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Second public hearing on student drug testing scheduled Monday

A second public meeting is scheduled for 5 p.m. Monday, February 18th, in the High School Library for discussion of Schleicher County ISD's proposed drug testing policy. The SCISD board of trustees are encouraging public attendance and participation in the meeting before the drug policy is implemented.

The school held a prior meeting on Thursday, January 31st where the proposed policy was reviewed with several members of the community who were in attendance.

School trustees on hand for the meeting were Leanne Higgins, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez, Kirk Jones and Robert Jay. Superintendent Billy Collins moderated the meeting. Also present were athletic director Johnny Burleson, EHS principal Scotty Carman and maintenance supervisor Oscar Martinez.

A major component of the new policy is a student drug testing program. According to the policy, the purpose of testing is to prevent injury, illness and harm from illegal drug use and to enforce a drug free educational environment.

The January 31st public meeting gave the school board an opportunity to add their input into each step of the policy.

The proposed policy calls for all students in grades 7-12 to be subject to testing when the plan is implemented. Students participating in extracurricular activities would be tested first. The plan calls for ten random test dates scattered throughout the year.

It was noted the tests will check for five classes of illicit drugs.

If and when it's implemented, the punishment portion of the program would suspend a student who tests positive from all school sponsored and extracurricular activities, including athletics, UIL academics, band, cheerleading — even the high school prom. The student will still be required to attend classes.

A first offense would result in a 15-day suspension from all extracurricular activities.

The punishment escalates to a 60 day suspension from extracurricular activities with a second offense and a 180 day suspension for a third offense. A fourth offense would call for the student to be permanently banned from participating in extracurricular activities.

The district will implement the drug testing program in March if the proposed policy is approved by the school board on Monday, February 18th.



District Co-Champs

The Eldorado Eagles clinched a share of the district crown Monday night with a 68-37 win over Menard. They are shown here with their championship trophy. Team members include (L-R) Dylan Dombroski, Jorge Mata, Lalo Sanchez, Tyler Dombroski, Michael Redish, Dustin Ramos, Manny Gonzalez, Dustin Gauna and Paul Martinez. Not pictured - Rance Cathey.

City eyes deal with county for animal control services outside city limits

Schleicher County Attorney Raymond Loomis came before the Eldorado City Council to speak about animal control problems in residential sections outside the city limits.

Loomis told the Council the Schleicher County Commissioner Court adopted the Rabies Control Act of 1981 Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code earlier that day and asked the council if the City and County could adopt an interlocal agreement so they could cooperate on animal control.

Loomis stated the county was unable to meet some of the requirements such as a kennel and animal control officer. Loomis told the council the county was willing to provide financial assistance in return for the city's facilities and animal control officer's help.

The council indicated they would be willing to proceed with amending the current interlocal agreement with the county after some further discussion and other options are explored.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay informed the council the city needs to purchase a new master meter for a rural gas line at a cost of \$2,700. The council suggested sending a letter to the six rural gas customers served by the line services and ask them to share the cost of the new meter.

Fay also reported the landfill scales had been repaired and the fiber optic cable crew was finished. He then requested and received permission to purchase 25 residential gas meters and an electrofusion machine to weld polyethylene natural gas pipe-

line. The cost of the welding machine and gas meters will be \$6,618.00. Fay told the council that he has a crew busy replacing gas meters around town in an effort to curtail a 22 percent gas loss throughout the system.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then presented the January financial reports and amendment #4 to the 2007-08 budget. The amendment would fund the purchase of new equipment in the gas department.

Ms. Mayo advised the council that \$97,000 property taxes had been collected to date. Mayo also told the council that the city has not received a majority of the Sunrise Addition easement letters back. Mayor Nikolauk suggested another letter be drafted and sent to the Sunrise Addition property owners with a deadline. The letter is asking the Sunrise Addition residents not to block off right away of city utilities and also allow city employees to cross their property in order to access city utility lines.

Ms. Mayo then explained her procedures for calculating and recording utility statistics.

The City Council then voted to call an election on May 10, 2008 to replace 4 seats on the City Council. Mayor Nikolauk will be up for election this year as will the seats currently held by Stacy Haynes, Richard Mendez and Dora Bosmans. There also remains a vacant seat formerly held by Pat Johnson before his resignation.

Citizens interested in running for city council may apply for a place on the ballot through March 10 at City Hall.

Commissioners revisit ambulance purchase

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, February 11, 2008 and directed T.J. Rodriguez, president of the local ambulance service, to contact San Antonio Ambulance Sales concerning the company's recent bid to sell an ambulance to Schleicher County.

The commissioners awarded the bid to San Antonio Ambulance Sales before realizing that the ambulance did not meet specifications. The asked Rodriguez to obtain a release from the ambulance manufacturer so that they may purchase an ambulance through the Houston/Galveston Area Council of Governments purchasing cooperative.

In other business, the commissioners adopted the Rabies Control Act of 1981 Chapter 826 of the Health and Safety Code. The men then recommended County Attorney Ramon Loomis meet with the City of Eldorado Council to propose an interlocal agreement for animal control services in residential neighborhoods outside the city limits.

The commissioners then received and rejected seven bids for a 2008 pickup for the road department. They opted instead to purchase the vehicle through the Houston/Galveston Area Council of Governments for the sum of \$21,732.00.

Delwin Greer with Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative then met with the court about the possibility of the Coop possibly providing electric service to the Civic Center and Rodeo Arena. Greer told the commissioners they needed to get with AEP and investigate the process of changing providers and the cost involved.

The men agreed to research the matter.

The commissioners then approved the extension of contract reducing the utility rate with West Texas Utilities for the county's electrical services.

It was noted that 1,599 tons of crushed rock were purchased from Reese Albert in the amount of \$6,396.00 to

repair county roads in Precinct 1.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones asked the court if the Fire Department could purchase a 650 gallon poly tank to replace the aluminum water tank on fire truck #41. The fire department agreed to pay one half the cost of \$5,140.75.

The commissioners then discussed purchasing a 4-wheel drive tractor and backhoe, but took no action on the matter.

In closing County Clerk Peggy Williams gave the court notice that Darryl & Ellen Trickler with Family Search of Bluffdale, Utah requested to digitize Schleicher County records. They have already digitized Tom Green County, Menard County & ASU records.

Present for Monday's meeting were commissioners Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin, Matt Brown and Lynn Meador, as well as County Judge Johnny Griffin.

The men's next meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, February 25, 2008.



COURTESY PHOTO

Eldorado High School Senior Corie Williams was recently selected to attend the college accredited 2008 Congressional Student Leadership Conference sponsored by LeadAmerica. The selection was in recognition of academic achievement, involvement in extracurricular activities, and leadership potential. Corie is the daughter of Dean and Vickie Williams.

Jeffs soon to face Arizona charges

FLDS prophet Warren Jeffs is due to face charges in Arizona later this month on charges stemming from the marriage of underage girls to older men.

Mohave Co. Attorney Matt Smith was quoted in published reports this week as saying that he expected Jeffs to be transferred to his jurisdiction "fairly soon."

Jeffs is currently serving time in Utah state prison following his conviction on two charges of rape as an accomplice. Those charges also resulted from his involvement with marrying underage girls to his older male followers.

Officials in Utah and Arizona are said to be working out the details and handling

last minute paperwork so that Jeffs may be transferred to Arizona for trial.

Smith says he is unsure exactly when an Arizona trial would begin since there is likely to be some legal wrangling before Jeffs steps into a courtroom.

Jeffs is represented in Arizona by attorney Mike Piccarreta who has asked that his client be brought to trial as quickly as possible. Piccarreta has also indicated he will ask for a change of venue so the trial can be moved away from Kingman, the county seat of the Mohave County, which is home to Colorado City, home of the FLDS church and several thousand of Jeffs followers.

Is Electorate Disgusted?

Barack Obama has been called the post-partisan presidential candidate, but Republicans have one, too, in John McCain.

It is difficult to picture either of them smearing an opponent or letting backers do the smear. If supporters outside their campaign tried the kind of swift-boating that blew up John Kerry's candidacy in 2004, can anybody imagine Obama or McCain failing to react quickly, loudly and insistently to demand the operation stop?

