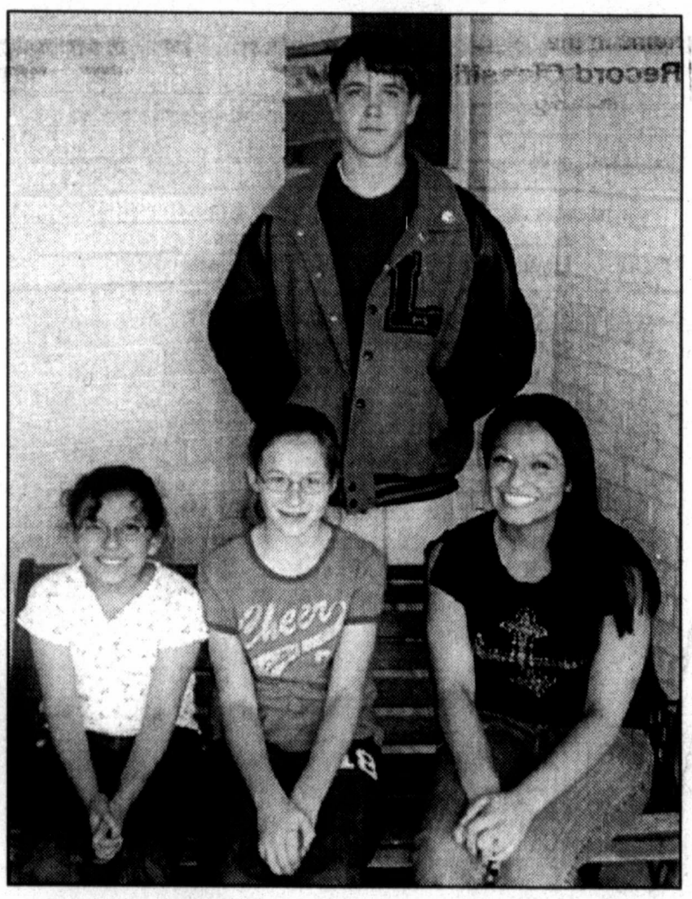
The Colorado Middle School end of the year band program will be held Thursday, May 15 in the Middle School Auditorium.

The CMS Jazz band, 6th grade and 7th and 8th grade combined band will perform beginning at 6 p.m.

The bands will perform contest pieces, a James Bonds movie melody and an Armed Forces melody.



Westbrook Senior Liz Hannon competed last week at Ft. Worth in the FCCLA State Meet. She placed first in Career Investigations and now will compete at the National Level.



Loraine ISD Students of the week are seated (L-R) Jazmine De La Cruz, Jesica Bradley, and Valerie Gonzales. Standing is Nathan Clements.



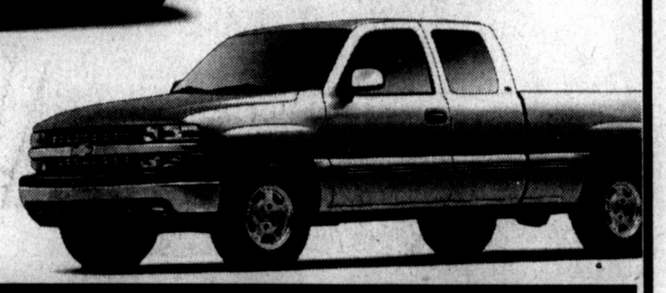
Kelley Elementary awarded four students for "Howling Wolf" behavior/attendance for the 5th Six Weeks of school. (L-R) In second grade, Hayden Redwine was the grand winner; Samantha Meeks earned the first grade award; Jacob Garcia won Kindergarten honors; and Elliana Gonzales won the Pre-K wolf.

