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Unimaginable Loss Eldorado siblings murdered in their College Station home

Travis and Rachel Joiner of Eldorado were murdered Friday, March 6, 2009, at their home on the 100 block of Walcourt Loop in College Station.

The siblings suffered from gunshot wounds. Travis was found near the base of a stairway inside the home, according to investigators. He was reportedly shot once in the chest and once in the buttocks. He died en route to College Station Medical Center.

Rachel was found in the garage with gunshot wounds to her hand and chest. She lived long enough to give investigators the name of her assailant, John Darrell Thuesen, 25, of College Station. She told authorities that he was her boyfriend.

Rachel Joiner reportedly underwent emergency surgery at College Station Medical Center but did not survive.

Thuesen placed the 9-1-1 call to report the shooting. He was found sitting in the garage when the first officers arrived. Thuesen reportedly confessed to the crime. He was arrested on capital murder charges and is being held without bail and under maximum security in the Brazos County Jail.

Authorities note that because Thuesen is charged with capital murder, he could face the death penalty if convicted.

Travis Joiner, 23, was a senior Aerospace Engineering student at Texas A&M University. He expected to graduate in December.

Travis was a 2004 graduate of Eldorado High School where he finished at the top of his class. He was a member of the National Honor Society and represented Eldorado High School in UIL academic competitions and One-Act-Play. He was also an Eagle Scout.

Rachel Joiner, 21, was a junior at Texas A&M University where she was majoring in Geology. She was also a part-time student at Blinn College in Bryan. Rachel was a 2006 summa cum laude graduate of Eldorado High School where she represented EHS both as a scholar and an athlete. She was well known across the state as a premier high jumper and signed with TCU to compete on the college level as a Horned

Frog. She left TCU to attend Texas A&M where she continued to pursue her dreams while working toward a geology degree.

Travis and Rachel Joiner were the children of Wayne and Shirley Joiner of Eldorado. They also leave behind a younger brother, Evan, age 15.

John Darrell Thuesen is a native of Car Spring, Texas, a rural community located in Austin County. He attended school in nearby Bellville and graduated from Bellville High School in 2002. He then entered the Marine Corps Reserves where he trained as a field radio operator and achieved the rank of sergeant.

Thuesen was deployed to Iraq for an eight-month tour of duty from August, 2004 until March, 2005, said Captain Nathan Braden, a spokesman at the Marine Forces Reserve Headquarters in New Orleans.

Captain Braden added that Thuesen remains in the Inactive Marine Reserve until November of this year.

Thuesen was arrested in 2007 in Hempstead for stalking another woman. Published reports indicate the charge was dropped by the family with hopes that Thuesen would seek help.

The case was reopened last year, according to the Waller County district attorney's office, and Thuesen was formally charged with criminal trespass in December of 2008. He was convicted in 2002 on a DWI charge and was charged with public intoxication in July, 2007.

Thuesen is enrolled at Blinn College in Bryan where he was studying mathematics. He had been dating Rachel Joiner for several months and recently accompanied Rachel and Travis to Eldorado to visit their family.

Mourners gathered Tuesday at First United Methodist Church in Eldorado for one of the community's largest funerals in recent years. Reverends Steven Rowe, Andy Anderson and Syllas Politte officiated the service as friends and family gathered to pay their respects.

Following the service, a two-mile long funeral procession slowly made its way to the Eldorado Cemetery where mourners gathered at the graveside to bid farewell to two of Eldorado's best and brightest.



Travis Wilson Joiner



Rachel Kate Joiner

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THE EAGLE BRYAN-COLLEGE STATION

College Station Sgt. Alvarez holds police tape (above) while speaking with other officers and detectives near the home where Travis and Rachel Joiner were shot on Friday, Mar. 6, 2009.



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John Darrell Thuesen (at right), 25, of College Station, was arrested at the scene moments after authorities arrived. He is charged with capital murder is being held without bail in the Brazos County jail under maximum security.

County told of need for new fire truck

Fire Chief Jerry Jones appeared Monday morning before the Schleicher County Commissioners Court with a request for \$30,000 to help purchase an emergency pumper/crash truck. Jones, who also serves as the county's emergency services coordinator, explained that the unit he wants will replace three current vehicles.

The fire chief went on to explain that the Volunteer Fire Department will soon submit a grant for \$100,000 from the San Angelo Health Foundation. He noted that the new truck will cost between \$149,000 to 155,900 and added that the department can contribute as much as \$20,000 from their own funds.

The commissioners discussed the idea briefly then voted

unanimously to support the grant application.

Maintenance Supervisor Mike Haynes then informed the court about the cost to replace swings seats, and other minor playground equipment at the County Park. Haynes advised it will cost \$55 to \$115 to replace the swing set seats. He said the chains and hooks need to be replaced also.

The court thought the cost was too much and advised Haynes to pay the \$100 membership fee for the Texas Buy Board and see if the equipment could be purchased at a lower price there. Haynes also discussed reinstalling handicapped accessible door handles at the Civic Center.

The commissioners then discussed problems with the septic

system at the EMS building and Fire Hall. They advised Haynes to look for an economical way to install a new line.

Next, the men discussed allowing the Schleicher County Appraisal District keep the \$7,901.51 left over from the purchase of new computers and software. They voted unanimously to allow the district to retain the surplus money for the purchase of capital equipment.

Road Superintendent Clay Burleson then asked the court if he could sell surplus trucks and equipment. The commissioners asked that a list of trucks and equipment be prepared for them to consider at their next meeting so they could decide whether to

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School board hears technology update

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, March 9, 2009, in the High School Library. Board president Kurtis Homer presided over the meeting with trustees Leanne Higgins, Berta Nicholson, Jan Wanoreck, Lupe Sanchez and Kirk Jones in attendance. Trustee Robert Jay was absent.

Superintendent Billy Collins began the meeting by explaining that the school's enrollment seems to be holding steady. He reported a total of 621 students enrolled in Pre-K through 12th Grade. Of that number, 594 qualify for free or reduced price lunches.

Collins then updated the trustees on the upcoming Chapter 41 election. He showed the group samples of how the question will appear on the May 2nd ballot. The school is asking voters to decide among four options for sharing a portion of the district's wealth with the State of Texas.

Collins called the measure a "wealth equalization election" and explained that property-rich districts. This is Schleicher County's first year to fall under the plan. "I hope the voters will choose options three or four," Collins said. "They are the two options that best serve our needs."

Moving on to other business, the trustees watched a presentation by Technology Director J.D. Doyle who explained that many of the district's aging computers need to be replaced. Doyle said that the district owns 488 desktop and 88 laptop computers. He further stated that many of the computers are 5-7 years

old.

Doyle went on to explain that the State of Texas is pushing school's to adopt online or "paperless" textbooks. The new computers will make that possible, he said.

Doyle continued by explaining that computer technology is advancing toward "Cloud Computing." He described cloud computing as a method by which software and data are stored on the Internet and are accessed by local computers which he said could be less powerful and less expensive since they don't have to host programs or data.

Doyle summed up his presentation by saying that the future of computing is "wickedly cool!"

The trustees next commended Middle School principal Kara Garlitz for directing the school's "Learn to Serve" grant program. Ms. Garlitz explained that she was assisted by SCISD finance director Ray Ballew and teachers Katrina Gonzalez and Lindy Harris.

The board then approved a staff appreciation luncheon to be scheduled for the teachers' final work day at the end of May. They then saw three presentations during the student recognition portion of the agenda.

Coach Cannon Emmons was on hand as the board recognized the EHS boys basketball team as Bi-District qualifiers.

EHS principal Scotty Carman was on hand to

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Schleicher County Commissioners heard from Fire Chief Jerry Jones (R) on Monday as he explained his department's need for a new fire truck. Jones said the truck he wants will cost about \$150,00 and will replace three existing units. Jones said a grant might be had to cover the first \$100,000. The fire department could contribute another \$20,000, he said. Jones wants the county to kick in the remaining \$30,000.