On the other hand, it's easy to imagine Hillary Clinton or Mitt Romney disassociating her- or himself from the attacks -- yet quietly not disapproving, either.

What else can be expected from Hillary and her husband, The Man Who Did Not Have Sex With That Woman? The couple has made it clear once again that the divisiveness of the 1990s cannot all be blamed on Republican slime merchants.

In a way, one can't help but admire the subtlety with which they brought up the race issue to hurt Obama, like when Bill Clinton dismissed Obama's South Carolina landslide by pointing out that Jesse Jackson won the state in 1984 and 1988.

The triangulation is brilliant: Here was the "first black president" stating a straightforward fact of American political history, that a particular Democratic candidate of the 1980s won South Carolina twice, but never got the nomination -- and there he was, also, reminding us at the same time that it's a black thang, you see.

Not that Republican slime merchants have gone away, either. Just as brilliant as Clinton's Jesse-equals-Barack moment was Mike Huckabee's decision to withhold a particularly slimy television ad -- then releasing the spot at a press conference, thereby making sure it aired in news stories (for free!) and made a splash on YouTube.

As for Romney, no one is going to outpander the clip-art candidate. The former Massachusetts governor (was the entire state on drugs when it elected him?) doesn't just look like a model for those generic drawings of an office "boss" that illustrate a thousand cheesy brochures. He sounds like a cartoon, too.

In Florida, Romney decided the best strategy was to drone on about how John McCain was not a true conservative because he works with Democrats too often, was endorsed by the liberal New York Times and considered being John Kerry's running mate while he, Mitt Romney, is the real heir to the Reagan legacy of family values, low taxes, small government ...

Yawn. Everybody knows the rest. Romney's unwillingness to speak in any language other than quarter-century-old Republican boilerplate leaves him as a candidate without a single interesting thought or original initiative.

But that, of course, is good enough for doctrinaire fanatics who listen to Rush Limbaugh, just like the discreet viciousness of Billary goes unnoticed by drinkers of Clintonite Kool-Aid.

Are there enough Democratic voters who think it's a good thing that Obama reaches out to Republicans in promising sweeping change? Are there enough Republican voters who admire McCain for risking his conservative credentials by standing up for sensible immigration policy?

Are there enough voters who have had enough?

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Valentine's is the time to stop dating violence

by Anita Perry

Valentine's Day is an opportunity to show our loved ones just how much we care for them. Sometimes we express our love with a card, flowers or kind words. This year I hope Texas parents will expand their Valentine's Day activities to include talking with their teens about what real love should look like in a dating relationship. We need to spread the word across our state that abuse in teen dating relationships must stop. That effort must start with education and awareness.

A week before this year's holiday, I spoke at a news conference held to raise awareness about teen dating violence. Among the speakers were two teenagers, Nabil Gomez and Manuel Veloz from Reagan County High School, who bravely stood at the podium to spread the word of the dangers of dating violence to parents, the media, and most impressively their peers. 'Control is not love' was the strong message printed on the poster standing behind them.

Nabil and Manuel are part of a Students Taking Action for Respect (or STAR) Team. STAR is a growing community of more than 400 youth leaders across the state carrying the message of teen dating violence prevention to their classmates and community groups. The first program of its kind in the nation, STAR has reached more than 13,000 stu-

Commentary

by Anita Perry,
Texas First Lady



dents in 150 Texas communities since its inception.

I'm so proud of Nabil and Manuel and the hundreds of other youth around the state who lend their strong voices to the growing chorus combating the dangers of dating violence. I am proud of them because sometimes it's hardest to confront a friend, more than anyone else, with the message that how they are being treated by a girlfriend or boyfriend is just not right. As much as we adults hope that our message is heard, teens often listen best to their peers.

Unfortunately, relationship abuse among teenagers is all too common, partly because many don't understand what constitutes inappropriate behavior. While physical and sexual abuse are the obvious offenses, verbal and emotional attacks can also frighten and control a person in a dating relationship. We must also recognize that this abuse victimizes young men as well as young women.

According to the Texas Council on Family Violence, 75 percent of young people ages 16 to 24 report personally experiencing some form of abuse in their dating relationships or knowing someone

who has. Think about it, if you have four children, teen dating violence will personally touch three of them. As a mother of a son and a daughter, I find that statistic heartbreaking. We must do all we can to protect Texas children from this kind of abusive behavior.

That's why I am pleased that our state continues to lead on the issue of teen dating prevention efforts. Just last year, Texas passed legislation that requires every school district in the state to create a dating violence policy. We are only the second state to require such a policy in the place children spend most of their time -- in school. There is now a National Helpline for teen dating violence, managed in Texas by the Texas Council on Family Violence.

Thanks to the ongoing efforts by educators, lawmakers and the entire Texas Dating Violence and Prevention Team, Texas continues to make the necessary strides to end teen dating violence.

During this season, I urge you to go beyond the usual cards and flowers and show your love for your sister, son or friend by speaking honestly with them. If they are in a hurtful relationship, show your concern and support by listening, encouraging them to get out of the abusive situation and seek help. Together we can move one step closer to the end of dating violence and make a safer Texas for our youth.

Senate committees question TxDOT over finances

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Higher-ups at the Texas Department of Transportation sat in front of two state Senate committees for about three hours and tried to answer questions about how the agency got to where it is, in a financial sinkhole.

At a Feb. 4 meeting, lawmakers in a joint meeting of the Senate Finance and Transportation Committees questioned TxDOT Executive Director Amadeo Saenz Jr., interim chair of the Texas Transportation Commission Esperanza "Hope" Andrade and others.

The officials said TxDOT committed a \$1.1 billion bookkeeping error and scheduled more road projects than the agency could afford to fund. This resulted in road project freezes and cutbacks.

Lawmakers expressed disdain over how that could happen. They asked if this was a political stunt to push the state closer to public-private roadbuilding projects or just a case of incompetent management.

Sen. Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, called for an independent audit of TxDOT's financial records. Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, serves as vice chair of the Senate Committee on Transportation and Homeland Security.

"Fortunately, legislators from both parties, every region and all backgrounds, are equally fed up with TxDOT," Watson said.

"Not only will there be some major reforms on tap for the next legislative session, but the Sunset Commission is reviewing the agency from top to bottom."

Texas emerges as key in primaries Super Tuesday primary elections or caucuses in 24 states on Feb. 5 made U.S. Sen. John McCain of Arizona the prohibitive favorite as the Republican Party candidate for president.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney ended his quest for the nomination after spending more than \$35 million of his own money on the campaign. Former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee stayed in, having won five states himself on a shoestring budget.