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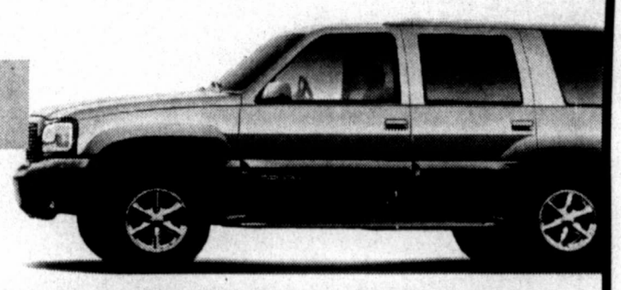
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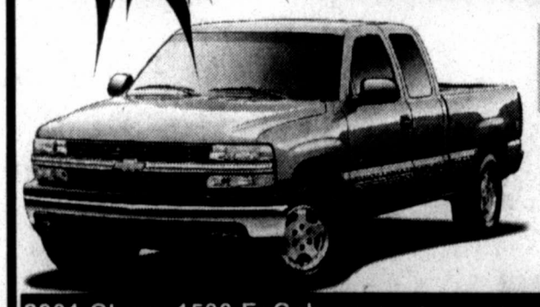
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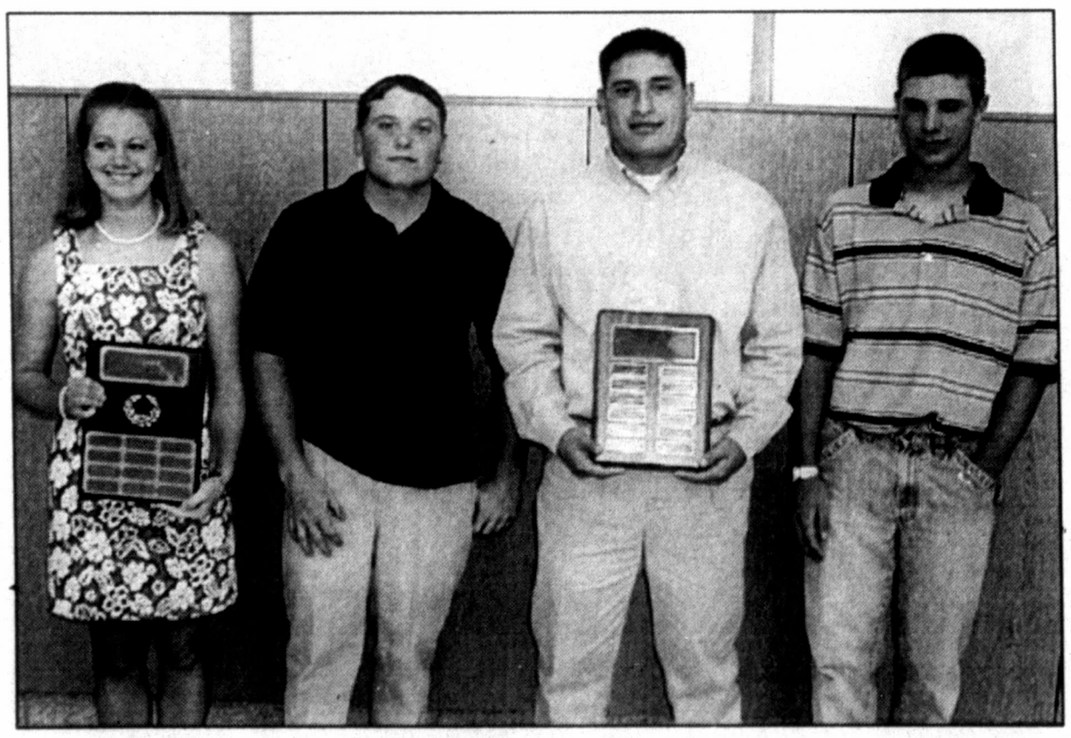
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<u>Not Pictured:</u>

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- **Roger Crawford - Tennis Ace Award**
- **Sarah Paul & Brittany Farquhar - Tennis Duece Award**
- **Tony Hubbard -Tennis Smash Award**
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Baseball awards will be announced after the playoffs!

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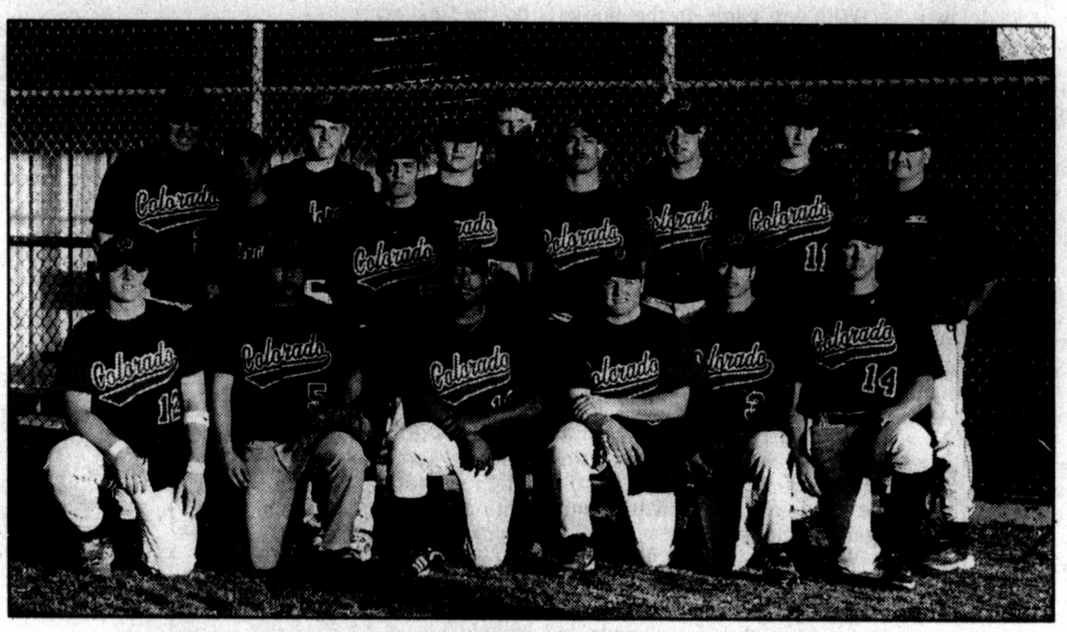


