

WISHING EVERYONE IN MITCHELL COUNTY A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Bale Count

Wed., Dec. 28, 2005
Mitchell Co. Gin.....11,867
Producer's Co-op....16,750
Loraine Co-op....14,470
Total.....43,087
Last year
Jan. 4
25,636

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Around Town

Ask Mike Jordan how a red-neck goes Christmas shopping... Happy anniversary Carl & Sandy Graham (Dec. 31)... Roland Graham looking for graves... Happy 8th birthday Mathew Molina (Jan. 2)... J.V. Young recovering from pneumonia - get well soon... Happy birthday Jack Strain... Chip Hubbard being inducted... Happy anniversary Dan & Leslie Scott... Happy birthday Marissa Reyna (Jan. 4)...

Obituaries

Ruth Barnett
Colorado City
Red King
Big Spring
Alma Loveless
Colorado City
Tonja Randle
Colorado City

Briefs

Cell Phone Fund-Raiser

The youth at Calvary Baptist Church are recycling used cell phones, working or not. There are drop off boxes at C-City Printing, The Medicine Place, Lone Wolf Cellular and Calvary Baptist Church.

Medical Fund

A special account has been set up at the Credit Union for Elia Aguilar Campos to offset medical expenses.

Solemn Assembly

A solemn assembly will be held Dec. 30 at the library at 3 p.m., sponsored by the Church of God in Christ and the Christ Christianity Party.

Immunization Clinic

The Texas Department of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Jan. 4th, 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. Please bring child's immunization record to clinic. For more info, call 325-754-4945.

Mission Closed

The Community Mission will be closed Dec. 21 through Jan. 2.

Kwanzaa Celebration

The House of Hope Community Church, 1700 W. 17th St., will have a Kwanzaa celebration Dec. 30th at 7 p.m. There will be a program and dinner. \$5 for adults and \$3 for children under 18.

New Year's Party

Christian Temple will have a New Year's Lock-In beginning at 8 p.m. with a scavenger hunt. Door will be locked at 10 p.m. and unlocked at 8 a.m. There will be food, games and live music, as well as a youth-led service on Sun., Jan. 1st.

City Closings

City Hall in Colorado City and the landfill will be closed on Mon., Jan. 2nd for the New Year holiday. There will be no trash pick up on Monday but regular pick up will resume on Tuesday.

Lake Levels

(as of Dec. 6, 2005)

Lake Colorado City...2068.09'
Full at 2070.3'
Down 2.21'
Lake Champion...2041.72'
Full at 2083'
Down 41.28'

Levels courtesy of United States Geological Service

Answerline

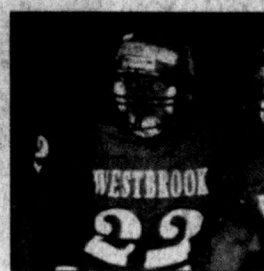
Q. When is the Mitchell County Livestock Show?
A. This year's livestock show will be Thurs., Fri. & Sat., Jan. 12, 13, & 14.

Saying goodbye to 2005

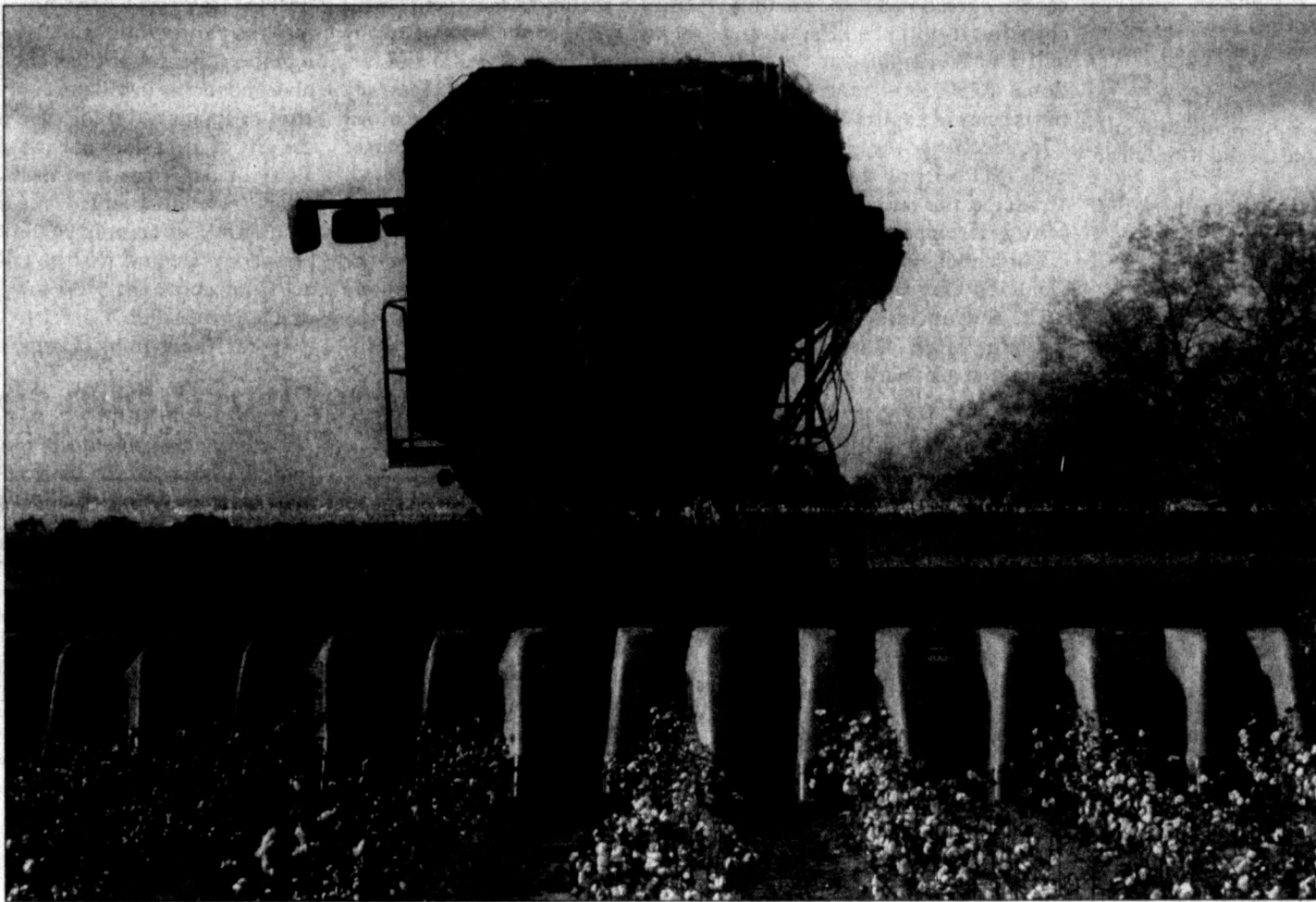
Times weren't always enjoyable, but somehow Mitchell County residents made it through another year.

Although we weren't hit by a tsunami or displaced by hurricanes, residents endured their share of painful, and fun-filled moments.

Here are out top stories of the past year



WESTBROOK SENIOR TREY CHAVEZ (left) was one of the more memorable stories of the year. He recovered from a head injury that required emergency brain surgery in October.



THE MITCHELL COUNTY COTTON HARVEST proved to be a huge success for area farmers. Through Dec. 29, the three county gins have ginned a total 43,087 bales, with an estimated 21,000 bales on the yard and an estimated 5,000 acres still to be stripped -- a number that greatly exceeded last year's record harvest.

