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Youngster helps Haiti relief efforts

It started with a little girl with a big heart and quickly grew to encompass the entire school.

Seven-year-old Greenley Deatherage watched the news coverage of the Haiti earthquake and decided she could help.

"She got her piggy bank and brought it to me. 'Here, send this to them,' she told me," her mother, Michelle Deatherage recalled, with tears in her eyes. Deatherage had tried to limit her daughter's exposure to the news coverage. "I didn't want her seeing too much because it was really bad. She beat me to the TV that day."

Deatherage told Greenley that the amount in the piggy bank wouldn't be enough. That's when Greenley asked if they could get the "kids at school to help me."

"We didn't know it was going to get this big," said Deatherage.

Greenley took milk jugs and posters to school and passed out flyers to all the students. Her friend, Sarah Brewer suggested they go to Fuller Foods and ask for donations.

Last Friday, Greenley, her brother Garrett, Sarah and several other Westbrook elementary students showed up at Fuller Foods to ask

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A LITTLE CHANGE makes a big difference in Haiti as Greenley Deatherage collects money for relief efforts in Haiti. Greenley and her friends gathered at Fuller Foods last week to raise money for the stricken country. Photo courtesy of Michelle Deatherage.

Voter registration deadline is Feb. 1

February 1 is the deadline to register to vote for the 2010 primary elections.

Mitchell County residents can register to vote at the County Tax Collector/Assessor's office at 438 E. 2nd Street.

"All one needs to register to vote is an I.D. and to fill out an application," said Faye Lee, county tax collector.

Individuals may check online to determine if they are registered or update their registration information if they have moved throughout the state. Any changes to a voter's existing registration should be made by February 1 to be applicable to the primary elections in March.

For more voting information, See VOTE Page 6

Hospital board names Wright as new CFO

In regular session, the Mitchell County Hospital District's Board of Directors approved the appointment of Joe Wright as Chief Financial Officer in a four-to-two vote. The position was left vacant by former CFO Jamie Jacoby.

According to the management company's representative Jim Bullard, Jacoby "has moved on to another assignment in another location." Bullard also told board members that he has complete confidence in Wright's abilities.

Learning center dedication scheduled for January 31st

A dedication ceremony for the Bob Reily Early Learning Center will be held on Sunday, January 31 at 1:30 p.m.

The dedication will include a ribbon cutting ceremony by the Chamber of Commerce to rename the Colorado City Day Care in honor of Bob Reily.

The Day Care facility was built in 1997 through grants to provide childcare for employees moving to Colorado City to work at the new prison.

"One of the purposes of the

center was that everybody wants a nice place for their kids," said Reily, who was on the city council at the time the building was constructed. "It has a lot of economic value for the community."

"We had just opened the prison and people moving in to work at the prison were commuting from Snyder and Big Spring because they had to leave their kids at day care there," he said.

There was a previous day care facility on 10th Street originally under the jurisdiction of the

Wright explained, "We have an extensive training plan in place."

Hackfeld questioned her fellow board members further, "Is this what we want to do?" She also conveyed concern about moving Wright out of the business office, where he does "what he's good at."

Board president Bobbie Banks was quick to express her confidence in Wright's abilities.

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Outstanding citizens recognized

Over 200 attend annual Chamber banquet

By Stephanie Perez

Over 200 guests enjoyed some old favorites and new additions at this year's Chamber of Commerce Banquet held last Saturday evening in the Civic Center.

The meal included a generous portion of steak or chicken, prepared by the Kiwanis Club cooks, with Bama's House preparing strawberry and Italian cream cakes for dessert, all served with Gas n Grub's hot rolls by Colorado Middle

School and home-school students. Patricia Gillespie provided piano music as guests dined.

During the welcome, many guests were introduced to the crowd, including the new Chamber of Commerce secretary Sandy Ellis.

Royce Clay was honored as the 2009 Citizen of the Year for his dedication and service to Colorado City through his work with the Colorado City Opry House, his outstanding support of Colorado High School as one of the Jaz. Band's

biggest supporters and fans, as well as his behind-the-scenes work with individuals and groups.

Last year's award recipients, Randy and Kim Anderson, introduced this year's Farm and Ranch Family Award honorees, Nathan and Cheryl Hoyle. The Hoyles are a longtime Mitchell County agricultural family who are very active in their church.

The Elmer Martin Award is not presented

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THE WALLACE UNIT Field Force was honored for their dedicated work on various projects throughout the year in Mitchell County. Members of the force include: (back row, l-r) Ramiro Fuentes, Samuel Kamer, Lt. Wendell Iglehart, Mario Ortegon, Dondi Camp; (middle row) Macario Gonzales, Sgt. Dennis Woody, Sgt. Marty Davila, Sgt. Willie Hernandez, Sgt. Johnny Rivera; (front row) Willie Davila, Sgt. Larry Alvarado, Rustine Lenderman, Warden Jason Heaton and Sgt. Gilbert Arellano.



SEVERAL AWARDS WERE presented during last Saturday's Chamber of Commerce Banquet including the Citizen of the Year award presented to Royce Clay, left, pictured with his wife, Linda; the Farm and Ranch Family of the Year award went to Cheryl and Nathan Hoyle, top right; and Ernestine O'Dell received the Elmer Martin award, an honor given for lifetime achievements.



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| <p>Around Town</p> <p>Happy birthday Emerald Franco (Jan. 31)... Happy birthday Krystal Ramos (Jan. 28)... Velma Bender enjoying the Chamber banquet... Tammy Hardegree enjoying a piece of cake... Lisa Herrington enjoying a reception... Taylor Beckmeyer cutting a steak...</p> | <p>Obituaries</p> <p>Donald R. Lamb Merkel Howard Hendrix Colorado City Lydia Alvarez Loraine</p> | <p>Art Guild</p> <p>The West Texas Art Guild will meet Jan. 30 at 10 a.m. at Studio Twenty. You do not have to be an artist to join. Carolyn Walker will be doing a new watercolor technique demonstration.</p> <p>Bake Sale</p> <p>A bake sale will be held at Mitchell County Hospital on Fri., Jan. 29 at 8 a.m. in front of the gift shop. Proceeds go toward the purchase of a digital x-ray machine for radiology department.</p> <p>Band Boosters</p> <p>The CHS Band Boosters will meet Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Band Hall.</p> | <p>KCCB Meeting</p> <p>Keep Colorado City Beautiful will hold their annual meeting/dinner on Thursday at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>Radiology Rally</p> <p>There will be a brisquet meal with all the trimmings served at the Mitchell County Hospital Dining Room Thurs., Feb. 3 starting at 11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per plate, and proceeds benefit Rally for Radiology.</p> | <p>TOPS Meeting</p> <p>TOPS will meet Mon., Feb. 8 at 6 p.m. at the New Life Bible Ministry church located at 17th & Hickory. There will be a speaker and refreshments will be served. For more information, call Lillie at 728-8727 or Connie at 728-2265.</p> <p>Census Testing</p> <p>The U.S. Census 2010 will be testing at the Civic Center for potential employees on Jan. 28 at 6 p.m., Feb. 1 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Feb. 3 at 10 a.m. For more information, call 1-866-861-2010.</p> | <p>Free Concert</p> <p>There will be a meal and concert for the community at the Railroad Building Sat., Jan. 30, featuring a free hamburger supper for the first 250 to arrive, followed by a free concert by country recording artist Clifton Jausky, first to record the song, "Amarillo by My Ring." The meal begins at 5 p.m. with the concert starting at 5:45 p.m.</p> <p>New Hours</p> <p>The Texas Department of Public Safety Driver's License Office has new hours. The office is now open only on Mondays and Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.</p> |
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LOCAL NEWS



THE PASTRY PALACE celebrated its grand re-opening with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, January 26. Participating in the ribbon cutting were (from left) front row: Faye Nell Herm, Gaye Taylor, Nancy Thomson, Nikki Siemens, Joan Beach, Bobbie Banks; middle row, Kathy Newby, Carol Sue Dakan, Russell Banks, Shirley Delaney, Fay Ellis, Nell Gainey; back row, Pete Kampfer, Hollis Gainey, Janet McCright, Keith and Brigada Hiser.

Stock show contributors give generously to youth

Now that the dust has settled and Mitchell County Livestock Association treasurer Teresa Beckmeyer has had time to put the finishing touches to this year's stock show sale, everyone is pleasantly surprised and pleased with the results.

Stock show exhibitors will split \$115,000 this year, compared to last year's \$120,000.

Seventy-three kids participated in the show and all made the

sale. Bill and Fay Ellis, owners of LEM Operating Service, Ellis Production and CC Tank Rental topped the \$16,000 mark with premium sale purchases to lead the list of contributors.

Fuller Foods gives out \$5,000 in scholarships; the Raymond Fuller Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$2500 and the Virginia Fuller Memorial scholarship in the amount of \$2500.

Add these amounts to the long list of sale purchases that totaled over \$13,000, which makes them once again a major player in the Mitchell County Stock Show.

Mickey and Sally Neff of Holly Well Service, long-time supporters of the stock show once again contributed almost \$10,000 to this year's entrants.

Rounding out the top contributors were City National Bank, Diese Welding, Matt Syler and Melrose Operating, with contributions of over \$4000.

The Sherry Wegner Agency and Wood's Boots were \$3000 plus contributors and Producer's Coop Gin was a \$2000 plus contributor.

"I'm thrilled," Beckmeyer said, "we thought the sale proceeds would be much lower. Once again Mitchell County has shown these kids how supportive they are of the projects they work on."

OBITUARIES

Donald R. Lamb 1931-2009

MERKEL - Mr. Donald R. Lamb, age 78, of Merkel and formerly of Westbrook, died Saturday morning in an Abilene hospital. Services were held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Christian Fellowship Church with Revs. Pat Jacks and Claudine Chaney officiating. Burial followed in the Colorado City Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Mr. Lamb was born March 5, 1931 in Van Zant County to Gus F. and Zora A. Shackleford Lamb. He moved to Mitchell County in 1939. He married Bess L. Rhodes on February 12, 1951 in Snyder. He was retired from the global oilfield business. For the past 18 years he and Bess had been working for US Army Corps of Engineers at various parks throughout the state of Texas. They had recently moved back to Merkel.

He is survived by his wife, Bess Lamb of Merkel; three daughters; Susan and husband, Lanny Skelton of Big Spring, Barbara and husband, Larry Casey of Skiatook, OK, and Vickie and husband Kenneth Briggs of Abilene; one son; Michael Lamb and wife Suzan of San Angelo; seven grandchildren; Jeff Skelton and wife, Becky of Bryan, Gregg Skelton and wife Paige of Midland, Chad Casey and wife Anne of Pflugerville, Cody Casey and wife Misty of Midland, Marissa Briggs of Lubbock, and Malorie Briggs of Stephenville, Tabor Lamb of Lubbock and 11 great-grandchildren. Also survived by four brothers and one sister and one sister-in-law; Gus F. and Este Lamb of Junction, Frances Lamb of Colorado City; Gerald and Cindy McCain of Graham, Jerry McCain of Colorado City, John and Carolyn McCain of San Antonio, Sharon and Don Burnett of Loraine, and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by one brothe, S.O. Lamb and one sister, Lela Beth McCain.

The family will receive friends 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Bronson Revival Center in Bronson, TX 75931.



Home. Mr. Hendrix was born September 1, 1943, in Snyder to Price and Lois Newton Hendrix and had been a resident since 1984. His dedication to the well being of his mother for many years has been a blessing. He was a Methodist and a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He is survived by his mother, Lois Hendrix of Colorado City; a daughter, Lorianne and husband, Patrick Toombs; two grandchildren, Brien Toombs of San Angelo and Bethany Toombs of Colorado City.

The family requests memorials are made to the First Methodist Church of Westbrook.

