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DISTRICT CHAMPS!



2012 DISTRICT CHAMPIONS COLORADO CITY WOLVES: (left to right) Matt Potter, Gustavo Silva, Corbin Castillo, Jason Rodriguez, Tylor Lorenz, Bailey Spencer, Benny Jones, Derek Gainey, Jake Johnson, Aaron Rivera, Ryan Rivera, Anthony Rivera and Adam Pineda. See story on page 9, for playoff news.

City tables bids on water wells

City council members voted to table a decision on water well bids during Tuesday's regular meeting.

Bids were opened last week concerning the drilling and installation of three additional water wells to be constructed in the city's existing wellfield. Bids from Leonard Water Services, Ltd. of Abilene and West Texas Water Well Service of Odessa were received.

According to Water/Wastewater Technician Michelle Guelker, Leonard, submitted an original bid of \$399,728 with West Texas coming in slightly higher at \$423,898. Working with the company with the lowest bid, Guelker began negotiating with Leonard to lower their bid further, eventually reaching the bid total of \$352,948.

Several council members had questions about the bid totals, including Keith Hiser, who says he's been fielding questions about the cost of the wells from farmers who are accustomed to irrigation wells. "What we're looking at with these bids is a summary,"

Hiser said. He went on to add that he feels like the council owes it to the citizens of Colorado City to get the opportunity to look at all the details in the costs of the project.

City Manager Pete Kampfer warned the council against getting bogged down by the details and urged them to be informed and proceed in a timely manner. Kampfer stated that additional resources are a must in the summer, saying that the city is strapped for water during the hottest parts of the year. He also said that there have been times when the city is using as much as it is pumping, and increased water production would be dire in case of an emergency such as a fire or major water break.

Kampfer reported that the city has over \$260,000 saved for the water well project thus far.

Marcelo Alvarez asked Guelker if she had an itemized bid. She did not, but she said she could get one. She also added that TCEQ regulation was one of the reasons for the extra costs. "They

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Commissioners discuss oil, gas lease on property

In a regular meeting, the Mitchell County Commissioners met Monday with one main objective. Sure, minutes had to be approved, monthly reports had to be approved and the bills, totaling \$116,454.62, had to be paid. But the question on everyone's mind was whether the county would seek bids for oil and gas leases on county property, most specifically, a 240-acre

plot near Loraine with a rock quarry on it.

County Attorney Ty Wood talked for half an hour, giving the commissioners every possible scenario to help them in their decision.

"Right now, the leases are going for up to \$600 per acre," Wood said. "Some of the land owners have received as high as 25 percent royalties in their con-

tract as well."

Wood went on to explain to the commissioners the going price per acre was increasing by \$50-\$100 every two weeks, raising questions about whether it might be best to wait a month, maybe even two, before asking for bids.

However, with the county's requirement to advertise three consecutive weeks before they

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Warrant Roundup underway

Representatives of law enforcement agencies and courts from more than 240 jurisdictions across Texas announced recently combine efforts to host the 5th annual Great Texas Warrant Roundup beginning Saturday, February 25.

The roundup is designed to target thousands of defendants with traffic, parking, city ordinance, penal code and higher charge warrants from participating jurisdictions. It is believed to be the largest joint operation of its kind with arrests expected to continue for several days.

Hundreds of thousands of notices were recently mailed statewide by participating entities. Numerous counties, justices of the peace, constables and municipalities of all sizes will participate in the roundup.

Specific information as to the number of outstanding warrants, how to take care of warrants prior to arrest, and any other special roundup activities or events may be obtained by contacting Municipal Court Judge Belinda Blassingame at City Hall, 325-728-3463.

Affected persons are urged to

contact the appropriate jurisdiction or jurisdictions during the next two weeks to dispose of their cases voluntarily to avoid the inconvenience and embarrassment of arrest at home or work in front of family, friends or co-workers.

According to municipal court records, the City of Colorado City collected \$159,476.96 from 383 people in last year's roundup and hopes to do so again. This year's records show that 372 people with a total of 603 violations owe more than \$151,462 total. As of Tuesday morning, \$1,606

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APPEARING FOR A SHORT TIME in Colorado City... The Soggy Bottom Boys. Fortunately they were only here for a short time and left as soon as the temperature warmed up on Monday.

Deadline to file for elections fast approaching

The filing period this year for the May 12th election will run through March 5th. The actual election will be held May 12th for local and state-wide races.

Seats for Districts 3, 4 and 6 are up for election. The seats are currently held by Marcelo Alvarez Jr., Bobbie Banks and Bob Brookshear, respectively. Brookshear is the only candidate that has filed so far.

No one has filed for any of the three positions up for election on the Colorado ISD Board of Trustees.

Place 1 is a two-year seat held by Mike Alexander. Place 4 is currently vacant. Frank Martinez vacated the position after moving from the district. Place 6, like Place 4, is a four-year term. Sheila Plagens currently

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Leadership is key to city manager position

By Earl Plagens

Former City Manager Pete Kampfer will head to New Mexico next week leaving behind an impressive list of accomplishments achieved here the last 30 months as Colorado City's city manager.

Kampfer arrived here in October of 2009, and how many remember his first order of business? The city was on the brink of bankruptcy and could barely meet payroll and several in the community had suggested filing bankruptcy.

According to some reports, Kampfer couldn't even cash his first paycheck, but he stuck it out, made some tough decisions, stepped on some toes, made a few enemies and eventually got the city headed in the right direction.

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Around Town

Happy 8th anniversary Cory & Cristina Morris (Feb. 13)... Doug Sitter in the office on business... Josie Ortega supplying some Valentine dinner for late workers... Bobbie Banks enjoying the grandkids... Bill Crockett glad the pancake supper is over... Was that Tony Romo eating at Sonic Monday night?... Happy birthday Janie Garza (Feb. 16)...

Answerline

Q. What is the average date of the last freeze in Mitchell County?
A. According to the *Texas Almanac*, the last freeze in the spring is on average to be April 1.

Obituaries

Daylon Bruce
Arlington, TX

Library Closure

The Mitchell County Public Library will be closed Mon., Feb. 20th in observance of President's Day.

Movie Night

Christian Temple will show *Courageous* on Feb. 19th at 6:30 p.m. Free hotdogs, popcorn and ice cream will be served at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Foreign Exchange

ERDT/SHARE, the foreign exchange student organization, is searching for a host family for a 17-year-old girl from the Czech Republic. The girl is currently attending Frenship High School, south of Lubbock, and would like to stay in the area. For more information, contact Nancy Thomson, 325-436-2408.

Free Concert

Jim Glunt will be at the Loraine Senior Center on February 26th from 3 to 5 p.m. for a free concert. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Briefs

Band Boosters will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Band Hall.

Early Release
Westbrook ISD will have an early release Fri., Feb. 17th at 12:30 p.m.

Immunization Clinic
The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic on Wed., Mar. 7 from 10-12 a.m. and 1:30-3 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Education Center. Please bring your child's immunization records with you. Call 325-754-4945 for more information.

Reception
A "come and go" reception will be held for Pete Kampfer on Thurs., Feb. 16 from 4 - 5:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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LOCAL NEWS

Brands need to be re-registered by Feb. 29

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) reminds ranchers that the next brand re-registration period ends Feb. 29, 2012. The State of Texas requires that brands be re-registered in the county or counties where the owner operates every ten years.

Larry Gray, executive director of law enforcement at TSCRA, says that branding is the number one way to prevent livestock theft.

TSCRA was established in 1877 to help prevent and solve agricultural crimes. Since then, the association's law enforcement division has expanded to include 30 special rangers stationed throughout Texas and Oklahoma who work alongside local law enforcement agencies to protect citizens against agricultural crimes, including livestock theft.

Although Texas does not have a statewide brand registry database, TSCRA has market inspectors stationed at 105 Texas livestock auctions that collect brands

and other identifying marks on 4 million cattle sold annually. They report this information to TSCRA headquarters in Fort Worth, where it is entered into the nation's largest brand recording and retrieval system. This system currently houses more than 102,000 brands, the largest brand registry in the U.S.

This database is the first source checked when livestock is reported stolen, and has aided in the arrests of livestock thieves and the recovery of hundreds of thousands of stolen livestock. Gray says that while Texas law does not require you to brand your cattle, he highly encourages it as a way to protect your business.

To help guide ranchers through the brand re-registration process, TSCRA has launched www.tscrabrands.com. Working in conjunction with the 254 county clerk offices, this site provides all the necessary paperwork and information to register brands.



HOW MANY KIWANIS Club members does it take to cook pancakes? Several, when you're cooking enough pancakes for over 200 people. These cooks, Royce Clay and Amanda Jo Ritchey, along with several others, prepared and served lots of pancakes last Friday night at the Kiwanis Annual Pancake Supper.

OVER 220 ATTEND SUPPER

Large group enjoys pancakes

The 38th Annual Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper was held Friday night with great success. Tables were full of hungry folks enjoying pancakes, bacon, sausage, as well as coffee and tea at the Colorado Middle School Cafeteria.

According to Kiwanis Club member Amanda Jo Ritchey, over 220 people were served at

the annual fundraiser. Proceeds from the supper help support youth-oriented programs such as the annual Kiwanian Christmas toy drive, the teacher appreciation luncheon, as well as Run for the Wall, among others.

In just over two hours, over 60 pounds of bacon and 15 pounds of sausage were served.

New tools assist beginning farmers, ranchers

The USDA Farm Service Agency is working harder than ever to assist new farmers and ranchers to succeed. Acting Texas FSA Executive Director James B. Douglass recently unveiled a new Land Contract Guarantee Program and several other tools designed to help beginning farmers and ranchers build the foundation for a successful career in agriculture.

"New farmers face many challenges, like obtaining land for example," said Douglass. "FSA is

going to provide new options to help them to work through this challenging start-up issue." Peak land values, tight commercial credit, minimal credit history and less collateral make it difficult for new and smaller farmers in Texas to get a commercial business loan right now.

The Land Contract Guarantee Program provides a new approach for landowners willing to sell and finance a land purchase to a beginning or socially disadvantaged farmer. The national program offers two options, one that guarantees up to three annual installment payments on the contract and one that guarantees 90% of the unpaid principal of the contract. Guarantees can be used in the purchase of land for up to \$500,000.

"This new program will work well for beginning and minority growers in our state and we encourage producers to visit with us to see if they qualify and how it could fit their needs," Douglass said.

