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Newest AirMed-1 helicopter is on duty

Shannon Medical Center's new AirMed-1 helicopter touched down in Eldorado Tuesday morning, giving local EMTs and hospital personnel their first look at the new aircraft. Dr. Luis E. Duarte, a San Angelo neurosurgeon, accompanied the helicopter crew to Eldorado.

Among those who turned out to see the new air ambulance were Beckie Sullivan - RN, FNP, Russell Meeks, - LVN, Carrie Pridemore - RN, Helen Brame, Beverly Minor, Luz Valero, April Fuentes, Martha Adame, and T.J. Rodriguez.

The AirMed-1 crew included pilot Shane Farrocco, flight medic Joey Huffman, and flight nurse Cindy Gurly.

The helicopter is owned and operated by Med-Trans, a Dallas-based company that recently took over the contract to provide air ambulance services for Shannon. Under their agreement, Med-Trans will manage flight operations of the AirMed1 air ambulance service, while Shannon Medical Center will continue to provide and manage the medical staffing and direction for the program.

"We are excited to have Med Trans join us as a partner in the AirMed-1 service," said Bryan Horner, President and CEO, Shannon Medical Center. "AirMed-1 is very important to

Shannon as it allows us to help provide quick access to lifesaving care when time matters most. This partnership allows us to maintain the long-term sustainability of the program for residents throughout our service area, and it also allows opportunity for it to grow."

Med Trans is supplying the program with a new Bell 407 aircraft designed to facilitate optimal patient care.

The partnership provides AirMed-1 with additional enhancements and safety features, including night vision capabilities. Shannon AirMed1 is the first air medical program in the region to utilize this technology, a feature that adds greatly to the safety of the crew and those on the ground. Med-Trans aircraft are also equipped with additional state-of-the-art safety equipment and features, such as: enhanced vision systems, radar altimeters, GPS navigation, satellite tracking and communications, terrain alert warning system (TAWS) and traffic alert and collision avoidance system (TCAS).

"The new partnership maintains our commitment to safety and providing exceptional care to our patients," said Heather Tiftickjian, RN, director of Shannon AirMed1. "The

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

All new AirMed-1

Helen Brame, Martha Adame and T.J. Rodriguez look on as Flight Medic Joey Huffman describes the new AirMed-1 helicopter. The air ambulance's crew brought the new chopper to town Tuesday morning to give local medical personnel an up-close look at the new aircraft.

SCISD trustees meet, deal with staff turnover Gibson and Wright to lead high school and elementary school campuses into the future

Schleicher County ISD trustees met Monday night, July 20, 2009 and accepted the resignation of Coach Conon Emmons, who is leaving the district to take over as athletic director at Menard ISD. It was explained that his wife, Melissa, will continue to teach at Eldorado Elementary and the family will continue to make their home here.

The board also accepted the resignations of Eldorado High School principal Scotty Carman and his wife Samantha. The couple is moving to Wink where he will serve as elementary principal and she will teach.

Scotty Carman is a Wink native.

The resignations of Eldorado Elementary principal Houston Hendryx and his wife Maria were also accepted. The couple is moving to Ozona where he will serve as middle school principal.

Also, the board accepted the resignation of teacher Crystal Dearman who is moving to Louisiana.

The resignations make way for Robert Gibson and Chad Wright to take over as high school and elementary school principals, respectively.

Gibson is a native of Aspermont

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Rodeo slated this weekend

The Schleicher County Rodeo Association's 40th annual Rodeo will be held at the Schleicher County Rodeo Arena Friday and Saturday, July 24th & 25th.

Eldorado's first annual rodeo was held September 4th and 5th, 1970 and was hosted by Eldorado's Riding Club, president Horace Linthicum. The 1970 rodeo had four events (Team Roping, Calf Roping, Bull Riding and Jackpot Barrel Race.)

That rodeo was produced by The Royce Rodgers Rodeo Company of Uvalde.

Admission to the first rodeo was \$1.50 for adults and \$.75 for children. Kay Williams of Christoval was named 1970 Rodeo Queen.

