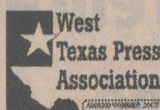


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Alan Cherry to lead Eagles athletics into future

Alan Cherry has taken the reins as Eldorado High School's athletic director and head football coach. And, he is already preparing the football team for the fall season. He was hired by the SCISD board of trustees at their last meeting on April 13th.

Cherry comes to Eldorado with an extensive resume and a 174-60 career record.

His most recent post was in Harlingen where he served as athletic director and head football coach. While there he took the 5A Harlingen South Hawks to a 12-1 record and a regional finals berth last season. Only a year before the team went 10-0 through the regular season for the first time in school history and claimed a District Championship.

Cherry says the step down from a successful 5A program to 1A Eldorado is based primarily on a desire to return to West Texas. He grew up in Monahans and attended Odessa College and Angelo State University where he earned a bachelor of science degree in 1980.

He began his coaching career with assistant coaching positions in Seminole, McCamey and Levelland before taking over as head coach of the Hart Longhorns, a team he took into the bi-district round in 1990, for its first playoff appearance in 14 years. Two years later the Longhorns advanced to the state quarter-final round.

Cherry then moved to Hamlin where he led the Pied Pipers to a regional finals game in 1993, the state semi-finals in 1994 and again to the regional finals in 1995.

He then answered the call to move to Crane where he won 74 of 89 games including 32 of 35 district games in a 7 year span. During that time the Golden Cranes

advanced to the area round of the playoffs in 1996, the team's first winning season in five years, then to the state quarterfinals in 1998. The next year the team advanced to the state semi-finals. 2000 was a rebuilding year for the Golden Cranes who only made it to the district championship. Then, in 2001 the team returned to the regional finals and in 2002 to the state quarterfinals.

Coach Cherry moved to Bay City in 2003 where he took the Black Cats to the state finals in 2003, and bi-district in '04 and '05.

Alan Cherry and his wife Mary Lou have two grown daughters, Jamie Ray, 23, of Florida and Lauren, 20, who attends college in Harlingen.

SCISD superintendent Billy Collins noted that Eldorado is fortunate to have a coach with Alan Cherry's experience and credentials.

"We would be hard pressed to find a more qualified and harder working coach," Billy Collins stated. "Alan Cherry not only has a proven track record when it comes to winning football games, but he also knows how

to mentor young men. I look forward to working with him as he leads our athletic program forward from here.

For his part, Coach Cherry says football fans shouldn't expect anything unusual. "On offense we will run plays from several different sets in order to find and exploit a defensive weakness," he said. "Defensively we will line up in a 5-0 with a noseguard directly over the center. It's a defense I've run since 1983 and it works."

The Eagles are already going through Spring Training drills during athletic period as they prepare for what is sure to be an interesting and exciting 2009 campaign.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
SCISD Athletic Director & Head Football Coach Alan Cherry



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Firefighters Robert Parker and Frank Dickinson slogged through mud and wet grass Monday to battle an apartment fire on Del Rio Street that began shortly after what witnesses described as a nearby lightning strike. Two apartments were complete losses while two adjoining units were relatively undamaged. No injuries were reported in the fire.

Fire guts apartments on Del Rio Street

Firefighters on Monday battled a blazing apartment fire and a torrential downpour at the same time as they fought to save a duplex on Del Rio Street in Eldorado. No injuries were reported but the two apartments were a total loss.

The apartments, one occupied by Marcelo Romo and Erica Buitron, and the second one occupied by Denisa Estep, are reportedly owned by Juan and Marleny Chavez.

The fire was reported by 9-1-1 call by Ramiro Leyva at 7:40 a.m. and Fire Department units began to respond almost immediately as thick black smoke billowed across the neighborhood.

The smoke was so thick that students at the nearby Head Start building at the Catholic Church were evacuated and

traffic on U.S. 277 ground to a stop as visibility reached near zero.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones says that a nearby neighbor reported hearing a loud clap of thunder moments before seeing smoke pouring from Ms. Estep's apartment.

"I can't say for certain that lightning caused the fire," Chief Jones stated, "but I wouldn't be surprised if it did."

The fire apparently started in Ms. Estep's apartment and quickly spread. Emergency personnel kicked in the door to the neighboring apartment and awoke Romo and Buitron before the fire reached them.

Some of the couple's possessions were saved by friends and neighbors and emergency personnel. Ms. Estep, who was not home at the time of the fire, wasn't so

lucky. Everything in her apartment was claimed by the blaze.

Apartments in an adjacent duplex were apparently undamaged, except for possible smoke damage. Those apartments were connected to the two burned-out apartments by a carport.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones notes that all but two of his department's fire trucks were put to work battling the stubborn fire.

"We had one old military brush truck and the old pumper left at the Fire Hall," Jones said. "There just wasn't room to get any more units close to the fire."

Schleicher County Sheriff's Department deputies and DPS troopers also responded the scene to provide hands-on assistance as well as much-needed traffic control.



COURTESY PHOTO

Hunter Alvizo will advance to State in Physics and Science May 8th and May 9th. Alvizo was top in Physics and silver medalist in Science at the Regional UIL Academic Meet held in Levelland, Texas on April 24th. Alvizo's sponsors are Angela Case and Lindsey Parker Science Sponsor. He is the son of Marco and Tonya Alvizo, of Eldorado.

County eyes falling tax values

Property values were on the mind of Schleicher County commissioners as they met in regular session on Monday, April 27.

Steven Campbell, a representative of T.Y. Pickett and Company, spoke with the commissioners about the declining oil and gas values and how that will impact the upcoming budget.

Also on hand for the discussion were Schleicher County ISD superintendent Billy Collins, school finance director Ray Ballew, and Chief Appraiser Jani Mitchell.

Campbell told the group that the county can expect as much as a 45 percent decrease in oil and gas valuations for the next budget cycle.

It was noted that the State Comptroller sets a market condition factor used by all appraisal districts to determine their tax base for the coming year.

Locally, the school district collects the lion's share of property taxes. Currently the district falls under the state's Chapter 42 or "recapture" rule. That means the school is forced to turn any tax revenue increase over to the state or to another, poorer school district.

A lower evaluation of oil and gas properties will mean less revenue for local taxing jurisdictions. However, the Chapter 42 rule could mean the school will be less affected by the

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LATE BREAKING NEWS!

On the recommendation of Dr. David Lakey, Commissioner of the Texas Department of State Health Services, and in consultation with Texas Education Agency Commissioner Robert Scott, the University Interscholastic League is altering its schedule of events due to the outbreak of the swine flu in Texas. Effective immediately, all UIL interscholastic competition is suspended until May 11.

All UIL events, athletic and academic, referred to in this edition, have been cancelled or rescheduled. Please check with the school and/or the Texas UIL for new or updated schedules.

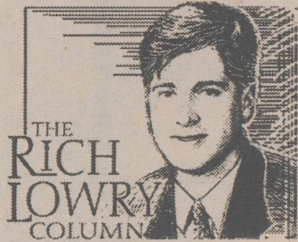
For more information visit the UIL website at www.uil.texas.edu or contact the SCISD administration or athletic/academic coaching staff.

Support Mexico

President Barack Obama went to Mexico and, unlike many of his presidential predecessors, didn't stay in a remote resort, but in the midst of Mexico City, the sprawling metropolis of 20 million.

The visit -- Obama's first stop in Latin America -- and the locale -- the capital where an American president hadn't visited in 12 years -- sent the signal that the United States is committed to a country that is a punching bag in American domestic politics, but an indispensable ally in a region buffeted by revolutionary left-wing politics.

A recent Pentagon analysis raised the prospect of Mexico becoming a failed state. That dire, frequently repeated phrase can be misleading. The Mexican state is threatened, but not failed. President Felipe Calderon wants to do all the right things.



THE RICH LOWRY COLUMN

Drug violence has escalated because he rejected the modus vivendi previous Mexican leaders honored with the cartels and criminal gangs. So long as they didn't interfere in politics, they were left to their illicit pursuits. Calderon rightly considered such powerful players operating outside the rule of law intolerable.

