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"The Voice of Eldorado and Schleicher County Since 1901"

County officials pleased with state's promise of financial aid

The State of Texas will pick up the full tab for the April 3rd raid at the YFZ Ranch, according to Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin who met Monday with state officials in Austin.

"They have already cut us a check for more than \$68,000 that we sent them a bill for," Judge Griffin stated. "There is going to be a lot more, including the costs of guardians and attorneys ad litem. The state says it will pay that, too."

Griffin was joined in Austin by Commissioner Matt Brown, Sheriff David Doran, County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson. Also making the trip were Chief Deputy George Arispe, judge candidate Charlie Bradley and attorney Clint Griffin, representing the West Texas Rural Counties Association's insurance pool.

State Representative Drew Darby was on hand for the meeting as was Thomas Suehs, Deputy Executive Director for Financial Services of Texas Health and Human Services Commission. State Representative Harvey Hilderbran sent two aides to the meeting. There was an aide from the Governor's office, as well as representatives of the Texas Association of Counties. Former State Representative Bob Turner also attended the meeting.

"I wanted them to know that we weren't calling the shots and we weren't making the decisions on this deal," Griffin added. "This was the state's show."

The raid was prompted when a person identifying themselves as a 16-year-old girl from the YFZ Ranch telephoned a women's shelter asking for help.

The call was referred to Child Protective Services and the agency sought the assistance of law enforcement in order to make entry on the ranch.

Texas Ranger Brooks Long obtained a search warrant from 51st District Judge Barbara Walther. A second warrant was obtained when CPS workers and law enforcement officers saw pregnant girls they believed to be underage as well as underage girls with infants or young children.

Judge Griffin denied reports that he had declined to sign either of the warrants prior to them being presented to Judge Walther.

"I never saw a warrant," he said. "That went straight to Barbara Walther and I wasn't involved. That was fine with me."

It was the second warrant that led to the 6-day raid in which evidence was seized from numerous buildings at the ranch, including the white limestone temple that looms above everything on the property. The raid also ended with more than 400 children being removed and placed in the state custody.

It is now widely believed that the original call that prompted the raid, as well as several subsequent calls, were hoaxes. A Colorado woman named Rozita Swinton has been named a person of interest by the Texas Rangers. Swinton is facing similar charges for hoax calls in Colorado Springs.

Meanwhile, Judge Griffin says he expects the county will be sued by lawyers representing the families at the YFZ Ranch. "I told the Attorney General office that we are relying on them to hold us harmless and I predict they will," the judge continued. "This was a state operation. You can't expect a small county like ours to foot the bill on something like this."

Future Soccer Star



PHOTO BY KATHLEEN INMAN

Layne Pickett booted a soccer ball toward a goal Tuesday while Emily Martinez waited her turn during the community-wide Vacation Bible School held at Eagle Stadium. Laynee is the 4-year-old daughter of Charlie & Leslie Pickett and granddaughter of Tommy and Melinda Hunley of Eldorado. Emily is the 4-year-old daughter of Genaro & Griselda Martinez and granddaughter of Juan & Arlinda Medrano.

School board meets, hires new teachers

Edmonson resigns as Elementary principal

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday night, June 9, 2008 and voted to accept the resignation of Elementary Principal Maela Edmonson who is leaving to accept a similar position at Irion County ISD in Mertzon. Other resignations included high school agriculture teacher Will Self and special education teacher Edie Niblett.

Four new teachers were hired, including Jahett Norman as a middle school teacher and coach. Bryan McCollough was hired as the high school agriculture teacher while Connon Emmons was hired as a high school science teacher and the boys basketball coach. His wife, Melissa Emmons, was hired as an elementary teacher.

Meanwhile, high school computer teacher Paige Ragsdale will be taking over as high school counselor.

In other business the board heard from Superintendent Billy Collins that the school's enrollment continues to climb by about ten children this year and twenty children in the past two years.

Collins went on to predict even more children enrolled next year based on some pre-enrollment numbers he has seen for the kindergarten. Collins noted that an increasing enrollment is a "problem...but a good problem."

He noted that elementary classrooms were converted to computer labs when enrollment dropped in recent years. Now that the enrollment is growing, the

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City eyes grants for water mains, water tower

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening with Grant Jackson and Tom Brown, representatives of Naismith Engineering, Inc. The men told the council that their company helps governmental entities prepare and apply applications for financial assistance programs through the Texas Water Development Board and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The council voiced several concerns about funding for a new water tower and replacing aging water mains. Mr. Brown told the council the funds are available on a first come, first served basis and city's initial step would be to prepare an application.

Mr. Brown told the council he would help prepare

the application and move it through the grant approval process. He then gave the council several grant and loan options that are available but the first step was the application.

The council will consider approving a resolution to free the engineers to prepare an application and to start looking for various grant opportunities, provided the Schleicher County Commissioner Court is on board.

The county's cooperation is needed since some of the city's water distribution lines are in unincorporated parts of the county such as the neighborhood in and around the Orient Heights addition.

Council members present for the June 9, 2008 meeting were Stacy Haynes, Mayor Pro Tem Stan Meador,

Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy. Mayor John Nikolauk was absent.

Among other business, utility superintendent Floyd Fay informed the council about several employee accidents that had occurred at the landfill in the last month. Fay advised that everyone was back at work, and he had scheduled a safety meeting. Currently there are six employees at the landfill.

Fay told the council he had found a drought plan that was prepared back in 2000 and provided a copy to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The plan satisfied TCEQ's requirements.

Fay concluded by saying that the water, street,

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Governor Perry weighs in on raid at the YFZ Ranch

Texas Governor Rick Perry left little room for doubt last Friday when reporters asked his views on the raid at the YFZ Ranch. Perry accepted personal blame if state "stepped across some legal line," when it removed more than 400 children from the ranch and placed them in temporary state custody.

The Texas Supreme Court eventually would order the children returned to their parents, but allowed 51st District Judge Barbara Walther the latitude to set conditions.

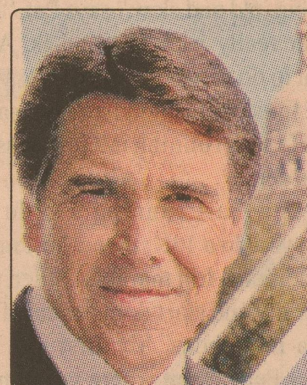
The Dallas Morning News reported on Saturday that Perry said, "I still think that the state of Texas has an obligation to young women who are forced into marriage and underage sex - to protect them. That's my bottom line on this."