This year's rodeo is sponsored by Schleicher County Rodeo Association, president Mike Calcote and there will be eight big events nightly including: Bullriding, Calf Roping, Steer

Wrestling, Bareback, Saddle Bronc, Barrels, Team Roping and Breakaway. The rodeo is produced by Cadillac Rodeo Company.

Eldorado's SCRA Rodeo was named 2008 Cowboy Professional Association's Cowboy's Choice Rodeo and was awarded a plaque. Rodeo Queen contestants this year are Charli Swinford and Ivie Kate Mynatt.

Slack will begin at 8:00 pm on Thursday, July 23rd.

Friday and Saturday performances will begin at 7:30 pm nightly. Admission at the gate will be \$10. Advance tickets are \$8

The rodeo will feature \$4,000 added prize money (\$500 per event) with Skyline Buckles to event champions.

Live music on Friday at the slab will be Romaldo Y Grupo Fuerzazo and Saturday evening at the slab after the rodeo will be The Johnny Dickinson Band.

Wildfires sweep across state Schleicher Co. left off Governor's wildfire disaster list

Governor Rick Perry last week issued a disaster proclamation for 167 counties, in response to the significant threat posed by wildfire conditions in those areas. And, despite the fact that Tom Green County to the north, and Sutton County to the south, were on the list, Schleicher County was not and apparently will not be eligible for the necessary federal assistance promised by the governor's emergency declaration.

Meanwhile, here in Schleicher County, firefighters battled sweltering heat and low humidity as they answered the call to an ever-growing list of fires.

Assistant Fire Chief Joey Jones noted on Tuesday that the most recent fires have claimed a barn and several hundred acres of grass. They have also been rough on the Fire Department's aging equipment.

"We have one truck down right now and just got another one back in operation," Jones said. "We need a good soaking rain so we can get a break."

Hot and dry conditions not only contributed to the fires getting started but also helped them spread and made life miserable for the fire crews who battled them.

Approximately 250 acres went up in flames last Friday on the Kevin Stanford place southeast of Eldorado on McIntosh Road.

Then, on Saturday a fire in a barn on the Johnny Mayo Ranch south of Eldorado claimed spread to the surrounding pastureland. Fire crews reached the blaze quickly and kept it from spreading, but were unable to save the barn or its contents.

Sunday saw the firefighters stretched in two different directions as a blaze on the Pierce Holt's Cheney Ranch sent part of the department to the eastern portion of Schleicher County while another

burn reportedly got out of hand.

Contacted for comment by the *THE SUCCESS*, Governor's office spokesperson Katherine Cessinger noted that Schleicher County did not have a burn ban in place when the declaration was issued. She also noted that any request from local authorities would be seriously considered by state officials.

Governor Perry's declaration included the following statement, "I urge all Texans to use extreme care in outdoor activities, be aware of burn bans in their counties, and take precautions to protect their homes and property while these conditions persist."

Since June 25, more than 10,000 acres have been burned by wildfires across the state, with nearly 150 homes threatened.

Another fire was reported about 6 p.m. on Wednesday evening on the Middleton place where a controlled



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Barn up in flames

Flames consume the remains of a barn on the Mayo Ranch. The fire, which reportedly started in the barn, also claimed about 10 acres of pastureland on Saturday night before fire crews reached the scene.

DEATH NOTICES

Corey Don Kovar

SOMERVILLE— Corey Don Kovar died July 11, 2009 following a battle with cholangiocarcinoma, or bile duct cancer. He worked during deer and spring turkey seasons as a guide for Magnum Guide Service in Eldorado. He is survived by his father

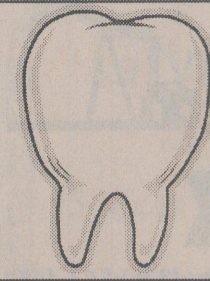
and step-mother, Donald and Kellie Kovar of Christoval, two brothers, and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held Wednesday, July 15, 2009, at Snook Brethren Church. Interment followed in Snook Cemetery.

Pendergraft to perform at Brushy Top Cowboy Church

submitted by Barbara Arendt

Dave Pendergraft is a country/songwriter who absolutely loves the Lord. Pendergraft gave his life to Jesus Christ June 10, 2001. His music is still country, but his lyrics are positive, family oriented and inspirational. He travels across the country playing at fairs, rodeos, festivals and churches.

Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 am, Pendergraft will be singing and sharing at Brushy Top Cowboy Church. Join us midway between Eldorado and Sonora as we worship together under the tent.



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Shannon unveils new AirMed-1

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only change our patients may see is in the design of the new helicopter, but it will still utilize the same lifesaving equipment and carry our same team of medical professionals. It will also maintain the Shannon AirMed-1 name and green and gold design that has become known across the region.

Shannon AirMed-1 staff and crews will continue to work with hospitals and first-responder services throughout the Concho Valley and hopes to work closer with these agencies and spend additional time in their communities. Plans include providing additional educational opportunities for partner EMS agencies and outreach activities with critical access hospitals, and new in 2009 a mentoring program for EMS services that utilize AirMed-1.

Founded in April 1994, Shannon AirMed-1 provides 24-hour emergency care for

area hospitals in more than 30 counties, or more than 130,000 square miles, across West Texas. Shannon AirMed-1 transports cardiac, trauma, medical, pediatric, and burn patients and has extensive life support equipment essential to providing care for patients in life-threatening or emergency situations.

Transportation via AirMed 1 of critically ill or injured patients can significantly reduce time en route to a hospital and allow patients to receive definitive care within the "GOLDEN HOUR," the first hour following injury, heart attack or another critical or life threatening condition. AirMed 1 is one of the only services in West Texas to carry blood on each flight for optimal patient outcomes. It is a three-time recipient of the Texas Air Medical Service of the Year Award from the Texas Department of State and Health Services in 2002, 2003 and 2007.



NANCY'S TIPS

by Eldorado's Own Nancy Lester

Diabetes Cooking School

A four part Diabetes Cooking School will be held in Eldorado starting on Monday, August 10, and continuing on Mondays throughout the month. The other dates are August 17, 24 and 31.

The classes will take place during the noon hour starting at 12 p.m. and finishing up at 1 p.m. Lunch will be served at each session which will be held at the County Extension Office. The total cost for the four classes plus the cookbook is \$15.00. The four topics that will be covered are: 1) Managing Carbohydrates in Your Diet, 2) Controlling Fat, 3) Sodium in the Diet and 4) Celebration Meals, Family Dinners, etc.

While the information is geared toward the diabetic diet, it is actually just great information for anyone who wants to control their weight and live healthier.

The classes will be taught by Courtney Barbee, Schleicher County CEA-FCS, Kathy Aycock, Tom Green County CEA-FCS, and Nancy Lester, retired agent. Kathy and Nancy serve on the State Diabetes Cooking School

Task Force. This is an actual cooking school and so far the food has received wonderful reviews.

Advance registration for the classes is necessary. Please call the County Extension Office at 853-2132 to register for the series before Tuesday, August 4. This is the same series that will be offered at the Wellness Center upon completion. For more information, please call Courtney Barbee or Nancy Lester.

Clarification

Shane West has asked that it be noted that he did not accompany Bill Clark to the July 13th meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court as reported in our July 16th edition. West told The Success this week that while he was there to hear what Clark had to say, he was also interested in the discussion of Lower Colorado River Authority electric transmission lines.

Native Plant Society meets in San Angelo on Tuesday, July 28th

The Native Plant Society of Texas was founded in 1980 by Carroll Abbott, of Kerrville, with sponsorship by interested individuals, including several members of the faculty of Texas Woman's University in Denton. By April 25, 1981, more than four hundred and twenty Charter Members had signed up. The work of these early members alerted the public to the need to preserve Texas' native plants, and to the wisdom of using them in landscapes. The Society now has thirty chapters around the state.

The Society's mission - to promote research, conservation, and utilization of native plants and plant habitats of Texas through education, outreach and example - is especially timely in light of America's new emphasis on 'green'. Education continues through symposiums, undergraduate and graduate research grants, scholarships, and local chapter meetings.

Everyone is invited to an

organizational meeting for the Concho Valley Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm July 28 at the Massey-Meyer Garden Center in San Angelo. The Center is located at 815 South Abe - the northwest corner of Abe and Washington. Refreshments will be served.