He has undertaken a courageous fight, with all of Mexican officialdom -- at least the uncorrupted portion -- under threat. In contrast to the traditional Latin American way of internal warfare, Calderon is respecting civil liberties. And he has sought to continue to reform the increasingly open Mexican economy.

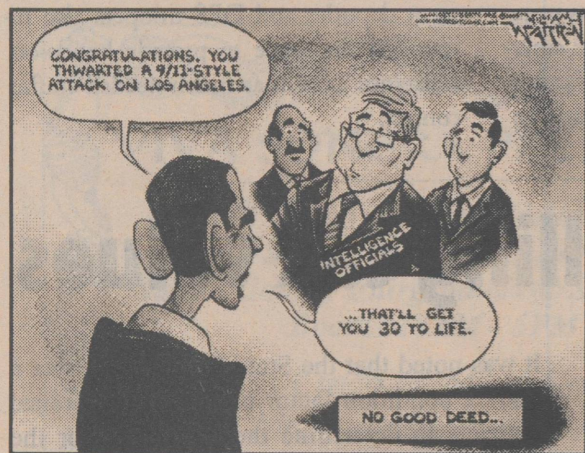
Mexico is perceived in the U.S. as the inevitably hopeless sad sack south of the border. This image ignores its slow upward trajectory. Calderon is better than his predecessor, Vicente Fox, who was better than his predecessor, Ernesto Zedillo, and so on. It is in our interest to foster this (hardly inevitable) trend. In 2006, Calderon narrowly beat Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador, a Hugo Chavez sympathizer.

Obama has echoed a theme of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton on her Mexican trip -- that Mexico's drug-trafficking problem emanates from north of the border, the source of dollars to buy the cartels' drugs and of guns to arm them. But Americans aren't going to stop using drugs, nor are we going to decriminalize them to collapse their market price. Even if the supply of American guns dried up overnight, the rest of Latin America bristles with surplus weaponry.

No, the ultimate solution is within Mexico. The country is fundamentally engaged in a war of counter-insurgency. As the classic theorist of such wars, Bernard Fall, wrote, "When a country is being subverted it is not being outfought; it is being outadministered." Mexico has to assert lawful governmental authority in areas where the cartels dominate and improve its governmental capacity -- something neglected by the Merida Initiative -- across the board.

It can be done, as demonstrated by our other central ally in the region, Colombia. It truly faced state collapse a few years ago, confronting a drug-fueled insurgency that controlled parts of the country and fielded organized troops. Aided by the massive Plan Colombia from the U.S., President Alvaro Uribe outfought -- and out-administered -- his country's enemies. President Calderon can do the same -- provided we stand by him.

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Arrogant Americans, Mr. President?

Guest Editorial
by Peter Heck

As I was sitting in church waiting for the start of the service, my grandpa came walking towards me pointing his finger. No matter how old I get, and no matter how long he's been out of the U.S. Navy, that's still an intimidating sight. As he approached me, his voice quivered as he said, "We saved that continent twice... how dare my president apologize for this country's arrogance." My grandpa is right. Americans need not apologize to the world for their arrogance; rather, Americans should apologize to their forefathers for the arrogance of their president.

Barack Obama's first foreign trip as President of the United States has confirmed the naiveté so many of us feared during the election cycle. But worse than that, it has also demonstrated that our president suffers from either a complete misunderstanding of our heritage and history, or an utter contempt for it. Neither is excusable.

Garnering cheers from the French of all people, President Obama declared, "In America, there is a failure to appreciate Europe's leading role in the world. Instead of celebrating your dynamic union and seeking to partner with you to meet common challenges, there have been times where America has shown arrogance and been dismissive, even derisive." Consider that Obama spoke these words just 500 miles from the beaches of Normandy, where the sand is still stained with 65-year-old blood of "arrogant Americans."

Indeed, columnist Mark Whittington observes, "One should remind Mr. Obama and the Europeans how America has 'shown arrogance' by saving Europe from itself innumerable times in the 20th Century. World War I, World War II, the Cold War, and the wars in the Balkans were largely resolved by American blood, treasure, and leadership." But all that appears lost on the president's seemingly insatiable quest to mend fences he imagines have been tarnished by the bullish George W. Bush.

If Obama wishes to continue trampling the presidential tradition of showing class to former office holders and publicly trash Bush for his own personal gain, so be it. But all Americans should make clear that no man even if he is the president will tarnish the legacy of those Americans who have gone before us. Ours is not a history of arrogance. It is a history of courage, self-sacrifice, and honor.

When abusive monarchs repressed the masses, Americans resisted and overthrew them. When misguided policies led to the unjust oppression of fellow citizens, Americans rebelled and overturned them. When millions of impoverished and destitute wretches sought a new beginning, Americans threw open the door and welcomed them. When imperial dictators were on the march, Americans surrendered their lives to stop them. When communist thugs threatened world peace, Americans bled to defeat them. When an entire continent was overwhelmed with

famine and hunger, Americans gave of themselves to sustain it. When terrorist madmen killed the innocent and subjugated millions, Americans led the fight to topple them.

This is the legacy that generations of Americans have left. If President Obama seeks stronger relations with the world community, perhaps he should begin by reminding them of these very truths, rather than condemning his own countrymen on foreign shores.

This "obsessive need to put down his own country," has caused blogger James Lewis to call President Obama a "stunningly ignorant man" who has evidently never spoken to a concentration camp survivor, a Cuban refugee, a boat person from Vietnam, a Soviet dissident, or a survivor of Mao's purges.

Unfortunately, I can no longer bring myself to give Mr. Obama that benefit of the doubt. Not after looking at the pain in my grandpa's eyes... a man who still carries shrapnel in his body from his service to this country.

As a student and teacher of history, I recognize that America has made mistakes... plenty of them, in fact. But one of the great things about our people has been their courage and humility in admitting and correcting those mistakes. God willing, they will prove that willingness again in four years and correct the mistake that is the presidency of Barack Obama.

Peter Heck is a political commentator, radio host, and newspaper

Country People Are Tough

Farmers produce America's number one export: agricultural products. Cotton farmers literally manufacture money. Seventy-five percent of every dollar bill is made of cotton.

The way the government is spending money these days, cotton farmers are going to be busy.

People who live in the country are so smart. When I was growing up in Waco and Fort Worth, my mother had sisters and brothers who lived in the country near Canton. I thought they were so dumb. I think I was during my junior year in college that I realized how smart they were.

They were mostly self-sufficient and knew how to get along with what's at hand. They knew how to dig a well, build a barn and maintain an outhouse, a garden, an orchard and a peanut crop.

They knew how to use the spring behind their house as a refrigerator. They knew how to save rainwater, kill squirrels with a slingshot, catch fish with a string.



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

They knew how to make lye soap, quilts, sunbonnets and feather mattresses. They knew how to build a fire without matches, wash clothes in a washpot, break ground with a walking plow and a mule, how to grow their own tobacco, dig a cellar, milk a cow, churn butter, cut wood, cook a meal on a wood-burning stove, take a bath in a washtub, ring a chicken's neck and pick blackberries without getting a sticker.

My mother told me she and her sisters used to go to a briar patch and take one of the seed capsules from a bull nettle plant, open it up and find a nut inside it. She said it made for a good snack.

My kinfolks grew cotton: that little white puff of magic composed

of sweat, prayer and money. And somehow it survives hail, dryness, bugs, weeds and US government regulations.

Cotton is planted just after the annual spring drought. Then come the high winds and hail and the planting sometimes has to be repeated.

If there is sufficient water, and enough hot days with plenty of sun, it breaks ground in early summer. If it endures the elements, August is a month of green leafy cotton plants gently swaying in the Texas breeze.

Farmers are in the fields every day, searching the skies for any sign of a slow, soaking rain. It's always a gamble, but the farmer is tough and has been through it all before. He is not afraid to start again.

In late November, if all the crises have passed, cotton becomes a multi million-dollar crop. The gins get busy and farmers start thinking about next year's crop.

Cotton is a strong symbol of the Lone Star state.

State budget will be hashed out by conference committee

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — No surprise: On April 24 the Senate refused to concur with House amendments to SB 1, the 2010-2011 proposed state budget.