Appearing at a trade conference in La Baule, France, the governor told reporters that child welfare and law enforcement officials should continue to "send a mes-

sage" to members of the FLDS Church who live at the YFZ Ranch that sexual abuse of children "will not be tolerated in Texas."

"If you are going to conduct yourself that way, we are going to prosecute you," the governor continued. If you don't want to be prosecuted for those activities, then maybe Texas is not the place you need to consider calling home."

For his part, FLDS spokesperson Willie Jessop said that Perry's comments were shocking and he pointed to the fact that Texas courts had compelled Child Pro-

COURTESY PHOTO
Texas Governor Rick Perry

ective Services to return all of the children to their FLDS families.

Jessop went on to say that Perry was listening to people who tell lies about the FLDS, according to The Dallas Morning News report.

Governor Perry continued by defending the CPS workers who led the raid.

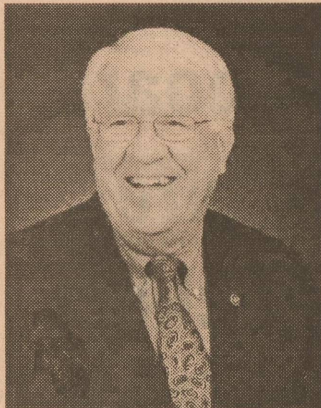
"If responsibility needs to be taken...saying that we stepped across some legal line, I'll certainly take that responsibility," Mr. Perry said. "I am substantially less interested in these fine legal lines that we're discussing than I am about these children's welfare, that's where my focus is. That's where CPS' focus is."

Jessop previously extended an invitation to Perry to visit the YFZ Ranch, something his spokesperson said would be inappropriate since the children who live there were removed from their homes by CPS and their parents are under a criminal investigation.

Murphy's Law Multiplied...

That "whooshing" sound you hear has nothing to do with the wind. Rather, it is the collective wheeze of school superintendents exhaling at the same time. (Please, no insensitive questions about whether it's hot air!)

These CEO's, and bunches of others in the educational enterprise, figure that foul-ups of the 2007-2008 school year now are in their rearview mirrors.



The Idle American
by Dr. Don Newbury

Such stalwarts are beaten down by end-of-year turbulence that strikes like waves beating against the rocks. Most of them fully believe that the law attributed to Edward Murphy--the one explaining that whatever can go wrong, will--still applies. They figure that annually in May, this Murphy guy deputizes additional gremlins, assigning them specific tasks. They are to loosen lug nuts on the wheels of well-greased educational wagons, causing them, of course, to fall off. It is then that veteran educators--often secretly, but sometimes openly--interrupt their weeping with chest-pounding "Why me, Lord?," gestures....

Board members share their pain. Theirs, however, is to set policy. In theory, the school year unfolds according to their written plan. Key word is "theory." Sometimes, best-laid plans turn to mush.

When gremlins are at work, board members may stare directly at the superintendent, asking, "What did they teach you to do in graduate school when you face situations like this?" (Length and glare of gaze usually depend on how many years remain on said superintendent's contract.)

The harried "supe," in so many words, responds: "In graduate school, they taught us NEVER to get into situations like this..."

Two examples of gremlins at work--180 degrees and about that many miles apart--are Grapevine-Colleyville ISD in the Metroplex and tiny Lueders-Avooca, a consolidated rural school in West Texas.

The former had too many valedictorians, and the latter nary a one. Officials cited commitment to policy in both cases. In Grapevine, the student who finished with the highest GPA in school history completed her pilgrimage in three years. The rules call for four years, so at graduation, there were dual honors--one for the winner who completed the four-year track and the other who finished in three.

Out west, there were just five graduates, but again, rules got in the way, so no valedictory or salutatory speeches were made there on graduation night....

There were some other oddities. In Hermleigh, all seven seniors were males.

And in Abilene, they promoted school attendance in elementary and middle school grades with an end-of-school drawing. There were 48 names in the bucket; that's how many kids missed two days or fewer. The big prize was a \$10,000 certificate toward the purchase of a car. The winner? Fifth-grader Dakota Fortune.

But he was absent for the drawing, choosing baseball practice instead. Luckily, his grandmother/guardian showed up to claim his prize by proxy....

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But, He's Fine

Laura on Life



by Laura Snyder

a close relative. Possibly me.

Dethatching be damned! I'm coming, son! I convinced my husband that we needed to drive an hour and a half to see if our son's car was in front of his apartment. We dropped everything and started driving.

He's fine, I kept telling myself. He's just been sleeping for the last 24 hours. No. Nobody could sleep that long. But he's fine.

He was probably in the shower when she called...For 24 hours? I don't think so. But he's fine.

He could've gone to a friend's house for the night. No way. He doesn't even like spending the night at our house, much less someone else's. But he's fine.

For an hour and half I told myself to stay calm, that there's a perfectly reasonable explanation. But for every reasonable explanation there were at least five scenarios that were straight out of a nightmare.

He's in a ditch, trapped in his car which is not visible from the highway. Wolves are circling because he has a week-old Quarter Pounder in the back seat.

Maybe he was one of those rare people that have a heart attack in their twenties. I could picture him standing on his third story balcony when it happened. He's probably been hanging on the balcony by his belt loop since last night.

He fell down a flight of stairs,

broke his legs... and his ankles... and can't reach the phone. Even if he could, he broke both wrists, too, and can only dial with his nose, which is too big for the tiny buttons.

Finally, we arrive. His car is there. Oh no. It must've been the heart attack! I sprinted up three flights of stairs (which is something I didn't know I could still do) and pounded on his door.

My son answered in his bathrobe looking tired and annoyed. My mothering eye looked him over from head to foot. No broken bones. Color is good, except for the 5 o'clock shadow. He appeared to be standing upright with very little help from the door jam.

"What are you doing here?" he asked grumpily, obviously annoyed to be bothered by his mother when he didn't need money, answers about taxes, and there was not a single dermatological incident on his body.

I could've said, "I'm here to save your miserable life, you ungrateful wretch."

Just in time, however, I realized how insane that would've sounded being that he was, in fact, hale and hearty, and instead I found myself defending my actions, "It's not my fault this time! Call your girlfriend. She's worried about you."

In case you're wondering, he accidentally had his cell phone on vibrate and only just realized that there were 26 missed calls.

See? I knew he was fine.

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Governor's mansion burns, arson suspected

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — The governor's mansion burned Sunday morning, June 8. The 152-year-old structure, which was being renovated, is gutted.

Firefighters were summoned around 1:45 a.m. They worked for hours to put the fire out.

Authorities said the cause of the fire appeared to be arson. A multi-agency investigation has commenced.