Crockett County Youth Rodeo

The Crockett County Open Youth Rodeo hosted by the Crockett County 4-H club will take place August 22, 2009 in conjunction with the Davy Crockett Festival. Only ten entries will be accepted in the Leadline competition (5 & under) other age groups include Boys and Girls 8 and under, Boys and Girls 9-12, and Boys and Girls events 13-19.

Events include Barrels, Poles, Goat Tagging, Goat Tying, Breakaway Roping, Ribbon

Roping, Double Mugging and Team Roping. Cost is \$10.00 per event except all roping events which are \$15.00 per event. Non-riding events, Boot Scramble, Stick Horse Race for all 5 and under \$1/event & Mutton Bustin' for all 8 and under \$5.00/event.

If you are interested in entering the rodeo please contact Wendy Justiss @ 226-2305 or Susie Bishop @ 392-2721. Entries must be postmarked by August 11, 2009, late entries will be assessed a \$25.00 late fee.

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY July 27th
Oven Fried Chicken 2/White Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Greens, Corn Bread, Cubed Cantaloupe, Gelatin Parfait, Milk.

TUESDAY July 28th
Hot Dogs with Chili, Cheese, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Bun, Pineapple Waldorf, Brownie, Milk.

WEDNESDAY July 29th
Chicken Strips w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Broccoli w/Cheese Sauce, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk.

THURSDAY July 30th
Soft Taco / Cheese, Pinto Beans, Corn w/Sweet Peppers, Flour Tortilla, Chopped Lettuce & tomato, Mixed Fresh Fruit w/Cantaloupe, Milk.

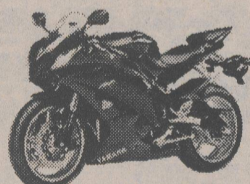
FRIDAY July 31st
BBQ Pork Ribette, Baked Tater Tots, Lima Beans, Bun, Tossed Salad w/Dressing, Strawberries, Milk.

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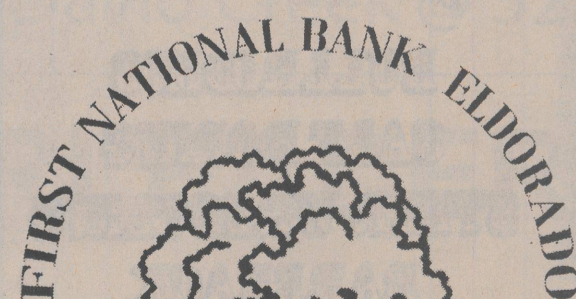
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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: * Moderate ** Challenging *** Hoo Boy!
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PRE-KINDERGARTEN

2 #2 pencils & 1 school box (small)
Girls: 1 box of gallon size Ziploc bags
Boys: 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags
A.M. Class - 3 blue vinyl (plastic) pocket folders
P.M. Class - 3 red vinyl (plastic) pocket folders
A.M. Class - 1 blue - 70 page spiral notebook (solid color)
P.M. Class - 1 red - 70 page spiral notebook (solid color)
Fiskars scissors (round end metal blade), 1 Kleenex (large box), 1 backpack (large enough to hold folders), 1 box 12 long pencil colors, 2-boxes of crayons-eight count (NO JUMBO); 1 Water bottle (12 oz.) & 24oz. Elmer's White Glue, 1 set of clothes (shirt, pants/shorts, underwear, socks) labeled with child's name in Ziploc bag.

KINDERGARTEN

Elmer's White School Glue-4 oz., 2 No. 2 Pencils, Eraser (pink rubber), Crayons-1 box of 8 (No Jumbo Crayons), Fiskars For Kids Scissors (metal blade), 1 large box Kleenex, 1 small school box, 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders, Boys 1 box sandwich size zip-lock bags, Girls 1 box gallon size zip-lock bags, 1 water bottle, Backpack THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS, 1 regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets)

FIRST GRADE

#2 Pencils, Large Elmer's Glue, School box, Metal inlaid scissors, Crayons-16 count, 1 pkg. Construction paper-9 x 12 assorted, loose, 1 box Kleenex, 1 highlighter, 4 pocket folders with bottom pocket, Eraser, Map Colors, Individual Pencil Sharpener with top