The next step is for a conference committee on SB 1 to reconcile differences in the \$178 billion House version and the Senate's \$182.2 billion version.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate, appointed five senators to the conference committee:

- Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chair of the Senate Finance Committee;
- Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, vice chair, Senate Finance Committee;
- Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, chair of the Senate Education Committee;
- Royce West, D-Dallas, chair of the Senate Intergovernmental Relations Committee; and
- Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, chair of the Senate Administration Committee.

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, will name five House members to the conference committee.

9 bills hit governor's desk

As of April 24, a total of nine bills had been passed by both the House and Senate and had been signed or were ready to be signed by the governor.

- One of the three House bills makes it easier for film studios to get state grant money to do their work in Texas.
- Another bill helps to implement a better security system in and around the Houston Ship Channel.
- And, another amends current law by increasing the number of hours that alcoholic beverages can be delivered wholesale or sold in Harris County or its contiguous counties.
- One of six Senate bills to make it to the governor's desk enhances educational opportunities for the children of military families.
- Another bill preserves citizens' immunization records kept in the state immunization registry past the age of 18.
- And, another bill amends the utilities code so that a power company can recover in a timely manner its post-disaster system restoration costs by charging higher rates to customers.

The governor also has signed a total of 45 House and Senate proclamations and resolutions, most of which are congratulatory or memorial in nature.

Compensation bill approved

The House on April 24 voted in favor of the Tim Cole Act, HB 1736, legislation to increase lump-sum compensation for persons convicted for crimes they did not commit.

The amount would increase from \$50,000 to \$80,000 per year of incarceration.

Cole died in a Texas prison for a crime he did not commit.

Driver's license format debuts

The Texas Department of Public Safety on April 22 announced it had switched to a new driver's license format, effective April 15.

The size and shape of the plastic cards are the same, but the cards contain "numerous security features" that the agency announced it would reveal only to law enforcement agencies, financial institutions and other state agencies.

Current licenses are valid but will be phased out as they expire, the DPS said.

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OBITUARIES

Alvin William Estep Jr.

Alvin William Estep Jr. was born on September 5, 1951 to Margerite and Alvin Estep Sr. He left us to be with our Heavenly Father on April 23, 2009 to begin his new journey. Both his parents and grandparents preceded him in death.

Alvin is survived by his wife, Vanda Estep; daughters, Venus Cruz and husband Mark, Varonda Daniels and husband Wayne, and Denisa Estep all of Eldorado, Victoria Segura and husband Luis of Sonora, a son Roger Johnson and wife Destrey of Denver City; eight grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren; Two brothers, Kenneth Estep and wife Myra of Kerrville, Steven Estep and wife Connie of Greenville; and one sister, Robin Wagner of Atlanta.

He will be missed by us all, but never forgotten.

Services were held on Sunday April 26, 2009 at 3 p.m. in Eldorado.

We would like to thank everyone who was with us and helped us in our time of need. We would like to say a special thanks to Vista Care Hospice for being sensitive and caring for Alvin and our family.

Sincerely the Estep family



Ericka Schooley and Clayton Halfmann

COURTESY PHOTO

Congratulations, Clayton and Ericka!

We are happy to announce the engagement of Clayton Halfmann and Ericka Schooley. Clayton is the son of Carey and Debbie Sartain of San Angelo, Tx. He is a graduate of Lake View High School.

Ericka is the daughter of Donna Schooley and the late Cliff Schooley of Eldorado, Tx. She graduated from Eldorado High School. The couple will be married June 13th at Johnson Street Church of Christ and we wish them nothing but the best.

SAGHS presents 'Lessons learned in documenting history'

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society is proud to announce that "Lessons Learned in Documenting History" will be presented by Russell Smith, as part of the last general meeting of the 2008-09 season on Tuesday, May 5th, 2009.

The meeting will be held at the Christian Life Center, 20 East Harris Avenue at 7:00 p.m. (parking on

corner of Chadbourne and E. Harris). For more information call (325) 942-5741 or (325) 944-8403, email SAGHS.Inc@gmail.com. The public is invited to attend.

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Troy Heffernan

NACOGDOCHES — Henry Troy Heffernan died April 21, 2009. He was born April 15, 1942 in Schleicher County Texas to parents Joseph J. & Lorena H. Heffernan. He is survived by his wife Jeannette Heffernan; a brother Larry Heffernan; a sister Marjorie Heffernan; a sister-in-law JoAnn Heffernan; 11 children including Troy Jr., Della, Gina, Angie, Donny, Mikey, Tina, Jenny, Melanie, Edie and Kim; 20 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren. Services were held at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Nacogdoches on April 27, 2009

Juanita "Janie" Arispe

ELDORADO — Juanita "Janie" Arispe, 41, of Abilene went to be an angel on Monday April 20, 2009. She is survived by her mother and step-father Dora and Oscar Samaripa, two sisters, Anna Hernandez and husband Geraldo and Dori Jimenez and husband Lee, one brother Mark Cruz and wife Venus, four nieces and one nephew, and her grandmother Juanita Arispe.

Earnest "Earnie" A. Richters


BIG SPRING — Earnest "Earnie" A. Richters, 91, died Wednesday, April 15, 2009, at his residence. Service was held Saturday, April 18, 2009 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall in Coahoma. Burial followed in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Survivors include daughters Veta of Coahoma, Shirlene Topping of San Antonio and Linda Coates of Coahoma; sons Dwayne Richters of Alvarado, Dean Richters of Coahoma and Don Richters of Eldorado.

Emily Johnson Maness

BROWNWOOD — Emily Johnson Maness, age 87 passed away on April 18, 2009. Emily was preceded in death by her husband Charles Billy Maness, and her parents and four brothers and seven sisters. She is survived by a sister Bert Wood of Hamilton, Tx. and numerous nieces and nephews. Patsy Kellogg is one of the nieces.

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ASK NANCY
 by Eldorado's Own Nancy Lester

My freezer went out. Is the food safe to eat?

By Nancy Lester

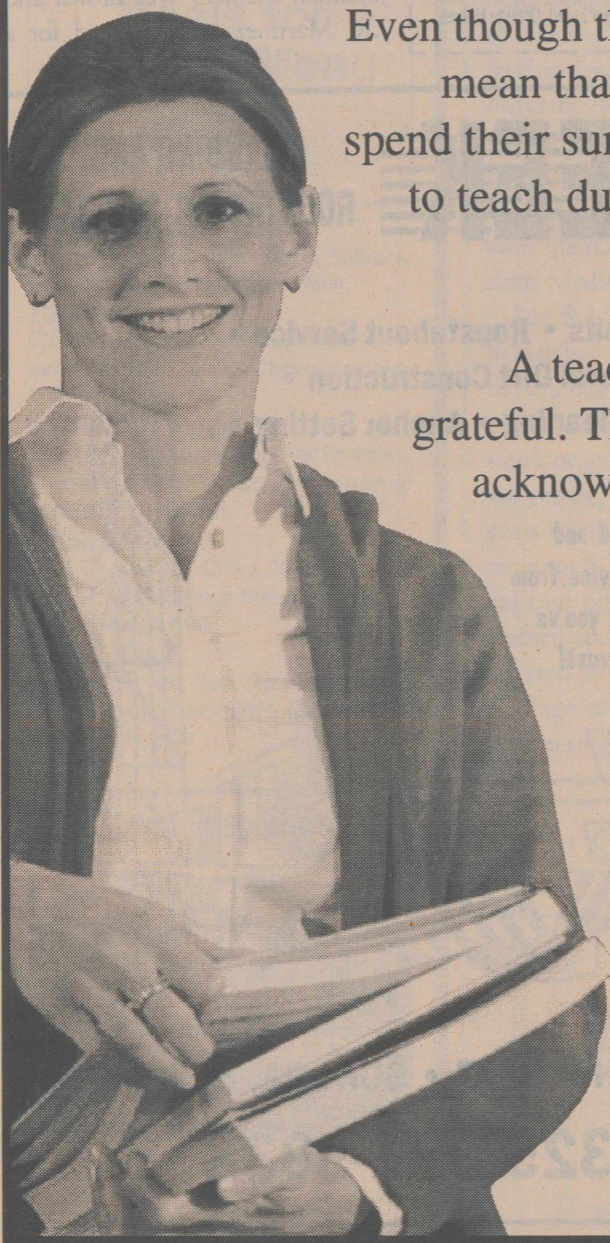
Our question that is asked so many times: "What do I do when my freezer goes out? Is the food still safe to eat?"