Another new change to the agency's lending rules for new producers is to allow more flex-

ibility in the minimum experience requirement. Under the new rule, FSA loan officers are now allowed to consider all prior farming experience, including on-the-job training and formal education when determining eligibility for FSA Farm Operating and Ownership Loans. To qualify for a Beginning Farmer and Rancher Loan from FSA, appli-

cants must have a minimum level of agricultural experience, but not more than 10 years operating a farm or ranch.

Douglass also recommends that people considering a farming career should visit a new USDA website www.start2farm.gov to learn more about all USDA resources and programs for beginning farmers and ranchers.

Bell Fun Run will be nice way to spend March 24th

Several late members of the Christian Motorcycle Association (CMA) will be honored in a way which should prove to be fun for riders.

The Bell Fun Run, in memory of Jenie and Danny Bell, is planned for March 24, allowing plenty of time for those wishing to participate to make plans. The event will begin at the Exxon station on the corner of Hickory and the north service road of I-20, ending in Ruddick Park.

The first bikes will leave the station at 10 a.m. and the last should

be on the road by 10:30 a.m.

The riders will make their way from Colorado City, through Snyder, Roby, Rotan, Hamlin and McCauley, before passing through Sweetwater and ending back in Colorado City.

A \$20 entry fee will be charged to the riders and includes the price of lunch. All proceeds from the run will go to the Wings of Grace chapter of the CMA.

For more information, e-mail kristy79512@gmail.com or visit the event's website, www.bellfunrun.webs.com

OBITUARIES

Daylon Bruce 1925-2012

ARLINGTON -- Daylon Bruce, 86, passed away peacefully in his home on February 10, 2012 surrounded by his family. A memorial service was held at 1 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church of Arlington officiated by Dr. David Mosser and Rev. Dan Bruce.

Memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Arlington Organ Fund or the charity of your choice.

Daylon was born November 25, 1925, in rural Mitchell County to parents Marshall and Beatrice Bruce. He started school in Champion, a small community outside of Loraine. Later, he attended Highland School until his senior year when the family moved into the town of Loraine, where he graduated in 1943. While in the Army, he was an M.P., guarding German prisoners in Louisiana and Mississippi. Daylon met his wife, Anne, in 1946, and in 1947, they married in their parents' home. Their only child, Rodger Daylon Bruce, was born in 1948. Daylon went to work for Texas Electric Service Company in Sweetwater at the power plant.

After two years, he was transferred to the commercial department, where he dealt with builders and developers. This is where he found his calling selling the use of electricity. He was known by many in Sweetwater as "Mr. Reddy Kilo-watt." He was chairman of the board of Highland Heights United Methodist Church and president of Methodist Men. At one time, he was also the president of the Sweetwater Evening Lions Club and chairman of the local American Cancer Society. He and his best friend, Dub Adams, were managers of the Elks Club little league team.

Daylon and Anne were MYF sponsors at Highland Heights Methodist for many years and both taught Sunday school. In 1969, the company decided they needed this super salesman in Arlington. He continued working with builders and developers and especially enjoyed working with members of the Texas Rangers Baseball Club who built homes in Arlington, including Jim Sundberg, Mike Hargrove and Gaylord Perry. In his first year in Arlington, he was voted top salesman in the city, and in his second, he was voted top salesman in the entire company and was presented the award by company president Burl Hulsey.

He was an active member of the Arlington Noon Optimist and the Southwest Kiwanis clubs. He was seen many Saturdays selling chances on a Nolan Ryan autographed jersey or Troy Aikman autographed helmet. This money went to fund programs for local children. Daylon was a member of First United Methodist Church of Arlington and a devoted member of the Adult Bible Sunday School class. It became a tradition at the end of class for him to tell a funny story. Daylon was loved by many people because he was a dear friend, and an important member of his church, his clubs and the community. He was truly a "Gentle Man" and will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Marshall and Weldon Bruce.

Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Anne; son, Rodger Bruce and wife, Carla of Richardson; the light of his life, his granddaughter, Emily Bruce of Dallas; brother, Merlyn Bruce and wife, Lora of Houston; nieces and nephews, Debra Bruce, Charla Bruce, Helen Ireland, Anne Bruce "22", Autumn Mostavoj, Brandon Greene, Chad Ireland, Kathleen Wolsfeld, Greg Scharzle; a host of cousins, and many dear friends.



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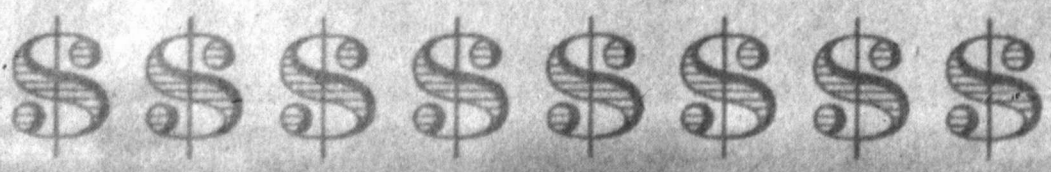
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LOCAL NEWS

WALK AROUND THE LAKE

By Ginny Harmon

Happy February and happy Valentine's Day!

Well, my life has been very dull lately. I finally got to go to church and to the doctors and that got me out of the house some.

It was so good to see everyone at the Dorn Methodist Church and hear Bro. Horace's wonderful sermon again. In January, Ron Mayberry, Bro. Abbott, Dana Moody, Charlie Shifflett graced us with special music and songs. I missed hearing them but hope they can come back and share the Lord's praises with us soon.

Happy birthday to our daughter, Donna, on January 26. We had ice cream and cake when they visited for the weekend. We have seen our son, Gary and his wife, Cindy, our daughter, Diann and her husband, Dewaine and our grandson, Chris in the past weeks. They have all been so good about helping lately, and Ed and I and Vickie really do appreciate the help.

Diann cleaned the kitchen and living room, and I wish she was around more often. It really does help with my arm still not working 100%. All of the girls have really pitched in and helped.

Vickie has been wonderful with Ed and so much help to me. They just won't clean the dog mess up in the backyard. I can't say I blame them.

Poor Linda Baum. The now famous cat is being stalked by a new cat hanging around. We let her out in the morning about 8 a.m. and at 8:01 a.m. she wants back in. Her new little "friend" waits for her around the porch and the drama begins when she goes out.

I came back from the doctors last week and she saw us coming in. She waited until we reached the drive and then began rolling in the dirt darning us to hit her. When we got out of the car, she wanted in the car. She came into the house, followed me into the kitchen, wanted food, followed me out of the kitchen and then sat down in the chair before I could sit down. She wants me to love her but these last few months have confused her so much. I know it has me.

I saw Dr. Stacey Beatty at his office in San Angelo. He took 24 staples out and said I was now his model patient! Said things looked good and showed me the x-ray with the rods and screws and the new elbow! Amazing what they can do now!

He is a wonderful doctor and he saved my arm. We were blessed having Dr. Beatty on call that day. He is a good man and has a lovely wife and family.

I have seen a lot of activity going on around the lake. I just wish I knew what half of it was!

Ed can't wait for warmer days and baseball to start. He watches TV out in the living room and I watch mine in the bedroom. Every evening he comes in and asks if I am watching "The Real Housewives of Everywhere". If I am, he heads back out to the living room. Poor guy!

The Valentine's Dinner at the Dorn Methodist was wonderful! Thirty-eight people came together in fellowship and eat dinner together. We had steak, baked potatoes, salad and good desserts.

We appreciate Gary and Sharon Culp and Becky and Gary Harkins for organizing and preparing such a lovely meal.

Mary Reilly has been under the weather some the past few weeks. Get well soon, Mary. I heard Sylvia Clanton has been feeling a bit puny lately and a special get well to her too.

Found out that an absolutely wonderful gift was given by the daughter of Pastor James and Tommie Williams to her husband. Pam gave one of her kidneys to Justin, and it was a successful match and surgery. James and Tommie spent two weeks with Pam and Justin. Pam and Justin should be at home by the time you read this. What a true gift of love from one to another!

Sharon Mayberry has two donkeys, Jack and Jill. I took Ed over to see the newest additions to the Mayberry family. Jack smiled so big with his teeth and "talked and talked" to Ed and I. Ed is sure he said "hello". Jill just stared at us while eating her carrots, which she loves.

They did get out of their pen the other day. Sharon said she chased them around the house three times, finally corralling them back in. She double locked the latch and prayed they couldn't figure out how to escape again.

Happy Birthday to Jessie Dorn last week and to our daughter Vickie on February 23.

On February 14, 1947, Ed gave me my engagement ring. I love this man more today than I did that day 65 years ago!

I leave you with this thought: Whenever you wake up in the morning and feel depressed and down, thinking that there is nothing good coming your way, think about a boy named Colton Burpo. In his story "Heaven is For Real", he shares about his trip to heaven and back. What an amazing book and worth the time to read.



AFTER 20 YEARS with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, David Smith (center), Ware Unit employee, retired. Approximately 19 of his 20 years with TDCJ were spent working in commissary. A luncheon was recently held in his honor with several TDCJ officials attending, including: (l-r) Wallace and Ware Units Warden Eric Guerrero, Wallace Unit Warden Matt Kennelly, Ware Unit Warden Mary Miller, Regional Auditor Mark Berg of Huntsville, Commissary Program Supervisor Suzann Vaughn of Huntsville, and Eric Johnston of Huntsville, Director of Trust Funds. Photo courtesy of Let Mitchell.



LAST THURSDAY, NEW State Farm Agent Doug Sitter and local staff members held a "Meet & Greet" at Alco. Those that stopped by the table received flowers and registered for drawings for a gift certificate from Stacie's Creations and Mary's Café. The new agent will take over on March 1st. Pictured are: (l-r) Shirley Denson, Danica Hickson, Rosa Johnson, Corbin, drawing winner Brian Taylor and Agent Sitter. Photo courtesy of Shirley Denson.

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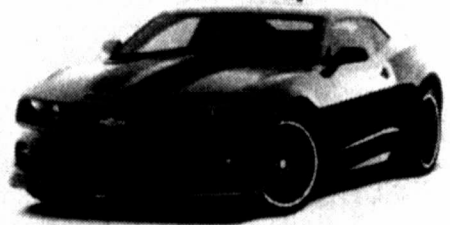
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TUMBLEWEED SMITH Love at first sight

Charles Bogutzki of Crockett saw a good bit of action during World War Two. At the end of the war he was stationed at a naval base at Hitchcock on the Texas coast. He had just got engaged to his girlfriend back home in Pennsylvania. Then while on a Sunday outing, he met another girl when he and a buddy went to a drive-in in Houston.