SECOND GRADE

6 pencils - #2, Crayons - box of 24, Spiral Notebook (70 page), Small plastic carry box, Fiskars scissors (no blunt tips), 4 Red marking pencils, 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets, map colors, 1 box Kleenex (200 count), Set of high lighters - fluorescent; not liquid, 1 water bottle, Boys-1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags, Girls-1 box gallon Ziploc bags, 1 package of construction paper loose leaf, 6 glue sticks, Individual Pencil Sharpeners with top, Large eraser,

THIRD GRADE

Crayons - box of 24, #2 pencils - box of 24, Kleenex (200 count) (2 boxes), Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only), Zipper pouch for notebook, 4 red marking pencils, 1 large Elmer's glue and 3 glue sticks, Map colors, 2 sturdy folders with brads, 4 composition notebooks, 1 pkg. 5x8 index cards, 1 pkg. 3x5 index cards, Boys 1 pkg. Gallon Ziplock bags, Girls 1 pkg. Quart Ziplock bags, NO 3 RING BINDERS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS

FOURTH GRADE

2 pkgs. Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled), Pencil Top Erasers, Map colors - 12 pack, Ruler - both metric and American standard; clear plastic, Scissors - 6" or 7" sharp point, 4 Red grading pencils, Kleenex - 200 count - 2

Back to School SUPPLIES

ELEMENTARY 2009-10 SCHOOL LIST

EVERY STUDENT MUST HAVE TENNIS SHOES FOR P.E. ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT. TEACHERS MAY REQUEST ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLIES DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR

FIFTH GRADE

Zipper Notebook / Binder (large rings), 2 Large Cloth Zipper Bags, 2 pkg. Wide Ruled Notebook paper, 1 pkg. Plastic Dividers with Pockets (8 1/2" X 11"), 1 Pocket folders w/Brads (write name inside), 4 Composition (no wire) Notebooks (write name inside), Pencils and individual sharpener, Red grading pencils, 1 box of 24 count colored pencils, 1 box of 24 count crayons, 2 Large glue sticks, 1 Small bottle of Elmer's glue, 1 Small Pastel Colored Typing Paper, Scissors, Stretch Book covers (2 large / jumbo), 2 Large boxes of Kleenex (write name on each box), 1 pkg. white copy paper (ream 500 sheets - 8 1/2" X 11"). This ream of paper will be used all year for your child's math

papers instead of notebook paper, P.E. Supplies: shorts, t-shirt, tennis shoes and a small p.e. bag.

SIXTH GRADE MATH

(1) 3 - subject spiral notebook with holes, Pencils, 2 Red Grading Pens or Pencils, (1) 2-in. 3-ring binder, 1 pkg. Dividers, 1 box Kleenex, 1 ream copy paper

SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE

2 Composition notebooks (no wire), 1 pocket folder with brads, 2 glue sticks, Scissors, Colored pencils

SIXTH GRADE ELA

1 pkg. wide ruled notebook paper, 1 package dividers, 1 composition notebook, 1 two - inch 3 - ring binder (no floppy binders), Pencils, 2 red grading pens, Blue and/or Black pens, 1 box Kleenex, Highlighters, 1 spiral notebook (at least 150 pages)

SEVENTH GRADE GENERAL SUPPLIES

Wide Ruled notebook paper, Pen/pencils, Glue, Scissors (don't have to be new), 3 boxes of Kleenex, Map Colors/markers/ colors, One ream of copy paper

ELA SUPPLIES

7 composition notebooks, 2 glue sticks

TEXAS HISTORY SUPPLIES

2 packages of wide rule notebook paper, 3-ring binder, 1 pkg. Notebook Dividers, Package of Pens-Blue or Black

MATH SUPPLIES

#2 or 0.7mm pencils, keep on hand at all times, Red grading pens, 5 subject spiral notebook (college or wide-ruled), 1 folder with pockets and brads

*Some supplies will need to be restocked throughout the year.