Answer: A freezer that is well filled will stay cold enough to keep food safely frozen for 48 hours provided that the door is not opened. Once thawed, foods will deteriorate rapidly. You can safely refreeze frozen juice concentrates and baked goods after they have been completely thawed. You will experience some loss of flavor and quality but the product is safe to eat.

Once vegetables have been thawed they should not be refrozen. The cell structure breaks down in the re-freezing process and you end up with a mushy product that doesn't deserve valuable freezer space.

Meat, fish and poultry can be re-frozen if they still have ice crystals, and if color and odor are good. You will probably experience some freezer burn and lack of appearance and taste in these products. Use them as soon as possible for best results. You can also cook meats and then freeze the prepared dish.

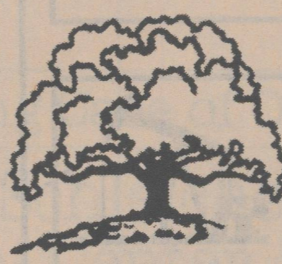
Celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week



Even though the school year may be winding down, that doesn't mean that the work will stop for teachers. While some will spend their summer preparing for next year, others will continue to teach during summer school, or otherwise work to prepare their students for the next semester.

A teacher's work is never done, and for that, we're very grateful. This Teacher Appreciation Week, please join us in acknowledging all of the area teachers and thanking them for their hard work and dedication.

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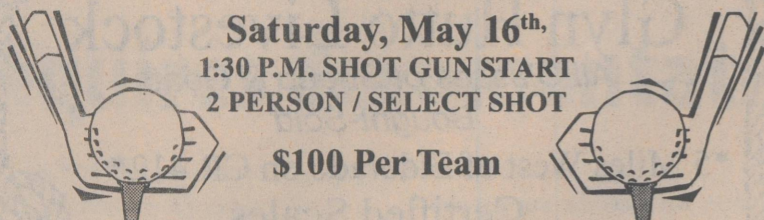
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Minor, Amanda Garcia;
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Rance Cathey, Brianah
Creek, Brianda Torres, Polli
Guerrero, Sierra Arispe,
and Ana Sanchez; Back
(L-R) Michael Rubio,
Mason Baker, Miles
Mikeska, Tyler Farmer, Zack
Brame, Joseph Rubio. (not
pictured Brianah Creek)



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eagles tennis team advances three to Regional Tourney

After a long two windblown days in Wink, TX, the Eagle Tennis Team qualified Brianah Creek in girls singles and Rance Cathey and Mason Baker in boys doubles for regionals. Creek, Baker and Cathey participated in the Regional District 1-2A Tennis Tournament in Levelland on April 14 and 15.

At Regionals Brianah Creek lost to #4 seed and Cathey and

Baker lost to the #1 seed in Doubles at the Regional Tennis Meet held in Levelland April 22 and 23.

The Eagle Tennis team had the most members advancing to the Semi-Finals than any other school participating. All the students played really well and behaved accordingly according to Tennis Coach Manuel San Miguel.

District 1-2A Girls and Boys

Individual results:

Girls Singles Champion – Brianah Creek. (Going on to Regionals)
Boys Doubles Runner-up – Rance Cathey/Mason Baker. (Going on to Regionals)
Girls Doubles Semis – Adriana Hernandez/Ashley Paulson. (4th place)
Boys Doubles Semis – Miles Mikeska/Dustin Ramos. (4th Place)
Mixed Doubles quarters – Emily Espinosa/Joseph Rubio.
The Junior Varsity Team did ex-

tremely well also.

District 1-2A JV individual results are:
Boys Singles – Robert Bucholtz. (1st Place)
Boys Singles – Tyler Farmer. (2nd place)
Girls Singles – Brianda Torres. (1st place)
Girls Doubles – Maureen Martinez/Lauren Rubio. (1st place)
Coach Baker-Shirley assisted Coach San Miguel, along with many parents.

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BREAKFAST LINE
Monday May 4, 2009
Waffle Stix / Syrup, Fruit cups, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday May 5
Breakfast Bagel, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday May 6
Banana Nut Muffin, Choice Cereal Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday May 7
Oatmeal Breakfast Bar, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday May 8
Buttered Toast/ Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
CAFETERIA LINE
Monday May 4, 2009
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes/ Wheat Rolls, Black Eyed Peas, Fruit
Tuesday May 5
Corn Chip Pie/ Cheese cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday May 6
Chicken Spaghetti/Salad, Green Peas, Bread Stix, Fruit
Thursday May 7
Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit
Friday May 8
Hamburgers/Chips, Burger Salad, Orange Halves
BASKET LINE
Monday May 4, 2009
Turkey/Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Carrot Stix / Dip, Fruit
Tuesday May 5
Corn Chip Pie/cheese cup, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Sugar Cookies
Wednesday May 6
Sausage Wraps, Carrot Stix / Dip, Curly Fries, Fruit
Thursday May 7
Pep. Pizza, Tossed Salad, Fruit
Friday May 8
Hamburgers/Chips, Burger Salad, Orange Halves

Eagles clinch playoff berth, face play-in with Medina

The Eldorado Eagles baseball team has clinched a playoff berth, but must travel to Junction on Monday where they will face the Medina Bobcats at 4:30 p.m. to determine the second and third place teams behind the league-leading Junction Eagles.

Eldorado's Warbirds reached the playoff by winning sweeping their last three games following a hard-fought 6-7 loss to Medina on April 13th.

The Eagles tallied a 7-3 win over Menard on April 17th. Garrett Lux counted for 2 runs on 3 hits with an RBI while Nathan Jimenez added another 2 on 2 hits. Milo Vallejo tallied a run on 2 hits, Ben Wipff got a run on 1 hit and Paul Martinez added a run on 2 hits to round out the scoring for the Eagles.

Eldorado won a 6-5 game over Mason on April 20th. Milo Vallejo and Rance Cathey each counted for 2 runs in the game, while Dustin Gauna and Nathan Jimenez each added a run to round out the scoring for Eldorado.

The Eagles closed out the regular season with a 17-5 rout of the Rocksprings Angoras. Milo Vallejo, Rance Cathey and Dustin Gauna contributed 3 runs each while Miles Mikeska and Garrett Lux added a pair of runs each. Nathan Jimenez, Jonathan Belman, Wes Brown and J.R. Martinez each counted for a



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Try as he might, the Medina Bobcat catcher couldn't force Miles Mikeska off the plate before he scored a run in the Eagles 6-7 loss to the Bobcats on Eagle Field March 13th.

run to round out the scoring for the Warbirds. Everyone is encouraged to make the trip to Junction to support the Medina Eagles as they take on the Medina Bobcats.

