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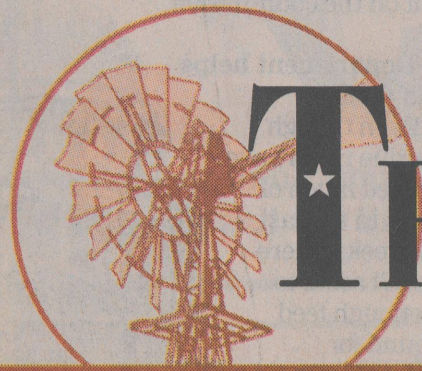
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Former trustee tells SCISD board they are not good stewards of public's money

Schleicher County ISD trustees got an earful Monday night from former trustee Eddie Albin during the public comments section of the board's monthly agenda.

Albin chastised the board for not being good stewards of the public's money and he listed a number of his complaints. Chief among them was the condition of the football field and stadium last Saturday morning. Albin explained that pee wee football games were held on the field that morning and that the stadium was "trashed out." He added that it was an embarrassment because of visitors coming in from other towns.

Albin continued by saying that he and others pitched in to clean the stadium — even furnishing their own trash bags. He then outlined other concerns he has including:

- 13 burned out lights around track where people walk and jog at night.
- Track equipment like the high jump pit being left out where they can be damaged and cause an obstacle to people who want to walk on the track.
- Weeds growing under Elementary school playground equipment. Albin showed board members a photo on his cell phone of a large "goat head" plant that had been removed from under the Elementary swing sets.
- A five-gallon bucket being used as trash can in the stadium restroom during Homecoming. Albin said the bucket quickly filled up and trash spilled out onto the floor.
- Plastic cable ties and other debris laying on the tennis courts.
- Water sprinklers left on overnight on the football field.

Albin wrapped up his comments by saying that the football field is maintained better than any golf course he has ever seen while other areas of the school are neglected. He pointed to the paved parking lot at the football stadium and work done last year on the stadium bleachers.

"Look at the elementary building, look at the auditorium," Albin said. "There's a stark contrast between the football field and the elementary," Albin said. "I've told some of ya'll this individually. Now I'm telling you collectively."

Albin's concerns weren't specifically listed on the board's agenda so they weren't

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Eagle on the Loose!



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Wes Brown sprinted away from Menard defenders Friday night as he amassed a career high 355 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Brown's marquee performance and a ferocious defensive effort combined to give Eldorado a 35-7 upset victory over the Yellowjackets in district 29A competition. The win puts Eldorado back in the hunt for a playoff berth after having lost two straight to league leading Mason and Junction.

Cherry out as AD and head coach

Schleicher County ISD athletic director and head football coach Alan Cherry was relieved of his duties Tuesday by superintendent Billy Collins. Assistant Coach Danny Wilhelm was promoted to athletic director effective immediately. He has also assumed the duties of head football coach. Collins declined to comment further on the specifics of Cherry's ouster.

Contacted by phone Tuesday evening, Cherry acknowledged that he had spoken with Collins but seemed to think that he was still in charge of Eagles athletics.

"I don't have all the info," Cherry said. "I met with Billy (Collins) earlier today and he asked me a few questions and talked to me about some things."

When asked for comment on being relieved of his duties, Cherry replied, "Nothing has really taken place. I'm really not concerned. I don't know how they do things down here, though. I'm really not worried about it."

Asked if he was still in charge of athletics at Schleicher County ISD, Cherry answered, "I feel like I should be. I've always done the best I can."

Throughout his career, Cherry's best has been more than adequate. Prior to coming to Eldorado he amassed an amazing 174-60 record and was recognized as one of the winningest active coaches in Texas schoolboy football. He arrived in Eldorado last April, taking over from Coach Johnny Burleson before the end of the school year. He came to Eldorado from Harlingen where he had led the 5A Harlingen South Hawks to a 12-1 record and a regional finals berth.

But, shortly after Cherry's arrival in Eldorado, concerns about him grew as reports that he was having frequent memory lapses filtered out into the community.

When asked if public concerns about Cherry's performance prompted his dismissal, superintendent Billy Collins would only say, "I cannot address anything like that."

Collins did say, however, that he has every confidence in Coach Danny Wilhelm to take over the district's athletic program.

"Coach Wilhelm is a proven leader, the kids know and respect him," Collins said. For his part, Coach Wilhelm said Wednesday morning that he had worked with Coach Cherry for a number of years and considered him to be a good friend.

"It's a tough time right now but we're just looking forward to moving ahead and getting this team ready to play Christoval next week," Wilhelm said. "I think we have a good chance at making the playoffs as long as we take care of business and play the way I know we can play."

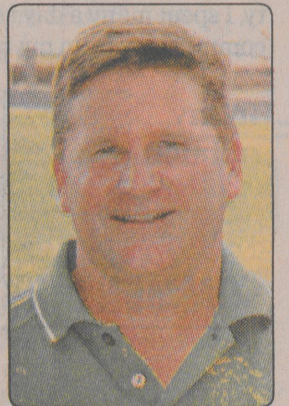
Interestingly, the SCISD board of trustees met in executive session Monday evening to discuss several personnel positions, including the athletic director. But, when they returned to open session the board only accepted the resignation and retirement of Middle School teacher Rick Singleton, effective the end of the fall semester.

When asked if the board authorized him to relieve Cherry of his duties, Collins noted that as superintendent of the district he has the authority to reassign personnel without specific direction from the board.

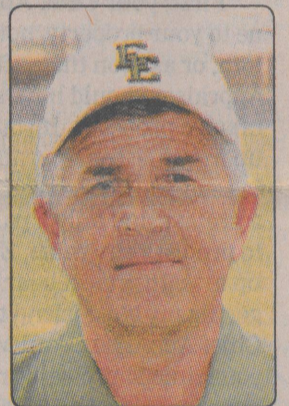
"It was a difficult decision," Collins said, "and one that was not taken lightly."

Collins explained that while Cherry has been relieved of his previous duties, he is still employed by the district.

It is unknown if he will be assigned other duties for the remainder of his contract which expires at the end of the school year.



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO
Coach Alan Cherry



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO
Coach Danny Wilhelm

Commissioners hold rare Tuesday meeting

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court addressed several items during their special meeting on Tuesday, October 13. Road Superintendent Mark Graves reported all the tires at the county's yard have been picked up for recycling. A Midland firm picked up 1,209 tires at a cost to the county of \$6,878.75. Graves also reported that the old county picnic area on County Road 302 (Old San Angelo Hwy) has been demolished and a new fence installed.

County crews are now reworking the roadway on Cedar Lane, Graves said and will start hauling caliche on CR 316 on the curve of 312 and replacing two

16-foot cattle guards on CR 312 with 18-foot cattle guards.

Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe were on hand to advise the court that the Sheriff's Office is working closely with the Office of Attorney General to provide security for the upcoming criminal trial of Raymond Merrill Jessop slated for October 26. Doran explained that his department's new mobile command unit, which was made from a retired ambulance, will hold communications gear and video equipment. The sheriff further advised that parking areas have been addressed with several parking spaces on the East side of the Memorial Building being reserved for early voting. Meanwhile, parking areas the judge, attorneys, jurors and news media will be roped off.

It was noted that restrooms in the Memorial Building will be off limits to the public during the trial. The restrooms in the courthouse will be available to the public, however.

A panel of over 300 potential jurors have been called, according to County Clerk Peggy Williams. She advised that the Memorial Building has 267 seats prepared in the courtroom. Williams further advised that jury selection might take two days.

Sheriff Doran then advised the commissioners that his jail is fully staffed but that he is short one deputy.

Doran then discussed purchasing a transport vehicle in order to haul prisoners to and from San Angelo for court appearances. It was noted that Judge Barbara Walther will hear virtually all of her cases in San Angelo during 2010 due to a series of YFZ trials scheduled throughout the year in Schleicher County.

Doran noted that he has investigated purchasing a new patrol car or a large van. Either of the two vehicles would exceed the \$13,444.50 presently in the Sheriff's budget.

No action was taken on the matter and the sheriff agreed to continue comparing prices of vans and SUVs and report back to the commissioners at a later date.

In other business, the court authorized County Clerk Peggy Williams to obtain a credit card with a \$50,000 limit to be used for trial expenses during the Raymond Jessop trial.

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Mighty Eagle Band members performed at Abilene Wylie Big Country Marching Festival on Saturday, October 10th. The band received three #1's and was named "Outstanding 1A Band" of the day leaving Abilene with two trophies for their efforts. The ensemble pictured above includes (Front L-R) Lauren Rubio (clarinet), Ruben Vasquez (saxophone), Audrey Rubio (flute) and Timothy Cuevas (bass clarinet); (Back L-R) Hervey Solis and Madison Albin on the xylophone. The Mighty Eagle Band will be performing in the District Marching Contest in Brady on Saturday, October 17th marching at 11:55 a.m. vying for their 26th consecutive Division I rating and a shot at State.

TxDOT terminates Interstate 35 'corridor' building plans

AUSTIN — Back in January, the governor's office announced its decision to jettison plans to create the Trans-Texas Corridor, a 4,000-mile network of motorways, including rail, power, water, gas, oil and telecommunications lines.

That happened after heavily promoted "TTC" plans drew mostly negative input from citizens at public hearings the Texas Department of Transportation conducted in a number of cities that would have been in the path of proposed projects.

Last week, on Oct. 8, the Texas Department of Transportation publicly declared it had chosen the "no-action alternative" in response to citizen input received in the environmental review of TTC-35, a project to transform only Interstate Highway 35.

Ted Houghton, one of five TxDOT

commissioners, said the project was not well planned, not well marketed and poorly managed.

The Spanish firm Cintra and San Antonio-based Zachry Construction partnered to plan the TTC-35 project, under a \$3.5 million state contract. That project would have stretched along the same route as today's Interstate 35, from Laredo to the Oklahoma border.

Guzman appointed to high court

Gov. Rick Perry on Oct. 8 appointed Eva M. Guzman of Cypress to the Supreme Court of Texas for a term to expire at the next general election in November 2010.

Guzman, the first Hispanic woman to serve on the state Supreme Court, is an associate justice on the 14th Court of Appeals in Houston and has served

in the Texas judiciary for more than 10 years. She takes over the seat vacated by Justice Scott Brister, who resigned effective Sept. 7 to resume a private law practice.

Phone jamming bill advances

The U.S. Senate on Oct. 5 approved S. 251, the Safe Prisons Communications Act of 2009, legislation sponsored by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas.

Hutchison's bill would allow the governor to petition the Federal Communications Commission to permit the installation of devices to jam wireless communications in a prison under his or her jurisdiction.

A Texas death row inmate used a smuggled cell phone to threaten state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, and his family. Officers found the phone and 11 more phones in possession of

death row inmates at the same facility.

Sunset appointees are named

The state Sunset Advisory Commission reviews the operation and efficiency of more than 150 state agencies. Most agencies undergo Sunset review every 12 years. Twenty-nine agencies are scheduled for Sunset reviews during the 2010-2011 biennium.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst on Oct. 6 appointed to the commission Senators Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, chair; John Whitmire, D-Houston; Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville; Joan Huffman, R-Houston; and public appointee Charles McMahan of Schulenburg. Sen. Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen, appointed by Dewhurst in 2008, continues as a member of the commission.

House members include Reps. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, and Linda Harper-

Brown, R-Irving. There presently are four House seats vacant on the commission.

Ag Department helps find feed

Even though overdue rains have soothed much of Texas in the last few weeks, there doesn't seem to be enough feed around for livestock.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said his agency is helping to line up ranchers who need cattle feed with hay producers in

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sterling

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Don't yell at the Tax Collector

Property tax time has come again, and that brings angry property owners to the tax office. After two years of serving as Deputy Tax Assessor/Collector in Schleicher County, I spent many a day receiving not so polite commentary from my tax payers. It often

In my opinion



COMMENTARY

by Jennifer Henderson

seemed these people just wanted to gripe at someone. My frustration came from their misplaced anger. Tax Collectors have had a bad reputation since biblical times, so they try to take the complaints with a grain of salt.

But as I'm not beholden to the voters, I'll tell you how it should work.

First, your Chief Appraiser assigns a value to your property, not the Collector. By May 15th, or as soon thereafter as possible, your Appraiser should have set a value to all your taxable property. If your property has gone up in value, the Appraisal District is required to send you notice. You have thirty days to file a protest, and only a paltry few of you bother to protest your value. Even fewer of you show up to your protest hearings. At the risk of angering my good friend the Schleicher County Chief Appraiser, Jani Mitchell, I'm telling you, your time to protest is now. Mrs. Mitchell sent out approximately 5,000 Notices of Appraised Value this year, at taxpayer expense. She received zero real property protests. If you don't think the value assigned to your home is correct, you should file a protest, and be prepared to give evidence that the Appraiser is wrong. Just thinking that amount sounds too high is not a valid claim. If you don't protest, your value remains. So don't complain to the Collector in October that your value is too high. You should have fixed that already.

Second, your local taxing entities have to hold public hearings in order to raise your taxes. Year after year, notices of these meetings are posted in the local newspaper at taxpayer expense, and you don't read them. Then the meetings are held, and you don't attend. When your elected county commissioners, school board members, and city councilmen vote on your tax rate, you remain silent still. If you didn't go to the hearings and budget meetings, your voice doesn't get heard. When October finally rolls around, you become indignant and yell at your Tax Collector for your outrageous taxes! The poor Collector didn't get nary a vote towards your tax rate. Tax Assessors by definition are only in charge of applying a mathematical formula to your property's value based on the rate given to them by the taxing entity. So complain during budget hearings in the summer, complain loudly. Show up at meetings and make your elected budget setters explain to you how and why they will spend your money. But do it before the rates are voted on.