Obama the Rhetorical Magician

George H.W. Bush made a "read my lips" no-new-taxes pledge in his acceptance speech at the Republican Convention in August 1988, and broke it two years later. That seemed a fast turnaround, but President Barack Obama has outpaced him by making, and then signaling his intention to break, a no-new-taxes pledge all in the same address.

"If your family earns less than \$250,000 a year," Obama said in his speech to Congress, "you will not see your taxes increased a single dime. I repeat: not one single dime."

Unless, that is, your family pays a utility bill. Earlier from the same podium, Obama exhorted Congress to send him "legislation that places a market-based cap on carbon pollution."

This cap-and-trade program would increase the cost of energy for everyone, regardless of income. It is a broad-based (if indirect) tax increase of the sort the casual listener would have thought

Obama ruled out in categorical language.

Obama's recently released budget outline proposes using revenues raised by cap-and-trade to fund his "making work pay" tax credits that were part of the stimulus bill. Of those credits, Obama said, "The recovery plan provides a tax cut -- that's right, a tax cut -- for 95 percent of working families." This was a central Obama pledge during the campaign, although he never mentioned he'd fund it with a countervailing tax increase on working families and everyone else.

Obama is a talented, but a wily and dishonest, salesman. Nineteenth-century pol Martin Van Buren earned the sobriquet "the little magician" for his skillful manipulation of New York's political machine. Obama is the rhetorical magician, depending -- as all magicians do -- on deft sleight of hand.

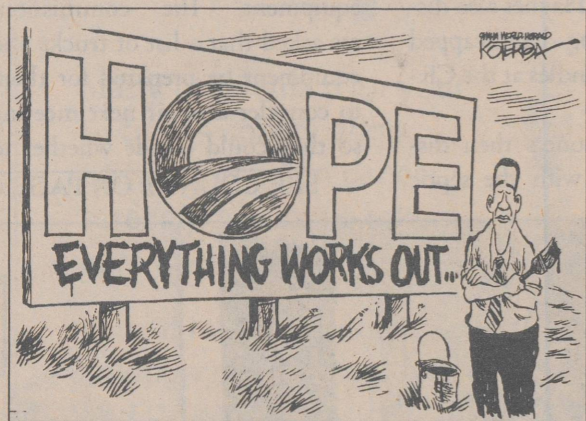
In his speech, Obama didn't want his listeners to think he's a big-government heir to Lyndon Johnson, so he talked of slashing waste. He said his team had begun going "line by line" through the budget, and "we have already identified \$2 trillion in savings over the next decade."

In common parlance, "savings" is taken to mean ... well, savings. But half of this \$2 trillion is accounted for by Obama's planned tax increases on the rich -- in other words, he has identified revenue, not savings. Much of the rest is arrived at by assuming the Iraq War would cost \$170 billion a year for the duration, even though Obama has long planned a drawdown. Obama portrays himself as ruthlessly paring back government when he is simply raising taxes and leaving Iraq.

Even as he expands government, Obama forswears any interest in expanding government and says he's scaling back: "Everyone will have to sacrifice some worthy priorities for which there are no dollars, and that includes me." Really? His budget increases discretionary spending by 12 percent next year. To paraphrase Bob Dole, where's the austerity?

Obama prides himself on a facility with words that has fueled his political rise. He clearly respects words, including their power to manipulate and mislead. "A good catchword," Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "can obscure analysis for 50 years." To pass a vast program changing the relationship of American government to its citizens, Obama only needs to obscure analysis for about a year.

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In memory of Travis and Rachel

I can't imagine what these past few days must have been like for Wayne and Shirley Joiner. They lost their two oldest children, Travis and Rachel to an assassin last Friday.

Plenty of people here in Eldorado felt the loss, even Kathy and I...but still, I don't think any of us can comprehend what it is like to hear the news that two of your children have been gunned down by someone they knew and trusted.

Our son, J.L. knew them both and he dated Rachel for awhile. During that time, she would come to the newspaper office on Wednesday evenings and help us label newspapers and stuff the grocery inserts. She always laughed at my jokes, no matter how lame, even if she did roll her eyes from time to time.

Travis was as fine a young man as you would ever hope to meet. His dream of being an aerospace engineer was within his grasp. He was a gifted student who hoped someday that his knowledge would lead him into space exploration. He would have graduated this December.

Anyone who knew Travis or Rachel could sense the quality of the home that produced them. Their study habits, work ethic, sense of humor and common sense, spoke volumes about their family. Wayne and Shirley loved them deeply and instilled in them a quiet determination to achieve.

I knew Wayne originally from my years in the oilfield, although he and I never worked on the same rig. We knew many of the same people and shared similar backgrounds.



Shirley and I served on some of the same committees and boards here in Eldorado. I had the great privilege of serving with her on the hospital district board of directors. She was, quite simply, one of the best I've had the pleasure to know.

She has a way with numbers, something that suits her well for her job as vice president at First National Bank.

Another of my friends, David Doran, was called upon last Friday in his capacity as sheriff to break the terrible news to Wayne and Shirley. He tells me it was one of the hardest things he ever had to do.

As David and I visited on Monday, we compared the events of the past few days to the 2003 bus wreck that killed so many of our friends from First Baptist Church. It, too, was incredibly traumatic for the victims, their families and the greater community of Eldorado. Still, as horrible as it was, it seems to me that accidental deaths are easier to accept.

Travis and Rachel Joiner were shot and killed by a friend and acquaintance. As I said before, someone they knew and trusted. I don't know how anyone ever comes to grips with something like that.

While I'm a little short of sympathy for the gunman, right now, I can't help but hurt for his family, too.

There were no winners last Friday. Everyone lost and some, like Wayne and Shirley Joiner, lost more than others.

I have often struggled with the question of why bad things happen to good people. I have read and read again the book of Job, all to no avail. I don't have the answer.

So, I have decided from here forward to try to find a silver lining in the dark cloud that seemed to envelope our town this week.

If there is one, it is the fact that we all had the opportunity to share the planet with Travis and Rachel, if only for a short time. I can honestly say that I was blessed by them. Others will no doubt agree.

I enjoyed seeing Travis perform in several One-Act-Plays when he was a student at EHS. I also enjoyed watching Rachel's competitors shake their heads in disbelief as she time and again cleared the high jump bar at heights they could only imagine.

In a sense, Travis and Rachel were both in the business of raising the bar, in the classroom and on the playing field.

Wayne and Shirley, please know that we hurt with you, even if we cannot possibly comprehend the depth of your pain. Thank you, for sharing Travis and Rachel with us. We are all the better for it.

May they rest in peace and may you both rest in the assurance that they have been gathered into the arms of the Lord.



Little Bitty Rugs

During the late 40's and early 50's, Sadie Ludecke, of the Plains community near Gail, was a barrel racer. She rode a horse named Honest John. While she was waiting to enter the arena, she would casually braid her horse's mane. When she groomed Honest John, she would braid his tail. Those early sessions of braiding horsehair led her to a career of braiding tiny rugs for miniature houses.

"I belong to the Society of American Miniaturists," says Sadie. "I taught rug making at workshops in Salado for ten years. I've been making the little rugs for about 25 years. They've been sold all over the United States."

She braids six strands of embroidery thread into a single string and carefully glues it to a flexible backing material. She does it all by hand. Her tiny braided rugs can fit into the palm of your hand. She says her rug making has been one of the most fun things she has ever done. Sadie also makes miniature doll houses and furniture to go in them. She grew up a tomboy and says she



by
Tumbleweed Smith

didn't start playing with dolls until after she quit barrel racing.

Sadie loves the country and feels sorry for people who grow up in town. She says they miss a lot. She rode a horse to school or went in a buggy.

"When I was just a child I wanted to drive the buggy. The horse ended up in a fence and got hurt. Papa was not pleased."

