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Henderson family ranch honored by Texas Heritage Land Program 114 years of operation by the same family

Descendants of Schleicher County pioneer Sam Houston Henderson will be recognized in Austin on Friday, March 19, 2004, as their family ranch is honored by the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program. The program showcases family farms and ranches that have been continuously operated by the same family for at least 100 years. In the case of the Henderson family, the timeline stretches almost 115 years.

This unique program honors much more than mere ownership of land," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "The Family Land Heritage program keeps history alive by chronicling the stories of adversity and triumph that go along with keeping a farm or ranch in the same family for more than a century. These stories might otherwise be lost forever."

The process of nominating the Henderson Ranch was begun by Chandra Jayn Jonas of San Angelo and her mother Shane Marise Henderson as they filed out an extensive questionnaire. Among the Henderson family members who will be on hand for the recognition ceremony will be several members of the family's fourth generation of ranchers and partners in Henderson Ranches, Ltd., including Sam Houston Henderson, Jr.; Shane Marise Henderson; Thomas Hunter Henderson and Forrest Dean Henderson. Also sharing the honors will be their parents Sam Houston Hender-

son Sr. and his wife Viola Wood Henderson.

The Henderson Ranches, Ltd. acquired the property in 1994 which consists of 3,410 of the original acres. The partnership continues to adhere to many of the principals of cattle production taught to the owners by their father and grandfather. Commercial Brangus Cows are bred to range-type Charolais bulls. Also added have been a group of Santa Cruz cows straight off the King Ranch because of their survivability in harsh drought conditions which often plagues West Texas ranchers. In 1994 the partnership diversified into hunting and managing their white tail deer and turkey populations and in 1997 started a family-managed outfitting business Mesquite River Outfitters. The family was award in 2000 the Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District Wildlife Conservationist of the Year. The ranch has been under partnership control for last 10 years with Sam Henderson Jr. and his sister Shane Marise co-managers of the ranch.

The ranch's founder, Sam Houston Henderson, was born in San Saba County on August 24, 1860. He learned to be a cattleman at a young age. His father, James Elias Henderson, Sr., originally moved to Bastrop County from Tennessee in 1832, with his uncle Sam Houston, hero of San Jacinto and the first President of the Republic of Texas. James served in the Texas Rangers and later fought under Houston at the battle of San Jacinto. In return for his military service, James was paid like all the other soldiers in the Texas Army, with land certificates.

As a young man of 17, Sam H. Henderson camped on Kickapoo Creek in Concho County, where he bought 150 head of cattle from a herd his brother, James Elias, Jr. had brought from San Saba County. Sam H branded the cattle with his DHE brand. Within a year he built a dugout with a sod roof, where he lived for four or five years. Then, in 1883 Sam H. bought three sections of land and later filed on four more. After building a proper house on the Kickapoo, he brought his bride Martha Ellen Owen to the ranch. Together they had eight children, Bird, Thomas Rice, Mary, Martha, Alice, Rector, Sammie and Mozelle.

Sam H. Henderson acquired more land in 1889, this time some 1,280 acres in Schleicher County. He bought the land from J.W. Bates who acquired the first 640 acres of the parcel in 1884 from the State Land Board. Ultimately, Sam H. Henderson accumulated over



COURTESY PHOTO BY CHARLIE BRADLEY

All in the Family — The Henderson Ranch in Schleicher County will be recognized on Friday by the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Land Heritage Program. The ranch has been in the family for 114 years. Current operators are (L-R) Forrest Dean Henderson, Shane Marise Henderson, Viola Henderson, Sam Henderson, Sr., Thomas Hunter Henderson, Sam Henderson, Jr.

100,000 acres of land in Concho, San Saba, and Tom Green Counties, with an additional 5,000 acres in Schleicher County alone.

In 1904 the Henderson family moved to Schleicher County. In 1907 he moved his business headquarters to San Angelo where he was a stockholder and director of the Bank and Trust Company, later the Central National Bank. In that same year he built the family home, still standing at 207 South Park Street in San Angelo.

Second generation owner Thomas Rice Henderson expanded the ranch by 5,180 acres between 1930-1950. Born in Concho County, Thomas Rice joined

his father at the Schleicher County Ranch in the Spring of 1904, along with his mother and siblings. While being a cattleman by birth, Tom gradually diversified by bringing in sheep. Tom raised Delaine-Rambouillet cross ewes with purebred Ramouillet and Delaine rams to produce a popular crossbred. He also kept a small herd of registered Hereford cattle, quarter horses and Thoroughbreds. Tom married Fern Ortha Ward who passed away. They had three children Jeanette (deceased), Thomas Rice, Jr. (deceased) and Sam Houston Henderson. His second wife was Matabelle Jack and they had one child Jacqueline. Third generation rancher Sam Hous-

ton Henderson Sr. was named after his grandfather, the ranch's founder, and spent the next 80 years on the land that bears the family name. He lives there still where he is active in raising cattle and resurrecting the DHE brand. His only break from ranching came when he served during World War II as a paratrooper in the 101 Airborne. After the war, Sam brought his new bride Viola Wood of San Angelo to the ranch house where they have lived in since 1945 with their three sons, Sam, Jr., Thomas Hunter, Forrest Dean, and daughter Shane Marise.

Viola served as Schleicher County
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Timeline Henderson Ranch

1889-1924

Sam Houston Henderson

1924-1969

Thomas Rice Henderson

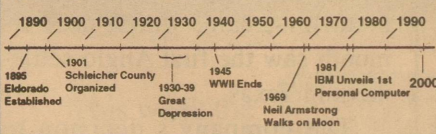
1969-1994

Sam Houston Henderson, Sr.

1994-2004

The Henderson Ranches, Ltd.