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

As a whole, weather played a huge role over the last 12 months in shaping the lives of everyone on this wonderful blue planet we call home. It seemed tragedy was around every corner in 2005.

-- A tsunami ravaged Indonesia causing millions to come to the aid of the stricken.

-- A pair of hurricanes scattered millions across the southern part of the United States causing millions to rush to help those in Louisiana, Alabama and Mississippi.

-- A rapidly expanding lake in North Dakota raised the ire of Canadian and U.S. leaders.

-- The spectre of steroids hung over professional baseball.

Like the rest of the world, Mitchell County residents had their fair share of concerns and celebrations in 2005. These events were, and remain, events that impacted the lives of every person in the county in some way.

Turn back the pages of time, if you will, and join us as the Colorado City Record looks back at some of the top events and issues that helped make 2005 a year to remember in Mitchell County.

The excitement -- and bad news -- began early for the residents of Mitchell County last year. On Jan. 13, Greyhound Bus Lines announced it would discontinue use of

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First Lady slated to visit C-City on March 1

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Mitchell County residents will get the opportunity to see a Texas celebrity -- and a West Texas native -- in January when Texas First Lady Anita Perry flies in as part of the state's 2006 Main Street Cities program.

Perry, the wife of Texas Gov. Rick Perry, is scheduled to visit Colorado City on March 1 as part of her tour of the four communities selected by the Texas Historical Commission to be part of the program. She is also scheduled to visit Beeville, Conroe and Texarkana.

"I have received information from the First Lady's office that the First Lady's Tour will be March 1-2," Jill Robinson, a program specialist with the Texas

Main Street Program, wrote to members of the Colorado City Main Street Advisory Board earlier this month.

Perry is scheduled to begin her tour on March 1 with a visit to

Texarkana. From there, she will travel to Colorado City. On March 2, she will tour Conroe and Beeville.

Perry's visit will actually be the second by state officials. Members of the Texas Main Street Program are scheduled to travel to Colorado City on Jan. 17 to tour the community and meet with Cecilia Scott, the town's Main Street



Anita Perry

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C-City Opry to stage New Year's Eve show

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Looking for a place to have a good time on New Year's Eve that is close to home and off the highway?

If so, you might take in a New Year's Eve show at the Colorado City Opry.

Bandleader Doyle "Shady" Mitchell announced that the Opry will have a unique show on Dec. 31 with a tribute to "50 years of Country Music," which will highlight songs from legends of country music such as Hank Williams, Hank Thompson, "Lefty" Frizzell, Ray Price, Webb Pierce, Faron Young, as well as current country singers such as Alan Jackson, Leann Rimes, Randy

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Commissioners vote to upgrade ag barn speakers

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

The Mitchell County Commissioners agreed to appropriate \$1,055 for the upgrade of the sound system at the Mitchell County Ag Barn on Tuesday morning.

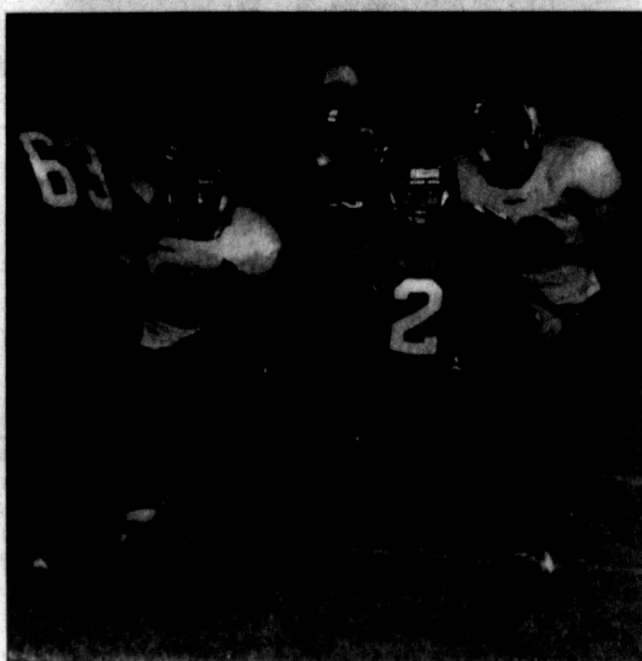
Commissioners, citing the poor sound quality at the facility, approved a request to purchase four new speakers and a wireless microphone from a Lubbock company.



File Photos

BIG RESULTS

- Wendell Pinkerton (above) displays the 11-pound, 13-ounce largemouth bass he caught at Lake Champion on Dec. 3. The fish shatters the old lake record set approximately 10 years ago. Pinkerton released the bass in Lake Colorado City. The Colorado Wolves (at left) enjoyed another solid football campaign in 2005, winning a third straight district championship.



LOCAL NEWS

OBITUARIES

Ruth Barnett

1915-2005

Mrs. Ruth Barnett, age 90, of Colorado City, died Sat., Dec. 24, 2005, in a Midland hospital. Services were held Wednesday in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Charles Hageman officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Barnett was born Oct. 14, 1915, in Palo Pinto County to John J. and Jesse Brown Smith and had been a lifelong resident of Colorado City. She married Joe Barnett on Oct. 15, 1938, in Colorado City. He preceded her in death on May 28, 1996. She was a sales clerk for Landau's Men Store for many years. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Colorado City.

She is survived by a brother, John J. Smith of Midland; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Alma Loveless

1927-2005

Mrs. Alma Loveless, age 78, of Colorado City, died Wed., Dec. 21, 2005, in a local care center. Graveside services were held Thursday in the Colorado City Cemetery with Rev. Bob Manning officiating. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mrs. Loveless was born Jan. 8, 1927, in Sherman to George W. and Leora Dailey Campbell. She married Jesse J. Loveless on Mar. 4, 1944, and moved to Colorado City in 1958. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 1989. She was a member of the First Baptist Church and a retired clerk for Perry's.

She is survived by several nieces and nephews and many friends.

Edward "Red" King

1940-2005

Edward "Red" King, 65, of Big Spring, died at 1:15 AM Sun., Dec. 25, 2005, at his residence. Graveside services were held Tuesday at Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Elwin Collom, pastor of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

He was born August 25, 1940, in Natalia, Texas to Helen and W. C. King. Edward was a lifetime resident of Howard and Mitchell Counties and was a retired truck driver.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia King of Big Spring; two daughters, Julie Proctor and her husband, Bubba of Cloudcroft, New Mexico and Debra King of Colorado City; one son, James Hayes and his wife, Geri of Crystal Beach, Texas; seven grandchildren, Russell Whitesides, Courtney Proctor, Kelsey Proctor, Kingsley King, Laremi King, MaKenia King and Miranda Hayes; two brothers, Earl King and his wife, Melissa and Gerald King, all of Coahoma; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill King and Donnie King.

Tonja Randle

1963-2005

Miss Tonja Randle, age 42, of Colorado City, died Wed., Dec. 21, 2005, at her residence. Services were held Monday at St. James Baptist Church with Revs. Anthony Brooks and Robert Sweet officiating. Burial followed in the Mitchell County Cemetery, under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Miss Randle was born Feb. 10, 1963, in Colorado City to Elmer "Dizzy" and Ruby Bonner Randle and had been a lifelong resident. She was a member of the St. James Baptist Church.