Gov. Rick Perry and first lady Anita Perry were traveling in Europe on a trade mission when the fire occurred. The Perrys moved into a private home months ago to make way for the mansion's multi-million dollar renovation.

What is left of the mansion is salvageable, the state fire marshal said.



Texas Democrats convene here

Thousands of elected delegates, alternates and guests poured into Austin June 6-8 for the Texas Democratic Party convention.

Boyd Richie of Graham was re-elected state party chair. Gov. Tim Kaine of Virginia appeared on behalf of U.S. Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee. U.S. Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., addressed the convention via the Internet to voice her support for the Obama candidacy.

After a 17-month battle for the nomination, Clinton on June 7 suspended her campaign.

A few days earlier, Obama amassed enough delegates from the states and U.S. possessions to win.

The Republican Party of Texas will be in Houston June 12-14 for its state convention.

YFZ children back with families

The Texas Supreme Court on May 29 ruled the removal of children from the polygamy-practicing YFZ ranch in Eldorado should not have been ordered because the state failed to present evidence that the children were in danger.

On June 2, Judge Barbara Walther, in accordance with the Supreme Court ruling, instructed the state Department of Family and Protective Services to release the ranch children from foster care.

Walther, 51st state District Court, Tom Green County, gave the order that set the YFZ Ranch raid in motion on April 3.

Some 416 children who had been placed with caregivers across Texas were quickly moved back to their families after Walther gave the order.

Authorized people regained custody of children by providing a thumbprint, having their photograph taken with their child and agreeing to attend and complete parenting classes. The state will continue to use DNA testing to establish the parentage of each child and state efforts to investigate possible abuse of children also will continue.

A YFZ ranch spokesman said members of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints who reside at the 1,700 acre compound near Eldorado will no longer practice "spiritual marriage" of underage girls.

Albert Hawkins, head of the Texas Department of Human Services, said despite the reversal of the massive child custody intervention, the state will not shrink from its duty to protect children from abuse.

Victim protection program debuts

There is a new address confidentiality program for victims of family violence, stalking and sexual assault.

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Running 100 Miles Uphill

Pat Johns of Plano is the only person who has run the 100 mile Himalayan marathon four times. He started running 33 years ago for weight control. After getting a job in the corporate world just out of college, he put on some extra weight and found himself at 215 pounds. Now he weighs 195. He calls himself a Clydesdale.

"It's a category for runners who are big, old and slow," says Pat. "I've never really wanted trophies. All I want to do is complete the race. I usually finish in the middle of the pack."

He says running is a progressive disorder.

"You start running a little bit, then you do a 10K, then a half marathon, then a full marathon, then you go crazy and start doing some of the ultra marathons. My first was the Pikes Peak event where you run up to 14,000 feet, then turn around and come back down again. After I did that one three times, I thought I was ready for the Himalayan run."

Pat felt confident when he got to



by Tumbleweed Smith

the India-Nepal border where the race takes place. Then he met people who swam the 4000 mile Amazon River and ran the 1100-mile Iditarod on foot in 30 below weather. It was then he decided to delve into the motivation of the people running the race. He decided it's not about running. It's about life. Pat left the corporate world a couple of years ago and is now an internationally recognized motivational speaker. He got his start by speaking to a couple of Rotary clubs in the Dallas area, telling about his experiences as a runner and relating them to life. Pat has written a book, "Footprints In the Shadow of Giants" which features some of his philosophy and photographs.

He says the Himalayan 100 is the

most beautiful of all the 60 marathons he has run. On the trail, runners can see the four tallest peaks in the world. It is a grueling race.

"It's 104 miles over five days," says Pat. "The first day is the worst. It's 24 miles with an 8,000 foot vertical gain. We go from 6,000 feet to 14,000 at about a nine-degree angle. The second day in a 20-mile run, the third day is 30, then the last two days are 13 and 17 mile runs. A lot of people fall and get scratched up pretty bad. I've seen some terrible ankle, knee and wrist injuries. It's just amazing what people are capable of doing."

In his presentations, Pat stresses the fact that we are trained to believe that we're limited and can't do things. But the reality is that people are limitless and can re-condition themselves to believe that anything is possible.

The first time Pat ran the Himalayan marathon in 2000, 60 runners from 15 countries competed. Half of them were from the US.

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Lester Dahlberg



School, where he was all district in football.

Lester served in the Army in the 1950's, and was honorably discharged. He was a farmer and rancher in Schleicher and Tom Green counties.

Survivors include his wife Mary Dahlberg of Eldorado, sons Nicky Dahlberg of Lake Jackson, TX, and Matt Dahlberg of Canyon, TX., and granddaughter Lily M. Dahlberg of Amarillo, Tx.

Visitation was held Wednesday morning at Kerbow Funeral Home in Eldorado. Services were held that same day at First United Methodist Church in Eldorado Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Pallbearers were Walter Powell, Kent Schwartz, Thomas Schwartz, Kyle Schwartz, Marshall Huling, and Dan Dahlberg.

ELDORADO — Lester Dahlberg, 72, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 7 at his home in Schleicher County. Lester was born in Brady, Texas on October 3, 1935. He was raised in Melvin, TX, and graduated from Melvin High

J.C. Johnson, Jr.



years of marriage before her passing in 2003.

He came to Odessa during the 1950's. He was a member of Northside Baptist Church.

In 1962, their son Johnny Tropol Johnson was born in Odessa, Texas. Johnny has two children, Brittney Davone Johnson and Cody Blake Johnson. J.C. also has an adopted son, Don Brooks of Odessa. Additional survivors include his nephews, Jim Lowe of Duncanville, Texas and Jerry Johnson of Sonora, Texas and a niece Peggy L. Barron of Lamesa.

ODESSA — Services were held for J.C. Johnson Jr., 84, at Sunset Memorial Gardens at 9:30 am, Tuesday, June 10th with burial in Moran, Texas at 4 pm. Visitation was held Monday, June 9.

Mr. Johnson passed away on June 5, 2008 at Medical Center Hospital.

J.C. was born in Eldorado, Texas on May 24, 1924 to the late James Clarence Johnson and Virginia Clara (Wheeler) Johnson. He was the youngest of four children. Deceased, his Brother Cecil Ray, and sisters Dahlia Fay Lowe and Jessella Lynn. J.C. married Francis Yvonne Brooks on June 15, 1947 in Lamesa, Texas and enjoyed 56

J.C. retired from Delta Drilling Company as a drilling superintendent after 25 years of service and lived out the remainder of his years in Odessa.

