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SCISD staff prepares for students to return

Schleicher County ISD teachers and staff went through in-service training this week as they prepared for students to return to their desks on Monday, August 24th.

This year, two new principals join the administration while a number of new teachers and aides also join the SCISD faculty and staff.

Robert Gibson is the new high school principal. He is a native of Aspermont and a graduate of Angelo State University. He comes to Eldorado from San Angelo Lakeview where he was the principal assistant. He received his Masters degree from Sul Ross State University. Prior to that, he taught and coached in Pettus, Stamford and Christoval.

Gibson's wife, Laryn, is a native of Miles. She works at Angelo State University where she is pursuing her education.

Meanwhile, Chad Wright is the new principal at Eldorado Elementary. He comes to Eldorado from

Seagraves where he also served as elementary principal. Prior to his time in Seagraves, Wright was the junior high principal in Winters. He also taught at Hawley ISD.

A native of Abilene, Wright graduated from Angelo State University and received his Masters from Abilene Christian University.

Wright and his wife Lauren have three daughters, Ashleigh, a freshman at EHS, Bridgette, a third grader and four-year-old Caillee.

Wright says he is happy to be in Eldorado and looks forward to the upcoming school year.

Ana "Gaby" Garcia and Terri Curtis will serve as aides in the elementary school while Chris Johnson will serve as the assistant band director for the Mighty Eagle Band.

Meanwhile, former teachers returning from retirement include Betty Robinson, who will be teaching 6th grade and Maggie Martinez, who will teach English as a second language in elementary.



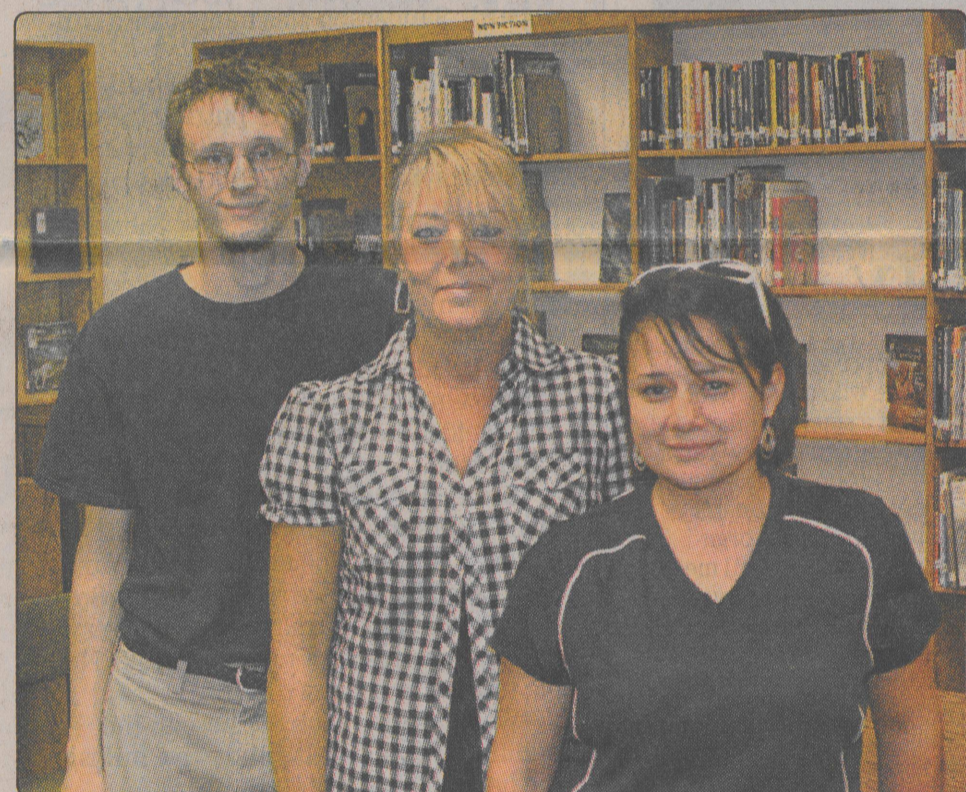
New Faces at SCISD

New staff at EHS (above) include: (L-R) Martha Medrano, aide; Danny Wilhelm, science teacher/coach; Jennifer Lilly, English; Robert Gibson, EHS principal; and Jorge Pineda, B.C.I.S./accounting teacher

New staff at Eldorado Elementary (at right) include (L-R) Jennifer Luedecke, 4th grade teacher, and Chad Wright Elementary Principal.

Also joining the SCISD family (at left) are (L-R) assistant band director Chris Johnson, and elementary aides Terri Curtis and Ana "Gaby" Garcia.

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Mittel and Swift lead local effort during 50th Round-Up for REHAB

Schleicher County residents Ronnie Mittel and Jerry Swift are partnering with West Texas Rehabilitation Center as local leaders for the 50th annual Round-Up for Rehab.

Round-Up for Rehab is a year-round program that provides friends in the agricultural industry an opportunity to support WTRC operations in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

"Our message to ranchers is simple but sincere: Let's help Rehab help all who turn to them for assistance in overcoming disabling illnesses and injuries," said Mittel.

Among ways to participate are:

- Donate livestock to a sale in your area

- Make a cash gift now to WT Rehab
- Ask your auction house to cut a check to Rehab when you do take livestock to market.

"It's remarkable for any project to remain viable for half a century," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "but in the case of Round-Up for Rehab, it's testimony to the dedication and loyalty of ranchers, who've consistently supported us despite droughts, market swings, predators and many other daunting challenges."

"In response," Gilliland continued, "all of us at Rehab want every Round-Up donor to know that we work hard every day to deserve their commitment by maintaining exemplary staff,

equipment and facilities to meet the rehabilitation needs of all who enter our doors in Ozona, San Angelo or Abilene."

Cattle sales are set for September 24 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and September 29 at Abilene Auction. Regional sales and community events also are scheduled in Eastland, Coleman, Stephenville, Junction and Sweetwater.

Concho Valley general chairmen are Jody Frey and Bob Helmers. They're joined by Big Country chairmen Mike Alexander and Randy Carson as well as legendary Western cowboy entertainer Red Steagall who's serving as

honorary spokesman for the drive.

"We're off to a great start for Round-Up 2009," said Helmers, "thanks in part to the early support we've received from corporate sponsors Heartland Alliance, Farm & Ranch Healthcare, Family PowerSports, Group IV Electric Cooperatives, Lone Star Beef, Bar-G Feed Yard, Strongpoint/Pied Piper Pet & Wildlife and Wrangler."

Arrangements for hauling donated animals can be made through local chairmen or by calling WTRC-San Angelo at (325)223-6300. (To see the full array of services offered and events scheduled, log on to www.WestTexasRehab.org.)

Local sales taxes follow state's downward trend

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last Friday the state collected \$1.65 billion in sales tax revenue in July, down 11.6 percent compared to one year ago.

Locally, the numbers followed much the same trend as the City of Eldorado received an \$11,481.91 allocation, down 15.32 percent over the same period last year. Year-to-date, the city has received \$91,593.29, down 29.52 percent from the \$129,960.04 received by

this point last year.

Schleicher County's monthly allocation totaling \$14,119.54 was down 27.5 percent over the same month in 2008. Meanwhile, the county's year-to-date total is down 38.86 percent at \$110,620.71.

The Schleicher County Health Services Tax allocation was also down. This month's rebate came in at \$13,871.09, down 27.86 percent over July's allocation only one year ago.

The Health Services Tax is derived from a half-cent sales tax levied by the county to fund the local ambulance service and other health related items. Year-to-date, the tax has produced \$108,860.91 for the county coffers. That's down 37.44 percent over the same period last year.

August sales tax allocations represent sales taxes collected in June by businesses that report sales taxes monthly, and sales taxes collected in April, May and June by quarterly filers.

Details can be found on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/comsum.html.

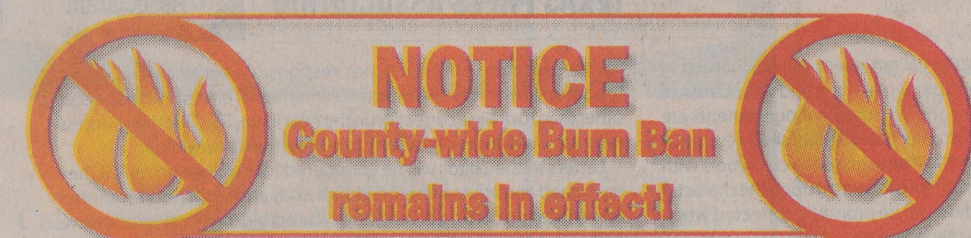
Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be delayed until Monday, Sept. 14.

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Agriculture chief says meal program won't stop if flu gains foothold

AUSTIN — During the H1N1 "swine" flu outbreaks last spring, many Texas schools closed, leaving about half a million students without access to meals normally provided under the National School Breakfast and Lunch Programs.

"There are thousands of children who depend on the meals served at school every day, and we want to make sure schools have the option of continuing this crucial service, while still protecting those students from any public health threat," Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said.

In response to a letter from Staples to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, a change in federal policy now lets schools serve meals and receive federal reimbursement during a public health emergency.

Meals can be served as a "grab and go" option, or through delivery. Schools are asked create a plan to distribute

meals in a "non-congregate" setting to help minimize the spread of disease. Schools also should alert all families of meal service, in particular those families of students who are eligible for free and reduced meals.

State Rep seeks governor's help
State Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, on Aug. 13 wrote a letter to Gov. Rick Perry informing the chief executive that the state has been tardy in processing nearly one-third of the new applications for the federally funded nutritional assistance program within the required 30 days.