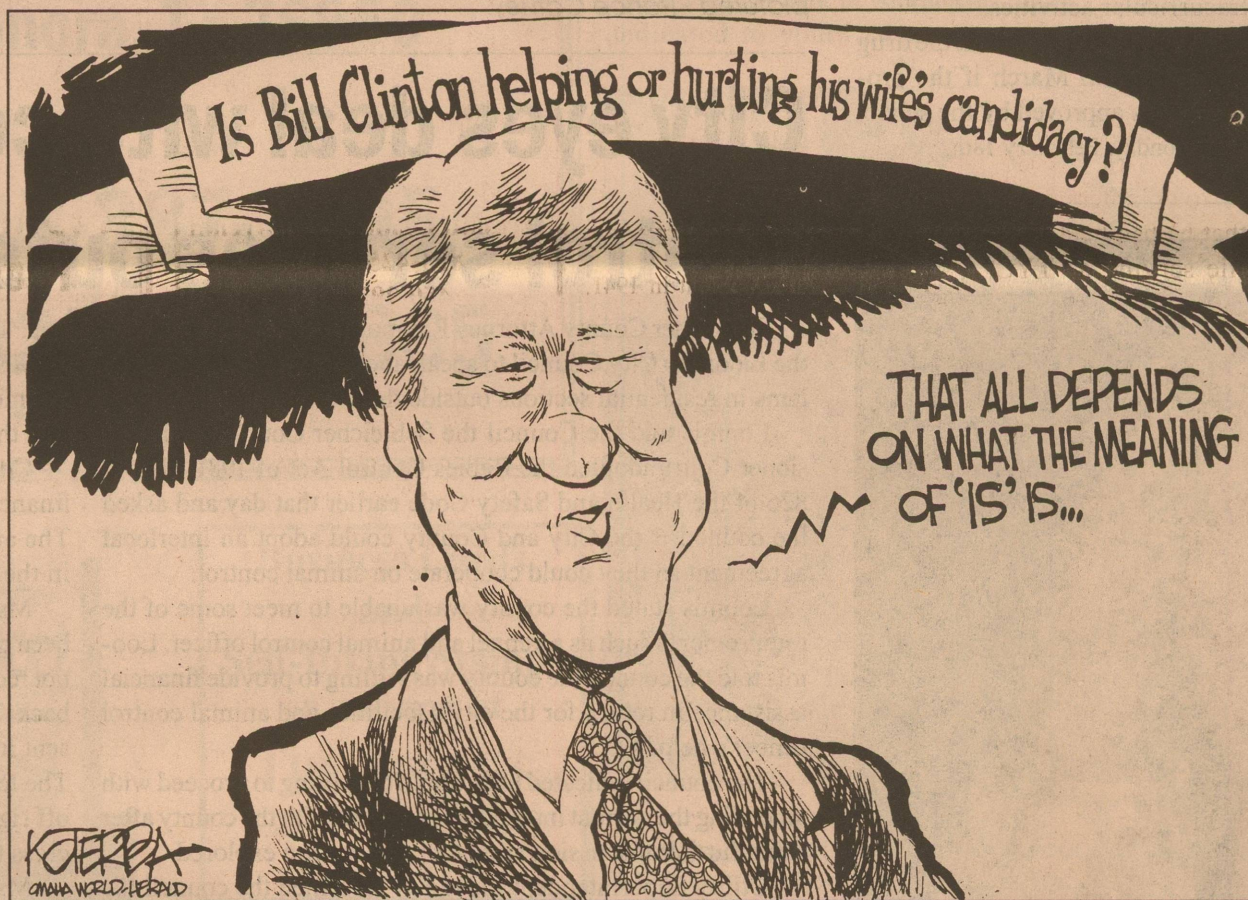
With less than a month to go until its March 4 primaries, Texas is primed for a duel between McCain, the defense-minded war veteran, and Huckabee, the ordained Baptist minister with populist appeal. At this point, neither McCain nor Huckabee has the financial means to saturate Texas media markets with advertising.

Another candidate still in the GOP race is U.S. Rep. Ron Paul of Lake Jackson, Texas, a wild card with his Libertarian leanings and pro-life stance. His following, especially among college students and younger Texans, could draw double digits and tighten the race between McCain and Huckabee.

The Democratic presidential candidates, U.S. Sens. Barack Obama, D-Ill., and Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., had nearly matching delegate counts after Super Tuesday and other state primaries held Feb. 6-10. As of Feb. 11, Obama had captured 19 states and Clinton, 12. Both candidates are expected to spend time and advertising dollars in the delegate-rich Lone Star State as March 4 approaches.

Group studies gaps in education Texas schools serving mostly poor and minority students often have less of everything that matters in education

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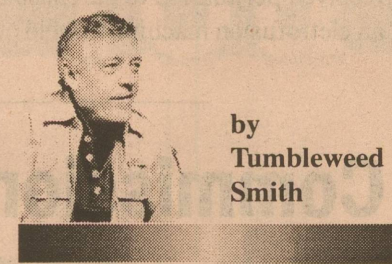


The Paynes Spend Time Having Fun

I arrived at Gerald and Joyce Payne's house near Gilmer just after sundown. When I called for directions, Joyce said, "Be sure and close the gate after you drive in because we have cows in the pasture." So I followed her excellent directions, drove right to their gate, opened, entered and closed, then drove to their home.

They both look like models: slim, trim and healthy. They laugh a lot. Joyce offered me coffee, then asked if I had eaten supper. I said no, then asked if they had eaten. Joyce said, "Sit down. You're gonna have a country meal." We dined on purple hull peas, turnip greens and cornbread, then topped off the meal with pumpkin pie.

I hardly know how to tell you about these two individuals. I will say they have a happy and fun-filled life. They have no computer, no answering machine, no satellite or cable but get great TV reception after Gerald rigged up an enhanced rabbit ears antenna. They have no credit cards and operate on a cash only basis. Their country home is warm and comfortable and is heated with a



wood-burning stove. Gerald cuts the wood. They are vegetarians and grow most of what they eat. They walk five miles a day.

They lived in Dallas 33 years where Gerald worked for GE and Joyce was vice president of a bank. In 1972 they bought Gerald's uncle's place (with cash) where they now live. Gerald says the place had run down and trees had taken over. He cut down thousands of trees, repaired fences and made the place presentable. To get rid of stumps he invented a stump burner. He later planted 22,000 Loblolly pines by hand.

They both are artists. Joyce paints on cards and writes verse. "I feel like I'm giving a part of my heart to the people who receive them." She designed a line of ultra-suede clothing. Gerald paints cow skulls and decorates Indian war shields.

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OBITUARIES

Helen Blakeway

ELDORADO - Helen Blakeway, 83, of Eldorado died Friday, Feb. 8, 2008, in a local nursing home.

Funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the First United Methodist Church with burial following in Eldorado Cemetery.

Helen worked for the Eldorado Woolen Mills as a secretary before becoming the County and District Clerk for Schleicher County, serving in that capacity for 17 years before retiring.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jess and May Thompson; her husband, Blake Blakeway; and two sisters, Mary Spear and Frankie Hamby. She is survived by one son, David Blakeway of San Angelo; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild; two nephews and three nieces.

The family requests memorials to a favorite charity.

George Guerrero

SAN ANGELO - George Guerrero, 86, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2008, in a local hospital. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Thursday in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado.

Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Bertha Guerrero of San Angelo; and son Raul Guerrero of Eldorado.

Capital Highlights...

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- especially strong teachers.

That finding was published in January by The Education Trust, a Washington, D.C.-based non-profit that promotes "high academic achievement for all students, pre-kindergarten through college."

The Education Trust found that "Instead of providing these students with the kind of teachers they need to catch up to other students, low-income, Hispanic and African-American students in Texas are:

- Less likely to be assigned to fully certified teachers;
- Less likely to be in classrooms with experienced teachers; and
- Less likely to attend a school with a stable teaching force."

Conservator running for top post

Richard Nedelkoff, current state-appointed conservator of the troubled Texas Youth Commission, is a candidate for appointment as the agency's executive director.

Acting Director Dimitria Pope said at an interim meeting of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal Justice that she is not being considered for the job.

Nedelkoff, TYC's third conservator since allegations arose last year regarding abuse of youth in the facility, has resigned as chief operations officer with Florida-based Eckerd Youth Alternatives Inc., a post that he had held until recently while serving as TYC conservator.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcoete

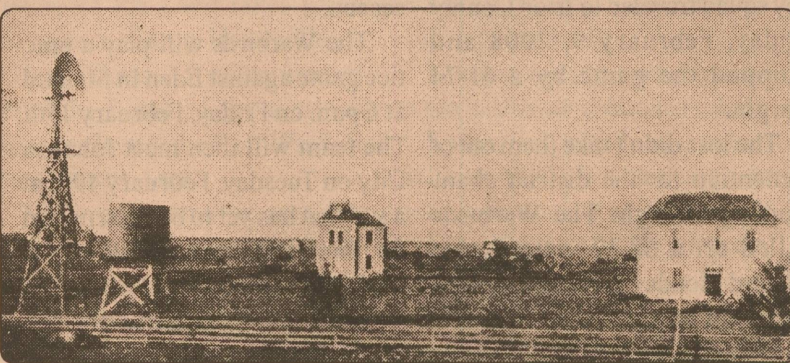


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Eldorado's first water works was located on the corner of the courthouse square near where the traffic light is today.

The Eldorado Water Works System

A.A. Bush was very popular with the Eldorado ladies on wash day in 1919. He got numerous calls asking him to turn on the gasoline pump that operated the city water system increasing the water pressure so they could wash.

Bush and co-owner, Fred Smith, owned and operated the water system for Eldorado. Bush said the worst catastrophe to occur during the time that they owned the system was when he looked out the window of his office one day to see a road grader dragging most of the city water pipes behind it. This was when Main Street was being paved for the first time.