"I was a passenger," says Charles. "We pulled into Prince's drive in, which was very famous in those days. As we pulled in, and this is the very truth, the first moment I saw this carhop with the brunette hair, I said to my buddy Nick, the driver: 'I'd give my right arm to have a date with her.' He looked at me and said he liked blondes. Well, sure enough, the blonde came out and waited on us."

Chuck carried the image of that carhop with him the following week. The very next Sunday, he and his buddy went back to that same drive-in in downtown Houston.

"This time the brunette came out," says Charles. "After she brought us our order, she stood and talked to Nick for a few minutes. Finally she stooped down and looked over at me and asked Nick, 'does he ever speak?' I told her I speak if someone speaks to me. Then she ran around the front of the car and came over to my side and the first words out of her mouth to me were spoken in a New England accent: 'what pair of the nahth are you from?' I told her I was from Pennsylvania. 'And what is your name?' she asked. I said my name is Bogutzki. She said, 'honey when we get married you're gonna have to change it 'cause I don't like it.'"

Chuck realized he was engaged to the girl back home, but was fully smitten with this dark-haired carhop. His girlfriend had been writing him regularly all the time he was in the Navy. Finally one day he sat down and wrote his girl friend a goodbye letter.

"I told her I had met a girl down here and find myself thinking about her quite often. I never got another letter."

He and the carhop had four dates and got married on the 5th day of January, 1946.

"My friend with the car drove us to Rosenberg, Texas where we got a marriage license and on the way back to the base we stopped in Missouri City and found a Justice of the Peace. I had twelve dollars in my pocket, a ten-dollar bill and two singles. After he performed the ceremony I pulled out the ten and was gonna say, 'I'd like to have five back' and he grabbed it and said 'thank you very much.' So I had a wife and two dollars, which I spent at Zales jewelers for a wedding band for her. And that's how we started our life. After 59 years and six days my wife passed away. We had nine children, ten grandchildren, fifteen great grandchildren and I have a great great grandson."

Charles Bogutzki did acquire an alias. Around Crockett he's known as Chuck Bogard.

COWPOKES By Ace Reid



"Wul, I've gotta problem. I'll hafta sell my cows to buy the pickup and then if I sell 'em, I won't need a pickup!"

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How I wish I hadn't done that!

...Living with regrets

By Monte Wike

How often have we done something rash, impulsive or crazy that we really regret later? And these events usually pile up, so that one rash action calls for a cover-up, lie, evasion or retaliation.

The story of Joseph in the Bible is an index of the classic causes and responses of impulsive action, of "Why did I do that?" Part of the problem begins with sibling relationships. The twelve sons in this family were from four different mothers. This was a normal thing for the adults, but very trying for the children. Favoritism played a big role. Joseph's father clearly chose him, one of the youngest, over all the others by giving him a coat with all the tribal colors. And jealousy was the biggest factor. Joseph was a braggart, which certainly did

not help anything.

He went to visit the brothers one day and they captured him, threw him in a pit, sold him into Egyptian slavery and lied to both their brother and father. Very often impulsive, cruel deeds are covered up with other wrongs. Simeon tore his clothes in extreme anger when he found that Joseph was gone, and the old father lived in perpetual mourning and sadness.

When we fail to think, when things just explode out of hand, when the anger has been unleashed, there is no way to take it back. An apology works, but it does not kill the pain and harm. But to make no effort to right the wrong, or admit the deception is adding insult to the injury, prolonging the trauma.

One of the things we should do in the

New Year is to try to heal some of these old wounds from the past. The Lord's Prayer is based on the forgiveness covenant. We are forgiven as we forgive. It has to work both ways. Retaliation is not the answer, only the escalator. Denial is not the answer; admission of guilt covers this. Lying is not the answer; it really fools no one and harms everyone. Nor is unconcern the answer. If we don't care, we deny our feelings and best interests.

If we have wronged someone, we need to make it right. The story of Joseph has a happy ending, because he was able to save his family from starvation. He said that God had sent him there for a purpose. If we can only see the bright side, eventually make sense of the rash and impudent behavior, then we are victors, not slaves.

POLICE REPORT

On February 2nd, an officer responded to a call about a minor vehicle accident in the 900 block of Independencia. Information was taken.

On February 2nd, a female in the 1400 block of Oak stated that during an argument with a man, he stopped her from calling 9-1-1 and then put her in a headlock and choked her. The case is under investigation.

On February 4th, a 24-year-old male was arrested for burglary of a habitation on North Hwy. 208. The man entered a residence with the intent to assault someone. He was taken into custody and transported to the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office.

On February 4th, a female in the 1800 block of Vine stated multiple times that man she knows fired a gun at her. The reports were false.

On February 5th, a 32-year-old female was arrested in the 100 block of I-20 for outstanding warrants. During a routine traffic stop, the officer found the subject to have local and Howard County warrants. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On February 5th, a subject in the 2200 block of Hickory reported that her purse may have been stolen. The purse was later found and returned to the owner.

On February 6th, a subject in the 1800 block of Vine reported that a subject had fired a gun at her house. Upon investiga-

tion, the officer found this report to be false.

On February 6th, a female in the 300 block of 12th Street stated that items belonging to her son had gone missing from a local campus. Upon investigation with the school, the items were located and returned to the student.

On February 6th, a subject in the 200 block of 3rd Street reported receiving rude calls and text messages from a recognized number. The case is under investigation.

On February 7th, a 26-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of 8th Street for an outstanding municipal court warrant. An officer located a subject with local warrants. Once the warrants were confirmed, the subject was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

On February 7th, a subject in the 700 block of Walnut reported that someone had applied for and received a credit card in his name and used it. The case is under investigation.

On February 7th, a female in the 400 block of Pine stated that a man she knows assaulted her and made her lie to hospital staff. The case is under investigation.

On February 8th, a subject in the 500 block of Locust stated that someone had poured sugar in his gas tank. The case is under investigation.

On February 8th, a female in the 800

block of 6th Street stated that a man she knows threatened violence against her. The case is under investigation.

On February 9th, in response to a 9-1-1 call, a subject in the 1800 block of Vine was belligerent and resentful with the officer. Charges were filed.

On February 10th, a local business in the 400 block of Hickory reported that subject passed a false check and information. The case is under investigation.

On February 10th, a 21-year-old male was arrested in the 100 block of I-20 for public intoxication. Officers responded to a call of an intoxicated individual harassing patrons of a local business. The subject was taken into custody and transported to the MCSO.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. "MERS" Nominee, LRS Financial Network Inc., HNB Mortgage dba, Vicki Strickland Vice President, Lonnie Richter, Release of Lien.

Paula Bennett, Blake Kyle Bennett to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

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William Stanley Lawrence to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

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Billy Joe Smith to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Kermit Smith Pres, Smith Walker Ltd. to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Lynda Kingsley to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Alexis Cowan McRoberts, Roger McRoberts to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Maxine Parker, Jimmy Chris Parker Atty in Fact to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Nancy Baumgart, Edgar R. Baumgart to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Phyllis Smith to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Leatha J. Brice to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Mary F. Brice to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

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Katherine Porter Barnett O'Connor to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Mary B. James to Lincoln Land & Title LLC, Oil & Gas Lease.

Jeanne Kay Hiskey to Jeanne L. Hiskey Ttee, First Amended and Restated Claude F. and Jeanne L. Hiskey Living Trust, Mineral Deed.

Jeanne Kay Hiskey to First Amended and Restated Claude F. & Jeanne L. Hiskey Living Trust, Jeanne L. Hiskey Ttee, Conveyance.

Roben James Hurt to Tierra Group LLC, Warranty Deed.

Duncan A. Simpson Secy, Hep Oil Company Ltd, Hep Oil GP LLC to Silver Creek Resources LLC, Cert of Merger.

James M. Hewgley Jr. LLC, James M. Hewgley Jr. Mgr to Green Mountain Minerals LLC, Mineral Deed.

Shirley A. Clifton to James D. Clifton Jr. Atty in Fact, Teresa A. Mitchell Succ Agent, Power of Attor.

Billy Ray Williamson, Batina Gwen Williamson to B&N Contractors Inc., Warranty Deed.

B&N Contractors Inc., Billy Ray Williamson President to City National Bank - Colorado City, Royce d. Clay Ttee, Deed of Trust.

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Lone Star FLCA - Sweetwater, Thomas G. Keith Regional President to Eugene A. Merket, Nina Merket, Floyd W. Merket Sr., F.W. Merket Jr., Jo Ann Merket, Release of Lease.

John Randolph Erwin Jr., Leigh Ann Erwin to Heath D. Erwin, Warranty Deed.

Heath D. Erwin to Francisco Valentin Jr. Ttee, Rural Development for the State of Texas, United States Dept of Agriculture, Deed of Trust.

Lone Star FLCA - Sweetwater, Thomas G. Keith Regional President to David Alvarez, Release of Lien.

Western Bank, Jennifer Zuniga Asst Vice President to Shurel Dewayne Johnson Jr., Lisa Donette Johnson, Release of Lien.

Senia Kay Munoz, Adrian Munoz to Western Bank, Modification DT.

Mission Royalty 2004-WSI LP, Patrick R. Sughrue Agent to Breitling Royalties Corp, Asgmt & Bill Sa.

Morgan Holdings LLC, George Morgan Bown Pres to eorge Morgan Bown, Mineral Deed.

Danny Stewart Ttee, Reed Stewart 1999 Trust DTD 11-30-99 to Nadel & Gussman Permian LLC, Memo/O&G L.

Mary Rodriguez to Tina Rodriguez, Warranty Deed.

Lucille Pruitt to Christopher Mullins Ttee, MERS INC., American Advisors Group, Deed of Trust.

Lucille Pruitt to Sr. Official of ept of Housing & Urban Development Ttee, Secretary of Housing & Urban Development, Deed of Trust.

M. Wayne Pearson Estate to Billie L. Pearson, Greg Pearson, Bill Pearson, Chris Pearson, Eddie Joe Pearson to Pearson Brothers Partnership, Special W/D.

Tip Chaney to A Cowboys Mission dba, Corr/Assumed Name.