She is survived by her mother and step-father, Ruby and Robert Bracy of Colorado City; her father, Elmer "Dizzy" Randle of Colorado City; three sisters, Gerri Randle of Big Spring, Jessica Randle of Mesquite and Tomika Gibson of Duncanville; three brothers, Anthony Randle and Christopher Randle, both of Colorado City and Victor Randle of White Settlement; several nieces and nephews and many friends.

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Manager.

Additionally, members of the Colorado City Main Street Advisory Board are scheduled to travel to Austin on Jan. 9-13 for a week-long training session. Among the board members scheduled to attend the session are Main Street President Keith Hiser, Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce manager Sue Lowrance, Brian Bassham, Mary Smith, Earl Plagens, Sue Young, Royce Clay, Connie Baker, Kitten Arthur, Marsha Jordan and Scott.

In addition to the letter detailing Perry's visit, Robinson also announced that Debra Farst had been named the new state coordinator of the Texas Main Street

program. She had previously served as the Association Coordinator of the Texas Downtown Association for the past seven years.

She replaced former Main Street coordinator Kim McKnight.

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its stop at the Gas 'N' Grub convenience store in the community effect Feb. 3.

Greyhound Vice President of Operations Ted Burk in a letter to former Mayor Bob Reilly said the bus company was eliminating the stop as part of a larger plan to make the company financially viable.

The letter also stated the decision was made "to meet the needs of our customers and increase our profitability."

Greyhound's decision had a far-reaching effect on Mitchell County. In addition to ending a vital transportation avenue, the decision also forced several local businesses and farmers to alter their shipping routines.

In response to Greyhound's plans, members of the community staged a letter-writing campaign, asking Greyhound officials to reconsider their decision.

Not all the news was bad, however. In fact, the Colorado Independent School District gave Mitchell County residents reason to smile in March when school officials announced their request to establish a charter school had been approved.

As part of the approval, CISD received \$250,000 grant to help offset operational and staffing costs for 18 months. The district will also be eligible for an additional \$250,000 grant after the initial period expires.

In receiving the grant, Colorado ISD became the first school district in the state in 2005 to receive grant approval.

The school, which serves at-risk Colorado City students in grades 8-12, now operates at the former Wallace High School facility, sharing space with the Wallace Senior Center.

In March, the city's lengthy search for a new police chief came to an end when the Colorado City City Council hired Shawn Myatt to fill the position.

Myatt, a former police chief in Sundown, Texas, replaced Pat Taylor, who resigned in August of 2004 because of concerns about the overall effectiveness of his administration.

Prior to serving as chief of police in Sundown, Myatt had worked in law enforcement in Lamb County.

In one of the more unusual stories of the year, Mitchell County residents awoke in May to discover Colorado City City Manager Paul Catoe had submitted his resignation due to a disagreement that had arisen during the planning for the 2005-2006 city bud-



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

EXTREMELY DRY CONDITIONS in the county have prompted county officials to implement a ban against most outdoor burning. Through the months of November and December, Mitchell County received no measurable amounts of precipitation, a fact that has kept local firefighters busy.

get. As part of the dispute, former council member Georgiana Porter along with councilmen Sammy Contreras, Jason Castillo and former Colorado City City Attorney Jeannie Fuller questioned Catoe's cell-phone bill and the purchase of two city pumps.

As part of an exchange at a meeting on May 16, councilmembers questioned Catoe on having the city pay for a second cell phone which his wife carried, and the purchase of the two pumps with-

out council approval.

Catoe, who had been hired 10 months earlier, informed council members, he did not feel the second phone was in violation of any city ordinances, citing the fact the city charter does not stipulate a city manager can have only one phone. He also added the city paid only a set amount of his cell-phone service and that he covers anything above the \$104 base out of his own pocket.

As for the pumps, Catoe said

he authorized the purchase of the two pumps, valued at more than \$9,000, for the safety and health of the public, noting that should one of the old pumps have broken, it would have caused a massive sewage problem in parts of the community.

"When the safety and health of the citizens are in jeopardy, I will do what I need to do," Catoe said.

Fuller argued that Catoe should

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Commissioners: burn ban to remain in place

By Tommy Wells
Colorado City Record

Despite a few sprinkles of rain last week, commissioners voted unanimously to keep the ban on most outdoor burning in place Tuesday morning at the regular meeting of the Mitchell County Commissioners Court.

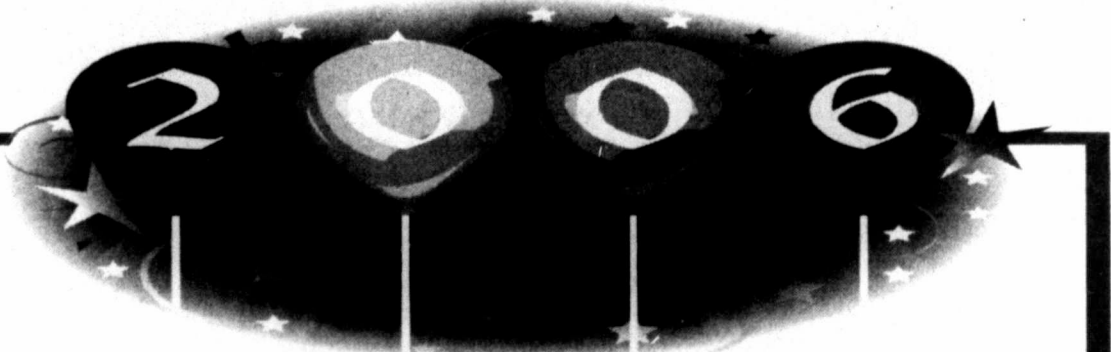
"As of today, we're still in the red flag status," said County Judge Ray Mayo. "We're going to keep the ban on until it's safe."

County commissioners enacted the burn ban at their previous meeting, citing the dry conditions throughout the area. No measurable rainfall has fallen in the county in more than 45 days, making November and December one of the driest periods on record.

According to Mayo, the Texas Forest Service is advising county commissioners throughout West Texas to be aware of conditions

that could make wildfires a threat to property and life.

At the meeting, commissioners said several fires had been reported in the county, including one south of Colorado City on Monday afternoon. Cotton farmers in Roscoe had battled several module blazes in recent days, while Roscoe firefighters were called into action when a mobile home caught fire last week.



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LOCAL NEWS



STATE REPRESENTATIVE CANDIDATE Kevin Housley (center) attended the Kiwanis Club meeting in Colorado City last week with Bill Barlow and Faye Lee. Housley is a candidate for the District 72 seat in the Texas Legislature currently held by Scott Campbell.

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Travis and others.

"We plan on having a great show with tributes to some of the legends of country music," said Mitchell. "Country music has been good to us, and we still enjoy playing songs from artists of that era. We will begin at 7 p.m. and go as long as the crowd wants us to."

Mitchell said the show will give people an opportunity to take in a night of entertainment and still be able to be at home, or wherever they intend on being, when the New Year arrives.

The switch to Saturday night shows did not come about without having to make a few changes in the makeup of the band members.

Mitchell will still be doing double duty on the steel guitar and fiddle while his wife Debbie will be playing the keyboards. Local school teacher Linda Mathis, who also is a member of the Mitchell County EMS team, will be manning the drums while Doyle's cousin, Henry Mitchell of Lorraine, will be playing lead guitar.