Turner pointed out that participation in the nutrition program qualifies needy Texans for utility and telephone bill discount programs.

Turner asked for the governor's help in getting the state Health and Human Services Commission and the Public Utility Commission to speed the

certification.

DPS tries out rolling billboards

Come October, the Texas Department of Public Safety will be understaffed. The DPS on Aug. 7 said about 250 more troopers are needed.

Looking to boost its recruiting efforts, the DPS is turning some of its vehicles into rolling billboards — a new twist in the genre of help-wanted advertisements.

The agency seeks applicants who are U.S. citizens at least 20 years of age and who have completed 90 hours of college credit or an associate's degree. Law enforcement or military experience may be used toward fulfilling the college requirement.

Hutchison kicks off campaign

U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, on Aug. 17 in her hometown of LaMarque, officially launched her campaign to

challenge Gov. Perry to be the Republican nominee for governor.

Watson decides Senate is for him

State Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, announced he would not run for governor in 2010, despite an effort to draft him as a candidate.

DPS provides list of new laws

On Sept. 1, hundreds of new laws passed by the 81st Texas Legislature will take effect.

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 11 released a select list of new criminal laws or changes to current criminal laws.

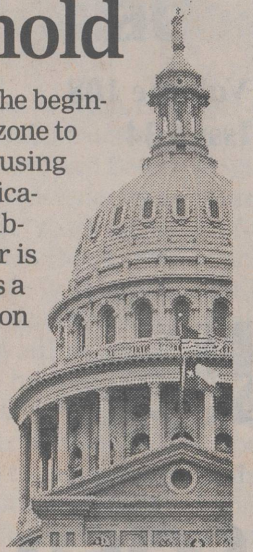
Here are samples of a just a few of them:

- It will be illegal to use a wireless communication device in a school zone unless the vehicle is stopped or a hands-free device is used. Cities or counties wanting to enforce this law

must post a sign at the beginning of each school zone to inform drivers that using a wireless communications device is prohibited and the operator is subject to a fine. It is a defense to prosecution if the operator was making an emergency call.

- Applicants under the age of 18 must take the driving skills exam to receive a driver license.

- Occupants of a vehicle must be secured by a safety belt, no matter where they are seated.
- Children younger than 8 years of age must be restrained in an approved



STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

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Decision Loops

It has been my observation that there is a new trend sweeping the nation. No, it's not a new kind of music complete with a fashion statement: mini skirts, bell-bottoms, Mohawks, or droopy pants. I'm waiting for the music genre that requires its fans to wear their underwear on the outside of their clothes. You know it's coming. What else is left?

No, the trend I am referring to is traffic circles. They are popping up everywhere. Where there once was a signal or a 4-way stop, now there is a traffic circle, or a Decision Loop, as my husband and I appropriately call them.

Decision Loops have been employed in abundance all over Europe, but just like your bathtub drains in the opposite direction in the Southern Hemisphere, Decision Loops go in the opposite direction in the Eastern Hemisphere.

Don't ask me why. It's probably a matter of gravitational pull or the Theory of Relativity or something.

We call them Decision Loops because they give the mentally frail a little time to figure out where they were supposed to be going. Green lights tend to trigger brain malfunctions in a certain percentage of people, myself included.

This phenomenon requires me to wait a second or two after the light changes so the haze will clear and my destination will become clear again. Unfortunately, that second or two is way too long for the person behind me, and he will start tooting his horn, which makes my thoughts scatter again. This is why 3-point turns were invented.

Decision Loops make it possible for me to keep moving while my brain train gets back on track and determines my intentions for being there.

I can enter the loop thinking, "Now where am I going?" I will do an entire lap before it comes to me, "Oh yeah, I needed a watering can. Now where am I going to get one of those?"

I make another lap as the options slowly come to me. "I could go to Walmart, but I'd have to park a 1/2 mile from the doors. Wait, wasn't there a coupon for one somewhere?"

One more time around the Decision Loop before I realize, "Wait a minute, I bought the watering can yesterday! What I really need is laundry detergent... and that's at the grocery store!"

In triumph, I finally take the correct exit off the Decision Loop and head in the direction of the grocery store.

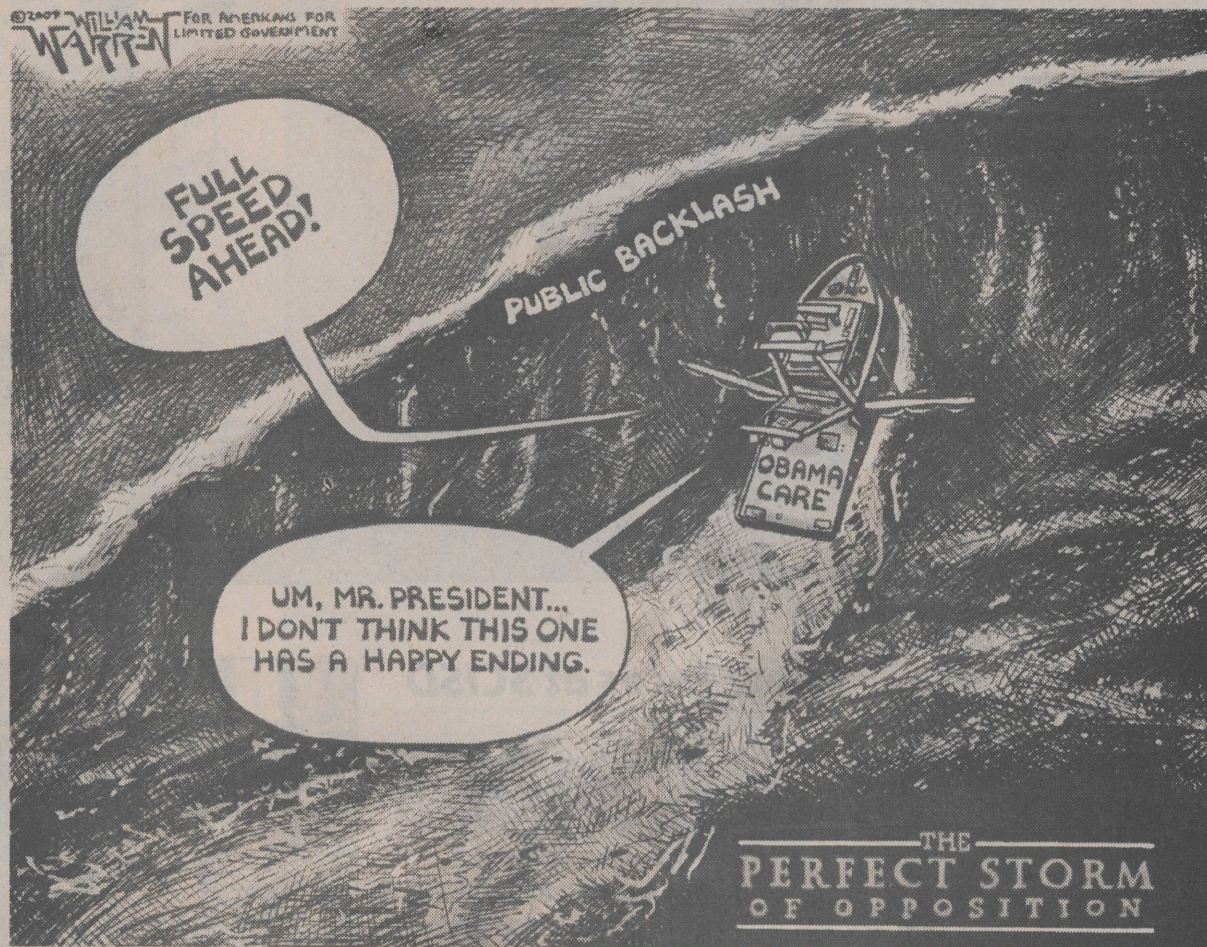
Taking out of the equation the fact that such a deranged person shouldn't be given a license, Decision Loops are, in general, a useful tool to keep traffic moving while brain malfunctions recover.

Of course, there are a select few who think it's wise to make their recovery while stopped dead inside the circle. No amount of waving and dirty looks will spur them into making any hasty decisions. Perhaps he's embarrassed about making a few laps until his destination pops into his mind, but really, the only people who would know are the other brain malfunctioning people doing laps and clearly, those people can hardly blame him.

The only time decision lapping might become a problem is if the Decision Loop is too small to accommodate the required number of laps. This is rare, however, I'm convinced it does happen from time to time.

In fact, in many areas of Europe, the Decision Loops are merely a white dot the size of a large pizza painted in the middle of an intersection. My minivan couldn't do laps around a pizza, that's why Europeans drive small cars.

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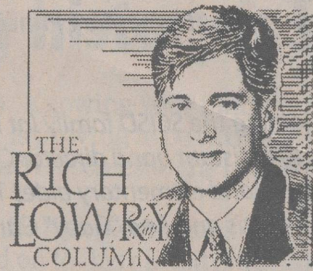
A Not-So-Silent Majority

Like Richard Nixon, Barack Obama wants to govern on the strength of a silent majority, although with a twist. Obama wants the majority that opposes or questions his policies to stay silent.

Obama's White House and its allies have unleashed a barrage of criticism and condescension at people daring to show up at town-hall meetings and ask their elected representatives pointed questions. "Fired up and ready to go!" apparently works only one way. If engaged citizens shower Obama with adoration at stage-managed rallies, they are the very stuff of American democracy. If they boo their congressman, they are a scandalous eruption of fake or hateful sentiment.