Debbie Garrett Affiant, Ernest Castillo Affiant to Rufino Martinez Sr. Deceased, Public, Affidavit Heirship.

Sabas Martinez to Jesse Martinez, Warranty Deed.

Stewart Royalty Inc., Larry E. Stewart Pres to Noble Royalty Access Fund X LP, A. Scott Noble Pres, Asgmt & Bill Sa.

Johnny Adams to Accesscare Dialysis LLC, Rel of Judgement.

Tierra Group LLC, Scott Horton Partner to Jimmy Harvell Jr., Beth Harvell, Warranty Deed.

Jimmy Harvell Jr., Beth Harvell to Terra Group LLC, Rob Schmid Ttee/Atty at Law, Deed Restrict.

William Pitkin Trust, E. Lamar Hodges Ttee to Bard University, University of Texas System, Min & Roy Deed.

Nationstar Mortgage LLC, Justin Smetters Asst Secretary, Karen L. Ogden Ttee to Terry Browder Sub Ttee, Laura Browder Sub Ttee, Marsha Monroe Sub Ttee, Appoint Sub Tt.

Camilla Dawn Redwine Rivera, Cary Shawn Redwine to Thomas L. Rees Jr. Sub Ttee, Appoint Sub Tt.

MARRIAGES
Mark Ray Sheets to Sintia Maria Calderon, 2-10-12.

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Jesus Elias Caraveo, 2-8-12, Speeding, Ricardo Portillo Brito, 2-9-12, Speeding, Michael Espinoza, 2-10-12, Consumption Alc by Minor - 3rd Enh.

Rachel Nikole Gonzales, 2-10-12, Theft >=\$500-\$1,500.

David Allen Smith, 2-10-12, Purch/Furn Alc to Minor.

Felipe Garcia, 2-10-12, Poss Mrij <2 oz.

Michael Espinoza Jr., 2-10-12, Crim Misch >\$50.

ARRESTS
Henry Millering, 84, MCSO, Asst FV (C), 2-7-12.

Christopher Yates, 32, DPS, PCS >1G<4 F3, DWLI, 2-9-12.

Dora Cruz, 39, MCSO, Probation Com, 2-9-12.

Robert Mast, 21, CCPD, PI, 2-11-12.

Renae Jackson, 43, DPS, DWI, 2-11-12.

Santos Cuellar, 44, THP, DWI 3rd or more, 2-12-12.

Raygan Andrews, 24, CCPD, Surety Off Bonds x2, 2-12-12.

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John Joe Joshua R.

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Alfred D. Jesse Ro

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Rudy Sa. Mallory

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Bruce E. Kimverly

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Elizabeth Joseph F

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Spencer Joseph M

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LOCAL NEWS

ROUNDUP

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had already been collected at city hall.

The following people have outstanding municipal court warrants in Colorado City.

COLORADO CITY
Michaelangelo Amaya
Joe Luis Arguijo
John Joe Atkinson
Joshua Lynn Beights
Justin Ray Brawley
Donna Byersley
Eric D. Capps
Catherine Castillo
Andreas Cerrano
Adriana A. Delapaz
Amanda Arlene Delapaz
Felix Delapaz
Alfred Diaz
Jesse Rodriguez Diaz
Jamie May Dobbs
Julio C. Dominguez
Rudy Santos Espinoza
Mallory Fain
Mondo Flores
Rudy Flores
Bruce Edward Foster
Kimberly Marie Gallegos
Christella Marie Garcia
Esmeralda Atkinson Garza
Juan Luis Garza
Antonio G. Gonzales
Mary Ann Gonzales
Robert Gonzales
Johnny Green
Christopher Michael Guevara
Jessica Guevara
Manuel Guevara
Elizabeth Gutierrez
Joseph Hawkins
Christopher Don Hayes
David Wayne Huff
Miguel Jmalos
Ebony Nicole Johnson
Jay Wesley Jones
Megin Rene Jones
Ramiro Lara III
Donna Ann Leverett
Spencer Luttrell
Joseph Martinez Jr.
Maggie Matlock
Larry A. McCullough
Manuel Menjares
Earnest Leroy Mills
Sandra Mince
David Joseph Nelson
Roland Michael Palacios
Adriana M. Perez
Jay Daniel Pfeuffer
Travis Ray Pittman
Rebecca Gonzales Portales
Glenda Rivera
Adrian Ramirez Rocha

KAMPFER

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The city was being hammered regularly by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality concerning our landfill, wastewater treatment plant and the need for a new water tower. While the city continues to actively address these issues, our relationship with TCEQ has improved and the threat of costly penalties is no longer looming in the near future.

Other accomplishments include:
-Dumpsters for trash collection, saving citizens around \$200,000 a year and eliminating trash alleys.

-A security plan put into place to help eliminate theft of city equipment and tools. An estimated \$20,000 to \$50,000 worth of city property was stolen before Kampfer arrived.

-Creation of a plan for the water department to focus on quick repairs of leaks. In October 2009, there were 17 water leaks throughout the city, some leaking for as long as six months.

-All of Colorado City's outstanding short-term debts have been paid off in the last two years.

-Through prudent fiscal policy and management, the city has

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can open bids, the court decided to go ahead and advertise for the bids, given the uncertainty of the growing oil and gas presence in Mitchell and surrounding counties.

The county is already receiving money from the property for the wind mills which sit on the land. In 2011, the county received just over \$23,000, a significant raise from 2010 and 2009, where the county saw right at \$19,000 per year.

County Judge Ray Mayo commented on the income from the windmills saying, "Every little bit helps."

Ricky Rodriguez
Steven Rodriguez
Ernesto Santana Jr.
Kallie Dawn Sikes
Robert Daniel Slaughter
Joshua Smalley
William Christopher Smith
Mayra Stout
Christy Deann Vanderslice
Lilia Annette Vasquez
Christian Vasquez
Keith Vining
Justin Richard Ward
Barbara Hensley Watson
Joe Franklin Wilson IV
Kevin Michael Worthington

WESTBROOK

Margaret Marie Herndon
LORAIN
Briann Nicole Beaty
Lucy Garcia Martinez
SNYDER
Antonia Marie Bentancur
Erineo Botello
Anthony Brian Chiesa
Mercedes Lenae Clark
Joel D. Cordero
Lisa Kaye Garza
David Gomez
Ashley Marie Gutierrez
Elisha Laton Gutierrez
Clifford Hernandez Jr.
Louis Lockard Mann
Mary Mena
Desiderio Moran
Jose Antonio Orozco
Neika Michelle Porter
Laura Ann Renteria
Antonio Rubio
Chantrel Marquette Seldon

SWEETWATER

Jeremy Dwayne Cleghorn
Jimmy Lee Gonzales
Yolanda D. Limones
Kristopher Edward Mitchell
Dustin Tre Munoz
David Carrol Rainwater
BIG SPRING
Carmen Arguijo
Lonnie Green
Alex Gutierrez
Rodney Joseph Keleman
Michelle Denise Malmoros
Joseph Martinez Jr.
Kenneth Ray Peacock
Valerie Ramirez
Cody Kyle Witt

Many others in various cities across Texas, as well as other states, also have outstanding warrants. To see if you are on the list contact Judge Blassingame at 325-728-3463.

CITY

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will come out three times (to do inspections) during the project," Guelker said.

With all council members in agreement, the item was tabled until a more itemized bid can be acquired and a meeting can be called to discuss more opportunities for savings on the project.

In other business, the council authorized the city manager to publish a public notice for hotel/motel tax requests and to seek bids for a city depository agreement for the city's municipal funds. The current depository for the city is City National Bank.

The auditing service contract was renewed with Catherine Wilkes, CPA, to continue to provide auditing services for the city.

Martha Martinez was appointed as Associate Municipal Court Judge to alleviate some of Interim City Manager Belinda Blassingame's court responsibilities while she takes on more city manager duties. Martinez, an employee at the Lake Colorado City State Park, has served as court secretary for Blassingame

in the past and is familiar with all municipal court procedures. Martinez will continue working for the State of Texas while serving part-time as associate judge.

The same job description for city manager that was posted before hiring Kampfer was adopted to be posted while searching for the next city manager. City Secretary Donna Madrid was also authorized by the council to post the job and seek applicants for the position.

After a long closed session, Hiser made a motion to offer \$55,000 annual compensation to Blassingame for extra duties she will perform as interim city manager.

Councilman Brooks made the motion to approve a water lease between the city and the Wallace Trust for possible water option, construction and usage in the future.

No action was taken on the executive session items described as *Discuss legal matters with the City Attorney regarding pending/threatened litigation from Mayor Carol Sue Dakan - Section 551.071 of the Government Code.*

CISD contracts extended

extended two years.

One-year contract extensions were awarded to Cafeteria Director Pat White, Technology Director Pam Alvarez and Testing Coordinator Janey Burke.

After hearing campus updates from all principals, trustees moved on to other business.

An agreement was approved with Valley Fair Lodge to provide vehicles to the facility in case of an emergency evacuation. The school buses will be used to evacuate the home's residents. Buses will be driven by Colorado ISD employees should the need of evacuation ever arise.

Trips for two high school organizations were approved. The National Honor Society will be taking an annual trip to San Antonio again this year. Members of the Colorado High School Student Council will attend a leadership conference in College Station on the campus of Texas A&M University.

A change in fee policies was brought before the trustees for their approval. The fees pertained to the renting of various school properties such as gyms, cafeterias, etc. Recommendations were heard from Spencer, Redwine and Johnson. After discussion, the fees were established and entered into policy.

The next meeting date for the CISD school board was changed to the first Monday in March, because of spring break falling on the regularly scheduled meeting date.

DEADLINE

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holds the seat in Place 6.

Two precincts and one at-large seat will be decided by election for the Lone Wolf Groundwater Conservation District Board. Those up for election this year are Precinct 2, currently held by Tommy Morris; Precinct 4, currently held by Woody Anderson; and the At-Large Seat, currently held by Bobby Lemons. No one has yet filed for any of these seats.

Amos Hale is the only citizen in Loraine that has filed for a seat on the Loraine City Council. Seats held by Susan Sanchez, Scott Edmonds and Norma Perez are up for election.

Both incumbents, David Alvarez and Ricky Bailey, have filed in the Loraine ISD school board race. The seats currently held by the two men are up for election in May.

All three positions for Westbrook City Council will be on the ballot on May 12th. The seats are currently held by Mayor Ramiro Fuentes, Councilman Sue Hawley and Councilman Elida Fuentes.