Spanning the years with a Schleicher County tradition



Sting operation sends one to jail

When jail officials discovered a small quantity of marijuana inside the Schleicher County lockdown about three weeks ago, they were determined to find out how the contraband was making it into the facility, and who was bringing it. A couple of weeks of close surveillance soon revealed that the pot was being dropped just outside the jail where it could be easily retrieved by a jail trusty.

"We weren't going to stand for that," said Chief Deputy George Arispe. So, another week of planning ensued and a sting operation was put in place Arispe said.

The plan involved setting up a video camera and stationing several law enforcement officers nearby. The trap was sprung when two women, accompanied by a young child, parked on the courthouse square and began picking up pecans. When one of the women dropped

a bag of marijuana near the base of the Mias Amigas Bell, and pushed it against the concrete structure with her foot, Deputy Jason Chatham, who was video taping the whole thing, called in the other lawmen.

Sheriff David Doran, Chief Deputy George Arispe, Deputy Kevin Herbert and DPS Trooper Danny Nunez quickly swarmed the scene and the two women were taken into custody. The child was released to relatives and one of the women was subsequently freed without charges being filed.

The other, Bonnie Sue Lowe, 54, was booked into the jail, however, and charged with possession of marijuana, less than two ounces, and transporting a prohibited substance into a correctional facility. She was later released on a \$3,000.00 surety bond and a \$1,000.00 personal recognizance bond.

Burglar breaks window, pilfers cash at B.J.'s Garage

Schleicher County authorities are seeking information regarding the identity of the person or persons who broke into the office at B.J.'s Garage & Wrecker Service at 216 SW Main Street, sometime during the early morning hours on Friday, March 12, 2004. Joe Key, pro-

prietor of the business, discovered the break in when he arrived for work that same morning.

Deputy Jason Chatham responded to the call and set about sifting through chards of broken glass in hopes of gathering evidence. Chatham noted that ap-

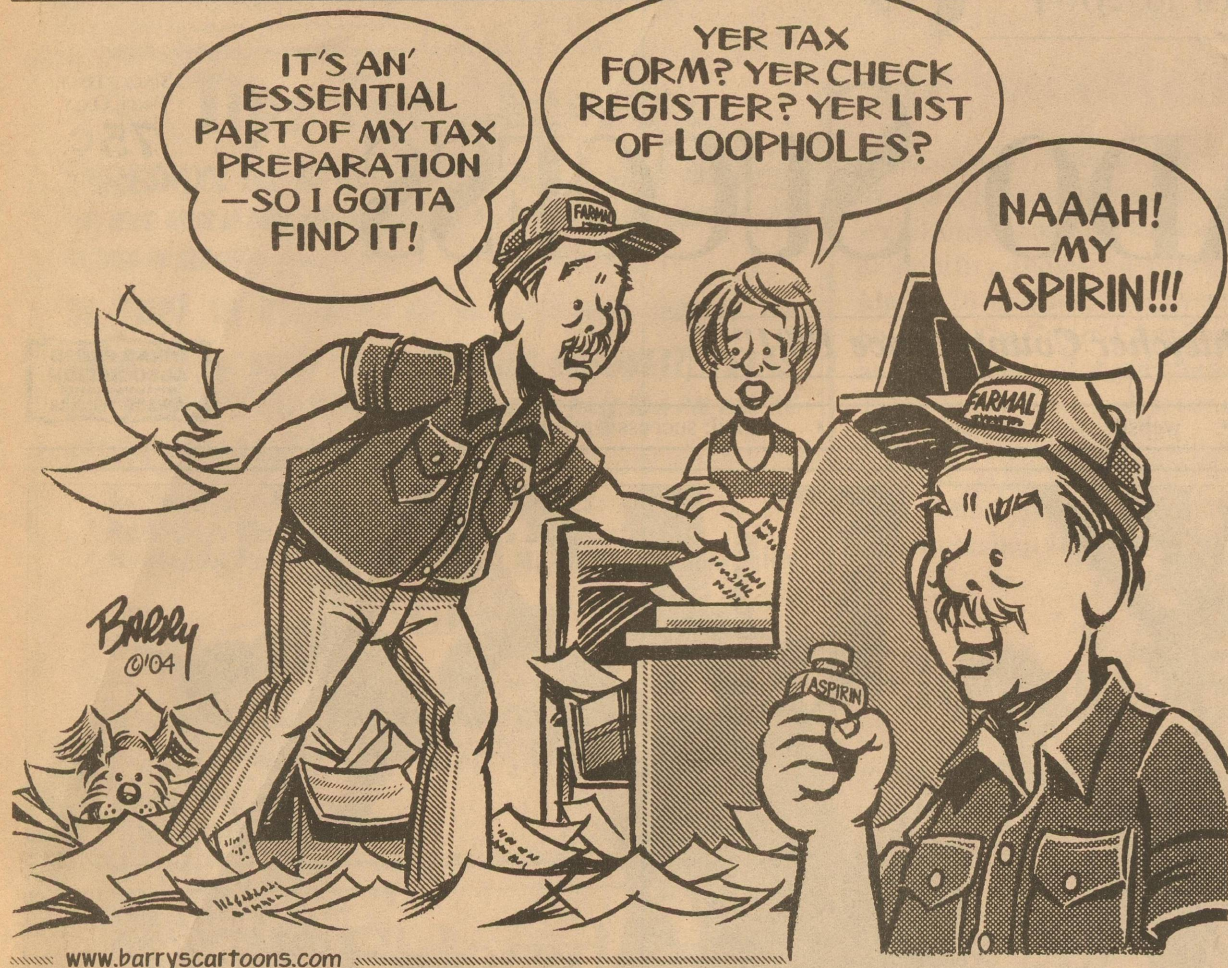
proximately \$250 in cash was missing from the business and a plate-glass front window had been smashed.

Persons with information about the case are encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. at 325-853-2737.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Through the looking glass — Deputy Jason Chatham sifted through chards of glass and other debris last Friday morning in hopes of finding a clue that might lead him to the perpetrator of a burglary at B.J.'s Garage & Wrecker Service on SW Main Street. The culprit reportedly broke the front window at the business and made away with some \$250 in cash.