Making up the rest of the band will be longtime Colorado City resident Charlie Shifflett, who has been playing country music for more than 50 years. Other members will include Robbie Nolan of Snyder, who may be seen playing lead guitar, bass guitar, or even on the drums at times. Gene "Pops" Stevens of Brownwood will provide an extra fiddle player for the "twin fiddle" sound.

"We would like to invite everyone out to spend the New Year's Eve with us," said Mitchell. "We guarantee you will have a good time."

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have followed the city charter, which stated that any purchase in excess of \$500 come before the council for approval.

Catoe, in his defense, said the charter was outdated and that parts of it were no longer relevant. One portion of the charter, he said, stipulated the city manager make an annual salary of \$6,500.

Following the meeting with city council members, Catoe rescinded his letter of resignation and agreed to remain as city manager.

A month later, in June, residents of Colorado City witnessed another stunning event when the Colorado City City Council voted to terminate its contract with city attorney Jeannie Fuller and the Rees & Rees law firm.

The decision to end the service came after Fuller, the senior partner of the law firm, accused the council of violating the Texas Open Meetings Act when it went into closed session to discuss "possible litigation between the City of Colorado City and Rees & Rees LLP, regarding possible termination of their contract," as was stated on the agenda.

Fuller said she never expressed any intention of pursuing a suit against the city.

According to the contract, the city was able to terminate its contract with Fuller and the law firm without reason with a 30-day notice.

While the city was attempting to stay out of the limelight, Paige Newby was in the process of helping put Colorado City on the map.

In July, the Colorado High School standout placed fourth in

the girls' discus competition at the International Association of Athletics Federation World Youth Championships in Marrakech, Morocco.

Newby, now a junior at Colorado High School, posted a personal-best at the event, recording a throw of 155 feet—just eight feet off the mark posted by third-place finisher Kamorean Hayes of the U.S.

Newby went into the meet as one of Texas' top athletes. She won the gold medal at the state track meet in Austin months earlier.

The news, although it didn't start out so well, was even better for Mitchell County stand-out Trey Chavez, who staged a remarkable recovery from a mid-season football injury.

The Westbrook High School senior was seriously injured during the Wildcats' game against the Borden County Coyotes on Oct. 7. During the game, he received a blow to the head that required him to be care-flighted to Lubbock to undergo emergency surgery to repair a ruptured blood vessel in his brain.

The son of Marcelino and Norma Chavez, he recovered completely from the injury and returned to school weeks later.

In November, Colorado City received another dose of good news when officials from the Texas Historical Commission named the community a 2006 Main Street recipient along with the towns of Beeville, Conroe and Texarkana.

The designation as a Main Street community will enable Colorado City to utilize numerous state services and programs in an effort to revitalize its downtown business

area.

"We think it is going to be the best thing that has ever happened here," said Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce Manager Sue Lowrance.

In addition to enabling the community to use state engineers to find ways to refurbish the community, Colorado City will also be able to tap the state's tourism experience in an effort to help promote itself as a tourist destination.

Mitchell County residents received another important piece of news in December when officials announced the annual cotton harvest was the most-productive

in the county's history. Through December, 29, the county's three gins had produced 43,087 bales of cotton, a mark that easily bettered the previous record set in 2004.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

The year that was in my little corner

This was the year the Patriots won the Super Bowl.
It was the year Jose Canseco and his wife Jessica helped book sales grow.
Basketball and hockey, for a change, were not locked out.
So far, Brett Favre's retirement hasn't started to spout.

OFF THE
BEATEN
PATH...

By
TOMMY WELLS
EDITOR



Tsunamis and major disasters swept across the globe.
There was a "nothing" storm in Washington about spying so we were told.
Saddam Hussein has put on a defiant pose.
He's even claimed the Americans have tortured his toes.
All of which have caused Americans to wish someone would just bloody his nose.

Westbrook enjoyed a wild football tale.
Though there was no playoff run, Trey Chavez is getting well.
Colorado City received word it was to be a Main Street joy.
Although everyone will have to find money to upgrade the toys.

From Congress, Hilary did speak.
Many feel she could be the first woman in the president's hot seat.
The school finance bill in Texas did not go so well.
Thanks to a court order, it still may jell.

Democrats want Bush out of office.
Republicans say a war isn't as bad as Bill's offense.
Both parties want to be the people's minister.
I don't know about you, but I think they're both sinister.

Chukotkans continue to stand alone.
They want some meat but only get a bone.
Big Spring, that far off land.
They're waiting so see if the VA office will stand.

The people in North Dakota are in a tassel.
That darned Devils Lake is trying to steal each man's castle.
Gov. Schwarzenegger's death decision left some in a fit.
So much so, stadium officials in Austria said his name didn't fit.

The Colorado Wolves made another playoff run.
In the end, it was the fans that had the most fun.
In Loraine, the Bulldogs did play.
Coach Stockton has them dreaming of better days.

A new police chief did C-City get.
More than a few gifts at the Christmas party did he collect.
In Alaska, a piece of history did slip away.
At 100, did Colonel Norman Vaughn find the piper to pay.

The Astros finally gave Texas reason to cheer.
Although a World Series title will have to wait for another year.
Mack Brown and the Texas Longhorns got off to a great start.
One game is all that keeps Austin and the championship apart.

A little closer to home. The UIL has decreed.
Westbrook and Loraine will need a new district deed.
By splitting the six-man ranks in half.
State officials feel a more competitive level all will have.

Of Mitchell County, my kids say there is no doubt.
They think this place is plain far out.
Even with its stickers and oppressive heat,
She-Who-Must-Not-Be-Made-Mad can find few reasons to be sad.

Goodbye '05, to be sure you were quite a year.
Next year will be more so, have no fear.
In the new year, rest assured we have two wishes.
May your next 12 months be of cheer.
And, please God, let me win the lottery this year.

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Niagara Falls is a spectacular natural wonder

For this old boy who lives in a dry country, seeing a million bathtubs of water a minute go over a cliff is a sight to behold. It's been happening for nearly 400 years.

Niagara Falls is a fun, exciting, beautiful place. There are two Niagaras: one is New York, the other in Ontario, Canada. The Niagara River connects Lakes Erie and Ontario and provides a border between the two countries. To get the full impact of the falls, you must go to the Canadian side. Our hotel in Canada gave us a full view of the two waterfalls (the American Falls, a straight line of water cascading down for 184 feet and the Canadian or Horseshoe Falls, which are 170 feet tall). Niagara is an Indian word meaning Thunder Water. And boy, does it thunder. The roar can be heard all over the area. Casinos have been built on both sides of the Niagara River and they have created a tourist boom, attracting 14 million visitors a year. Niagara, New York has a population of 54,000 while Niagara in Canada has a population of 76,000. New hotels are being built on both sides of the river.

We saw beautiful flower gardens all over the place. Hanging baskets full of blossoms decorated light posts on the walkways on the north side of the river. We watched a juggler perform to an appreciative audience on a grassy area near a restaurant by the falls.

Niagara has always been a romantic place known as a destination for honeymooners. We saw couples of all ages holding hands as they strolled along the walkway looking at the falls. We saw a wedding in a park and watched a man sitting next to us in a restaurant get on his knees and propose to his girlfriend.

Everywhere we went people were taking photographs. I don't remember ever seeing so many cameras in use. Couples were handing cameras over to strangers, asking them to take their picture with the falls as a backdrop.