Bush and Smith finally got the system repaired, and traded it to J.A. Enochs for a section of ranch land April 1, 1921.

Eldorado Water Works System had been established in 1909 when the first water well was drilled on the Court House Square. The same lots that were bought for the first water system are the lots that City Hall is on today. The system was privately owned until March 16, 1929 when an election to incorporate was held. 99 votes were cast, 84 in favor of incorporation and 15 against it.

On April 3, 1929, Eldorado elected its first mayor, Fred O. Green. Aldermen were: John Davis, H.G. Parker, Joe Williams, H.W. Wiedermann and Frank Bradley. City Marshall was S.M. Oglesby.

The City Hall was built in 1941,

with space for the fire trucks. A new city office was added in 1960, and has just recently remodeled. A new fire hall was built in the 1980's.

Since the first election mayor's elected have been: J.N. Davis in 1931; A.T. Wright in 1935; L.L. Baker in 1939; J. L. Ratliff in 1940; L.L. Baker in 1943; Jess Thompson in 1947; J. C. Ratliff in 1949; Elton Calk in 1953; Raymond Mobley in 1973; J. Patrick Ragsdale in 1977; Jimmy Doyle in 1979; Bob Lester in 1982; Richard Preston in 1989 and John Nikolauk in 1991.

City Secretaries hired have been: A.J. Akins in 1930; Lum Burk in 1958; Phil Olson in 1971 and Carolyn Mayo in 1979.

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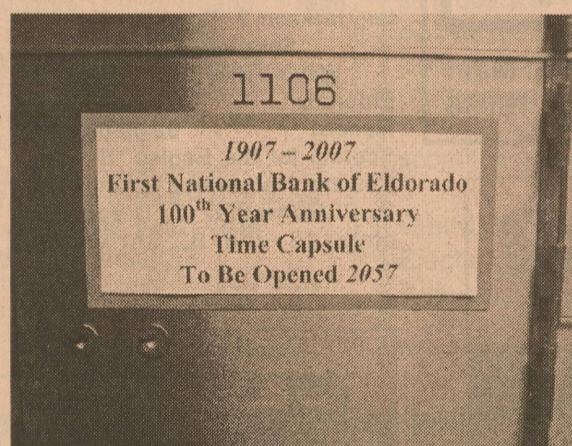
Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, February 18**
CLOSED FOR PRESIDENT DAY
- Tuesday, February 19**
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, February 20**
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Caramel Icing, Juice/Milk
- Thursday, February 21**
Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
- Friday, February 22**
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

Community Resource Center February Calendar of Events

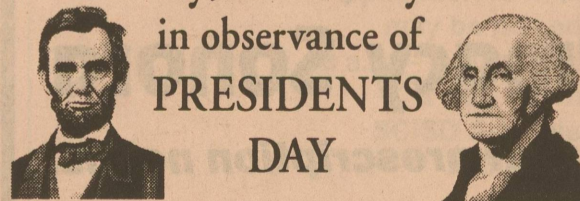
- WIC will be at the Resource Center, February 14, Thursday, Feb. 21 and Monday, Feb. 25 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Driver's License Office will be open Tuesday, February 12th, 19th and 26. Testing time is 9:30 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Free blood pressure and blood sugar testing will be on Tuesday, February 19 and Thursday February 27. This is a free service and anyone can use this service.
- Mental Health is at the center every Monday at 10:00 a.m.
- The Thunderbird bus goes to San Angelo every first Friday and third Wednesday of the month. The bus will take you anywhere you want to go on those days. This month the day will be February 20th. You must call at least 2 days before to schedule a ride by calling 853-2574.
- Angel Food Ministry will be taking orders for the March food delivery now and until February 15 at noon. Come to our office and get a menu.
- Free income preparation will be on February 23rd. To make appointment, call our office at 853-2574 by February 19th. Anyone from Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora can use this service.
- "Friends For Hope" will be in our office on a regular basis this year. This is a service to provide help for those with concerns about any kind of abuse. They will be in Eldorado February 27 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Call the office and arrangements will be made for you.

100 Years of History



First National Bank is closing out its 100th anniversary celebration by placing several mementos in a Time Capsule. The items are being locked away in a Safe Deposit Box which will be sealed for 50 years. Among the items included in the time capsule are: Pictures of our 100 Year events; 100 Year Calendar; Money (bills and coins); a debit card; checks; sign in sheet from our Park celebration; 100 Year Christmas ornament; newspaper articles; and other items selected by our employees. The time capsule will remain sealed until our 150th anniversary in 2057!

**FNB will be closed
Monday, February 18th**
in observance of
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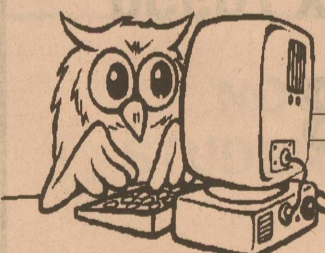
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Eagles share district title with Irion County

The Eldorado Eagles varsity boy squad traveled to Irion County Friday, February 9, 2008 and dropped the game by a 61-74 margin.

The loss didn't take them out of contention for the district championship though. The Warbirds pulled off a 68-37 victory over Menard Monday evening to secure a share of the crown.

Despite sharing the district title with Irion County, Eldorado's boys go into the State 2A playoffs as the 2nd seeded team from this district, due to their two losses to

Irion County during the regular season.

The Warbirds will play a practice game against Eden in Menard at 6 p.m. on Friday, February 15th. The team will then meet Johnson City on Tuesday, February 19th at a site that has yet to be determined for the Bi-District round of the State 1A Playoffs.

Individual statistics for the Irion County game were as follows:

Jorge Mata led the squad in Irion County with 20 points on the night. Mata hit eight baskets from

the floor and four free throws.

Dustin Ramos found the net from the floor three times and twice from beyond the arc. He was also perfect from the line, draining both of his free throw attempts.

Lalo Sanchez was the only other Eagle player to make it to double digits. He managed 10 points off of five field goals.

Michael Redish hit three from the floor and one three pointer to seal up his nine points.

Rance Cathey and Tyler Dombroski had five and three points respectively.

Jorge Mata also led the scoring

in the Menard game with 16 points, 14 of which came from the floor, the remaining two he hit from the charity stripe.

Michael Redish hit four field goals and a 3-pointer to tally 11 points in the game. Lalo Sanchez counted for 10 points with three field goals, a 3-pointer and a free throw.

Dylan Dombroski tallied nine points, Dustin Ramos hit for eight while Manny Gonzalez and Rance Cathey each tallied five points.

Dustin Gauna and Paul Martinez rounded out the scoring for the Eagles with three points each.

7th Grade Boys

January 12, 2008
 Robert Lee Tournament
 Eldorado 14-11-07-06=38
 Menard 00-03-01-01=05
 Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchel 2, Will Barker 2, Edward Hernandez 2, Rico Martinez 6, Dylan Ramos 11, Colten Jackson 7, Domingo Torres 8.

January 12, 2008
 Robert Lee Tournament
 Eldorado 06-02-02-01=11
 Bronte 02-05-03-04=14
 Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchel 2, L. Fuentes 2, Will Barker 3, Edward Hernandez 2, Rico Martinez 2, Colten Jackson 2.

January 14, 2008
 Eldorado 10-06-08-08=31
 Irion County 01-03-04-06=14
 Scoring for the Eagles: Will Barker 6, Edward Hernandez 4, Rico Martinez 4, Dylan Ramos 4, Colten Jackson 8, Domingo Torres 2, J.P. Galan 5.

January 19, 2008
 Rocksprings Tournament
 Eldorado 08-07-12-05=32
 Rocksprings 03-04-03-06=16
 Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchel 2, Will Barker 11, Rico Martinez 4, Dylan Ramos 4, Domingo Torres 4, J.P. Galan 4, Diego. Sanchez 2.

January 19, 2008
 Rocksprings Tournament
 Eldorado 10-02-02-07=21
 Leakey 18-13-05-01=47
 Scoring for the Eagles: Blaine Mitchel 2, Will Barker 9, Edward Hernandez 1, Rico Martinez 2, Dylan Ramos 2, Domingo Torres 4, J.P. Galan 1, Diego. Sanchez 2.