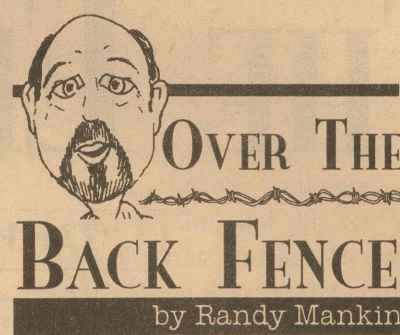


The world could use another Churchill

Did you ever notice how history has a way of repeating itself?

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Okay, okay...you get the point. Unfortunately, most folks on the European continent do not. A mere seven decades ago, somewhat less than an average human life-span, the erudite leaders of Europe, convinced by the recently completed War to End All Wars that modern warfare had become too horrific to contemplate, chose not to face down an upstart German politician named Hitler and his small band of brown-shirted followers. Consequently, the little corporal went unchecked and parlayed his oratorical skills into a military powerhouse that swept the whole world back into war.

Back then, the catch word was appeasement, meaning give the maniac what he wants — as long as it doesn't cost me anything — and maybe he will leave us alone. The problem was then as it is now,

appeasement doesn't sate the appetite, it stimulates it, as the appeasers would learn to their horror.

There was this one guy though, a pugnacious little Englishman named Churchill, who by that time had been fairly well discredited as a militaristic kook. He, and he alone, warned Europe emerging threat in Germany. And, when the wheels fell off of the collective European cart, it was Churchill the British people finally turned to him to pull their ox out of the ditch.

In recent years, political scientists have trumpeted the wisdom of the masses an theorized that modern democracies are less likely to find themselves drawn accidentally into war. It's far easier, they reason, to trick a few elite leaders than it is to mislead a nation full of informed voters.

Witness what happened in Spain this week. With elections only days away, a few strategically placed bombs killed a couple of hundred and maimed several hundred more. Terrorist groups linked to Al Qaeda claimed responsibility and warned the Spanish people to distance themselves from America's war on terrorism. The result, a resounding defeat for the current government and a sharp turn toward appeasement in Madrid.

Churchill foresaw some of this. Remember that his own people swept him out of office just as soon as it appeared that victory over Germany was imminent.

"Appeasement is a narcotic. It is enticing, promising much at little cost," Churchill said. "It tempts us all and no one is immune to its spell. Still, sound men must resist such indolence and stand against tyranny where ever it is found. To do otherwise would be to tempt the fate that so often befell our predecessors."

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Winston Churchill noticed and he warned us. We would do well to remember his words.

A Texas Horned Toad in New Jersey

During World War Two, Bill Palmos of Hearne was in the Naval Air Corps stationed at Lakehurst, New Jersey. During a bull session with some residents in town, the main topic of conversation was frogs.



by Tumbleweed Smith

Bill told he group "I didn't see any horny frogs up here."

He then proceeded to tell the group about Texas Horned Toads and how dangerous they were.

"We told them if it bit you or spit blood in your eye it could put your eye out or do some real damage to you."

Everybody in the group thought he was joking. The general comment was something like this:

"O, yeah, yeah. Sure you've got frogs down there with horns on them."

George said he couldn't convince them so he called home and

told his folks to get a horned frog and put it in a nickel match box and mail it to him.

"I told them they didn't need to put any food in there, he could live several days. I said to wrap up the box real good, get an ice pick and punch some holes in it so he can get some air and won't die and send it by parcel post. I believed he would get to New Jersey alive."

Sure enough, the package arrived in two days and when Bill opened the box, he saw that the horned toad survived the trip very well.

"We fixed a harness for him out of wire, attached a fishing line to

it and tied it to a stake in the ground. We had an ant bed at the front of the barracks so he could get something to eat."

Bill went to town and started telling people about the horned frog from Texas.

"He would go under the steps all the time and we'd get that line and pull that frog out to show people. They were scared of that thing.

They wouldn't get anywhere near it because they were convinced it would spit blood in their eyes and they'd go blind."

Bill told them to stay away from it because it was dangerous.

"The Captain made me get rid of it because so many people were coming on the base to see it. The horned toad was much alive when we turned him loose."

Bill had a ball in New Jersey. One time he was bragging about the size of Texas watermelons and nobody believed Texas had watermelons that weighed more than a hundred pounds.

He had his folks carve his name and address in a Texas-sized watermelon and ship it to him. They did and once again, people flocked on the base to see that big melon.

"Those people up there learned a lot about Texas," says Bill.

Governor visits Italy on trade mission

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry this week is in Italy — the boot-shaped country, not the town in Ellis County — to try to interest Italian officials in doing some business in a state with a boot-shaped culture.

The governor will try to interest Italian companies in locating plants in Texas, or expanding Italian-owned businesses already here. He traveled at the invitation of the Italian prime minister and Texas consul general.

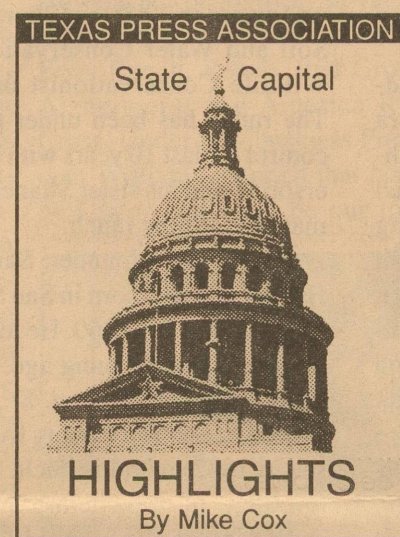
Though taxpayers are not picking up the tab for the four-day trip to the European country, the Democratic party pulled no punches in saying what it thought of the trip.

