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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Members of the Middle School Eagles football squad make their way through the "Hamburger Line" during Meet the Eagles on Tuesday night.

KLDE unveils "Oldies" format

104.9 FM slated to go on the air Thursday

KLDE-FM 104.9, Eldorado's first and only commercial radio station, is due to go on the air Thursday, September 6, 2007. Also known as "Oldies 104.9" the station will broadcast an array of hits from the late 50's through the 1980's.

"West Texas radio listeners today have a lot of choices in music, so long as those choices include Country or Top 40," KLDE spokesman Randy Mankin commented this week when the station's format was made public. "We feel there is room on the dial for a mix of oldies."

Promotional material for the station boast that KLDE will be playing "the greatest hits of the 50's, 60's 70's and beyond."

"The problem with most stations is they play the same hundred songs over and over," Mankin explained. "There's

a lot of great music out there...music that you and I grew up listening to, and no one in this area is playing it."

KLDE aims to correct that problem with an extensive library of rock & roll and country songs, everyone of them a certified hit.

KLDE will also be broadcasting Eldorado Eagles football games live, both home and away. The station will be adding other products such as national and state news and weather in the coming days.

KLDE is licensed to broadcast with 6,000 watts of power, twice the strength of Eldorado's nearest FM station. Engineering tests during the past week indicate the station's signal reaches well beyond Sonora to the south and covers San Angelo to the north.

School trustees see first substantial enrollment increase in recent years

Board's tax rate vote triggers automatic rollback election

School started Monday, August 27 and by the end of the day school administrators realized they would need to hire a new kindergarten teacher.

School trustees, meeting last week, went into executive session for over an hour before returning to open session and voting to hire Robbin Hutto as a Kindergarten teacher.

Hutto is no stranger to Eldorado Elementary, teaching for several years before retiring to be a stay at home mother.

At the close of the school year May 2007, the kindergarten class had 44 students. Monday enrollment was 65 students in kindergarten and 288 total in Elementary, up 15 students.

Trustee Kirk Jones abstained from the vote to hire Ms. Hutto, noting that he has a grandchild in Kindergarten.

The meeting started with a Public Hearing to receive comments on the 2007-2008 budget and proposed tax rate. Present for the meeting were Board President Kurtis Homer, trust-

ee's Berta Nicholson, Leanne Higgins, Jan Wanoreck, Kirk Jones, Robert Jay and Lupe Sanchez. No members of the public were present for the session.

Superintendent Billy Collins, Financial Manager Ray Ballew and principals Kara Garlitz and Mayla Edmonson were also present.

The board then approved adoption of the 2007-2008 school budget with increases in the instruction/instructional and construction/improvement functions. This increase in the amount of \$907,270.00 would be funded with a tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 of taxable valuation.

This increase activated a rollback election to be held November 6 when the voters will be given the opportunity to decide if the proposed tax rate will stand. If the rollback succeeds, the school's tax rate would be automatically rolled back to \$1.04, a level that would raise the same amount of revenue as last year. Last year's tax rate was \$1.37 per \$100.

Superintendent Billy Collins recommended the \$1.17 rate saying it would afford the district the opportunity to pay for improvements to the Elementary Gym, Middle School Gym, Elementary building, and more without having to borrow money by issuing bonds that would have to be repaid in future years.

Collins also explained that the proposed rate of \$1.17 is 20 cents less than last year's rate, which will decrease the taxes on a \$100,000 home by approximately \$200 per year.

After discussion the board voted to propose the \$1.17 rate. The trustees then voted to call for a rollback election to be held on November 6, 2007. (See public notice on Page 7.)

Among other business the trustees voted to approve a budget amendment to move 2006-07 construction funds into the 2007-08 construction fund. The meeting then adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Jane Blackmore bucks FLDS 'system'

Estranged mother enters S.D. compound in attempt to see daughter, grandchildren

Editor's note:

The following story appeared in the August 30, 2007 edition of the Custer County Chronicle in Custer, S.D. It is reprinted here with permission.

by Norma Najacht

Susie Johnson may never know her mother came to visit her last Saturday. She and her children may never receive the presents her mother lovingly chose and left for her.

Jane Blackmore knew she didn't have much hope of seeing her daughter, Susie, when she made the 932-mile, two-day trip to Custer from her home in Cranbrook, British Columbia, Canada, but still she came.

"For the most part, it's maternal," she said simply. "She's my daughter."

Jane wasn't asking for much; just a short visit with her daughter, who she's seen only once since July 2003. She didn't even ask to see Susie's four sons, two of whom she has never seen. One was born approximately a month ago, but Jane has not been informed of his birth date or his name.

At the age of 17, Susie was taken by her father, Winston Blackmore, to Salt Lake City to marry Ben Johnson. They met for the first time just five minutes before the ceremony.

In early 2004, Susie went missing from their Colorado City, Ariz., home. Jane received a call from Susie in June of that year, begging Jane to stop trying to track her down. There was an obvious strain in Susie's voice.

Finally, Susie said, "Mother, my time is up. I have to go now." Johnson then got on the line and warned Jane that God

did not want her to find Susie and their three young sons.

For two years, Jane did not know where Susie was. In September 2004, Jane asked the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, Interpol and the FBI to try to find her daughter.

But what those agencies could not do was but a small feat for one Cookie Hickstein of rural Custer County, who regularly noted the goings-on at the nearby compound of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS).

When Hickstein noticed Johnson's picture which had been taken at the compound here, the mystery of Susie's whereabouts finally began to unravel. Once the person in the picture was confirmed by the Custer County Sheriff's office as the person in charge of the FLDS compound near Pringle, Jon Krakauer, author of "Under the Banner of Heaven: A Story of Violent Faith," a book about the FLDS, then notified Jane.

Jane had assumed that Susie was at the FLDS compound near Eldorado, Texas, when she disappeared. "I didn't even know about this place at all," Jane said about the enclave here.

Jane saw Susie last March when Krakauer met her at the Denver airport and drove her to Custer. Jane asked to take Ben and Susie and the children to lunch, but Johnson refused to eat with her. He agreed to bring Susie to a park in Rapid City so Jane could visit her. Jane did not get to see her three grandsons.

"She seemed 'flat,'" Jane said of Susie, who she said was always a very happy, vivacious person.

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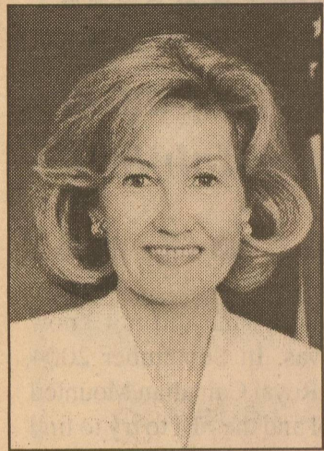


COURTESY PHOTO

Jane Blackmore entered the FLDS compound near Pringle, S.D. last week in hopes of contacting her daughter Susie, shown above in a 2005 photo with her husband Ben Johnson and one of their three children.

Helping our children succeed as they head back to school

Like moms and dads all across Texas, I spend time each fall shopping for school supplies and filling backpacks with crayons, safety scissors and number two pencils. As parents we do our best to prepare our children for the year ahead and to help them succeed in school. But, this success depends on quality education.