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Wolves sweep state-ranked Eldorado

Sometimes even the best layed plans don't go the way we think they should.

Ask Eldorado baseball coach Gary Grubbs

Coach Grubbs thought it would be to his teams advantage to enter the playoffs as the number two team rather than have a one-game playoff with Wall after the two ended district play tied for first with one loss each.

After walloping Anthony by the 10-run rule for the bi-district crown in two games, the eighth-ranked Eagles thought it would roll over the Colorado Wolves just as easy.

Wrong!

The Wolves swept Eldorado in two games, winning Friday nights game 5-2 with Fidel Silva throwing a 3-hitter before coming back to San Angelo's Colt Field on Saturday to take a 10-3 win.

Silva kept the Eagles at bay the entire game Friday night as he struck out 11 Eldorado batters while walking only three.

"Fidel pitched a great game, keeping Eldorado off balance and doing the things it takes to win ball games," said Wolf mentor Brandon Collins. "Their coach said he was inconsistent but I thought he was very consistent. That's the main thing."

The Wolves took an early 1-0 lead in the top of the first when with two outs, shortstop Dereck Garcia line a single up the middle. He advanced to second base when a pick off by Eldorado Frankie Arispe sailed past the first baseman. Garcia then moved to third on a passed ball before scoring easily on a tiple by Silva that just missed going over the 325-foot fence.

The Wolves added another run in the second inning when Andrew Regalado led off with a double. Courtesy runner Tyler Kelley advanced to third on a groundout to the shortstop by Kenneth Scott. After a strikeout by Brik McGuffin, Kelley scored on a wild pitch to put the Wolves up 2-0.

The Wolves bats were silenced then until the fifth inning when they added two more runs to take a 4-0 lead. Those runs came when with two outs Oscar Martinez walked followed by Jon Spear's single. An attempt to get Martinez out sailed past the third baseman allowing him to score. Garcia then walked before Silva lined a single that scored Spear. Silva however took a wide turn at first base and was tagged out while attempting to get back.

The Wolves added yet another run in the top of the sixth inning before Eldorado would manage to get on the scoreboard.

Kelley, running for Regalado once again after he had walked, stole second and third base before scoring on a single by Bryan Proctor with two outs. McGuffin, who had reached first on a walk, was thrown out at home plate after attempting to score on Proctor's hit.

Silva's only trouble came in the bottom of the sixth when Eldorado plated their only runs. He worked his way out of the jam after the Eagles had loaded up the bases with back-to-back walks and hitting a batter.

"I thought coach was going to pull me when I got in the jam," said Silva after the game. He had enough confidence in me to let me work my way out of it."

To add insult to injury for the Eagles, Silva had enough left to strike out the side in the bottom of the seventh inning.

With one game in the books for the Wolves the Eagles were now faced with elimination unless they could come back with two wins on Saturday.

That was also not to be!

David Salazar got the start on the mound for the Wolves in game two and allowed six hits. He struck out eight batters while only allowing one base on balls.

Each team scored in the first inning before Eldorado took a 3-1 lead in the top of the second.

The lead did not last long however. The Wolves came back with six huge runs in the bottom of the second to regain the lead, one they would not again relinquish.

With one out, Regalado walked and was followed by a single by Scott. McGuffin followed up with a huge triple to plate Kelley who was running for Regalado and Scott. Proctor followed with a walk and then stole second base. Oscar Martinez then singled in McGuffin and Proctor. Jon Spear then singled moving Martinez to third. Garcia then hit a double that scored Martinez and Spear. Silva followed by grounding out to short followed by Salazar, batting for a second time in the inning, with a long fly ball to left field to end the threat.

The Wolves added another run in the bottom of the fourth and another in the fifth to go up 10-3, a score that held up to be the final score.