January 28, 2008
 Eldorado 14-04-08-12=38
 Menard 00-06-02-06=14
 Scoring for the Eagles: Austin Stapp 2, Blaine Mitchel 2, Will Barker 16, Rico Martinez 4, Colten Jackson 10, Domingo Torres 4.

February 4, 2008
 Water Valley Tournament
 Eldorado 02-10-05-07=24
 Menard 04-02-07-06=19
 Scoring for the Eagles: Will Barker 10, Rico Martinez 8, Colten Jackson 2, Domingo Torres 4.

February 4, 2008
 Water Valley Tournament
 Eldorado 11-10-05-09=35
 Menard 02-00-02-06=12
 Scoring for the Eagles "B" Team: Edward Hernandez 8, B. Martin 2, P. Rodriguez 2, Diego Sanchez 13 and B. Shriver 10.

JV boys beat Hornets 40-34

Mason Baker scored 23 points in the Eldorado JV squad's 40-34 victory over Irion County.

Baker dropped seven baskets from the floor and three from beyond the arc to account for his total.

Joseph Rubio managed seven points. Eloy Bustos pulled in four, while Ryan Castillo scored three.

Josh Jurachek rounded out the scoring with one point.

8th Grade Girls

January 14, 2008
 Eldorado 10-07-02-09=29
 Irion County 06-04-07-00=17
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Brianah Creek 16, Abby Fuentes 7, Marissa Gonzales 5.

January 28, 2008
 Eldorado 02-10-14-22=41
 Menard 06-04-07-00=17
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Brianah Creek 25, Abby Fuentes 8, Brianah Torres 4, Dacy Whiddon 4.

January 31, 2008
 Water Valley Tournament
 Eldorado 04-08-07-07=26
 Menard 07-05-08-20=40
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Brianah Creek 8, Abby Fuentes 12, Brianda Torres 1.

February 2, 2008
 Water Valley Tournament
 Eldorado 07-08-08-02=27
 Water Valley 09-08-02-06-03=28
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Brianah Creek 13, Abby Fuentes 7, Brianda Torres 3, Dacy Whiddon 4.

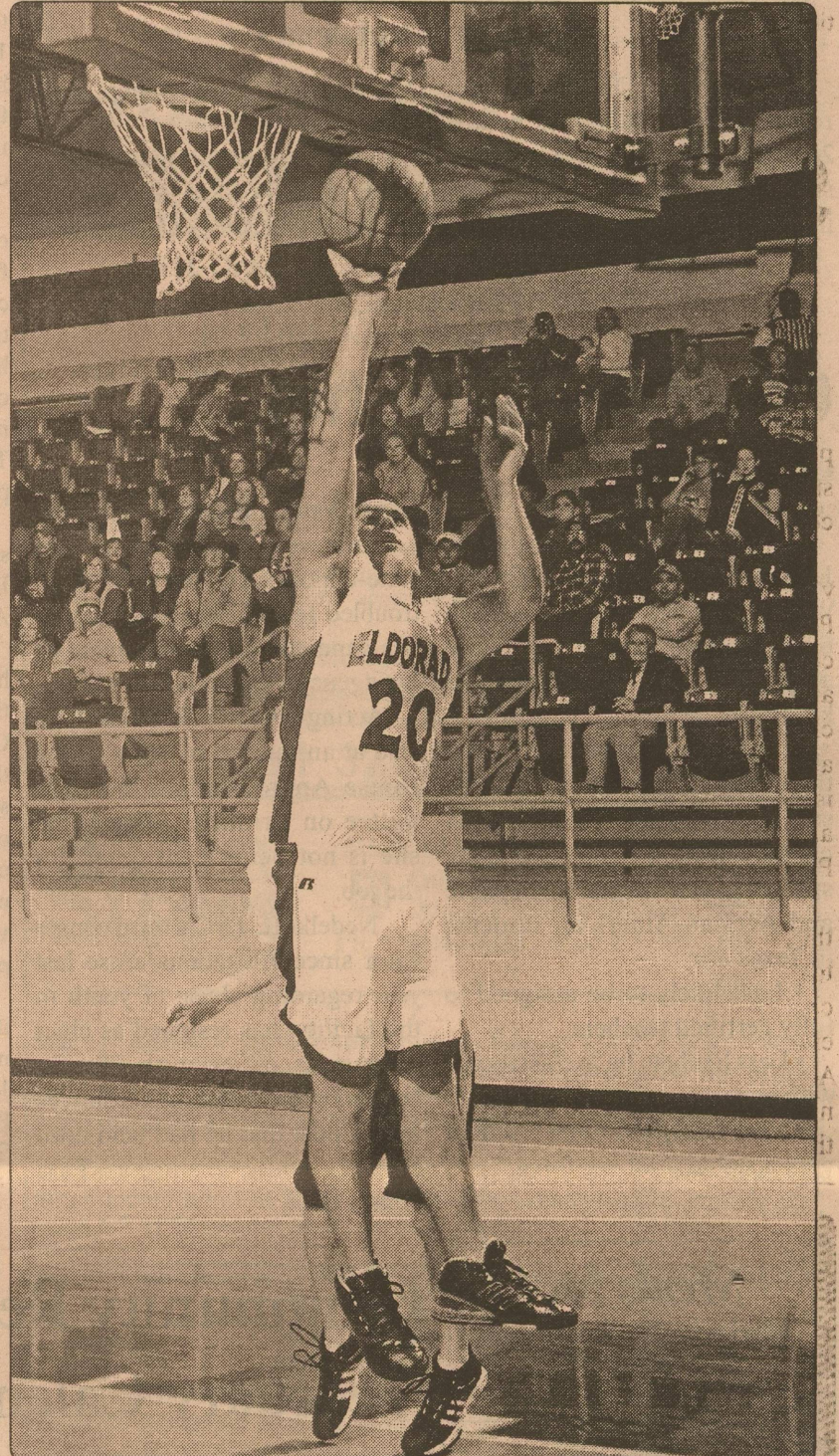


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Dustin Gauna drove to the bucket for his two-pointer to help the Eagles to a 73-43 win over Menard in Eagle Gym on January 25th. The Eagles now enter the State 2A Playoffs and will face Johnson City in the opening round. The teams will play next Tuesday, at a time and place that has yet to be determined.

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Dombroski, Chavez, Wipff, Granados medal at Sonora Invitational Academic Meet

Eldorado High School competed at the 62nd Annual Sonora Invitational Academic Meet on Friday, February 8, 2008.

Medalists were Dylan Dombroski, first place in Novice Poetry, Jorge Chavez received 2nd place in Science and Top Biology, Ben Wipff won 2nd place Novice Prose and Isidro Granados received a 3rd place in Number Sense.

The Number Sense Team consisting of Isidro Granados, Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski, Meg Griffin and Claudia Pasillas placed third.

Miles Mikeska received a 4th place ribbon in Novice Prose, Claudia Pasillas placed fifth in Computer Applications and Emily Espinosa placed 6th in Current Issues and Events and Feature Writing, Hunter Alvizo placed 8th in Computer Applications and Timothy Cuevas placed 7th in Computer

Applications & News Writing.

Students participated in the following events at Sonora's Invitational Academic Meet with 20 other schools.

Seniors: Blake Chatham: Poetry- Qualified to the Semi-finals, Jorge Chavez: Science, Mathematics, & Number Sense, Tyler Dombroski: Science, Mathematics, & Number Sense, Marcella Huerta: Feature Writing & News Writing, Janelle Pechacek: Informative & Current Issues and Events, Corie Williams: Prose-Qualified to the Semi-finals.

Juniors: Isidro Granados: Math & Number Sense, Meg Griffin: Calculator, Mathematics, & Number Sense, Timothy Maskill: Poetry, Chris Minor: Informative, Spelling, & Current Events, Claudia Pasillas: Mathematics, & Number Sense.

Sophomores: Leslie Arispe: Headline Writing, Maureen Martinez: Headline Writing, Hervey Solis: Persuasive

Freshman: Amy Alvizo: Calculator & Editorial Writing, Deisy Aranda: Headline Writing, Mason Baker: Social Studies, Robert Buchholz: Social Studies, Ben Wipff: Mathematics, & Number Sense.