J.C., "the last of the real cowboys", saddled his final horse, climbed on, took the reins then rode into heaven.

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Mr and Mrs. Michael Witter

Hight/Witter exchange vows

Kimberly Hight and Michael Witter were married on May 23, 2008, in a private ceremony in Savannah, Georgia.

The bride is the daughter of Kenneth and Caroline Hight of Eldorado, Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Lynn and Michelle Witter of Trenton, Texas.

The bride is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School. She received a Bachelor's degree in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management from Texas Tech University in 2006.

The bridegroom is a 2001 graduate of Wylie High School. He is currently serving in the United States Navy as an Aviation Technician.

The couple will reside in Jacksonville, Florida where the bridegroom is stationed.

No wedding ceremony or reception is planned at this time, but may be possible in the future.

Answers on Aging slated June 11 at Resource Center

Bea Ramsey and Cassandra Moreno will be available at 10 am on Wednesday, June 11th, to discuss the many services offered by the Area Agency on Aging for seniors through its various programs to include Care Coordination, Benefits Counseling, Caregiver Support, Foster Grandparent, Senior Companion Services, nursing facility Ombudsman, and The Community Outreach Program for all ages.

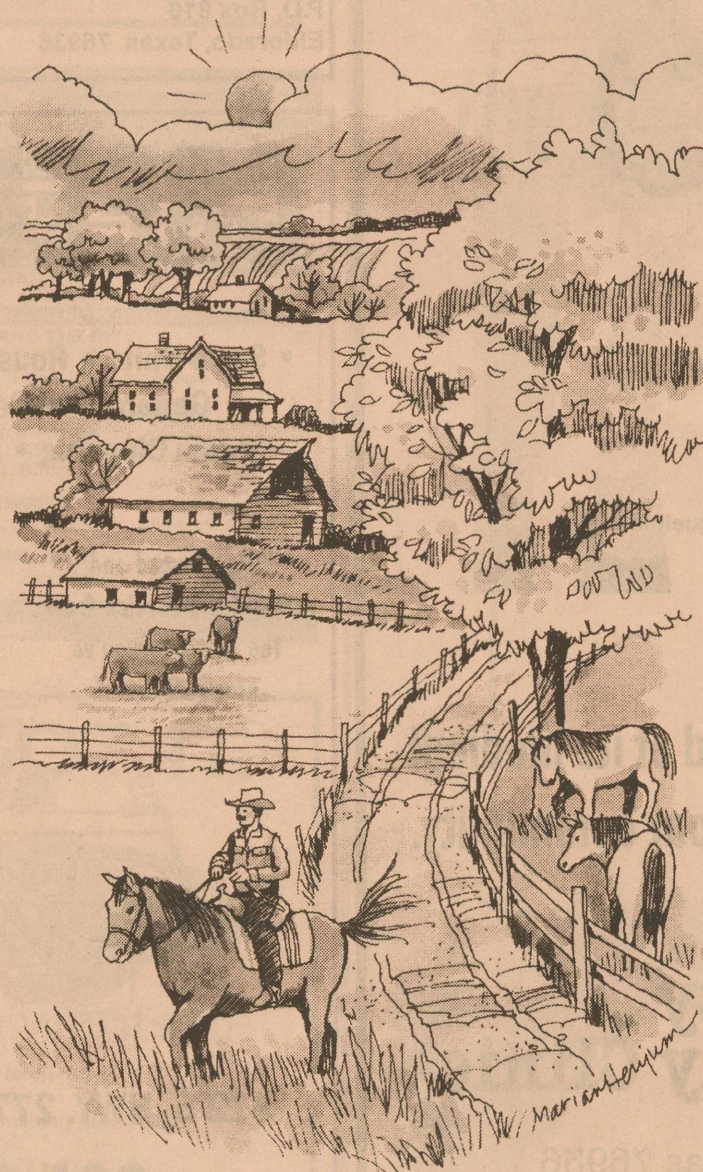
"Answers on Aging and Community Outreach" will be offered at the Schleicher County Resource Center, located at 105 W. Callender in Eldorado.

A followup program will be offered at 12 noon at the Sutton County Senior Center, located at 201 Main St. in Sonora.



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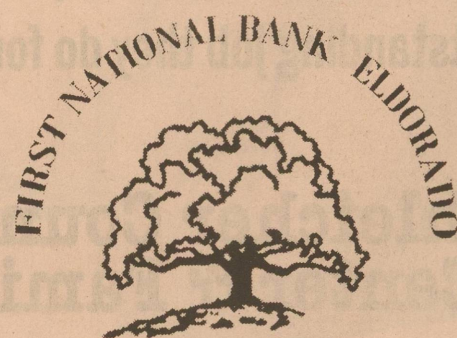
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You've gotta hold your mouth right!

Despite a determined effort, the ball got past the racket of Jordyn Cox as Kyson Snelson watched and waited his turn during the community-wide Vacation Bible School held this week at the football stadium. Jordyn is the granddaughter of Johnny and Stephanie Burlison of Eldorado. Kyson is the son of Casey & Erica Snelson and grandson of Steve and Jeanne Snelson of Eldorado.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Texas Game Wardens have no trouble staying busy

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Train Gets Pulled To Siding

On May 25, while working Lake Amistad, Val Verde County game wardens observed a boat operator waving at everybody and making a noise like a train. The game wardens stopped the boat to conduct an equipment check and determined that the operator had been drinking. The San Angelo resident failed a standard field sobriety test and a breath test, which showed a blood alcohol content of 0.112.

Never too Late for a First Fish

A Camp County game warden held a fishing event for a Mt. Pleasant assisted living group. The game warden assisted one 93-year-old resident and a 78-year-old woman in catching their first fish. There were a total of about 15 elderly anglers who caught fish all day long.

It was Cheap for a Reason

Rockwall and Dallas County game wardens were working Lake Ray Hubbard May 18 when one of the wardens stopped a personal water craft. Immediately the wardens noticed that the registration displayed on the vessel was wrong, with a state designated "CF." One of the game wardens ran the Hull Identification Number through Austin Communications, and the vessel came back as stolen out of Plano. The vessel was taken back to the boat ramp where it was seized by the wardens. The operator said that he had purchased it the previous Saturday at a flea market for "a really good price."

Memorial Day Critters

One TPWD game warden started his Memorial Day early with a call-out concerning a bear up a tree in a neighborhood in south Alpine. While waiting for a wildlife biologist to arrive with a trap and tranquilizer gun, the bear escaped into the night. The next night, while looking around for the bear, the game warden spotted an erratic driver that turned into a DWI arrest.