Coach Collins said he couldn't ask for a better game from his two pitchers in the series.

"David (Salazar) and Fidel (Silva) did exactly what they have done for us all season," said coach Collins. "They were able to throw strikes and get people out and keep people off balance. To me that's the biggest thing about baseball, keeping your opponent off balance and giving our defense a chance to do their job."

The Wolves, now 17-5 on the season, will face Post in a best of three series beginning Friday night at Moffett Field in Snyder with a start time of 7 p.m. The second game will be played on Saturday morning at 10 a.m. with an if necessary game to follow 30 minutes after the conclusion of the first one.

In top 10

Tracksters go to state

The state track meet in Austin is once again history and the three Colorado High School athletes have returned after competing well at the meet.

B.J. Graham, a senior competing at the state level for the first time, finished fourth in the discus. Graham, who will be attending Angelo State University next fall on a football scholarship has steadily improved all season in the event. Though he also threw the shot put he will probably concentrate on the discus if he chooses to participate in track in college.

"I have already talked to the head coach and athletic director about throwing in college," said Graham. "He told me I needed to concentrate on the one I thought I could compete best in on a college level. I feel that the discus will be my best bet and I have been working hard on improving my technique."

Junior Jacobie Russell competed in the long jump early Friday morning and was pitted against some very talented jumpers. Russell finished in seventh place with a jump of 21'10", not one of his best jumps of the season. Bobby Evers of Bangs won the event with a sensational jump of 24'8 1/4", more than a foot further than his closest competitor.

Alison Lopez, making her third appearance at the state meet in Austin, finished sixth in the 800-meter run. O'Neal of Nocona, the first place winner at the regional meet in Abilene, won the event at state.

Lopez, also a senior, is expected to make her decision on where she will be competing at college next year and in what sport. The all-around athlete has had a fabulous four-year career in volleyball, basketball, softball and track during her high school career.

She will be sorely missed next year. We wish her and all the graduating seniors the best of luck.

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Lady Wolves lost to Sonora in playoffs

Hopes for a continued softball season took a huge blow for the Lady Wolves last Thursday night in San Angelo when the Sonora Lady Broncos, the third-place finisher in district 2-2A, came from behind to defeat the Lady Wolves 11-4.

The Lady Wolves, playing without the services of four-year starter Alison Lopez who was in Austin for the state track meet, ran into numerous obstacles all week but still appeared able to overcome them to move on to the next round of the playoffs.

The Lady Wolves scored a run in the first inning before adding two more in the top of the third inning to take a 3-0 lead.

Sonora scored three in the bottom of the third to nullify that lead, tying the game at 3-3.

Colorado came back with a run in the top of the fourth inning to regain the lead at 4-3 when Daniell Arispe doubled in Jaki Davila who had reached base on an error.

Then, in the bottom of the fifth inning, the wheels came off the Lady Wolves stage coach.

The Lady Wolves, who only suited up 10 players for the game, had to replace first baseman Jami Bonner in the bottom of the fifth when she hurt her ankle trying to beat out a ground ball to the shortstop.

This caused a shifting around of the defense which caused several players to play positions they were not accustomed to.

Senior Teri Phariss, pitching in what would become her last high school game, struck out five and walked only one batter but a culmination of five errors doomed any opportunity for a victory.