As a property owner, you should make it a priority to know your rights and responsibilities. You have every right to complain, to demand an explanation and to expect answers. But do it when you can actually make a difference, not just when you can be a nuisance. Take charge of your taxing entities, be an involved taxpayer. But, please, don't yell at the Tax Collector.



The Obama Snap-Back

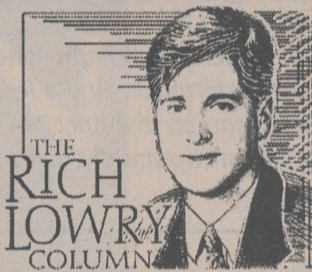
A buzz-generating "Saturday Night Live" skit mocked President Barack Obama for not yet having accomplished anything. Not fair. Obama has been on a roll.

In nine months, he has breathed life into the Republican Party, boosted pro-lifers, tarnished the reputation of regulation, bolstered traditional values, increased the public's desire for immigration restriction and shifted independent voters rightward. If only RNC Chairman Michael Steele were so deadly effective.

No, Obama hasn't, as once promised, turned back the oceans. Maybe if he gets a second term. Nonetheless, revivifying conservatism almost before books announcing its death could be published qualifies as a feat almost as miraculous.

Obama's liberal grandiosity has reminded people why they tend to be conservative, something they wanted to forget during the last four years of the Bush administration. Gallup's surveys in recent months are a long catalog of the Obama snap-back.

Fifty-three percent of Americans want government to promote traditional values -- "a return to the prevailing view from 1993 through 2004." Half of Americans want less immigration -- "a return to the attitudes that prevailed in the first few years after 9/11." Forty percent



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of Americans describe themselves as conservative -- "a level last seen in 2004." Fifty-one percent of Americans call themselves pro-life -- "a significant shift from a year ago."

It all explains the Obama administration's rush to push sweeping legislation. The fall from grace of George W. Bush coupled with the financial crisis, created a golden hour for American liberalism. The public's attitudes shifted left, and anything -- a New New Deal! a Greater Great Society! -- seemed possible. Now, public opinion is returning to its natural state, and the Democrats are left in a race against the clock.

They want to pass, by roughly yesterday, a health-care program that won't take effect until 2013. The fact that the program is unpopular (53 percent oppose it, and 33 support it, according to the latest Fox News poll) only makes its swift passage more imperative. Hurry, before the window closes entirely.

Obama and the Democrats have even managed to snap-back attitudes toward regulation. In the wake of the financial crisis, a Michael Moore documentary trashing capitalism would have seemed superfluous. But TARP, the auto bailouts and the \$787 billion stimulus have soured people on government more.

According to Gallup, 57 percent of Americans say government is trying to do too many things best left to the private sector. More Americans (45 percent) say there is too much business regulation rather than too little (24 percent). It's the worst showing for regulation ever in a Gallup survey. "However, a March 1981 Los Angeles Times poll using this question wording recorded a 54 percent 'too much' level," Gallup explains. "This was just after Ronald Reagan took office, and may have reflected Reagan's emphasis during the 1980 presidential campaign on the need to reduce government involvement in American society."

When Obama suggested he wanted to be another Reagan, surely this wasn't what he had in mind. But for now, he's the right's best community organizer.

Rich Lowry is editor of the National Review.
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CAPITOL SOUTH by William Warren



Texas Navy

The Texas Navy was founded in 1836 when the new republic was faced with invasion on land and sea by overwhelming forces from Mexico. The modest fleet was composed of four sailing vessels headquartered at Galveston. They protected the Texas Coast and prevented the Mexican government from landing an army of troops there. Had it landed, it would have trapped General Sam Houston and his small command. Historians agree that one of the most important elements in the



by Tumbleweed Smith

Rolling Along

the victory at San Jacinto was the maritime activity of the Texas Navy. After the Battle of San Jacinto, Mexican General Santa Anna was

held prisoner on one of the Texas Navy ships. The Navy was disbanded soon after that battle.

But the battle for Texas independence didn't stop at San Jacinto. Mexico refused to acknowledge the upstart nation and in 1839 began to organize a new and much larger expedition against the Texas Republic. A second Texas Navy was sent to sea with eight ships under the command of young Commodore Edwin Moore. The fleet harassed the Mexican Navy from the Rio Grande to Yucatan for three years, finally claiming victory over Mexico at the Battle of Campeche. The Mexican government then abandoned invasion plans.

The Texas Navy provided protection of its one thousand miles of shoreline until Texas joined the United States in 1845. The US Navy absorbed the modest little ships of the Texas Navy.

The story of those small fleets was largely forgotten until Governor Price Daniel established a third Texas Navy as a commemorative organization in 1958 to preserve the history of those early Texas sailors. Today, Texans are honored with Commissions as Texas Navy Admirals for noteworthy service to the State of Texas.

Jim Sterling of Liberty is on the organization's board of directors. "Our organization has about 400 members," says Jim. "We have an active board that meets four or five times a year. Eventually we hope to have occasional regattas in the Gulf of Mexico."

Membership in the organization is mostly honorary, but anyone can join for \$40. The official uniform is a blue blazer with a Texas Navy patch and a Texas Navy tie.

"We have an annual meeting every December down in Galveston at the Artillery Club," says Jim. "It's a Christmas party and is usually a packed house. Members come from all over the state. Everybody there is an Admiral."

One obvious thing is missing from the Texas Navy.

"We don't have a ship," says Jim. "And right now I'm boatless. But I do have the blazer, the patch and the tie. I even have an official Texas Navy flag."

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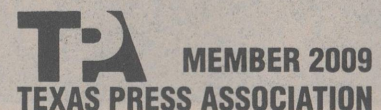
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OBITUARIES

Florence Marie Nixon Hinton



"Jack" Hinton on May 4, 1940, in Yuma, Arizona. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Eldorado, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; her brother, Robert Andrew "Andy" Nixon; her sister, Pauline Nixon Franklin Tidwell; and a foster-brother, Alfred M. "Skinnie" Holmes.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Doris Hinton Lord and Bob Lord of Castle Rock, Colorado; former son-in-law Doug Mahan of Euless, Texas; step-grandchildren, Dave Lord of Chandler, Arizona; and Robbi Lord Thompson of Grand Junction, Colorado; step-great-grandchildren, Sophie Kincaid of Grand Junction, Colorado; and Payson and Amber Lord of Chandler, Arizona. Also surviving are nieces, Judy Nixon Lomax of Cincinnati, Ohio; Mary Ann Nixon Sherrod of Fair Oaks Ranch, Texas; Linda Nixon Scroggins of Eldorado, Texas; and foster niece, Ann Marie Holmes Haley of Perryton, Texas.