The Democratic National Committee has called the hostile questioners and protesters at town halls a "mob." White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said that they represent "manufactured anger" ginned up by nefarious corporate interests, and referred to them as "the Brooks Brothers brigade." California Sen. Barbara Boxer, too, took offense at the untoward lack of shabby dress, noting with disapproval that the protesters are "well-dressed." It's the attack of the haut-poll.

All of these Obama



mouthpieces must forget that the president once was a community organizer. As a young man in Chicago, he got people to meetings and primed them with questions to ask city officials. By the Gibbs standard, when Obama prodded his community activists to get the Chicago Housing Authority to remove asbestos from a public-housing complex in the 1980s, it was contemptible "manufactured" outrage.

Conservative groups are publicizing the times and locations of town-hall meetings on the Internet. They are calling and e-mailing people on their membership lists and urging them to make their voices heard. No one prior to the troubled career of Obama-Care thought town-hall meetings should be closely held secrets, or considered basic block-and-tackle political organizing as out of bounds.

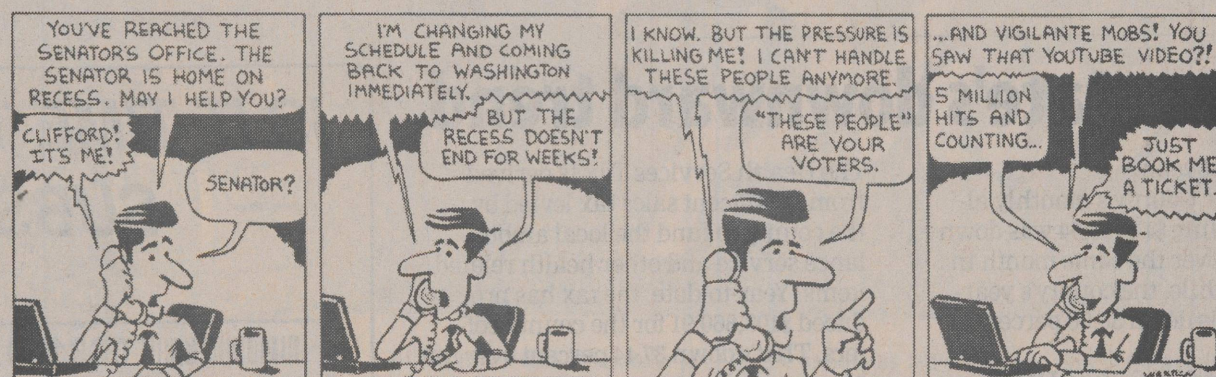
Obama once extolled such organizing as one of the marvels of

American democracy. The same DNC operative who attacked the "angry mobs of a small number of rabid right-wing extremists" ran a union-funded group in 2005 opposing President George W. Bush's Social Security reform. It organized protests and town-hall meetings, and ran TV ads. But never mind -- it's activism for me, not for thee.

The Obama team labors under the misapprehension that its sweeping, \$1 trillion health-care plan is popular. Pluralities in almost every poll disapprove of the Democrats' proposals and disapprove of Obama's handling of health care. Polls show that opponents of Obama-Care feel more intensely about the issue than supporters. It's not surprising, then, that town-hall meetings would be uncomfortable for members of Congress plugging for Obama-Care.

Obama is sinking toward a 50 percent presidency, with the public evenly divided over him. In New Jersey and Virginia gubernatorial races this year, Republicans are both leading by 14 points in the latest polls and appealing to the center. No matter how fervently Obama may wish it to be so, his skeptics won't be silent.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review. © 2009 by King Features Synd., Inc.



65 miles to the nearest stoplight

Sanderson is the smallest town on AMTRAK. Jim Street, publisher of the Terrell County News-Leader in Sanderson calls it a whistle stop (defined as a station where a train stops only on signal). "The trains don't stop unless



Rolling Along

by Tumbleweed Smith

there's someone who wants to get off here or somebody wants to get on. But if you stand out there and flag it down, the train will stop

for you."

Jim says if you don't happen to have a ticket, you can buy one once you get aboard. Sanderson was named for a railroad man.

"It was created because of the railroad," says Jim. "People putting the railroad through saw an interesting place to build a town. Charlie Wilson was one of those guys. He bought a bunch of property with the idea he'd be able to sell it and make some money."

Back in those early days, the story goes, Charlie Wilson put up a saloon for railroad workers. Pretty soon a guy by the name of Roy Bean came along and decided to put up another saloon in Sanderson.

"Someone sneaked into Roy Bean's place one night and put kerosene in the whiskey bottles. The next day, customers complained about the terrible taste. So Roy Bean left town and went to Langtry."

Sanderson is very much by itself. No big towns are nearby.

"We're pretty much out here in the middle of nowhere. It's sixty-five miles to the nearest stoplight."

Because of its remote location, Sanderson attracted outlaws, cattle rustlers and bandits. Two gunmen who tried to rob a train near Sanderson in 1912 were not successful.

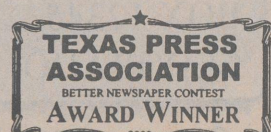
"They stopped the train and one of the guys went into the mail car to rob it. He got some stuff, then the agent in charge told the gunman that there were some real treasures on the bottom shelf. When the gunman stooped down to look, the agent hit him over the head with an ice mallet, used back then to break ice, and killed him. The agent took the robber's rifle and stood waiting until the other guy came looking for his buddy. When he walked through the door, the agent shot and killed him. The train proceeded into Sanderson and displayed the bodies in the depot where they were photographed. They're buried in our cemetery."

Sanderson is in Terrell County, which used to be part of Pecos County.

"It was created in 1905. We had our centennial celebration here a few years ago. If you look at a map, Pecos County comes to a little 'V' at the bottom of the county. The reason is they wanted a piece of the railroad in Pecos County so the county officials could get free train rides."

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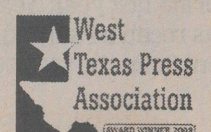
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OBITUARIES

Dale Marion Peterson



a Major after twenty-three years of service.

The family then moved to San Angelo, Texas, and he began a new career with the Federal Aviation Administration. After ten years as a Traffic Controller, he transferred to College Station, Texas, where he eventually retired as Chief of the Control Tower at Easterwood Airport. He and Wanda moved back to San Angelo in 2001 to be near family.

Dale was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and he loved his church.

SAN ANGELO — Dale Marion Peterson passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at Community Medical Center. A family visitation was held on Monday, August 17, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Service was Tuesday, Aug. 18, at the funeral home.

Dale was born May 17, 1926, in Manti, Sanpete County, Utah, to William Henry Peterson and Mary Christine (Jensen) Peterson. He was the seventh of eight children born to that union, and they have all preceded him in death. He was married to Wanda Dannheim in San Angelo, Texas, May 10, 1952. They were married for fifty-seven years.

He served in the United States Navy briefly, and then he trained as a pilot in the United States Air Force. He was Aircraft Commander on a B-47 in the Strategic Air Command during the Cold War. During the Vietnam War he flew cargo for Military Air Command. He retired in 1968 as

He is survived by his wife of the home; his son, Alan Peterson and his wife, Norma of San Angelo; his son, Eric Peterson and his wife, Kim of San Angelo; and four grandchildren, Jeremy Peterson of Lubbock, Texas, Jeffrey Peterson of Lubbock, Kristin Peterson of Fort Worth, Texas, and Ryan Peterson of College Station, Texas. He is also survived by sisters-in-law Geneil Peterson of Idaho, Margaret Keller and husband Con of Manti, Utah, Betty Peterson of Van Nuys, Calif., Vonnie Dannheim of Eldorado, and brother-in-law Sherrill Dannheim and Mary of Sonora. He is also survived by many loved nieces and nephews and special niece and nephew, Karnea and Chayse Dannheim and their children Maegan and Cody of Sonora.

In lieu of flowers please remember Meals for the Elderly, American Heart Association, or charity of your choice.



The Hubbard Family

Hubbard Family in concert at Community Baptist Church for Fifth Sunday Singing

The Hubbard Family of Bullard, Texas will perform in concert at Community Baptist Church of Eldorado at 6 p.m. on Sunday, August 30th as the church hosts its regular "Fifth Sunday Singing."

Jerry Hubbard, the family's patriarch, grew up as the son of a West Texas guitar picker. He not only sings and plays bass, but is also an accomplished fiddle, mandolin, dobro and steel guitar player. Jerry cut his teeth (almost literally) on Western Swing, playing rhythm guitar at a very young age. As a boy, he spent many long, patient hours slowing down records to learn the licks of his heroes, particularly the great telecaster virtuoso Don Rich. For years, Jerry played professionally in clubs and honky-tonks from Los Angeles to Dallas, wowing audiences with his smooth, flashy picking, and charismatic stage presence.

But, that all changed in 1997 when 40-year-old Jerry, an agnostic, said farewell to the neon bands after meeting Jesus.

Jerry's wife Debbie grew up in California's San Joaquin Valley where her father's family settled in the years following the Great Depression. Her childhood memories revolve around the love of music that her father instilled deep in her heart as she listened to him sing the songs of Gene Autry and Hank Williams.

Debbie now sings lead and harmony while playing rhythm guitar. The group relies on her tender love for her Savior and her unselfish devotion to her family. She explains that she did not always sing for Jesus but now devotes her talents to singing for the Lord.

Jerry and Debbie have three daughters, Emmylou, Lorianne and Jeri Lynn, all of whom play and sing in the group.

Emmylou plays lead guitar and sings like an angel. She is an accomplished musician who has obtained her associate degree in music

while she continues to work toward here bachelor's degree.