Commentary by U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

America's leadership in an increasingly global economy was built, in part, on the collective genius of our science and technology innovators. Our children, the next generation of Americans, have the ability to maintain and expand this competitive edge. However, as Benjamin Franklin once said, "genius without education is like silver in the mine." Unless we provide our children with the knowledge and skills they need, their potential to better themselves and our nation will go untapped and unfulfilled.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001 has greatly improved educational opportunities for millions of American families. Every child deserves a chance to succeed, and this legislation holds educators accountable to provide results for the federal funding they receive. The non-partisan Center for Education Policy affirms that many states have seen reading and math test scores increase since NCLB was passed. And, under this Act, discretionary funding for the U.S. Department of Education has increased by more than 36 percent to support key programs that help our children succeed in school, from pre-kindergarten to college.

Development experts tell us that the earlier a child begins learning to read, the better their future academic performance will be. For this reason, I voted to allocate \$6.88 billion to the Head Start early childhood reading program for fiscal year 2007, more than doubling its budget since I came to the Senate in 1993. Texas educators have used this funding to introduce the program in their communities, and thousands of our children have experienced its benefits.

We also know that each child learns at a different pace, and in a different way. I strongly support giving parents the power to choose options that best fit their child's needs. Single-sex schools, for example, can offer a less intimidating and more productive classroom environment, and help children flourish with a non-traditional approach. After witnessing the success of such schools firsthand, I sponsored an amendment to NCLB that gives local districts the flexibility to better serve their students.

Well-trained teachers are crucial to quality education. The "Transition to Teaching" program I helped create through an additional amendment to NCLB helps individuals with ten or more years of military service become certified to teach and pass on their valuable skills. This initiative has placed thousands of qualified teachers in high-need subjects such as math, science, computer science

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We should've died

Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

I didn't know it when I was a kid, but I went through a very dangerous upbringing. In fact, everyone who was born in the same generation as me should be dead.

No I wasn't born in a war zone. I didn't have abusive parents. And I didn't live on gang-infested streets. Over all, I led a pretty average life.

I began by being sent home from the hospital in my mother's lap rather than an infant car seat. Luckily, I was never ejected through the front windshield as apparently happened with other babies.

I was born at a time when breast-feeding was considered "dirty" and unhealthy for babies. It was only acceptable in the third world countries I saw on documentaries, where boiling bottles and nipples was not possible.

At night, I was laid on my stomach when I was put in my crib and I woke up gumming the rails that were painted with lead-based paint. That way, if Sudden Infant Death Syndrome didn't get me, lead poisoning would. I didn't know my parents were so heartless.

When I got sick, my mother would lovingly crush half an aspirin in a spoonful of water to take away my pain and give me a fair chance to contract Reyes Syndrome. Despicable!

My parents apparently thought

lung cancer from second-hand smoke would build character, so they each religiously smoked two packs of cigarettes a day.

Our toys not only had lead-based paint on them, but they were filled with an amazing array of magnets, springs and buttons guaranteed to choke even the most savvy of toddlers. They hated me, I think.

When we were old enough to play outside without eating sand or yellow snow, we were gone all day. I don't think my parents ever knew where we were and, I swear, they liked it that way.

We rode bicycles without a helmet. They were for sissies. Seat belts were not even invented yet. All four of us sat, stood, kneeled, or squatted in the back seat area built for three. No one ever wanted the "hump" seat so we played musical seats entire car rides. It was amusing, but our parents didn't like it much. They would take random swats with their arms trying to make contact with our bodies without their eyes leaving the road. "Don't make me come back there!"

they'd yell. Like they would fit back there.

We ate fruits and vegetables once a week whether we needed it or not. And those that we ate had been sprayed with poisonous insecticides.

We lived in houses made with asbestos insulation and radon silently lurked in the low spots. Our parents never even told us about those important issues. We breathed in carbon monoxide from our cars and smokestacks.

There was no need for smoke detectors or sunscreen. My father, a man who could sleep through a train wreck, assured us that he would hear a fire if one broke out in our house.

As for sunscreen; why would we want to deny ourselves the fun of peeling the dead skin off each other's backs after getting sunburn? Melanoma? Pshaw!

My generation could have and should have died out due to anything from SIDS to Mesothelioma. All evidence to the contrary, none of us should have lived through all of that.

I guess that my generation was a group of real survivors.

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Many new state laws take effect September 1

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Six hundred and fifty-four new state laws took effect on Sept. 1. The 80th Texas Legislature also passed 670 bills that became law immediately last spring. Another 22 bills will take effect on Jan. 1.

The subject matter of the laws effective Sept. 1 is wide-ranging. Major among them are money issues affecting nearly everyone: the state's 2008-2009 budget (House Bill 1) and school property tax reduction (HB 2).

The Texas Department of Public Safety drew up its own list of safety-related new laws and on Aug. 20 posted the list online at www.txdps.state.tx.us.

Here are a few traffic and criminal laws mentioned there:

- HB 8, "Jessica's Law," imposes a 25-year minimum sentence for sexually violent offenses against children under 14; eliminates eligibility for parole for certain sex offenders; makes a second conviction of a sexually violent offense against a child under 14 a capital felony; mandates Global Positioning System monitoring for offenders committed under the sexually violent predator statutes; extends the statute of limitations for sexually violent offenses against children under 14 to 20 years past the victims' 18th birthday; and clarifies that harboring a sex offender in violation of registration is an offense punishable by up to a third degree felony.

- SB 6 increases the penalty for sexually explicit online communication with a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a state jail felony to a third degree felony and increases the penalty for online sexual solicitation of a minor who is 14 to 16 years old from a third degree felony to a second degree felony.

- SB 1315 requires the DPS to develop an alert system for missing senior citizens similar to the Amber Alert Program for abducted children.

- HB 323 requires all new buses purchased by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2010, to be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. All buses contracted for use by a school district on or after Sept. 1, 2011, must be equipped with lap/shoulder seatbelts. But, the Legislature first must appropriate funds to school districts to cover the cost.

- SB 1287 requires certain establishments that sell alcohol to post specific notification regarding the offense of human trafficking in both English and Spanish along with the number to the national human trafficking hotline.

- SB 378, known as the "Castle Doctrine," removes the requirement that persons attempt to retreat before using deadly force to defend themselves.

- HB 1766 makes a state jail felony of the theft of wiring or cable that consists of at least 50 percent aluminum, bronze or copper and that has a value of less than \$20,000.

- HB 1355, "Lillian's Law," requires all dog owners to properly secure their dogs on their property. A dog owner now can be held criminally responsible if the dog causes serious bodily injury or death at a location other than the owner's property in an unprovoked attack during which the owner, by criminal negligence, failed to secure the dog. The law exempts certain professionals, including peace officers, who deal with dogs on a regular basis.

Court rules in challenge to pledge

A Dallas federal district court on Aug. 28 denied a North Texas couple's attempt to prevent schoolchildren from reciting a revised Texas Pledge of Al-

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Best & Worst Travels

My friend Ramon Carver of Salado has been involved in theater all his life. He is a graduate of Yale University's drama school. He has written plays that have been produced Off-Broadway and in Hollywood. He was head of the drama department at San Angelo State for years. In Salado, he does a thing called living room theater where folks get together and have a reading of a play he has written. He does this twice a year. I think he's busy. He says it just goes with living in a small town and having fun.

Ramon loves to relax. On a recent trip to Salado, I interviewed him about his latest book. During the interview he kept slouching so far down in his chair I was afraid he might fall asleep. Or fall out of the chair.