Party Chairman Charles Soechting said he hoped Perry would discover a solution to the state's school financing problems "in an Italian gondola ... because it sure doesn't seem to be anywhere near the Texas Capitol."

Kathy Walt, the governor's press secretary, countered that Perry "has made economic development a cornerstone of his administration" and likely has been "the most active governor we've ever had in terms of economic development and job creation."

Election alters landscape...

Last week's primary produced a couple of surprises — losses by



two longtime incumbents. Thirty-year House veteran Rep. Ron Wilson (D-Houston) was turned out of office, as was Rep. Glenn Lewis (D-Fort Worth.)

Both lawmakers still will be able to participate in a special session on school finance, but the long term picture has definitely changed, since both representatives are members of the House Select Committee on School Finance

Property tax plan...

While he was packing for the out-of-country trip, Perry laid out a four-point plan he said would provide relief to Texas property taxpayers.

What the governor said he would like to see the Legislature do is limit homestead property tax

appraisal increases to 3 percent a year, limit the amount of revenue local governments can generate from property taxes, require sales price disclosure on real property and create elected appraisal district boards.

Under the plan, local governments would be limited to tax income equal to the previous year's revenue adjusted for inflation and population growth. The plan also would allow a local governmental entity needing a tax increase above the cap to seek voter approval. With a simple majority, taxes could still be raised.

Goodbye to pollution source...

Glen Rose writer John Graves wrote his classic, "Goodbye to a River" back in 1960, realizing a planned dam would change the Brazos River forever.

The river survived the building of lakes along its course, but anglers and other Texans concerned about the stream's quality had more recently been worried about the effect runoff from a rock quarrying operation was having on the stream.

After nearly nine months of effort on the part of the Office of the Attorney General, Osborne Stone Co. agreed recently to close its rock mining site near the river in Santo and pick up the tab for a mitigation effort to stop dirt from washing into the river. That runoff had been playing havoc with the environmental quality of the historic stream, which near its mouth saw the first Anglo settlement in Texas.

The company's decision to abandon the site came after the Office of the Attorney General got a second temporary injunction closing the operation because of the pollution problems.

Lubbock in your rearview mirror...

Whether it's getting back to the basics at Luckenbach or seeing Lubbock in your rearview mirror, music and Texas go together like barbecue and potato salad.

For those interested in Texas' musical history, and what's happening in the state's music scene today, the Texas Department of Transportation's Travel Division has a new tourism publication out, "Sites & Sounds: A Texas Music Road Trip."

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OBITUARIES

Bettie Garrett Sproul

SAN ANGELO — Bettie Garrett Sproul died March 12, 2004 in Meadow Creek Nursing Center. Graveside services were Monday, March 15, at 3:30 p.m. in Fairmount Cemetery with Grosse Mohler of First United Methodist Church officiating.

Bettie was born April 8, 1906 in San Patricia County to Price and Lula Garrett. Her father was a Methodist minister. She graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College in San Marcos, Texas, and was a home economics teacher in Rockdale and Eldorado prior to her marriage.

She married W.C. (Bill) Sproul on May 7, 1943, in Mason, Texas, and was partners with him in the Sproul Food Store in Menard until their retirement in

1975. She was a member of the Friendship Sunday school class, The Women's Society and First United Methodist church of San Angelo.

She was predeceased by her husband, her parents, two sisters, two brothers and a special niece, Bettie Ruth Garrett.

She is survived by a nephew, Allen Garrett of Carmel, Ind.; one niece, Mary Haliday of Gurden, Ark. Also surviving her are Sue Cannon of Abilene; Jean Hunnicutt of San Angelo; Hal Knight of College Station; C.R. Sproul of Eldorado; and a special friend, Genevieve McWhorter.

Memorials may be sent to the First United Methodist Church, 37 E. Beauregard, San Angelo, Texas, 76901 or to a favorite charity.



Newly ordained — Mr. and Mrs. Taylor King posed for the camera on Sunday, March 7, 2004, shortly after he had been ordained as the newest deacon at Community Baptist Church of Eldorado

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 3/18	Fri 3/19	Sat 3/20	Sun 3/21	Mon 3/22
79/54	82/53	76/56	79/52	75/52
Sunny skies. High 79F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	Sunny. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the low 50s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 50s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the low 50s.

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Assault Victim Services offers volunteer training academy

Assault Victim Services is pleased to announce its Spring 2004 Volunteer Training Academy. We will begin training new volunteer advocates on March 27, 2004.

Training is open to men and women, 18 and up, who are interested in becoming an advocate for victims of sexual assault and other violent crime in the Concho Valley. Trainees will complete a 40-hour curriculum covering such topics as the medical and legal aspects of sexual assault/abuse and crisis intervention techniques.

Space is still available in this class! No experience is required. Upon completion of training, volunteer advocates will be qualified to staff the hotline and provide advocacy and accompaniment services to victims of crime and their significant others.

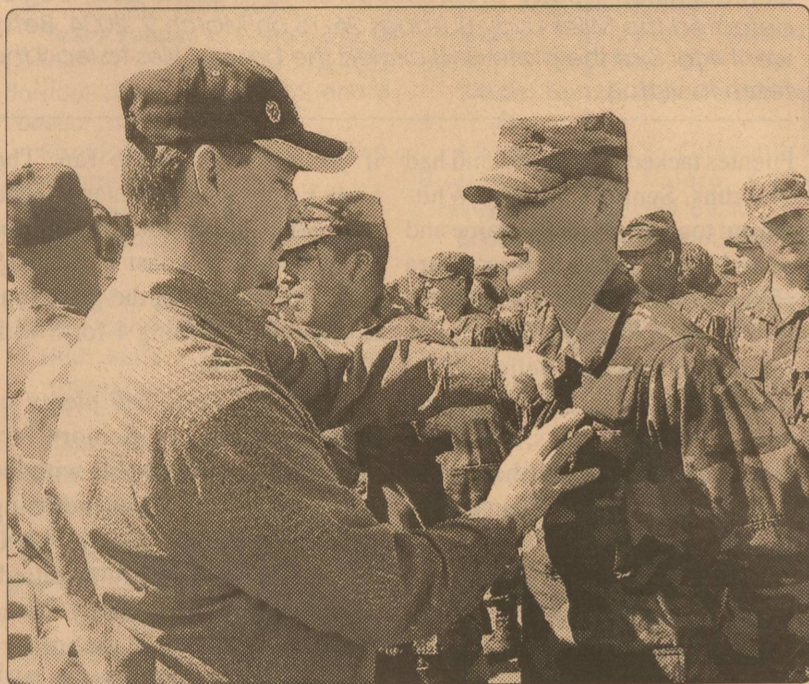
Prospective volunteers must schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance

into the training program. For more information, or to schedule an interview, please call Sarah Duerstine, Director of Volunteer Services, at 325-944-8728.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, March 22**
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, March 23**
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, March 24**
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, March 25**
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
- Friday, March 26**
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni & Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk



COURTESY PHOTO

Airborne Wings — PV2 David R. Doran received his Airborne wings recently following an intensive 3-week-long jump training school at Ft. Benning, GA. Doran's father, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, himself a U.S. Army veteran, had the honor of pinning on his son's wings during graduation ceremonies.



PV2 David Ray Doran

PV2 David Ray Doran recently completed the U.S. Army's Airborne training school in Ft. Benning, GA. Following graduation, he enjoyed a leave at home in Eldorado before deploying to South Korea.

Airborne training involves an intensive 3-week program beginning with Ground Week. The purpose of Ground Week is to build individual airborne skills, which will prepare the soldier to make a parachute jump and land safely. Training is carried on a mock door, the 34 foot tower, and the lateral drift apparatus (LDA). To go forward to Tower Training Week, trainees must individually qualify on the 34 foot tower, the LDA, and pass all PT requirements.

Individual skills learned during Ground Week are refined during Tower Week as trainees work on team effort and the "mass exit" concept is added to the training. The apparatuses used this week are the 34-foot towers, the swing landing trainer (SLT), the mock door for mass exit training, the suspended harness, and the 250-foot free tower. Tower Week completes individual skill training and builds team effort skills. To go forward

to Jump Training Week trainees must qualify on the SLT, master all areas of training they received during Tower Week.

Successful completion of the previous two weeks of training prepares the trainee for Jump Week. Graduation is normally conducted at 1100 on Friday of Jump Week at the south end of Eubanks Field on the Airborne Walk at Ft. Benning.

Guests and family members are welcome to observe all of the jumps at the DZ, attend the graduation ceremony, and participate in awarding the wings.

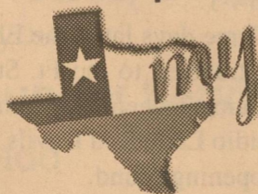
PV2 Doran is a 2003 graduate of Eldorado High School. His parents, David and Lenette Doran and sister Krista Doran were on hand for the graduation ceremony.

ALL SHOWS TIMES APPLY FRIDAY-SUNDAY

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- TAKING LIVES (R) 1:30 * 4:40 * 7:20 9:45
- AGENT CODY BANKS 2 dts PG 1:50 * 4:15 * 7:10 9:30
- HIDALGO dts (PG-13) 1:00 * 4:00 * 7:00 9:55
- DIRTY DANCING HAWAIIAN NIGHTS (PG-13) 2:10 * 4:30 * 7:10 9:30
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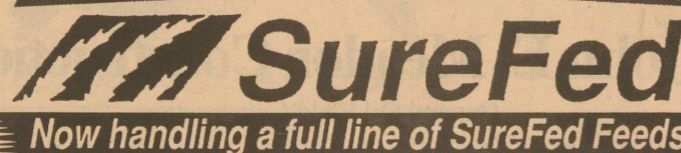
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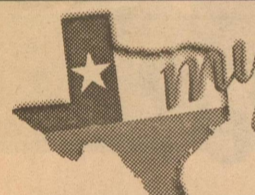
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School Lunch Menu



BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, March 22
Biscuits/Gravy, Jelly, Ham, Orange Juice, Milk

Tuesday, March 23
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Apple Sauce, Milk

Wednesday, March 24
Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk

Thursday, March 25
Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk

Friday, March 26
Glazed Donuts, Cheese Slices, Choice of Juice, Pear Halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

Monday, March 22
McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Pork-N-Beans, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, March 23
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Carrot Stix, Dip, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, March 24
Pepperoni Pizza, Bread Stixs, Tossed Salad, Apple Sauce, Cookies

Thursday, March 25
Taco Roll, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Pear Halves

Friday, March 26
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves, Sack Lunch Day

CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, March 22
Cheese Pizza, Bread Stix, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Mixed Fruit

Tuesday, March 23
Chicken Fried Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potato, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, March 24
Soft Tacos, Cheese Cups, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Thursday, March 25
Super Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Carrot Stix, Dip, Pear Halves

Friday, March 26
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves, Sack Lunch Day

Lady Eagles softball squad improves with time

Tuesday, March 16, the Eldorado Lady Eagles lost, 13-0 to Brady, to open their 2004 season. Betsy Green, Clara Herrera, Melinda Hernandez, Courtney Whitten, Ashley Doran and Jessica Robertson each contributed at the plate for the Eldorado girls but the Lady Bulldogs proved to be too much for the young, and inexperienced team.

The Lady Eagles saw their next action on Saturday, March 20th, when they fell to the Lakeview JV team 24-9 in the San Angelo Tournament. Courtney Whitten, Betsy Green, Melinda Hernandez, Clara Herrera, Amanda Figueroa and Samantha Rodriguez provided the Lady Eagles offensive punch, but the Lakeview girls never let up with their bats and Eldorado just couldn't close the gap.