The middle child of the Hubbard family is Lorianne, the mandolinist. The family knew when she was just a baby that she had the pipes to be a singer and they often worried about getting kicked out of their duplex when she began to belt out songs. Now they just smile and watch as jaws drop when the talented Lorianne starts to sing.

Jeri Lynn is the youngest child and the family's drummer. She has gone from sleeping on a pew during family concerts, to performing with the family. After brief stints with a guitar, fiddle, dobro and even banjo, she picked up her first set of drumsticks and found her calling...much to the relief of her family, especially on the banjo part.

Be sure to come out and see the Hubbard Family in concert at Community Baptist Church in Eldorado on Sunday, August 30, 2009. The concert is free to the public and will begin at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome! Please join us you'll be glad you did. A love offering will be taken during the service.



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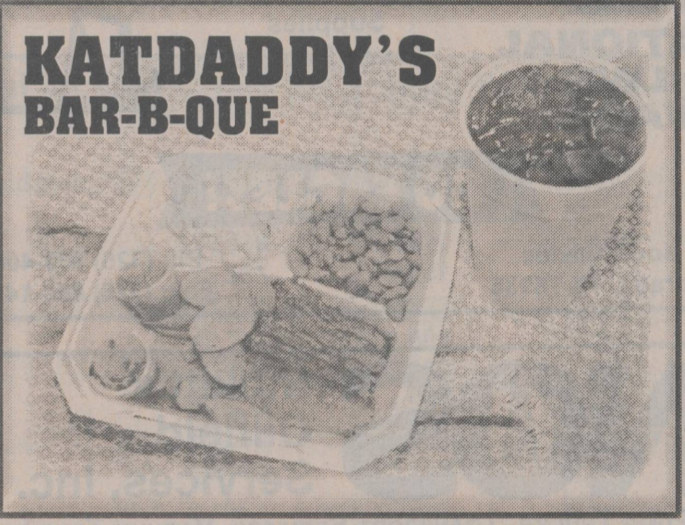
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Frankie D. Doty

ELDORADO — Frankie D. Doty, 80 of Eldorado passed away Saturday, Aug. 15, 2009, at his residence. Survivors include daughters Angela Doty of Odessa and Vicki Doty of San Angelo; four grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews. Memorial service was held Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

James Factor

ELDORADO — James Factor, 56, passed away Sunday, Aug. 16, 2009. Services were held on Wednesday, Aug. 19, at 10 a.m. at St. Luke's Baptist Church with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery. He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Cora and Josh Hastings of Eldorado, four brothers and many loved ones.

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Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY August 24th
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WEDNESDAY August 26th
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

THURSDAY August 27th
Soft Taco / Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce, Tomato, Mixed fresh Fruit w/Cantaloupe, Milk.

FRIDAY August 28th
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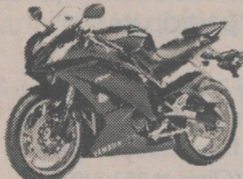
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by Linda Thistle

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4	2				7				9
	1	6	3						7
	5	4						3	6
	9	8		5		7			
3			7		9	1			

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoop Boy!
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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
See Solution on Page 8

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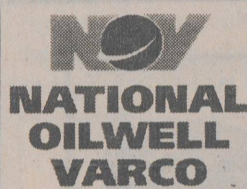
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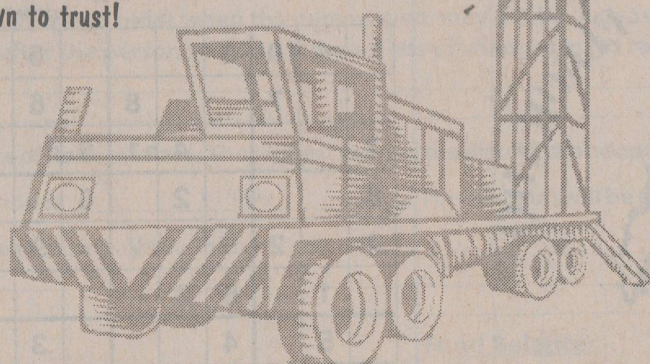
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Off to the Races!

Eagles running back Rudy Sanchez cuts to outside as he looks for daylight in the Nueces Canyon defense. Eldorado posted three touchdowns against the Panthers while giving up none in scrimmage action last Saturday morning in Camp Wood.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

BIRTHDAY LIST

AUGUST

21st Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Wenona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swartzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz

23rd Benita Fuentes, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Douglas Ussey

24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, Phillip Edmonson, Beverly Jones, Maria Huichapa, Tara Whitten, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith

25th Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bentley Kennedy, Chris Phillips, John Isaac Lozano, Mary Hernandez

26th Jewell Millers, Bob Bailey, Monica Nicole Estrada, J. Lynn Barajas, Raul Sanchez, Randy Dehoyos, Ramiro Barajas Sr., Donice Jarrett, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Gregoria Lozano, Scott McCutcheon

27th Tiffany Case, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Lupe Fuentes, W. F. Edmiston, MaryLou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe

28th Curtis Short, Norman Kohls, Rance Cathey, Michael Adame, Agustina Rodriguez, Clea Koenig, Beau Saltee, Russ Dacy, Shalena Allen, Kelsey Tutt, Robin Beach, Rick Sterling

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The scheduled dates are:

- Boys - August 27, 2009 with Bobby from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
 - Girls - September 3, 2009 with Becky from 2:00 to 4:00 PM
- Please call Schleicher County Family Clinic at 853-3137 if you have any questions.



Eagles shine in Nueces Canyon scrimmage

The Eldorado Eagles got their first taste of action last Saturday as they travelled to Camp Wood to scrimmage the Nueces Canyon Panthers.

Coach Alan Cherry's Eagles scored three times on Nueces Canyon with two of those coming on defense as the Warbirds secondary managed to return two interceptions for touchdowns. Unfortunately, for the Eagles fans who made the trip to Camp Wood, the Eldorado boys wore their practice jerseys with no numbers, making it hard to keep up with exactly who did what.

Eagles quarterback Garrett Lux was easily distinguishable with his tall black socks. And, running back Wes Brown stood out as he tore through the Panthers line more than once and rambled deep into the secondary. Brown found the endzone one of those, giving the Eagles the only offensive touchdown of the scrimmage.

Linebacker Josh Jurecek returned one of the interceptions for a TD but the lack of numbers made it impossible for this reporter to tell which Eagle notched up the other pick-6. Otherwise, the scrimmage gave coaches for both teams a chance to measure their team's performance in live game conditions.

The Eagles have clearly focused on fundamentals since the end of last year's season.

Both the offensive and defensive unit appeared rusty at first,

but soon came up to speed and easily dominated the Nueces Canyon squad.

Next up for the Eagles is a scrimmage with the Miles Bulldogs early Friday evening in Eagle Stadium. The scrimmage is slated to get underway at 6 p.m.

The public is invited to attend and support the Eagles as they prepare for the 2009 football season.

The first opponent of the regular season will be the Forsan

Buffaloes in Forsan on August 28th.

In fact, the Eagles will face their first three opponents on the road. They will travel to Sweetwater on September 4 to take on Slaton before going to Iraan on September 11 to face the Braves.

The Eagles first home game will be against Marfa on September 18. That game will also be the Eagles 1009 Homecoming game.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

It all starts with the big guys!

Eagles center Ben Wipff prepares to snap the ball to quarterback Garrett Lux as the Eagles take on the Nueces Canyon Panthers in scrimmage action last Friday. The Warbirds played well in their first action, scoring three touchdowns on the Panthers while giving up none.

Winners listed in Hext Memorial golf tournament

by Branda Gray

The 37th Annual Hext Memorial Golf Tournament was won by Chris Phillips of Eldorado and Quay Oglesby of Ozona with a score of 114 on August 8th and 9th.

Forty two-man teams competed at the Eldorado Golf Club during the 2 day event.

Second place in the

Championship Flight was won by Andy Gonzales of Menard and his partner John Senden of San Angelo with a two day score of 116.

The winners of the President's Flight went to Ross Whitten of Eldorado and Mike Olsen of Lubbock with a score of 116. Second place went to the team of Jon Cartwright and Tip Finley shooting 120 for the two day tournament.

First Flight winners with a score of 125 were Don Richters and Larry Mitchel of Eldorado. There was a three way tie for second place between Mario Robles and Felipe Pina, Mike and John Nikolauk and Barney Sisco and Gary Foster of Sterling City with a score of 126.

The Second Flight was won by Kerry Joy and Scott Edmonson with a 131. Second place in the flight went to Alvie and Kenneth Carrell of Mertzon with a 135.

Our next tournament will be the Club Championship on August 30-31.

**2009 ELDORADO EAGLE
VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE**

August	15 (Sat.)	Nueces Canyon - Scrim.	tba	There
August	21 (Fri.)	Miles - Scrimmage	tba	Home
August	28	Forsan	7:30	There
September	4	Slaton	7:30	Sweetwater
September	11	Iraan	7:30	There
September	18	Marfa**	7:30	Home
September	25	*Junction	7:30	Home
October	2	*Mason	7:30	There
October	9	*Menard	7:30	There
October	16	Open		
October	23	*Christoval **	7:30	There
October	30	*Irian County***	7:30	Home
November	6	*Rocksprings	7:30	There

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Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Ortiz

Halbert/Ortiz wedding

Saturday, April 25, 2009 at 7:00 in the evening, Lycynda Halbert and Joshua Ortiz exchanged vows at The Vineyard in San Antonio, Texas. The beautiful hill country provided a romantic setting among limestone ledges, vineyards, candlelight, and the aroma of fresh roses and wildflowers from the surrounding gardens. Underneath archways warmly glowing from garden lanterns and white twinkling lights, and down rose peddle covered paths the couple was united in holy matrimony for eternity by Pastor Steve Coker.