Lydia Franco Alvarez 1929-2009

LORAINNE - Mrs. Lydia Franco Alvarez, age 80, passed away January 19, 2010, at Shannon Hospital in San Angelo. Rosary was held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 21 at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial was held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 22, 2010, at St. Ann's Catholic Church in Colorado City, with Father Michael Udegumam officiating. Burial followed in the family cemetery northeast of Colorado City. Services were under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Lydia was born on September 3, 1929 to Jose Franco and Josefa Alvidrez Franco in Colorado City and was a longtime resident of Loraine and member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Anastacio Alvarez, Sr. of Loraine; children, Anastacio Alvarez, Jr. and wife, Alice of Snyder, Daniel Alvarez and wife, Mary of Sugarland, Sammy Alvarez and wife, Delia of Sweetwater, Mary Ann Alvarez of Loraine, Delores Montoya of Frisco, Robert Alvarez and wife, Mary of Breckenridge, David Alvarez of Loraine, Richard Alvarez of Loraine, Mike Alvarez and wife, Karen of McKinney, Rene Alvarez and wife, Tonia of Mesquite, Margie Villarreal and husband, Catarina, Jr. of Miles, Helen Guerrero and husband, Andrew of San Antonio, Patrice Gibson of Loraine, Charles Alvarez of Loraine, Cheryl Herny of New Port Ritchey, Florida, Gerald Joe Alvarez and wife, Renee of Menifee, California and Fabian Alvarez and wife, Heidi of Bowling Green, Kentucky; 53 grandchildren and 37 great-grandchildren; sisters, Golla Rivera and Eliova Arispe; brothers, Felix, Refugio, Jesse, Luis, Richard, Alfredo, Israel and Roy Franco.

Lydia is preceded in death by one son, Gabriel James Alvarez and brothers, Salomon and Teodoro Franco

Family and friends can give their condolences at www.mem.com.

Howard Hendrix 1943-2009

COLORADO CITY - Mr. Howard Hendrix, age 66, of Colorado City, died Sunday, January 24, 2010 at his mother's residence. Services were held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, January 27, 2010 in the Westbrook Methodist Church with Kenneth Rogers officiating. Burial followed in the Westbrook Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral

Hospital begins radiation rally

By Toni Everett, R.N., Grantwriter for Mitchell County Hospital

Mitchell County Hospital (MCH) is currently implementing a plan to replace a 30 year-old x-ray machine. *Rally for Radiology!* is the name of our campaign to acquire a new digital machine, the IMIX *PanoRad*. The digital x-ray machine has a hefty price tag of \$159,900. Our Radiology Department has planned two events to help defray the cost of

the x-ray machine. The hospital is also seeking grant funding from two sources to assist with the purchase.

A bake sale is scheduled for Friday, January 29th at 8:00 a.m. in the hospital lobby in front of the gift shop. Homemade pastries, desserts, and breakfast items will be available to purchase.

The following Thursday, February 4th, the Radiology Department will host a lunch and offer Bob's-A-Que on a Bun. Our

own Maintenance Director, and Employee of the Year for 2009, Bob Martin, will smoke several beef briskets and serve them with his special bar-b-que sauce on a toasted bun. We will also serve beans, chips or potato salad, pickles, homemade peach cobbler, and iced tea. Suggested donation is \$6.00 per plate. Serving will begin at 11:00 a.m. in the hospital dining room and continue until we run out of brisket. Plates will be available to take home.

Josh Stone, Radiology Department Director, explains "The IMIX *PanoRad* has many advantages over our present x-ray machine which uses the old cassette system to shoot the film. Presently our analog images are converted to digital so some image quality is lost. The digital x-ray machine will provide greater clarity and assist our on-site physicians in having more accurate readings.

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Includes seminar, childcare, lunch and a special Valentine dinner featuring "The 5 Love Languages" Dinner catered by Bama's at the Historic Opera House. Event sponsored by First United Methodist Church, Colorado City. Cost \$55 per couple. Deadline to register is Feb. 9. Call 728-5296 to register. Childcare through 3rd grade

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LOCAL NEWS

30-year fire fighter retires from active duty

The Colorado City Volunteer Fire Department said goodbye to longtime firefighter Joel White, who retired in December from the department.

"I've wanted to be a fireman ever since I was a little boy," said White, who served for 30 years with the CCVFD. "I worked many fires and accidents."

White began as a reserve peace officer, received his basic EMT training then advanced to paramedic to work in the rescue squads.

"At the time, we (the paramedics) were the only people who had keys to the rescue truck," White said.

One of his biggest memories was during one winter when I-20 had a five to six mile stretch of construction. "They took out the right lane and cut it down to three feet deep. Can you imagine what it's like when an 18-wheeler hits that? We worked two-three wrecks a day. It was outrageous. They hardly left enough room for a truck driver to get through and the cold didn't help," he said.

White has seen numerous changes during his tenure with the department. The original fire department was located where the city manager's office is now. The facility only had room for two trucks and the rural truck stayed outside. "It was tight getting in and out," White said. "On really cold days you couldn't

use the rural trucks. The tanks froze up."

The department also didn't have a budget to buy trucks. "You got whatever the city or county gave you, usually their problem children," White said, adding that the pumper trucks were new and the department got one once every ten years.

"We had to send the driver up for a week of school before they would release the truck. Nowadays, we're all trained to use them," he said. "I enjoyed every minute. You didn't know which

function you'd be doing: peace officer, paramedic, or fire. They used to tease me because I'd turnout occasionally in turnout pants, duty rig and paramedic shirt."

White also helped restore a 1925 la France fire truck during those early years. "That was fun," he said.

Training and equipment have improved, along with fire fighting techniques, according to White.

"I just got in (the department) and was learning different hose

patterns. One of the older men told me if I ran out of air, lean down and get it off the nozzle. I thought he was just messing with the new fireman. He was right. In those days there was no such thing as an air pack," White said.

"Mutual aid has improved. All the departments go to help each other. You end up being like a big family. It's been great," said White, who is also glad to see the Boer Goat festivities gaining

ground.

White recalled one of many fires on the Spade Ranch. "We were parked on the road and the fire was two-three miles away (in pasture). The trucks ran out of water and we were losing it," he said. "I was so happy when it began to rain."

White was presented with a plaque of appreciation from the department for his years of service during the fire department's Christmas party in December.



C-CITY FIRE CHIEF Rufino Martinez (right) presents a plaque of appreciation to retiring fire fighter Joel White (left) during the fire department's Christmas party in December.

Retired teachers to host seminar

Texas Retired Teachers Association, District XVIII, is sponsoring a free Retirement Seminar for all public education employees on February 6, 2010 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Midland's Abell Jr. High School; 3201 Heritage Blvd- near Lowe's. Free lunch will be provided.

TRTA advises that "it is never too early to plan for retirement." Regardless of the number of years education employees plan to con-

tinue working, this seminar will provide useful information for retirement planning. Speakers will discuss the Texas Teacher Retirement System benefits and insurance, financial planning, social security, and legal assistance.

TRTA, District XVIII, leaders ask that participants pre-register for this seminar by getting information from your school, from local unit TRTA leaders, or by calling: 432-332-9558.

County conducts business as usual

The county commissioners took no action following an informative executive session with members of the Board of Economic Development during their Monday meeting.

However, the commissioners court did renew their certificate of deposit, valued at \$122,387.59, at Western Bank in Loraine for 12 months at 1.74% and approved a \$63,516.45 payroll.

Commissioners accepted 20 hours of continuing education for the county clerk and proclaimed April as "Census Month."

Two budget amendments, one from the Sheriff's office to carry over \$4,155 from training funds and a \$50,444.50 from the District Attorney's drug forfeiture fund were approved. The transferred funds from the D.A.'s office will be used to reinstate Special Investigator Billy Sides to a full time position.

A bid of \$100 by Edward Flores for tax sale property at 505 Cypress was also approved.

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

TUMBLEWEED SMITH OVER THE MOUNTAINS AND ACROSS THE PLAINS

We drove west over the holidays to see our kids in California. Four-year-old Aidan got a puzzle map of the United States. His favorite state was Hawaii because he thought Honolulu was a funny sounding name and laughed every time he said it. He also repeated, "Don't forget Mississippi" several times, which brought laughter from family members. He knows how to please a crowd.

My son BZ and I went to see the movie *Avatar*. We thought it was beautiful, political and very green. A movie titled *Fern Gully* is similar.

A high school friend of mine who lives near BZ drove Susan and me by three homes by architect Harwell Harris, who designed our home. That was very special. We toured one of the homes and saw several similarities to ours. The homes were difficult to see because they were built on steep hillsides with trees and shrubs all around them. New multi-level houses are being built on either side of BZ's home. We climbed around one of the construction zones and decided it was dangerous work going up and down the 45-degree slopes. California is like that. They build vertically. In Texas, we build horizontally.

We came back by Las Vegas and met friends there. We ate at the top of the Eiffel Tower, which gave us a good view of the city lights and the Bellagio's dancing waters. We saw Jerry Seinfeld. He was funny and clean. During questions from the audience, someone asked if he was going to do another TV show. He replied, "You're not looking at an extremely motivated person up here. I'm old, I'm rich and I'm tired."

The newest building on the strip is the City Center, a 8.5 billion dollar mini-metropolis built on 67 acres. It's the largest privately funded construction project in US history, featuring two 37-story leaning glass towers with 670 condominiums. The complex also has two hotels, the 61 story Aria and the 57 story Vdara. The Aria has a theater that seats nearly 2,000 and is the home of the Elvis show by Cirque de Soleil. Overall, City Center has 6300 hotel rooms, 2400 residences, and 42 restaurants, bars and lounges.

We drove over the Hoover Dam, one of the great adventures on a driving tour through the west. A dramatic new highway is being built around the dam. The span beneath reminds me of the St. Louis arch. We passed over the dam on a Sunday morning. Cars, pickups, vans and RV's all stopped so travelers could take pictures of the amazing work in progress. It was a bright sunny day, which provided us with spectacular scenery. Late in the day, the sunlight reflecting off the buttes and mesas provided a kaleidoscope of colors.

ESPN radio kept us up to date on football games and scores. The sports network conjures up images of a bunch of guys in dirty t-shirts and 3-day old beards sitting around sipping Jack Daniels and smoking cigars.

I had forgotten that a drive through the west is invigorating. We'll do it again.



From the city desk

E for Enthusiasm continued...

By Pete Kampfer

Recently, I heard a sermon in church about enthusiasm, optimism, and how to deal with pessimists. The minister told a story about a businessman who was taking a trip to Rome. A few days before the trip, he stopped for a haircut and told the barber about his forthcoming trip. His enthusiasm and optimism were evident. He even said he hoped to get an audience with the pope.

The barber was one of life's perpetual pessimists. He said, "I don't envy you that trip at all. I've been there. That airline you're taking is never on time,

they'll lose your luggage, and the attendants are rude. That hotel you're staying in is all run down, the rooms are dirty, and the food is awful. And as far as getting an audience with the pope, why, you won't even get to see the pope."

The businessman took the trip, and it was highly successful. He had a great time and cut the biggest deal of his career. After he returned home, he stopped by the barbershop for another haircut. The barber asked him about his trip, and the businessman said, "It was very enjoyable. The airline was on time, they didn't lose my luggage, and

the attendants were extremely courteous. The hotel has been completely renovated, the rooms were very clean, and the food was outstanding."

"Well, what about the pope?" the barber asked. "I'll bet you didn't get an audience with the pope."

"As a matter of fact, I did. I was received by the pope. I knelt down and kissed his ring. He leaned forward and put his hand on my head, and said, 'My son, where did you get that awful haircut?'"