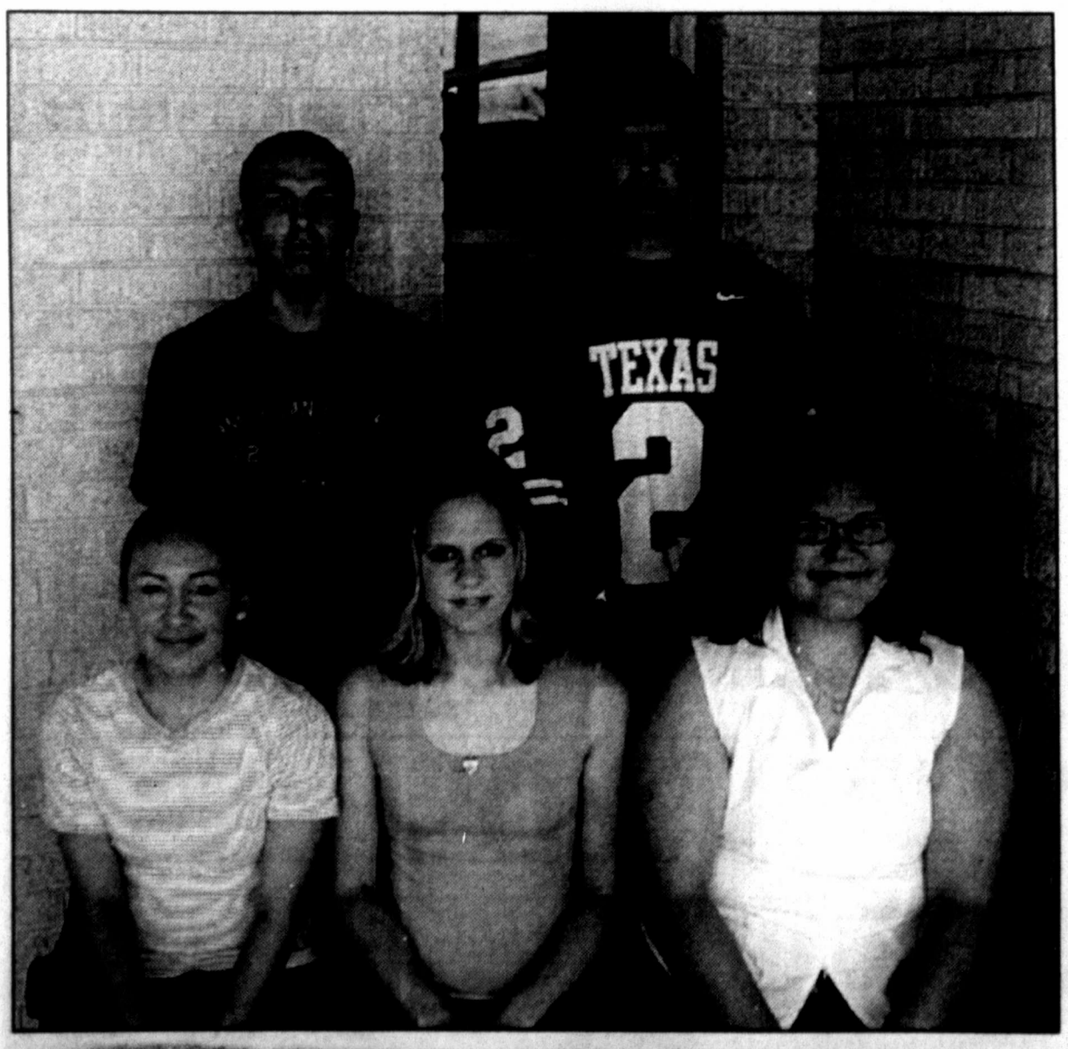
Eight Sonora runs crossed the plate in the bottom of the fifth inning when the Lady Broncos batted around. This gave them an unsurmountable 11-4 lead going into the final two innings.

The Lady Wolves could not manage another run the last two at bats as Sonora freshman Kali Roberts shut the Lady Wolves down. She struck out the last two Lady Wolves in the top of the seventh inning to put the nail in the coffin.

Coach Jerold Epperson said he knew going into the game it would be difficult to overcome all the obstacles the team faced.

"I really thought that we might be able to overcome not having Alison (Lopez) and the other obstacles we had faced early in the week but I believe it did effect the play of the girls," said coach Epperson. "After Jami (Bonner) went out with an injury in the fifth we just seemed to fall apart. You have to hand it to Sonora though, they have really improved a lot and have a very good pitcher."

The loss left the final season record for the Lady Wolves at 12-8.



The top five juniors at Loraine High School were recently invited to the Hardin-Simmons University's 13 annual HSU Gold Carpet Banquet in Abilene. They were (Botton Row) Eliza Martinez, Stephanie Rich, and Stacy Parham. Standing are (L-R) George Davila and Ryan Lucos.

Westbrook sweeps Sweetwater tennis tourney

The Westbrook Wildcats junior high school tennis team recently competed at Sweetwater and came home with much of the hardware when they swept both the boys and girls divisons.

In boys singles action, Westbrook took first, second and third places with Tate Burleson nabbing first with a win over teammate Michael Morton in the finals. Josh Fernandez placed third with a win over Trent's Anthony Beaver before losing to Burleson in the semi-final round.

In boys doubles, Jordan Truelove and Drake Thurman defeated teams from Blackwell and two different teams from Trent to win in that division.

In girls doubles action, Lauren Johnson and Keesha Krapf took first place by posting wins over Blackwell, Trent and Loraine. Linsey Chavez also placed first with a 8-0 win over Hood of Blackwell to give the Wildcats a sweep at the district meet.

"I am very proud of our young team as they played well all year," said coach Marcelino Chavez of his teams performance. "They were entered in some very tough tournaments and came away with some good experiences. Linsey (Chavez) went 24-0, winning both the 8th grade Colorado City and Big Spring tournaments, the 7th grade Big Lake and Sweetwater tournaments and the district 10-A girls singles championship."