Parents of the bride are Danny & Allene Halbert of Eldorado, Texas. Parents of the groom are Tom & Deborah Pfeifer of Rowland Heights, California. Matron of Honor was Charissa Koch of Eldorado, Texas and bridesmaids were Alyssa Cooper of New Braunfels, Texas; Jessica Penkszyk of Eldorado, Texas; Ashley Guest of Austin, Texas; and Rebecca Baumgartner of Seal Beach, California. Attending for the groom were Jacob Flores of Lubbock, Texas; Phillip Rolan of Lubbock, Texas; Justin Baumgartner of Seal Beach, California; Michael Pfeifer of Rowland Heights, California; and Danny Ortiz of Los Angeles, California. Ushers were Neil Cooper of New Braunfels, Texas and Jaxon Shepard of Eldorado, Texas. Ring Bearer was Jonah Penkszyk of Eldorado, Texas and flower girls were Alexis Baumgartner

of Seal Beach, California; and Alani Flores of Lubbock, Texas.

Lycynda wore a beautiful strapless white satin A-line gown trimmed in white ribbon and an elegantly flowing veil made of netting and white ribbon.

She wore her maternal great-grandmother's heirloom gold wedding ring pinned in her slip as "something old". Her colors were chocolate brown and Tiffany blue. The floral arrangements were beautiful white tulips and blue tinged hydrangeas.

The groom, groomsmen, and ring bearer wore brown Converse tennis shoes with their tuxes. The flower girls wore turquoise Converse tennis shoes with their dresses and the bride changed into her turquoise Converse tennis shoes for the reception.

The wedding cake was three tiers of turquoise blue Tiffany boxes with a big white bow on top and the groom's cake was a chocolate Los Angeles Lakers cake.

The ceremony was followed by dinner at The Vineyards Restaurant and dancing underneath the romantic Texas sky. The couple departed in a vintage Rolls Royce amid bubbles and aerial burst of fireworks.

Lycynda and Joshua enjoyed a relaxing seven day cruise to Grand Cayman Island, Jamaica and Cozumel. Following their honeymoon, the couple will make their home in Lubbock, Texas.



Mrs. Joshua Ortiz

Texas First Lady Anita Perry announces Governor's Mansion restoration project architect

AUSTIN - First Lady Anita Perry, along with the State Preservation Board, today announced the selection of Ford, Powell and Carson, one of Texas' premier design firms, the restoration of the Governor's Mansion truly begins," said Mrs. Perry. "It has been a long journey to this point, but today we announced that we are on our way to returning this special home to Texas."

Ten preservation firms responded to the request for proposal issued in June by the State Preservation Board. Of those 10 firms, three were unanimously selected for final consideration by a five-member review team. The team included senior managers at the Preservation Board and Texas Historical Commission architects. The final selection was based upon firm interviews and reference calls to former clients.

"The breadth of experience and remarkable expertise of Ford, Powell and Carson in the field of preservation, as well as the effective design management demonstrated on some of the most significant restorations in Texas, will serve the state well on the challenging Governor's Mansion restoration," said State Preservation Board project manager Dealey Herndon. "The firm has the depth to meet all of the unique requirements of the project."

Ford, Powell and Carson

(FPC) was founded by the legendary O'Neil Ford. The firm's practice in historic preservation began in 1965. Based in San Antonio, FPC was drawn to historic preservation early in the movement. With 40 years of experience in historic preservation architecture, Principal Carolyn Peterson, FAIA, is leading the Governor's Mansion team. Peterson was responsible for many of the noteworthy preservation projects in Texas, including the Texas Capitol restoration and restorations of many of the San Antonio Missions, numerous structures in the Galveston Strand, the Alamo, several Texas County Courthouses and a number of other significant projects. Widely recognized for architectural achievement, Peterson recently was inducted into the Texas Women's Hall of Fame.

Jeff Fetzer, AIA, is serving as the FPC project manager for design. Fetzer had a leadership role on the Capitol restoration project in 1993, and played a similar role on a number of preservation projects. Fetzer was the project architect for restorations of the Pabst Brewery in San Antonio and the Laguna Gloria Driscoll Villa in Austin. Yu Long Yang, RA, Gary Coombs, AIA, and Ellen Berky, AIA, NCARB, CCS, round-out the FPC team.

FPC's team also includes as prime consultants HMG and Associations of Austin for mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering and Jaster-Quintanilla of Austin for structural engineering. Both firms provided engineering services related to the Mansion prior to and following the fire.

Good Vibrations Celebrating 40 Years at SCMC

To celebrate 40 years of service to our community, Schleicher County Medical Center is hosting Hot Rods and Fancy Rides Show this weekend.

The show begins at 10 a.m. and continue to 1:00 p.m Saturday, August 22.

There will be outdoor activities for the family including bounce house for the kids. Also free food and drinks.

Wheels participating need to meet at 9:30 a.m. Call Annie Arispe at 325-853-2507, ext. 132.



County Agent's Update

by Cody Bundick

Stock Show Meeting

There will be a stock show meeting Tuesday August 25th at 6 pm at the Extension Office. We will discuss and finalize rules and regulations regarding the Schleicher County Livestock Show. Anyone is welcome to attend the meeting. Some agenda items will include, validation process, discuss a new system for the premium sale, and showmanship awards.

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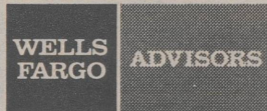
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AUSTIN — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is encouraging hunters in need of certification to enroll soon as fall hunter education courses are filling up fast. As hunting seasons draw closer, demand for hunter education classes is expected to increase.

"It would be much better to enroll early and avoid the rush right at the beginning of hunting seasons," said Terry Erwin, Coordinator for Hunter Education at TPWD. "Don't wait, because the number of available courses begins to taper off as the hunting season grows closer."

Anyone born after Sept. 1, 1971 is required to take the Hunter Education Training Course in order to hunt in Texas. The minimum age a hunter may be certified was lowered last year to 9, and experts have advice for people who want to take advantage of this relatively new provision.

"Though students may be certified at age 9, we still suggest they be accompanied by an adult guardian until the parent or guardian feels that they're mature enough to hunt on their own," Erwin said. "We lowered certification to age 9 last year to go along with the Texas Youth Hunting Program, which

requires certification to participate. We do expect parents to provide good supervision during hunting, and who better should know if their youngster is mature enough to be allowed to hunt?"

Hunters who are at least 17 years of age and have not completed the hunter education course can defer completion for one year. Hunters who opted for "deferral" last year must complete the hunter education course to hunt legally this year.

Hunter education courses are conducted by certified volunteers all year across the state of Texas. Courses cost \$15 and students have two options: take the FREE classroom study portion on-line plus a one-day field component or take the

traditional two-day course that averages 14 hours of instruction.

"The deferral is only available once. The license point-of-sale vendors are not allowed to sell a deferral once it has been purchased by an individual," Erwin said. "The database keeps track of the sale, and will not allow a sale to occur with the same individual."

More than 30,000 aspiring hunters become certified every year in Texas and since 1972, 820,000 Texans have completed the hunter education course, which is mandatory in all 50 states and 10 Canadian Provinces. Currently, hunter education courses are taught by 2,900 volunteers comprised of game wardens, professional educators, and volunteers at TPWD.

As a result of hunter education courses, Texas hunting accident rates have steadily decreased since 1966 when 12 accidents per 100,000 hunters were reported and the last three years have seen the rate lowered to 2.9 accidents per 100,000 hunters. In fact, football players are, based on 100,000 participants, 391 times more likely to be injured than hunters.

"Hunting is safe and getting safer because of hunter education," Erwin said. "Make sure you are one of those responsible individuals who wish to continue the heritage of hunting for generations to come. Help preserve our hunting heritage by becoming a certified instructor. If interested, please contact our office at 1-800-792-1112, Ext. 4999."

Balloon Rally in Big Bend on Labor Day

"Over fifteen hot air balloons will paint West Texas skies in three weeks. Everyone is invited," said Ken Clouse, President of the Big Bend Balloon Bash Inc., a non-profit group sponsoring hot-air balloon activities in the Big Bend region over the entire Labor Day weekend.

According to Clouse, "this is the fifteenth annual rally, and we have rarely experienced a morning we could not launch most balloons". "The winds are just right, with the high mountains surrounding Alpine in a bowl shape. These mountains offer unique protection from the sometimes strong Trans-pecos winds".

Further, Clouse emphasized

that the recent rains add to the comfortable, refreshing launches. "This summer is the wettest in years, the grasses, mountains and clouds providing a most beautiful backdrop for this three day event.

Location for the weekend is the resort ranch "Sierra La Rana", two miles south of Alpine on State Highway 118. As per Clouse, "prevailing winds predictably send the balloons east, north and west over the City of Alpine". Launch time is 7:30 am.

After the launches "visitors are invited to shop at art and sculpture galleries and antique stores in downtown Alpine. And all three days there are musical events in Alpine, Marfa and Ft. Davis. This includes concerts at the famous

"Railroad Blues" in Alpine, "Padres" in Marfa and the three day Marfa Lights Festival, also in Marfa. Also, "all three communities, Alpine, Marfa and Ft. Davis, have some of the finest restaurants to dine in before these concerts", said Clouse.

On Sunday night there will be a balloon glow and fire-concert at Buck Stadium. It is a benefit event put on by the Big Bend Amateur Radio Club. The Alpine High School Band will perform the exciting musical programs. They will supplement the loud and melodic songs communicated from the propane engines of the fifteen balloons.