Sponsors were: Teresa Baker Shirley: Current Issues & Events and Social Studies, Angela Case: Science & Spelling, Tom Gray: Mathematics & Number Sense, Nicole Martinez: Persuasive Speaking, Lindsey Parker: Informative Speaking, Luann Shipman: Poetry & Prose, Niles Smith: Calculator Applications and Teresa Vasquez: Journalism (Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, Headline Writing, & News Writing).

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2008 Second Grade Girls Winners of the Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out (GEESO) L-R: 1. Courtney Espinosa, Brooke Carman, 3. Conley Niblett, 4. Alisa Reza, 5. Cherise Armendarez, 6. Erica Santellano



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2008 Second Grade Boys Winners of the Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out (GEESO) L-R: 1. Roman Gonzalez, 2. Anthony Olivarez, 3. Christian Hernandez, 4. Ryan Farmer, 5. Logan Wong, 6. Bobby Moreno.

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Eldorado 2008 Players In Progress (PIPS) Players-Kade Creek, Caleb Nolen, Jackie Covarrubiaz, Marco Martinez, Abigail Arevalo, Jack Griffin, Conley Niblett, Elizabeth Griffin, Jay Ruiz, Branda Gail Arispe, Megan Powell, Audrey Nolen, Ryan Farmer, CJ Covarrubiaz, Trent Collins, Codee Meador, Michael Mata, Andrea Meador, Elizabeth Olivares, Anthony Olivares, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Jaakan Jurecek, Keven Covarrubiaz, Christine Lindsey, Brooke Carman, Branda Minor, Priscilla Gandar, Amber Shipman, Sydney Covarrubiaz, Chase Merz, Emelda Arispe, Wyatt Merz, Wyatt Lloyd, Dustin Shriver, Riley Umphress and Bryce Carman. Kathryn Shipman not pictured. Names not in any particular order.

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AUSTIN— Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced last Friday the state collected \$1.85 billion in sales tax revenue in January, up 5.2 percent compared to January 2007.

“State sales tax collections through the first five months of the fiscal year, September 2007 through January 2008, are up 6.8 percent compared to the same period last fiscal year,” Combs said. “While growth remains firm, it is slower than that of the past two years. This moderation is consistent with the slowing economy.”

Combs sent \$640.8 million in local sales tax to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, up 5.1 percent compared to sales tax distributions to local governments in February 2007.

Locally, the City of Eldorado saw an unusual decline in its sales tax numbers. The city received a check totaling \$10,325.64, a 31.99 percent decrease from the same period last year. That also pushed the city’s year-to-date numbers down. So far this year the city has received \$21,547.83, down 15.97 percent from last year’s figure of \$25,644.23.

The news was significantly better for Schleicher County. The monthly payment to the city came in at \$21,379.78, a 26.788 percent increase over January’s payment from last year. The county’s year-to-date total is \$41,982.36, an 18.20 percent gain over 2007’s total for the same period.

Meanwhile, the Schleicher County Health Services Tax, the money with which the county

funds the ambulance services, among other things, also increased. This month’s payment was \$20,638.17, a 24.50 percent gain over last January. So far this year the Health Services Tax has brought in \$40,649.57, up 19.06 percent over last year.

January state sales tax collections and February’s local sales tax allocations primarily represent sales made in December, but also include earlier sales by businesses that report sales tax to the Comptroller on a quarterly or annual basis.

The Comptroller sent \$434.3 million in sales tax to Texas cities, up 4.8 percent compared to February 2007 payments. Texas counties received February sales tax payments of \$37.7 million, up 6 percent compared to last Febru-

ary.

The 123 special purpose taxing districts around the state received \$21.5 million in sales tax, up 14.9 percent compared to February 2007. Ten local transit systems received \$147.2 million in February sales tax payments, up 4.7 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of February sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller’s Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

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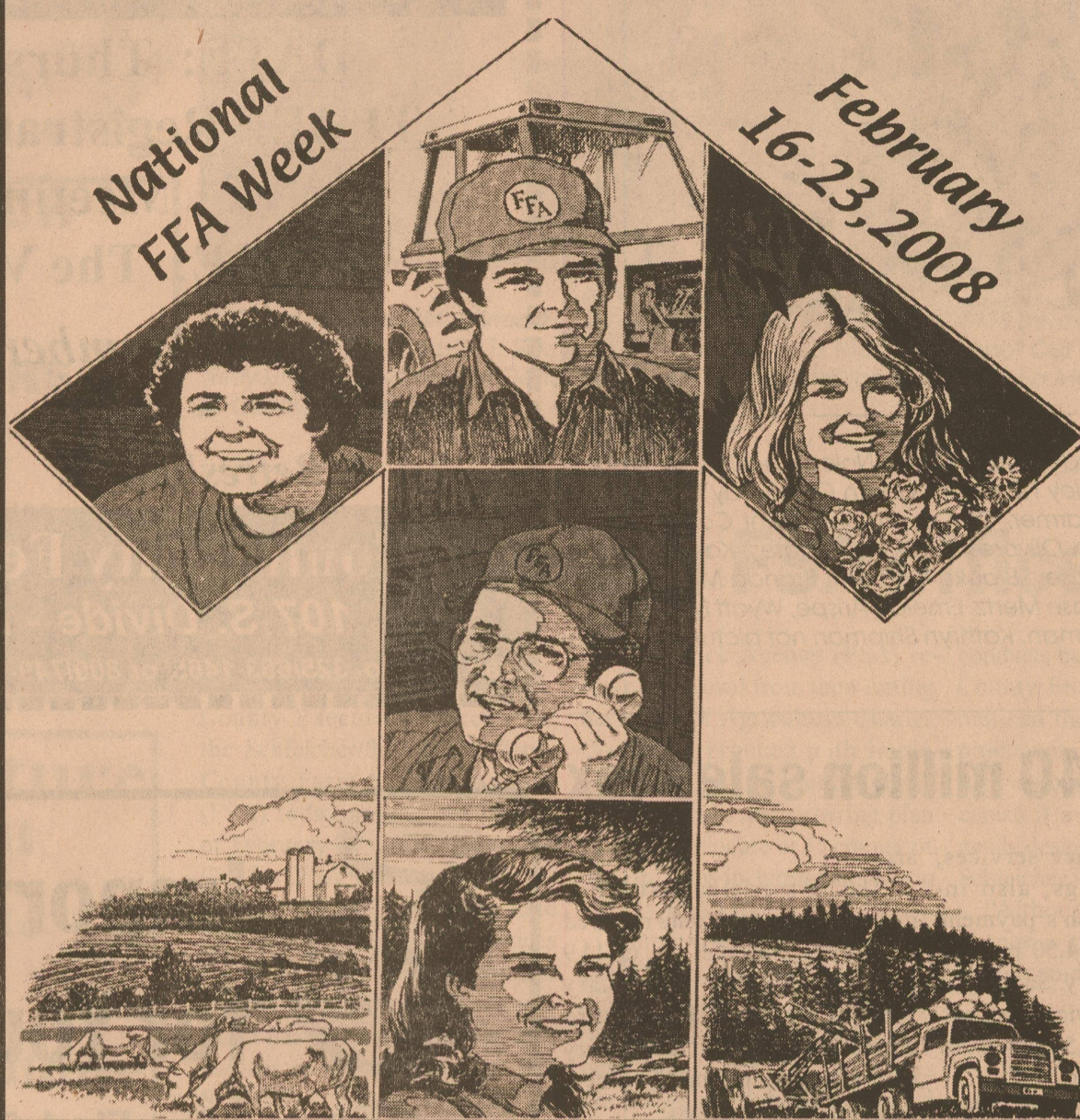
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the San Antonio Livestock Exposition, will host this event. The workshop starts the evening of Friday, April 11 to mid-afternoon Sunday, April 13.

Workshop sessions will give participants the opportunity to learn habitat management basics, how to identify wildlife on their land, stream and deer ecology, as well as exotic species management.

Women of the Land takes place this year at Camp Honey Creek in Hunt, Texas, 15 miles west of Kerrville. Some of the sessions will take place at the Kerr Wildlife Management Area.