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FIRST BANK OF WEST TEXAS bankteller, Rosemary Aguilar, stands between the Lady Bulldogs Bi-District and Area Softball Championship trophies. The team will play Thursday against Tolar in Abilene for the Regional Semifinals.

Loraine Lady Bulldogs claim area softball championship

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs came from behind to defeat the Albany Lady Lions 7-6 last Thursday in Abilene to lay claim to the Area Championship and a right to take on Tolar in the Regional Semifinal game this Thursday, May 15, at Wells Field on the campus of ACU. The game is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

The winning run for Loraine came in the top of the seventh inning when Eliza Garcia singled to drive in runners from second and third base.

Garcia went two for four on the night while everyone on the Lady Bulldogs got at least one hit with the exception of Jeanny Moore, Loraine's freshman catcher.

Loraine took an early 3-0 lead at the end of the first inning before Albany came back to cut the lead to 3-2 in the bottom of the second inning.

The Lady Bulldogs came back with two runs in the top of the third to go up 5-2. Albany came back with another run in the bottom of the third to make the score 5-3.

The Lady Lions closed the gap to 5-4 in the bottom of the fifth inning before taking a 6-5 lead in the bottom of the sixth that set up the dramatic seventh inning rally b y Loraine.

Staring Lady Bulldog pitcher Eliza Martinez shut out Albany in the bottom of the seventh to preserve the narrow win.

Martinez went the distance for Loraine and recorded the win for the Lady Bulldogs.

Coach Rick Lucas said the team's strength all year has been their hitting, but against Albany he felt they didn't hit as well as in the past.

"We didn't hit as well as we have been I didn't think," said coach Lucas. "However we did play better defense than we have been. We will need to put it all together against Tolar to keep playing. All I know about them is that they have a good pitcher. We need to be ready to play."

Loraine will take a record of 13 wins and 8 losses into the semifinal game with Tolar, a school near the Fort Worth area.

According to school officials this is the fartherest that a sports program has gone since the Bulldog baseball team went to the state semifinals in 1995.

Loraine wraps up season with loss to Ira

The undefeated and state-ranked Ira Bulldog baseball team had to hold off a stubborn Loraine team bent on upsetting the district champions.

However, Ira was able to pull out a hard fought 7-6 win over Loraine.

Ira scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning to take an early lead before Loraine came back in the second inning with three runs to take the lead.

Ira scored a run in the bottom of the third inning to tie things up at 3-3, a score that held up until Loraine retook the lead with a run in the fifth inning.

Ira came back strong with four runs in the bottom of the sixth to go up by the score of 7-4 but the visiting Bulldogs from Loraine weren't through.

Loraine put up two more runs in the top of the seventh inning, just coming up short of getting another run to send the game into extra innings.

Senior J.P. Meneses worked the mound for the last game, going six innings before giving way to Ryan Lucas in the seventh.

Lucas had a single and a double as did Jr. Delgado. Catcher Anthony Esquivel had a single as did George Davila. Steven Wooddell had two doubles in the game.

Loraine outhit the district champions with nine hits to four for Ira. Both teams committed two errors each.

Coach Victor Garcia said he felt like Loraine competed well in a very strong district.

"I felt this was one of the stronger districts around this year," said coach Garcia. "Ira and Hamlin are both doing well in the playoffs. It's hard to explain how we played so well against Ira who won district yet played so bad against Hamlin, the district runner-up. It's a funny game sometimes but we are proud of these kids and most of them will be coming back for another season."

Playing their final game for Loraine was J.P. Meneses and Eric Wooddell.

Correction

In last week's Record we stated in a story that Alison Lopez had been selected to play in the Coaches All-Star Game that will be played in Austin on July 10th. She in fact was selected as an alternate in the case one of the primary selectees would be unable to participate.

At this time all the primary selectees have intentions on participating.

We still congratulate Alison on being selected by the Coaches Association. That is quite an honor in itself.



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Final 2002 cottonseed regulation published

By Keith Hiser

The final regulation for the 2002-crop cottonseed payment program was published in the Federal Register of April 25, 2003. The rule provides for the program to be administered in the same manner as prior cottonseed payments. The Agricultural Assistance Act of 2003 provides $50 million for this program.

Cottonseed payment applications will be mailed to gins Monday, April 28th from the FSA/Price Support Division (PSD), Washington, DC. Applications are to be submitted by gins directly to PSD/WDC. FSA State and County Offices will not be administering or taking applications for this program.