When we travel, we try to experience as much as possible. We rode on the Maid of the Mist, and boat that circles the bottom of the Canadian Falls. Passengers are issued blue plastic rain ponchos because the mist is like rain and the falls create strong winds. We went behind the falls wearing yellow rain parkas. We went to the bird aviary, the butterfly conservatory and Niagara-on-the-Lake, an upscale shopping city at the end of the Niagara River Parkway. We walked through the nation's first state park on the New York side and got to within a few feet of the water at the edge of the falls. Twice we watched the falls at sunset from a high vantage point and stayed until dark, when the falls are bathed in colored lights. We went to the Skylon

Tower and watched a dazzling fireworks show at eye level. We missed the tightrope walker, who walks across a cable stretched between two buildings during the summer months (no net below). We saw rainbows at the falls.

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SOCIETY

Hochman, Yeager united in Midland



Mrs. Stuart Alan Yeager

Jennifer Michelle Hochman and Stuart Alan Yeager, both of Midland, were married at 7 p.m. November 26, 2005 at Midland Country Club. The Honorable John G. Hyde officiated the ceremony. Music was provided by the Lone Star Brass and Gregory and Kathy Pysh. The scripture reader was Mrs. Brad Masek of Freeport.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Patsy Hochman of Midland. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Zelda Hochman of Midland, and the late Mr. Louis Hochman and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Box.

The groom is the son of Dennis and Lynn Yeager of Midland. He is the grandson of Mrs. Simone

Stewart of Colorado City and the late Mrs. Richard Stewart, Henry Leon and Virginia Yeager.

The sister of the bride, Susan Hochman, served as the maid of honor and Elicia Graves served as the matron of honor. The bride was also attended by Allison Bradley, Maggie Burke, Robin Roden, Brooke Rogers, Lisa White and sister-in-law Autumn Fauchaux. Flower girls were Ellie Fauchaux and Alyssa Slayden. Members of the house party included Julia Crim, Genny Lahue, Julie Mesek and Kendra Serold.

Austin Campbell served as the best man. The groom was also attended by Josh Brown, Holten Campbell, Brandon Hill, Kyle Hoelscher, Marcus Majors, Casey

Riggin and brother-in-law Chad Fauchaux, Serving as ring bearers were Bray Crim, Conner Hayter and Bryce Hayter.

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Banquet preparations beginning

The Colorado City Area Chamber of Commerce would like nothing more than to recognize its residents. And, make no mistake about it, they plan to do so.

Chamber officials announced this week they have begun preparations to hold its annual Chamber Awards Banquet. The site and

date of the banquet have yet to be determined.

Several citizens will receive awards at the event, including the Citizen of the Year, the Elmer Martin Award recipient and the Agriculture Award winner.

For more information contact the Chamber office at 728-3403.

CHAMBER AWARD NOMINEES

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SCHOOL NEWS

Hutchinson honor roll listed

Hutchinson Elementary has released the honor roll lists for the third six-weeks of the school year.

A Honor Roll

Third grade – Mason Maddox, Mikaela Madrid, Desiree Martinez, Nick Palacios, Natalie Rangel, Rainne Ruddick, Cassie Sutton and Emanuel Ventura.

Fourth grade – Allison Burrola, Mary Campbell, Maricela Espinoza, Alexis Lopez, Sarena Lujan, Heather Merket, Marissa Robinson, Josh Sutton, Cody Tolle and Daisy Vasquez.

Fifth grade – Christian Cantu, Raegan Costabile, Jake John-

son, Anna Lara, Alyssa Leverton, Corbin Lewis, Olivia Luera, Whitney Ortiz, Simon Reyes, Aaron Rivera, Sammi Thomson and Sean Williamson.

A-B Honor Roll

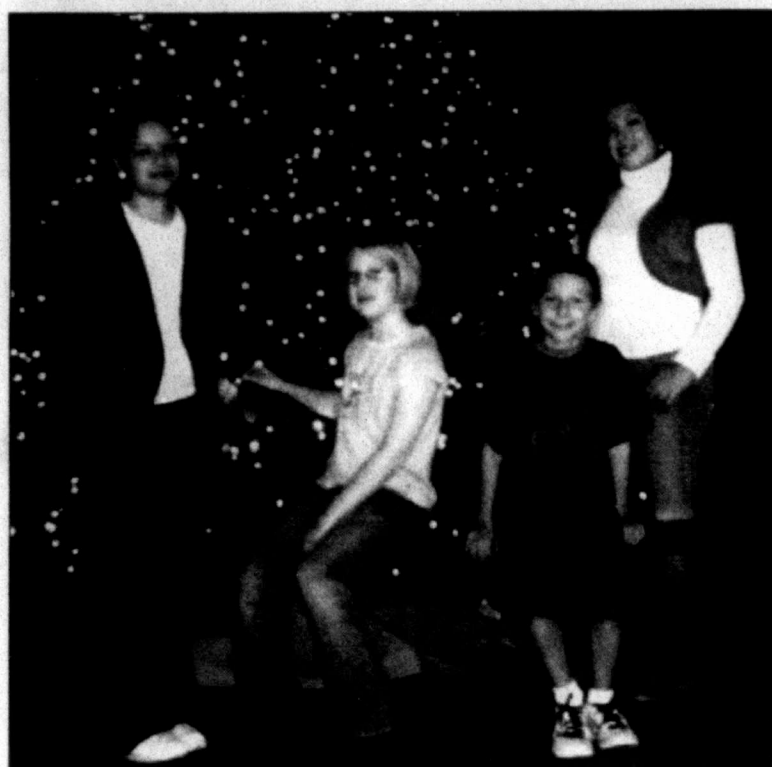
Third grade – Harlie Blake, Jonathan Blassingame, Albert Campos, Eddie Clark, Kristin Cosby, Javier Coulon, Hailey Dunn, Dillon Gainey, Mary Beth Garcia, Shaleena Greer, Taegen Harris, Colton Heupel, Jonathan Jackson, Veronica Lopez, Jonathan Martinez, Delani Meguire, Makayla Molina, Emily Rivera, Thomas Rivera, Alex Salinas, David Sanchez, Shea

Scott, Jaci Smith and Alison Wheeler.

Fourth grade – Gracie Aguiar, Sabrina Arispe, Adrian Ausbie, Tori Barrera, Harlene Blythe, Tanner Bruington, Rankin Bullard, John Campos, Jonathan Castillo, Laura Chaney, Emily Franco, Douglas Garcia, Taylor Griffith, Rene Hernandez, Ashlyn Kildow, Joey Maberry, Haley Maxwell, Nickolas McCartney, Samantha Meeks, Marissa Molina, Felix Munoz, Kayla Myatt, Brandon Nava, Jessica Nichols, Alicia Orozco, Tristan Owens, Nick Perez, Ana Ramirez, Ricky Roman, Bailey Sprague and

Draven Valverde.

Fifth grade – Arden Alvarez, Cameron Brown-DeLozier, Alfredo Bueno, Corbin Castillo, Shelby Cogburn, Leslie Davila, Daniel Dillon, Shea Duncan, Destyne Gaona, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Angenette Gonzales, Fabian Gutierrez, Jordan Leija, Darian Lendermon, Jordan Lendermon, Marinea Lopez, Christian Melendez, Brent Morris, Hayden Redwine, Blythe Rutherford, Kelly Salazar, Hope Sanchez, Gustavo Silva, Ashlea Stone, Kristina Sundry, Brittany Vasquez and Jordan Williams.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK at Loraine are: (l-r) Gloria Rodriguez, Madison Edmonds, Hunter Austin and Annette Davila.