For more information, please call the City of Alpine (432-837-3301) or the Big Bend Balloon Bask (432-837-7486).

Capital Highlights

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child passenger safety seat unless the child is at least 4 feet, 9 inches in height. [The fine is no more than \$25 for a first offense and \$250 for a second offense.]

- The DPS may not issue a driver license or identification card to a person who has not established a domicile in Texas.

- The DPS may not suspend a concealed handgun permit if the holder fails to display the permit to a peace officer when told to do so.

- Internet usage by certain registered sex offenders is restricted, and registered sex offenders must provide information about their e-mail addresses when they register.

- A court may immediately seal juvenile criminal records if the juvenile successfully completes a drug court program, or another special program ordered by the court.

Shop smart for Back-to-School

(StatePoint) Savvy parents are always on the lookout for ways to extend their shopping dollars. For back to school, that means uncovering discounts, rebates, contests and other ways to earn free products.

This year there are several tips parents will want to keep in mind, as well as special opportunities available for smart shoppers, no matter the age of their kids:

- Don't always opt for 10 cent specials. Though you might save up front, these products can fall apart quickly, costing you time and money to buy another set. Choose products sturdy enough to last the entire school year. Select notebooks, folders and organizational systems with durable covers and quality materials. Some brands offer extras like notebooks with covered spines so spiral coils don't get out of place, or binders with patented materials protecting against peeling or bent corners.

- Sign up for product rebates and loyalty programs. This is especially handy when you will be purchasing many items from a manufacturer, such as notebooks and folders. For example, Mead offers "Mead Money Madness" -- a points program offering rewards for eligible purchases. Look for the Money Madness tag on the company's products, enter the UPC at www.mead.com and earn points. Points are redeemable for real-world prizes, including retailer gift cards, school supplies, music and more.

- Buy basics in bulk. When it comes to things you know you'll need - such as paper, pens and

tape - seek out bulk opportunities. Shopper clubs and warehouse stores aren't just for food or household necessities. Peruse online auctions to take advantage of bulk offerings and discounts.

- College students can save money by asking others to gift items off their wish list, and parents can make sure their back to school purchases are actually appreciated, thanks to the first college dorm registry. Organize.com is offering college students a dorm registry, letting them choose from thousands of products to outfit their dorm room and help in the classroom. When loved ones buy gifts, they can even have packages delivered directly to the student's dorm as they move in, saving on transportation and storage hassles. Plus, students creating registries can save 10 percent off all Organize.com purchases.

- Make kids' school clothes last by choosing items that can be worn in different seasons. The layered look also is a good option, as clothing can be worn in different combinations to create different looks. Check out newspaper circulars and online retailers for special seasonal discounts.

- Opt for products with special offers, and enter back-to-school contests. For instance, Target is offering a free subscription to Seventeen Magazine simply for purchasing designated notebooks and supplies. On the contest front, the "Five Star Artist Contest" (at www.beaivestartist.com) will give two winners a \$5,000 cash prize and the chance to have their artwork grace a future notebook cover. Another contest, the "Dream Dorm Makeover" (at www.organize.com), will earn lucky college students Organize.com gift cards, plus bundles of school supplies.

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- Big chunk of an atlas
- Lily variety
- Scotia lox
- Comfy shoes
- In the works
- Dentist's request
- Attica event of 1971
- Parti-colored
- Beehive State Indian
- Messy substances
- Fairy tale she-villain
- March 17 event
- Boulder down under
- Gym spheroid
- Slots fruit
- Krone spenders
- "You don't say!"
- Cookie maker
- Spunkmeyer
- Put to rest, as fears
- Prefix with bytes or bucks
- Part of FWIW
- Mill output
- Sluggish with 755homers
- Alamogordo experiment of 1945
- Out of sorts
- Textile factory fixture
- Stanley Kowalski's cry
- "Green" sci.

- Frank's wife before Mia
- Place to trade
- Fuel for some city buses
- Twist the arm of
- Gov't-issued bond
- Polly, to Tom Sawyer
- Not counterfeit
- Moorehead

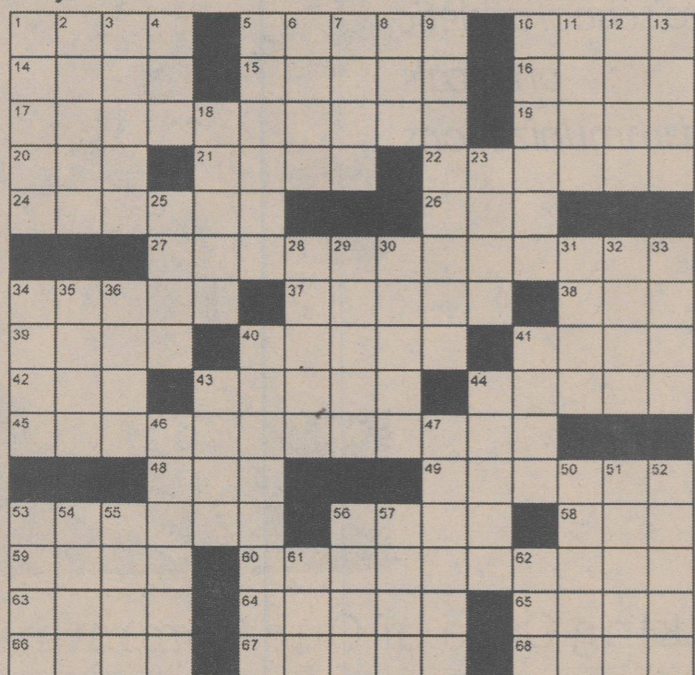
- "Bewitched" 68. Best of the early Beatles

DOWN

- Energize, informally
- In a way, slangily
- Not so genial
- Long-eared equine
- Went by dugout
- Bushy do

- Colleague of Clark and Jimmy
- London lav
- One at the bar
- "Piece of cake!"
- Radio hosts & Anthony
- Hippies' gestures
- Added stipulations
- City of northern Utah
- Takes one's turn
- "Famous" cookie maker
- Thumb twiddler
- Spy in Canaan
- Counting everything
- Golden-(senior)
- Building toy brand
- Mrs. Sprat's no-no
- Pork cut
- Rebuke to Brutus
- Catchall abbr.
- Fleet runner of myth
- Chess ending
- Fly off the shelves
- Safe havens
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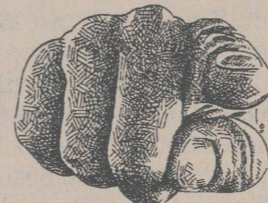


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S.C.I.S.D. announces policy for providing free and reduced meals for children

Schleicher County I.S.D. announces its policy for providing free and reduced meals for children served under the national School Lunch and School breakfast programs. Each school and/or the central office have a copy of the policy, which may be reviewed by any interested party.

The household size and income criteria identified below will be used to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits. Children from households whose income is at or below the levels shown are eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Foster children who are the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court may also be eligible for benefits regardless of the income of the household with whom they reside. Eligibility for the foster child is based on the child's income.

Application forms are being distributed to all households with a letter informing households of the availability of free and reduced-price meals for their children. Applications also are available at the principal's office in each school. To apply for free and reduced-price meals, households must fill out the application and return it to the school. Applications may be submitted anytime during the school year. The information households provide on the application will be used

for the purpose of determining eligibility and verification of data. The school officials may verify applications at any time during the school year.

For school officials to determine eligibility for free and reduced-price benefits, households receiving food stamps or TANF only have to list their child's name and food stamp or TANF case number. An adult household member must sign the application.

Households that do not list a food stamp or TANF case number must list the names of all household members, the amount and source of the income received by each household member and the social security number of the adult household member who signs the application. If the adult who signs the application does not have a social security number the household member must indicate that a social security number is not available by writing the word "NONE". An adult household member must sign the application.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price meal policy, The Food Service Director will review applications and determine eligibility. Parents or guardians dissatisfied with the ruling of the official may wish to discuss the decision with the reviewing official on an informal basis. Parents wishing

to make a formal appeal for a hearing on the decision may make a request either orally or in writing to Billy Collins, P.O. Box W, Eldorado, Texas 76936 or Phone 325-853-2514.

Households that list a food stamp or TANF case number must report when the household no longer receives these benefits. Other households approved for benefits based on income of information must report increases in household income of over \$50 per month or \$600 per year and decrease in household size. Also, if a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size increases, the household should contact the school. Such changes may make the children of the household eligible for benefits if household's income falls at or below the level shown below.

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Hello Everyone,

I hope everyone had a great summer. Sad to say it's almost time for school to start. Our breakfast and lunch price has gone up: LUNCH \$1.75, BREAKFAST \$.75. This is for full price students. Reduced students did not change: LUNCH \$.40, BREAKFAST \$.25.

Please feel free to stop by my office anytime until school starts and take care of your children's lunch needs. Breakfast for Elementary will still be free and we start feeding at 7:30 am, breakfast ends at 7:50. So please get your children here in time to eat.

There is a \$10.00 charge limit and your child /children will be given an alternative meal, so please take care of your child/children's charges.

If you are new to Schleicher Co. ISD this year and you think you will be eligible for free or reduced lunches please get your meal application filled out and turned in to my office, as soon as possible, otherwise your children will be charged full price for lunch, that you will be responsible for.

We are looking forward to seeing all your children and if you have any questions please call me at 853-3172 ext 5266.

Ima Bruce
Food Service Director

Your children may qualify for free or reduced-price meals if your household income falls within the limits on this chart.