In applying for the payments, gins must agree to share payments with producers to the extent that the effect of low seed prices was borne by the producer. The estimated payment rate is $8.00 per ton of seed, or about $3.00 per bale.

Final payments and rates will be determined after all applications have been received. If all applications are received in a timely fashion, payments to ginners will occur in early June. Please refer any questions from gins or producers to Gene Rosera at 202/720-8481.

Farm Service Agency publishes interim rule for reserve program

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) published the interim rule for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) to reflect changes made to the CRP as a result of the 2002 Farm Bill.

One of the major changes that will be of interest to producers in the 17th District will be the role of managed haying and grazing on CRP acreage.

This is in addition to the emergency haying and grazing that has been allowed during emergency situations such as the most recent drought.

Another area of interest is the placement of wind turbines for energy generation on CRP acreage.

Before the 2002 Farm Bill, the 1985 Act generally provided that no commercial use could be made of land enrolled in CRP; that law did permit haying or grazing during droughts or similar weather-related emergencies.

The 2002 Farm Bill changed that provision by making an exception for managed harvesting and grazing.

This exception includes the managed harvesting of biomass and the installation of wind turbines.

Wind turbines generally have a limited impact on the environment due to their small footprint of approximately one-tenth acre. They are non-polluting sources of energy and generally have a limited impact on wildlife.

Under the new law, wind turbines will be installed according to standards and in such numbers as determined appropriate by FSA.

Based on surveys of CRP participants, the managed haying uses could potentially affect about 25 percent of eligible CRP grassland acreage.

Haying and grazing will be limited to no more that once every three years, depending on conservation plan guidelines.

There will be additional restrictions in environmentally sensitive areas or practices.

All haying and grazing activities will be conducted only after a detailed conservation plan has been developed according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) for haying and grazing standards.

The conservation plan will ensure the long-term viability of the stand, while protecting and enhancing the soil, water, wildlife, and other natural resources of the CRP acreage.

The conservation plan will require the control of noxious weeds and other weed, insects, and pests.

The year 2003 will be considered "year one" of the management cycle for all CRP contracts in effect. For all new CRP contracts, the disturbance cycle will begin when the cover is established.

For contracts where all eligible acreage is already established, year one of the disturbance cycle will begin during the first managed haying and grazing period after the CRP contract is approved.

Under existing emergency authority, an eligible CRP acreage may be hayed or grazed each year the county is approved.

Under the new rule, any CRP acreage eligible for emergency haying or grazing within the county may be hayed or grazed within the emergency authorization regardless of whether it was hayed or grazed in previous years under managed provisions of emergency authority.

However, any eligible acreage hayed or grazed under either managed or emergency provisions would not be eligible for managed haying or grazing for the next two years.

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Jim Talent predicted last week that Congress will not repeal country-of-origin labeling (COOL) requirements.

He went on to say that USDA officials should implement the law in a way that is the most informative for consumers and the least costly for producers and agribusiness.

Following a recent field hearing in Montana, Chairman Talent said that he has let USDA officials know that he does not consider it the job of the subcommittee to go over the merits of country-of-origin labeling as an idea.

Senator Talent said he would consider legislation to postpone deadlines or make some changes in the law, such as grandfathering in meat from cows born before September 30, 2004. Next year is the deadline when the mandatory provisions of the law are scheduled to go into effect.

Senator Talent also said he would consider proposals to require record keeping only on imported meat, under the assumption that other meat comes from animals born in the United States.

For many folks in the agricultural sector, the greatest problem with county-of-origin labeling is this: while the law will be enforced at the retail level, the cost of implementing mandatory labeling will be borne primarily by producers, especially as the law applies to cattle, hogs, and lambs.

The USDA needs to figure out a way to implement the law in such a way that gives consumers certainty about the product they are purchasing, while not placing an unreasonable burden for everybody in the food production chain, especially producers.

loraine news

By Bessie Ann Vaughn

Elwood and Mable Graham had three of their children visiting on Mother's Day. They are Lee Franklin of Colorado City, Carl Eldon of Colorado City, and Tommy from Abilene. Lee brought fixings for lunch and made a bountiful meal. It was really enjoyed and a special surprise.

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Charlene Walker had a nice Mother's Day with Ricky and Donna Walker from Lubbock, Jack and Marie Collins from Roscoe, Sylvia Finch from Sweetwater, and Pat Finch and Debbie Finch both from Ft. Worth. They all went to the Walker farm, visited and had a nice lunch.

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Cindy Mahon of Ft. Worth was in Loraine over the weekend visiting Royce and Margaret Mahon, wishing Margaret a Happy Mother's Day.