Ramon has traveled far and wide and writes about his experiences in a series of travel books. His latest is titled "Best & Worst Travels." In it he explains that successful travelers enjoy comfort, safety, good company, good weather, good food, good beds and a means of controlling heat



by
Tumbleweed
Smith

and cool.

This book is really a journal of his trips to places around the globe. Since Ramon is curious about nearly everything and appreciates the opportunity to do things and go places, he writes with a sense of humor.

"Great expectations when traveling are usually the source of my greatest disappointments," he writes. "I'm like the guy in a New Yorker cartoon studying a brochure telling his travel agent: 'I am so looking forward to this. I can't wait to be disappointed.'"

He says you set up for reasonable travel expectations in three old-fashioned ways: acquire information, save a pot full of money and cross your fingers. Ramon wants his readers to know that this is not a "how to" book. It's a "how

I enjoyed myself and sometimes didn't" sort of book. He says the key to successful travel is to enjoy yourself. Go somewhere different. See and do something unusual. Meet interesting people. He talks about poor PA systems on ships that crackle and break up the Captain's messages (which are in English, but with such a heavy accent they sound like another language).

He writes about his good experiences in a grand style, but his misadventures are more fun to read. That's usually the case. We seem to talk about the bad times more than the good times. He does mention his thrill at seeing the Great Wall of China for the first time ("we were told sticky rice holds the wall together") or the amazing King Tut's tomb in Egypt.

Ramon doesn't just write about far away places. He talks about adventures in the Big Bend of Texas: "At Terlingua's Starlight Theater/Bar (mostly bar) I enjoyed Mexican beer and dinner and introductions to local characters, many of whom could win prizes like weirdest, strangest or bizzarest."

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OBITUARIES

Inez Shahan Buchholz

Opal Inez Shahan Buchholz passed away in the early hours of Sunday September 2, 2007 due to a long battle with Alzheimer's disease. She was preceded in death by her parents Raymond and Opal Shahan. She is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Douglas D. Buchholz; children David D. Buchholz and Robert R. Buchholz; grandchildren Frances Buchholz, Mary Margaret Buchholz, Robert Buchholz, Dalton Buchholz, and Franklin Buchholz; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Inez was born December 4th, 1922 in Round Mountain, Texas. She attended school in Johnson City, Texas and graduated from Johnson City High School. Later

on she drove both the Dripping Springs School bus and the Dripping Springs Senior Citizen bus. Inez was a talented artist. She loved to crochet, paint, and did not limit herself to just indoor activities. Coat hangers, air fresheners, and many other plain household items were brightened up with crocheted accessories. She helped her husband with all of the ranching duties, which were not of the typical woman's daily chores. She could drive anything that had an engine; no matter how long, wide, or difficult to maneuver. She was a hand on foot as well as on horseback. She was not a woman afraid of work.

Services were Wednesday, September 5th at Crofts Funeral Home in Johnson City, Texas. Graveside services followed at the Methodist Cemetery in Castell, Texas.



Staff Sergeant Bobby Newton

Oretha Dannheim

Oretha Dannheim, wife of Lawrence Dannheim, passed away Aug. 31, 2007. Oretha was born Oct. 14, 1935, in San Angelo, Texas, to Walter and Lema Shoop Powell. She married Lawrence Aug. 31, 1956, in Eldorado, Texas. Oretha was a devoted and faithful wife to Lawrence and a wonderful and gracious mother to her sons, Carl Louis Dannheim of Crossett, Ark., and Marcus Otto Dannheim of Mertzon, Texas.

Oretha 'Memaw' was very proud of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Ashley Dannheim and Carson and Thomas Mackie of San Angelo; Amanda and James Knight of Monroe, La.; Carl Ross Dannheim of Crossett, Ark.; Carrie, Natie, Lena and Mattie Johnson of Monroe, La.; Ryan, Jenny and Anna Clare Strebach of Crossett, Ark.; Westin Dannheim of Flower Mound, Texas; Dakota Dannheim of Mertzon, Texas; and Tanner and Shawn McDonald of Mertzon, Texas. She was also very fond of her special nieces and nephews.

Oretha is survived by two sisters and one brother, whom she spoke of often, Lora Mae Lloyd and Vera Fae Bradshaw, both of Eldorado, Texas, and Walter Powell Jr. of Eldorado, Texas. She also had a baby sister, Edith, who passed away as an infant.

A 1954 graduate of Eldorado High School, Oretha also attended Wesleyan Business School for Women in Fort Worth. Oretha was a homemaker and often helped Lawrence with ranching activities. She also worked at Nicholson Meat Company and Wolfenbarger Grocery Store in Mertzon, Texas. Oretha enjoyed helping Lawrence create furniture and other crafts

from mesquite wood. She and Lawrence displayed and sold their goods at numerous arts and crafts activities in the area.

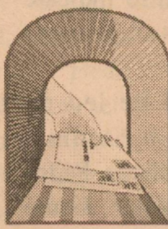
She enjoyed cruising, fishing, camping, and traveling to see her family. A proud Texas lady, Oretha rarely met a stranger and greeted all who entered her home with a cheerful and generous spirit. She was an outstanding cook and always had something good to eat prepared.

Although small in size, she will always be remembered by her family as loving, caring, fun to be with and unselfish. She had a heart as big as Texas.

The family would like to express grateful thank yous to everyone for their prayers, visits, and words of kindness and support throughout Oretha's illness.

Kerbow Funeral Home of Eldorado, Texas, was in charge of the graveside service and interment, held Monday, Sept. 3, 2007, in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Ronnie Sauer of Eldorado conducted the service. Pallbearers were grandsons Ross, Westin, Tanner, Shawn and longtime friends Herman Lindley and Ronnie Stemm of Mertzon.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Eldorado Friends,

We have waited! We have prayed! One year has passed, then we counted months, then days. Now our soldier is holding his precious babies and wife in his arms. God is so Good! Thank you Precious Lord, Thank You!

There are no words to express our gratitude. Thank you Eldorado friends for your prayers and calls

while our son Staff Sgt. Bobby K. Newton was in Iraq and has returned to us after his 3rd tour. Bobby is now stationed at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Although we are miles apart Eldorado will always be our home.

God Bless each of you and may God continue to Bless Our America. Please don't forget to pray for our troops.

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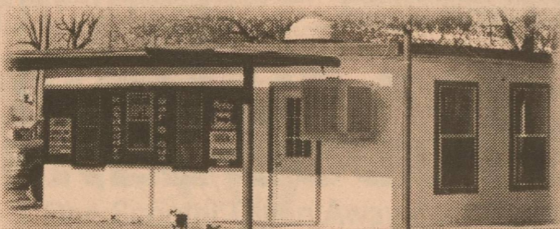
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Tuesday, September 11

Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cubes Canteloupe, Milk

Wednesday, September 12

Beef Tips w/Gravy, Rice, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday, September 13

Chicken Fajita w/onions & green pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortilla, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, September 14

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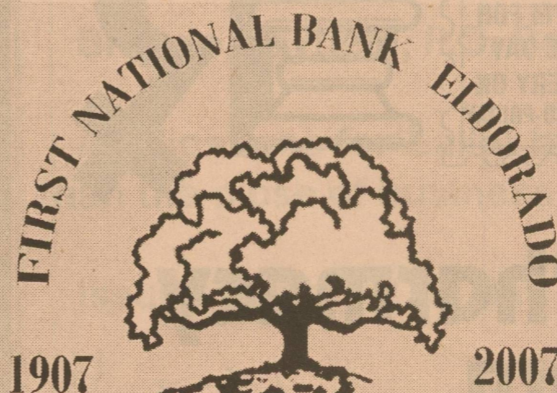
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***

* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!