The second game of the tourney proved to be a better one later that day for Coach Gibson's Lady Eagles as their bats awoke and they pounded out 29 runs against the Miles Lady Bulldogs. The offensive show was necessary, however, as the Miles girls provided 23 runs of their own.

Eldorado got opportunistic hitting from Rachael Fuentes, who knocked in a run on three hits. Betsy Green and Selina Rojas earned four runs apiece. Clara Herrera was patient at the plate, taking three walks. Sophomore Melinda Hernandez finished the day with three runs and two hits. Courtney Whitten provided a pair of hits and scored three runs. Junior Sheryl Alexander hit safely twice and also chipped in with two walks. Sophomore Samantha Rodriguez touched home twice and also added an RBI.

The win was the Lady Eagles first of the year and set the team up for a rematch with the Brady Lady Bulldogs, the team that skunked them 13-0 only four days earlier.

The Lady Eagles found revenge sweet as they upended the Lady Bulldogs 13-12. They depended on Amanda Figueroa for well-timed hitting. The junior brought home a pair of runs on three hits. Clara Herrera finished 3-for-4 and Karina Sanchez laced two hits in two at bats. Jessica Robertson ripped two hits, knocking in one run. Selina Rojas furnished two runs scored and stroked one hit. Courtney Whitten circled the bases twice for the Lady Eagles and a keen eye on the ball earned Charlotte Adame and Betsy Green three walks each.

The Lady Eagles would fall to Junction 6-4 in the Consolation game of the San Angelo tourney. They faced the same Junction Lady Eagles team on March 2 and lost 14-1.

Three days later, the Eldorado girls traveled to the Ft. Stockton tournament where they stunned the Presidio Lady Red Devils 10-3 in the opening round.

Junior Jessica Robertson finished 3-for-4 a pair of extra base hits and brought home a pair of runs to pace the Eagles. Rachael



Contact hitter — Betsy Green belted out a hit as the Lady Eagles defeated the Miles Lady Bulldogs 26-15 on March 9, 2004. Betsy went 4 for 5 at the plate and circled the bases 4 times to lead the team to victory.

Fuentes tacked on two hits and had two runs. Senior Courtney Whitten put together a 2-for-2 game and added three runs. Senior Clara Herrera, who walked twice, scored two runs. Samantha Rodriguez roped two hits and Selina Rojas finished 2-for-3. Ashley Doran, who earned two walks, also had a run. Anna Fuentes finished 1-for-3, while Sheryl Alexander chipped in with a walk.

The Lady Eagles then fell 19-9 to the Kermit Lady Yellowjackets in the second round of the tourney but bounced back to defeat the Crane JV 19-3 and picked up another win when Marfa forfeited.

But the Lady Eagles would drop the next two, 15-5 to Crane and 17-3 to Kermit.

All in all, it wasn't a bad performance, though. The Lady Eagles were in contention in the tournament and Clara Herrera and Courtney Whitten were named to the Ft. Stockton All-Tournament Team.

The Lady Eagles returned to Eldorado to host the Miles Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday, March 9th and it a beautiful day for softball,

if you're an Eldorado fan. The Lady Eagles took advantage of and offensive masterpiece by junior Betsy Green to coast to a 26-15 win. Green crossed the plate four times while finishing 4-for-5 with an extra base hit.

The EHS girls had plenty of other weapons, too. Senior Clara Herrera was unstoppable with the bat, going 3-for-3 and notching four runs. Junior Sheryl Alexander, who got three runs-batted-in, roped four hits. Ashley Doran had four runs. The sophomore also recorded two hits and an RBI. Selina Rojas posted three hits (including a double and two singles). The junior also knocked in a pair of runs and took two walks. Sophomore Samantha Rodriguez, who posted two RBIs, stroked three hits (including one for extra bases). Courtney Whitten's hitting eye was in focus, as she ripped a pair of hits (including a double). Freshman Anna Fuentes was a constant threat on the base paths, roping three hits. Sophomore Melinda Hernandez produced a 2-for-4 game and contributed two runs.

Warbirds Down Bulldogs 13-4

On Tuesday March 9th the Warbirds traveled to Miles to take on the Bulldogs. After an early struggle the Eagles' bats exploded and they were able to come away with a 13-4 victory.

The Eagles struck first in the top of the first scoring one run. Jared Grubbs was hit by a pitch and scored with two outs on a Joey Hernandez single up the middle. The Eagles struck again in the top of the third. Trey Chavez doubled off of the left center field fence and then was driven in by an Alan Dykstra double down the left field line. Entering the fifth inning the Eagles found themselves trailing 4-2. This is when the Eagles bats

exploded. Jared Grubbs lead off the inning with a solo home run to center field igniting the Eagles and the rally was on. Trey Chavez followed with a solo shot of his own to left field to knot the score at 4-4. One out later Joey Hernandez homered to left to give the Eagles the lead that they wouldn't give up again.

In the sixth inning the Eagles tallied five more runs to stake themselves to an 11-4 lead. Frankie Arispe reached base on an error by the first baseman, Jared Grubbs followed with a single and Trey Chavez hit a monstrous home run to left to score three more runs. Dykstra was hit by a pitch and singles by Joey Hernandez, Homer Hernandez, Andy Mejia, and Caleb Nixon accounted for two more runs. The Eagles tacked on two more runs in the top of the seventh to make the final score 13-4.

The Eagles used five pitchers in the game. Alan Dykstra pitched a scoreless first. Homer Hernandez followed with two innings of work giving up one unearned run. Trey Chavez followed with a 1/3 of an innings work giving up three runs two of which were unearned. Frankie Arispe came in to pitch two innings of scoreless ball picking up the win to push his record to 3-0. Ryan Cathey came in to earn the save pitching an inning and a 1/3. Cathey struck out four of the six batters he faced earning his second save. The Eagles are now 6-2 on the year.