Florence Marie Nixon Hinton, 92 years of age of Eldorado, Texas passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 11, 2009 with family members present.

Mrs. Hinton was born May 23, 1917, in Manitou Tillman County, Oklahoma to Robert J. Nixon and Estella "Esta" Roberts Nixon. Mrs. Hinton attended the Bailey Ranch School in Schleicher County, Texas, and graduated from San Angelo Senior High School in San Angelo, Texas, in 1936. She took a post graduate course from 1936-1937 at Eldorado High School.

Mrs. Hinton married Allen J.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

4-Her's Sierra and McKayla Forlano, and their mother Cheryl, helped with hands on instruction last Tuesday for Breadmaking in a Bag at the County Extension Office. The girls are preparing for the annual 4-H Food Show that will be held October 20th.

Tonight is 'Public Night' at Eldorado Star Party

Area residents are encouraged to attend Public Night which is tonight, Thursday, October 15, 2009, at the seventh annual Eldorado Star Party. Anyone interested should come to the X Bar Ranch at least half an hour before dark.

The event entrance is just west of the Live Oak Lodge entrance to the ranch on FM 2129, approximately 22 miles from Eldorado. There you will be able to watch participants ready their equipment for night viewing, some 100+ telescopes on the observing field, ask questions and after dark look through the

telescopes.

The public is invited to stay until 11:30 pm, and there will be no charge to anyone.

Attendees from all across Texas and several states started arriving on Sunday and will be staying through this weekend. A new record for attendance was set this year with over 165 people signed up.

It's gonna be Trunk or Treat time again on October 31st

The Ministerial Alliance of Schleicher County is sponsoring another Trunk-or-Treat. The event provides a safe family environment for trick-or-treaters of all ages. Members from area churches and the community will start setting up their decorated trunks on the north side of the courthouse Halloween night at 5:00 p.m. and should be set in place by 5:30.

They will handout treats to trick-or-treaters from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. "Trunk" and "Costume" contests will be held at 7 p.m. Please make sure your display and costumes are age appropriate and not scary to small children.

The "Costume" contest has no age limit and will award prizes for the following categories: Best Overall, Best Couple

and Best Group. Other categories open to the judges include: Most Eagle Pride, Best Home Made, Craziest, Superhero, Best Tasting (food), Best Use of Recycled Material, The Grooviest, and Most Accurate Biblical Character.

Any type of vehicle or trailer will be included in the "Trunk" decoration contest. These categories include Best Use of Halloween Colors, Most Eagle Pride, the Brightest and Most Unexpected.

Some of the prizes are being donated by local businesses. If your business would like to donate, please contact Peter Thornton @ 325-650-2281 or Stephanie Sullivan @ 325-853-2941. Everyone's help is needed to make this event a successful event for the children of Eldorado.

Respect

Eldorado Elementary will be observing the Pillar of Respect for the next six weeks. The color is Yellow.

Elementary students will wear yellow on Wednesday, Nov. 4th to demonstrate RESPECT.

- Treat others with respect; follow the Golden Rule
- Be tolerant of differences
- Use good manners, not bad language
- Be considerate of others' feelings
- Don't threaten, hit, or hurt anyone
- Deal peacefully with anger, insults, and conflict

WTDSA 'Fun Day'

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month.

The West Texas Down Syndrome Association will host a 'Fun Day', Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the City Park in San Angelo, downtown on Magdalene Street, from 3:30 to 5:30 pm.

The event is open to individuals with Down Syndrome.

All are welcome, no charge.

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TUESDAY October 20th

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WEDNESDAY October 21th

Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Mandarin Orange, Milk.

THURSDAY October 22nd

Meat Loaf w/Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk.

FRIDAY October 23rd

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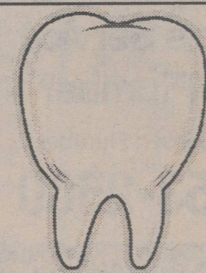
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Eagles swarm Yellowjackets to take 35-7 win

by Syllas Politte

With their playoff dreams on the line, the Eldorado Eagles found a spark from a familiar source Friday night in the Eagle's 35-7 win over Menard as senior running back Wes Brown torched the Yellowjackets for a record setting night.

Brown ended the game with 33 carries for 355 yards and 3 touchdowns.

"My line blocked great for me tonight," Brown said. "They are the ones who deserve all the credit."

Eldorado came out early in the first quarter and got the ground game rolling. Brown and teammate Ivany Sanchez would carry the Eagles to their first score as they drove the ball 60 yards and ate up five minutes of clock before Sanchez pounded the ball into the end zone for the opening touchdown. Sanchez then booted through the extra-point to give the Eagles a 7-0 lead.

The Warbirds defense then showed that it came to play as well, as it stymied Menard's first offensive series. When the Yellowjackets at last tried to extend the drive with a 4th down play, sophomore linebacker Nathan Jimenez stuffed the ball carrier to give the ball back to the Eagles.

The Eagles next possession ended abruptly when senior signal caller Garrett Lux fumbled a snap and the ball went back over to Menard.

Then, with a minute to go in the opening quarter Menard quarterback Grey Wagner laid down the first of four Yellowjacket fumbles and Eagles defensive lineman Ben Wipff quickly pounced on the ball for the Eagles.

Eldorado's offense sputtered briefly and Menard forced an Eldorado punt. The Jackets, who were supposed to be the team with the high-powered offense, then showed a bit of life as Wagner swept around the left side and took the ball 55 yards for Menard's only TD of the night.

From there on in, it was all Eldorado.

Three minutes after Menard's score, Wes Brown took a hand off from Lux and sprinted 59 yards for Eldorado's second

sore of the night. An Ivany Sanchez PAT made the score 14-7 at the half.

Eldorado kicked off to start the second half, but the defense stood strong and forced Menard to punt. The Eagles then took the ball down field on a methodical five-minute drive before Wes Brown ran the ball in from seven yards out. Sanchez again added the PAT and the score stood at 21-7, Eldorado.

The Eagles dominance of the game continued throughout the second half as Wes Brown and junior running back Rudy Sanchez each added a TD to give the Eagles a 35-7 victory.

Eldorado's offense ended the night with 455 total yards with 446 of those yards coming on the ground.

Brown picked up the majority of those yards, but gave all the credit to the offensive line.

Offensive Coordinator Danny Wilhelm agreed. "Our line did a great job opening holes and sustaining blocks for Wes to run," explained Wilhelm. "You don't get yardage like Wes had without guys up front working hard."

It was a huge team effort and a huge win for the Eagles. It not only kept their playoff hopes alive, but it built confidence that they can be a machine on the ground.

Heading into the bye week Eldorado looks to move closer to



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

J.R. Martinez led the charge as Eagles defenders swarmed Menard quarterback Grey Wagner. The Eagles dominated on defense and were overpowering on offense as they notched up a 35-7 upset victory.

the third and final playoff spot.