Crappie Bust

Williamson and Travis County game wardens completed an undercover operation in which one of the game wardens posed as a buyer of fish from a local resident outside of Georgetown who was selling crappie he caught from Lake Granger. The transaction was completed and caught on tape and several cases were filed for the sale of protected finfish as well as no retail fish dealer's license.

Shrimper Scofflaws Stopped

A Galveston County game warden inspected a commercial gulf shrimp boat and discovered 150 pounds of red drum fillets. Additional game wardens were called to assist, and when the inspection was complete the fillets, an assortment of headed and tailed fish, undersized flounder and lightning whelks were confiscated. Cases pending.

Gator Call

On May 14, an Aransas County game warden and motor vehicle technician were called to assist in relocating an 8-foot alligator. The

alligator was in the front yard of a residence just outside of Fulton, and was safely relocated to a more suitable environment.

Means and Methods

During the second week of May, East Texas game wardens from Houston and Angelina County issued citations for taking catfish illegally on the Neches River and Lake Sam Rayburn respectively. On May 10, game wardens apprehended two local residents for shocking fish on the river. The zapper — mounted inside a small Nokia speaker box, — eight flat-head catfish and one blue catfish were confiscated. On May 14, game wardens apprehended two subjects on Lake Sam Rayburn for grabbing catfish at a local boat ramp.

Some strong beers

On May 10, a Bandera County game warden arrested an individual on Lake Medina for BWI. The subject submitted a breath sample at the lake of .235. Almost two hours later at the jail, the subject's breath sample was still more than twice the legal level. The subject told the game warden he "had a couple of beers."

That's one per person day-in, day-out

On May 10, Wichita and Clay County game wardens issued a citation to the operator of a boat on Lake Arrowhead for having no life jackets for the two people on board. The next day, the boat was again checked by one of the game wardens. This time there were three people on the boat. The two from the day before proudly displayed their life jackets. The third person did not have one. Cases pending.

You never know what the day might bring in El Paso County

Two El Paso County game wardens had an event-filled patrol day May 3. The tour of duty started with a call concerning some subjects acting-up at the Wyler Aerial Tramway State Park. Park staff contacted the game wardens concerning some individuals who had tampered with a small containment wall on of the trails. The game wardens made contact and issued citations for park violations. After checking anglers at Ascarate Lake, the wardens happened onto an intoxicated driver on the Border Highway adjacent to the Rio Grande River. While patrolling the desert areas east of El Paso, the wardens checked several rabbit hunters and arrested one individual for outstanding El Paso Police Department traffic warrants. Citations also were issued for no valid hunting license and no hunter safety.

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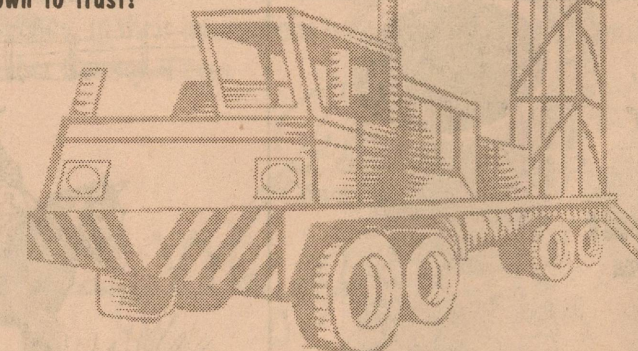
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County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

4H fundraiser slated June 14 at Goat Sale

As many of you know, June 14th is a big weekend for Schleicher County. Over 300 prospective goat buyers will be in town looking for next years projects. Members of the Schleicher County Select Goat Sale have given the 4H Club a great opportunity. They are allowing us to cook hamburgers for a the lunch at their sale. Any and all help would greatly be appreciated. Please call me at the office to see how to help. I will also be contacting many of you personally, so don't be surprised!

Mias Amigas meeting slated

Members of the Mias Amigas Club, including any Eldorado school system student or teacher prior to 1988, will gather on the Schleicher County Courthouse lawn June 27 & 28 for the group's 77th annual meeting.

Registration begins at 5 pm on Friday, June 27. Membership dues are \$6 for ex-students only.

A sandwich supper, visitation, and class get-togethers will begin at 6 pm.

Saturday, registration begins at 8:30 am. The Old School Bell will ring at 9:30.

General Assembly & business meeting begins at 10 am with special recognitions for the classes of 1958 & 1988. Barbecue will be served on the courthouse lawn at 11:30 am. (tickets are \$8 each)

Reservations may be made by phone. Weekdays 325-853-2574. Weekends & After Five 325-853-2079. Fax 325-853-2422.

Independence Day parade

A 4th of July parade is being planned by Cindy Daniels and Cathy Kuykendall. The parade is set to begin at 9 am on July 4 at the SCISD tennis courts on West Warner Avenue.

Floats are welcome and some trailers are available for those who may not have access to one.

Persons wanting to participate are encouraged to contact Cindy Daniels or Cathy Kuykendall at 325-853-2001 during the day or at 325-853-2819 or 775-338-8731 at night.

Those who may not be able to participate are encouraged to come out and watch the parade. It's a wonderful way to celebrate our nation's independence!

Cult seminars slated next weekend

Because of the increase in the interest in cults due to the raids by law enforcement on the FLDS compound in Eldorado in early April, multiple churches are cosponsoring cult education seminars in Sonora and San Angelo June 16 & 17 and June 18 & 19 respectively.

The speaker will be Jay Howard, president of The Religious Research Project in Logan, Ohio. He has been researching and lecturing on cults and aberrant belief systems for 33 years. Mr. Howard has taught throughout the US and in many foreign countries. He has counseled with family members of cult victims as well. He has also worked directly with former members to help them overcome the

debilitating effects of cult involvement.

The seminars are designed to help the public learn to recognize common recruiting tactics and how cults use mind control techniques to control their members. The goal will be to assist the average person to learn how to identify cult groups easier so they and their loved ones will not fall prey to their twisted and destructive belief systems.

The Sonora seminar will be held at First Baptist and the San Angelo seminar will be held in the gymnasium at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

For further information and interviews you can contact Jay Howard at 740-385-1697

Amberg graduates from Naval Academy

Marine Corps 2nd Lt. James Amberg, son of Peggy Amberg of Cold Brook, N. Y. and Ralph Amberg of Eldorado, Texas, recently graduated from the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and was commissioned as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Amberg successfully completed four years of intensive academic, physical and professional military training, resulting in a bachelor of science degree.

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The Naval Academy currently has more than 4,000 students who comprise the Brigade of Midshipmen, and who come from every state in the union. Each year, nearly 15,000 young men and women apply, but less than 1,300 are accepted.