Lady Eagles face McCamey in playoffs

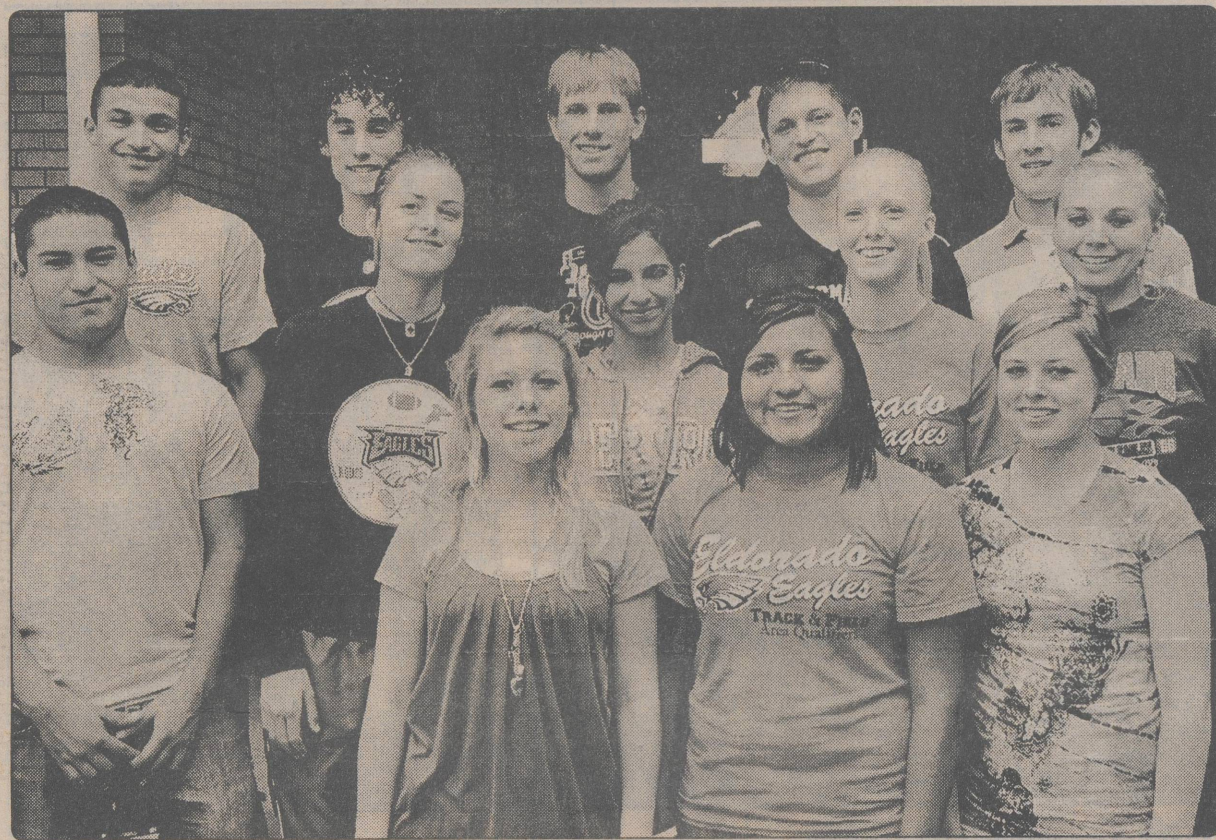
The Eldorado Lady Eagles will travel to Big Lake on Tuesday, May 4th to take on the McCamey Lady Badgers in the Bi-District round of the State 1A softball playoffs. The game is slated for 5 p.m. and everyone is encouraged to make the trip and support the Lady Eagles.



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Lady Eagle Outfielder/Pitcher Amy Alivzo throws the ball in after fielding it near the 3rd baseline. The Lady Eagles softball team will be playing in Big Lake Tuesday at 5:00 against McCamey for Bi District Title.

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REGIONAL TRACK QUALIFIERS — Eagles and Lady Eagles Regional Track Qualifiers will travel to Levelland to compete in 1-2A Regional Track Meet May 1 and 2. Front (L-R) Ashby Ragsdale, Laura Garcia, Brianah Creek; Center (L-R): Ivany Sanchez, Allyson Jarrett, Brianda Torres, Haley Higgins, Bridgett Mitchell; Back (L-R) Rudy Sanchez, Bailey Minor, Garrett Lux, Ryan Castillo, Wes Brown. Higgins will compete in High Jump and Allyson Jarrett will compete in the Long Jump. Ragsdale, Garcia, Creek, Torres, Higgins, Mitchell will compete in the 400 M. Relay and 800 Meter Relay. Sanchez, Minor, Castillo, Lux and Brown will compete in the 400 Meter and 800 Meter Relays.

County to pursue grant for walking, jogging path

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downturn since it won't have to send as much, if any, tax revenue out of the district.

The meeting with Campbell was arranged because the commissioners wanted to better understand the tax implications before considering a resolution to urge State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative Harvey Hilderbran to contact the Comptroller's office concerning the interpretation of state law concerning the market condition factor.

A 90-minute-long closed-door executive session followed in which the court met with interim road superintendent Mark Graves. The men returned to open session without taking any action on the matter.

The court next met with Tom Brown with Naismith Engineering who presented survey results for the Open Space Master Park Plan. A total of 1,206 surveys were mailed to local residents of which 110 surveys were completed and returned.

Brown said the survey's top response was in favor of building a new swimming pool. Construction of a walking and jogging trail ranked second on the survey, with playscape equipment for children coming in at third place. Improving the golf course finished last on the list in 13th place.

Brown explained that the age group responding the survey was unusual because most of the respondents were senior citizens.

Commissioner Kirk Griffin then brought forward the idea of buying a "chip spreader" and roller through the Houston Buy-Board. The equipment would allow the county to use cold mix road material to pave county roads. Griffin told the court the new mixes where affordable and that county employees had the knowledge and ability to prepare a good road base for paving. The item was tabled for discussion at a later date.

The commissioners then voted in support of Resoluion 042709 which gives the court the authority to submit a "Trail Grant" application, in the amount of \$200,000, to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. If it is received, the grant will be used for construction of a walking and jogging trail. It was noted the county would have to commit 20 percent in matching funds on "in-kind" contributions to the project. It was further explained that the grant would be a "stepping stone" grant which will help secure grant funds for the construction of a new swimming pool.

Interestingly, the county's "Trail Grant" application proposes to build walking and bike trails along

several city streets. City mayor John Nikolauk says that no one from the county has approached the city about the project.

"I'm not saying that I'm against the project," Nikolauk said, "I just wish someone would talk to us about the project before mapping it out on the city's streets."

Commissioners present for Monday's meeting included Lynn Meador, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown. Commissioner Johnny Mayo absent. County Judge Charlie Bradley chaired the meeting with County Clerk Peggy Williams and County Treasurer Karen Henderson in attendance.

Capital Highlights . . .

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Natural gas fuel money sought

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson on April 21 said the Texas General Land Office will seek \$15 million in federal money to be matched by T. Boone Pickens' Clean Energy Inc. to build natural gas fuel stations across Texas.

Patterson said natural gas vehicles emit about 25 percent less greenhouse gases than vehicles powered by gasoline.

The public-private effort also has a goal to increase the size of natural gas vehicle fleets.

Deceptive Trade Practices Act for operating a fraudulent water-as-fuel scheme.

Siman-Tov, a southern California businessman, operates 1 Freedom Inc. and a Web site, water4gas.com.

The defendant's do-it-yourself manuals on installing water-to-fuel devices in vehicles do not reduce fuel costs, increase gas mileage or enhance engine performance, according to the state's enforcement action.

AG files suit against business

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on April 23 charged Eyal Siman-Tov with violating the Texas



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Nursing Home Volunteers

Recently the Schleicher County Nursing Home honored their volunteers with a Tea Party. Volunteers attendees honored were: (L-R) Mary Roden, Linda Kingston, Tony Chavez, Olivia Chavez, Dana Owens, Norma Lynn Mund, Rosetta Lozano, Linda Lindsey, Peggy Daniels, and Dora Bosmans. Attendees who left before picture taken- Peggy Grelle, Ebba Nikolauk, Sue Richters, Jimmie Sue Griffith and Sylas Polittle.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY May 4
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk.

TUESDAY May 5
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk.

WEDNESDAY May 6
Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie with Nuts, Juice, Milk.

THURSDAY May 7
Pork Chop with Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk.

FRIDAY May 8
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce/Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk.

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Cawley and McCormick to join Plateau Underground Water District board of directors

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District Board of Directors cancelled the 2009 Directors election in a board meeting April 2nd. Cindy Cawley of Precinct 2 and Phil McCormick of Precinct 3 were the only applicants for a place on the ballot, and being unopposed, will be sworn in sometime in May following the May 9th election date.

Sambo Henderson has represented Precinct 2 for the past 12 years and has reached the District term limit of two consecutive six year terms. He served as Board Chairman for the past three years.

Lynn Griffin has served as Director for Precinct 3 for the past 10 years, appointed in 1999, and then elected in 2003, and has chosen not to run for another six year term.