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Eagles open season against Mason Punchers

The Eldorado Eagles football team will see its first action Friday night as they host the Mason Punchers in Eagle Stadium.

Coach Johnny Burleson's young Eagles appear greatly improved over last year's squad that went 9 games into the season before notching its first win against Miles.

The Eagles were idle last Friday, having drawn a bye during the first week of the season.

Meanwhile, the Mason Punchers took on the Menard Yellow-jackets last Friday and came away with an 18-14 victory.

The Punchers are operating under a new regime this year. Coach Paul Sanchez is out and

Coach Russell Joy takes over as the head football coach and athletic director.

Preseason polls pick the Punchers to finish near the bottom of their district, still Coach Burleson says his team is preparing for a battle. Mason is a 2A team, and therefore has more depth than the 1A Eagles.

Look for Mason to feature an I-formation offense with last year's All-District Tight End Bryce Estes moving to play quarterback.

Meanwhile the Eldorado Eagles are bringing a balanced running/passing attack to the field behind quarterback Rance Cathey.

Then there's the Eagle's defensive unit that looked tough in a pair of scrimmages against Nueces Canyon and McCamey.

Preseason polls have picked the Eagles to finish in the bottom half of the 8-team District 16-1A, while Forsan is favored to win the district. However, the Eagles performance in the McCamey scrimmage, when compared to Forsan's outing against the state-ranked Badgers, would seem to indicate that this year's Eagles are stronger than expected.

The Eagles will be led on the field this year by seniors Luis "Chomper" Huichapa, Pedro Garcia, Manny Gonzalez, Louie



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
Assistant coach John Broussard throws a pass to an Eagle receiver during two-a-day practices. The Warbirds hope to start their season off right with a victory at home over the Mason Punchers. The game is slated for 7:30 pm at Eagle Stadium.


Buitron, Richmond Adame, Jorge Chavez and Jorge Mata.

The game is set to get underway at 7:30 p.m. in Eagle Stadium and everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Eagles as they begin their quest for a District 16-

1A Championship.

Of special note is the fact that this week's game, and all future Eldorado Eagles varsity football games will be broadcast live on KLDE, 104.9-FM. Tune in for the pregame show at 7:15.

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BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, September 10
Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Tuesday, September 11
Sausage & Biscuits, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, September 12
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, September 11
French Toast Stix/Syrup, Applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, September 12
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE
Monday, September 10
McRib Sandwich, Baked Chips, Sliced Cucumbers, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, September 11
Hero Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup, Fritos/Pork-n-Beans, Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, September 12
Crisptos/Cheese Sauce, Mixed Greens Salad/Dressing, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pears
Thursday, September 13
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/Cheese Cup, Crackers(8), Lemon Pudding/Topping
Friday, September 14
BB Que on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Slices, Apple Halves

CAFETERIA LINE
Monday, September 10
Pork Chops/Gravy, Green Beans/Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad/Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, September 11
Hero Chili Dogs/Cheese Cup/Fritos, Pork-n-Beans, Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, September 12
Burritos, Spanish Rice, Cucumber Salad, Pears
Thursday, September 13
Sausage Pizza, Tossed Salad, Carrot's Stix/Dip, Lemon Pudding/Topping
Friday, September 14
BB Que on a Bun, Baked Chips, Pickle Slices, Apple Halves



COURTESY PHOTO
The first Cross Country Meet of the 2007 season was held at Reagan County Park, Big Lake on Saturday, September 1. Eldorado High School Boy's Cross Country Team placed 4th with a collected time of 1:35.33. L-R: Mason Baker placed 25 with a time of 18:41, Aaron Parsley 24 place time 18:41 and David Ramirez placed 23 with a time of 18:40.

Eagles open CC season in Reagan County

The Eldorado Eagle High School Cross Country Runners attended their first meet in Reagan County Cross Country Meet in Big Lake, on Saturday, September 1st.

Eldorado Boys had two teams participating. Team A placed fifth with a total time of 1:35.13 and Team B placed 7th with a total of time of 1:50.54. The boy's ran a total of 3 miles.

There were 68 runners in the boys division. Schools placing were Ozona-1, total time of 1:29.40. Crane, 2nd, Forsan-3rd, Sterling City-6th and Midland Classical-8th.

Team A members were David Ramirez-23, time 18:49, Aaron Parsley-24, time 18:41, Mason Baker-25, time 18:41, Dylan Dombroski-34, time 19:23 and Josh Hash-38, 19:48.

Team B members were Joseph Rubio-51, time 21:26, Zack Brame-52, time 21:33, Morgan Barker-55, time 21:45, Jorge Medrano-59, time 22:18 and Taylor Jenkins-64, time 23:52.

Lady Eagle runners participating were Claudia Pasillas-57, Amy Alvizo-58 and Kaitlyn Bluford-65. There were 82 runner in the girls division.

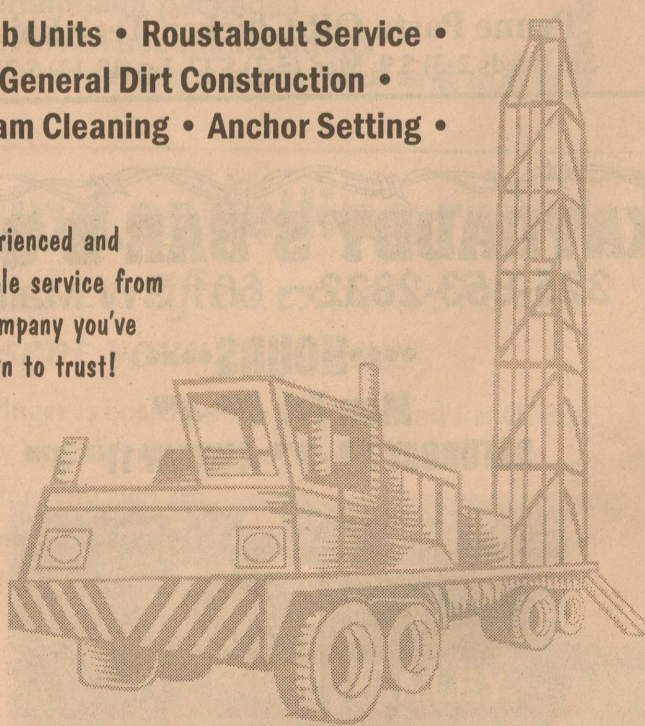
Ballinger's girls team placed first with a total time of 1:09.23 in the High School Girl's team division.

Reagan County, Ballinger, Ozona, Irion County, Sonora, Garden City, Rankin, Christoval, Midland Classical, Presidio, and Irion County, participated in the high school girls and boys division.

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4H Kickoff a big success

Schleicher County 4H held its annual kickoff this past Thursday at the swimming pool. Over 80 members signed up for 4H. A great time was had with members receiving information on several different projects, as well as having fun swimming and eating hot dogs. If anyone else would like to sign up, please come by the extension office. We accept new members all year long. Please call with any questions: 853-2132

4H Sheep and Goat Projects

It is time for 4H members that have not yet purchased their sheep or goat projects to go ahead and do so. If you need any assistance in finding projects, let me know, and I will help you. Also, 4Hers that already have their projects on feed need to call me at the extension office and let me know how many tags you will be needing. 853-2132.