After graduating from high school in O'Donnell, she took a business course in Lamesa. Classes were held in the basement of a drug store.

"I went to school at night and was working at a variety store during the day making seven dollars a week. My room cost eight. Later I got a job at the Green Hut Café in Lamesa making a whole lot more

money."

She went to work for the tax and sheriff's office in Gail and spent several years working with legendary Borden County Sheriff Sid Reeder.

"I was a deputy sheriff for awhile. We didn't have much crime, thanks to our sheriff. Most of the crimes were for bootlegging and stealing in the oil patch."

She did have a hand in apprehending a man who had robbed a store in Big Spring.

"The sheriff was in pursuit of the robber and told me to set up a road block. So I got several people in the courthouse to help me. When the guy got to the roadblock he got out of his car and started running across a field. He was captured pretty quick."

Sadie got lots of credit for that incident, but all she did was to get others to go out there and watch for the robber. She said she was inside the courthouse by her desk, afraid someone would get shot. Sadie and her husband are cotton farmers. She grew up across the field from where she lives.

Education chairs offer plan to update school accountability system

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — In 1984, the 68th Texas Legislature passed HB 72, a groundbreaking attempt to increase the quality of public education with accountability standards.

HB 72 put the greatest weight in rating public schools on student academic performance and also created the no-pass no-play rule, lowered the students-to-teacher ratio, ended social promotion of students and initiated a teacher career ladder.

In the quarter

century since passage of HB 72, lawmakers have reworked the school accountability puzzle a few times. For example, in 1994, lawmakers made school

accountability hinge on high-stakes academic testing. In 2003, the Legislature made changes to put accountability standards in synch with the federal No Child Left Behind Act.

Two bills filed March 5 would revise in 2011 the current system of rating schools that is based on the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills or "TAKS," the standardized test that evaluates students' skills in reading, writing, math, science and social studies at various grade levels.

SB 3, authored by state Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, and its twin, HB 3 by state Rep. Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands, would employ a two-tiered method that values more than TAKS.

The first tier, accreditation, would judge schools on student achievement, the growth of post-secondary readiness and graduation rates. The second tier, called the distinction tier, would reward school districts and campuses for excellence in other areas, including growth in student achievement, fine arts and second language skills.

College readiness under SB 3 and HB 3 is based on student performance in English and algebra end-of-course exams. Skilled workforce readiness factors in English and algebra scores and rates those against success in training and certification programs at technical or community colleges.

Shapiro, chair of the Senate Education Committee, called the legislation "dramatic" and credited a 15-member select committee that met over the legislative interim for its efforts.

Eissler, chair of the House Public Education Committee, said "we recognize the need for more flexibility for students to pursue an academic path that allows them to nurture their individual interests and talents."

Senate and House education committees will soon consider the bills.

Web page tracks stimulus money

Comptroller Susan Combs' office announced it is reviewing the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

And, while the Legislature wrestles with how to deal with the sudden influx of \$16 billion in federal funding, citizens who have Web access can keep informed by visiting "Tracking the Texas Stimulus," a page linked to the comptroller's Web site. The page will help state and local officials, business leaders, economic developers, human service providers and taxpayers track what Texas may receive from the estimated \$787 billion in federal economic stimulus funds, Combs said.

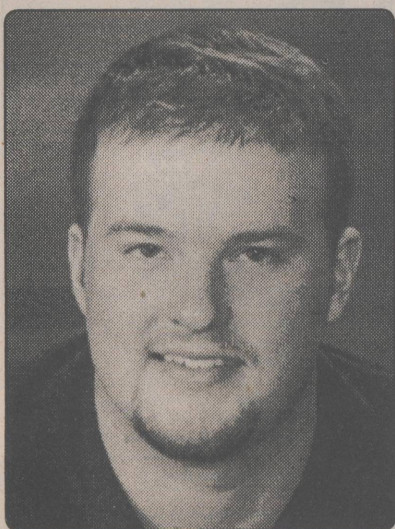
Those who visit the page will find a spreadsheet listing the provisions of the federal bill, preliminary estimates of federal spending and the amounts Texas might expect to see.

Perry renews disaster declaration

Gov. Rick Perry on March 5 officially renewed his Hurricane Ike disaster

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Travis Wilson Joiner
1985 - 2009



watching science fiction movies, pursuing scouting and building with Legos. Travis was always a child at heart and truly loved to spend time with his little brother Evan who was also his best friend. He participated in football, track, UIL science and math competitions, one act play as well as youth group activities at the First United Methodist Church.

Travis received many honors for his outstanding achievements in high school including becoming an Eagle Scout and being named valedictorian of his 2004 graduating class. He was attending Texas A&M University on an honors scholarship and would have graduated in December of 2009 with a degree in Aerospace Engineering which had been his life-long dream.

Travis was a handsome young man with a sweet and gentle spirit. He was known as the quiet thinker who always treated others in the most kind and thoughtful way. He always had a smile to share and was known by his friends as fun, smart, the guy who could solve any problem, and could probably build a house out of Legos.

Travis grew up in Eldorado, Texas on the farm. Country life suited him well because there was always plenty of "stuff" to take apart and maybe put back together. The vastness and beauty of the night sky provided the perfect arena for viewing God's handiwork through his telescope. This star gazing hobby would later develop into a passion for learning all about space and space travel.

As a little boy and into his elementary years Travis enjoyed anything that had wheels or was mechanical. He spent hours playing with his cars and trucks, playing with his little sister and building with Legos. He enjoyed a close and loving relationship and spent many hours with both sets of grandparents who lived nearby. They helped raise and care for him as he did for them in their later years.

In junior high and high school he enjoyed video games, music,

OBITUARIES

Rachel Kate Joiner
1987 - 2009



Rachel Kate Joiner, 21, unexpectedly joined the Lord along with her beloved brother Travis on March 6, 2009. She was born March 30, 1987 in San Angelo, Texas.

Rachel was a beautiful young lady with a happy spirit and glowing smile. She was full of life and always ready for the next adventure. She freely gave of her time, talents and money to those in her circle of life. She was comfortable being her own person and didn't mind standing alone. Her joy was complete in her role as both big and little sister to the brothers she adored.

Rachel grew up in Eldorado, Texas. She loved life on the farm, especially the peace and solitude that country life offered. She loved and nurtured all the animals including pets, strays and wildlife. Cats were her favorite and she was always prepared for just one more.

As a little girl and into her elementary years she enjoyed dancing, dressing up for dance recitals, gymnastics, school and rides in the toy jeep with her big brother. Rachel was very close with both sets of grandparents. The time and love they gave her when she was young was returned to them as they grew older.

In junior high and high school she enjoyed art, music and reading. She participated in basketball, track, one act play, band, and the youth group at the First United Methodist Church. The high jump was a large

part of Rachel's life. She trained relentlessly and was a record holder and state contender. She also placed second in the nation when she jumped with the Junior Olympic program.

She received many honors for her outstanding achievements in high school including being named salutatorian of her 2006 graduating class. Her next adventure took her to Texas Christian University on a track scholarship to continue competing in high jump which was her passion. It was in Ft. Worth that she also learned to love the city life where she enjoyed going to clubs and dancing with her friends. After one year Rachel transferred to Texas A&M University to continue her studies in geology and to be near her big brother.

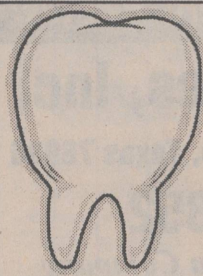
Even though her beautiful life and dreams were tragically cut short, her greatest adventure just now beginning, will take her safely forever into the arms of the Lord she loved.

Rachel is survived by her loving parents Wayne and Shirley Joiner; by her little brother Evan; and her Grandparents Raymond Wilson and Lula Mae Joiner. She is also survived by her Uncles Rick Wilson and wife Mary Ann; John Wilson and wife Sonya; Steve Wilson and wife Suzan; John Paul Joiner and wife Cynthia; and Aunt Wally Leaverton and husband Clay; as well as a host of cousins and special friends. She is preceded in death by her grandmother, Betty Wilson; and grandfather, Wallace Joiner.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 2009 at the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado, Texas with burial following at the Eldorado Cemetery.