The new Directors will both bring years of experience to the Plateau UWC&SD Board. Ms. Cawley, who, with her husband, John

Ben, ranches and owns an engraving business, Cut in Stone, was general manager of Plateau UWC&SD from 1991 to 2005, and also the Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District from 1998 to 2006.

Mr. McCormick also ranches and owns and operates McCormick Real Estate. He is a licensed real estate appraiser and has served on the Schleicher County Appraisal District Board of Directors for many years.

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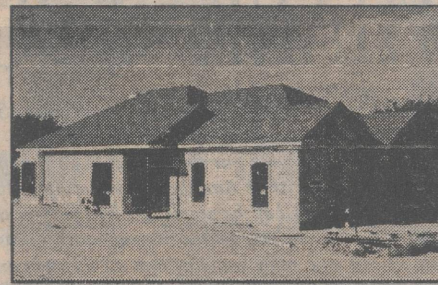
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Schleicher County Medical Center Offers Medicare Patients Advice on Cancer Screenings

ELDORADO — This month, in honor of National Cancer Control Month, the folks at Schleicher County Medical Center and Schleicher County Family Clinic are urging you to take the steps necessary for preventing and detecting cancer while on Medicare. With so many different types of cancer it is difficult to know what is natural for your body and what should be checked out immediately. SCMC and the Family Clinic want to do all they can to help answer questions you might have about all the options Medicare offers to screen and treat cancer.

"At Schleicher County Medical Center and Schleicher County Family Clinic, our goal is to help our patients live a healthy life. Medicare covers a variety of cancer screenings and preventative programs to ensure that those who qualify are getting the care they need to stay healthy for years to come," said Dr. Gordy Day Medical Director at SCMC. "In addition to the great medical care offered by our hospital and clinic, our trained staff can advise you on what exams are covered by Medicare and which ones aren't."

Experts agree that the key to managing cancer is detecting and treating it early. Most people are

unaware of the numerous tools Medicare has to offer. In fact, did you know that Medicare offers a "Welcome to Medicare" preventative physical exam? Offered during your first year on Medicare Part B, this exam can help uncover current medical conditions as well as determine risks for future health problems. Along with these screenings, your doctor or nurse will talk to you about how to live a healthy lifestyle and may recommend other tests for cancer or any other problems they might foresee.

In addition to the "Welcome to Medicare" exam Medicare covers a variety of cancer screenings to help you live cancer-free, including breast, cervical, colon and prostate cancer exams. For people with tobacco-related cancer risks, Medicare even will cover smoking cessation programs.

Medicare is a government-funded insurance program that provides coverage for people aged 65 or older or those with a qualifying disability. For more information about Medicare's programs for the prevention and early detection of cancer, call the Family Clinic today at 853-3137 to schedule an appointment.

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USDA Livestock Disaster Program requires documentation of loss

ELDORADO — According to Jan G. Wanoreck, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency (FSA) in Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County, livestock producers who incurred eligible livestock death losses due to adverse weather events on or after January 1, 2008, and before October 1, 2011, should begin gathering related loss documentation in accordance with FSA's Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) provisions.

"Losses because of adverse weather, as determined by the Secretary of Agriculture during the calendar year, including blizzards, disease, extreme cold, extreme heat, floods, hurricanes, and wildfires, are eligible for LIP,"

said Wanoreck.

Producers are advised that verifiable death loss documentation will not be accepted by FSA County Offices until LIP applications are filed.

Adequate documentation must prove the death of eligible livestock occurred as a direct result of an eligible adverse weather event in the calendar year for which benefits are being requested.

If adequate verifiable proof of death records documentation is not available, a livestock producer may provide reliable records, along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory, as proof of death.

Certifications of livestock deaths

by third parties may be accepted only if verifiable proof of death records or reliable proof of death records along with verifiable beginning and ending inventory records are not available. A third party statement is an independent source who is not affiliated with the farming operation, such as a hired hand or a family member.

"Our staff can provide producers with a list of acceptable proof of death, producer records and verifiable inventory documentation," said Wanoreck. "LIP indemnity payments will be 75 percent of the fair market value of the livestock as determined by the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC).

Additional information about LIP is available at FSA County Offices or by visiting the national FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

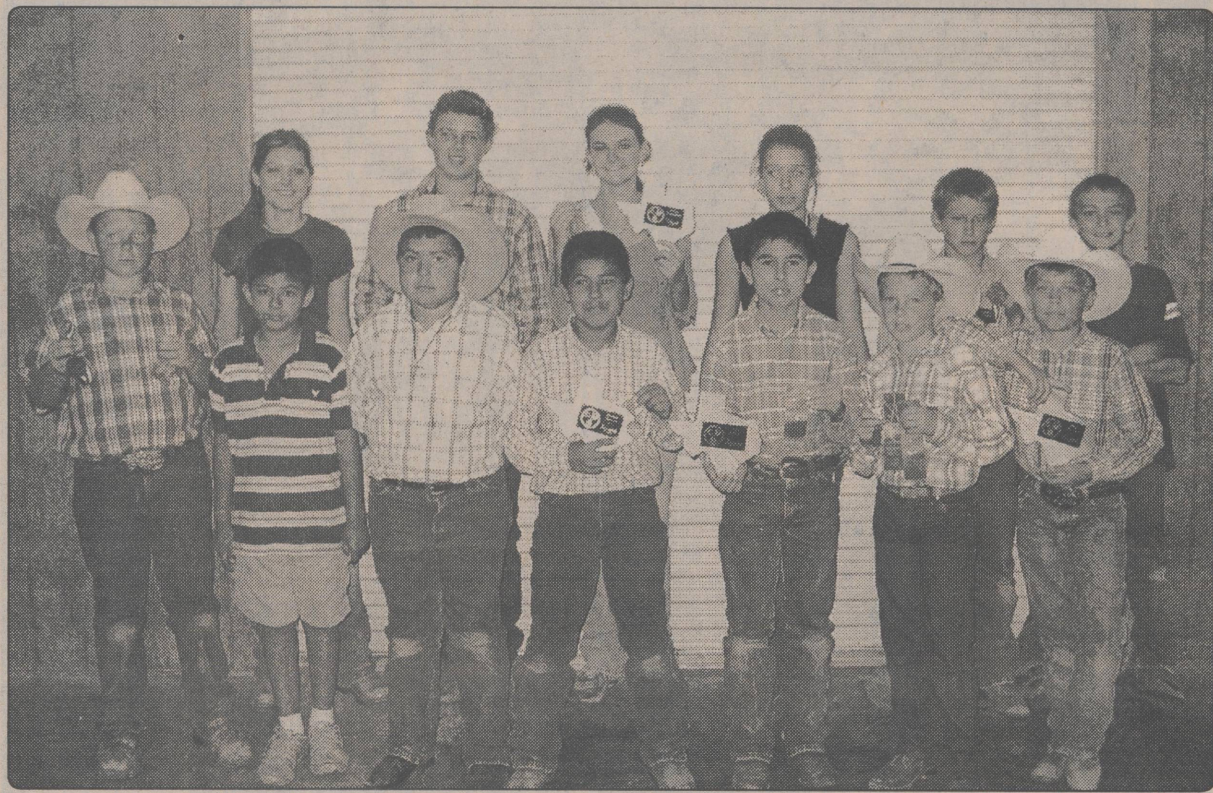


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Schleicher Counties 4-H Open Range, Wool and Mohair Teams: (L-R) Davis Hutto, Roman Gonzalez, Jess Gonzales, Marcos Ramon, West Ramon, Franklin Buchholz, Will Mynatt; Back (L-R) Kairos McCollum, Robert Buchholz, Charli Swinford, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Dalton Buchholz and Gareth Swinford. (Not Present) Byron Aycock.

Local 4-H hosts Open Range, Wool and Mohair Judging Contest

Eldorado 4-H was the host to Eldorado, Sutton, Crockett, Kerr, Kendall, Kimble, Val Verde, Llano and Irion Counties in Open Range, Wool and Mohair Judging Contest. The contest was held April 25, 2009 at the Schleicher County Civic Center and sponsored by Eldorado Divide SWCD.

In the Novice Wool Division - Davis Hutto placed 3rd and Franklin Buchholz place 4th. Novice Wool Team place 2nd. The team consist of Franklin Buchholz, Davis Hutto, Marcos Ramon and Will Mynatt.