Nothing great is accomplished without enthusiasm. - Ralph Waldo Emerson

Seminar will help local business owners

Business owners are always looking for promotion ideas and Main Street has a seminar scheduled for 5 p.m. Thursday at the Civic Center to help entrepreneurs. Russ Altman from the Texas Tech Small Business Development Center will demonstrate how to use social media to promote your business featuring Facebook, Twitter, websites and newsletters. Many merchants are using at least one of these media and have seen increased business as a result. We will have snacks and look forward to your participation in this opportunity.

Another special event will take place at the Opera House on February 13th. An Evening of Elegance will begin with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in a romantic Valentine atmosphere, followed by a performance at the Opera House. The performance lineup will be featured next week, but we can promise that it will be a memorable evening.



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COORDINATOR

If you have a romantic or interesting story of your engagement, wedding or honeymoon, please share it with us and some will be chosen to be featured at the performance. Please send your stories to Cecilia Scott, P.O. Box 912, Colorado City, Texas 79512. Even if you are from out of town, we would still appreciate hearing about your special romantic event. Prizes will be awarded to special couples in the audience and a drawing, which includes everyone in attendance, will be held during the evening. So plan to treat your special someone to a very special evening in our very special historic Opera House.

I want to remind the bargain hunters that the Main Event will be open this Saturday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Make plans to check out the latest in accessories, clothes and the unexpected. Let us hear your ideas and suggestions at 325-242-0206.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letter to the editor,

The 73rd Mitchell County Livestock Show was another big success. Or so I thought. I can think of a lot of people that helped make it a success. It never fails after it is all over and the dust starts to settle, that someone has to make a negative comment. The people that make these negative comments make this volunteer effort harder for all of us to continue doing. Between myself and the 5 other board of directors, there are 25 years combined experience. There were things that the board, or as we are also called, the "secret society", had to do to help make it a success. As a board what we chose to do worked, and we will continue to use all of our combined knowledge for future shows to come.

There were 73 exhibitors this year; only 20 of those kids' parents are members of the livestock association. The Mitchell County Stock Show is free for all exhibitors and their livestock. All they have to do is show up and set up one side of the barns on a Sunday afternoon and some of them can't even manage to do that! But they do make sure they attend the sale the following Saturday to see how much money they are going to get! I had the opportunity to do the auction at Snyder's stock show this year. They had 132 kids whose animals made the sale and at the end of the night their grand total was \$65,000. Now compare that to our total of \$115,000 (which we only had to spread out over 73 kids).

Another thing that aggravates me, is that for the last 3 years we have given out a total of \$6,000 in scholarship money. That money comes from 2 different families and one of our local clubs, and the families and members of the club who donate the scholarships are the ones who pick the recipient of their scholarship. Now who can argue with them when it's their decision to begin with? The board is to give out applications to the county agent and the 3 ag teachers so that they can make sure their kids get those applications and have an opportunity to receive one of the four scholarships. Sadly, this year we only had nine applications and come to find out there were a lot of kids who said they didn't know about it. One of those four scholarships is for EVERY SENIOR in the county! We should have had at least 30 or more applicants just for that one scholarship! WHAT'S WRONG HERE? If those kids don't know about these scholarships it's not because we have failed as a board, it's because somewhere someone failed to do what they specifically told the board they would do.

I have spent hours working on this year as well as the last two years trying to make the Mitchell County Stock Show a big success. This year's sale and add-ons total more than \$115,000 as I have mentioned before. To split that between 73 kids equally would be a little over \$1,300 each which is excellent, compared to the not quite \$500 per kid Snyder would receive if they had to split theirs equally. The board members and myself have

been called cheaters and have been told that we are stealing money from the kids. NOT TRUE! If you think you are being cheated on your buckles then don't offer to buy them. We can find someone else who would be more than happy to buy one and would not complain! And don't call our vendor questioning the price of the buckles that we gave you! We don't charge you a penny different than what they charge us to order them!

I think that if all the people who gripe and complain every year would step up to be on the board or even help out a little, they would see what really goes on and what all goes into this stock show each year. It is so sad that some of you "parents" have made it about yourselves and the money and have stopped thinking about your kids. As parents don't you want to be a good example to your kids? Start by being a teacher and teach them how to act and behave whether you win or lose, and encourage them to do better when they don't walk away with a red or a blue ribbon.

My wife and I don't have a kid old enough to show and yet I give my time, myself, and my efforts because I care about your kids and because I love doing this job. I don't have to put up with all this that some of the parents have to because their kids are involved in FFA or 4-H. I will continue to serve as president for as long as I am elected and will also continue to do the sale if asked. For those of you who have any complaints or suggestions, you are more than welcome to voice your opinion at any of our meetings rather than running us down all over Colorado City. I will not stoop down to your level and resign from the board or stop doing something I care about dearly, just because you have an issue with the way things get done. I only hope that each year gets better and better and that our number of kids will continue to grow.

Sincerely,
Brodie Harris

Letter to the editor,

Chairman Bob Reily stated at the January meeting of the Housing Authority, that the Housing Authority is getting a bad reputation because of letters to the editor. He stated we residents signed a contract and we owe each other a certain amount of responsibility to do good toward each other and talking outside of school certainly makes it harder on both of us.

Mr. Reily ask that if we had anything to complain or say to let him know. Freedom of speech is everyone's right, yes I signed a contract (lease) with the Housing Authority, but I didn't know I was signing away my rights as a citizen of the United States. Mr. Reily needs to read the contract, it infringes on several of my rights.

I will continue to exercise my freedom of speech as you did at that meeting, Mr. Reily.
Connie Collier
Housing Authority Resident

Letter to the editor,

Abraham Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which abolished slavery in the Confederate States of America on January 1, 1863. On June 19, 1865, two and a half years later, the news reached Texas. Why did it take so long for Emancipation to reach Texas? There are theories but no certainties:

The messenger was on a slow mule, or murdered en route.

Slave owners knew of the Emancipation but refused to tell their slaves about it.

Federal troops wished to give slave owners more time with their slaves so they could bring in one more cotton crop.

Equality was delayed and those early freedmen had choices to make and obstacles to surmount. To stay or go. To forgive or resent. To look forward or look back. How does one move on and participate in society as a free and equal member? The scars persist and the questions remain for this and future generations. Even though we acknowledge the evils of slavery and the ravages it wrought upon our society, and pay tribute to those who suffered with no recompense, there are still people of authority, small and great, who continue to delay equality for people of certain social status in our society. Everyone in the USA is free, but not all are free indeed. This month, also known as Black History Month, is a time to strengthen our bonds of unity and to offer support to one another.

Sincerely,
Bessie Wright

Letter to the editor,

On the 22nd of December, 2009, we were returning from Children's Hospital in Dallas when we had a flat tire a few miles from Sweetwater. We pulled off the side of the road and were elated that State Trooper Galindo pulled up behind us. He graciously helped us removed our grandchild's wheel chair and other things from the back of our vehicle to get the spare out. He then started to assist us in trying to figure out the best way to change the tire.

A truck pulled up with a livestock trailer attached. Two young men got out and brought out all the right tools to help us. In a few minutes the tire was changed and we were able to get on our way. The officer stated he knew the young men to be volunteer fire fighters from Loraine, Texas. I did not get their names, but to each and every one of them I would like to say thank you. I retired after 23 years of being a dispatcher from the El Paso Fire Department just recently. I am proud to know the young men and Trooper Galindo are part of the family of law enforcement and fire fighting. Your city and the State of Texas also should be proud of these men. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Kirby Ulrike

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OPINION & COMMENTARY

Learning to forget

By Larry Fitzgerald

God said: "for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more" (Jeremiah 31:34).

Paul took these promises to heart. After he repented of his many past sins, he put these sins behind him and became a blessing to sinners all over the world.

However, after Paul became a Christian, a lot of folks did some pretty horrible things to him. There were members of his race who thought he had become a traitor to their race. There were political folks who thought that he threatened their power. There were folks who were making a good

living doing bad things, and then Paul, by his preaching the truth, caused them to lose their income. (That's why drug pushers don't like effective Christian workers - because it interferes with satisfying their greed.) But the worse problem Paul had to face was jealous preachers (Philippians 1:15). And they became a type of thorn in his side, too.

But Paul chose to forget these things (Philippians 3:13).

Likewise, we have that same choice. Maybe someone did you wrong. Perhaps he or she hurt you deeply. If that is the case, you need to forget it. Don't let it eat away at you and ruin your blessings!

Grants available for Texas non-profits

BUDA, Texas-Texas Rural Communities, Inc. (TRC) is pleased to announce the availability of \$30,000 in grants for non-profit organizations serving rural Texans. The grants are intended to fund local environmental, economic or educational programs in the recipients' communities.

Two types of grants are available: Recognition Grants of up to \$5,000 and Impact Grants from

\$5,000-\$25,000. Recognition grants may be awarded to new or existing programs that are making or have the potential to make a significant difference in the communities they serve.

Impact grants may be awarded to programs that also demonstrate innovation or have the potential to serve as model programs for other communities. Prior grant recipients come from such varied

places as Electra to Navasota for programs ranging from after school care to downtown window museums.

TRC is a non-profit organization created as part of the New Deal in 1934 and has a long-term commitment to assisting rural communities, individuals and support organizations that improve or maintain the quality of rural life, through independent

and cooperative ventures. In addition to its grant program, TRC offers small business loans and Farm and Ranch loans in partnership with the Farm Service Agency.

For additional information about TRC's grant opportunities, call 800-787-2589 or email info@texasrural.org. Applications must be received by FEBRUARY 26, 2010.

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HOSPITAL

dence in Wright's ability to do both jobs, which he has been doing since the departure of Jacoby. "I feel very confident Joe can keep a watchful eye on both departments," Banks said.

Bullard assured the board that it is not unusual for a CFO to cover both the financial officer position and the business office manager position in a facility the size of MCHD. "His efforts in the business office will still be strong," Bullard said.

Hackfeld persisted in asking the hard questions. She expressed her concerns over the fact that members of the management team are not being replaced by permanent staff. "We totally trust you (the management group), but you're gonna' be gone one day. And what do we do then?"

Bullard assured Hackfeld and the other board members that the management group has a definite plan in place.

More discussion followed the vote in which Jerry Reynolds, Hollis Gaine, Patty Pharis and Florence Bodine voted to approve the appointment of Wright and Hackfeld and Geneva Ratliff voted against.

After a closed session to further discuss the issue, Reynolds made a motion to approve a resolution that "all Mitchell County Hospital District trustees are 100% behind Joe Wright as Chief Financial Officer." The resolution unanimously passed.

In other reports, the board heard from Toni Everett who has been writing applications for grants for the district. She

reported that results from two grants were pending, one from the Brown Foundation and one from Capital Improvement.

One side of the applications that has shown need for improvement is in the community involvement area. To make progress in that area, hospital employees will hold a bake sale and barbeque plate sale, inviting the public to participate. There will be a bake sale on Friday in front of the gift shop and Bob Martin will smoke brisket for plates to be sold on February 4 at the hospital.

Jay Quebedeaux reported on strides being made at Valley Fair Lodge. He reported that the long-term care facility experienced a \$200,000 profit in 2009, compared to a \$125,000 loss in 2008. He also said that the facility has attained their Medicare number, allowing them to bill Medicare for eligible patients.

"Without Medicaid, we usually get about \$115 per day," Quebe-

deaux said. By billing Medicare, Valley Fair could increase that number to \$450-\$500 per day.

The board called an election for May 8. Banks, Hackfeld and Gaine are up for election this year. Candidates have until March 8 to file.

A report on the dialysis center revealed good news for board members. The center received its Medicare certification on December 3 and currently treats 12 patients.

A representative of AccessCare reported that the sheer numbers of patients wanting to transfer to the Colorado City center have actually slowed down the process of being able to begin their care here.