Three four-year terms are available on the Westbrook ISD Board of Trustees. The seats are currently held by Jason Morris, Donnie Hale and Thomas Connell.

Dykes to speak at 103rd Annual Chamber Banquet

The 103rd Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce banquet will be held March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the Colorado City Civic Center.

The featured guest speaker this year will be Spike Dykes. Dykes was the head coach of the Texas Tech Red Raiders for 13 years, the longest tenured and most winning coach in Texas Tech football history. Following the final game in Jones Stadium of the 1999 football season, Dykes announced that after more than 40 years of prowling a football sideline, he was retiring.

Dykes accomplished much at Texas Tech, but his biggest accomplishment was instilling in a generation of Red Raiders a soul that is not timid, a determined heart unafraid to fail and a spirit that dared to compete. Few coaches anywhere were a more perfect fit than Dykes for Texas Tech. He not only has el-

evated the program into consistently challenging for conference championships, he also won admirers throughout the game for his appreciation of traditional West Texas values and his genuine love for people. His success is quite an accomplishment when considering Dykes took over a program that had experienced only one winning season in the previous eight years. He's helped make it so competitive that the Red Raiders played in a school-record four consecutive bowl games in the 1990s and in six overall during his 13-year tenure. Dyke's is one of the game's all-time "straight shooters."

The chamber is very excited about this year's banquet and look forward to seeing everyone. RSVP is required by February 23, 2012. Please call the chamber office at 728-3403 to reserve your spot for the 103rd banquet.

Randy Erwin
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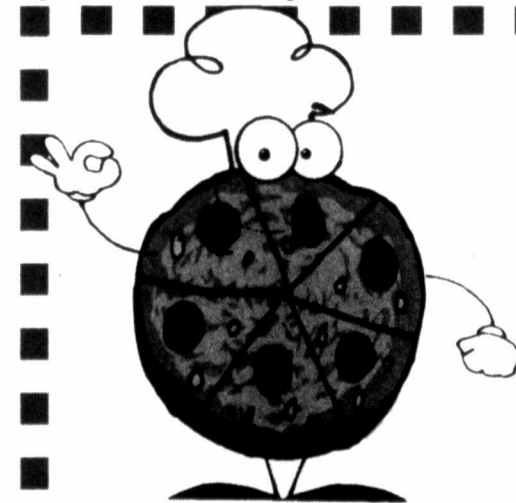
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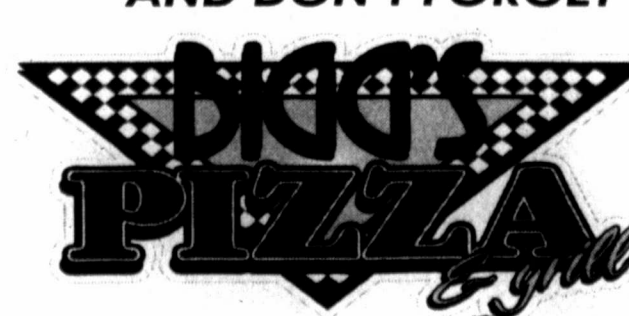
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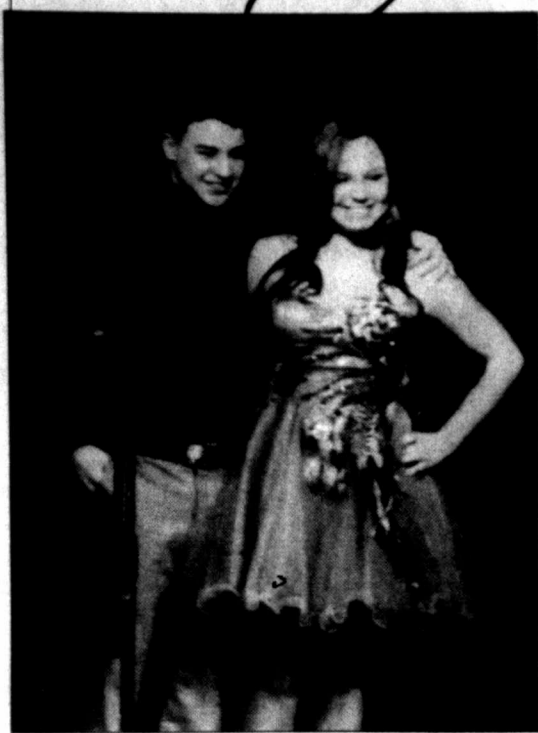


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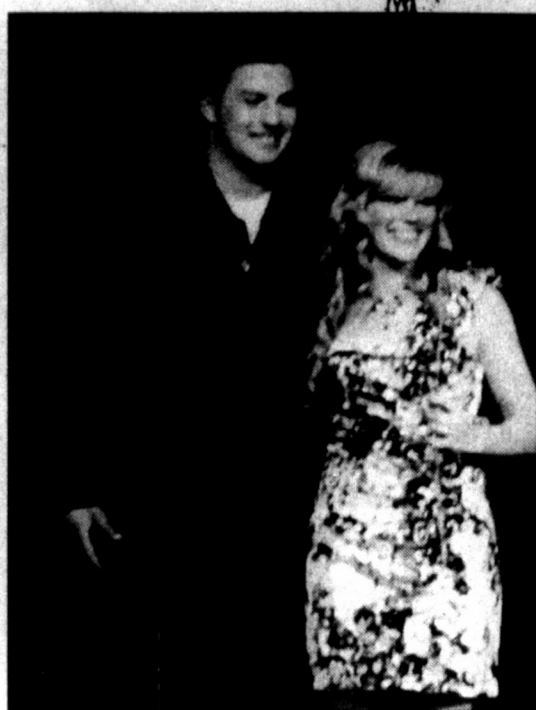
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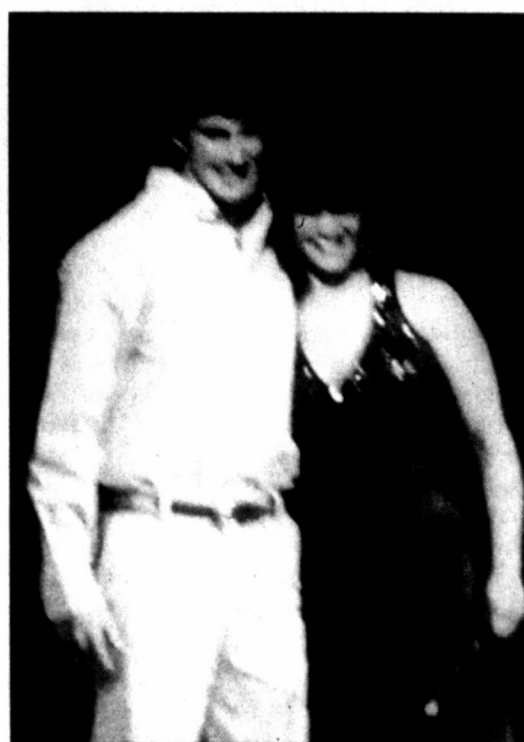
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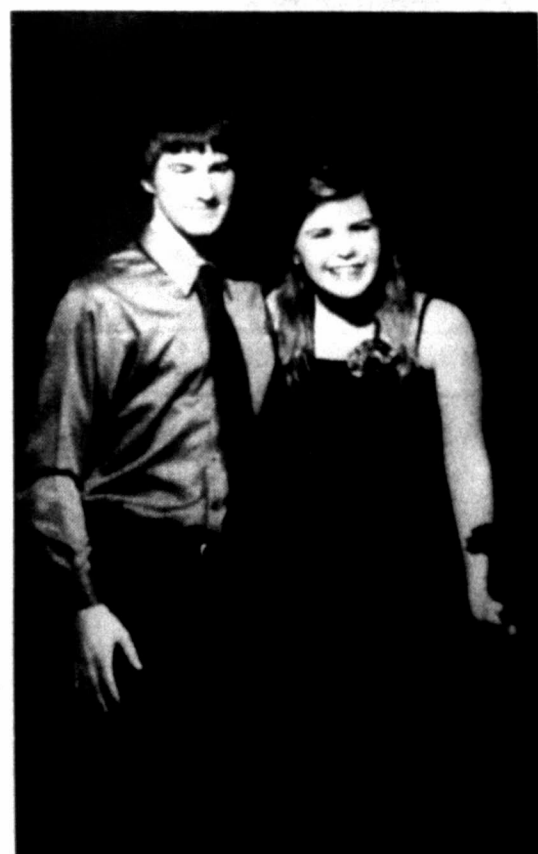
Nate Jackson and Payton Anderson
Junior Class Favorites



Tyler Hammond and Cassie Sutton
Best Smile



Tyler Lorenz and Dylan Billingsley
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Corbin Lewis and Tabbatha Angelo
Most Talented



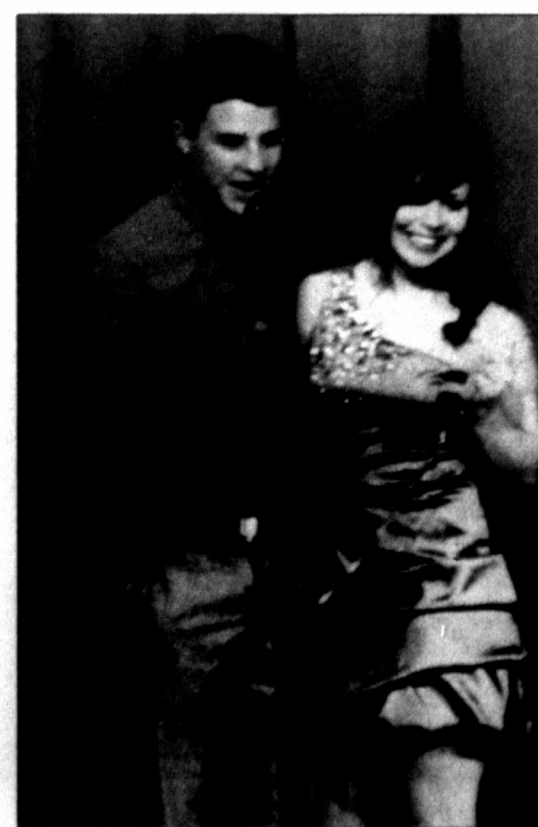
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Freshman Class Favorites



Benny Jones & Shylowz Hongoeutt
Senior Class Favorites



Jason Vidal and Haley Maxwell
Sophomore Class Favorites



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Most Handsome & Most Beautiful