If you would like, in lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 678 Eldorado, Texas 76936.

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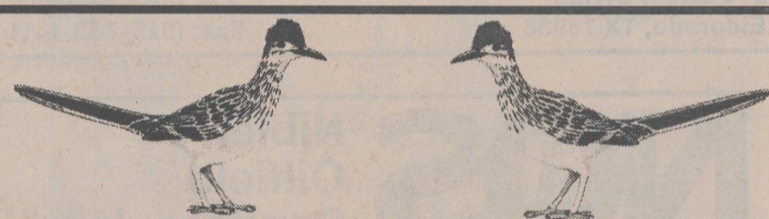
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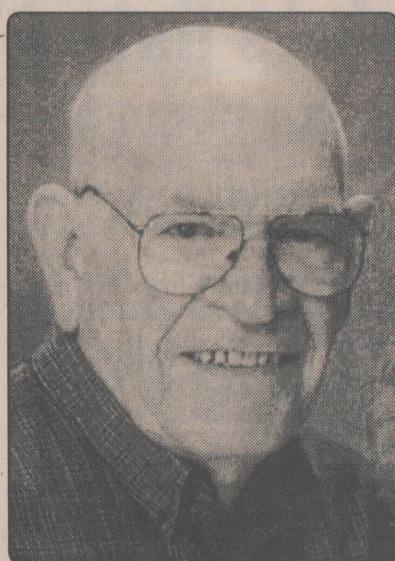
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Floyd McGinnes
1930 - 2009



Floyd served in the United States Army for two years during the Korean Conflict. He was elected Crosby County Clerk in 1963 and served in that office until his retirement in December 1995. He also owned and operated McGinnes Business Service with his wife, Betty until her retirement in December 2005. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church, where he served on various boards and was a past president of Methodist Men. He was active in various community organizations, including the Lions Club, the Crosbyton Rural Housing Development, the Chamber of Commerce, the Boy Scouts, the Industrial Foundation, the Crosbyton Masonic Lodge, and The Gideons International.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert and Elton McGinnes, and a sister, Laura Low. Survivors include a son and his wife, Kyle and Peggy McGinnes of Plano; a daughter and her husband, Kristi and Kevin Croy of Scurry, Texas; five grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Crosbyton First United Methodist Church or to The Gideons International.

Services for Floyd McGinnes, 78, of Crosbyton were held Saturday, March 7, 2009, in the Crosbyton First United Methodist Church, with the Rev. Wendell Horn officiating. Burial was in the Crosbyton Cemetery under direction of Adams Funeral Home of Crosbyton.

Floyd passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009 in Plano, Texas. He was born August 22, 1930 on the Gross Ranch near Ballinger, Texas, to the late Sam and Inis (Low) McGinnes. On December 9, 1948, he married Betty Higginbotham in Happy, Texas. She preceded him in death on July 26, 2007.

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle
by Linda Thieme

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ***
* Moderate ** Challenging *** Hot Boy!
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.
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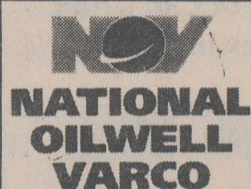
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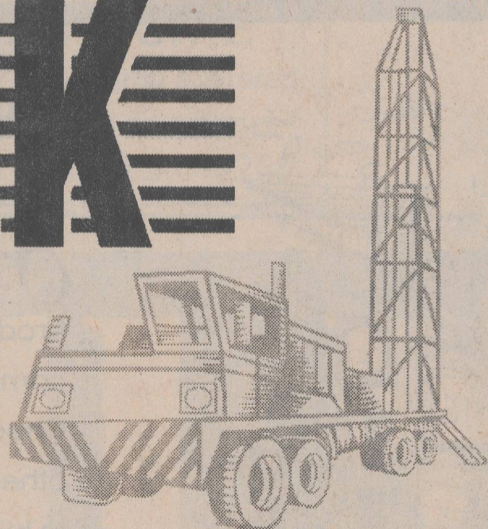
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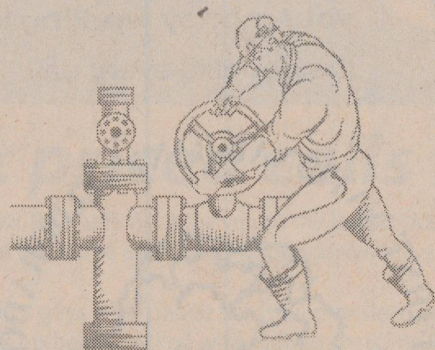
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Lady Eagles softball team off to a 2-0 start in District

by Coach Jesse Rubio

The Eldorado Lady Eagles traveled to Menard this past Tuesday, March 10th, 2009 for their second district contest in the 2009 season. The Lady Eagles wearing the visiting green uniforms left no doubt early as to who would be victorious in the contest.

The Lady Eagles saw Deisy Aranda, Corie Williams, and Melissa Gonzales reaching the bases via walks. Haley Higgins hit her first out of the inning with a pop up to Menard's shortstop. Deisy Aranda recorded the second out while Abby Fuentes was batting. A passed ball was retrieved by the Menard catcher catching Aranda trying to steal home. The Lady Eagles would not be deterred when Abby Fuentes reached first to load the bases on a walk.

Allyson Jarrett reached first base via a walk and record an RBI and the first run of the game when Corie Williams crossed the plate. Brittany Gauna also realized a base on balls opportunity and Melissa Gonzales scored. Amy Alvizo took the batter's box and connected on a long

drive off of a 2-1 pitch that rolled to the fence. Alvizo would round the bases and record and inside the park home run that saw four more runs tallied for the Lady Eagles.

The Lady Eagles continued the two out rally with back to back walks by Bridgett Mitchell, who was seeing action for the first time this season, and Deisy Aranda. Corie Williams returned to the plate for the second time in the inning and record a nice double to centerfield that saw her tally 2 RBI's. Melissa Gonzales reached first via the walk and she scored on Haley Higgin's deep shot that hit the top rail of the leftfield fence but stayed in the field and she recorded a triple on the hit. The first inning would conclude with Abby Fuentes striking out to retire the side but not before the Lady Eagles recorded 10 runs.

The Lady Eagles defense saw Amy Alvizo use a 14 pitch inning to record one strikeout and then see her field a ground ball down the first base line where she alertly tagged the runner out. The final out of Menard's at bat would be a nice line drive catch by Melissa Gonzales at second base. Menard stranded two runners that reached on walks but they would not score and be trailing after one inning by ten runs.

The second inning started with Allyson Jarrett hitting a single, followed by a RBI single up the middle by Brittany Gauna that allowed Jarrett to score. Jarrett reached second on a steal to get into scoring position. Amy Alvizo made it to first and advance Gauna on a base on balls. Gauna and Alvizo would both reach second and third respectively on a past ball. Bridgett Mitchell recorded two RBI's with a double that brought in Gauna and Alvizo. Deisy Aranda would step to the plate and ground out to second. Bridgett Mitchell got caught trying to steal home on a past ball for the second out.

A two out rally again drove the Lady Eagles with a single by Corie Williams and a walk by Melissa Gonzales. Haley Higgins tallied 3 RBI's with an inside the park homerun that went to the fence and



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Allyson Jarrett looked into the dugout for a sign from Coach Rubio as the Lady Eagles softball team took on the Wall, Lady Eagles in Wall recently.

just missed going out of the park by inches. Abby Fuentes round out the scoring following her walk and scoring off Allyson Jarrett's double. Brittany Gauna made the final out of the inning with a ground out to first. Eldorado now lead 17 to zero headed to the bottom half of the second inning.