AccessCare expects to be treating enough patients by the end of February to warrant expansion of their building. If the center fulfills expectations, over 30 patients will be receiving treatments and the center will need to operate six days a week.

Library offers more than good books

A reader never needs a reason to visit the public library. But Mitchel County Public Library offers more than just great books to check out. Here are ten more reasons to visit your library during February:

1. Find out how to use the Internet.
2. Pick up voter registration information.
3. Get new ideas for decorating

your house.

4. Join Teen Time.
5. Attend a lecture or workshop.
6. Hear a local author reading his/her latest novel.
7. Send or receive a fax.
8. Attend preschool story hour with your child.
9. Get homework help.
10. Look up all kinds of health information.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Mitchell Bryan Proctor, April Denise Proctor to American Homestar Mortgage LLC, Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc. (MERS), Deed of Trust.

Mitchell County Hospital, Isabel Beltran Agent to Miguel Acevedo, Hospital Lien.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems Inc., Nathan Seymour Asst Secretary, Amy B. Clemmer, Release of Lien.

Ferry R. Patena to Bright & Company Ltd, Oil & Gas Lease.

Georgie J. Newsom to Bright & Company Ltd, Oil & Gas Lease.

Phyllis Smith to Bright & Company Ltd, Oil & Gas Lease.

Dara D. Hunt Indiv & Executrix, Ernest L. Hunt Jr. Estate to Bright & Company Ltd, Oil & Gas Lease.

Sara M. Scott Tee, Sara M. Scott Living Trust to Bright & Company Ltd, Oil & Gas Lease.

Unifund CCR Partners, McClesky, Harriger, Brazill & Graf LLP, Jody D. Jenkins to Curtis A. Rodgers, Abst Jdgm.

City of Loraine, Jeani Stoddard Mayor, Connie Panko City Secretary to Andy Olivarez, Delia Olivarez, Warranty Deed.

Mitchell Bryan Proctor, April Denise Proctor, Nationwide Housing Systems LP, Oak Creek Home Center dba, Michael L. Riddle, Mechanics Lien.

Nationwide Housing Systems LP, Oak Creek Home Center dba, Mitchell Bryan Proctor, April Denise Proctor to American Homestar Mortgage LLC, Transfer of Li.

Wood Family Properties Ltd, Madera Land and Investments LLC Gen Ptr, Ernie J. Wood President to Trey A. Wood, Warranty Deed.

Trey A. Wood to Royce D. Clay Tee, City National Bank - Colo City, Deed of Trust.

Carroll Crawford Mills Jr., Mary W. Mills, to Carroll Crawford Mills

Jr. Co-Tee, Mary W. Mills Co-Tee, Mills Family Revocable Trust DTD 8-25-2009, Mineral Deed.

Pamela J. Burke Tee, S J I Jr. 1990 Trust, Marjorie W. Iverson 1990 Fam Trust Agmt, Claire Ann Iversonh, Claire A. Iverson aka, Siegrid James Iverson III, to Pamela J. Burke Tee, Claire Ann Iverson Revocable Living Trust, Siegfried James Iverson III Revocable Living Trust, Distrib Deed.

Donna Boyd Atty-in-Fact, Barron Lynn Boyd Jr. to Lynn Boyd Sr., Warranty Deed.

Barron Lynn Boyd Sr. to Donna Boyd Tee, Barron Lynn Boyd Jr., Deed of Trust.

Ava Ramirez to Public, Home Equity.

Ava Ramirez to City National Bank - Colo City, Royce D. Clay Tee, Deed of Trust.

Oak Valley Mineral & Land LP, Michael E. Black Pres & Vice-Pres, Black Family Partnership Ltd, Black & Crump Inc. to Noble Royalties Access Fund IV LP, Noble Royalties Access Fund V LP, Noble Royalties Access Fund VI LP, Birch Royalties LLC, A. Scott Noble President, Noble Royalties Inc Managing Member, ASgmt & Bill Sal.

Secy Housing & Urban Development, Southwest Alliance of Asset Managers LLC Prime Contrator, McDuffee Contract Mgr to Vic Jeter, Carolyn Jeter, Special W/D.

Vic Jeter, Carolyn Jeter, to Royce D. Clay Tee, City National Bank Colo City, Deed of Trust.

State of Texas Comptroller of Public Accs, Susan Combs Comptroller to Charlie Ortiz, State Tax Lien.

Flying W Resources LLC, Michael W. Wallace Managing Member to West Texas National Bank, Keith Moore Tee, Chris L. Whigham Sr. Vice-Pres, 3rd Amend DT.

Hazle Smart to Brian Raff, Brad Raff, Larry Raff, Shannon Solko, Release of Lien.

City of Colorado City Tee, Carol Dakan Mayor, Mitchell County, Colorado ISD, Lone Wolf Groundwater

District to Teresa D. Molina, Desi Ray Vanderpool, Tax Deed.

Roxanne Hilley to Justin Hilton, Deed in Lieu.

Manuel Muñoz Sr., Manuel Muñoz Jr., Margaret Roach, Martha Linam, Patricia Muñoz Perkin, Jerry Muñoz, Richard Muñoz, Robert Muñoz to Teresa Muñoz, Gift Deed.

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Notice. Anne M. Ellwood to Howard Morrison, Mineral Deed.

Mortgage Electronic Reg Systems Inc. Nominee, Mary S. Crisp, Neal O. Crisp to G. Tommy Bastian Tee, BAC Home Loans Servicing LP fka, Countrywide Home Loans Servicing LP, Asmt Note & DT.

FILED IN COUNTY COURT Oswald M. Rodriguez, 1-20-10, JP Tow Unregistered Trailer.

ARRESTS Gay Don Jones, 45, MCSO, Possession of Marij., 1-19-10.

Jessica Silva, 27, CCPD, Wnt Burg of Veh., Wnt Forg. Fin. Inst., 1-20-10.

Alice Silva, 59, MCSO, Wnt Forg of Fin Instrum., 1-20-10.

Samuel Shaver, 30, THP, DWI - 1st, 1-22-10.

Ronald Willis, 37, CCPD, PI, 1-23-10.

Daniel Ray Villalon, 17, CCPD, Criminal Trespass Habit., 1-24-10.

Alicia Rodriguez, 44, MCSO, Family Violence, 1-19-10.

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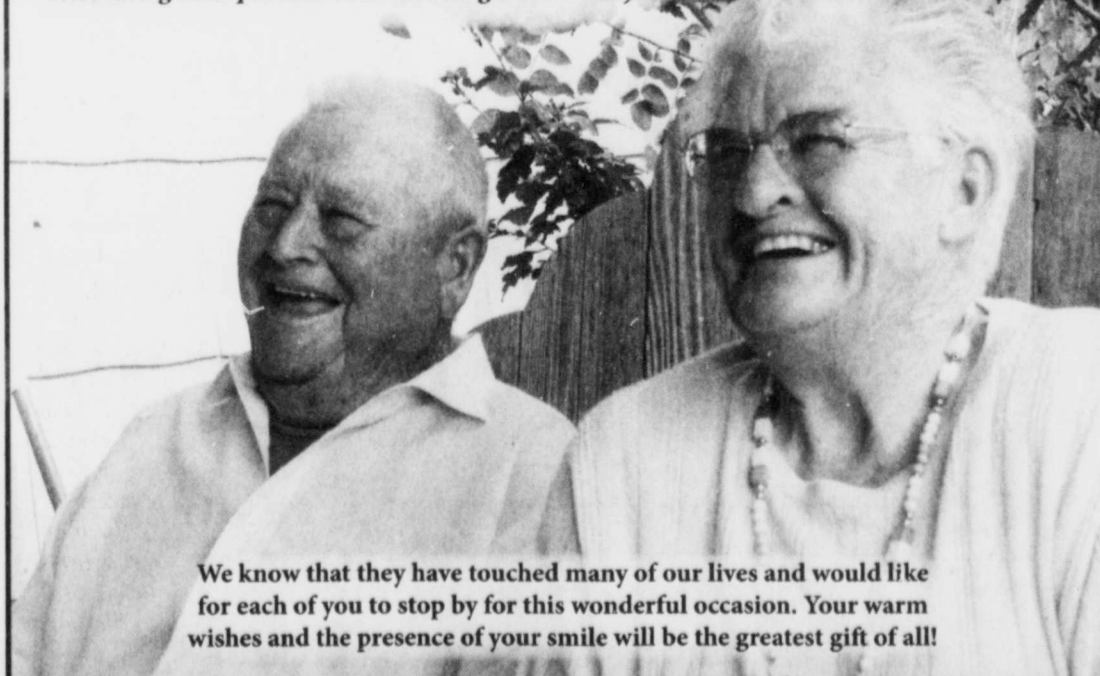
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HAPPY 50th Wedding Anniversary!

The children of Kenneth and Joy Dockrey cordially invite all family, friends, and well wishers to join them in celebrating their parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary.



We know that they have touched many of our lives and would like for each of you to stop by for this wonderful occasion. Your warm wishes and the presence of your smile will be the greatest gift of all!

A reception will be held in their honor at All Saint's Episcopal Church located at 304 Locust Street, Colorado City, TX, January 30th from 2:00pm to 4:00pm.



Wilson's Weekly

Psalm 16: Pleasures Forevermore



"I have set the Lord always before me; Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved" (v.8).

In our world today there are many problems that should not exist. These problems would not exist if we set the Lord always before us. For instance, if men and women would wait until after marriage to participate in sexual intimacy and remained faithful to each other until death do us part; there would not be the problems of children born out of wedlock, sexually transmitted diseases, and abortion. If God was in the front of our minds throughout the day we would not have the problems of drugs, theft, murder, child abuse, and adultery. This world would be a much better place if we would put God first in our lives (Matthew 6:22).

Yet, many live seeking the pleasures of this life. What they do not understand is that the lusts of this world (lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes, and the pride of life) are passing away. But he who does the will of God will abide forever (1 John 2:15-17). Life is pleasurable when we serve God. Too many have bought the lie that doing what is right is not fun. The truth is that when we serve God, we have life abundant (John 10:10). The psalmist declared, "You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore" (16:11).

Do you want pleasures forevermore? Then follow the example of David, "Preserve me, O God, for in You I put my trust" (16:1). Trust in God and He will bless you richly.

Denny Wilson

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Denny Wilson - roydw3@aol.com - or leave a message at 644-5356
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AWARDS

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every year. The award is reserved for those honored for their lifetime achievements and service. This year the special award was presented to Ernestine O'Dell for her years of dedicated service to many throughout her lifetime in Colorado City and Mitchell County. O'Dell has donated many hours of work to various organizations including the Texas Association of Hospital Volunteers, the Mitchell County Reunion, and United Blood Services, not to mention her personal time devoted to serving the needs of many individuals.

In her acceptance speech, O'Dell urged others who are also active in many areas of the community to "Keep on keeping on!"

A TDCJ award, new to the

banquet this year, was also presented. Jan Lemons presented the award to this year's recipients, members of the Field Force at the Wallace Unit. Fifteen members of the group were present to accept the award, including Macario Gonzales, Willie Davila, Ramiro Fuentes, Sgt. Larry Alvarado, Samuel Kamer, Sgt. Marty Davila, Lt. Wendell Iglehart, Sgt. Dennis Woody, Rustine Lenderman, Mario Orregon, Sgt. Willie Hernandez, Dondi Camp, Sgt. Johnny Rivera, Sgt. Gilbert Arellano and Warden Jason Heaton.

The Field Force oversees work done all over Mitchell County by TDCJ offenders, such as cleaning and setting up the Railhead Building for several functions each year, mowing and cleaning the cemetery, assisting with

maintenance of Ruddick Park, working with Christmas in Action and the list goes on and on.