EIGHTH GRADE ELA SUPPLIES

1 package of blue or black pens, 2 composition books, 1 package of Post It notes (2" x 3" are fine or larger), 2 folders with brads and pockets, Package of markers, 1 package of wide ruled notebook paper, 1 large box of tissues

EIGHTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES SUPPLIES

2 Highlighters (any color), 1 Large Spiral notebook, 1 Three - Ring binder with dividers (3 subject), Small scissors (school safe), 1 Folder (3 Tab), 1 Box of Map Colors (pens), 1 Box of Crayola Crayons (small size), Pens (Blue or Black), Pencils (No. 2), 12" ruler, Colored Construction paper (1 package), Glue: Stick or Bottle, Tissues: (one box of Kleenex), 1 box of Snack Bags (Ziplock 100 - Pk)

MRS. CHANCELLOR'S EIGHTH GRADE MATH

1 box Kleenex, 1 ream of copy paper, 1-5 subject spiral with holes, 1 - package of large ruled notebook paper, 2 - red pens, 12 - #2 pencils, 2 - pink erasers, 6 - blue folders with brads, 1 - Oxford classic white spiral ruled index cards (3x5)

EIGHTH GRADE SCIENCE SUPPLIES

1 package of black pens, 1 large box of tissues, 2 Highlighters (any color), Small scissors (school safe), Glue: Stick or Bottle

MRS. JOHNSON'S CLASSES

1 large box tissue, 2 pocket folders, 1 small box of map colors (12 count), 1 red pencil or pen for grading, 3 70-page spirals

Two-a-day football workouts slated for Monday, August 3rd

Eldorado High School Football Players will start two-a-day workouts on Monday, August 3 at 7:30 a.m. Team photos will be taken at 8:00 a.m. on the 3rd and workout will follow.

ATTENTION 9TH-11TH GRADE STUDENTS

Incoming 9th graders and 11th graders boys and girls who will be participating sports to have a physical provided for them. Interested athletes should report to the field house at 12:30 pm on Friday, July 31st to be driven to San Angelo.

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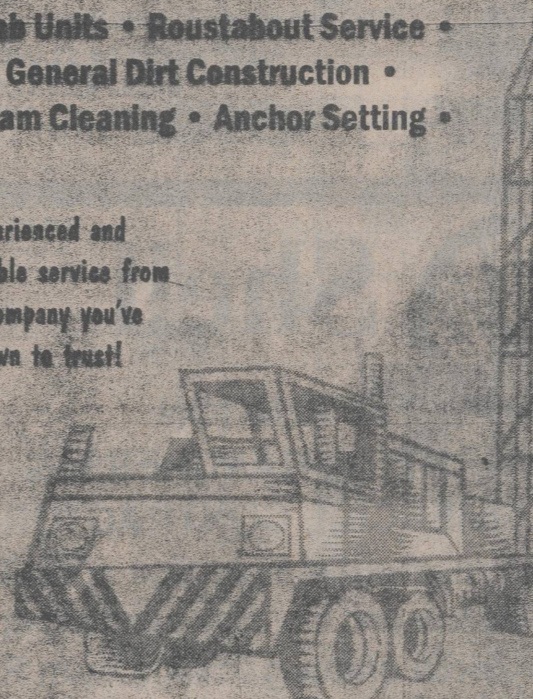
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JULY

23rd Coty Tidwell, Corinna Belman, Pam Engdahl Blakeny
24th Sheila Prater, Derek Engdahl, Samantha Santellano, Aaron Conn
25th Sharon Fitts, Thomas Martinez, Ima Jean Bruce, Kaleb Murr, Colby Niblett, Penny Bland, Jessica Freeman, Fernando Cardenas, Candice Engdahl, Austin Kotsch
26th Susie Richters, Jo Woodward, Rosa Martinez
27th Adam Dominguez, Drew Graham, Gina Muela, Dora Lynn Fay, Adam Dominguez, Mark Daniel Garcia, Theresa Beach, Bobby Adams, Brian Parsley
28th Eaby Chatham, Seth Taylor, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Mary Jenkins, Charlene Harris, Walter Wagner, Nikki Kotsch
29th Gera Lemke, Wayne Palmer, Melissa Dent

ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

26th Kim & Kevin Thomas
28th Scott & Kari Stewart, Clint & Kilee Griffin
29th David & Kay Creek
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Saturday - Johnny Dickinson Band Sponsored by SCRA
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Schleicher County Rodeo Association
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The Public Library Report

by Linda Thomas, Librarian

What a summer! Our Summer Reading Program, "Deep In the Heart of Texas," was a wonderful success. We enrolled 117 children ages 5 yrs. and up, had an average attendance for 5 Thursdays of 51, and enlisted 39 volunteers to help throughout the program. Nineteen of the volunteers were teenagers.