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End over end — Noel E. Camara, 22, of Danville, CA., was taken by EMS ambulance March 10th, to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment following this one vehicle rollover some 16 miles east of Eldorado on US 190. DPS Trooper Danny Nunez, show at left inspecting the wreck, reports that Camara was driving westbound when he drifted across the eastbound lane, overcorrected and lost control of his 1990 Toyota. The car struck an embankment before flipping end over end and landing in the westbound lane. Camara, who was the lone occupant, was cited for failure to control speed. His pet dog was killed in the wreck.

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

by: Barbara Jackson

Dorothy Clark, Dorothy Dacy, Barbara Jackson, Flora Hubble, Geneva Wade, and Mary Nolen were all in attendance as Kappa Delta Preceptor met in the home of Kim'et Nelson on March 9, 2004.

Business discussed was a possible bake sale this upcoming Founder's Day banquet to be held on April 27th. Mrs. Nelson was to check on a meeting place.

Dorothy Dacy gave a fun program on "Name this Baby Boomer Tune". Mrs. Nelson named the most tunes, but some of us in the older age category didn't do so well. I'm not saying who the three of us were!!

The hostess served vegetables, dips, cheese, crackers and tea. Mary Nolen won the "sunshine gift". The next meeting is March 23, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in the home of Barbara Jackson.

Middle School tracksters see plenty of action

Sonora Colt Relays
February 27, 2004
7th Grade Boys
Team Totals: 1. Crane, 243; 2. Ozona 127; 3. Reagan Co., 75; 4. Eldorado, 55; 5. Sonora, 52 and 6. Junction, 49.
Shot Put: 5. Troy Russell, 29'; 6. Uriel Barrientos, 28' 1/2"
Discus: 5. Troy Russell, 81'1"
800m Run: 5. Dustin Ramirez, 2:39.8
Long Jump: 3. Joseph Turnbull, 13'2"; 6. Johnny Mejia, 12'8 1/2"
High Jump: 1. Rance Cathey, 4'8"
100m Dash: 6. Rolando Gonzales, 13.73
400m Dash: 5. Johnny Mejia, 1:08.85; 6. Dustin Ramirez, 1:08.95
200m Dash: 4. Rolando Gonzales, 28.90; 5. Lony Alfaro, 29.31
1600m Relay: 3. Eldorado 4:46.20

8th Grade Boys
Team Score Totals: 1. Crane, 179; 2. Reagan Co., 161; 3. Sonora, 146; 4. Ozona 73; 5. Eldorado, 67; 6. Junction, 10.
Shot Put: 5. Pedro Garcia, 34'9"
2400m Run: 1. David Ramirez, 9:33.18
110m Hurdles: 2. J.P. Joiner, 18.33
200m Dash: 6. Pedro Garcia, 27.63
1600m Relay: 4. Eldorado, 4:34.75
300 Hurdles: 4. J.P. Joiner - 48.77

Reagan County Relays
March 5, 2004
7th Grade Girls
Team Totals: 1. Alpine, 171; 2. Sonora, 107; 3. Reagan County, 80; 4. Eldorado, 7; 5. Greenwood, 58; 6. Grape Creek, 40; 7. Ozona, 37; 8. McCamey.
Long Jump: 3. Cassandra Buitron, 12'5"; 12. Bridget Mitchell 10'3"; 14. Darci Graves, 9'8"
Triple Jump: 2. Cassandra Buitron, 25'10"; 7. Darci Graves,

24'7"; 8. Bridget Mitchel, 23'
Shot Put: 1. Jessica Valero, 22'3"; 3. Meg Griffin, 21'9"
Discus: 6. Jessica Valero, 55'10"; 11. Meg Griffin, 0'7"
2400m Run: 5. Marcela Huerta, 11:57.00
400m Relay: 3. Cassandra Buitron, Jessica Valero, Darci Graves, Bridget Mitchel, 59.40
800m Dash: 5. Bridget Mitchel, 3:08.00
100m Dash: 2. Jessica Valero, 14.55; 4. Darci Graves, 15.04; 17. Meg Griffin, 17.92
400m Dash: 1. Cassandra Buitron, 1:10.92; 8. Meg Griffin, 1:28.27
200m Dash: 3. Cassandra Buitron, 31.24; 4. Jessica Valero, 32.24; Darci Graves - 13" 34.17
1600m Run: 6. Bridget Mitchel, 7:26.14; 10. Marcela Huerta, 8:00.00

7th Grade Boys
Team Totals: 1. Ozona, 182; 2. Sonora, 123; 3. Eldorado, 81.50; 4. Greenwood, 51.50; 5. Grape Creek, 6. Alpine; 7. McCamey and 8. Reagan Co.
Long Jump: 9. Johnny Mejia, 12-08.25; 10. Joseph Turnbull, 12-05.00; 14. Austin Grubbs 12-04.25
High Jump: 3. Rance Cathey, 4-10.00
Shot Put: 4. Troy Russell, 30-10.25
Discus: 6. Uriel Barrientos, 77-07
400 Yard Relay: 3. Rolando Gonzales, Joseph Turnbull, Johnny Mejia, Lony Alfaro, 55.04
800 Yard Run: Finals: 1. Dustin Ramirez, 2:36.00; 5. Austin Grubbs, 2:56.00.
100 Yard Dash: 2. Rolando Gonzales - 13.83; 5. Joseph Turnbull 14.08
400 Yard Run: 3. Dustin