U.S. Congressman Mike Conaway was the speaker for the evening. He began by touching on subjects which are important to him. Healthcare reform topped the list and segued into what Conaway sees as too much spending by big government. He stated that he favors the balanced budget amendment. "It requires hard choices," Conaway said.

He also informed the crowd that he favors renegotiating Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security.

After delivering his speech, Conaway then took questions from the group. Frank Brownfield posed the question, "Why do you think you have so many opponents this time?"

Conaway answered by saying, "Well, it's the American way."

He lauded our political system which encourages everyone to participate in government.

Hutchinson Elementary Principal Kitten Arthur asked what the congressman thought about the No Child Left Behind Act. Conaway said, "It ought to go away." He expanded on this thought by explaining that he personally believes that education is not the federal government's job. He also stated that he thinks education is better left to those who have had personal experience with the subject.

Conaway did say that he will help compose a list of questions which will be circulated in many school districts across the state to see what local superintendents think is working well and what needs changing.

"I say 'Let Texas take care of Texas kids,'" Conaway added.

Lions Club aids Haiti relief efforts

Colorado City's Lions Club will donate \$1225 to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund through the Lions Club International Foundation. The Board approved making a \$1000 donation to the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund last week. Individual members also donated about \$225.00 in additional funds toward the relief effort at last week's meeting, according to Pat Cawthorn, club secretary.

The massive 7.0 earthquake, which hit Haiti on January 12, took place about 6 miles (10 ki-

lometers) underground, according to the US Geological Survey (USGS) -- a depth that can produce severe shaking. At least 10 aftershocks followed, including two in the magnitude 5 range, the USGS reported.

The quake was the most powerful to hit Haiti in a century and was felt more than 200 miles away in Cuba. Over 150,000 bodies have been recovered in Port-Au-Prince alone and hundreds of thousands of survivors are still in need of food, water and shelter.

FOX journalist to speak in Abilene

Emmy award winner Juan Williams will be the featured speaker at a dinner February 18, hosted by Abilene Public Radio KACU and Abilene Christian Schools.

Williams is a senior national correspondent for National Public Radio and has worked as a FOX News political contributor since 1997.

He served as an editorial writer, op-ed columnist and White House reporter for 23 years with the *Washington Post*, and has written extensively for *Newsweek*, *Fortune*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and *Ebony*.

His nonfiction bestseller *Eyes on the Prize: America's Civil Rights Years, 1954-1965* was the basis for a six part public broad-

casting documentary which aired in June 2003.

Williams has appeared on *Nightline*, *Washington Week in review*, *Oprah* and has co-hosted CNN's *Crossfire*.

He received his BA in philosophy in 1976 from Haverford College.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m. at the Abilene Civic Center, with a reception at 6 p.m. prior to the dinner at the First Financial Bank Downtown.

Tickets are \$40 per person, with an additional \$10 for the reception. Tickets for the reception only are \$25.

For more information call 325-672-9200 or go online at www.kacu.org.



Juan Williams
Photo courtesy NPR

REILY

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Colorado City provided the labor to construct the entire building, according to Reily. "They did everything except the electrical and plumbing," he said. "It came out to around \$10 a square foot in cost."

The Colorado Independent School District runs the day care program now, providing day care for teachers and school employees, as well as local residents.

A petition by citizens last summer was brought to the city council requesting the building be renamed in Reily's honor.

Reily served for 17 years on the city council and on the hospital board for 19 years. He is a retired football and track coach from CISD and worked in insurance. He has served the city of Colorado City as a past mayor and is currently president of the Library Board and Keep Colorado City Beautiful. He serves as the chairman on the Housing Authority and is a member of the Colorado City Lions Club.

His honors include being a past recipient of the Citizen of

the Year Award and the Elmer Martin award.

Mayor Carol Sue Dakan will speak at the ceremony, which is hosted by the City of Colorado City. There will be a reception immediately following the dedication ceremony.

RALLY

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We will eliminate time consuming steps such as processing film and scanning cathode ray plates. Replacement parts for our old machine are obsolete."

According to Karl Stinson, Hospital Administrator, "The digital x-ray machine will enable our physicians to view a high quality image in seconds at the control station. Images can be reviewed and sent to our off-site radiologist for interpretation. The machine will be compatible with our new PACS (picture archiving and communication system), which has very recently been installed."

Our Rally for Radiology! Campaign seeks to make our community aware of the need we have to acquire new equipment and to give our citizens an opportunity to support our endeavors.

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dents showed up at Fuller Foods to ask shoppers to contribute to the Haiti relief efforts.

The eight youngsters raised \$400, which grew to \$800 as grocery store manager Rick Alvarez doubled the contribution. Ronnie Brewster from Providence Land Services in Midland offered to double that amount, bringing the total day's contributions to \$1600.

"We thought we'd raise around a \$1,000," said Deatherage, "but it looks like it's going to be over \$3,000 before it's all said and done."

Students at Westbrook have gotten involved, filling the milk jugs in each classroom.

"Everybody wants to help in some way and this has corralled the effort and given the kids something tangible," said Cat Geiger, Westbrook PTA member. The PTA also plans to donate \$500 to the relief fund.

Westbrook ISD will hold a special assembly on Friday, January 29 at 1 p.m. to honor the

fundraisers' efforts.

"The whole school has done so well, we wanted to reward the whole school," Geiger said.

A news crew from Channel 9 News will be on hand to cover the event, along with representatives from Fuller Foods, and Westbrook mayor Ramiro Fuentes. Certificates will be presented to each class participating in the fundraising. The money will be sent to Haiti through the American Red Cross. Anyone wishing to donate may send the money to Westbrook ISD.

"It was sad," Greenley said, referring to Haiti. "I wanted to give to Haiti."

VOTE

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visit: www.votexas.org or call the Secretary of State's voter hotline at 1-800-252-VOTE (8683).

Early voting begins on Tuesday, February 16, because Monday, February 15 is President's Day and the courthouse will be closed for the holiday.

Voting will be held in the courthouse lobby, from February 16-19 and February 22-26 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Friday, February 19 and 26, voting will be open from 8 a.m. until 7 p.m. "We are also open during the noon hour," said Debby Carlock, county clerk.

Voters will need their voter registration card or a photo ID.

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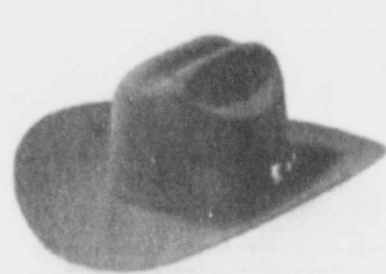
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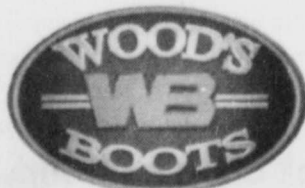
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"Like last winter, this heating season will be challenging for some customers, and Atmos Energy is ready to help connect our customers in need with energy assistance agencies," said John Paris, president of Atmos Energy's Mid-Tex Division. "Some agencies have a new supply of federal or state funds to help people pay their utility bills.

"Fortunately, too, natural gas prices this year are lower than gas prices were last winter," Paris said.

Congress passed and President Obama signed legislation to provide \$5.1 billion in funds for low-income Americans who need help paying energy bills. This latest funding for the federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance program (LIHEAP) includes \$4.5 billion in formula funds and \$590 million in contingency funds.

Atmos Energy customers can find a local energy assistance agency on the company's Web site at www.atmosenergy.com by clicking on Home Service and on the link for energy assistance agencies. Customers also can call the company's customer contact center for assistance toll-free at 1-888-286-6700.

Last winter, Atmos Energy referred more than 55,000 customers to community energy assistance agencies, an increase of 48 percent from the previous winter. Atmos Energy customers received more than \$9 million in energy assistance funds last winter.



RECIPIENTS OF THE Award of Valor in Eden Prairie, New Mexico, were employees of Hummingbird Aviation, a company owned by Chris Cooper, formerly of Colorado City. Those pictured are: (l-r) William Halpin, Jacob Appel, Shelly DeBerg (accepting the award for Kelly DeBerg) and Christophe Cooper. Photo courtesy of Ruth Cooper.

Former resident receives "Award of Valor" in NM

Chris Cooper, son of Ruth Cooper and brother of Randy Cooper of Cooper's Cove, was the recent recipient of the Award of Valor, bestowed upon him by the Eden Prairie Police Department.

Cooper, who lives in Eden Prairie, New Mexico, owns Hummingbird Aviation, a full service aviation business, which includes two flying schools dedicated to teaching students to fly helicopters and airplanes.

Cooper, along with three of his employees, received the Award of Valor for the "outstanding act of gallantry and valor at imminent personal hazard to life, above and

beyond the call of duty."

On August 12, 2009, a private twin engine airplane took off from Flying Cloud Airport in Eden Prairie, NM, and crashed a few minutes later in the yard of Cummins Grill House, across the street from the airport. The airplane burst into flames upon impact.

From their offices at the airport, four employees of Hummingbird Aviation heard the crash, called 9-1-1 and raced across the street to the crash scene where they found the airplane on fire. Jacob Appel, Christophe Cooper, Kelly DeBerg and William Halpin saw one of the victims lying near the

burning wreckage. They dragged the victim from the step to the south side of the yard in order to protect him from the intense heat and fire from the crash. They then checked the victim's vital signs and determined that he was deceased.

The group received a blanket from a construction worker and placed it over the victim's body. They then grabbed a garden hose from the grill house and attempted to keep the flames from further damaging the house. In addition, they took photos of the scene which aided in the subsequent investigation of the crash.

The award letter from Bob Reynolds, Eden Prairie Police Chief, reads, "All four men acted selflessly, taking action in a scene of chaos and confusion. They put themselves at risk when they pulled the victim away from the burning wreckage. They demonstrated compassion and respect by covering the victim's body. In addition, they made a valiant effort to prevent further damage by dousing the historic Cummins Grill House with a garden hose. This action helped to save a valuable part of Eden Prairie history."

Cooper is a 1965 graduate of Colorado High School.

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SCHOOL NEWS



LAST WEEK'S STUDENTS of the Week are Karen Barrera, Ramzi Martinez and Donndric Fowler-Jones.

Students of the week enjoy spending time with pets

Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Karen Barrera, Ramzi Martinez and Donndric Fowler-Jones. Karen, daughter of Ellena Franco and Bruce Barrera, is a third grader in Mrs. Geiger's class. She enjoys spending time with her dog, Daisy, and science is her favorite subject. She says that the teachers are nice and that's her favorite thing about Hutchinson. Ramzi, a fourth grader in Mrs. Johns' class, is the daughter of Patty Martinez. She enjoys spending time with her dogs, Cooper and Dusty, and reading is her favorite subject. Going to P.E. is her favorite thing about her school.

Donndric Fowler-Jones, grandson of Wes and Dorothy Fowler, is a fifth grader in Mrs. Stone's class. He has three dogs, Spot, Beethoven and Mozart, and science is his favorite subject. Going to P.E. is also his favorite thing about Hutchinson Elementary.