The children enjoyed books, games, crafts, and snacks (including homemade jerky). Reese Faull, MaKenzie Gross, and Robert Olivares each won a \$20.00 gift certificate to Hastings in San Angelo. Children also had the opportunity to participate in the HEBuddy Summer Reading Program if they desired.

Thank you parents for allowing your children to attend; a big thanks goes to the many volunteers. Without them, we

couldn't have this program.

On a different note, we have many new items at the library. Some of our new books include Swimsuit by James Patterson, The Devil's Punchbowl by Greg Isles, Burn by Linda Howard, A Plague of Secrets by John Lescroart, and Knockout by Catherine Coulter. New DVDs are Grand Torino, Hotel for Dogs, Valkyrie, The Curious Case of Benjamin Button, and Last Chance Harvey.

Don't forget that we have public access computers, wireless internet, a fax machine, and a copy machine. Too, the library has a new sign on the front painted by Judy Goodson. If you haven't seen it, drive by.

Saturday, July 25, 2009, the library will be open from 9:00 AM til 12:00 PM.

YFZ pre-trial hearings scheduled Thursday

Pre-trial hearings are slated for defendants in the YFZ Ranch cases at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009 in District Judge Barbara Walther's courtroom in San Angelo. Perhaps that's when the judge will hand down here long-awaited ruling concerning the evidence gathered from the ranch during last year's 6-day-long raid.

Defense attorney Gerald Goldstein has repeatedly argued that the raid was prompted by a phone call that Texas lawmen knew, or should have known, was a hoax. He has petitioned the judge to throw out all of the evidence seized during the raid.

Only last week, attorney Goldstein filed two "offers of proof" in which he says that if he is allowed to call two witnesses, Dan Edwards, a CPS investigator, and law professor Gerald Reamy, they will

offer evidence damaging to the state's case.

For his part, Deputy Attorney General Eric Nichols argued that, although the call for help that prompted the raid was likely a hoax, Texas lawmen had now way of knowing that to be the case and therefore they acted in good faith. Nichols says lawmen saw evidence of a crime in plain sight, meaning that they saw underage pregnant girls. He wants to be allowed to offer evidence seized from the ranch during the trials of 12 YFZ Ranch defendants.

It is unknown if Judge Walther will rule on the evidence this Thursday, however, if and when she does, The Success will post her ruling on our website at www.myeldorado.net. We will also report full details in next week's edition of The Eldorado Success.

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2009 Schleicher County Rodeo Queen Contestants

Charli Swinford and Ivie Kate Mynatt are running for 2009 Schleicher County Rodeo Queen. You can purchase your tickets from one of the rodeo queen contestants for only \$8.00 a ticket, per night. Tickets will be sold the night of the rodeo at the gate for \$10.00. So, find one of these lovely rodeo contestants before July 24th and save your dollars!



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All thanks to Martha's Angels

Martha's Angels, a charitable woman's group created in 1993 to serve Eldorado, donated \$4,500 to six non-profit organizations in Schleicher County. The funds came from the sales of the "Heavenly Temptations Cookbook" published by the group last December. Accepting the donations on behalf of the organizations were (Front L-R) Jill Preston - First United Methodist Summer Youth Program \$750; Christi Meador - Schleicher County Wellness Center \$1,000; (Back L-R) Pastor Steve Rowe - Ministerial Alliance \$500; Jerri Holley - Child Welfare Board \$500; Jim Martin FUMC Ministry On Wheels \$1,000; and Barbara Arendt - Brushy Top Cowboy Church \$750.



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- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
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SCISD trustees hire two new principals

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and a graduate of Angelo State University. He comes to Eldorado from San Angelo Lakeview where he was the assistant principal.

Wright is also an ASU graduate and comes to Eldorado from Seagraves where he also served as elementary principal. He has been a campus principal at Winters and an elementary teacher at Sweetwater and Hawley.