Menard's stanza at the plate would not fair much better than the first with Alvizo retiring the three batters she faced. Eldorado started the third inning with Amy Alvizo, Marissa Gonzales, and Deisy Aranda loading the bases via walks. Corie Williams batted next and Amy Alvizo scored on a past ball. Williams recorded her 4th RBI of the game when she hit into a fielder's choice to third base. Melissa Gonzales replace Bridgett Mitchell at the plate and recorded a base on balls. Marissa Gonzales stole second and third on past balls. Gonzales scored off a Haley Higgins ground out for the second out and Abby Fuentes would fly pop up to third. Eldorado tallied two more runs that brought

their total to 19 after three innings.

Menard began the bottom half of the third with a base on balls and then a strikeout. Menard's second out of the inning would be on a force out at second with Melissa Gonzales throwing to Haley Higgins covering second. Corie Williams closed out the contest with a tag out at first off a bloop hit toward first.

The 19 - 0 win for the Lady Eagles is the second district win on the 2009 season. The win is also Eldorado's 9th consecutive district win dating back to last year's district championship. Rounding out the Lady Eagles roster are Aubrey Martinez, Lauren Rubio, and Victoria Garza who is the team manager and statistician.

Coach Rubio and King are very pleased with the girls progress but the season is still young and there is plenty of softball action left to play.

Eldorado will next face the Miles Lady Bulldogs in Eldorado on Friday at 4:30 pm and district rival Forsan on the road on Monday, March 16th during Spring Break.

SCISD School Lunch Menu

BREAKFAST LINE

Monday March 16, 2009

SPRING BREAK

Tuesday March 17th

SEE YA

Wednesday March 18th

NEXT WEEK

Thursday March 19th

BE SAFE

Friday March 20th

HAVE FUN

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday March 16, 2009

SPRING

Tuesday March 17th

BREAK

Wednesday March 18th

SPRING

Thursday March 19th

BREAK

Friday March 20th

SPRING BREAK

BASKET LINE

Monday March 16, 2009

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Tuesday March 17th

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Wednesday March 18th

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Thursday March 19th

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Friday March 20th

SPRING BREAK

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Jr High Badger Relay results listed

7th Grade Boys

On February 27, 2009 in McCamey, the 7th Grade Eldorado Boy's team placed 3rd place with a total of 97 points. McCamey placed 1st and Grandfalls placed 2nd.

Individual Results:
Long Jump: 6. 13'4"
Triple Jump: 5. Bailey Espinosa, 24'7"; 6. Bobby Martinez, 23'5"
High Jump: 5. Michael Bilbrey, 4'0"; 6. J.C. Aranda, 3'10"
100 M. Dash: 6. Tyler Martinez, 16.33
200 M. Dash: 6. Bobby Martinez, 32.95
800 M. Run: 3. J.C. Aranda, 2:50.52
1600 M. Run: 2. Jose Romo, 7:27.32;

3. Tyler Martinez, 8:30.28
2400 M. Run: 2. Reed Hariman, 11:28.00; 4. Tyler Martinez, 13.14
400 M. Relay: 2. 54.25 (Jose Romo, Michael Bilbrey, Bailey Espinosa, Justin Estrada)
800 M. Relay: 3. 2:05.70 (Jose Romo, J.C. Aranda, Michael Bilbrey, Bobby Martinez)
1600 M. Relay: 3. Michael Bilbrey, Bailey Espinosa, J.C. Aranda, Justin Estrada)
100 M. Hurdles: 2. Reed Hariman, 22.21.
300 M. Lo Hurdles: 2. Reed Hariman, 56.37

8th Grade Boys

On February 27, 2009 in McCamey, the 8th Grade Eldorado Boy's team placed 1st place with a total of 277 points. Buena Vista placed 2nd and McCamey 3rd.

Long Jump: 3. Ruben Vasquez, 15'-4 1/4"; 4. Blaine Mitchell, 15'-2 1/4"; 5. Brian Shiver, 14'-8 1/2"
Shot Put: 1. Eric Estrada, 42' 8"; 3. John Paul Galan, 33'1"; 4. Hector Reyes, 30'6"
Discus: 1. Diego Sanchez, 111'3"; 4. Lane Griffin, 77'2 1/2"; 5. Hector Reyes, 75'6"

Triple Jump: 3. Brian Shiver, 31' 8 1/2"; 5. Austin Stapp, 30'0"
High Jump: 1. Dylan Ramos, 5'2"; 3. Rico Martinez, 4'10"; 3. Hagan Porras, 4'10"
100 M. Dash: 1. Rico Martinez, 12.46; 2. Eric Estrada, 12.73; 5. Diego Sanchez, 14.64
200 M. Dash: 2. Lane Griffin, 26.58; 5. Blaine Mitchell, 28.09
400 M. Dash: 3. Ruben Vasquez, 1:08.88; Dylan Ramos, 1:12.09; 6. Preston Rodriguez, 1:35.63
800 M. Run: 1. Nicholas Gonzales, 2:25.99; 3. Brian Shiver, 2:53.17; 5. Jose Martinez, 3:22.54
1600 M Run: 2. Brian Shiver 6:25.99;

4. Austin Stapp, 7:14.31; 5. Ben Martin, 7:36.40
2400 M. Run: 1. Austin Stapp, 10:08.04; 2. Ben Martin, 11:35.72; 3. 11:54.53
400 M Relay: 1. 49.78 (Ruben Vasquez, Rico Martinez, Nicholas Gonzales, Eric Estrada)
800 M. Relay: 1. 1:49.91 (Hagan Porras, Lane Griffin, Rico Martinez, Dylan Ramos)
1600 M Relay: 1. 4:23.27 (Dylan Ramos, Hagan Porras, Ruben Vasquez, Nicholas Gonzales)
100 M Hurdles: 2. Blaine Mitchell, 22.69; 4. Brian Shiver, 20.82; 5. John Paul Galan, 25.37

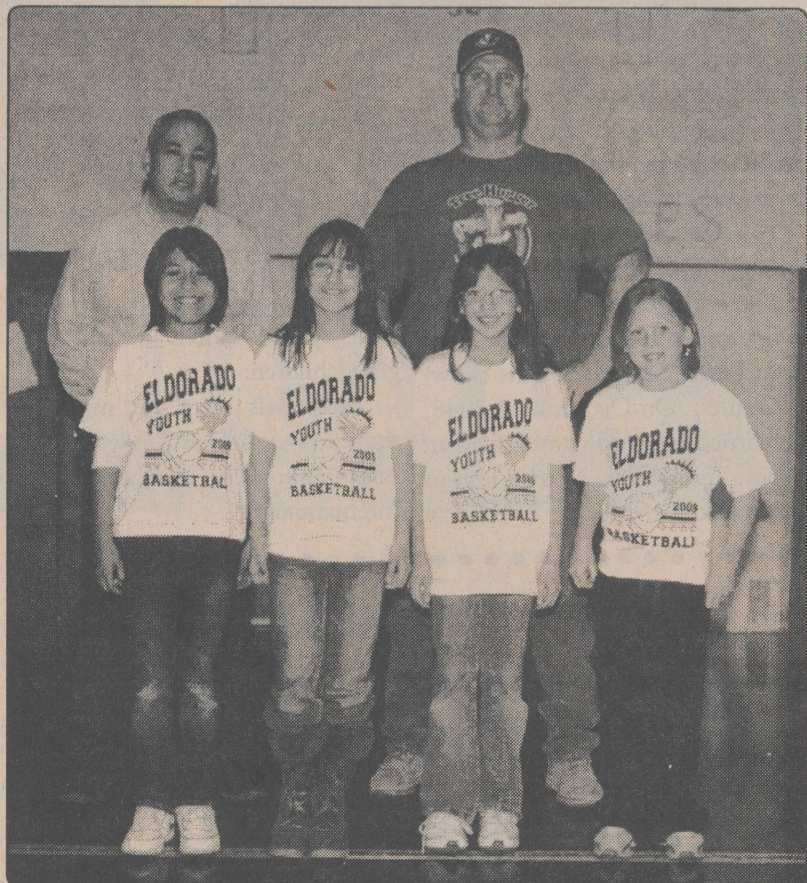


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2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th grade girls: (Front Row L-R): Katya Gonzales, Branda Minor, Alexis Villanueva, Faith Kotsch; (Back Row L-R) Michael Kotsch, Tommy Minor.