Junior Wool Division Dalton Buchholz placed 6th. The Junior Wool Judging Team placed 2nd. Members of the team are Dalton Buchholz, Ivie Mynatt, West Ramon and Gareth Swinford.

No Seniors placed in the Wool Division.

In the Open Range Novice Judging Division Franklin Buch-

holz placed 4th and Davis Hutto placed 5th. The Novice Open Range Judging Team placed 2nd. Team members are Franklin Buchholz, Davis Hutto, Jess Gonzales and Marcos Ramon.

Junior High Individuals in Open Range Judging were 2. Dalton Buchholz, 4. Gareth Swinford, 5. West Ramon; Junior Team placed 2nd. Team members are Dalton Buchholz, West Ramon, Gareth Swinford, Davis Hutto.

Senior Open Range Judging Team placed 3rd. Team members are Robert Buchholz, Charli Swinford and Kairos McCollum. No Seniors placed individually in the Open Range Judging Team.

In the Novice Division in the Open Wool and Mohair Davis Hutto placed 3rd and Franklin Buchholz placed 4th. Novice Mohair Team Franklin Buchholz, Davis Hutto, Will Mynatt, and Marcos Ramon placed 2nd. Novice

Mohair Team Roman Gonzalez, Bryon Aycock, and Jess Gonzales placed 5th.

In the Junior Mohair Individual Division Dalton Buchholz placed 1st. Junior Mohair Judging Team of Dalton Buchholz, Ivie Mynatt, West Ramon and Gareth Swinford placed 1st.

Robert Buchholz, placed 4th in the high individual Senior Mohair Division. The Senior Mohair Team Robert Buchholz, Charli Swinford, and Kairos McCollum placed 5th.

Cash prizes went to Overall Age Groups. Kinsey Chandler of Crockett County scored 384 winning the \$250 1st place prize in the Mohair Division. Dalton Buchholz and Laura Stapper of Crockett County tied with a score of 376.

In the Wool Division the first place prize of \$250 went to Tess Dule of Kerr County with a score of 340.

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 From all of our family we say thank you and "well done."
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 30th Prissy Paxton, Dora L. Arispe, Stoney Harris, Margarita Arispe, Landon Nixon, Kimberly Edmiston, Leeroy Arispe, Asa Paschal, Debbie Burleson
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 3rd Martha Lively, Ramiro Buitron, Ryan Adame
 4th Scot Espinosa, Michael Coker, Jill Sanchez, Elena Escobar, Steve Nelson, Victoria Jo Belman, Krystal Crofoot
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ACROSS
 1. Drags one's feet
 7. Study all night
 11. Profs' aides
 14. Biblical plague insect
 15. Gives a new look to
 17. Sketcher's eraser
 18. Average Joe
 19. Railroad cross beam
 20. Fuse unit
 22. Flows slowly
 23. "Peanuts" epithet
 26. ___ out (just manage)
 28. Pundit Coulter
 29. Gives a thumbs-up to
 30. About 1/28 ounce
 34. Brake features
 36. Some English colleagues
 37. "Do a Good Turn Daily" group
 40. Remove via wagon, maybe
 43. The Beatles' "Any Time ___"
 47. Chewy Italian candy
 48. Architect I.M. ___
 50. Long or Peebles
 51. California's Big ___
 52. Dines at noon
 55. Zesty dip
 59. Fond du ___, Wisc.
 60. Jeans brand

DOWN
 1. Hearst kidnap org.
 2. Trattoria dessert
 3. They speak louder than words
 4. Raced at the Winter Olympics
 5. Baton Rouge sch. e.g.
 6. A gospel writer
 7. Fancy flapjack
 8. Jeremiah Wright's title: Abbr.
 9. Iowa State's home
 10. Greedy one's cry
 11. Egg-based paint
 12. "First Dude" Todd Palin
 13. W-2 ID16. Salon supply
 21. Prefix with deed, lead, or read
 23. ___ about (rove)
 24. Split off from the band
 25. Snapshot, slangily
 27. Ambulance letters
 31. ___ TURN (road sign)
 32. Involve by necessity
 33. Main point
 35. Radioer on the road
 36. Outer: Prefix
 38. Hither's partner
 39. Dragged to court
 40. Oz. and kg.
 41. Part of HUD
 42. Adventurous rovers
 44. Toughens, as metal
 45. Driver's need
 46. "Well, ___-di-dah!"
 48. Prankster's spheroid
 49. Money set aside
 53. Former "The Price Is Right" announcer Johnny
 54. Gastric woe
 56. Hawaiian keepsake
 57. Satirical Mort
 58. Land measure
 61. Relatives: Abbr.
 62. Prefix with angle or pod
 64. Suffix with ranch
 65. Letterman list count

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Important information about Swine Flu

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security:

- People cannot get swine influenza from eating pork or pork products. Most influenza viruses, including the swine flu virus, are not spread by food.
- Eating properly handled and cooked pork products is safe.
- No food safety issues have been identified, related to the flu.
- Preliminary investigations have determined that none of the people infected with the flu had contact with hogs.
- The virus is spreading by human-to-human transmission.

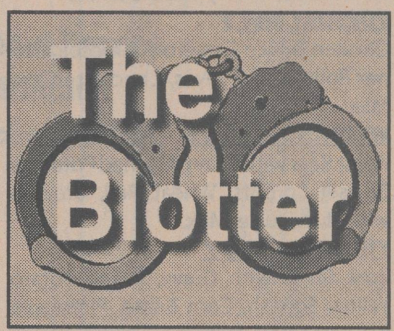
The CDC recommends the following measures to prevent the transmission of flu:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze.
- Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands frequently and use alcohol-based sanitizers.
- Try not touch surfaces that may be contaminated with the flu virus.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Try to stay in good general health.
- Get plenty of sleep, be physically active, manage your stress, drink plenty of fluids, and eat nutritious food.

Detailed information and updates on the flu outbreak may be obtained at: Texas Department of State Health Services <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/> (then click on "Swine Flu") Centers for Disease Control and Prevention <http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/>

If you own swine, consider the following practices to enhance the bio-security on your farm to prevent the disease from being transmitted to your herd:

- Workers should shower and change into farm-specific clothes and shoes before entering swine facilities.
- Establish, implement and enforce strict sick leave policies for workers presenting influenza-like symptoms.
- Recommend that workers with symptoms be seen by a medical provider immediately.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

- ARRESTS**
 No Arrests Reported
- INCIDENTS**
APRIL 22 - 3:13 PM • Caller reported a grass fire on CR915. EVFD responded.
APRIL 23 - 8:36 AM • Caller reported a control burn.
3:37 PM • Caller reported an accident in front of City Hall. Officers responded.
APRIL 24 - 12:34 AM • Game Warden reported a deer having been hit on FM 2129. Officer responded.
12:59 AM • Smoke alarm in isolation werrt off. Upon examination, no smoke or flame was

- detected. Alarm reset.
10:52 AM • Funeral escort requested.
APRIL 25 - 12:32 AM • Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.
3:21 PM • Caller reported reckless driver on 277 N. Officer responded.
APRIL 26 - 2:15 AM • Complainant reported people near her residence were being disruptive. Officer responded. Kids playing basketball. Kids agreed to keep noise down.
3:11 AM • Caller reported stranger knocking on her door.
APRIL 27 - 6:23 AM • National Weather Service from San Angelo advised that a severe thunderstorm would be near Eldorado around 7 am moving southeast from Ozona at 25 mph and capable of penny sized hail and destructive winds in excess of 70 mph.
8:40 AM • Caller reported smoke from apartments on Del Rio St. Officers and EVFD responded.
4:02 PM • Caller was reporting bees in vacant house near their residence. Contacted Chief Jones.
10:19 PM • Female subject stated there were juveniles riding around shooting BB guns. Subject stated her son had been hit. Officer notified.
APRIL 28 - 4:34 AM • Caller reported seeing smoke near Hackelberry Draw. EVFD notified and responded. Fire Chief determined company flaring gas.
6:02 AM • EMS paged out for transfer to hospital.
1:18 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.
1:19 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn. Units notified.