"We told the guys that every game we play here on out is a chance at the playoffs," Wilhelm said.

The toughest part of Eldorado's district 29A schedule is behind them. After the bye week, the Eagles will travel to Christoval, play at home versus Irion County and then end the regular season against Rocksprings. Not really knowing how

things will shape up around the district Eldorado will have to "win out" to control their own destiny.

The bye week gives players a chance to recover and get healthy as the Eagles continue to work hard and build on the momentum gained against a good Menard team.

"We just need to take things one game at a time and play as long as we can," Wilhelm said.

EMS Eagles prevail in a 8-0 tug-of-war

The Eldorado Middle School Eagles traveled to Menard on Thursday, October 8th, 2009 to take on the Menard Yellowjackets.

Eldorado's chances were down before the game even

started as three of the team's players were battling the flu bug. The Eagles struggled throughout the first half with new personnel in various positions on the offensive line. The young Eagles didn't give up,

however and battled an energized Yellowjacket team that was seeking its first win of the season.

The two teams exchanged multiple series offensively before Eldorado mounted a late 2nd quarter drive all the way to Menard's 15 yard line. But the young Warbirds failed on a fourth down pass and neither team reached the end zone before the intermission.

The second half began in much the same fashion as the first with both teams battling for first downs. By the time the fourth quarter rolled around, the Eagles found themselves on their own 42 yard line facing a 4th down and 2. That's when Bailey Espinosa launched a bomb down the middle of the field and connected with tight end Michael Bilbrey in perfect stride for a 58-yard touchdown pass. The two-point conversion was run in by Justin Estrada and Eldorado only needed to hold on for 4:31 to secure a victory.

The Eagles defense rose to the occasion and stopped the Jackets four consecutive downs. Eldorado's offensive unit then ran out the remaining two minutes to claim the 8-0 victory.

The win pushes Eldorado's overall record to 3-1-1 on the season.

The young EMS squad is open this week and hopefully will regain all their personnel back from the flu bug.

Coach Jesse Rubio stated that he was very pleased with the effort of all the Eagles in having to fill in gaps created by illness.

"The young Eagles showed determination and were to be commended on their efforts," Rubio said.

Eldorado will next face a very talented Christoval Cougar squad that are also sporting a winning record. It should be a good match up before a home crowd on Thursday, October 22, 2009.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the EMS team. GO EAGLES GO!!!



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The Eagles JV beat the Menard Yellowjackets JV 18-13 on Thursday, October 8, 2009 in Eagle Stadium. Quarterback #4 Blaine Mitchell passed the ball to #21 Rico Martinez who scored from 18 yards out in the first quarter. Mitchell would also run for a TD and connect with Dylan Ramos on a 46 yard pass and catch for another touchdown.

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Prevention is Best Practice in Curbing Spread of Flu and Swine Flu

As flu season nears, there are new concerns that the H1N1 virus, also known as Swine Flu, will return this fall. In fact, health care experts warn that the virus will affect more people this year. There is a H1N1 vaccine in development that should be available by mid-October. Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC) will keep you informed as to when the vaccine will be made available thru SCMC.

The best medicine in preventing the flu virus is good old-fashioned health precautions people should be practicing everyday. Washing your hands, avoiding others who are sick and other simple health tasks can certainly aid in the prevention against this potentially fatal virus.

Here are a few easy ways you can prevent the spread of flu and H1N1:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- When you are ill with flu-like symptoms, stay at home — from work, school or other public activities — until your fever is gone for 24 hours without the aid of a fever-reducing medicine, like acetaminophen.
- Shield others from your coughs and sneezes by using a tissue. Be sure to throw used tissues away in a trash can to contain germs.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective.
- Keep your hands away from your eyes, nose or mouth at all times. Germs can spread this way.

For more information about H1N1, visit www.texasflu.org or call Schleicher County Family Clinic at (325) 853-3137. To learn more about vaccine availability in October and when shots will be scheduled, contact your doctor or SCFC at (325) 853-3137.

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Jr High Rodeo slated this weekend at county arena

Wrangler Junior High Rodeo is slated for Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena.

Sixty seven entries will be participating in the events. Events will be barrel racing, pole bending, breakaway roping, goat tying, bull riding, tie-down roping, steer wrestling and ribbon roping.

Eldorado will have four Eldorado students participating. They are Chase and Arden Mertz, Megan Powell and McKenzie McAngus.

The public is invited. The rodeo begins at 1:00 p.m. and Sunday October 18 at 9:30 a.m. There is no admission or gate fees, concession will be operated by the Schleicher County 4-H.

City considers selling 1980 model fire truck

City of Eldorado held its monthly meeting on Thursday, October 8 due to the Columbus Day holiday on October 12.

Council member Stacy Haynes brought up a request from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department for disposal of the City's 1980 pumper fire truck. The fire department will be purchasing a new crash truck that will replace the city pumper. The council discussed putting the truck up for bids.

Mayor John Nikolauk suggested selling the truck to the YFZ Ranch or putting an ad in the San Angelo newspaper. The council tabled the discussion about selling the truck until Fire Chief Jerry Jones could be present.

Superintendent Floyd Fay gave an update on the water, gas, landfill, sanitation, sewer and street departments. Fay advised the council that several gas meters had been run over and replaced. He noted that the tracks on the city's new track loader were being repaired and that the work did not fall under warranty. Fay further explained that street paving and water projects have been completed and the patching machine was being used to repair pot holes.

Fay said Animal Control was having problems with goats and horses in town.

Fay then requested a pay increase of 50 cents per hour for Tony Fay for obtaining his Class C Water Certification. The council approved.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then told the council that a new 6-inch water line to supply the hospital with enough water for a sprinkler system could cost as much as \$25,000. She said that Naismith Engineering calculates that 700-800 ft of water line will be needed.

Naismith also advised that the installation of the 6-inch line would not fall under the grant the city is seeking for replacing water lines in the future, but the funding could come from a loan. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo told the council she turned over the findings to nursing home administrator Sara Crone.

Ms. Mayo then reviewed changes in the city's personnel policy that would increase travel expenses to \$30 per day. Some of the changes involved restrictive use of city vehicles. Also wording was added for off site use of city equipment, restricting equipment use to public property. New wording was included to address the use of personal cell phones, I Pods, personal head phones and radios. The council took no action but will review the proposed changes and consider action at a future meeting.

Carolyn Mayo informed the council office employee Maggie Lloyd has been with the City for 90 days and she requested \$.50 pay increase. Council approved.

City Secretary Mayo pointed out to the council as the bills made their way around the table, G&S Construction had three change orders while working on the downtown water main project. The change orders came to \$16,356.00 over the grant funds for the project.

Floyd Fay advised the council that the water main under Hwy. 190 had no shut offs and the old pipe remains live under the highway, but is in good shape. The other old pipe has been totally cut off and the new water line was in service.

The council then approved a three percent cost of living pay raise for all employees.