Derek Gentry and Miranda Reyna
Most Athletic



Daniel Rodriguez and Dylan Billingsley
Most Dependable



Anthony Rivera and Dylan Billingsley
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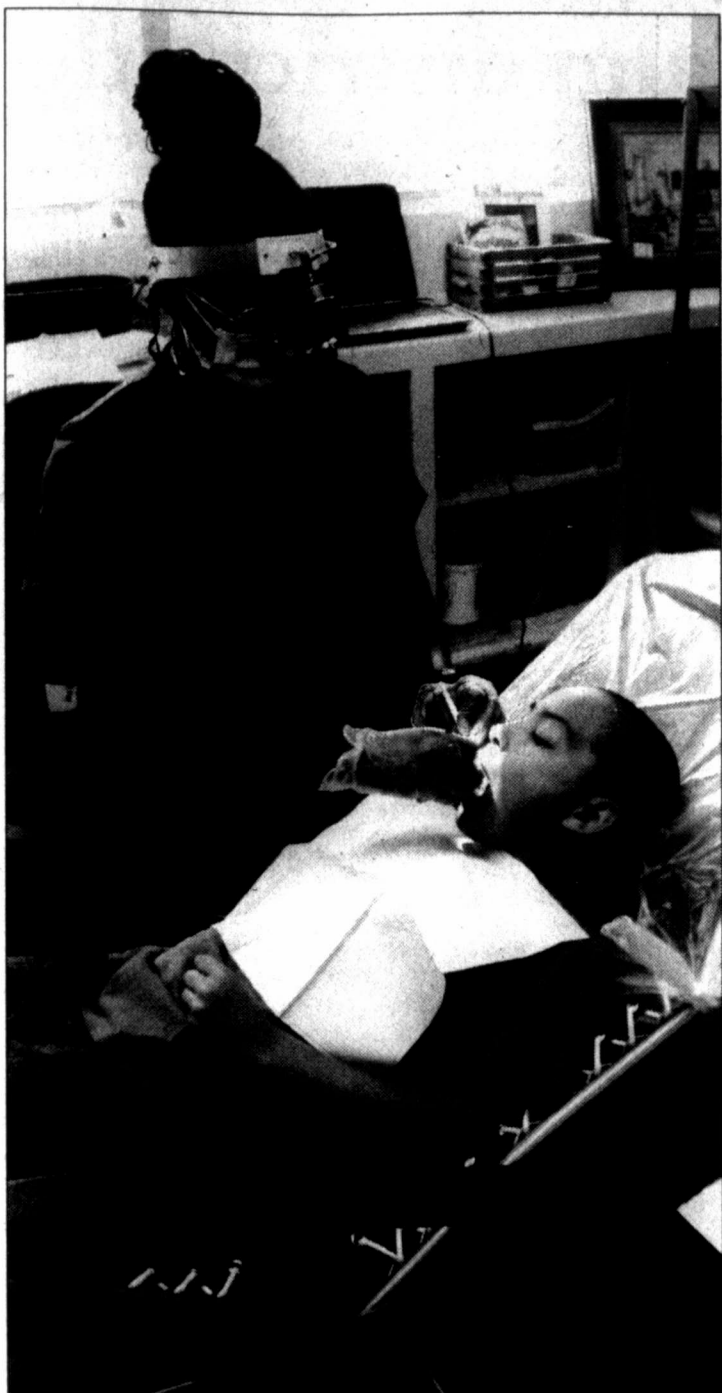
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SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL MENUS



DENTAL CHECK UP AT SCHOOL: Alex Gutierrez, 4th grader in Mrs. Godina's class at Hutchinson Elementary, got a quick dental exam at school from the Smile Texas Mobile Dentist. The mobile dentist visited Kelley and Hutchinson Elementary Schools on February 6th, 7th for dental cleanings, screenings, x-rays and sealants for each child in the school. *Photo courtesy of Natalie Mowery.*

**Kelley, Hutchinson, HeadStart
Breakfast Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – dry cereal, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – cinnamon roll, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – oatmeal with toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – sausage, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – scrambled eggs, toast, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

**Kelley, Hutchinson, HeadStart
Lunch Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – pizza, fresh veggies, glazed carrots, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – steak fingers, gravy, sweet peas, carrot sticks, hot roll, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Wednesday – mac and cheese, golden corn, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Thursday – potato egg burrito, salsa, pinto beans, apple crisp, choice of milk.
Friday – grilled cheese sandwich, Wolf burger, French fries, pickle cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

**Colorado Middle School
Breakfast Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, pancake on a stick, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Wednesday – dry cereal, biscuit, waffles, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Thursday – dry cereal, breakfast hot pocket, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.
Friday – dry cereal, oatmeal, biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

**Colorado High School
Breakfast Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – dry cereal, biscuit, sau-

sage & biscuit, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

Tuesday – dry cereal, biscuit, sausage & biscuit, hot pockets, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

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

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

Friday – dry cereal, sausage & biscuit, egg taco, chilled fruit juice, choice of milk.

**CMS & CHS
Lunch Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – pizza, glazed carrots, green beans, canned fruit, choice of milk.
Tuesday – baked potato with chili and cheese, fresh veggies, Texas toast, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Wednesday – mac and cheese, golden corn, Texas toast, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

Thursday – nacho grande, spicy pinto, toss salad, canned fruit, choice of milk.

Friday – grilled cheese sandwich or hamburger on a bun, French fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, choice of milk.

**Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – muffins, cereal, juice,

Feb. 20-24

Monday – muffins, cereal, juice, milk.

Tuesday – pancakes, syrup, cereal, apple, milk.

Wednesday – sausage, biscuit, cereal, fruit, milk.

Thursday – pancake on a stick, cereal, pears, milk.

Friday – breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.

**Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – toasted ham and cheese, veggie dipper, ranch dressing, orange smiles, baked chips, chocolate chip cookie, milk.

Tuesday – crispie tacos, lettuce, tomatoes, pinto beans, Spanish rice, fancy gelatin, hot roll, milk.

Wednesday – chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, strawberries, bananas, hot roll, milk.

Thursday – spaghetti, meat sauce, garden salad, ranch dressing, savory green beans, apple crisp, French bread sticks, milk.

Friday – submarine sandwich, hamburger salad, tater tots, brownie, diced peaches, milk.

**Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – sausage biscuit, Honey

Nut Cheerios, mixed fruit, juice, milk.

Tuesday – biscuits, sausage, gravy, Lucky Charms, peaches, juice, milk.

Wednesday – breakfast taco, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, cinnamon apple slices, juice, milk.

Thursday – golden waffles with syrup, Cocoa Puffs, Majestic pears, juice, milk.

Friday – breakfast biscuit with egg, Trix, strawberry applesauce, juice, milk.

**Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu**

Feb. 20-24

Monday – spaghetti Italiano with roll, sweet corn, green beans, original applesauce, milk.

Tuesday – State Fair corn dog, baby carrots with ranch, pork and beans, mixed fruit, fresh orange slices, milk.

Wednesday – crispy beef tacos with cheese, corn, refried beans, cinnamon apple slices, lettuce, milk.

Thursday – popcorn chicken with gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, green beans, Majestic pears, sliced peaches, milk.

Friday – Tony's pizza, tater tots, baked beans, strawberry applesauce, chocolate chip cookie, slushy, milk.



STUDENTS OF THE Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Alina Hernandez, Kason Proctor, and Hunter Holman. *Photo courtesy of Christy Myers.*

Students of the week named

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Alina Hernandez, Hunter Holman and Kason Proctor.

Alina, daughter of Rosie and Carlos Hernandez, is a 3rd grader. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Defoogie, and math is his favorite subject. She says being with her friends is her favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

Hunter, a 4th grader, is the son of Barry and Sharie Holman. He has a dog named Sharpey, and science is his favorite subject. He says going to art is his favorite thing about his school.

Kason, son of Deanna and Cade Proctor, is a 5th grader. He has three dogs, River, Petunia and Porsche. Math is his favorite subject and P.E. is his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

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CUSTOMER NOTICE INCORPORATED AREAS OF THE MID-TEX DIVISION

On January 31, 2012, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each City served by the Mid-Tex Division (hereafter "Affected Cities") with the exception of the City of Dallas. The Company's Statement of Intent proposes to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within the Affected Cities. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is March 6, 2012. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,194,420 residential, 100,461 commercial, and 705 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues by \$49,080,069 or 4.36%, including gas costs, or 11.94% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition to the rate changes, other proposed tariff changes include revision of the Company's residential and commercial rate schedules (Rates R and C), as well as its Rider WNA and Rider GCR to change the current billing rate basis from Mcf to Ccf. The Company further proposes to revise the Rider GCR to: (1) remove the 2009 interest rate reference, (2) clarify that the calculation of (b) Pipeline Cost is inclusive of interest, and (3) update the Upstream Pipeline Charge Allocation (Factor D). Atmos also proposes to modify its Rider WNA to update the heat load and base load factors. The Company further seeks to implement a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM") tariff, as well as a new conservation and energy efficiency tariff ("Rider CEE"). In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bill for each customer class within the Affected Cities will change by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

Customer Class	Current Bill **	Proposed Bill**	Difference	Percentage Change with Gas Cost	Percentage Change without Gas Cost
Residential *	\$48.51	\$51.21	\$2.70	5.57%	13.60%
Commercial *	\$241.15	\$246.50	\$5.35	2.22%	9.69%
Industrial *	\$3,703.47	\$3,499.26	\$(204.21)	-5.51%	-14.22%
Transportation	\$1,754.60	\$1,550.39	\$(204.21)	-11.64%	-14.22%

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$4.5750 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes average monthly consumption of 4.4 Mcf for residential, 34.2 Mcf for commercial, and 3,897 MMbtu for industrial and transportation customers.

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

Éste es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía excepto en la ciudad de Dallas y las áreas no incorporadas. Aquellas personas que deseen comunicarse con la autoridad reguladora que tiene jurisdicción sobre esta solicitud deben ponerse en contacto con su ciudad. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

SPORTS



THE LORAIN LADY BULLDOGS lost their bi-district contest Tuesday night 68-48 to Bronte. The game was played in Colorado City and ended a fine season for the Lady Bulldogs. Leading scorer was Ariel Bailey with 17 points, Bre Williams added 14 and Catelyn Johnson put up 9. Also scoring for Loraine was Ebony Clemon with 6 followed by Alyssa Williams with 2. Catelyn Johnston knocks down 2 of her nine points. Loraine finishes the season with a 20-10 record.