Amberg is a 2004 graduate of Marcus Whitman High School of Rushville, NY.

Motsenbocker Named Educator of the Year

Carol Motsenbocker of Lubbock was named Educator of the Year at the Lubbock-Cooper ISD annual Teacher's Appreciation Luncheon. She is the first paraprofessional recipient of the award. She has been employed by LCISD for 12 years.

Carol is married to Roger and she is the mother

of Syllas and Shea Politte of Eldorado, Amando Politte of Alvin and Thaddues and Megan Politte of Lubbock. She is also the Meemaw of Jacob, Ty and Kyle Politte of Eldorado.

Carol's family is very proud of this prestigious accomplishment.

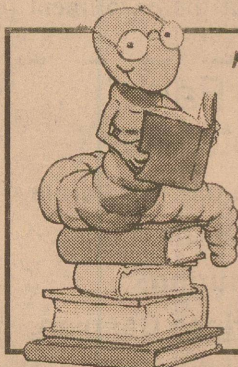
Cancer Society offers road to recovery training

The American Cancer Society is offering a Road to Recovery training in San Angelo, Texas on Monday, June 30th from 1:30 pm-4:30 pm. The training will be held at the American Cancer Society office located at 3228 College

Hills Blvd. in San Angelo. Anyone interested is encouraged to contact Kellye Davis @ 325-944-2500 for an application.

Road to Recovery is an American Cancer Society service program that provides transportation

for cancer patients to their treatments and home again. Transportation is provided according to the needs and available resources in the community.

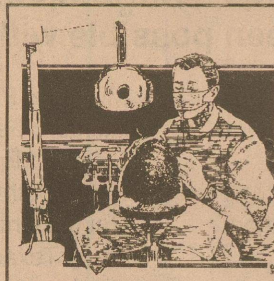


The Public Library Report

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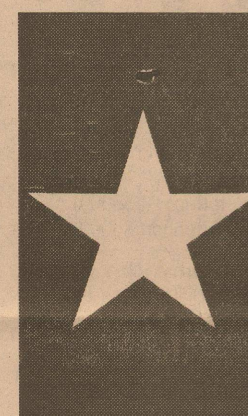
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He knew that you were in pain,
He knew that you would
never get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
and hills were hard to climb.
So, He closed your weary eyelids,
and whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you,
but you didn't go alone.
For part of us went with you,
The day God called you home.
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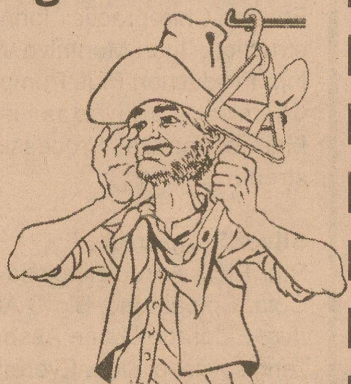
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County wants legislature to fund YFZ expense

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court met Monday, June 9, 2008 with Commissioners Matt Brown, Johnny Mayo and Lynn Meador present. Kirk Griffin was absent.

The court approved the previous minutes of the June 2, 2008 meeting where a resolution was approved and signed by the court.

The Resolution addresses the finances of Schleicher County and

expenditures of the Child Protective Services related to the raid that started April 3, 2008 in which the agency took over 450 children from the YFZ Ranch. The resolution petitions the state legislature to appropriate funds to eliminate the financial burden to Schleicher County past, present and future, stemming from the state's raid on the YFZ Ranch and the Child Protective Services hearings that followed. (See Resolution on Page 8)

The court approved pay increases for County Clerk's office at the June 2 meeting.

Judge Johnny Griffin opened the June 9 meeting with a discussion concerning problems collecting airplane hangar fees totaling \$900. The commissioners voted to send a demand letter to the renter in hopes of prompting a payment.

Among other business, Christy Ross and Randel Scotty with Verizon phone systems were on hand to discuss options for a new phone system for county offices. The commissioners questioned the pair about phone systems before authorizing them to submit a bid.

Next, Tom Brown, representing

Naismith Engineering, Inc., spoke to the commissioners about model subdivision rules and funding for implementing the rules. Brown told the court there were state and federal funds available with preparing and adopting such rules, provided the proper applications are submitted. It was noted there are currently several subdivisions in the county.

Brown also discussed the county's possible involvement with several projects for the City of Eldorado.

The commissioners approved a motion allowing the county to join with the city to seek grant funding for infrastructure improvements in economically distressed areas.

Moving on to other business, the commissioners denied an indigent care request. They then approved \$260,000 in budget transfers, as recommended by Treasurer Karen Henderson.

The men then approved the purchase and installation of a curtain on the north stage area of the Memorial Building where voting supplies may be secured. Total purchase price of the curtain was \$5,825.00.

Capital Highlights...

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Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on June 2 announced that eligible Texans may register for an anonymous address that would appear on voter and school registration cards, driver's licenses and most government documents.

The attorney general's Crime Victim Services Division will assign a substitute address, receive service of process and mail for the participants and forward mail to participants' actual address.

Applicants must meet with a local domestic violence shelter, sexual assault center, law enforcement, or prosecution staff member to discuss a safety plan and learn more about the enrollment process.

Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Palmview, authored a law passed during the 2007 state legislative session creating the Address Confidentiality Program.

Program scrutinizes drivers

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Solution to puzzle on Page 5

Split Ends

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- 1. Coarse file
 - 5. Seemingly limitless
 - 9. On the tail of
 - 14. Commedia dell' ___
 - 15. Raines of film
 - 16. Boxing legend Archie
 - 17. Cool cocktails
 - 20. Whole bunch
 - 21. Crock pot concoction
 - 22. Go-ahead
 - 23. Make more palatable, perhaps
 - 25. Editor's "leave it"
 - 26. "Awesome!"
 - 27. Huge expanses
 - 28. Nine-digit ID
 - 31. T-man Ness
 - 34. Something good to shoot
 - 35. Get into the game
 - 36. Apple variety
 - 40. Having there sources
 - 41. Motorists' org.
 - 42. It may be acute
 - 43. Hairstylists' creations
 - 44. Recipe direction
 - 45. ___-mo replay
 - 46. Important work
 - 47. Protection against a kick
 - 51. Show producer
 - 54. 24-hr. breakfast

- place
- 55. "___ matter of fact..."
 - 56. Actress twice married to George C. Scott
 - 59. Chipped in
 - 60. Skelton's Kadiddlehopper
 - 61. ___-Ball (arcade-game)