DEATH NOTICES

Albert A. "Tucker" Clark Jr.

ELDORADO - Albert A. "Tucker" Clark Jr., 91, died Thursday, March 5, 2009, in a local hospital. Service were at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 7, in Kerbow Funeral Home chapel with burial at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in Heards Cemetery in Reagan Wells.

Survivors include sons Tony Clark of Utopia and Mickey Clark of Charlotte; brother Dough Clark of Spring Branch; and sisters Marie Pruitt of Natalia, Jean Humphreys of Sonora, Jimi Harr of Spring Branch and Reba Wilborn of Spring Branch.

Jean Miller

SAN ANGELO - Jean Miller, 83, passed away Thursday, March 5, 2009. She is survived by her daughters, Jill Eagleston and husband Mike of Southlake, Texas, and Jan Fuessel and husband Rick of Eldorado, Texas; four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is also survived by one brother, Richard M. Rubin of Tyler, Texas.

A service celebrating her life will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, at River Terrace, 800 W. Ave. D in San Angelo.

Flora Schrier

ELDORADO - Flora Schrier, 91, died Thursday, March 5, 2009, in a local nursing home. Graveside service were at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 8, in DeLeon Cemetery in DeLeon. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include sons Charles Schrier of Las Vegas, Nev., and Fred Schrier of Balmorhea; daughter Claryce Runge of Eldorado; and brother T.A. Charles of Breckenridge.

Fort McKavett Historic Site to host an 'Evening of Stars'

On the evening of March 21st, 2009, the Texas Historical Commission and Fort McKavett State Historic Site will be hosting the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society's Spring Star Party. The star party is free.

Amateur astronomers from the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society will be on hand that Saturday evening to host a star party. The fort's gates will remain open until midnight for late arrivals. There will be a wide variety of different size and styles of telescopes that you can look through to see planets, nebulas, star clusters, and galaxies. There will be a presentation in the fort's school house entitled "Mars, the Red Planet", beginning at 4:00 p.m. We encourage the public to walk the telescope field just before sunset to see the different types of telescopes and

to talk with their owners.

We invite everyone to come out early and stay late to enjoy an entertaining day and evening at Fort McKavett. The star party is dependant upon the weather. The star party could be canceled in case of clouds or bad weather. On the afternoon of the star party please feel free to contact the fort at 325-396-2358 for a status update. Please park in the parking lot and follow the red lights to the observing field. Bring a red flashlight. Red cellophane will be available to cover white light flashlights. Please, no white light at the telescopes.

For additional information contact Ken Lester at 325-396-2358 or by e-mail at kenneth.lester@thc.state.tx.us.



2009 Eldorado Youth Basketball 3rd & 4th grade "Bulldogs" (Front L-R) Roman Gonzales, Ryan Farmer, Javier Garcia. (Back L-R) Jesse Ramon, Jess Gonzales. Back (L-R) Beckie Sullivan, Vicki Farmer, Ted Garcia. Not Pictured; Luis Miguel Martinez.

Walk across Texas with us!

Walk Across Texas is a free program created by the Texas AgriLife Extension Service in 1996 to help you establish regular physical activity as a lifetime habit. From border to border, you or your team, can walk 830 miles across the state, seeing your progress across the state on-line, or on a Texas road map! Walk Across Texas is not a walk-a-thon nor is it an event to raise money.

While teams do compete to walk across the state first and/or to accumulate the most miles during the eight weeks, the main point is to get moving and keep moving after Walk Across Texas ends.

The Eldorado 3rd Grade Elementary class has started the Walk Across Texas program with the Texas AgriLife Extension Service February 26th!

Walking is a great way for children to become more physically active and Walk Across Texas is a great way to get children walking. With the help of Physical Education Coach Mrs. Randy Mitchell, the 3rd grade will be walking across the state of Texas (830 miles) — over an eight week time period charting the steps on a paper map.

Nutritional lessons and tips will be taught by County Extension Agent-FCS, Courtney Barbee. If you have any further questions about this program you can log onto the Walk Across Texas website at <http://walkacrosstexas.tamu.edu> or call Courtney Barbee, CEA-FCS at 325-853-2132.

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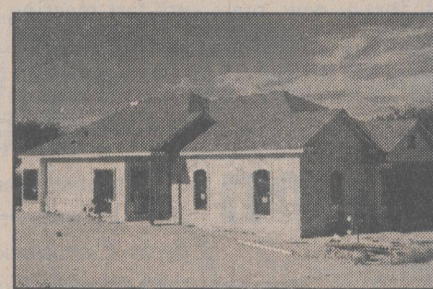
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- 12th Amy Mejia, Travis Whitten, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Michael Lloyd
- 13th Martha B. Henderson, Jamie Hardy, Tim Seymore, Kayla Kotsch
- 14th Lori Neubert, Mary Pina, Pat Gentry, Carrie Covarrubiaz
- 15th Reyes Lozano Sr., Longino Pina
- 16th Bobby Phillips, Sydney Dean, Jed Edmiston, Alan Dykstra, Jessie Guadarrama, Vickie J. Williams
- 17th Juan Arispe Sr., Mary Spears, Marshall Faul
- 18th Jo Helen Kotsch, Anna Buitron, Heather Hughes, Ken Thomas, Christy Brown, Nancy Hernandez, Victoria Eliza Pina, Anna Aguilar
- 19th Jodi Ritter, Jamey Belk, Gary Ben Stephens

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MARCH

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The Sixth of March

by Ilse Williams

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Yet tragedy never becomes easier to bear,
The numbness, the wondering why.

We should be getting better at this--
there has been so much unexpected loss,

loss that left such searing scars.
But here we are, frozen again,
In the midst of devastating news
Not knowing what to do
Or what to say...

How to lighten the burden
How to alleviate the grief

Our hearts reach out,
our prayers rise
but it seems time
is not yet on our side.

Families still
Find themselves in a nightmare
From which they cannot awake.

The rest of us--
Witnesses who wait,
who harbor hope
That the agony
Will weaken
And our spirits may soar
Again
In celebration of life
and special memories
of Travis and Rachel.

SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER OFFERS A FEW TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEART DISEASE

ELDORADO — Valentine's Day may be over, but why not take a few minutes to show your heart some love by celebrating American Heart Month? Established by Congress in 1963, American Heart Month is an annual reminder for Americans to take care of their heart, and for good reason. According to recent statistics from The American Heart Association, approximately 425,000 Americans die each year of heart disease, making it the nation's single leading cause of death.

The good news is you can help keep your heart healthy by making just a few small changes:

- Don't use tobacco —Tobacco use is the No. 1 preventable cause of serious illness such as heart disease, stroke, lung cancer and emphysema
- Be physically active — Just twenty minutes of physical activity can build endurance, control blood pressure, reduce cholesterol levels, aid in weight control and reduce your risk of developing diabetes.
- Eat healthy foods — Foods high in saturated fat, trans fat and cholesterol contribute to atherosclerosis, which is a primary cause of heart attack and stroke. Instead, it is best to eat low fat meats, healthy greens, colorful vegetables and whole grains. Also, cut back on the salt. Experts say consuming too much salt (sodium) can cause high blood pressure in some people.
- Watch your weight — Being overweight or obese is a major risk factor for heart disease.
- Avoid excessive alcohol — One or two drinks of red wine a day may help increase "good" HDL cholesterol, but heavy drinking can contribute to high blood pressure, heart disease and stroke.