Burger and a CEU

The extension office is holding its second annual fall CEU luncheon series. We call it "Burger and a CEU". This series allows producers in Schleicher County the opportunity to gain knowledge in



County Agent's Update
by Cory Steverson

four different areas, and also earn a few Continuing Education Units for the pesticide license. Remember, you must earn at least 15 CEUs every 5 years to keep your license current. The following events will begin at noon at the extension office, and a \$5 fee will cover lunch expenses. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend.

Burger and a CEU Series

- Monday, Sept. 10: Dr. Frank Craddock – Evolving Sheep and Goat Industry
- Monday, Sept. 17: Dr. Billy Warrick – Crops Update
- Tuesday, Sept. 25: Dr. Chris Sansone – Entomologist Update
- Monday, Oct. 1: Dr. Alan McGinty – Herbicide and Rangeland Update

Please call the Schleicher County Extension Office with any questions: 853-2132.

Capital Highlights...

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The voluntary, teacher-led recitation of the state pledge follows the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance. Abbott's legal brief argues that instead of conflicting with the First Amendment, the state pledge reflects the protected freedom of religion.

On June 15, the wording of the pledge changed to this: "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one state under God, one and indivisible." Before the change, the pledge was worded, "Honor the Texas flag; I pledge allegiance to thee, Texas, one and indivisible."

David Wallace Croft and his wife, Shannon, sought a preliminary injunction because the Texas Legislature, in the recently ended session, passed a law adding the words "one state under God" in the state pledge.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott commented on the ruling. In regards to precedent, Abbott said the U.S. Supreme Court repeatedly has held "patriotic acknowledgments of the Almighty such as these" are consistent with the U.S. Constitution.

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Helping our children succeed

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As the Senate considers reauthorization of this vital legislation this month, I will work to continue the progress we have made on behalf of our children's education, and amend the elements of the Act that require improvement. Our nation's future depends on their success, and they depend on our support.

Nevertheless, NCLB does have its critics. I welcome your suggestions on how the bill can be improved. But, we must maintain the major emphasis on accountability and early detection of children not performing at their grade level.

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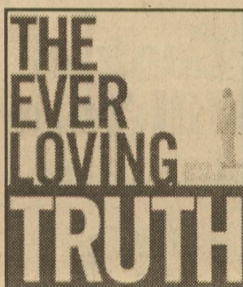
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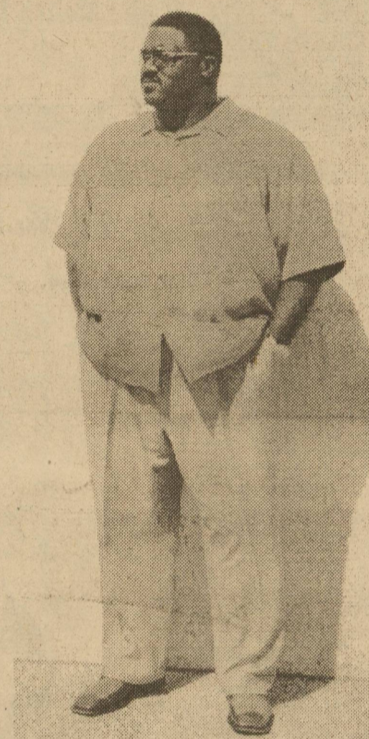
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FSA cotton referendum sign-up continues through Nov. 30th

ELDORADO — Cotton producer and importers who want USDA's Agriculture Marketing Service (AMS) to conduct a referendum regarding the Cotton Research and Promotion Program can sign-up at their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) office September 4, through November 30, 2007. No action is necessary if a continuance referendum is not desired.

"This sign-up period allows eligible cotton producers and importers to request a referendum for continuation of the 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act," said CED Full Name, Executive Director for Name County FSA.

In March 2007, following a comprehensive mandatory five-year review, USDA endorsed continuation of the 1991 Order amendments without a continuance referendum.

This sign-up period is significant because, "If results of the sign-up period show that at least 10 percent (4,622) of the voting program participants request the conduct of a continuance referendum, then a referendum will be held within 12 months of the sign-up period end date," said CED Last Name.

Changes to the Cotton Research and Promotion Program were approved in a July 1991 referendum, by a 60 percent majority of cotton producers and importers who voted. These changes included: (1)

importer representation on the Cotton Board, the organization that assists the Department in administering the Cotton Research and Promotion Program; (2) assessments levied on imported cotton and cotton products; (3) increasing the amount the Department can be reimbursed for the conduct of a referendum from \$200,000 to \$300,000; (4) reimbursing government agencies that assist in administering the collection of assessments on imported cotton and cotton products; and (5) terminating the right of cotton producers to demand a refund of assessments.

According to Wanoreck, eligible producers are individuals over age 18 engaged in the production of upland cotton during calendar year 2006. Eligible importers are those who imported upland cotton in excess of the value of \$2.00 per line item entry during calendar year 2006. Wanoreck advises that other eligibility requirements might apply and eligibility will be determined by FSA.

Producers and importers will receive correspondence from FSA regarding the cotton referendum sign-up. For more information, please contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA at 325-853-3535 or visit the national website at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcutte

Frank M. "Pancho" Bradley

Frank McDonald "Pancho" Bradley told me this story some time before his death, and I thought it was pretty funny.

Pancho said, "It was cold that early morning February 22, 1923 when we started our trip to Fife, TX from our home in Eldorado. I was four years old. My mom had bundled us kids up in the back seat of our Model T car, and put heated bricks under the home made quilts to keep us warm.

It was Grandpa Finlay's birthday, and a big party, with lots of bought ice cream and birthday cake would be served. It was an annual affair to attend grandpa's birthday, and we were real excited about the trip.

The Bill Isaac Family followed us in their car to join the festivities.

We all stopped in Eden for a short rest, and I crawled out from under the quilts to go to the rest room. When I got out of the rest room every one was gone, and I was a little scared. I sat down, and waited patiently for my family to return for me. When they missed me, several miles down the road, they came back for me. I was really happy to see them. I guess I will always remember that event."

Frank McDonald Sr. and Agnes



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A young "Pancho" Bradley

"Aggie" Blythe Finlay Bradley had five children, and the couple carried out an old Scottish custom in naming them. The first daughter, Elizabeth, was named after the paternal grandmother, the second daughter, Margaret, was named after the maternal grandmother, the oldest son, Frank M. "Pancho," was named after the father, the second son, Robert Kay "Bob," was named after the maternal grandfather and the third son, Tom, was named after the paternal grandfather. Pancho always said, "It is a good thing there were no more children because there would be no name for him or her."

Pancho's father was active in the community, and served on the Fair Association, Lions Club, and was a life Mason. He also served as Judge for Schleicher County from 1931 until 1935.

Pancho's mom was only four feet and eleven inches tall, but she was full of life. She collected stamps, and was famous for her "Raggedy Ann and Andy" dolls. She gave most of the dolls she made as gifts.

Pancho served as Justice of Peace for Schleicher Co. from 1976 until 1993, when he had to retire for health reasons.