- 62. Market pessimists
 - 63. Lacoste of tennis
 - 64. D.C. baseballers
- DOWN**
- 1. Rapids boats
 - 2. Directional sign
 - 3. Sculptor's medium
 - 4. Dispenser candy
 - 5. Discharged, as

- 6. Mayflower Pilgrim John
- 7. Barbecue side
- 8. ___ chi (exercise system)
- 9. Gets a smile out of
- 10. Pass off as genuine
- 11. Ran like mad
- 12. March
- 17 slogan word
- 13. Take a siesta
- 18. Fancy digs
- 19. Saudi's neighbor
- 24. Chip away at
- 25. Circus horn-honker
- 27. Asparagus piece
- 28. Plod along
- 29. Author Bellow
- 30. Wall St. letters
- 31. "Zounds!"
- 32. Timber wolf
- 33. Causes of misery
- 35. Assign, as blame
- 37. Word with Mother or human
- 38. Orator's spot
- 39. Ottoman leader
- 44. Risks a ticket
- 45. "___ the money!"
- 46. Lustful looker
- 47. Lusterware feature
- 48. Skier's outerwear
- 49. Strong point
- 50. Takes to dinner, say
- 51. Strike defier
- 52. ___ down(subdue)
- 53. Utah ski resort
- 54. Just sitting around
- 57. ATM-making co.
- 58. "Anchors Aweigh" branch: Abbr.

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SCISD trustees deal with growing pains

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school has no place to move the computer labs.

The problem could be alleviated with a portable building, Collins told the board. Ideally, a building would house two separate computer labs and would be placed near the entrances to both wings of the elementary school.

The board discussed the idea briefly then authorized Collins to look for a building on the State Buy Board and purchase it if he finds one that will fit the need.

Mr. Collins also explained that early estimates show that the school district's appraised property value could increase by as much as \$90 million this year. He noted that SCISD is on the verge

of becoming a "property-rich" or Chapter 41 school district. If and when that happens, the school would fall under the state's wealth equalization plan, commonly known as Robin Hood.

Among other business, the board briefly discussed the proposed gym renovation. Board President Kurtis Homer explained that he and Collins had met with architect Larry Harvey and reviewed exactly what the board expected of him. Homer said he thought the architect now has a better understanding of what the board expects and will focus on air conditioning the high school gym and upgrade the middle school gym without some of the additional bells and whistles the board were shown at

their last meeting.

Collins noted that the project should bring the cost of air conditioning the gym down substantially and into the price range the board was expecting as opposed to the \$850,000 price tag they were confronted with last month.

Collins further added that the renovation of the middle school gym should also be closer to forecast price. He said he would have better numbers for them at a future meeting.

In other business, the board approved the financial report as presented by finance director Ray Ballew. They also approved the selection of a workers compensation insurance provider for the upcoming year as well as the purchase of

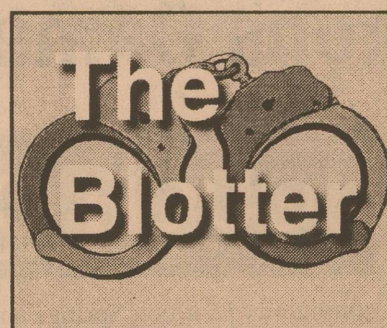
supplemental student insurance.

The trustees also approved a legal services contract with Powell & Leon, L.L.C. of Austin.

The board ended the meeting by going into an executive session for the discussion of personnel matters. They returned to an open session to approve the new teacher contracts before adjourning.

The meeting was attended by trustees Kurtis Homer, Leanne Higgins, Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay. Board member Berta Nicholson was absent.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees is slated for 6 p.m. on Monday, July 14, 2008 in the Eldorado High School library.



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 will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

June 7 • Harris, Bennett Douglas, male age 36, offense P.1. 2nd, released on 6/8/08

June 8 • Salisary, Duayne Lloyd, male age 35, Driving While Intoxicated/Open Container, released on surety bond.

INCIDENTS

June 3 • 8:11 pm Caller stated that a male subject had trespassed on their property and a window was busted out. Officers responded.

June 4 • 2:18 am Caller stated that alarm at local business had gone off. Officer notified.

•3:22 pm Hospital requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo hospital.

June 5 • 7:01 Service representative made repairs to 911 computer.

•8:15 pm Caller reported purse stolen at local store. Purse reportedly contained nearly \$2,000 in cash. Officer investigated.

•9:26 pm Complainant called and reported a reckless driver in a new black Chevy Silverado hotrodding up and down the street near where children are playing. Officer notified.

June 6 • 4:03 am Caller reported a guard rail in the middle of the road on CR 915. Officer responded.

11:52 pm Caller reported a person walking on the roadway near a local business. The person made no effort to move out of the way of oncoming traffic and the caller was afraid he would be hit by traffic. Officer responded.

June 7 • 8:38 am Caller reported bees. Unit responded.

•9:43 am Complainant reported that their vehicle had been "tagged." Officer notified.

•10:23 am Caller requested an ambulance. Officer escorted.

•11:42 am Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded. Complainant reported they had been assaulted at the Post Office for no apparent reason. Subject is disabled and reportedly had been pulled by his left arm and scratched on his right arm.

•2:47 pm Caller reported a brush fire in the bar ditch on 190 West about three miles.

June 8 • 4:19 am Caller reported a white Ford pickup had rolled over on 277 South. Officers responded. Jose Gonzales, male age 23 was taken to Schleicher County Medical Center with head injuries.

•5:30 pm Caller reported a man lying on the shoulder of the highway. The subject would jump up and flip off passing motorists. Officer responded, but was unable to locate the man in Schleicher County. Tom Green County was notified and sent a unit in response. At 6:03 pm Tom Green County called and stated the man had made it several miles into Schleicher County. Officers notified.

•1:43 pm S.O. received 911 call from a location in Eldorado, but was unable to communicate with the caller due to extreme static. Officers were dispatched to the scene. Unfounded: phone line problem.

June 9 • 8:17 pm Caller asked for DPS number for Del Rio or Sonora.

City council holds regular monthly meeting

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gas and sewer departments were running smoothly.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then presented the May financial reports and recommended budget amendment #8 to 2007-2008. The amendment is directed at increases in fuel costs.

Ms. Mayo advised that demand letters were sent to residents of the Sunrise Addition regarding the City easement proposal. Currently four residents have not replied, she said.

It was explained that the city is seeking easements in the addition so that the city may access utilities when and if the need arises. The council previously indicated a willing to sue in order to obtain the easements.