SCHOOL MENUS

Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu
Jan. 2-6
Monday – No school.
Tuesday – oatmeal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
Wednesday – sausage in a blanket, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Thursday – breakfast pizza, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Friday – pancake pups, cereal, fruit juice, milk.
Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu
Jan. 2-6
Monday – No school.
Tuesday – chicken party, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, applesauce, milk.
Wednesday – spaghetti with meat sauce, okra, black-eyed peas, garlic bread, pear halves, milk.
Thursday – Frito pie with chili and cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches, milk.
Friday – cheeseburgers, salad fixings, French fries, fruit snack, milk.

USDA-NRCS accepting EQIP applicants for '06

Farmers and ranchers can start applying for Farm Bill conservation programs through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). USDA cost-share funds have been released earlier this year to give farmers and ranchers more time to make sound decisions regarding conservation practices before planting season begins.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern identified by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). EQIP offers cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

The Colorado City USDA Service Center will be accepting EQIP applications for 2006. The deadline for applications on 2006 EQIP funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Mitchell County. Last year EQIP funding in Mitchell County totaled \$296,000.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resource issues. In Mitchell County, these include brush management on rangeland, soil erosion on cropland, invasive brush (salt cedar) and wildlife (bobwhite quail). Eligible conservation practices include brush management, range seeding, livestock pipeline, well, pond,

water storage facility, cross fencing, terraces and waterways.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Colorado City or call (325)728-3473, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Hutchinson Elementary has announced the perfect attendance list for the third six-weeks of the school year.

Third grade – Robert Adkins, Alesia Bean, Harlie Blake, Brandon Cabrera, Javier Coulon, Desiree Gaona, Jacob Garcia, David Garza, Shala Greer, Shaleena Greer, Aaron Griffin, Harlie Henderson, Christian Lopez, Mikaela Madrid, Chris Martinez, Desiree Martinez, Nick Palacios, Ezra Palmer, Emily Rivera, Heather Ruth, Jeremiah Salazar, Alex Salinas, David Sanchez, Serena Santana, Shea Scott, Jaci Smith, Cassie Sutton, Patrick Tillis, Emanuel Ventura, Alison Wheeler and Jeremiah Williams.

Fourth grade – Joe Arguijo, Sabrina Arispe, Tori Barrera, Harlene Blythe, Ta'Mar Brooks, Rankin Bullard, Allison Burrola, Jonathan Castillo, Laura Chaney, Maricela Espinoza, Emily Franco, Douglas Garcia, Felipe Garcia, Taylor Griffith, Shirley Hemphill, Damion Huff, Joey Maberry, Haley Maxwell, Nickolas McCartney, Samantha Meeks, Heather Merket, Brandon Nava, Darian O'Banion, Tristan Owens, Nick Perez, Ana Ramirez, Marissa Robinson, Ricky Roman, Abby Salas, Isabel Salazar, Josh Sutton, Cody Tolle and Daisy Vasquez.

Fifth grade – Chris Alaniz, Arden Alvarez, Alfredo Bueno, Rico Campos, Christian Cantu,

Felisha Carver, Corbin Castillo, Shelby Cogburn, Leslie Davila, Daniel Dillon, Jaime Espinoza, Destyne Gaona, Kristine Gaona, Vanna George, Teen Gomez, Robbie Gonzales, Cody Haltom, Alex Hernandez, Josh Hulme, Nathan Jackson, Anna Lara, Jordan Leija, Darian Lendermon, Jordan Lendermon, Alyssa Leverton, Corbin Lewis, Olivia Luera, Tabitha Mares, Brandon McFall, Christian Melendez, Jacqueline Mendoza, Hunttyr Messick, Micah Minkina, Whitney Ortiz, Stephen Potter, Simon Reyes, Aaron Rivera, Blythe Rutherford, Alex Salazar, Hope San-

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SPORTS

Reyna, Goodman named to All-South Plains squad

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Colorado High School seniors Henry Reyna and Cyrus Goodman were named to the second-team All-South Plains team last week by the sports staff of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Reyna, a 220-pound outside linebacker, led the Wolves in tackles this past season with 35 solos and 34 assists. He also had two tackles behind the line of scrimmage and a sack through

10 games. He also caused two fumbles, batted down two passes, and had an interception. A two-way starter, Reyna played guard on the offensive side of the football.

Goodman, a mid-term transfer student from Denton a year ago, was a jack of all trades for the Wolves this season. The 240-pound standout began the season in the backfield as a blocking back, but the former Denton quarterback was called upon to

fill in for quarterback Brik McGuffin after he went down with an injury during the Merkel game.

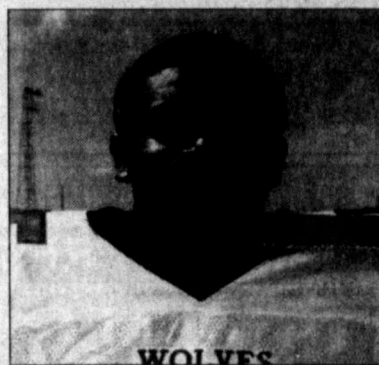
Goodman did an excellent job of picking up the game, rallying the Wolves from behind to win.

Later, when the offensive line became severely depleted due to injuries, Wolves head coach Frank Johnson asked Goodman to play on the offensive line which he did without hesitation. He, along with former fullback

Kenneth Scott, stepped in to do an excellent job of opening holes in the line as well as protect the quarterback.

"Cyrus (Goodman) did an outstanding job for us on the line as well as being one of the best defensive ends in our district," said Johnson. "When I asked him to move to the line he never once questioned it, he just did it."