Federal Income Chart for School Year 2009-10

Household size	Yearly	Monthly	Weekly
1	\$20,036	\$ 1,670	\$ 386
2	26,955	2,247	519
3	33,874	2,823	652
4	40,793	3,400	785
5	47,712	3,976	918
6	54,631	4,553	1,051
7	61,550	5,130	1,184
8	68,469	5,706	1,317
Each additional person:	6,919	\$ 577	\$ 134

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Children need healthy meals to learn. Schleicher County ISD offers healthy meals every school day. Breakfast costs \$.50, lunch costs \$1.75. Your children may qualify for free meals or for reduced-price meals. Reduced price is \$.25 for breakfast and \$.40 for lunch.

1. Do I need to fill out an application for each child?

No. Complete one application to apply for free or reduced-price meals. Use one Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for all students in your household. We cannot approve an application that is not complete, so be sure to fill out all required information. **Return the completed application to: Ima Bruce, 325-853-3172 or PO Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936**

2. Who can get free meals?

Children in households receiving Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits (formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF can get free meals regardless of your income. Your benefit letter from the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) is your documentation for free meals. If you have not already received a letter from your school stating that your household is eligible for free meals, you may take your HHSC benefit letter to your child nutrition office to be certified for free meals. Call the school at 325-853-3172 ext. 526, if you have questions.

3. Should I fill out an application if I got a letter this school year saying my children are approved for free or reduced-price meals?

In most cases no, however read the letter you got carefully and follow the instructions. Call the school at 325-853-3172, ext. 526 if you have questions. If your household does not receive SNAP or TANF, your children may still be eligible to receive free meals if your household income is less than the amounts listed on the federal Income Eligibility Guidelines. Please complete the application and submit it to your child nutrition office. Head Start students and most foster children may also qualify for free meals.

4. Can homeless, runaway and migrant children get free meals?

Yes. If you have not been notified of free status under these categories, please call **Paige Ragsdale, High School**, to see if your child(ren) qualifies.

5. Who can get reduced price meals?

Your children can get low cost meals if your household income is within the reduced-price limits on the Federal Income Chart, included in this application packet.

6. I get WIC. Can my child(ren) get free meals?

Children in households participating in WIC may be eligible for free or reduced-price meals. Please fill out an application.

7. Will the information I give be checked?

Yes, we may ask you to send written proof.

8. If I don't qualify now, may I apply later?

Yes. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start getting SNAP, TANF or other benefits.

9. What if I disagree with the school's decision about my application?

You should talk to school officials. You also may ask for a hearing by calling or writing to: **Billy Collins, 325-853-2514, ext. 222.**

10. May I apply if someone in my household is not a U.S. citizen?

Yes. You or your child(ren) do not have to be a U.S. citizen to qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

11. Who should I include as members of my household?

You must include yourself and all people living in your household, related or not (such as children, grandparents, other relatives or friends).

12. What if my income is not always the same?

List the amount that you normally receive. For example, if you normally get \$1000 each month, but you missed some work last month and only got \$900, put down that you get \$1000 per month. If you normally get overtime pay, include that amount as income. If you do not normally get overtime pay, do not include it as income.

13. We are in the military; do we include our housing allowance as income?

If your housing is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, do not include your housing allowance as income. All other allowances must be included in your gross income.

If you have other questions or need help, call **325-853-3172 ext.526. Si necesita ayuda, por favor llame al telefono.**

Sincerely
Ima Bruce
Food Service Director

PUBLIC NOTICE FREE AND REDUCED-PRICED MEALS NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH AND CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAMS

Multi-Child Free and Reduced-Price School Meals Application for 2009-10
SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT Local Educational Authority

Part 1. Children in School (Use a separate application for each foster child.)

Names of all children in school (Last, First, Middle Initial)	School Name	Social Security #, Student I.D. or Date of Birth (OPTIONAL)	Grade	Eligibility Group # for SNAP or TANF (if any)
1.				
2.				
3.				
4.				
5.				
6.				

If you listed an Eligibility Group # for SNAP/TANF, skip to Part 4.

Part 2. Foster Child

If this application is for a child who is the legal responsibility of a welfare agency or court, check box and list the amount of the child's personal use monthly income: \$ _____ Skip to Part 4.

Part 3. Household Members and Gross Income From Last Month (List each person in the household. For each person who receives income, write the amount received and how often it is received.)

1. Name. (List everyone in household.)	2. Income and how often it is received. Weekly (W), Every 2 Weeks (E), Twice a Month (T), Monthly (M).	3. Check if NO Income.
	Earnings from work before deductions Welfare, child support, alimony Pensions, retirement, Social Security Other	
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Part 4. Signature and Social Security Number (Adult must sign.)

An adult household member must sign the application. If Part 3 is completed, the adult signing the form must also list his or her Social Security Number or mark the "I do not have a Social Security Number" box. (See Privacy Act Statement on the "Instructions for Applying" page.)

I certify (promise) that all information on this application is true and that all income is reported. I understand that the school will get federal funds based on the information I give. I understand that school officials may verify (check) the information. I understand that if I purposely give false information, my children may lose meal benefits, and I may be prosecuted.

Sign here: _____ Date: _____
Social Security Number: _____ I do not have a Social Security Number.

Printed Name: _____ Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____
Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Do not fill out this part. For school use only.

Multiple income frequencies must be converted to annual amounts and combined to determine household income. Do not convert if only one income frequency is provided by the household. If converting income to annual, round only the final number.
Annual Income Conversion: Weekly x 52, Every 2 Weeks x 26, Twice A Month x 24, Monthly x 12

Household Income: _____ Household Size: _____ SNAP/TANF: _____ Date Withdrawn: _____

Eligibility: Free: _____ Reduced: _____ Denied: _____ Reason: _____

Temporary: Free: _____ Time Period: _____ (expires after _____ days)

Reviewing Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____
Confirming Official's Signature: _____ Follow-up Official's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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AG Abbott reaches agreement with Edinburg fitness center

EDINBURG – Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott this week reached an agreement with Cornerstone Fitness, L.L.C. that requires the fitness center to better protect its customers' personal information.

In February, the Attorney General charged Cornerstone with violating a Texas law that governs the disposal of confidential consumer data. According to the state investigators, the defendant hired a moving company to transport equipment, furniture

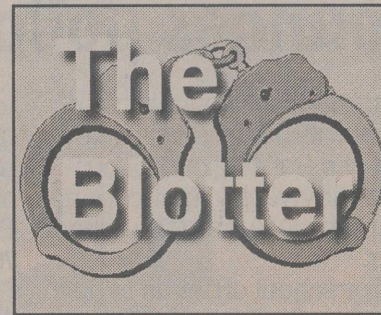
and business records to its flagship facility on Cornerstone Blvd. in October 2007. A filing cabinet containing customers' personal training service contracts was found in a dumpster behind the defendant's McColl Road location. The contracts included customers' sensitive personal information. State investigators subsequently showed that the defendant failed to satisfy Identity Theft Enforcement and Protection Act document security requirements.

Under today's agreement, the defendant must implement a comprehensive records management policy and strictly comply with state document disposal laws.

Cornerstone Fitness Texas, L.L.C. agreed to pay \$28,000 in civil penalties and attorneys' fees to resolve the state's enforcement action.

To prevent identity theft, all Texas should monitor their credit reports by obtaining cost-free copies annually. To get free copies of credit reports, visit www.AnnualCreditReport.com, call (877) 322-8228 or write: Annual Credit Report Request Service, P.O. Box 105281, Atlanta, Ga. 30348-5281.

To learn more about the Office of the Attorney General's efforts to prevent identity theft, visit the agency's Web site at www.texasattorneygeneral.gov.



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

AUGUST 12 • Fernandez, Rachel, female age 42. Serving one day. Release 8/13/09 time served.

• Galindo, Samuel, III, male age 18. Serving 7 days. Release 08/12/09 time served.

• Luna, Eric, male age 20. Serving 7 days. Release 08/18/09 time served.

AUGUST 13 • Romo, Samuel, male age 27. Warrant. Still in custody.

AUGUST 14 • Acevedo, Christi, female age 30. Warrant. Released 08/15/09 time served.

AUGUST 14 • Ewald, Austin Matthew, male age 19. Offense DWI. Released 08/16/09 \$2,000. PR bond.

AUGUST 15 • Gomos, Joseph John IV, male age 18. Offense M.I.C. alcohol & Possession of marijuana <2.oz. Released 08/16/09. \$1,000. PR bond.

• Hicks, Hunter, male age 18. Offense M.I.C. alcohol & possession of marijuana < 2.oz. Released 08.16.09 on \$1,000 PR bond.

• Vaughn, Michael, male age 18. Offense M.I.C alcohol, & possession of marijuana < 2oz. Released 08/16/09 \$1,000 PR bond.

AUGUST 16 • Montoya, Mark Anthony, male age 27. Offense assault, family violence. Released on \$2,000. Surety bond.

AUGUST 18 • Moorehouse, William, male age 55. Offense public intoxication. Released 08/18/09 citation.

INCIDENTS

AUGUST 11 - 8:05 PM • Alarm company reported alarm was activated. Discovered shelf fell which activated alarm.

AUGUST 12 - 1:59 PM • Caller reported being harassed. Officer responded.

2:30 PM • Test conducted of Emergency system. EVFD, EMS, and Wrecker dispatched.

5:18 PM • caller reported a grass fire on CR 412. Possible lightning strike. Officer and EVFD responded.

AUGUST 13 - 7:26 PM • Complainant reported the ex-spouse would not honor court order child visitation. Officer took report.

8:26 PM • Caller reported seeing a motorcycle travelling at an excessive rate of speed on Murchison west bound. Officer responded.

8:46 PM • Caller reported a juvenile on McIntosh Rd. riding a four wheeler near the roadway. Officer responded.