SCHOOL MENUS

Day Care/ Head Start
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cream of wheat, toast, juice, milk
 Wednesday - mini corn dogs, juice, milk
 Thursday - yogurt, toast, juice, milk
 Friday - sausage, toast, juice, milk
Day Care/ Head Start
Lunch Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - grilled cheese sandwich, green beans, peaches, milk
 Tuesday - scrambled eggs, tater tots, toast with jelly, crushed pineapple, milk
 Wednesday - beef n mac, glazed carrots, 1/2 slice bread, pears, milk
 Thursday - chalupa, refried beans, apple sauce, milk
 Friday - PB and J, vegetable soup, strawberries, milk
Kelley and Hutch
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - cereal, toast, juice, milk
 Tuesday - mini corn dogs, juice, milk
 Wednesday - French toast sticks, juice, milk
 Thursday - oat meal, toast, juice, milk
 Friday - sausage w/ toast, juice, milk
Kelley and Hutch
Lunch Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - grilled ham and cheese, glazed carrots, green beans, fruit, milk
 Tuesday - beef stew, corn bread, pickle spears, canned fruit, milk
 Wednesday - chicken n' noodles, mashed potatoes, hot roll, canned fruit, milk
 Thursday - corn dog, baked beans, potato salad, canned fruit, milk
 Friday - wolf burger, lettuce cup, fries, canned fruit, milk
CMS
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cereal, biscuit, morning roll, juice, milk
 Wednesday - cereal, biscuit, potato egg burrito, juice, milk
 Thursday - cereal, biscuit, break-

fast on a stick, juice, milk
 Friday - cereal, biscuit, breakfast sandwich, juice, milk
CHS
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk
 Tuesday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, scrambled egg w/ biscuit, juice, milk
 Wednesday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, cinnamon roll, juice, milk
 Thursday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, mini corn dog, juice, milk
 Friday - cereal, biscuit, sausage n biscuit, juice, milk
CMS and CHS
Lunch Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - grilled ham and cheese, glazed carrots, green beans, fruit, milk
 Tuesday - chili beans, chilled tomatoes, corn bread, canned fruit, milk
 Wednesday - chicken n noodles, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, canned fruit, milk
 Thursday - nacho grande, spiced pintos, toss salad, canned fruit, milk
 Friday - cheeseburger, fries, lettuce cup, fresh fruit, milk
Westbrook ISD
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - French toast sticks, cereal, juice, milk
 Tuesday - oatmeal, toast and jelly, cereal, juice, milk
 Wednesday - pancake pups, cereal, juice, milk
 Thursday - egg and cheese, burrito, cereal, juice, milk
 Friday - donuts, cereal, juice and milk
Westbrook ISD
Lunch Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - pizza, toss salad, seasoned corn, sliced peaches, milk
 Tuesday - stuffed baked potatoes, baby carrots w/ ranch, fresh fruit cup, texas toast, milk
 Wednesday - oven crispy chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread sticks, fancy gelatin, milk
 Thursday - nachos grande, lettuce and tomato, orange smiles, cornbread, milk
 Friday - corndog, oven fried pota-

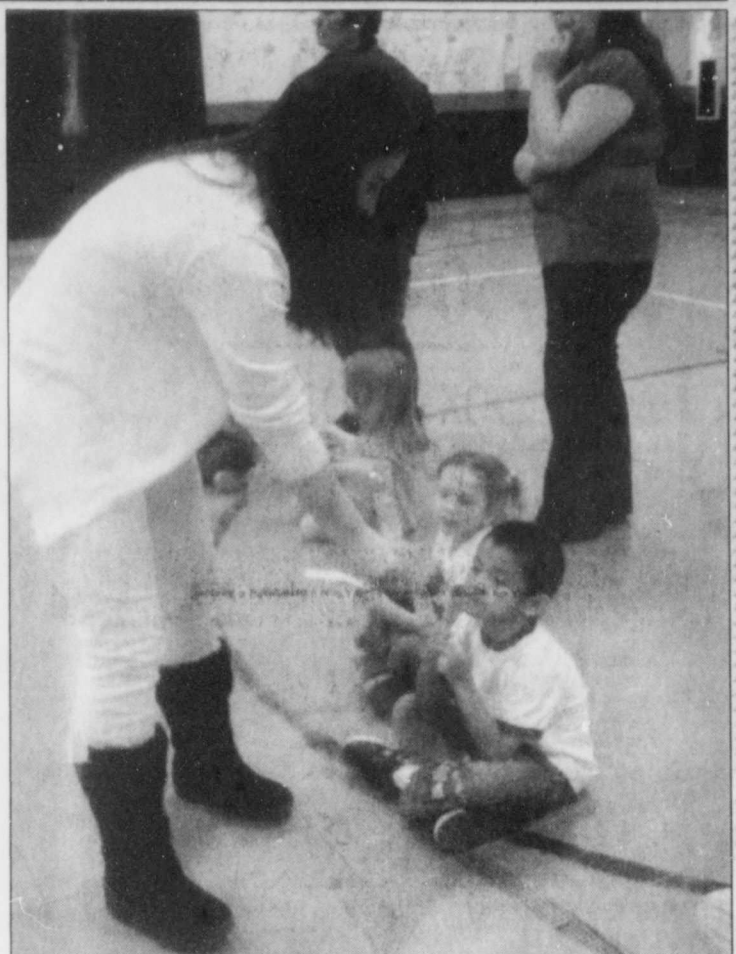
toes, fresh broccoli w/ ranch, sparkly apple, crispy cereal treat, milk
Loraine ISD
Breakfast Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - uncrustable sandwich, cereal, juice, milk
 Tuesday - French toast, cereal, fruit, milk
 Wednesday - egg sandwich, juice, cereal, milk
 Thursday - sausage biscuit, cereal, fruit, milk
 Friday - quesadilla, hash brown, cereal, juice, milk
Loraine ISD
Lunch Menu Feb 1-5
 Monday - burritos/ cheese/ salsa, Spanish rice, sliced potatoes, fruit delight, milk
 Tuesday - corndogs, baby carrots, dressing, pork n beans, shape-up, milk
 Wednesday - tacos/ cheese/ salsa, beans, salad, cobbler, milk
 Thursday - spaghetti/ meat sauce, corn, broccoli florets, pineapple orange salad, biscuit, milk
 Friday - hamburger/ mustard, tater tots, ketchup, salad, pickles, ice cream, milk

Astronauts cook up tasty book

Space flight has its challenges in the kitchen, but tasty recipes aren't the problem. Gathering favorites from broad group on international astronauts Charles Bourland and Gregory Vogt created *The Astronaut's Cookbook*. The book includes pictures of snacking astronauts, stories about smuggling corn beef sandwiches or Twinkies, as well as how NASA solved flavor, texture and safety issues relating to eating in space.

ASU names Dean's List students for the Fall

The Dean's list for the 2009 fall semester has been announced at Angelo State University in San Angelo, Texas. To be eligible for the Dean's list, students must be enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.25 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. The honorees included the following from Colorado City area: Thomasa F. Bocanegra, Sagan A. Everett, Felicia J. Forbes, Jebby J. Forbes, Felicia M. Gibson, Jodi M. Owens, Christina Rico, Sarah D. Smith, Clifton O. Toombs, Cade A. Tucker, Jon S. Ventura and Armando Villa.



FCLCA MEMBERS HAVE been educating 2nd graders at Kelley Elementary on nutrition and exercise and how they are beneficial to their health. Here, Alyssa Leverton is giving Cassandra Sartain and Xavier Silva colored strips representing different food groups. The program was presented by Leverton and Tori Lee, Colorado FCLCA members. Photo courtesy of Judy Merrell.

Scholarships for CISD Seniors

Mrs. Ross has distributed scholarship offers to the seniors. This is not the local scholarship packet but includes many national scholarships. If parents want a copy of the packet, please call 728-1066.

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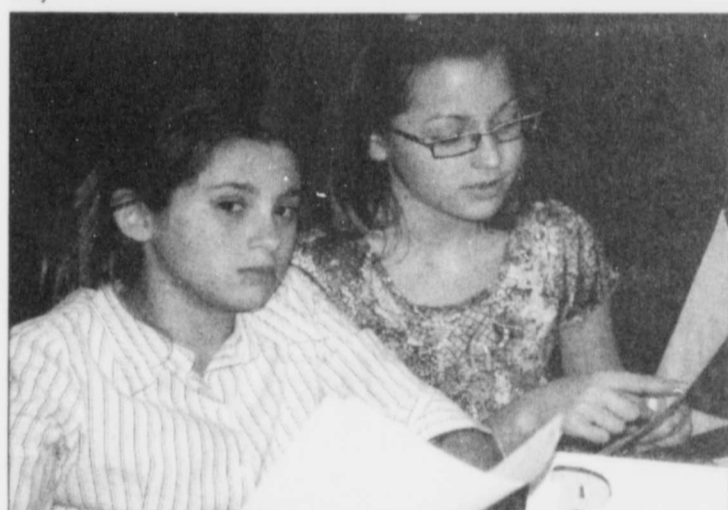
Students of the Week at Hutchinson Elementary are Adam Clifton, Zachary Casares and Layton Holsey.

Adam, son of Tony and Diane Clifton, is a third grader in Mrs. Jones' class. He enjoys playing video games as a hobby, and science is his favorite subject. He says P.E. is his favorite thing about Hutchinson, "because Coach A makes exercise fun!"

Zachary, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lindsey's class, is the son of Frank and Velma Casares. His favorite hobby is playing on his Nintendo DS. His favorite subjects are science and reading. Having friends is his favorite thing about his school.

Layton, son of Chanda Holsey and Mack and Angela Holsey, is a fifth grader in Mrs. White's class. He enjoys Tae Kwan Do as

a hobby, and math is his favorite subject. P.E. is also his favorite thing at Hutchinson Elementary.



THE PROSECUTION... Loraine junior high students participated in the mock trial of T.J. Avery, a character in a book recently read by the students. Breanna Beltran and Charlie Neeley served as prosecutors during the mock trial. Photo courtesy of Evon Harbour.

Kelley Elementary lists perfect attendance for the third six weeks

Kelley Elementary has announced its list of students with perfect attendance for the 3rd six-weeks of the school year.

Pre-K: Nathan Limones, Kaci Rivera, Adan Camp, Jordyn Keeton, Kimberly Butler and Clayton Shields.

Kindergarten: Marissa Gutierrez, Jessica Martin, Morgan Martinez, Justin Myers, Sara Stone, Regan Vasquez, Ivory Davidson, Yasmine Gutierrez, Heavenly Jinojosa, Jayce Kompapa, Maci Martinez, Sergio Uribe, Arian Welsh, Dakota Dillon, Isaiah Garcia, Noah Gideon, Adam Hernandez, Taleya James, Chris Ortiz, Destiny Tenorio, Guy Vanderpool, Dominick Vasquez, Irfan Chowdhury, Jonathan Connell, Dominic Espinoza, Kendra Golden, Logan Gutierrez, Helen Oliver, Zaria Smith and Kash Wood.

1st grade: Kayla Casares, Maria Garza, Destiny Hernandez, Lathan Limones, Tyler Myers, Caleigh Oakley, Emmaly Rivera, Madison Sims, Zachary Stone, Audie Vasquez, Ian Capps, Markeisha Connelly, Jayden Kirby, Zoe Matlock, Aranza Ramirez, Carolina Rivera, Alina

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Immunization clinic to be held Feb. 3

The Texas Dept. of State Health Services will hold an immunization clinic Wed., Feb. 3 from 10 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Wallace Center, 149 S. Hwy. 208. H1N1 and season flu vaccines will be available to all. Please bring child's immunization records and/or insurance cards. For more information, call 325-754-4945.

Loraine students participate in a mock trial recently

Tuesday proved to be a big day for T. J. Avery, a character in *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*. Loraine junior high's 6th, 7th, and 8th graders were asked to try this character for his role in the murder of Mr. Barnett and the thief to the pearl handled pistol.

After reading *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry*, 6th graders put together a trial complete with witnesses for the prosecution and defense. Charlie Neeley and Breanna Beltran served as the prosecuting attorneys. The defense consisted of Chris Olivarez and Gaige Carlson defending T.J. Avery who was played by Justin

Fisk. The remaining 6th and 7th graders played key roles in the prosecution and defense; while the 8th graders served as the jury. After a short deliberation, the jury found T.J. guilty of thief and innocent of murder.

Sheila (Martin) Womack presided over the hearing just as her great-uncle, Elmer Martin, did 30 years ago.