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- Fast food item
- Prefix with pod
- "The Ghost and Mrs. ___" (Hope Lange show)
- Cleared of snow
- Surround with a barricade
- Ibuprofen target
- Polar drudge
- Anticipated with fingers crossed
- Battleship blast
- Yawn inducer
- Be too sweet
- Falco of "The Sopranos"
- Impostor
- Hang in the hammock
- Temporary calm
- Smelter materials
- President after Grant
- State of sluggishness
- Figs.
- Art Deco master
- Uncertain
- Angora fleece
- Robin Hood's Marian, for one
- Brillo alternative
- Gung-ho
- Final result
- Made a donation
- Enclosure with a MS.
- Pre-meal words
- Musher's ride
- "___ a Lady" (Tom Jones hit)
- Cylindrical structures
- Chatroom contributions
- "Filthy" cash
- Skylit courts
- Bridal bio word
- Electric guitar effect
- Unifying theme
- Monkey-seemon-key-do sort
- Ouija board answer
- Craft store buy
- Like mailed periodicals, once
- State with surety
- Luxor's river
- Tickled pink
- Sufficient, in the backwoods
- Tell a whopper
- Not easily rattled
- Sponge features
- Obviously contrived
- Scold severely
- Move like the Blob
- Dell loaves
- Put on eBay
- Together, musically
- Cheery tune
- Canal craft
- Flying ___ (B-17 bomber)
- Ballgame fare
- Jackie's O
- Film ___ (dark genre)
- Mane locales
- "Business as ___"
- Chef DiSpirito
- Colorado's ___ Park
- Periodicals, briefly
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Former FLDS wife looks for daughter in S.D. compound

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"She was always able to say when crap was crap, that it was crap, and now she can't do that," Jane said. "Whatever the prophet says is right."

Their visit was decidedly impersonal, with Susie not offering any information about herself or her life. She told Jane the boys were normal kids, and they liked to play and get dirty.

"That was about all she would say," Jane recalls. "Ben interjected every so often. I said it would be really nice to watch the kids play, and he said, 'Well, we have to keep our kids safe from evil influences.'"

Jane told Susie that if she ever needed anything to let her know.

"That's about as close as I could get," Jane said. At that point, Johnson interjected, "God is taking care of us."

Susie, 26, was pregnant at that time with her fourth child. Her blood is Rh-negative and all her children have been Rh-positive.

Jane replied, "I really hope that God provides your RhoGam, Susie," to which Johnson repeated, "God is taking care of us."

Nobody — including Susie — is forced to stay at the compound, Johnson told Jane.

"With that fence and watchtower, it gives me a message," Jane replied. "You're either trying to keep people in or keep people out."

"We don't want people in," Johnson said.

"But you're also keeping people in," Jane answered. "People who are free to go don't need fences and watchtowers. There are other ways to control people other than a watchtower."

Jane called Johnson 18-20 times in the two weeks before coming to Custer last Saturday and received one answer in return.

Johnson told Jane he was trying to keep his family away from "evil influences."

She called Sheriff Rick Wheeler before coming and told him of her plans to see Susie. He informed her that she would be trespassing if she went on the compound without their permission.

"Well, what would you do to me," she asked him.

When he said he'd have to ask her to leave, she thought, "Well, I can handle that."

And so she came — unwanted and uninvited — with no guarantees of seeing her daughter, but only with a burning desire to let Susie know she was there if she ever needed her.

While Jane believes Johnson is a good father and a good husband, she just wants to have visitation rights. She believes there are human rights — which include the right to liberty and freedom of thought and expression — violations going on at the compound.

"Reading materials are censored," she said. "They are not allowed to communicate with any family members. They are totally isolated. Yes, rights are being violated."

Jane isn't on a crusade to change the FLDS. She just wants to see her daughter and grandsons.

And so she, two of her sons, Hyrum and Peter; their wives, Cecilia and Millie; one of her daughters, Mary; and assorted other family members drove out to the Pringle compound to find Susie on Saturday afternoon.

Before arriving at the compound, she said if the gates were closed, she intended to crawl under the fence to find her daughter.

The first two gates were closed, but further down the road, a fence was down, so Peter drove right in on a road that led into the compound.

Immediately a bevy of men, some wearing cheap wigs and talking into walkie-talkies, drove up to and circled around the van on four-wheelers.

When Jane asked for Ben, she was informed that he was not available. She got out of the van and started walking toward one of the homes. A group of men armed with cameras and walkie-talkies stopped her. The other members of her entourage followed after her on foot.

When one of the men from the compound told Hyrum he was going to be arrested, he held out his hands and said, "Good. I've always wanted to be arrested."

"Well, the sheriff is coming," he retorted. "You can wait in your van."

"I'm waiting right here," Jane answered.

"They only had three lines," she later said. "You're not welcome here. Would you please leave, and they're not available."

The young women from Canada were familiar with the men at the compound, as they had all been friends in Colorado City before the Canadian group split off from the U.S. FLDS when Warren Jeffs seized power.

"There's a Barlow," they said, as they discussed who was who. And, "Isn't that Merrill Jessop's son?"

The Canadian girls called out to their former friends who were now giving them the silent treatment while filming, videoing and taking down the van's license number. Every time the men would snap a picture or video the Canadian group, everyone in the van would hold up their own cameras and snap pictures of the men from the compound and video them.

"Hey, Wayne, your sister misses you. You're still her favorite brother!" they said to Wayne Fisher, who used to be a regular guest at

their home. When Wayne continued to silently video them, Mary held up a 3-week-old baby. "Hey, make sure you video her and then send us the video!" she said. When the girls mentioned the wigs, the boys, embarrassed, took them off, only to reappear later with them on again.

The Canadian group enjoys many more freedoms than those at the compound, including what the women wear. While the FLDS women wear peasant garb and long braids, the Canadian girls also wear long dresses, but they are much more fashionable and do not stand out as being "different." Their hair may be long, but it is not typically in braids.

After a two-hour standoff, a Custer County Sheriff's Department deputy arrived and informed the Canadian group they were trespassing and must leave. While the FLDS young men tried to convince the deputy to confiscate all the pictures taken by the Canadian group, the deputy refused.

Hyrum put his arm around his mother and guided her back to the van.

Heartbroken and stifling tears, Jane set down numerous packages for her daughter and grandsons on the ground beside the van. "Please allow Susie to have these," she pleaded with the young men. No one answered and as the van drove away, they were left sitting beside the road in the dust.

Unable to talk for much of the ride back to Custer, Jane was asked if she felt the trip was worth while.

"I had to come," she choked out. When asked if she will come back, she nodded.

"I'm not a bad person," she said.

Mary said she knew Susie would want to see her family, but not badly enough to defy her husband.

"I believe she loves us as much as we love her but wouldn't jeopardize what she's doing," she said. "In a good world, she would have the freedom to stay with her husband and still have the freedom to see her family."

Jane agreed. "I know she wants to see me. She just can't express that right now," she said. "Even if she told me she didn't, I wouldn't believe her. I know the kind of relationship we've had."

Jane said the FLDS very much believes in what they are doing. "They are doing it for their salvation," she explained. "But you have to get past the fact that we always believed that if you left you'd go to hell. You have to believe you're not a bad person. The God I believe in would not send me to hell just because I chose to do something different."

When asked if she thought Susie would ever want to leave, Jane hesitated, obviously searching into her own not-so-distant past.