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Wanza Graham had a lovely Mother's Day "Week". All her children visited during the week at different times.

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Iris Preston and Sassy Furlow were in Loraine last week visiting at the Senior Center.

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Last Sunday, Bro. Keifer Cauble had several relatives present at morning services. One cousin, Dorothy Helms sang two songs accompanied by her tapes. It was nice to meet them all - and enjoy Dorothy's singing.

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Our condolences are sent to the family and friends of Sidney McAdams. He passed away Wednesday while in a hospital at Lubbock.

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Jim and Diane Sanders went to Abilene Friday where they shopped at several places and had a very nice lunch.

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Visiting with Nell Doyle last Wednesday was her son, Tommy Doyle of Arlington. He took his mother out for an early Mother's Day meal.

On Saturday, Beverly Collins of Colorado City, and Jimmy and Hudson Collier from Wall, Texas, came to visit Nell and take her out for Mother's Day as well.

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Durwood and Ina Vay McAdams were in Spearman Friday to attend the funeral of his brother, Sid. They spent Friday night in Turpin, Oklahoma, with their granddaughter and husband, Trent and Breane McKinley.

Saturday night was spent with Gary and Jaleta Owens near Hedley, Texas. The ladies are sisters. It was good to arrive home safely Sunday night.

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Doris Henderson and her mother Pauline Smiley celebrated Mother's Day Sunday with Theran Henderson, Jay Henderson, Brad and Pennie Henderson, along with Morgan from Midland.

Granddaughter Ashley Henderson was unable to attend the celebration as she was on a band trip to Corpus Christi from Midland Lee High School.

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Betty Chandler and Dorothy Haltom left Sunday morning for Abilene. They stopped in Merkel to visit Betty's stepsister for a few minutes, then out to the cemetery to put new flowers on the grave of Betty's mother.

Dorothy was taken on to Calvin and Barbara Haltom's where she spent Mother's Day. Also there were Jim Haltom and three of his children.

Barbara took Dorothy out to Tuscola to visit with her granddaughter Gina.

Betty spent the day with her son James Kilpatrick and family. It was an enjoyable day.

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Jay and Mike Sadler went to Sweetwater to Pat and Brittany's for Mother's Day. Also joining them was Bertie Colson.

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Don and Francis Richburg of Roscoe visited with the senior citizens on Monday.

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Senior Center

Monday, May 12th the graduating Senior Class was invited to lunch and to a special program.

Charles Bowen was speaker for the program.

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May 14th lunch was barbecued chicken and on May 16th, green enchiladas will be served at lunch.

Tommy Wright will sing on the 16th.

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Lunches at the Loraine Senior Center now cost $3 for folks 60 years and older. For those under 60 years of age the cost will be $4.

Government funds for this program was cut this year and the center has to take up the slack and pay the difference.

We think we are in line with all area Senior Centers at this time in lunch costs.

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Having birthdays in May are: Helen Williams, Pat Hudgins, Jesse Castro, Louise Dunn, Bayne Dubose, A.W. Phillips, Cecil Lankford, Loreen Calloway, Addie Smith, Brother James Mevill, Mary Jo Self, Kenneth Kendall, Frank Lambaren, Bea Newsom, Bean Oliver, Frances Garden, Pat Carter, Christine Britton, Gloria Browning, Denise Marshall, D.C. Fowler, Helen Jones, George Lee, Lucille Frozen, Tommie Given, Thomoson Davhein, Mary Hickman, Doris Dockery, June Barrow, Jake Chaney, and Neva Underwood.

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Kitty Gage of Lubbock visited with Nola Taylor during the Mother's Day weekend, and on Saturday afternoon they attended the musical at Roscoe Community Center, and that night they attended the Mother and Daughter Banquet in the Salem Lutheran Church in Roscoe.

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Just in Fun

Signs of the Times

Sign in a Tulsa, OK, Second Hand Store: "Nothing sold on credit - Dang little for cash."

On the door of a small restaurant: "Gone for the Week. Fishing Pox"

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Bye for now.

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No School Reminder
Westbrook ISD will not have school on Friday, May 23, 2003.

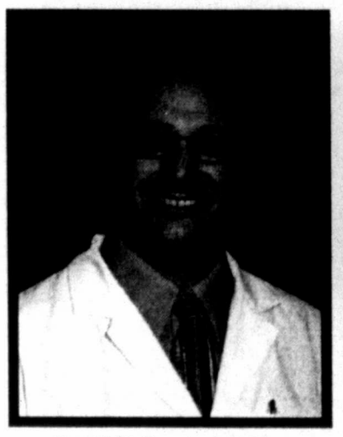
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