Wolves claim district title

C-City Wolves end season with wins

The Colorado City Wolves held off a late Post rally last Friday night en route to their 12th district victory, beating the Antelopes 55-51 at The Pit in Colorado City.

Derek Gainey led the Wolves' offensive efforts pumping in 18 points. Tylor Lorenz added 15 and Benny Jones scored 8.

The Wolves dominated the first three quarters, but a fourth quarter run by Post made things interesting.

Others scoring for the Wolves included Jason Rodriguez with 7 points, followed by Anthony Rivera with 3, Bailey Spencer added 3, while Gustavo Silva sank 1 free throw.

Adding to the Wolves winning

season was a victory over the Forsan Buffaloes Tuesday night in Forsan. The win ends the Wolves regular season.



Wolves get bye as district champs

As district champions, the Colorado City Wolves will automatically get a bye for the first round of the basketball playoffs, which begins next Tuesday.

The Wolves will compete in

the area round of the playoffs Thursday, Friday or Saturday, February 23, 24 or 25, facing the winner of the Friona vs. the third place team in District 1, either Spearman or Highland Park.

To keep his team ready, Coach Barry Kimball has scheduled a warmup game against Seminole at Lubbock Estacado on Saturday, February 18th beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Wolves finish regular season

The Colorado City Wolves ended district play Tuesday night knocking off the Forsan Buffaloes 55-35 in Forsan.

The Wolves end the season with a 13-1 record and for the second year are undisputed district champions.

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Reyes breaks four lifting records at Coahoma meet

Darian Lendermon keeps inching closer to the number one female power lifter in the state. This week in Coahoma, Lendermon added another 75 pounds to her total. Her 735 pound total moved her up to number three in the region and the state and she is only 50 pounds back from the number one spot. Her 155 pound bench press broke the girls' record at Coahoma, a record held by four time state champion Andrea Cazares of Seagraves.

The tournament in Coahoma makes two in a row Lendermon has gone up against the number one girl in the state and finished second in the meet.

Meanwhile, Ramiro Reyes broke all four records at the Coahoma meet (bench, squat, dead lift and total lift). The number one lifter in the state is a good



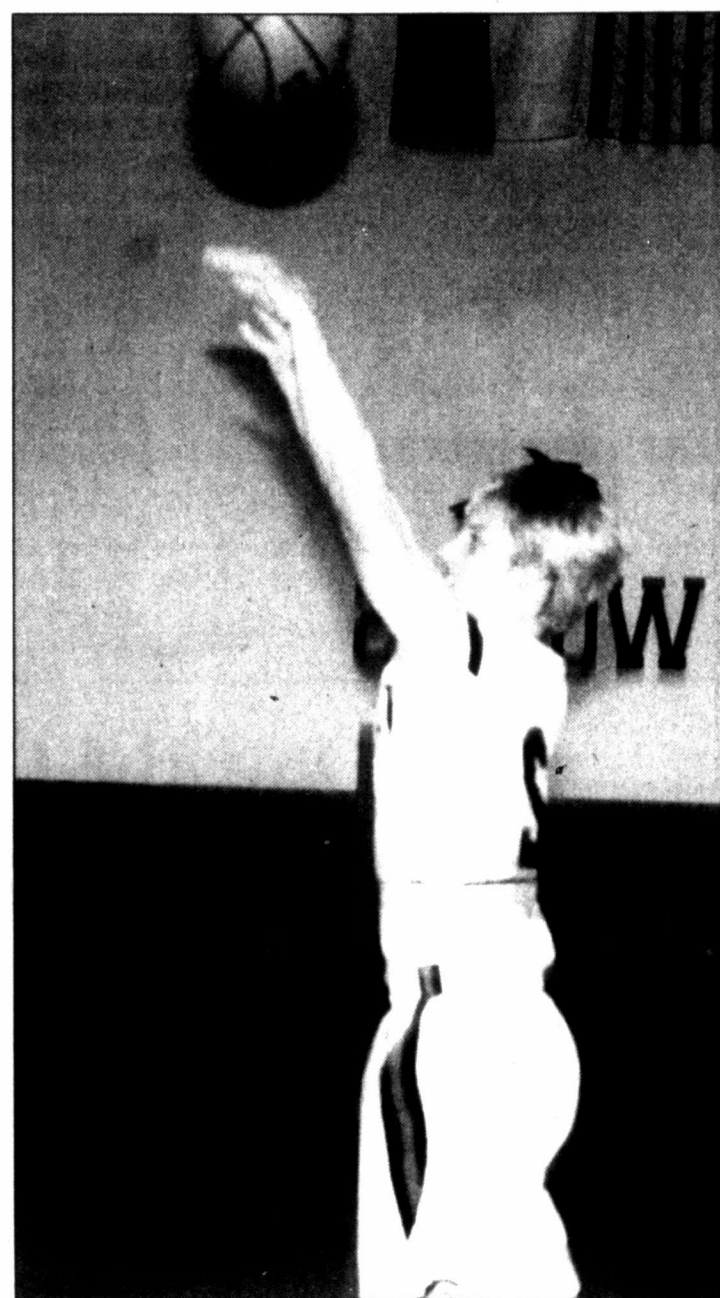
Ramiro Reyes

150 pounds ahead of any of his competition.

Hardy Berber (915), Jacob Ludwig (795), Jesse Garza (1140) and Thomas Rivera (830) each achieved personal best in totals.

Fabian Guitierrez was scratched due to an injury, but he has qualified for the Regional meet and hopes to be able to compete at that time.

Lendermon will compete at the Girl Regional meet in Monahans March 3, while Reyes and company will be at the Boys Regional meet in Sundown March 10.



COUNT IT — Derek Gainey drains a three-point in recent Wolves basketball action. The Wolves clinched the District 3-2A title back on Friday when they defeated Post at The Pit. The Wolves are set to play Seminole Saturday at Lubbock Estacado for a playoff warm-up game. That game will tip off at 4:30 p.m. and looks to give the Wolves a good challenge as they wait to see who they will play in the Area Round of the playoffs.

FROM THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT OF THE MITCHELL COUNTY HOSPITAL:

New Medicaid cards prior to visits

Beginning on March 1, 2012, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission will make changes to the distribution of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, better known as CHIPS. You MUST have your new Medicaid/CHIPS card updated prior to your office visit with the Family Medical Associates, Mitchell County Hospital Emergency Room or any Admissions to the Mitchell County Hospital District. If you do not present your new Medicaid/CHIPS card on or after March 1, 2012 by First Care, Amerigroup, or Superior Health Plan then your services will be delayed.

If you did not get notification, then you must contact your program to have one issued or apply for the replacement card. Please be advised that the billing department for both the Family Medical Associates and the Mitchell County Hospital District **will not** advise any patient on which provider to choose from, as every patient has different needs.

The Mitchell County Hospital District, the Mitchell County Emergency Room and Family Medical Associates strives to provide quality care for patients in our community and this is one step to meet that care without any delay in treatment for you. We appreciate your continued support to provide you uninterrupted healthcare services.

If you have any questions or concerns about the changes please call Chelsea Everett at 325-728-3431 ext. 7552 or Biffy Robertson at ext. 7505.

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2012 DISTRICT CHAMPION COLORADO CITY WOLVES: (left to right) Matt Potter, Gustavo Silva, Corbin Castillo, Jason Rodriguez, Tylor Lorenz, Bailey Spencer, Benny Jones, Derek Gainey, Jake Johnson, Aaron Rivera, Ryan Rivera, Anthony Rivera, and Adam Pineda.

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Card of Thanks

A special thanks from my heart to all who participated in making the BBQ fund raiser such a wonderful blessing for me in this challenging time. I am blessed to have you as a part of my life. I deeply appreciate your hard work, prayers and generosity.

Lana Culpepper

Card of Thanks

Thank you to all who called, visited, brought food, provided memorials, shared memories, or in any way encouraged or ministered to us during our time of loss. Thank you especially for your prayers and concern.

The family of Beeman Dockrey

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who was by our side during our time of sorrow. Thank you for the flowers, food and prayers. Thanks to Primera Iglesia Bautista el Calvario for the service and for the meal that was prepared for our family. May you all be richly blessed.

The family of Rosendo Gonzales

LEGAL NOTICES

MITCHELL COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ADJUSTMENT TO COUNTY ELECTION PRECINCTS 1 AND 25
 On January 9, 2012, the Commissioners Court of Mitchell County adopted a minor adjustment to the reconfigured county election precincts adopted on October 3, 2011 in compliance with Texas Election Code chapter 42. A brief description of the changes to election precincts as required by Texas Election Code section 42.035 is provided below.
 A copy of the order adopting adjusted election precincts and a map depicting the adjustment are available for public inspection during normal business hours Monday to Friday until March 2, 2012, at the County Clerk's temporary office located at 355 Oak Street, Colorado City, Texas. Call Debby Carlock at 325-728-3481 ext. 620 if you have questions.
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 325-728-3481 x. 640.
 Summary of adjustment: Certain area from Election Precinct 1 (bounded in part by FM 1808, Co. Rd 161, Hwy 208, IH 20, FM 3285, and the river) was transferred to Election Precinct 25 for convenience of the voters in the transferred area.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS

Loraine I S D will be accepting qualifications for construction manager at risk services until 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2012.
 Proposal information may be obtained from CADCO Architects - Engineers, Inc.
 info@cadcoae.com, 325.695.6281, 200 S. Willis, Ste. 200, Abilene, Texas 79605, between the hours of 7:30 am - 5:30 pm Monday through Thursday and 8:00 am - 12:00 noon on Fridays. Proposals should be submitted on or before 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2012.
 The District reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Morris Wrecking Crew
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The following trailers have been picked up and are being stored at Morris Wrecking Crew VSF yard. If you have any information on the trailers, please contact Morris Wrecking Crew at 325-728-8853.

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Take to the trails in a Texas State Park

Periodic mild winter days present a great opportunity to lace up your hiking boots or simply slip on your sneakers and hit a variety of trails snaking through dozens of Texas State Parks.

With 94 state parks, hikers of all abilities will have no trouble finding the kind of trail — flat and wooded to rocky and mountainous — to tackle for healthy, low-impact exercise, to burn some calories and to get close to nature. After all, hiking is one of Texas State Parks' most popular activities.