A budget amendment of \$500 was also approved to address utility bills at the Old Woolen Mill. It was also noted that the city will send several council members to discuss an interlocal agreement with the county.

Under new business the council approved a resolution to adopt an employee benefits cafeteria master plan.

The meeting was presided over by Mayor John Nikolauk with council members Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Jon Cartwright, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy in attendance.

The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, November 9, 2009 in the council chambers at City Hall.



Manuel Samaniego and Delwin Greer were in the right place at the right time Monday as they managed to perform CPR and save the life of a Val Verde County man whose heart had stopped beating.

Local heroes save Val Verde rancher's life

When two electricians from Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative pulled up to a remote ranch in Val Verde County to change out a water heater on Monday, Oct. 12, they never expected to be saving a life.

Delwin Greer and Manuel Samaniego were doing routine electrician work on the B.E. Wilson ranch, approximately 50 miles south of Sonora, when ranch foreman Mike Morriss was found lying on the ground, not breathing, and without a pulse.

"We both just started CPR, there wasn't any thinking, we just started" remarked Greer. Both have been trained for CPR through their jobs at SWTEC. After some time of resuscitation, the victim responded. "He began to gain consciousness, but you could tell he was still confused," noted Greer. Both employees continued to administer help while attempts were made to call an ambulance.

Because of the remote location, cell phone service was not available. Eventually, another worker went to the ranch

headquarters located three miles away to call 911. An ambulance was dispatched from Del Rio.

"We were glad that we had CPR training" noted Samaniego. "I never thought I would need to use it."

The following day, it was learned that Morriss underwent heart bypass surgery and is doing well in the hospital.

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The Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline Web site, www.TexasAgriculture.gov, currently lists more than 450 available hay suppliers.

Fewer doses are to be shipped

A total of 142,400 doses of the H1N1 "swine flu" vaccine will be shipped to Texas, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta announced in early October. Texas had expected to get 237,000 in the first allocation.

The doses are the FluMist

brand nasal spray form of the vaccine, approved for use in vaccinating people 2 years old through 49 years of age who are not pregnant and do not have certain chronic health conditions.

Lawmakers ask for NASA money

Twenty-eight of Texas' 34 members of Congress signed a letter urging President Obama to give \$3 billion of the \$787 billion economic stimulus funding program to NASA to support its manned space program — a program that employs tens of thousands of Texans.

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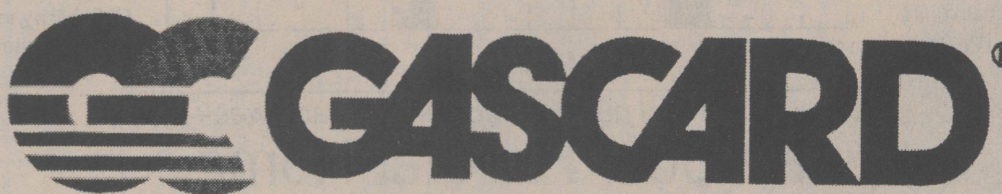
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'Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming' returning to Tom Ratliff Civic Theater

The Way Off Broadway Players are bringing back the musical *Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming* this November for nine performances at the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater in Eldorado. The musical, written by Connie Ray, conceived by Alan Bailey with musical arrangements by Michael Craver and Mark Hardwick, is the third installment of the Sanders' family saga and was first performed by Eldorado's community theater this past February to rave reviews and sell out audiences.

In this installment the gospel-singing Sanders Family is back together again. There is a rite of passage at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, where Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe is giving his last service. He has been called to preach in Texas, and he has already bought a cowboy hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife June, who is eight months pregnant. Tomorrow morning, Dennis Sanders takes over as Mount Pleasant's pastor. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories

and twenty-five toe-tapping Bluegrass Gospel favorites.

The WOBP's production features a talented group of performers from Eldorado, Sonora, and Ozona. Cast members include Lynn Meador, Charlie Bradley, Terry and Carl Weaver, Joy Galbreath, Kara Sue Garlitz, Jim Chancellor, Vickie Schwiening, Sandy Stokes, Kathy Mankin, and Danny Crowder.

Performances will be on three consecutive weekends November 6-7, November 13-15, and November 20-21. The Fridays and Saturdays will be evening performances beginning at 7:00 p.m., and the Sunday performances will be matinees beginning at 2:00 p.m.

Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 26 at the WOBP Office (853-2900) next door to the theater. Box Office hours will be 2:00-5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday throughout the run of the show. Tickets can be purchased through the mail by sending payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to WOBP, P.O. Box 555, Eldorado, TX 76936.



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Smoke on the Mountain Homecoming performers (L-R) Judge Charlie Bradley, Terri Weaver, Vicki Schwiening, Joy Galbreath and Kara Garlitz have been perfecting their singing voices for the November performances.

'Claws for a Cure' T-shirt sale for breast cancer

The Eldorado High School cheerleaders are having a "Claws for a Cure" t-shirt sale to support breast cancer awareness. If you ordered a t-shirt they can be picked up starting on Monday, October 18, 2009, or on Thursday, October 22, 2009, at the High School Gym. We will be selling the extra shirts at that time also.

The cheerleaders are also selling ribbons to commemorate those who have or had breast cancer or any other type

of cancer.

The ribbons will be sold throughout the month of October for \$1.00 (the ribbons will be displayed on the wall in the gym foyer.)

The survivor/memorial ribbons can be purchased at Second Hand Rose.

The profits from this sale will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation.

This fund raiser/awareness activity was organized by senior cheerleader, Kadie Niblett. Kadie's passion for

this charity arises from a family member's diagnosis of breast cancer and she has turned it into a major community fundraiser including a "Think Pink" Pep Rally on October 23rd prior to the Christoval football game where all fans are encouraged to wear their t-shirts and other breast cancer awareness paraphernalia.

If you have any questions please call Debby Griffin @ 656-4154 or by e-mail at debby.griffin@scisd.net.

Special sales tax deduction for car purchases available through end of 2009

DALLAS -- With 2010 models arriving in dealer showrooms, the Internal Revenue Service reminds taxpayers that purchasing a new car, light truck, motor home or motorcycle could qualify them for a special deduction for the state and local sales and excise taxes on their 2009 tax returns.

"Purchases made before Jan. 1, 2010, will qualify for this deduction under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)," said Clay Sanford, Dallas IRS spokesman.

The deduction is limited to the sales and excise taxes and similar fees paid on up to \$49,500 of the purchase price of a new vehicle. The deduction is reduced for joint filers with modified adjusted gross incomes (MAGI) between \$250,000 and \$260,000 and other taxpayers with MAGI between \$125,000 and \$135,000. Taxpayers with higher incomes do not qualify.

Sanford said taxpayers who make qualifying new vehicle purchases this year can estimate the deduction with the help of Worksheet 10 in IRS Publication 919, How Do I Adjust My Withholding? Lines 10a to 10k of the worksheet show how to take into account purchases above the \$49,500 limit, as well as the reduced deductions for taxpayers at higher income levels.