Restrict the entry of people into your facility to only workers and essential service personnel.

- Prevent international visitors from entering your facilities.
- Ensure adequate ventilation in facilities to minimize re-circulation of air inside animal housing facilities.
- Vaccinate pigs against the influenza virus. Vaccination of pigs can reduce the levels of virus shed by infected animals
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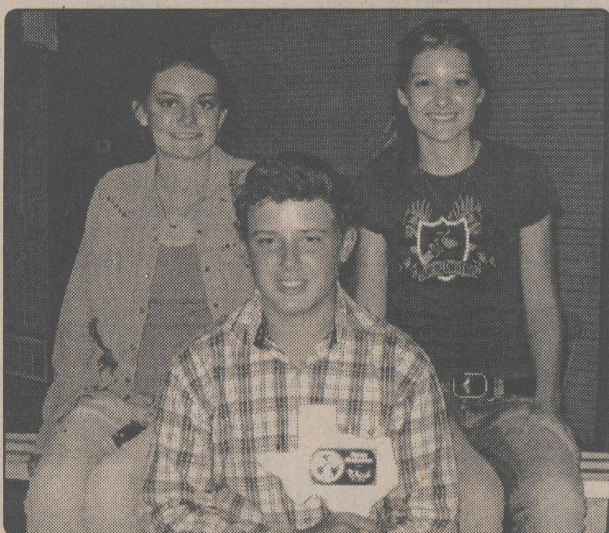
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Woman's Club visits Carmelite Monastery

Members of the Eldorado Woman's Club traveled to eastern Schleicher County on Tuesday, April 15 to visit the Carmelite Monastery. Here they pose for the camera outside the monastery's ornate doorway. Those pictured include (L-R) Pat Holt, Jill Preston, Nowieta Briggs, Trish Rowe, Karen Stoeber, Gloria Swift, Rev. Anthony Sloan, Rene Calcote, Mary Roden, Jerre Holley, Cathy Niblett, Ruth Davis, Myrt Williams & Dorothy Dacy. Not pictured was Susan Lively.



Eldorado Woman's Club takes field trip to visit the beautiful Carmelite monastery

by Nowieta Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met April 15, 2009 at the Methodist Church Annex. Thirteen members and one guest Dorothy Dacy traveled out in two vans to the Via Maria Monastery Feliciadele which is located 37 miles NE from Eldorado off Rudd Road. The sign atop the entry gate to the monastery grounds stated the monastery order was over 100 years old.

The land for the compound was donated by Pierce Holt. The Sykes house on the property used to have a post office and is three stories high. Bob and Pat Sykes lived in the house once and Pierce Holt now lives there.

The monastery's current resident Priest Father Anthony Sloan lives in his own house down the road from the Monastery complex. The beautiful limestone rock monastery is on a hill and the view is outstanding. The beautiful monastery buildings are built of native rock and consist of a chapel which has a special small room for the priest. Other rooms are the dining hall and a kitchen and a meeting room. We did not tour the compound but were told the quarters where the nuns live were close by.

The resident priest, Rev. Anthony Sloan, who has been there 4 years, had set up folding chairs in a circle outside in a lovely area near a rock water tank and a water trough which this country person enjoyed seeing.

Father Anthony Sloan was called to a life as a prayer priest and has been a priest for 14 years. Father Anthony Sloan belongs to the order of Carmelite monks whose life is devoted to prayer. Father Sloan has lived at the monastery now for 4 years.

Father Sloan talked the group about our union with God. Father Sloan said we were created out of nothing and born to share God's life. He said there are good and bad angels-Lucifer being a bad angel as he lost God's grace, and no longer has the capacity to live in heaven. Sloan said we all need a contrite heart which enables us to receive God's grace. He said prayer is our means to enter into a meeting with God. It is best to pray first thing in the morning and to read scripture and to use the Bible to enter into a time of prayer. Read, meditate, rest in the still presence of God in contemplatory prayer. The priest said he had been in monastery life for 23 years. He said

to become a monk or a nun, a person first must make renunciations.

Father Sloan said humans were created to enter into union with God in an act of faith. Being human and making mistakes we are to ask the Lord to forgive us, and not to dwell on our wrongs but to accept God's grace.

We thank Father Sloan for his informative talk and taking time to make our field trip to the monastery so memorable and to give us thought to what our relationship with God should be.

Our hospitality committee-Karen Stova, Jerre Holley, Jill Preston, Rene Calcote, and Trish Rowe had set up several tables on the front porch of the annex building of the monastery. The tables were covered in festive pink cloths and the table center piece was a basket filled with artificial flowers. Lunch was very delicious. We thank those who prepared the good food. We were honored to have Father Sloan lunch with us.

Pat Holt made an announcement that the Scholarship Committee needs to meet.

After our visit this reporter feels the wonderful blessings we all received from Father Sloan and the nuns.

We did not tour the complex but the buildings are made of natural rock and are very beautiful. I visited the chapel area and it was a special place. The area around where the Father preaches in the chapel has a special little room to one side. In the dining room area I got to talk to the Mother Superior, Sister Mary Grace, and she is a delightful lady with a beautiful smile and helpful ways. Our trip to the monastery was so special that mere words cannot describe our time there. Schleicher county is blessed to have the compound and its people in our midst.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, May 12, 2009 at 12 noon and will be our Salad Lunches meeting at the Methodist Fellowship Hall. We always honor Senior Class Scholarship girls at this meeting and we look forward to meeting them. Paige Ragsdale has taken over at school since Maureen Hodges retired so we are looking forward to meeting her.

Our club year has been one of many memorable meetings and we thank all who made it so. We look forward to a wonderful summer time for everyone and we look forward to the beginning of another great club year come September 8, 2009.

4-H District Wool and Mohair, Range Judging

Eldorado 4-H sent several teams to participate in the District 7 Range Judging, Wool and Mohair Judging Contest in San Angelo, April 22, 2009.

Robert Buchholz took top high

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

"Yabba Dabba Doo!"

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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point winner in the Senior Mohair Division.

Kairos McCollum placed 6th in the Senior Mohair Division.

Senior Mohair Team placed 2nd. The team consists of Robert Buchholz, Kairos McCollum and Charli Swinford.

In the Junior Wool Division Eldorado Junior Team placed 2nd. Team members in the Junior Wool Division are Dalton Buchholz, Ivie Mynatt, West Ramon, and Garet Swinford. The team of Franklin Buchholz, Davis Hutto, Will Mynatt, and Marcos Ramon placed 3rd.

Individual scores in the Junior Wool Division are:

2nd High Individual Dalton Buchholz; 3rd High Individual Ivie Mynatt and 6th High Individual Franklin Buchholz.

In the Junior Mohair Division Jess Gonzales placed 6th and team consisting of Jess Gonzales, Bryon Aycock, and Roman Gonzales placed 3rd.

Robert Buchholz, Charli Swinford and Kairos McCollum will advance to state in Mohair Judging.

In the Senior Individual Range Division Robert Buchholz took first place, Kairos McCollum, placed 3rd and Charli Swinford placed 4th.

Robert Buchholz, Kairos McCollum and Charli Swinford won 1st place team standing in the

Senior Range Judging Division. Llano County Team placed 2nd.

Franklin Buchholz, Jess Gonzales, Marcos Ramon and Davis Hutto team placed 1st in the Junior Range Judging Division.

Dalton Buchholz, Garet Swinford, West Ramon and Domingo Garcia range judging team placed 2nd in the Junior Division.

Individual results in the Junior Division are: 1. Dalton Buchholz, 2. Franklin Buchholz, 4. Davis Hutto, 5th West Ramon, and 6. Jess Gonzales.



Eldorado's 4-H District Wool and Mohair Judging Teams. Front (L-R) Jess Gonzales, Garet Swinford, Ivie Kate Mynatt, Kairos McCollum, Charli Swinford, Back (L-R) Roman Gonzalez, Davis Hutto, Franklin Buchholz, Bryon Aycock, Robert Buchholz, Dalton Buchholz, West Ramon, Will Mynatt and Marcos Ramon

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