The Loraine Jr. High would like to thank County Judge Ray Mayo for allowing students to experience a true trial atmosphere in the Mitchell County courtroom.

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| STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE | | | | |
| GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS | | | | |
| FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2009 | | | | |
| Data Control Codes | 10 General Fund | Other Funds | Total Governmental Funds | |
| REVENUES: | | | | |
| 5700 | Total Local and Intermediate Sources | \$ 4,809,144 | \$ 39,021 | \$ 4,848,165 |
| 5800 | State Program Revenues | 1,230,801 | 34,746 | 1,265,547 |
| 5900 | Federal Program Revenues | - | 170,314 | 170,314 |
| 5020 | Total Revenues | 6,039,945 | 244,081 | 6,284,026 |
| EXPENDITURES: | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| 0011 | Instruction | 1,433,047 | 120,957 | 1,554,004 |
| 0012 | Instructional Resources and Media Services | 67,013 | - | 67,013 |
| 0013 | Curriculum and Instructional Staff Development | 901 | 270 | 1,171 |
| 0023 | School Leadership | 102,071 | - | 102,071 |
| 0031 | Guidance, Counseling and Evaluation Services | 36,467 | - | 36,467 |
| 0033 | Health Services | 9,851 | 1,475 | 11,326 |
| 0034 | Student (Pupil) Transportation | 94,788 | - | 94,788 |
| 0035 | Food Services | - | 186,414 | 186,414 |
| 0036 | Extracurricular Activities | 174,177 | 1,811 | 175,988 |
| 0041 | General Administration | 264,080 | - | 264,080 |
| 0051 | Facilities Maintenance and Operations | 562,562 | - | 562,562 |
| 0052 | Security and Monitoring Services | 12,200 | - | 12,200 |
| 0053 | Data Processing Services | 68,548 | - | 68,548 |
| Capital Outlay: | | | | |
| 0081 | Facilities Acquisition and Construction | 1,571,696 | - | 1,571,696 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| 0091 | Contracted Instructional Services Between Schools | 1,245,325 | - | 1,245,325 |
| 0093 | Payments to Fiscal Agent/Member Districts of SSA | 26,864 | - | 26,864 |
| 6030 | Total Expenditures | 5,669,590 | 310,927 | 5,980,517 |
| 1100 | Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures | 370,355 | (66,846) | 303,509 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES): | | | | |
| 7915 | Transfers In | - | 80,000 | 80,000 |
| 8911 | Transfers Out (Use) | (80,000) | - | (80,000) |
| 7080 | Total Other Financing Sources (Uses) | (80,000) | 80,000 | - |
| 1200 | Net Change in Fund Balances | 290,355 | 13,154 | 303,509 |
| 0100 | Fund Balance - September 1 (Beginning) | 3,606,030 | 11,160 | 3,617,190 |
| 3000 | Fund Balance - August 31 (Ending) | \$ 3,896,385 | \$ 24,314 | \$ 3,920,699 |

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SPORTS

Five Wolves named to All-Big Country Team

By Reggie Gardner
The *Abilene Reporter News* announced the class 2A All-Big Country Football Team last week and the Wolves were well represented.

J.C. Johnson was named the Big Country's Defensive Player of the Year. J.C. is a 6-0, 175lb. junior linebacker for the Wolves. He had a great season with 145 tackles - 76 of which were solos. He also had 7 tackles for a loss, 7 quarterback pressures, 2 forced fumbles, 1 fumble recovery, 1 sack, and broke up 3 passes. In a game against Coahoma this past season, Johnson charted 14 solo tackles and 4 assisted stops in a 21-14 district win over the Bulldogs. That performance earned Johnson a nomination from his



J.C. Johnson

coaching staff for Big Country Player of the Week. Johnson may not be the biggest, strongest, or fastest player on the field, but he has courage and simply has the guts to get to the football, no matter how rough things might get. He (J.C.) throws his body in there without regard for how things look. It's really fun to watch him because of the way he hits people." Head Coach Frank Johnson said

Frankie Atkinson, a 6-0, 245lb. senior for the Wolves, also made the All Big Country Team for his performance on the defensive line. Atkinson had a great season for the Wolves charting 45 solo tackles, 27 assisted tackles, 2 tackles for a loss, 6 quarterback pressures,



Frankie Atkinson

2 forced fumbles, and 2 fumble recoveries. Atkinson proved to be a good leader on the Wolf defensive line and he will leave some big shoes to fill next year.

Tyler Higgins, a 6-4, 225lb. senior for the Wolves, also made the team for his punting skills. Higgins averaged 37 yards per punt for the Wolves. He really turned out to be a weapon for the Wolves, pinning the opponents back close to 40 yards from the line of scrimmage each punt. Higgins will be missed next year.



Tyler Higgins

The Wolves also had two players who made Honorable Mention on the All Big Country Team. Senior running back, **Jamarcus Brooks** and senior place kicker **Eli Farrell**.

Brooks had a great year for the

Wolves, rushing for over 1000 yards this past season. He was a threat to score everytime he touched the ball.

Eli Farrell came in and did a good job for the Wolves as place kicker. He did well on the PAT's and he made a 46-yard game winning field goal to give the Wolves a big district win over Grape Creek as the game clock expired.

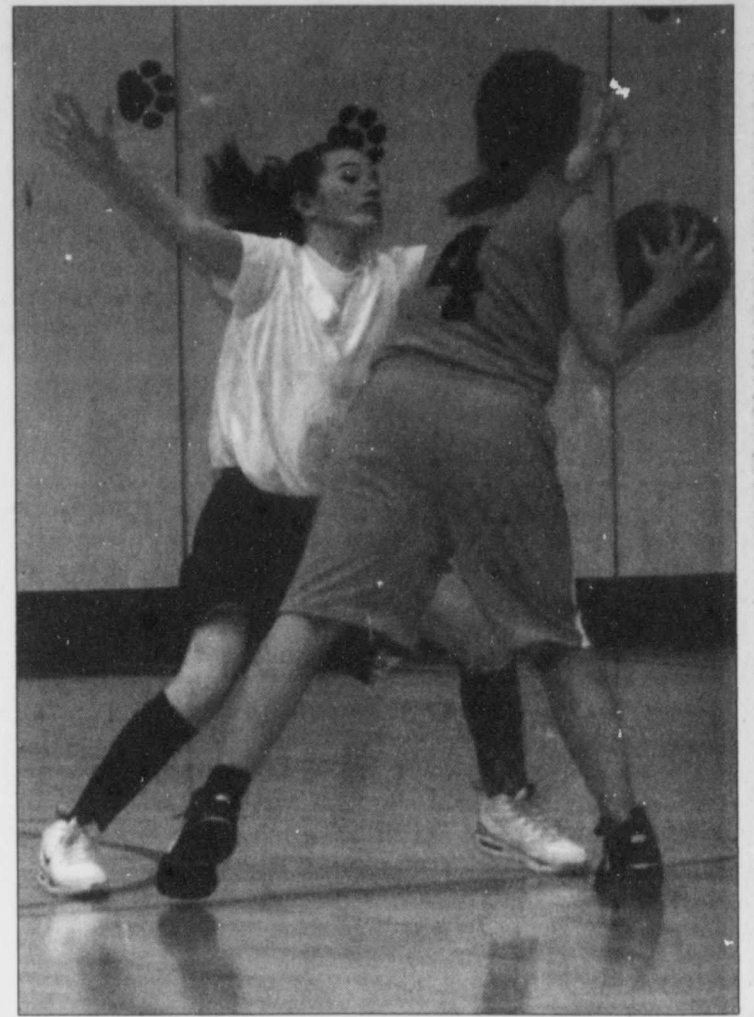
Congratulations to J.C. Johnson, Frankie Atkinson, Tyler Higgins, Jamarcus Brooks, and Eli Farrell for making the All Big Country Football Team and for representing the Wolves well.



Eli Farrell



Jamarcus Brooks



THE LORAINE JUNIOR high girls faced the Roby Lady Lions on Monday, January 25 in Loraine. Despite the good defense played by Brilee Young, the tough Roby team beat the young Lady Bulldogs 37-10. Photo courtesy of Evon Harbour.

Wolves lose first game in district

By Reggie Gardner
The Wolves were off to a great start in district play. They had defeated Coahoma and Ballinger on the road to post a 2-0 record in

district. Then, the state-ranked Wall Hawks came to town.

In the Coahoma game on January 15, the Wolves beat the Bulldogs in a thriller by a score

of 77-72. Leading scorers for that game were: Tylor Lorenz 23 pts, Tyler Higgins 14 pts, Nick Reyna 13 pts, Ronald Aoyama 9 pts, Eli Farrell 7 pts, Benny Jones

6 pts, Derek Gainey 3 pts, and J.C. Johnson and Andrew Munoz each added 1 pt.

On January 19, the Wolves traveled to Ballinger to take on the Bearcats and won that game 47-32. Leading scorers for that game were: Eli Farrell 11 pts, Nick Reyna 11 pts, J.C. Johnson 8 pts, Tyler Higgins 5 pts, Benny Jones 3 pts, Tylor Lorenz 3 pts, Ronald Aoyama 3 pts and Derek Gainey had 3 pts.

Last Friday, the state-ranked Wall Hawks came to town. The Wolves were hoping to score an upset of the previously-undefeated Hawks. Wall proved to be too much for the Wolves. At the end of the 1st period, Wall led by a score of 21-5. Going into halftime, the Wolves trailed 33-17. During the 3rd period, the Wolves scored 14 pts to Wall's 15 pts, but still trailed 48-31 going into the final period of play. The Wolves played hard during the 4th period but ended up losing 63-41. The score could have turned out differently for the Wolves had they not found themselves in foul trouble. Tyler Higgins fouled out early in the last period and Eli Farrell had to play with 4 fouls. The loss gives the Wolves a 2-1 record in district play.

Leading the way for the Wolves were:

Tyler Higgins 13 pts, 2 reb.
Nick Reyna 10 pts, 6 reb.
Blaze Alford 3 pts, 1 reb.
Benny Jones 3 pts, 3 reb.
Ronald Aoyama 3 pts, 1 reb.
Tylor Loenz 3 pts
Derek Gainey 2 pts, 1 reb.
Andrew Munoz 2 pts
Eli Farrell 1 pt, 2 reb.
Jessie Guerra 1 pt

Lady Wolves fall to state ranked Wall

By Reggie Gardner
The Lady Wolves were hoping for their first win in district play as they took on a state-ranked Lady Hawks team from Wall last Friday night. Prior to last Friday's game, the Lady Wolves had lost to Jim Ned, Coahoma, and Ballinger.

In the Coahoma game on January 15, the Lady Wolves lost by a score of 58-44. Leading scorers in the Coahoma game were: Ava Macedo 13 pts, Lisa Salazar

12 pts, Lauren Meeks 11 pts, and Michelle Billingsley 8 pts.

On Tuesday, January 19, the Lady Wolves traveled to Ballinger and lost by a score of 56-25. Leading scorers for that game were: Michelle Billingsley 10 pts, Ava Macedo 9 pts, Lisa Salazar 3 pts, Katherine Hickson 2 pts, and Jade Cannon added 1 pt.

Last Friday, the #5 team in the state made a stop at The Pit. Wall proved to be a very tough opponent for the Lady Wolves. At the

end of the 1st period, the Lady Wolves trailed by a score of 26-7. Going into halftime, Wall had extended their lead to 40-19. The Lady Wolves only added 4 pts during the 3rd period, while the Lady added 23 pts. The game ended with Wall defeating the lady Wolves by a score of 70-31.

Leading scorers for the Lady Wolves were: Michelle Billingsley 15 pts, Ava Macedo 6 pts, Lauren Meeks 4 pts, Lisa Salazar 4 pts, and Megan Bullard added 2 pts.