The special deduction is available regardless of whether

taxpayers itemize deductions on their returns. Taxpayers who do not itemize will add this additional amount to the standard deduction on their 2009 tax return.

For those that have questions about the deduction for sales tax and other fees, these questions and answers might help. A video on the IRS Youtube.com channel and audio podcasts in English and Spanish are also available to help taxpayers take full advantage of the deduction.

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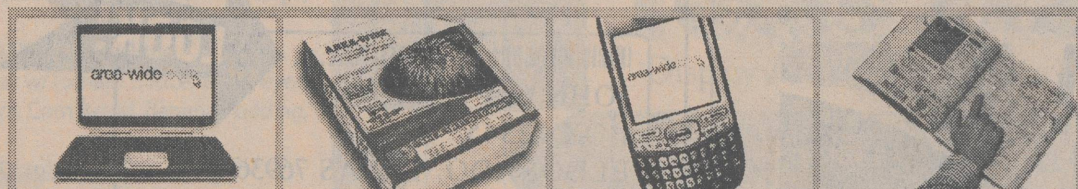
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(Notifíquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el **3 de noviembre de 2009** para votar en La Elección Especial párar adoptar o rechazar la enmiendas propuestas constitucional asi como fueron sometidas por la 81 a Legislatura Sesion Regular, de la Estado de Texas.

On Election Day, voters must vote in their precinct where registered to vote. (El Día de elección, los votantes deberán votar en su precinto donde están inscritos para votar.)

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 Precinct #1- First Methodist Church Educational Bldg., 107 W. Warner Ave
 Precinct #2- Schleicher County Memorial Bldg., 1 North Cottonwood St.
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- (direccion(es) de las casillas electorales)
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 Precinct #2- Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher. 1 North Cottonwood St.
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SCISD School Lunch Menu

MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

BREAKFAST MENU
1/2 PT. MILK & JUICE
SERVED WITH EACH MEAL
BREAKFAST \$.50 FOR MS /HS
FREE FOR ELEMENTARY

Monday October 19, 2009
Blueberry Muffin, Choice of Cereal
Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday October 20th
Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice,
Milk

Wednesday October 21th
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal,
Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday October 22nd
Pig-n-a-Blanket, Choice of Juice, Milk.

Friday October 23rd
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereals,
Choice of Juice, Milk.

CAFETERIA LINE
3 CHOICE OF MILK
OFFERED DAILY

Monday October 19, 2009
Pork Chops / Gravy/ Hot Rolls, Creamed
Potatoes, Sliced Carrots
Sliced Pineapple.

Tuesday October 20th
Corn Dogs, Pork-n-Beans, Carrot Stix/
Dip, Pudding/Topping.

Wednesday October 21st
Lasagna / Garlic Bread Stix, Tossed
Salad, Peas, Pear Halves.

Thursday October 22nd
Chalupas, Lettuce and Tomato Salad,
Spanish Rice, Chocolate Chip Cookies.

Friday October 23rd
Hamburger/Chips, Lettuce/Tomato
Hamburger Pickles, Apple Halves.

BASKET LINE
Milk & Bread offered
with each Meal

LUNCH IS \$1.75 FOR STUDENTS
Monday October 19, 2009

Pepperoni Pizza, Fresh Broccoli and
Carrot Stix/Dip, Sliced Pineapple.

Tuesday October 20th
Steak Burgers, Baked Chips, Lettuce /
Tomato, Pudding/Topping

Wednesday October 21st
Taco Salad / Dressing, Beef & Beans /
Cheese Cup, Tostada Chips, Pear Halves.

Thursday October 22nd
Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato,
Applesauce, Carrot Stix/ Dip, Chocolate
Chip Cookies

Friday October 23rd
Hamburger /Chips, Lettuce/Tomato
Hamburger Pickles, Apple Halves.



COURTESY PHOTO

DPS troopers seize fake bus filled with pot

On Saturday, Oct. 10, a Texas Highway Patrol trooper stopped a school bus marked to resemble a United Independent School District bus on U.S. 59 north of Laredo, which contained 5,408 pounds of marijuana with an estimated worth of more than \$1.7 million. The driver fled on foot from the scene. DPS is pursuing several leads in connection with this investigation.



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

OCTOBER 9 • Estevan, Guajardo, male age 36. DOB 05/17/73. Offense warrant / assault. Still in custody.

OCTOBER 10 • Torres, Umberto "Albert" Belman, male age 59. DOB 01/04/50. Offense warrant / stalking. Released 10/11/09 \$5,000. security bond.

INCIDENTS

OCTOBER 6 - 8:24 PM • Trooper called to report there was a prison transfer bus with 10 inmates on 277 N by Hackberry Draw in need of assistance. Trooper advised that he checked it out and everything was OK and they were waiting on alternate transportation. The transport bus will be left overnight.

9:12 PM • Complainant reported a reckless driver on HWY 277 N in a white Dodge pick up. Driver going over 80 mph in a 65 mph night zone. Officer responded and unable to locate driver.

10:36 PM • Crockett County S.O. called and advised there were many black cows on HWY 190 W 5 miles from county line.

11:35 PM • Complainant reports 7

black cows west of CR 119. Officer placed cows back in pasture, but fence is down and unable to locate owner. Left message with owner.

OCTOBER 7 - 2:39 PM • Caller informed there would be a controlled burn.

6:42 PM • Complainant requested an officer about civil dispute between land lord that showed up drunk and cursing demanding occupants to get their belongings out of the house.

9:11 PM • Complainant reported loose sheep out on HWY 190 W at 344 mile marker. Officer responded.

9:38 PM • 911 call from computer vehicle notification company to advise that a button had been activated in a 2008 Chevy Impala. Officer responded and disregarded call, due to child playing in car.

OCTOBER 8 - 4:40 PM • Complainant requested to speak to an officer concerning issue of phone book company not wanting to pay employees for work that had been done. Complainant advised to speak to Tom Green County because this had also happen in that county.

8:30 PM • 911 call reporting unknown persons hiding in neighbors house. Officer responded and discovered they people had permission to stay in home.

9:27 PM • Complainant requested an officer to euthanize a skunk. Officer responded and subject fled the scene before arrival.

9:55 PM • Complainant requested an officer to go to parents home, someone trying to break in on Dorris Street. Officer responded and unable to locate burglar.

11:19 PM • Complainant reported being assaulted by spouse, requesting officer. Officer responded and complainant did not want to press charges.

OCTOBER 9 - 6:10 AM • Caller reported a dumpster in road at Dora Ave. City notified.

7:54 AM • Officer called to stand by while complainant removed belongings from home. Officer responded.

10:49 AM • Complainant reported to S.O. a relative had used his name to set up an account for electricity without permission. Officer took report.

11:39 AM • Caller reported a controlled burn would be taking place.