This Heart Month, join the many Americans who are taking control of their health. Learn more about your risk for heart disease by scheduling a heart (vascular) screening scan today at Schleicher County Medical Center or calling 325-853-2507 for more information.

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County approves press box for Rodeo Arena

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put the items up for bid. County Agent Cody Bundick then presented a bid in the amount of \$3,875 to build a 4H Shooting Sports room in the back portion of the Civic Center. The room would house shooting supplies and a gun safe. Bundick advised that the club could try and raise the money for the gun safe.

The commissioners heard Bundick's request then directed him to present it for consideration again at budget time.

Mike Calcote then spoke on behalf of the Rodeo Association and presented plans for a new press box at the rodeo arena. The court

approved purchasing the building and welding material. The Rodeo Association will supply the labor.

The commissioners next voted to appoint Judge Charlie Bradley as the county's representative on the executive committee of the Council of Concho Valley of Government.

Discussion then turned to security systems and the court voted to give the City of Eldorado the option to purchase a portion of the Guardian Security Services wireless alert system. The city's pro-rated cost would be \$2,620 for installation, two panic buttons and a repeater. At the commissioners' last meeting, the men voted to spend \$13,510 to purchase the entire system.

Judge Charlie Bradley then read aloud a letter from Jimmy Barton, an inspector with the compliance department of the Jail Standards Commission. Barton noted the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department passed its recent Jail Standards inspection and he issued a certificate of compliance.

Sheriff David Doran was present and took that opportunity to praise his Jail Administrator Lesa Romero and other staff for their hard

work in making the inspection go smoothly.

The court also was presented a report of the 2008 Juvenile Probation Board meeting.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then handed out the monthly bills for approval. It was noted that \$86,371.07 of the \$221,375.38 in expenses went for fees for attorneys representing the YFZ children in their civil cases. The amount is to be reimbursed by the State of Texas.

Judge Charlie Bradley presided over Monday's meeting with commissioners Matt Brown, Kirk Griffin and Lynn Meador in attendance. Commissioner Johnny Mayo was absent.

County Clerk Peggy Williams was also present for the meeting.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for 9 am on Monday, March 23 in the first-floor meeting room of the county courthouse.

51st District Court Report

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, March 9, 2009 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walters presiding. The following judgements were handed down.

Christopher Ray Sanchez, age 23, of Eldorado accepted plea and received 25 years, to run concurrent with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Sanchez was indicted back in November 7, 2003 for Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child.

Franklin Sanchez, age 18, of Eldorado, was placed on 5 years probation and fined \$1,500. Sanchez was charged with Burglary of a Habitation.

51st District Court of Schleicher County met Monday, February 9, 2009 with the Honorable Barbara L. Walters presiding. The following judgement was handed down.

Joaquin Saiz, male, age 25, of Eldorado, plead guilty to a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. He received 1 year county jail, suspended, 2 years probation, fined \$2,000. Sentence reduced to a Class A Misdemeanor.

Correction

In last week's front page story about Teresa Steed, the FLDS mother accused of presenting the wrong baby to state officials, we mistakenly identified her on one instance as Teresa Jeffs. We regret the error and any confusion that may have resulted.

School board meeting ...

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describe the boys basketball season and to outline the UIL program in high school. He noted that English teacher Teresa Vasquez is the UIL Coordinator and explained that there are currently 50 students competing in UIL.

EHS student Ben Wipff then entertained the board by reading from a selection of prose he uses in UIL academic competitions.

The board then saw a presentation by Mrs. Nicole Martinez's Lincoln/Douglas debate team

including Brent Martinez, Christian Sanchez and Ryan Fortenberry. Team member Evan Joiner was unable to attend.

Finance director Ray Ballew then reviewed the district's financial reports and noted that SCISD has received 100 percent of its budgeted property tax revenue. Ballew added that the district's investments are in a money market investment account and that the school's money is safe even as it continues to grow.

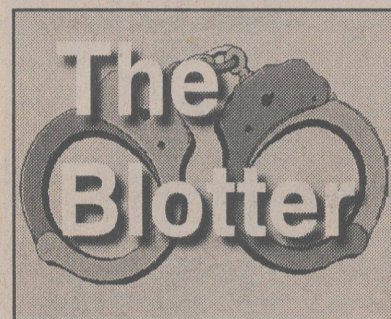
The board then approved the minutes of meetings on February 10th and 16th. They next voted to nominate The Eldorado Success newspaper and radio station KLDE to the media honor roll sponsored by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Discussion then turned to the district's transportation needs. Maintenance Supervisor Oscar Martinez explained that only one bid had been received for a Chevrolet Suburban. The vehicle was offered by Gunn Chevrolet in San Antonio for a price of \$32,449. The price was lower than the school would have to pay for a similar vehicle on the state Buy Board.

Superintendent Collins then explained that the Suburban will be used to replace a route bus. He noted the vehicle gets considerably better gas mileage than a conventional bus and can complete the route in less time because it can travel at highway speeds, and not at the slower speed limit required for buses.

At that, the trustees voted unanimously to approve the purchase. They then went into a closed door executive session for the discussion of personnel. The board returned to open session and voted to renew all teacher contracts as recommended by administration as well as contracts for maintenance supervisor Oscar Martinez and transportation supervisor Joey Jones.

The board will meet next at 6 pm on Monday, April 13, 2009 in the high school library.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Accidents of major impact may be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS
MARCH 4 • Greer, Jessica June, female age 23. Offense possession of marijuana. <2oz. still in custody.
 • Harrington, Christopher, male age 18. Offense possession of alcohol. Released on citation.
 • Morrison, Oran Leroy, male age 71. Offense serving time for probation. Released time served.
MARCH 5 • Garcia, Teodora, male age 30. Offense serving time for ticket. Released time served.

INCIDENTS
MARCH 4 - 1:07 PM • Caller reported smelling lots of smoke, but did not see any flames. Fire Chief responded.
2:26 PM • Fire Chief stated there was no fire. Smoke is moving in from the SE.
MARCH 5 - 7:35 AM • Male reported rig sign being stolen from the entrance of their rig. Claimed sign to be worth \$200.
12:01 PM • Caller reported a controlled burn.
10:49 PM • Complainant stated the gate

at his ranch entrance had been hit and the lock broken. Officers responded.

11:06 PM • Caller reported a juvenile had ingested nine 300 mg. antidepressants. Victim's mother took the child to the ER. Officer responded.

MARCH 6 - 5:15 PM • Caller reported a pit bull in their yard. Animal control responded.

8:04 PM • Caller reported there was a large cow on Highway lane. Officer notified. Owner notified.

MARCH 7 - 5:56 AM • Security representative reported an alarm on W. Fields. Officer responded.

2:08 PM • Caller reported a power line down near residence. Officer responded.

2:24 PM • Complainant called S.O. and spoke with officer stating that she had weekend visitation with her children and the children had been left unattended by her ex-husband in front of the elementary school at the playground area.

2:37 PM • Caller reported a missing horse. Officer responded and horse located on 190 W. Civil matter.

6:39 PM • Caller reported a white mist, SUV ran them off the road on 277 S. Officer responded.

7:26 PM • Caller stated he would be hunting varmints on his property. Game Warden notified.

10:49 PM • Caller reported loud music on E. Hill. Officers notified.

MARCH 8 - 6:26 PM • Caller reported a Black Chevy extended cab pickup driving about 60 miles an hour down street multiple times. Officers notified.

MARCH 9 - 10:30 PM • Complainant came to report reckless driver. Officers spoke to both parties and issue was resolved.