AUGUST 14 - 5:39 AM • Caller requested a wrecker on Highway 190. No injuries reported. Officer notified. Wrecker dispatched.

9:27 AM • Complainant was concerned about a person coming in and asking for help. Person had no identification and seemed mentally ill. Officer responded.

10:05 AM • Complainant reported a homeless person on church steps. Officer responded.

10:40 AM • Complainant stated his son had been calling and making threats. Complainant was unsure of what kind of car son was driving and declined patrols during the day. Advised to call 911 if there was any trouble.

12:11 PM • Funeral escort requested from church to cemetery.

3:47 PM • Caller reported female stranded 5 miles north on 277. Wrecker called.

4:23 PM • Assistance needed to post citation at the courthouse.

4:39 PM • Individual wanted to park oversized load in stadium parking so he can sleep at motel. Officer said OK.

5:41 PM • Caller asked for a civil standby.

5:55 PM • Caller reported minor accident of two vehicles on private property.

8:43 PM • Caller asked for a welfare check. Everything checked out OK.

9:44 PM • Caller reported blown transformer. Contacted Electric company. Reported and left message.

AUGUST 15 - 1:21 PM • Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a domestic disturbance involving themselves and someone else. Caller was visibly shaken. Officer responded.

AUGUST 15 - 1:48 PM • Test conducted. Ambulance, Wrecker and arrest made.

2:00 PM • Test conducted. Wrecker dispatched.

4:58 PM • Caller requested someone to deal with death. County judge and funeral home dispatched.

5:22 PM • Male subject walked into S.O. to say he had no money and was hungry. He said his sister from Ballinger was supposed to pick him up tomorrow. Contacted Runnels county and S.O. There had no knowledge of complainant or sister. Arranged dinner and trying to obtain a place for night's stay.

5:23 PM • DPS needed assistance with drug bust. Four taken into custody.

11:16 PM • Complainant called to report spouses refusal to leave. Officer responded.

AUGUST 16 - 12:17 AM • Caller reported death of relative. Requested ambulance. EMS and Officers responded. Judge of Sonora responded.

4:10 AM • Caller reported someone looking through window on Main St. Requested officer. Officer responded. Evidence was found indicating attempted forced entry. Caller stated this incident had occurred an hour before the call for help came to S.O. Caller was advised to call 911 if this should ever happen again.

7:50 PM • Caller reported cow on roadway.

8:43 PM • Caller reported 10 black cows on road. Unable to locate owner. Sutton county advised.

9:20 PM • Complainant reported knives and other items were taken from trailer on Hwy 190. Officer responded.

AUGUST 17 - 12:42 AM • Officer reported tan car beside church.

4:06 PM • Complainant reported someone is ringing her doorbell and running throughout the night on Bluebonnet St. requested extra patrols.

5:48 PM • Caller advised S.O. Would be spotlighting for the state in the Fort McKavett area. Officers notified.

8:45 PM • Complainant stated landlord entered property without permission.

9:23 PM • Complainant reported a person had trespassed on their property.

11:36 PM • Caller reported individual intoxicated and being abusive at convenience store.

AUGUST 18 - 8:05 • Funeral escort requested.

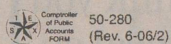
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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Party!

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:00 pm 08/31/2009 in HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY @ 205 W. FIELDS ELDORADO, TX.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.170000 / \$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.000000 / \$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters	

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	% increase	or	-6.740000 % (decrease)
Debt service	0.000000 % increase	or	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	% increase	or	-6.740000 % (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	\$ 783,832,613	\$ 627,301,874
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$ 6,715,220	\$ 638,560
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$ 458,907,855	\$ 322,245,106
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$ 6,587,031	\$ 522,580

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$ -0-

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.000000 *	\$ 1.170000	\$ 8.847	\$ 2.286
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$ 1.261650	\$ 0.000000 *	\$ 1.261650	\$ 6.871	\$ 4.498
Proposed Rate	\$ 1.170000	\$ 0.000000 *	\$ 1.170000	\$ 6.317	\$ 4.586

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 34,249	\$ 34,213
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$ 14,537	\$ 14,492
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$ 1.170000	\$ 1.170000
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 170.08	\$ 169.55
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

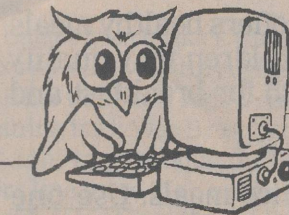
Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.170000. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.170000.

Fund Balances

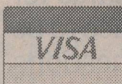
The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 2,723,000
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 0

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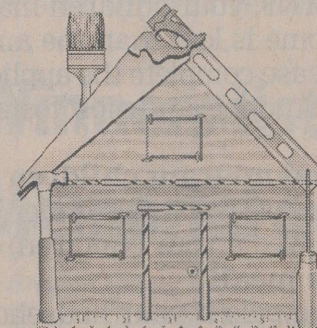
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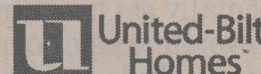
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TDA adopts changes in cotton pest control regulations

AUSTIN — After receiving and incorporating numerous comments from Texas cotton farmers and other stakeholders, the Texas Department of Agriculture has adopted new regulations for non-commercial cotton and revised requirements in the Cotton Stalk Destruction Program. The rule changes are the result of recently enacted legislation intended to advance boll weevil eradication efforts in the most efficient and effective way possible.

"We have made significant progress in boll weevil eradication, and thanks to the

input from our Texas cotton farmers, we are better prepared to protect our nation's leading cotton industry grown right here in the Lone Star State," Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said. "A collaborative effort between Texas farmers and the Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is critical in deterring pests and protecting our cotton crop. We thank everyone for their valuable input."

Based on a combination of comments from producers concerning local-area conventional production practices and

updated scientific data, TDA is adopting November 20 as the destruction deadline for both Zone 7 Area 1 and Zone 8 Area 2. The revised date includes more than 50 days for harvest and destruction of a field. Another change from the proposed version of the rule is that the new deadline will not become effective until the 2010 growing season, thereby allowing producers the opportunity to harvest under current regulations. Both of these decisions represent compromised changes to the proposed version of the rule to incorporate needs expressed in comments received.

"We appreciate the Texas Department of Agriculture's commitment to seeking producer input and developing final rules that will serve the interests of all cotton farmers in Texas," said Jeff Nunley, executive director of the South Texas Cotton and Grain Association. "We made several recommendations that were adopted and we appreciate Commissioner Staples making certain producers' voices are heard."

The regulations implement a change from the previous penalty structure based on fines for violations of rules regulating the presence of hostable cotton. Now, producers pay a fee designed to offset the cost to producers and the state of monitoring and treating hostable cotton. Specifically, the rule implements a fee of \$5 per acre per week for hostable noncommercial cotton not destroyed within 14 days of notice from TDA. This rule places a cap on the fee for hostable noncommercial cotton existing prior to the cotton stalk destruction deadline. After the deadline, the fee will not be capped.

For commercial cotton, a fee of \$5 per acre per week will be assessed for hostable cotton existing after the stalk destruction deadline. After the fifth week of noncompliance, the fee will increase to \$7.50 per acre per week.

All fees collected for hostable noncommercial and commercial cotton were designed by the Legislature to pay for increased eradication costs caused by hostable cotton.

Also adopted were changes to the requirements for cotton stalk destruction deadline extension requests. Only fields that are unharvested will be required to submit an extension request 10 days prior to a deadline. For harvested fields, TDA will accept an extension request up to the end of the day of the deadline.

Texas' \$2.1 billion cotton industry leads the nation in cotton production.



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Splish Splash!

Eldorado 4th-grader Adrian Pina enjoyed the Back-to-School party at the county swimming pool on Tuesday. He was among many Eldorado youths who turned out for one last fling before returning to school next Monday.

Family history is key risk factor in developing Osteoporosis

(SPM Wire) Knowing your family health history is proving to be extremely significant, when it comes to the health of your bones.

Of all the gifts that generations of women have passed on to their loved ones, one of the most important is the gift of knowledge about health - especially information about bone health and osteoporosis. It's important not only to know your own family health history, but to make sure to pass it down to your children and grandchildren.

"An estimated one in two women age 50 and older will break a bone from osteoporosis in their remaining lifetime," said Leo Schargorodski, executive director of The National Osteoporosis Foundation (NOF). "Our goal is to provide parents information about bone health and osteoporosis prevention, so they can not only protect

themselves, but also influence the next generation to make lifelong bone health a family tradition."

Osteoporosis is a disease in which bones become weak and can break from a minor fall or, in serious cases, from a simple action such as a sneeze. It is a major public health threat for an estimated 44 million Americans, or 55 percent of the people 50 years of age and older. In the U.S. today, 10 million individuals are estimated to already have the disease. Almost 34 million more are estimated to have low bone mass, placing them at increased risk for osteoporosis.

"Bone health is a family issue, particularly as genetics and heredity are among the key factors that influence a person's risk of developing osteoporosis," said Robert Recker, MD, president of the NOF. "However,

there are many lifestyle choices that families can make to help build strong bones and prevent osteoporosis later in life."

In a 2008 survey, it was revealed that 40 percent of women and 60 percent of men age 45 and older have little or no concern about their bone health. Additionally, it has been reported that nine out of 10 teenage girls fail to get enough of the calcium they need.

NOF encourages all individuals, young and old, to eat a well-balanced diet rich in calcium and vitamin D, exercise and be active, and avoid smoking and drinking alcohol.

The organization also is collaborating with its network of healthcare professionals and patient support groups to encourage family dialogue about bone health and osteoporosis. Visit www.nof.org to download materials and learn more about the disease.

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