12:51 PM • Complainant reported vehicle with unconscious male running on the side of the HWY. EMS paged out, male was woken up and was only asleep. EMS call cancelled.

2:18 PM • Caller reported abandoned Ford pick up and trailer on FM 864. Owner is California company. After leaving message, previous company owner called back to state, he no longer owned the vehicles.

6:29 PM • 911 caller reported reckless driver in a white Subaru driving down Lee Ave. Officer notified.

9:43 PM • Complainant reported loud music on Warner St. Requested officer to have them turn the music down. Subject complied with verbal warning.

OCTOBER 10 - 7:54 AM • Caller reported panic alarm. Officer responded.

8:00 AM • Caller reported he would be having a controlled burn.

8:58 AM • Caller reported loose livestock on FM 915. Dispatcher notified owner by message.

9:37 AM • Caller reported there would be a controlled burn taking place.

11:15 AM • Caller reported having locked keys in car. Wrecker company called.

12:47 PM • Convenience store reported individual left store intoxicated. Officer responded.

3:14 PM • DPS of San Angelo reported an elderly person possibly impaired driving inbound on SH 277 N. Unable to locate.

3:59 PM • Complainant reported a stranded vehicle on N. 277. Officer responded.

4:14 PM • Caller reported a trapped skunk. Animal control contacted after several attempts with no answer.

7:23 PM • Complainant reported hearing 10 shots fired on 2129. Requested to speak with Game Warden. Officer responded and unable to locate suspects.

OCTOBER 11 - 4:30 PM • Caller reported spouse was being shocked by pacemaker. EMS and officer responded.

7:33 PM • Menard dispatcher called and reported two girls driving on 190 East and had hit a deer. Driver requested an officer. Officer responded. Menard EMS on scene, no injuries, wrecker called out, 24 miles east of Eldorado.

8:02 PM • Caller stated they would be spotlighting on 190 West on a private ranch.

8:27 PM • Caller reported they would be spotlighting on a ranch on 1828.

11:23 PM • Complainant reported a pit bulldog threatening them and not letting them get into their vehicle. Said animal was said to have defecated in their auto and the irate owner wanted to know if the owner could be located. Animal Control was notified.

OCTOBER 12 - 12:42 AM • Caller reported hearing prowler on Village Lane trying to break into shed.

8:30 AM • Caller advised there would be a controlled burn taking place.

9:00 AM • Caller reported needing EMS for person who had passed out. EMS dispatched.

9:07 AM • Caller reported their would be a controlled burn.

9:17 AM • Caller did not talk for two 911 calls, but then called the sheriffs office and requested an ambulance. EMS dispatched.

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Sullivan practiced in Eldorado prior to joining the Sonora Medical Clinic team and is a clinical supervisor in the nursing department at Angelo State University.

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Monarchs herald October's arrival in West Texas

Here in West Texas we see flutter's of orange as we travel down the highway in late September. As October approaches hundreds of millions of Monarch butterflies are starting their migration from eastern North America to Mexico to overwinter in the high elevation oyamel fir forests of the Transvolcanic Range of central Mexico.

Monarchs are unable to survive freezing temperatures of the northern states and those breeding in temperate regions must escape to moderate climates to reproduce the next season. Fat, stored in the abdomen, is a critical element of their survival for the winter. This fat not only fuels their flight of one to three thousand miles, but must last until the next spring when they begin the flight back north.

Most of the Monarchs joining the migration each fall are 3-4 generations removed from those that made the journey the previous year. The migration begins in mid August in the north and in September at mid latitudes. The migration progresses at a pace of 25-30 miles per day, although individual butterflies often fly further during periods when conditions are favorable. Most Monarchs originate from locations more than 1500 linear miles from the overwintering sites. The duration of the migration appears to be 2-2.5 months.

One unsolved mystery is how Monarchs find the overwintering sites each year. Somehow they know their way, even though the butterflies returning to Mexico or California each fall are the great-grandchildren of the butterflies that left the previous spring. No one knows exactly how their homing system works; it is another of the many unanswered questions in the butterfly world.

The Monarch orange wing color is a signal to it's foes it could be poisonous. The toxins from the Monarch's milkweed diet in it's pupa stage give the butterfly this defense.

So when an orange speck flutters past your windshield, remember you are witnessing a big miracle of the insect world.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

A moment of refreshment for these Monarch Butterflies as they stopped briefly on their journey to southern Mexico at the butterfly garden at First National Bank gazebo. By the thousands, they roosted in trees and bushes throughout Schleicher County, but many Monarchs travel alone. Each butterfly is like a snowflake, no two are alike, the wings are covered with small orange, yellow and black scales that overlap each other. The color orange signals to predators they are poisonous.

4th annual Bean Cook-off slated October 31st

A Bean Cook-Off? What? Some laughed, some were puzzled but instead of a Chili Cook-Off the Schleicher County Nursing Home had their first Bean Cook-Off four years ago. Now everyone is doing it.

The 2009 Bean Cook Off will be on October 31 on the grounds of the Nursing Home.

Beans can be cooked on open fire. The cooking area will be set up in the Nursing Home courtyard and the north parking area.

Pork slab ribs and chicken will be two new categories added this year.

There will be cash prizes for each category. First place wins \$250.00.

There is a \$25.00 entry fee for the beans and \$50 entry fee for the pork ribs or chicken categories. \$125 entry fee if you enter all three. Cooking begins at 7:00 a.m on site.

There will also be food, drinks, music and booths also for visitors to enjoy. Proceeds from the cook-off will benefit the Schleicher County Nursing Home. Trick or Treater's are welcome.

Contact Annie Arispe at 325-853-2507, ext. 105 for entry forms and information.

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Vonnie Dannheim smiles as she receives her pneumonia shot, just after getting her flu shot from RN Debbie Cruz. Schleicher County Family Medical Center hosted the Schleicher County Health Fair on Tuesday at the Civic Center where over 330 flu shots were administered.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

No Flu for you? If you're feeling well, donate blood

SAN ANGELO — Seasonal flu, flu shots, H1N1 flu, Tamiflu...it seems you can't open a newspaper or turn on the news without hearing those words these days. The world is preparing to guard against the flu, seasonal and swine, and the local blood center is doing the same.

"As we prepare for the fall and winter flu season, we encourage healthy people to keep their donation appointments. People who aren't feeling well should plan to donate next time," said Linda Grace, Donor Recruitment Rep of United Blood Services in San Angelo.

As in any flu season, keeping the blood supply

humming is vital.

Locally it takes 45 blood donations each day to keep up with hospital patients' needs.

Potential donors can make an appointment to give at www.UnitedBloodServices.org or by calling 325-223-7500 or toll free at 800-756-0024. Donors receive a free cholesterol test.

Volunteer blood donors must be at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good health. Additional height/weight requirements apply to donors 22 and younger, and donors who are 16 must have signed permission from a parent or guardian.

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