8th grade boys, girls at Coahoma tourney

By Reggie Gardner
Both the 8th grade boys and girls played in a tournament in Coahoma last weekend.

The boys played a pretty good Forsan team in the first game. The Buffaloes jumped out to an early lead and lead 17-2 after the 1st period. At halftime, the Wolves trailed by a score of 23-6. At the end of the 3rd period, the score was 29-8. The game ended with Forsan defeating the Wolves 40-10.

Scoring for the Wolves were: Josh Sutton 4 pts, Rylan Gardner 2 pts, Douglass Garcia 2 pts, and Mark Sanchez had 2 pts.

The next game for the Wolves was against Coahoma. After a slow start for the Wolves, they found themselves trailing 12-4

going into halftime. The Wolves outscored the Bulldogs in the 3rd period 5-2 but still trailed 14-9 going into the final period. The Wolves tried to close the gap, but came up short and were defeated 21-16.

Scoring for the Wolves were: Mark Sanchez 4 pts, Douglass Garcia 4 pts, Rylan Gardner 3 pts, Rankin Bullard 2 pts, Josh Sutton 2 pts, and Cason Smith added 1 pt. The 8th grade boys will travel to Ballinger on 1/25 to take on the Bearcats.

The 8th grade girls also played the Forsan Buffaloes in their first game. The game was close but the Lady Wolves ended up losing, 22-21. Colorado City faced

Stanton in their second game. The game was close all the way to the end. The Lady Wolves led at halftime by a score of 10-8. At the end of the 3rd period of play, the Lady Wolves were still leading 17-14. Stanton made a run in the final period of play and pulled a head of the Lady Wolves with about 1 minute to play. Colorado City had 3 chances to score late but were unable to make a basket and ended up losing 22-21.

Scoring for the Lady Wolves were: McKenzie Kimball 9 pts, Heather Merket 9 pts, Allison Burrola 2 pts, and Bethany Toombs added 1 pt.

JV Wolves come up short against Wall

By Reggie Gardner
The JV Wolves faced a tough Wall Hawks team last Friday here at The Pit. Wall jumped out to an early lead and after the 1st period of play, Wall led 11-2. The Wolves faced a stiff defense from Wall the entire game and had trouble finding the basket during the 2nd and 3rd period. Going into the final period, the Wolves

trailed 38-4. The Wolves started to find the basket during the 4th period, but the deficit was difficult to overcome and the Wolves lost 53-11, giving the Wolves a 0-3 record in district play.

Leading scorers for the JV Wolves were: Gustavo Silva 4 pts, Nathan Jackson 4 pts, Jake Johnson 2 pts, and Corbin Castillo added 1 pt.

| District 7-2A Girls | | |
|--|-------|------|
| | ALL | DIST |
| Wall | 24-3 | 5-0 |
| Ballinger | 24-2 | 4-1 |
| Jim Ned | 17-10 | 3-2 |
| Coahoma | 13-13 | 2-3 |
| Grape Creek | 9-18 | 1-4 |
| Colorado City | 7-19 | 0-5 |
| Class A, Division II District 10 Girls | | |
| | ALL | DIST |
| Garden City | 22-1 | 5-0 |
| Robert Lee | 13-9 | 4-1 |
| Water Valley | x-x | 3-2 |
| Sterling City | x-x | 2-3 |
| Blackwell | 7-15 | 1-4 |
| Westbrook | 3-14 | 0-5 |
| Class A, Division II District 14 Girls | | |
| | ALL | DIST |
| Roby | 21-5 | 5-0 |
| Highland | 13-6 | 4-1 |
| Loraine | 10-12 | 2-3 |
| Hermleigh | 5-12 | 2-3 |
| Ira | 11-12 | 1-4 |
| Trent | x-x | 0-5 |
| District 7-2A Boys | | |
| | ALL | DIST |
| Wall | 26-0 | 3-0 |
| Jim Ned | 22-4 | 2-1 |
| Colorado City | 12-8 | 2-1 |
| Coahoma | 14-9 | 1-2 |
| Ballinger | 10-12 | 1-2 |
| Class A, Division II District 10 Girls | | |
| | ALL | DIST |
| Blackwell | x-x | 3-1 |
| Garden City | x-x | 3-1 |
| Robert Lee | 8-11 | 2-2 |
| Sterling City | x-x | 2-2 |
| Water Valley | x-x | 2-2 |
| Westbrook | x-x | 0-4 |
| Class A, Division II District 14 Girls | | |
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| Ira | 19-2 | 4-0 |
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Vet Commission to award \$1 million

AUSTIN—The Texas Veterans Commission (TVC) has opened the grant application process for \$1 million in grant funds from the Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

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The next concert will be February 20 *An American Salute*.

veterans and their families have made, it is critical that we help them through these tough economic times," said James Neir, TVC Executive Director. "These grant funds will provide essential services and aid to the most vulnerable veterans throughout the state."

The grant funds will be awarded to organizations with experience providing assistance to veterans statewide. In reviewing grant applications, TVC commissioners will be evaluating grant applicants' effectiveness in identifying veterans' needs and targeting resources, as well as the organizations' internal governance, leadership and administration expertise.

The Texas Veterans Commission Fund for Veterans' Assistance was created by the 80th Texas Legislature in 2007 to provide aid to veterans and their families in need.

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Signed
Donna Madrid
City Secretary

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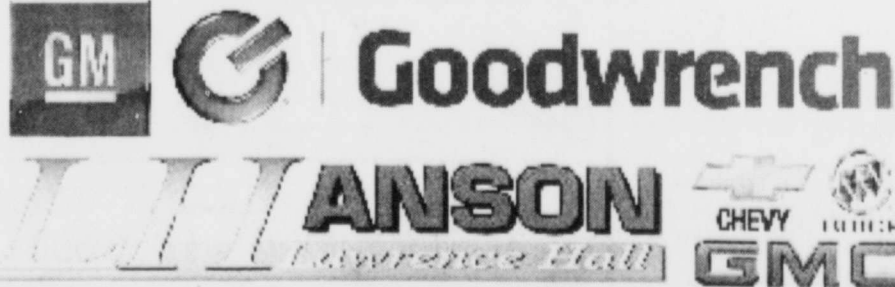
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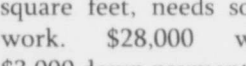


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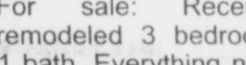
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LORRAINE NEWS



LORRAINE LADY BULLDOG Ariel Bailey's (23) rebounding skills helped her team defeat the Lady Bulldogs from Ira. Photo Evon Harbour.

Lady Bulldogs win over Ira

It was a matchup of the Bulldogs on Tuesday, January 19, as the Loraine Bulldogs varsity basketball teams came up against the Ira Bulldogs in Loraine.

The Loraine Lady Bulldogs pulled off a win against Ira, 63-48. Ariel Bailey led the team offensively, scoring over a third of her team's points with 22. Catelyn Johnston and Breanna Williams

each had double digits, scoring 15 and 10 respectively. Michelle Sanchez added 8 for Loraine and Raven Limones scored 6.

Loraine's boys' team didn't fare as well, losing to a state-ranked Ira varsity team 101-10. Toby Garza managed only 6 points against the tough defense, with Jordan Womack adding 3 and Mario Lopez scoring a free throw for 1 point.

Bulldogs lose to Hermleigh

The Loraine Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs varsity basketball teams traveled to Hermleigh on Friday, January 22, to compete against the Cardinals and Lady Cardinals.

The girls took on a tough Lady Cardinals team, playing a close game but eventually losing 53-61.

Ariel Bailey led her team offensively, scoring 16 points. Raven Limones followed with 11 points, Catelyn Johnston and

Michelle Sanchez each added 9. Breanna Williams scored 8 and Alicia Hernandez pitched in 2.

Loraine's boys team also kept it a close game, but lost to Hermleigh 63-53.

Anthony Gonzales was the high-point shooter for Loraine, scoring 19 points. Nathaniel Martinez was also in double-digits with 10. Toby Garza scored 8, Jordan Womack had 7, Carlos Lopez added 6 and Mario Lopez scored 3.

By Bessie Ann Vaughn Loraine Correspondent

We received word Friday that Merlyn Bruce had passed away just recently. The Bennett family was longtime Lorainians. You may remember that his parents were James and Nola Bennett.

Merlyn had two brothers, Wayland, who is deceased also and Daryl Bennett. We see him at the Loraine Senior Center sometimes. Merlyn graduated high school here in 1943.

Monday, January 25th, I spoke with Loraine's new police officer and he said he and his family were glad to be here, and they were getting settled. He and his wife, Jessica and family are from Hamilton, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Ashmore have four children, all school aged and now in the Loraine school system. We hope the Ashmore's will like it here.

Tuesday evening, I received a call from Margaret Rich Greenfield. She lived in Loraine in 1945, went to high school and graduated in 1947.

She lives in Sterling City and came back to the homecomings for a while. She spoke about several friends from Loraine including Elnora Miles Mitchell and her sister, Lolita Miles.

She mentioned Doris Peterson and Barzie Parker. She said she enjoyed the *Record* and our news and left me her phone number. Perhaps an old chum might want to give her a call.

Thanks, Margaret. Come to the exes homecomings again. Her phone number is 325-378-5951 if you would like to visit with her via telephone.

Derrick and Lauren Davis and their little baby boy of three months of age from Abilene have purchased the former home of the late Virgil Parnell.

The young folks are happy to be here. Lauren is the daughter of Kelly Mitchell. We hope they en-

joy their home and Loraine.

Last Monday, I spoke to Elnora Mitchell and learned that she was enjoying the baker's rack that her daughter, Judy Macha, bought her to display her spatterware.

She told me the first piece of blue and white spatterware she purchased was on a visit that she and Grady, her sister Fern and husband, Don made to Branson, Missouri. They enjoyed it up there a lot and decided to come back home on a more scenic route.

Near a river stream, they saw a big beautiful and interesting waterwheel grinding grain. Near there was a small gift shop and the ladies looked around in it. The only thing Elnora purchased was a spatterware pan. Since she, Judy has added to her collection several times.

Now, she enjoys the rack and the pretty blue and white spatterware every day.

The Critter Casa land lady has been very busy cooking for critters.

On Monday, she had a big pot of soup on the stove for a jack rabbit with a sore throat, and she was frying a snake steak for Beep Beep that she bought and froze from the rattlesnake roundup.

If that wasn't enough, a beautiful black cat showed up meowing and hungry. Her name is Loretta, and she is unmarried. She was fed some tuna tartare.

A praying mantis was waiting for grub, sitting on an outdoor window ledge and the landlady gave her a sweet strawberry.

The critters dearly love the lady and she loves them back. They talk to each other and share secrets sometimes. Like, she told Loretta that she was so embarrassed Sunday in church. When they got up to sing, she looked down and saw that she had on one blue high heeled shoe and one red one.

Special music at the Methodist

Church was provided last Sunday by Bro. Kiefer Cauble who played piano and sang, "The Longer I Serve Him."

Visitors at the Senior Center last week were Al and Nellie Fulcher, Clyde and Etta Parnell, Kelly Mitchell, Derrick and Lauren Davis and baby.

Brittany Sadler had lunch with her grandparents, J.A. and Y. Sadler Friday.

Dorothy Norwood from Sny-

der and Charles Dunn from Colorado City provided music for the attendants Monday.

Lillie Funderburg and Charlene Hays sang "I've Got a Mission" and everyone certainly enjoyed it.

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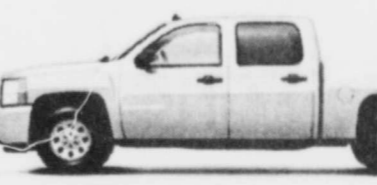
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