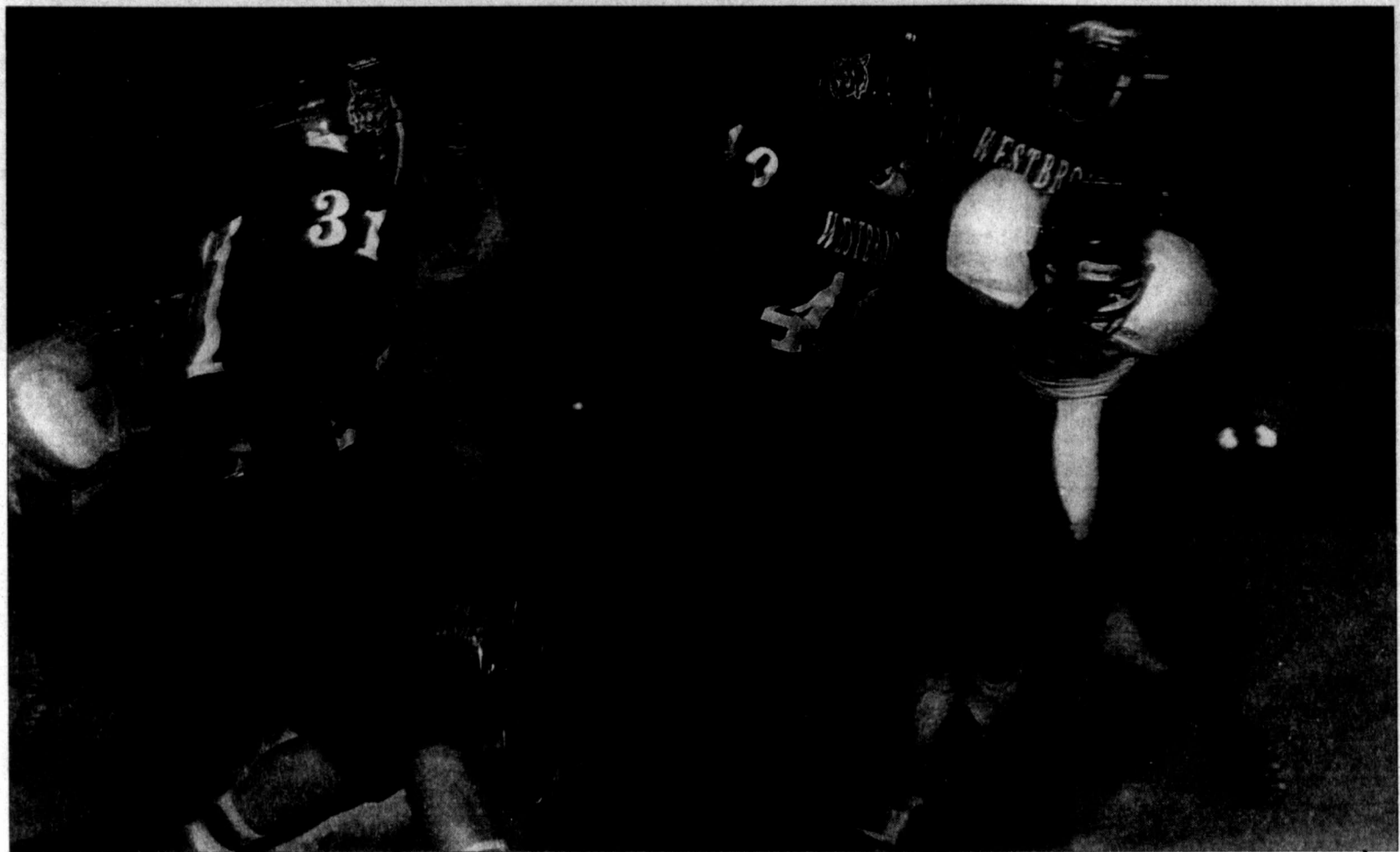
That's a lot to ask someone who was a former quarterback," Johnson added.



Cyrus Goodman



Henry Reyna



File Photo

WESTBROOK SENIOR JOSIAH HANNON (40) was one of two Wildcats named to the all-region football team last week. Joining Hannon on the postseason squad was Westbrook end Dustin Luttrell. In all, three Mitchell County players made the unit.

Westbrook, Loraine land players on all-region roster

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record

Postseason football accolades continued to roll in for three Mitchell County six-man athletes last week.

Westbrook senior Dustin

Luttrell was named to the All-Region second team at a wide receiver position, while senior Josiah Hannon was picked to the second team at safety.

Luttrell and Hannon both played roles in the Wildcats' abil-

ity to post an 8-2 record this past season. The team came within a game of qualifying for the state six-man playoffs.

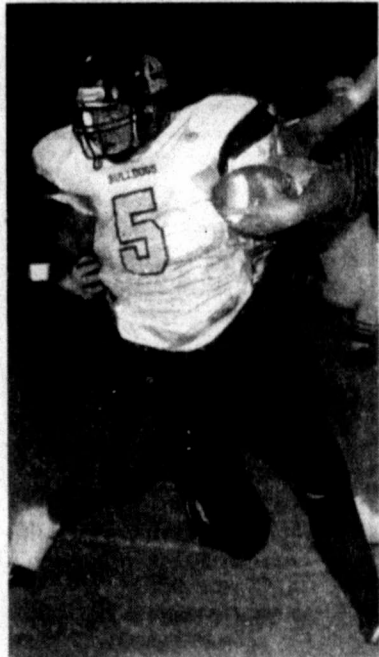
Luttrell was among the team's top receivers, catching more than 20 passes. Hannon, the son of Westbrook head coach Andrew Hannon, battled his way back from an early injury to anchor the WHS defense.

As a running back, he rushed for more than 400 yards this season. Defensively, he was the backbone of a Wildcat squad that went 16-4 over the last two years.

Loraine had one second-team selection as sophomore Jake Hester was as one of two punters earning spots on the all-region team.

Hester also starred on offense and defense this season for the Bulldogs. Offensively, he was a jack-of-all trades, seeing time as a receiver, rusher and passer. Defensively, he starred at linebacker.

Westbrook finished district play at 3-2 for the third year in a row while Loraine ended district play at 1-4.



File Photo

LORAIN S OPHOMORE JAKE HESTER was the Bulldogs' only selection on the all-region squad. Hester made the squad as a second-team punter.

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THE COLORADO CITY BASS CLUB held its latest tournament on Lake Trammel on Nov. 19. Pictured left to right are Ronnie Conner (third place), Byrle Chapman (first place), and Bo Merket (second place). Also fishing were club members Sam Huffman, Bernard McMahan, and Ray Ellis.

'Quail' deserves a place in county museum

It's hard to believe this is the last issue of the Colorado Record for 2005.

We had a lot of ups and downs this past year in the sports world, but mostly it was good.

Who can forget our own Paige Newby competing in Morocco, finishing fourth in the world among those competing in the discus? We won district in basketball, but lost to Early in the playoffs. Early also knocked the Wolves out of the baseball playoffs after a wild comeback from a humbling first-game loss to the same Early team. We had a tremendous track team which went to state in Austin. Only a dropped baton prevented a possible relay win.

Returning 22 seniors on the Wolves football team this season gave hope of a long playoff run, but it was cut short by Early,

which had not been to the post-season since 1958. They made it all the way to the state semi-final round.

We hope that the coming year will bring another fantastic year of sports.

I would like to thank all of those who have told me they read this column each week. Thanks Terry for allowing me to tease you about your "Cowboys." She has never wavered in her allegiance to them, win or lose. You are a great Cowboy fan.

I got to meet a new reader on Christmas Eve when I met one of the guys who was partially responsible for getting Marvin "Quail" Dobbs into the rodeo clown business. Jim Spivey, welcome to Colorado City, and thanks for your support. I enjoyed listening to your stories of

SPEAKING
OF
SPORTS...
CARL GRAHAM
SPORTS EDITOR



Quail in the younger days. I also support your initiative on getting a place at the local museum for this retired professional rodeo clown who graduated from Colorado City in 1959.

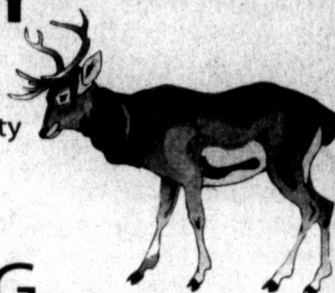
Saw recently where the Throckmorton Greyhounds were crowned the national six-man champion by sixmannation.com. Throckmorton edged out Highwood, Mont., for the honor.

We hope everyone had a great Christmas, and we hope your New Year will bring you everything you ever hoped for!

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Signed
Donna Madrid, City Secretary

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

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Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from: Scott Mitchell, Texas Department of Transportation, 4250 N. Clack, Abilene, TX 79601, (325) 676-6911, (325) 676-6958 fax.

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NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF COLORADO CITY

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LORAINNE NEWS

By Bessie Ann Vaughn,
Loraine Correspondent

Greetings from a small, proud and friendly town. We hope your Christmas was great and that you are looking forward to a new year.