A survey of Texas State Park visitors conducted from 2002 to 2007 at 70 state parks revealed that hiking ranked highest for recreational activities participated in for both day users and overnight visitors. Thirteen percent of day park users listed hiking/walking park trails as the primary reason for a state park day trip, second only to sightseeing/scenery. Day park users also ranked trail improvements (signage/trail map/more trails) second only to "more interpretive programs" as the "most desired park improvement" they'd like to see.

As if to prove that point, on Jan. 1, more than 1,000 people headed to one of 47 Texas State Parks to participate in the parks' inaugural First Day Hike program, part of a national effort sponsored by the National Association of State Parks. Lake Brownwood State Park reported 133 participants lined up at the gate to get in on the New Year's Day fun.

Now is a great time to take to the trails in a state park near you, according to Brent Leisure, director of Texas State Parks. Dozens of state parks throughout the state have recently upgraded existing trails or added to their trail system.

"Outdoor activities like hiking are gaining popularity and are ideal for winter months which is off-season for most parks, bringing fewer crowds and many days of mild weather," says Leisure. "Many of our parks either have just completed or are in the process of renovating and improving their hike and bike trails."

Caprock Canyons State Park near Quitaque in the Panhandle Plains is in the midst of renovating roughly a third of the 65-mile Caprock Canyons Trailway, a rails-to-trails conversion that runs 64 miles from South Plains to Estelline. Five miles — from Monks Crossing to Clarity Tunnel — already have been resurfaced, providing a mostly level hike or bicycle ride for the whole family. An additional 15 miles will be resurfaced with crushed caliche to complete the project. Inside the park, another 28 miles of trails, ranging from fairly level to an extreme incline, offer challenges for persons of any ability.

A new four-mile, multi-use Canyon Rim

Trail has been completed at Seminole Canyon State Historic Site in Val Verde County, where hikers can take in amazing views from the canyon's edge. The new trail, which will be receiving finishing touches from a Trails Across Texas crew this month, doubles the trail mileage within the park.

At Palmetto State Park near Gonzales, Superintendent Todd Imboden says workers recently have completed trail improvements to the five miles of hike-and-bike trails, including 1,000 feet of new boardwalks and 15 foot bridges suspended 18 inches over the Ortine Swamp Trail's dwarf palmetto wetlands. Additional trail spurs lead to the San Marcos River Trail and other park trails of wide, decomposed granite trails ideal for hiking or biking. In addition, he says, crews just last week erected new interpretive trail signage providing directions and information about the park's natural and cultural history.

Austinites will be pleased to learn that McKinney Falls State Park on Feb. 25 will host a grand opening of an additional mile and a half of multi-use trails along the Homestead Trail, featuring bridges, armored drainages and boardwalks. Drainage and erosion issues also were addressed on the Homestead Trail's original 2.8 miles that wind through the heart of the park.

Ongoing trail improvements at Government Canyon State Natural Area mean hikers in San Antonio's urban setting won't have far to travel to access more than 40 miles of trails traversing both flat and hilly terrain that varies in difficulty from beginner to technical. Located at the southern edge of the Hill Country, the state natural area, which opened in 2005, provides users with countless loop options and breathtaking scenery.

From easy hiking trails like those at Brazos Bend State Park and Dinosaur Valley state parks that put hikers eye-to-eye with alligators and dinosaur footprints, respectively, to challenging desert trails covering 18 miles at Big Bend Ranch State Park in far west Texas, the Texas State Park trail system makes for happy feet.

Park rangers remind trail users to don sturdy footwear, bring along a hiking stick and pack plenty of water for your trek. Park entrance fees apply at most parks.

For more information on hiking in Texas State Parks and park trail maps, visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/state-parks/parks-things-to-do/hiking-in-state-parks>

For a list of upcoming guided hikes and nature walks, visit: <http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/calendar/hiking/hikes-walks>

To download hiking images, visit: http://www.tpwd.state.tx.us/newsmedia/news-images/?g=first_day_hikes

Couple braves blisters, cold to raise money for the poor

Nick and Lucy Russell, visitors from Lincolnshire in the UK, were walking through Mitchell County this week as a portion of their Walk America campaign.

The Russells began their walk on the Tybee Island, just east of Savannah, GA. on Oct. 24, 2011.

Sporting a backpack on their backs, which contains their living quarters, food and other necessities for the trip, the couple has now made it over half way in the journey. Their most dreaded enemy, the blister, has accompanied them most of the way.

The couple will walk 3000 miles through nine states to bring awareness to the Pamir Trust. This trust was set up to raise money to support the remote communities in the Pamir



NICK AND LUCY Russell, from the UK, are walking across America to raise funds for the country of Tajikistan.

Mountains, Tajikistan.

Tajikistan is a small, landlocked country located to the north of Afghanistan and west of China.

Following the break-up of the Soviet Union, Tajikistan underwent a prolonged period of political uncertainty, marked by a civil war which lasted until 1997 and claimed up to 100,000 lives. The country is now peaceful and safe to travel in, but is yet to make the transition to democracy; its elections are classed as neither free nor fair.

Tajikistan is the poorest country in the former USSR, without the abundant natural resources of neighbouring Turkmenistan or Uzbekistan. The altitude of much of the country does not lend itself well to agriculture and its annual GDP at PPP is \$2,000. The

Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast, the autonomous region which encompasses the area of the Pamir mountains, is the poorest part of the country.

Despite this, Tajikistan has potential for growth. In particular, the scope for tourism development is clear. While infrastructure in many parts of the country is underdeveloped or even non-existent, the landscape of much of the country is spectacular; 90% of Tajikistan is mountainous.

Although the quality of schooling has been sub-standard since the end of communist rule, Tajikistan still has a near 100% literacy rate. During the Soviet Union, more people went on to higher education from the Pamirs than from any other region in the USSR.

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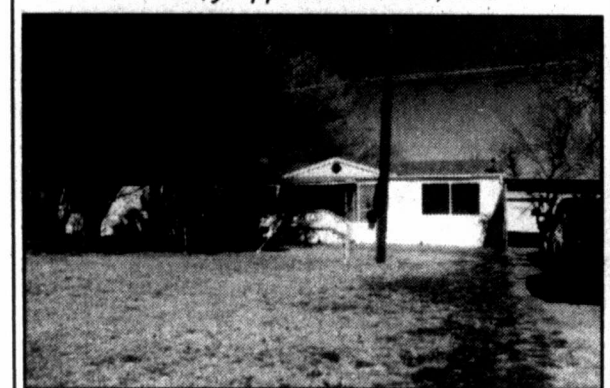
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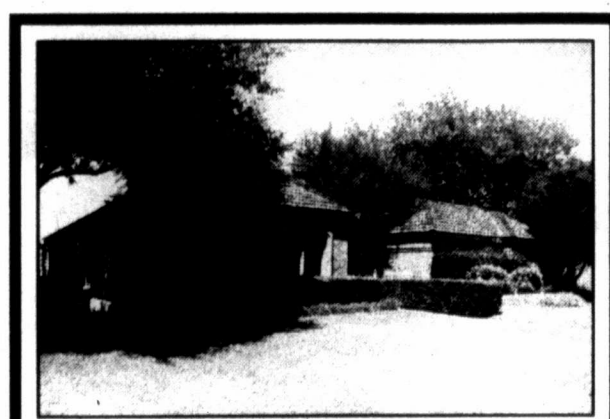
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LOCAL NEWS



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CHILDREN ENJOY STORY time at the Mitchell County Library. They have also enjoyed the Bears, Bears Everywhere display which includes bears from library staff members and the children themselves. Pictured are Ansen Hiser, Debi Mace, Ellie Nelson, Topie Kelsey, Chance Morris, Sally Beavers, Brooklyn Lemons, Tatum Heady and Jacob. Photo courtesy of Mitchell County Library.

Feb. 19-25 if Food Check-Out Week

By Aimee Jackson

Concern about the cost of a healthy diet being out of reach remains on the minds of many Americans as the nation continues to work through serious economic woes. However, according to an agriculture department study, the cost of eating healthy hasn't changed as much as some less-healthy alternatives. Eating healthy food while on a budget does require some strategic shopping.

Farm Bureau's Food Check-Out Week, February 19-25, focuses on helping Americans learn how to stretch their grocery dollars with healthy, nutritious food. America's farmers and ranchers are committed to producing safe, healthy and abundant food. They share a common concern with consumers when it comes

to putting nutritious meals on the table while sticking to a tight budget.

Fruits and vegetables, along with whole grains, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, beans, eggs and nuts are an important part of a healthy diet. Buying fresh produce when it's in season and costs less, while buying frozen fruits and vegetables when they are not in season, is a smart way to stretch your dollars.

Now in its 14th year, Food Check-Out Week highlights America's safe, abundant and affordable food supply, made possible largely by America's productive farmers and ranchers. According to the most recent (2009) information from the USDA's Economic Research Service, American families and individuals spend, on average, less than 10 percent of their disposable personal income for food.

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LORAINE NEWS



LORAINE ISD CROWNED a Valentine King, Queen, Prince and Princess on Tuesday, February 14th. (Left to right) Till Seibert, German foreign exchange student, won Valentine King and Brook Womack was crowned Queen. Sonny Benivamondez and Brilee Young were named Prince and Princess. Photo courtesy of Amie Jackson.

By Aimee Jackson

Loraine Correspondent

Loraine High School Senior Catelyn Johnston recently exhibited a heavyweight Hereford steer in Fort Worth. Catelyn named her steer Wiz Kahlifa and he weighed in at a whopping 1,307 pounds.

Catelyn placed 7th and made the sale. Congratulations to her!

Students at Loraine from all grades have been collecting loose change for the last several weeks for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. Students and townspeople can also purchase stickers for \$1 to hang on the trophy case. The students will continue to collect until February 24th.

If you have some loose change lying around, contact the school nurse, Becky Benivamondez, and she will be glad to get it where it needs to go.

A happy 40th birthday to Maria Rodriguez! You don't look a day over 21.

Ask George Martin about his Gator, not an alligator, but a green Gator. Boys and their toys! They never get too old to buy something new to play with.

The Methodist Church enjoyed a guest speaker From Merkel last Sunday. Retired minister Keith Greenwood delivered his message, "Do we Listen". It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Debby Mitchell furnished special music, singing "It Is Well With My Soul". As always, everyone enjoyed Debby's beautiful voice and talents!

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