Additionally, Jennifer Lilly is hired as a teacher. She will join the high school faculty where she will teach English.

In other business, the school board approved work to replace a collapsed sewer line between the middle school gymnasium and the athletic field house. The damaged line was found during the gym renovation project. Since replacing the line was not anticipated, it was not included in the gym project plans.

SCISD superintendent Billy Collins asked for and received permission to have Minnix Construction, the contractor currently working on the gym project, the repair the line, provided the cost isn't prohibitive.

The board also increased the amount the school contributes toward employee health insurance plans from \$310 to \$326 per month, per employee.

The board also approved the expenditure of \$24,275 for repairs and paving at the elementary school. Kirk Griffin Construction will repair and pave the "horseshoe area" in front of the elementary and also pave a parking lot by the computer labs.

In other business, the trustees:

- Set dates for two budget workshops.

- Approved trustees attending the TASB Convention on Oct. 2-4.
- Approved the district's financial reports.
- Approved minutes of the June 8, 2009 board meeting.
- Approved an amendment to the employee leave policy.
- Approved the Student Code of Conduct handbook for 2009-10.

Following a two-hour long executive session for the discussion of personnel and real property, the trustees emerged into open session and voted to approve the aforementioned employee items. They took no action, however, on the subject of real property.

Monday night's meeting was presided over by board president Kurtis Homer with trustees Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones, Robert Jay and Leanne Higgins in attendance. Trustees Berta Nicholson and Kriss Griffin were absent. Others in attendance included superintendent Billy Collins, finance director Ray Ballew, administration secretary Sandra Robledo, middle school principal Kara Sue Garlitz, teachers Lana Jones, Shelly Self and Melissa Emmons and coach Conon Emmons.

The next regular meeting of the SCISD board of trustees is slated for 6 pm in the high school library.

State and federal agencies offer help during drought

by Steve Byrns
Texas AgriLife Extension Service

SAN ANGELO --As the growing season progresses, hot, dry conditions prevail over much of Texas causing crops, pastures and rangeland to wither, according to a Texas AgriLife Extension Service expert.

"We're actually experiencing quite a reversal in rainfall patterns in some areas with some rain falling on the normally dry western parts of the state while the traditionally wetter eastern portions are suffering severe drought conditions and prolonged 100-degree heat," said Dr. Travis Miller, AgriLife Extension agronomy leader at College Station. "More than 70 percent of the state is in one stage or the other of drought."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said current dry conditions are adding more headaches to the state's already overburdened agricultural producers.

"Texas farmers and ranchers are some of the most resilient people I have ever known," Staples said. "Our producers have been hit hard with a triple threat starting with Hurricane Ike, then with our nation's current economic calamity, and now one of the worst droughts our state has seen in years."

"We hope God will bless us with moisture to relieve some of the pressure facing our producers," he said. "While we wait, state and federal agencies are working together to offer assistance and I urge producers to take advantage of these critical resources."

Those sources include:

- The Agricultural Drought Task Force Web site, <http://agrifile.tamu.edu/drought/> provides a clearing house of drought-related information from a number of

state and federal agencies. The site is divided into two distinct areas. The "Resources on Drought" section provides static and changing information on drought ranging from stream-flow data and weather information to links provided by the participating agencies. The "News Updates/Situational Reports" section features the latest items submitted by the participating agencies.

• Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998 connects ranchers with hay suppliers. The resource is meant to connect those with extra hay to sell or pasture to lease with those needing it. The agency's "Disaster Resource Information Packet" is also available and provides pertinent contact information for state, federal and private agricultural disaster assistance programs. See www.TexasAgriculture.gov for more information on both Texas Department of Agriculture resources.

• U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency provides low-interest (3.75 percent interest on July 9, 2009) emergency loans to help eligible producers recover from natural disasters. Loans can cover restoring or replacing essential property; essential family living expenses; production costs associated with the disaster year; reorganizing the farming operation and refinancing of certain debts. Interested producers should contact the office that serves the county in which their operation is located for options available in their specific location. For statewide assistance contact Brenda Carlson, public affairs specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency at 979-680-5213, brenda.carlson@tx.usda.gov.

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