Ms. Mayo also advised that reports concerning the city's water will be mailed soon to all city residents and businesses. The reports are required each year of public water systems so that customers may know quality of the water being provided.

Under old business the council approved

the minutes of the May 12th meeting and reviewed and approved the current bills.

Under new business the council voted to keep Stan Meador as mayor pro tem and discussed the need to find a person to fill the vacancy in Single Member Ward #1.

The final act for council was approving a resolution to support Schleicher County Commissioners petition for expenses related to the YFZ Ranch activity and Declaration of Non-Involvement by City of Eldorado personnel and officials. (See page 8)

How To Be A Good Houseguest

(SPM Wire) With travel costs rising, many travelers are opting to skip hotels to stay with family or friends.

If you choose this route, don't be an inconsiderate houseguest.

"The trick is to be a welcomed guest and not an inconsiderate mooch - after all, the ultimate goal is to get invited back!" said Cameron Siewert, content and

community manager at IgoUgo.com, a popular online travel community.

With this in mind, the experts at IgoUgo are dishing up advice on being a good houseguest:

Give plenty of advance notice. Don't call for a place to crash tomorrow, or even next week. At least a month in advance is a good rule of thumb.

Don't bring friends and pets. If you're single and traveling with a companion, ask for permission to bring him or her along. If you've got multiple people or animals in tow, put yourself in your hosts' shoes before even asking.

Don't take hospitalities for granted. Don't assume that towels, sheets, pillows and toiletries will be provided.

You adhere to check-in and check-out times in hotels. Keep that frame of mind: be sure you're arriving and departing at convenient times for your hosts.

Exercise common decency. Don't bring new friends back to your hosts' home. If your hosts drive you places, pay for a tank of gas. Wash your dishes. Take out the trash. Pay for your own groceries.

For more travel tips visit IgoUgo.com.

Grand Jury Indictments

The Schleicher County Grand Jury handed down 18 indictments on Monday, June 2, 2008

Seven more of the eighteen have been released as of June 10, 2008.

Jose Valdez, male age 28 of Sonora, was charged with Robbery, a second degree felony. Surety

Bond in the amount of \$30,000 Joshua Hash, male age 18, received six indictments. Three (3) Burglary of a Building (\$15,000 Surety Bond Each); Three (3) Burglary of a Habitation (\$20,000 Surety Bonds Each). To date 15 of the 18 indictments have been released.

RESOLUTION

OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF ELDORADO, TEXAS, CLARIFYING POSITION AND DECLARING STATUS AS NON-PARTICIPANT IN LEGAL ACTIONS TAKEN BY STATE OF TEXAS AGENCIES REGARDING YFZ RANCH, OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF ELDORADO, TEXAS:

WHEREAS on April 3, 2008, various Texas law enforcement and Child Protective Service personnel conducted a procedure on the YFZ Ranch which is located approximately 3.5 miles north of the City Limits of the City of Eldorado;

WHEREAS the procedure was conducted without the knowledge and participation of City officials or personnel in an area outside the legal jurisdiction of the City of Eldorado;

WHEREAS neither Schleicher County nor the City of Eldorado had any control of expenditures made by CPS and other state agencies involved in the action at the YFZ Ranch or any subsequent expenditures related to the event;

WHEREAS both Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado have limited resources for revenue and cannot bear the financial burden of such an operation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELDORADO, to support the position of Schleicher County Commissioners Court who petitioned the Texas Legislature to eliminate the financial burden on Schleicher County residents and taxpayers in the past, present and future when dealing with proceedings created by Child Protective Services, and other state agencies, in their interactions with the children and families from the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 9th day of June, 2008.

Stan Meador, Mayor Pro Tem

ATTEST:

Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary

RESOLUTION

060208

WHEREAS, Schleicher County has limited financial resources;

WHEREAS, the Child Protective Services, a state agency, has instituted a costly procedure without the knowledge of Schleicher County against residents of Schleicher County;

WHEREAS, Schleicher County has no way to control the expenditures of Child Protective Services, a state agency or the District Court in that proceeding;

WHEREAS, the taxpayer of Schleicher County will be burdened far beyond their personnel means if local tax revenue is the sole source of payment.

WHEREAS, Schleicher County has no desire at this time to seek protection under Title 9 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County believes that the cost of the events begun by Child Protective Services, a state agency, should be borne by the State of Texas.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County petitions the State Legislature to appropriate funds to eliminate the financial burden on Schleicher County in the past, present and future when dealing with proceeding created by Child Protective Services, a state agency, in their interactions with the children and families residing at the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County, Texas

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Members of the American Legion Post 257 posed with Captain Melanie Stricklan Memorial Day, May 26, 2008 at the Memorial Day Service at the Schleicher County Cemetery. (L-R) Guy Crippin, Buff Whitten, Phil Edmiston, Weldon Jenkins, Orval Edmiston, Floyd Fay and James E. Mankin. Captain Stricklan is currently a test manager assigned to the 17th Test Squadron located at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Base in Colorado Springs, CO where she is responsible for validating and enhancing war fighting capabilities through testing and evaluating space systems. Her previous assignments include nuclear missile combat duty and airborne communications onboard the E-8 J-STARS. She enlisted in the Air Force 12 years ago and became a commissioned officer in 2004. Stricklan is a 1999 graduate of Eldorado High School and the daughter of Rick and Lori Stricklan.

FSA County Committee nominations begin June 15

ELDORADO – Jan Wanoreck, Executive Director for USDA's Farm Service Agency in Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County today announced farmer and rancher candidate nominations begin June 15 for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees. The nomination period continues through Aug. 1, 2008. Elections take place this fall.

"I encourage all producers to participate in the county committee election process by nominating candidates by the August 1 deadline," said Wanoreck. "We are counting on as much participation as possible, because county committees are an important link between the agriculture community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. We have seen a trend in recent years of increased nominations of minority and women producers and we hope that trend will continue."

Between 2003 and 2006, the number of minority and women farmers and ranch-

ers nominated as candidates to FSA county committees nationwide increased 35 percent. Additionally, the number of African American producers nominated as candidates tripled during the same period.

To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area in which the person is a candidate.

Producers may also nominate themselves, and organizations representing minority and women can nominate candidates. To become a nominee, eligible individuals must sign form FSA-669A. The form and other valuable information about FSA county committee elections are available online at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>; click on News & Events, then County Committee Elections. Nomination forms for the 2008 election must be postmarked or received in the local

USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2008.

FSA county committee members make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other important agricultural issues. Committee members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are more than 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees. Committees consist of three to five members who are elected by eligible local producers.

FSA will mail ballots to producers beginning Nov. 3. The voted ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1.

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