While not attending sessions, participants can take part in astronomy along the river, early morning bird watching, kayaking, hilltop sunset gatherings, and

networking/interacting with other women of the land!

Accommodations are provided on site in climate-controlled cabins.

Space is limited, so contact the Texas Wildlife Association for more information at 1-800-TEX-WILD (800-839-9453) or www.texas-wildlife.org.

Texas Wildlife Association - The Texas Wildlife Association is a statewide organization that is an active advocate in the state and national political arenas for wildlife and natural resource conservation. Education of our young people and our growing urban populations, increasingly disconnected from the land, is critical to understanding our natural resources and maintaining rural lifestyles.

Website offers water well info

It's a little known fact: Nearly half of Americans rely on ground water for all or part of their water supply through privately owned household wells or ground-water supplied community systems.

With all those wells come lots of questions about proper well construction, maintenance, water quality and ground water protection. Answers to many of these questions can be found at the National Ground Water Association (NGWA) Web site, Wellowner.org (www.wellowner.org).

Wellowner.org includes practical information on:

- Well basics
- Well maintenance
- Water quality
- How to find a water well contractor
- Ground water

"Every day, Americans use 3.5 billion gallons of ground water from household wells," said

Kevin McCray, executive director of the NGWA. "Yet, many well owners know very little about well basics. Wellowner.org provides a place where well owners can learn more about the importance of well maintenance, water testing and ground water protection."

The web site provides practical information on what's involved in a proper well checkup by a contractor, causes and solutions to water pressure issues, well protection, contamination and more.

NGWA, a nonprofit organization comprised of more than 14,500 U.S. and international ground water professionals-contractors, equipment manufacturers, suppliers, scientists, and engineers-is dedicated to advancing the expertise of all ground water professionals and to furthering ground water awareness and protection through education and outreach.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

Chickening Out

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Answer to Sudoku on Page 3

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Notice is hereby given that the automatic tabulating equipment that will be used in the Primary Election held on March 4, 2008 will be tested on February 14, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. and on February 28, 2008 at 6:00 p.m., at 1 North Cottonwood St., Schleicher Memorial Bldg., Elections Administrator Office, Eldorado, Texas to ascertain that it will accurately count the vote's cast for all offices and on all measures.

Por lo presente se da aviso que el equipo para tabular automáticamente que se usara en la Elección Primaria el 4 de Marzo 2008 se probará el 14 de Febrero 2008 a las 10:00 de la mañana y el 28 de Febrero 2008 a las 6:00 de la tarde, en el, Edificio Memorial del Condado de Schleicher, Oficina de Administradora de Elección, Calle Cottonwood al Norte 1, Eldorado, Texas para determinar si el equipo contara con exactitud los votos para todos los puestos oficiales y sobre todos los proyectos de ley.

Brenda Mayfield
Elections Administrator, Schleicher County
Administradora de Elección, Condado de Schleicher

School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, February 18
Pan Cake on Stix/Syrup, Fresh Banana, Choice of Juice, Milk

Tuesday, February 19
Biscuits/Sausage, Jelly, Choice of Juice, Milk

Wednesday, February 20
Cinnamon Toast, Choice of Cereal Choice of Juice, Milk

Thursday, February 21
French Toast/Syrup, Graham Crackers, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, February 22
Buttered Toast/Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice Milk

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, February 18
Chalupas, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Spanish Rice, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, February 19
Spaghetti/Meat Sauce, Hot Rolls Carrot Stix/Dip, Brownies

Wednesday, February 20
Pep Pizza, Tossed Salad/w Tomato Bread Stix 5-12, Sliced Peaches

Thursday, February 21
Taco Rolls, Carrot Stix/Dip, Pear Halves

Friday, February 22
Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Oranges

BASKET LINE

Monday, February 18
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Carrot Stix / Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Tuesday, February 19
Burritos, Pinto Beans, Fresh Broccoli/Dip, Brownies

Wednesday, February 20
Chef Salad/Dressing, Diced Ham/ Cheese Cup, Crackers (8)

Thursday, February 21
Chicken Strips/Half Baked Potato Tossed Salad, Pear Halves

Friday, February 22
Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Oranges

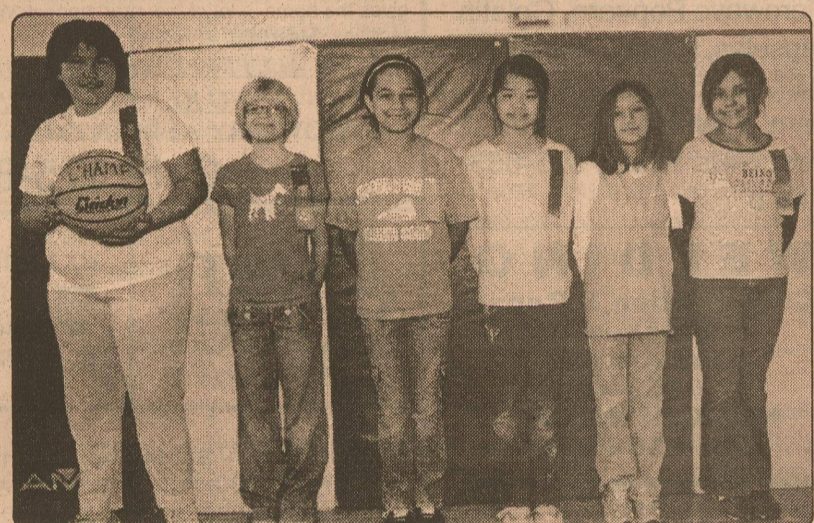


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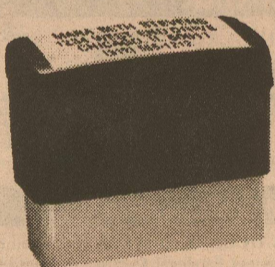
2008 Fourth Grade Girls Winners of the Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out (GEESO) L-R: 1. Caitlin Dumas, 2. Rylea Self, 3. Sufaira Martinez, 4. Kaitlyn Lindsey, 5. Julie Martinez, 6. Marinda Villanueva.



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2008 Fourth Grade Boys Winners of the Great Eldorado Elementary Shoot Out (GEESO) L-R: 1. Jose Guerra, 2. Cade Ledbetter, 3. Michael Rios, 4. Junior Gonzales, 5. Jaime Chancellor (not shown), 6. Justin Ochoa.

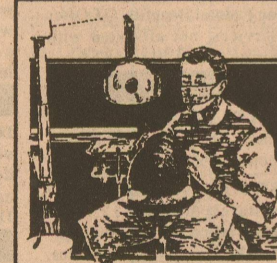
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This meeting will be held in the Eldorado High School Library at 5:00pm – 6:00pm.

We invite the public, parents, students and staff to comment and provide input to the Administration and Board of Trustees.

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2008 TAKS testing brings enhanced test security

AUSTIN- Random test monitoring, seating charts, and scrambling the order of field test items on exams are among more than a dozen steps being taken by the Texas Education Agency this school year to enhance the security measures that surround the administration of the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills.

"We are actively stepping up test security measures to protect the reliability and integrity of our testing program. We want the public to be confident that our test results are an accurate reflection of student learning. Consequently, the Texas Education Agency this year is enacting at least 13 different measures to enhance our test security," Commissioner of Education Robert Scott said.

Many of these measures will be used as soon as March 3 when TAKS testing begins in 2008. These steps are in addition to a number of actions taken in recent years that included creating an Office of Inspector General to investigate testing irregularity allegations and providing additional training for testing coordinators and administrators.

Many of the latest steps are aimed at making it tougher for students or adults to cheat on the test or will provide additional information that can be used in investigations if testing irregularity allegations arise.