MARCH 10 - 9:44 AM • Complainant reported reckless driver driving a grey Honda. Officer responded.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS	59. Colorful horse	2. Essen's area	9. Gibson of "Braveheart"	24. Like much notebook
1. Seizes firmly	60. "You ___ kidding!"	3. Think tank nugget	10. Protractor measurements	paper
6. Brit's baby buggy	61. Monopoly stack	4. Snapshot, forshort	11. Skater Sasha	25. Co. bigwig
10. Rent-___ (security guard)	62. Meal for anechidna	5. Heel style	12. ___ out (declined)	26. ___ day (delivery option)
14. Taxpayer's fear	63. Increase in troop strength	6. "Miracle on 34th Street" actor John	13. Bedbugs, roaches, etc.	27. Homecoming attendee
15. Suffix for the well-off	DOWN	7. Situation for rubber bullets	18. Get pooped out	28. Snorers sawthem
16. "Uh-uh!"	1. Modern-day scandal suffix	8. Comics bark	19. Many a resort locale	29. Chevy SUV
17. Paris's nickname			23. Misplay, as a flyball	31. Attack en masse
20. Time line segment				32. Make over
21. Innie buildup				33. Compound sending in "ite," often
22. Winter hazard				34. Island near Java
23. "A ___ bagatelle!"				36. Greek P's
24. Gives back to a borrower				37. ___ Cup (yachtrace)
26. Pay tribute to				38. Lawn burrower
29. Ushers' rentals				42. Surgical blockage relievers
30. Flying high				43. KFC piece
31. Word with fire or white				44. Powerful feline
32. Stick up				45. Low man in the choir
35. Clown with the photog				46. The Nile's ___ Dam
39. Ambulance letters				47. Suffix meaning "lover"
40. Where the boyz are				48. Colosseum combatants
41. Runway strutter				50. Baseball card tidbit
42. Risked getting bleeped				51. Place to moor
44. Hastert's successor as Speaker				52. Chinatown gang
45. Infant's rite				53. Pay to play
48. Tackle box item				55. One of the Gershwins
49. Pale as a ghost				56. "Smoking or ___?"
50. ___ Valley, Calif.				57. Play about Capote
51. Harper Valley org.				American Profile Hometown Content
54. Get busy				
58. Margarita need				

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declaration, effective March 7.

The declaration, in effect until April 5, "suspends all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response" to the hurricane that hit Galveston Sept. 13, 2008, and ravaged a long list counties in South and East Texas.

In other news, on March 6, Perry asked the U.S. Department of Agriculture to provide disaster relief assistance for farms and ranches suffering from severe drought.

Drought conditions and high winds have exacerbated wildfires. Since Jan. 1, 3,685 wildfires have burned 118,061 acres of land across

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Bill toughens tanning regulations

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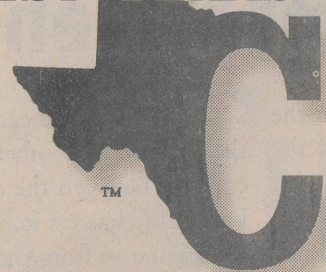
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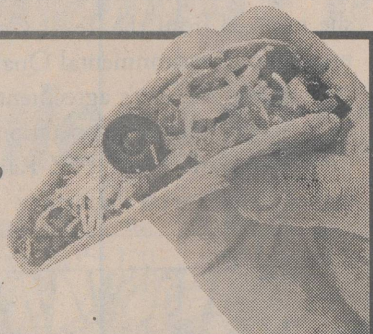
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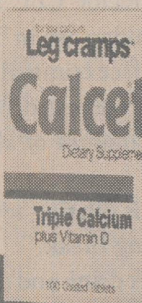
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Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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City Council wants new track loader for landfill

The Eldorado City Council met Monday and approved an RV facility to be constructed behind the hospital for doctors and other medical personnel. The council stipulated that a survey of the area be submitted along with a letter from the hospital district board approving the plan.

Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay reported his various departments were running smoothly. He noted that crews are patching potholes and chipping tree branches as weather has permitted. Fay also requested a pay increase for

an employee and approval of hiring a part time employee who had worked for the city in the past.

Council woman Stacy Haynes questioned Fay about a \$7,500 monthly payment for rent on a track loader at the landfill.

Fay acknowledged the expense and the council urged him to try to locate a new or used machine to purchase.

The council then reviewed the financial reports, approved payment of the monthly bills and okayed one budget amendment.

City Secretary Mayo then updated the council on a \$90,000 planning grant that has been approved by the Texas Water Development Board for a joint City/County project in the Orient Heights and Three Sisters addition.

It was noted that Schleicher County recently purchased a panic button security system and is offering the city an opportunity to

participate and purchase part of the system. The council discussed the idea but opted to place more lighting around City Hall instead.

A request from Schleicher County Appraisal District was then discussed. The district asked to retain \$726 of city money budgeted for the purchase of new computers and software. It was explained that the money was left over after the purchase at which point the council agreed to the request.

Ms. Mayo then advised that council members Stacy Haynes, Dorothy Dacy and Jon Cartwright filed for re-election ahead of the 5 p.m. deadline on March 9th. No one else has filed for the three seats.

Mayo then discussed an email she received from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality stating that the city's agreement to have Floyd Fay oversee operation of the sewer plant at the YFZ Ranch was acceptable with the agency.

Although Fay began overseeing the plant on November 6, 2008, the contract between the city and YFZ Land LLC has yet to be signed by a representative from the YFZ.

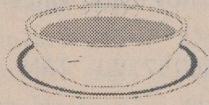
The YFZ Ranch was dumping several loads of effluent each month at the city's sewer plant, which brought in considerable revenue for the city. That revenue stream ended when the YFZ sewer plant went into operation last year.

The YFZ Ranch still hauls their garbage to the city's landfill where it pays by the ton for disposal.

Council members present for Monday's meeting included Mayor John Nikolauk, council members Stacy Haynes, Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Richard Mendez and Dorothy Dacy.

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

Meals for Friends Menu



MONDAY March 16, 2009

Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit, Milk

TUESDAY March 17th

Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

WEDNESDAY March 18th

Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk

THURSDAY March 19th

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DPS urges Texans to have a safe Spring Break

The DPS wants Spring Breakers to have fun, but to keep common sense and safety as their constant companions.

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"Having fun is fine, but getting a DWI or other criminal offense that will be on your record forever is not a good way to go about it," said

DPS Director Col. Stanley Clark. "The drinking age in Texas is still 21 and you face criminal charges if you are underage and drive with any detectable amount of alcohol in your system."

DPS is offering several tips for a safe Spring Break.

- Don't drink and drive, and wear your seat belt.
- Find a sober friend to do the driving.
- Keep a fresh driver behind the

wheel, or stop every couple of hours to rest.

- Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained.
- Don't text while driving, and save your cell phone minutes for when your car is not moving.
- Don't leave your drink unattended, and don't accept drinks from strangers.
- Keep your friends close.
- Exercise caution if you travel to Mexico.

USDA Celebrates National Ag Day

ELDORADO — American agriculture is responsible for providing the necessities of everyday life ... food, fiber, and even fuel. That's the message of National Ag Day, which is celebrated March 20, 2009. According to Jan Wanoreck Full Name, Executive Director of USDA's Farm

Service Agency in Schleicher-Sutton/Val Verde County - producers, agricultural associations, corporations, universities, government agencies and countless others across America will gather to celebrate the abundance provided by agriculture on this first day of spring.

"The National Ag Day program is committed to increasing public awareness about American agriculture," said Wanoreck. "As the world population soars, there is even greater demand for the food, fiber and renewable resources that the United States produces."

The Agriculture Council of America, organizers of National Ag Day, says that every American should understand how food, fiber and renewable resource products are produced and should value the essential role of agriculture in maintaining a strong economy. Consumers should appreciate the role agriculture plays in providing safe, abundant and affordable products. National Ag Day will focus on

educating Americans about the industry, so they may also acknowledge and consider career opportunities in the agriculture, food, fiber and renewable resource industry.

"Today's farmer feeds more than 130 people in the United States and abroad," said Wanoreck. "In 1960, that number was 25. Today, more than 15 percent of the U.S. population is employed in farm or farm-related jobs."

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