Last Sunday, Christmas Day, Charles and Mary Rose Bowen attended at 9:30 a.m. church service at First Baptist Church and then drove to Abilene to have lunch together and see a movie.

The Bowen family Christmas gathering will be at the Fairfield Inn in Abilene on Dec. 31st and Jan. 1st. After breakfast on Jan. 1st, each family will depart for their homes except Buddy's (Charles Jr.) family. They will drive to Dallas to see the Cowboys in their last scheduled game.

A New Year's party will be held at the Senior Center Saturday night from 6 to 8 p.m. Bring finger food. Everyone is welcome to come down and share some fun and music with us.

Joe and Jill Brinestone and children, Tanner and Cutter, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, spent Christmas weekend with the Linam family.

Rev. Kiefer and Aubry Nell Cauble and family went to Uvalde for Christmas with Tommie and Revis Leonard.

Guests in the home of Lonnie and Helen Williams were Martha and Henry Murray of Nacogdoches, Garland and Francis Williams of Snyder, Jerry and Wesley Woods of Loraine, Michael Mann and Terry Revis of Colorado City, and Tiffany Brown of Snyder.

They had a nice get-together for Christmas and enjoyed a great meal.
Jay Henderson and Doris Henderson spent Christmas day in Midland with Brad and Pennie Henderson and their daughters, Morgan and Ashley.

Virgil Parnell and Troy and Maria Housewright spent Christmas day in Big Spring with Virgil's daughter and husband, Nellene and Al Fulcher. Virgil said they had a great day.

Family members getting together for the holiday with Grady and Elnora Mitchell were Judy and Ray Macha of Lockney; David, Betsy, Ian and Derrick Mitchell of Lubbock; Herman and Penny Mitchell of Loraine; Henry, Kelly, Lauren, Leslie, Lacey, Carson and Mandy Mitchell; and Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt and their daughter, Heather, of Arkansas.

Charles Bowen reminds us that because it is so dry here, there should not be any outdoor burning, especially because there are so many cotton modules in the fields. He also wishes every a happy New Year!

Having a good Christmas with J.A., Y. and Mike Sadler were Heather Sadler of Lubbock, Bertie Colson of Sweetwater, Dick and Mary Colson of Dripping Springs and Pat Sadler of Sweetwater.

Celebrating Christmas in Midland with Eddie and Sherri Merket and family were: Joan Long; Quentin Merket and friend from Lamesa; Adam and Kasi Merket of Midland; Sherri's mom and brother, Sue Brannon and Reed Brannon, both of Midland.

The family members enjoyed a traditional meal with all the trimmings plus sauerkraut. Sherri's family tradition is to always have the German custom of sauerkraut on their Christmas table.

Nell Doyle had a house full of children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for Christmas. They celebrated with a get-together on Dec. 24th.

Those attending were: Tommy and Becky Doyle of Arlington; Jay and Shannon Dallas of Arlington; Chester and Beverly Collier of San Angelo; Jimmie, Jodie, Hudson and Lawson Collier of Wall; Frank and Gloria Hernandez of Sweetwater; and Christal and Victoria Hernandez of Midland.

Dub and Gerrie Wooddell had their family Christmas on Christmas Eve with 37 family members getting together for gift opening and a traditional meal.

The youngest member was a baby, Nathaniel, who is six months old. The oldest family member was James, or Dub as he is better known, who is 70 something.

At Loraine Methodist Church on Christmas morning, special music was provided by Shady and Debbie Mitchell.

Billie Powell told me she received a Christmas card addressed to her and all her critters from Addie Mahoney. Happy New Year to you, Addie!

Visiting with Billie Powell last Monday was her friend, Susan Blassingame from Carrollton.

My Christmas with family members was celebrated early on Friday, Dec. 23rd. The company alone would have made my day but Santa dropped by for milk and cookies. Later, we enjoyed a nice meal.

I still don't know how it happened, but during the meal, a piece of pie fell off on to my plate. I took it as a sign of some kind so I ate it.

The accident just happened and I'm not blaming anyone for causing the pie to fall where it did.

We send well wishes to Connie Harshaw. She had a bad case of pneumonia last week and really felt rotten. By now we hope she has greatly improved to better health.

At the center last week, The Wilson Western Band with Henry Holley, Aubrey Wilson, Charles Dunn and Durwood McAdams performed Monday.

Dorothy Norwood, Charles Dunn and Durwood McAdams played music on Wednesday, and Friday was a visitation morning.

Visitors to the center last week included the grandchildren of Dick and Sandra Hamby, Chris Wells and Jessica Hamby; Doris Wilson of Snyder; Hunter and Tanner Harmon, great-grandchildren of Bobby and Wanza Graham; and Loree Music of Midland.

Betty Chandler celebrated Christmas on Dec. 26th with her kids from Abilene, her son, James and Lori and grandsons, Tommy and Ran. Turkey, ham and all the trimmings were served. Betty sent most of the leftovers home with her kids.

Gifts were exchanged and they had lots of fun.

Readers, please make a New Year's resolution to continue sharing your news with us. Happy New Year!

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Bray scores 38 in Lady Cats' 63-58 victory over Hermleigh

By Carl Graham
Colorado City Record
HERMLEIGH

Both the Westbrook girls and boys basketball teams posted big wins over Hermleigh Tuesday afternoon.

The Lady Cats got off to a slow start against the Hermleigh Lady Cardinals, but more than made up ground by using a 20-6 run during the second quarter to take a 33-28 lead at half.

Hermleigh stunned Westbrook early. The Lady Cards built a 10-9 lead in the first eight minutes of the contest.

At the end of the third quarter, Westbrook led 51-43.

Hermleigh pushed its way back into the game with a 15-12 run in the final period, pulling to within five at the final buzzer.

"We have to learn to finish off a team when we get a lead," said Westbrook coach Cassie Short. "We got rolling in the second quarter, but allowed them to pull within four in the final quarter."

Allison Bray was a one-person scoring machine for Westbrook. She pumped in 38 points while teammate Lauren Johnson contributed seven.

The win puts the Lady Cats at 2-2 in district play, and improved their season mark to 8-9.

The Westbrook boys, used a 16-5 first-quarter run, rolled to an easy



Record Photo/Tommy Wells

WESTBROOK LADY CATS' Allison Bray drives in for a basket during a recent game. Bray led the Lady Cats to a 63-58 win over Hermleigh Tuesday by scoring 38 points.

67-40 win over Hermleigh.

The Wildcats, under the tutelage of head coach Jim Hill, stretched their lead to 34-11 in the second with a 18-6 run.

Westbrook pushed the lead to 50-21 after three quarters with a 16-10 run.

Hermleigh used several three-point shots to stay in the game late. The Cardinals scored a 19-17 final quarter rally.

"We play pretty well against teams like Hermleigh, but when

we play tougher teams we don't seem to be able to put it all together," said Hill. "We have to be able to play better against tougher competition."

The Wildcats got a balanced scoring effort against Hermleigh as every player on the roster got into the scoring barrage. Senior Cory Morton led the team with 16 points while Josiah Hannon added 10.

Morton had two treys while Craig Ginkinger and Michael Morton added one apiece.

Westbrook is schedule to return to action Jan. 3 when they host Blackwell in the Sonny Hollis Gym. Games will begin at 4 p.m.

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