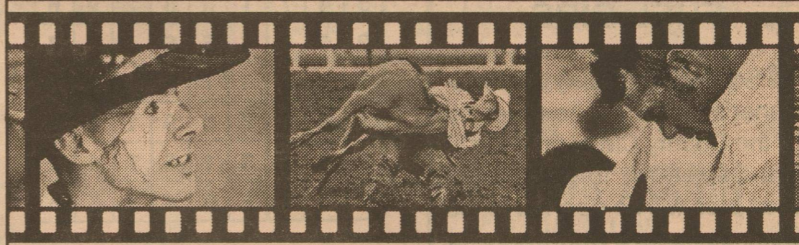
"It takes a long time to come to that realization and it takes a long time to deal with the guilt," she finally said.

She readied for the long ride back home, where she will go back to work and get on with her life.

"I want Susie to know I'd do anything for her if she needs help," she said. "And I want Ben to know I'm not just going to forget about her."

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ORDER OF SPECIAL ELECTION SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD

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Voting will take place at the following times and locations: November 6th, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the following locations:

- First Methodist Church Educational Building, 15 North Divide, Eldorado, TX 76936
- Schleicher County Memorial Building, 1 North Cottonwood St., Eldorado, TX 76936
- Schleicher County Courthouse, 2 North Divide, Eldorado, TX 76936
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church/Head Start Building, Eldorado, TX 76936

Early Voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Schleicher County Memorial Building between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on October 22nd and ending on November 2nd, 2007.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Brenda Mayfield, P.O. Box 846, Eldorado, TX 76936

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Issued this the 27th day of August, 2007.

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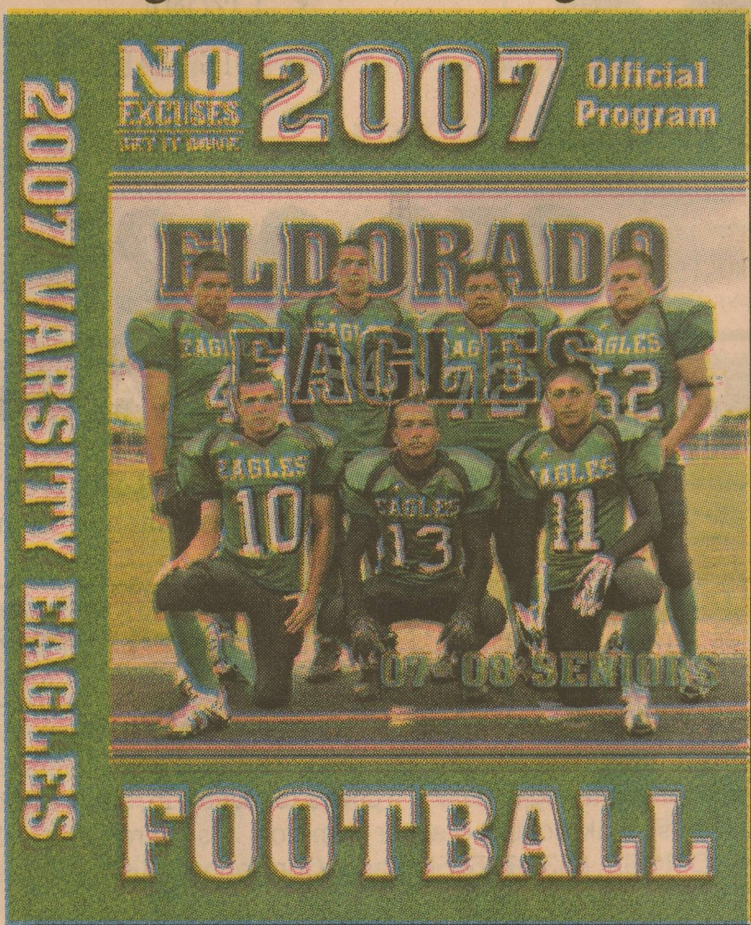
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Friends for Hope promotes a drug-free environment

by Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI
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As we are all aware, the drug situation is escalating throughout West Texas. At the same time, it is very encouraging to know that there are new community efforts being made to address this critical problem that is so detrimental to the people of our communities, especially to the youth. Since the huge drug raid that took place in the area almost a year ago, I have been diligently promoting efforts to bring together all the leadership elements of our local community, and surrounding communities, to address this urgent issue and to promote a drug-free environment. There is already in our area a wonderful program called Friends for Hope, based in Big Lake, led by Nina Hallmark, that for the past few years has been making significant headway in preventing the use of drugs and assisting those who are caught in the drug cobweb.

After much study and many meetings by myself and representatives of the Catholic Churches of the area with leaders of all segments of our community, and after much study about which might be the most effective program, I am convinced that for the present, Friends for Hope, along with its affiliate program STAR, is doing the most to help overcome the drug problem by promoting in a proactive way a drug free environment. Basically the approach of Friends for Hope is to act as an advocate for victims

of family violence, sexual assault, and other crimes through providing or arranging assistance through the various services they provide. In addition Friends for Hope provides many varied programs in the area of prevention and education, realizing that domestic violence and assault are usually related to drug and/or alcohol abuse in the family.

The STAR program, under the umbrella of Friends for Hope, involves youth themselves in the lead-

ership effort to address this critical situation, and especially to bring a positive and empowering message into our schools.

At a recent meeting of the leadership of the Catholic Churches of our local community and the communities of Big Lake, Sonora, Ozona, McCamey, Rankin, Iraan and Crane, it was decided that we will direct our efforts to establish a chapter of Friends for Hope in Eldorado, and in the other communities mentioned

above. To begin this effort, the pastor of the local Catholic Church, Our Lady of Guadalupe, along with the lay leadership have selected 3-4 volunteers who will be trained by Nina Hallmark in the approach of Friends for Hope. Once having received the formal training, these volunteers will the work with leaders in the local community to help to continue to promote a drug-free environment.

I strongly encourage all the leaders of the community of Eldorado from the field of education, government, law enforcement, social agencies, medical and health, media, judicial, and from all the churches, and every other segment of leadership to give support to Friends for Hope which can make a huge difference to create a drug-free environment for all of our people, especially our youth. To assist this effort, the Catholic Diocese has acquired a special financial grant.

In the near future, Nina Hallmark will be visiting our community and all the surrounding communities, explaining the program of Friends for Hope and inviting the entire community to lend support to this wonderful effort.

To be effective, Friends for Hope needs the support of the leadership of our local community, and now is the moment for the entire community to come together to say we will not let drugs and substance abuse control our community.

As we deal with the drug and substance abuse problems, we must realize that we are dealing primarily with a spiritual and moral issue. While we need to use all of our human talents and gifts, more than ever, we need the light, guidance and power of our loving Heavenly Father.

Hence, I have proclaimed Sunday, September 23, 2007 as Drug Awareness Sunday for our local community and all surrounding communities, as a day to pray that our Heavenly Father will deliver us from the slavery of drugs, and to use our freedom to create a safe, healthy and caring community for all of our people. I have also asked our Mayor to proclaim Sunday, September 23, as Drug Awareness Sunday.

Nursing Home Chit Chat



by Annie Arispe
Nursing Home Activity Director

Hello, I'm back on demand! We have had a busy summer playing in the garden picking tomatoes, hot peppers, and onions. The kitchen fixes hot sauce daily for the hot sauce lovers. It's amazing how many people eat hot stuff in the Nursing Home. We have been walking to town and visiting with some folks we meet up with. If you're up and early and coming to see the Doctor please come through the side doors of the lobby and meet our welcoming committee. They stand at the door way and take turns opening the door for staff and visitors. They will make your day with big smiles and good mornings.