This year the agency will:

- Assign test monitors to certain schools that have been rated Academically Unacceptable for multiple years or that received sanctions last year because of testing irregularities. TEA monitors will ensure that all testing procedures are followed;

- Conduct unannounced random visits to schools in all 20 areas of the state to confirm that testing procedures are followed;

- Place different scrambled groups of field test items in tests. By scrambling the position of the field test items, it will provide evidence if someone is copying off another student's answer sheet. Students and teachers will not know which items on the exam will be graded and which questions will be field tested for possible use in future tests;

- Require districts to maintain seating charts for each test administration;

- Require districts to provide information on the seating charts that shows who administered the tests, which will be helpful information if possible irregularities are alleged;

- Ask students in grades 9, 10, and 11 to sign an honor statement prior to taking tests. The use of honor codes has been found to deter student-level cheating;

- Mandate districts to maintain test security materials, signed

security oaths and seating charts for five years following a test administration so that they are available should an investigation be initiated;

- Require districts to inform the agency about any actions taken locally against educators and students who have violated testing procedures;

- Have the authority to assign an Accredited Warned, Accredited-Probation or Accredited-Revoked status to districts that fail to comply with test integrity requirements;

- Provide additional information in test administration manuals about the consequences for educators and students if cheating occurs;

- Issue a contract for the development of a transparent method to identify statistically unusual patterns of tests answers;

- Expedite investigations when testing irregularities are alleged;

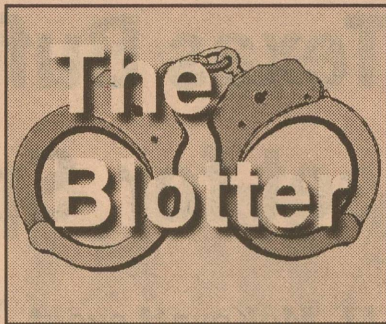
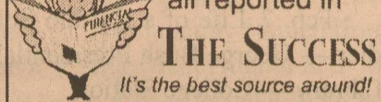
- Provide additional training about test security measures to testing coordinators.

The state of Texas tests approximately 3 million students annually. Depending on the grade level, a student spends two to four days during the school year taking state mandated tests.

Births, Deaths, Weddings,

Engagements are

all reported in



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

February 8 • Cuellar, Primitibo, male age 39, offense Driving While License Suspended/Open Container. Released.

February 9 • Vasquez, Jesus, male age 18, offense Burglary of a Building. Release.

INCIDENTS

February 5 • 4:35 p.m. Caller reported popping firecrackers and fire starting at neighbors house. Officer notified.

February 6 • 12:49 a.m. Caller advised alarm was going off at local convenient store. Caller called key holder. Officer notified.

• 10:52 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to serve a criminal trespass notification. Officer responded.

February 7 • 9:10 a.m. Caller reported a grass fire south of Eldorado. Units notified.

• 10:00 a.m. Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer notified.

February 8 • 2:35 p.m. Caller reported a swarm of bees under house. Unit notified.

February 9 • 1:30 a.m. Caller

reported someone sneaking into the fieldhouse at the school. Officers responded.

• 2:31 a.m. Caller reported grass fires near the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officers responded. Three separate fires were reported by the officer.

February 10 • 11:32 a.m. Caller stated that alarm system had been set off. Officer responded.

• 4:49 p.m. SCMC requested an ambulance for ACLS transfer. Officer notified.

February 11 • 6:13 p.m. Store clerk reported a fake hundred dollar bill and requested an officer to pick it up. Officer notified.

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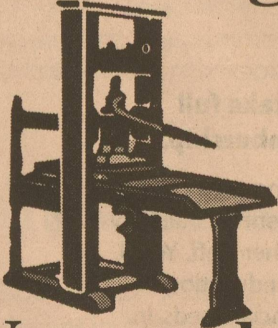
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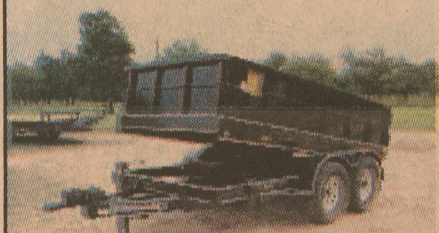
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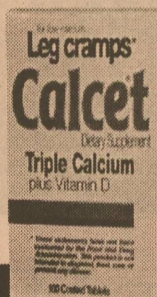
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Texas Buffalo Soldiers events set for Spring, Summer 2008

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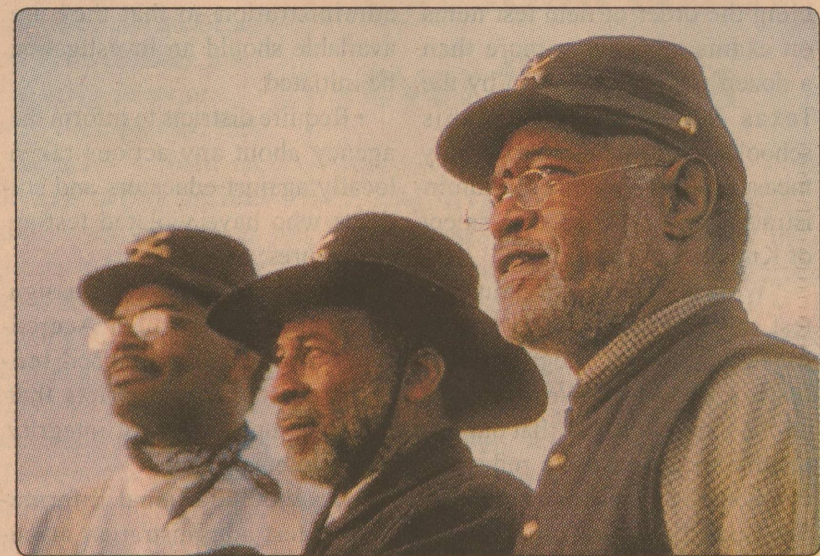
AUSTIN — In the spirit of Black History Month in February, the Texas Buffalo Soldiers will begin a series of statewide educational events to entertain and inform Texans of all ages about the contributions made and the challenges faced by black soldiers on the western frontier of Texas.

Blacks made up 20 percent of the U.S. Cavalry during the Indian Wars of the late 1800s, including soldiers of the U.S. Army's 9th and 10th Cavalry Regiments. American Indians nicknamed these fighters "Buffalo Soldiers."

Besides getting a glimpse into the day-to-day lives of the soldiers, event participants will also learn the ways in which Hispanic vaqueros, American Indians and frontier women shaped Texas history.

"The main focus is on the Buffalo Soldiers, but you can't get away from the Texas story itself," said Luis Padilla, program coordinator. "All different cultures played a role in developing what we have today in Texas. For example, a lot of what we know about horses and riding comes from the vaqueros. The first rodeos were held by vaqueros in Mexico."

The Texas Buffalo Soldiers is a statewide network of volunteers dedicated to youth education



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A military encampment and other displays will be set up at Ft. McKavett Living History Event March 28-30 by the Buffalo Soldiers and other volunteers to give examples of the early heritage days of Texas.

through historical reenactments and exhibits. The group, which is co-sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and the Texas Historical Commission, was founded in 1991. Though Black History Month marks the beginning of the Texas Buffalo Soldiers' 2008 event schedule, July has been designated "Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month" by the Texas Legislature, and many of the program's featured events take place in July.

Buffalo Soldier Events for 2008 are scheduled as follows:

- Feb. 7, Life of a Buffalo Soldier — George Bush Presidential Library — College Station

- Feb. 12, Posting of the Colors, Texas Travel Industry Association Unity Dinner — The Hilton Hotel — Austin

- Feb. 20, Life of a Buffalo Soldier — Austin Community College — Riverside Campus

- March 28-30, Living History Event and School Day — Fort McKavett State Historical Site — Ft. McKavett.

- April 12, Living History Days — Mission Tejas State Park — Houston County

- April 25, 26, Lake Brownwood State Park Open House and School Day — Lake Brownwood State Park — Brown County

- May 14, Lake Arrowhead State Park School Day — Lake Arrowhead State Park — Clay County

- June 28, 29, Texas Last Frontier Heritage Celebration — Cochran County Park — Cochran County

- July 5, 12, 19, 26, Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month — Hemis Field Park — San Antonio

In celebrating Texas Buffalo Soldiers Heritage Month, the San Antonio Buffalo Soldiers, with the assistance of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will host a month long celebration of the heritage of Texas and the role buffalo soldiers played. Each week will highlight a different aspect of each culture in the Texas story. Native American story tellers and military encampments from the Buffalo Soldiers are just some of the many exhibits that will be available throughout the month.



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Lee Reed of the Lake Side Riders Foundation and Luis Padilla of TPWD as they appeared at a Buffalo Soldier Hill Tribute in New Mexico recently.

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