Our annual Bar-B-Q is coming up in September. We are getting set-up for the families and friends to come have supper with us. We will have music and dancing cloggers to entertain us.

We have been Reminiscing about how it was when we were in school. One of our female residents was remembering when she was a

young girl in the 40's. "Homework" did not mean what it means, today. "It meant "homework" work. After school every day each of us kids had real "home" work without all the modern conveniences of today. It took the help of each family member to keep the home going.

There was wood to chop and carry for the pot-bellied stove in the living room and the cook stove in the kitchen, water to cook from the backyard pump, clothes to wash, hang on the line and of course, everything needed to be ironed.

The garden needed weeding, and the animals needed feeding, the potatoes needed peeling, the garden vegetables needed to be washed, clean and chopped, and the yard had to be mowed. Of course, the older kids had to watch the little ones, so that Mom could cook and can the vegetables we picked and cleaned.

That was our "home" work day after day, and yet we still managed to have a little playtime before bed each night."

See you next week!

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The County of Schleicher will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 9.9 percent (percentage by which proposed tax rate exceeds lower of rollback tax rate or effective tax calculated under Chapter 26, Tax Code). Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be on Thursday, September 13, 2007 and Monday, September 17, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Courtroom

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin, Matt Brown, Lynn Meador
AGAINST:
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT:

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	13.74	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Debt service	0.00	% (increase)	or	8.66	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	13.2	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$ 634,606,204.00	\$ 679,269,568.00
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 10,131,732.00	\$ 4,441,690.00
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 321,792,826.00	\$ 367,047,831.00
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 10,131,732.00	\$ 4,408,646.00

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Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 35,000.00

Tax Rates

Adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$.6778 per \$100 in value
Proposed tax rate for the current tax year	\$.6778 per \$100 in value
Difference in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year	\$ 0.00 per \$100 in value

Percentage increase or decrease in the proposed tax rate and the adopted tax rate for the preceding tax year
0 % Increase OR 0 % Decrease

These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Comparison of Residence Homestead Values

Average appraised and taxable values on residence homesteads are compared from the preceding tax year and the current tax year.

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Average residence homestead appraised value	\$ 30,049.00	\$ 33,650.00
Homestead exemption amount for the taxing unit (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 7,422.00	\$ 7,531.00
Average taxable value of a residence homestead (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled)	\$ 25,558.00	\$ 26,119.00

Comparison of Residence Homestead Taxes

The taxes that would have been imposed in the preceding tax year on a residence homestead at the average appraised value (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled) are estimated to be \$ 173.23

The taxes that would be imposed in the current tax year on a residence homestead appraised at the average appraised value in the current tax year (excluding special exemptions for persons 65 years of age or older or disabled), if the proposed tax rate is adopted, are estimated to be \$ 177.03. The difference between the amount of taxes on the average residence homestead in the current tax year, if the proposed tax rate is adopted, and the preceding tax year would be an increase of \$ 3.80 or a decrease of \$ 0.00 in taxes.

Community Resource Center September schedule of events

Submitted by Patsy Kellogg

WIC will be in Eldorado on September 13, 17, and 20th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency has a date change of September 14, Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Blood pressure and blood sugar checks will be available from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. on September 11, 18 and 20th. These services are for everyone and is free.

September 7th and 19th the Thunderbird van will go to San Angelo. Anyone can on the "shopping trips." But they MUST re-

serve their place at least 2 days in advance. Call 853-2574 for reservations.

The Department of Public Safety will be here all day on September 11, 18 and 25th for Drivers License.

Anyone that is a Medicaid can ride the Thunderbird to San Angelo or Sonora to see doctors, dentist or pickup prescriptions, no charge for those trips, if approved. Make arrangements at least 2 to 3 days in advance. Check with the Resource Center to make sure of the schedule. We also have lots of used clothes to give away.

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STEREO SURROUND SOUND IN ALL AUDITORIUMS	
◆ 3:10 TO YUMA 10:00am 1:00pm 4:00pm 7:00pm 9:50pm (R)	MR. BEAN'S HOLIDAY 10:35am 1:35pm 4:35pm 7:35pm 10:20pm (G)
◆ SHOOT 'EM UP 10:10am 1:10pm 4:10pm 7:10pm 10:00pm (R)	RATATOUILLE 11:05am (G)
◆ BALLS OF FURY 10:05am 1:05pm 4:05pm 7:05pm 9:55pm (PG-13)	RUSH HOUR 3 10:25am 1:25pm 4:25pm 7:25pm 10:15pm (PG-13)
◆ DEATH SENTENCE 10:50am 1:50pm 4:50pm 7:50pm 10:40pm (R)	STARDUST 10:30am 1:30pm 4:30pm 7:30pm 10:30pm (R)
◆ HAIRSPRAY 10:45am 1:45pm 4:45pm 7:45pm 10:35pm (PG)	SUPERBAD 10:20am 1:20pm 4:20pm 7:20pm 10:10pm (R)
◆ HALLOWEEN 10:15am 1:15pm 4:15pm 7:15pm 10:05pm (R)	THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM 10:40am 1:40pm 4:40pm 7:40pm 10:25pm (PG-13)
◆ I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU 2:05pm 5:05pm 8:05pm 10:55pm (PG-13)	THE NANNY DIARIES 11:00am 2:00pm 5:00pm 8:00pm 10:50pm (PG)
	UNDERDOG 10:55am 1:55pm 4:55pm (PG)
	WAR 7:55pm 10:45pm (R)

Showtimes Valid Friday - Thursday - 9/7 - 9/13, 2007 ONLY

BIRTHDAY LIST

SEPTEMBER

- 6th Ram Buitron Jr., Melisa Elias
- 7th Aaron Santellano, Ruby Kay Minor, Billy Fish, Courtney Espinosa, Adrian Figueroa, Jasen Escarcega, Buddy Greer, Estella Guzman, Connie Wells, Judy McDougal, Aaron Oscar Santellano
- 8th Michael Redwine, Kenzie Paschal, Ann Marie Martinez, Dan Jenkins, Melissa Lloyd, April K. Ramos, Katelyn Tidwell, Lori Stricklan, Emery Thackerson
- 9th Hanna McCravy, Scott Cawley, Lee Dacy, Kelli Hubble, Joey Jones, Melissa Murr, Gus Hinojosa Jr., Miguel Huichapa, Macy Mikeska
- 10th Rachelle Garcia, Tom Dean, Sylvia Sanchez, Claudia Stephens, Aaron Blair, Billy Higgins
- 11th Darla Jenkins, Debby Griffin, Pauline Gamez, Richard Jacobs, Payton Whitten
- 12th Adriane Jo Lozano, Sam A. Whitten, Jr., Rudy Montez, Maricela Estrada, Crystal Akin
- 13th Pedro Hernandez, Candi J. Saldivar, Jeremy Lemons, Nichole Johnson, Jose Martinez
- 14th Ryan Cathey, Macy Mikeska, Lori Steed Jeffs, Kevan J. Covarrubiaz, Susan Casey, Richard Mendez, Rolando Gonzalez, Stuart Lux, Joel Brazzel

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SEPTEMBER

- 6th Enrique & Anita Robles
- 9th Ronnie & Maggie Middleton
- 11th Jay Ray & Julie Holley

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