Ramirez, 1:07.74; 4. Johnny Mejia, 1:07.83; 7. Rance Cathey, 1:12.86
200 Yard Dash: 3. Rolando Gonzales, 29.90; 4. Lony Alfaro, 29.92;
1600 Yard Relay: 2. Rance Cathey, Dustin Ramirez, Joseph Turnbull, Johnny Mejia, 4:43.00.
8th Grade Girls
Team Totals: 1. Reagan County-128.33; 2. Sonora-121.33; 3. Alpine-89.33; 4. Ozona-84; 5. McCamey-78; 6. Greenwood-55; 7. Grape Creek-23; 8. Eldorado-10.
Long Jump: 18. Amika Gonzalez, 9'6";
Triple Jump: 18. Rhapsody Swyter, 21'7"
800m Dash: 7. Leslie Cruz, 3:09
100m Hurdles: 9. Rhapsody Swyter, 21.74
100m Dash: 17. Leslie Cruz, 15.92
800m Relay: 6. Chelsey Hill, Desiree Valeriano, Leslie Cruz, Amika Gonzalez, 2:12.80
400m Dash: 5. Amika Gonzalez, 1:16.77; 6. Desiree Valeriano, 1:17.33
300m Hurdles: 4. Rhapsody Swyter, 1:05.58
200m Dash: 6. Chelsey Hill, 31.90; 8. Desiree Valeriano- 32.42; 12. Amika Gonzalez, 33.58.

8th Grade Boys
Team Totals: 1. Reagan Co. 140.60; 2. Sonora, 133; 3. Ozona, 80.20; 4. Greenwood, 76; 5. McCamey 63; 6. Eldorado, 53.60; 7. Alpine, and 8. Grape Creek.
Long Jump: 6. Pedro Garcia, 15-06.50; 22. Clayton Sauer, 12-04.50
Triple Jump: 4. J.P. Joiner, 33-04.50
High Jump: 3. J.P. Joiner, 4-10.00
Discus: 4. Clayton Sauer, 99-11; 10. Jordan Gesch, 92-00; 11. Julian Abila, 91-00

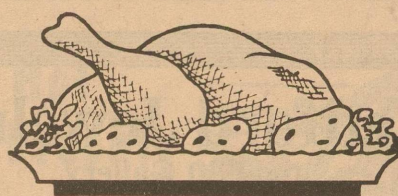
2400 Yard Run: 1. David Ramirez, 9:08.00
100 Yard Hurdles: 2. J.P. Joiner, 17.11
100 Yard Dash: 9. Manny Gonzales, 13.57; 19. Lalo Sanchez, 15.02;
400 Yard Dash: 11. Louie Buitron, 1:08.96; 17. Julian Abila, 1:21.92
300 Yard Hurdles: 1. J.P. Joiner - 50.42
200 Yard Dash: 4. Pedro Garcia - 27.34
1600 Yard Run: 1. David Ramirez - 5:58.20

Reagan Co.
March 6, 2004
High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5'2 and 3rd in Pole Vault.
1600 M: 5. Alicia Corrales, 10. Tiffany Hernandez.
3200 M: 5. Alicia Corrales
800 M: 7. Tiffany Hernandez

Lady Eagles track results

Reagan Co.
March 6, 2004
High Jump: 1. Rachel Joiner, 5'2 and 3rd in Pole Vault.
1600 M: 5. Alicia Corrales, 10. Tiffany Hernandez.
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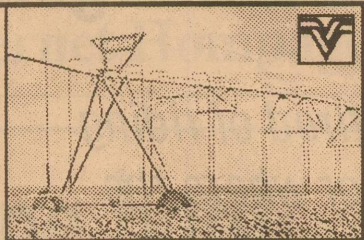
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Determination — Jessica Valero concentrated on the task at hand as she prepared to the put the shot during the Reagan County Middle School Relays held March 5th in Big Lake. Jessica won the 7th Grade Girls Division of the Shot Put with a distance of 22-3.



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Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn announced this week that state sales tax revenue in February totaled more than \$1.26 billion, up 6.2 percent compared to February 2003.

Strayhorn delivered \$303.6 million in March sales tax payments to Texas cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts, an 8.3 percent increase compared to March 2003. So far this calendar year, local sales tax rebates are up 7.4 percent compared to the first three months of 2003.

State sales tax revenue for February, and the payments made to local governments in March, are based mainly on sales that occurred in January Comptroller Strayhorn sent March sales tax payments of \$206.1 million to

Texas cities, up 9.3 percent compared to March 2003. Calendar year-to-date, city sales tax allocations are running 8 percent higher than last year. Texas counties received sales tax payments of \$17.4 million, up 4.1 percent compared to one year ago. Calendar year-to-date, county sales tax allocations are 6.5 percent higher than last year.

Another \$7.6 million went to 82 special purpose taxing districts around the state, up 1 percent compared to last March. Nine local transit systems received \$72.3 million in sales tax rebates, up 7.6 percent compared to a year ago.

Locally, the City of Eldorado's numbers dipped more than 19 percent over the same period one year ago. The Schleicher County Health Services Tax, collected by

the county for the ambulance service, and other related expenses, climbed nearly 11.5 percent while Schleicher County's rebate was up some 9.33 percent. (See chart below)

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

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, April 9.

March 2004 Sales Tax Rebates

Local Jurisdiction	March '04	March '03	% Change	2004 YTD	2003 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$ 5,462.32	\$ 6,751.98	-19.10%	\$20,024.23	\$22,835.11	-12.30%
Schleicher County	\$ 7,543.98	\$ 6,900.00	9.33%	\$19,795.10	\$20,892.44	-5.25%
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$ 7,634.10	\$ 6,850.91	11.43%	\$19,941.26	\$20,404.24	-2.26%

The Blotter

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. Incidents 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

March 6 • Lowe, Bonnie Sue, female age 54, offense Possession of Marijuana, less than 2 oz./Prohibited Substance in Correctional Facility.

March 12 • Trejo, Fabian O., male age 29, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense No Liability Insurance. Released to Border Patrol.

March 13 • Banda, Eric, male age 21, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Following to Closely. Released on citation.

March 14 • Aitchison, Ryan Kei-

th, male age 20, arresting Officer DPS trooper, offense Possession Marijuana. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

March 14 • Munoz, Cassandra, female age 22, arresting officer DPS trooper, offenses Open Container/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 oz.). Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

March 14 • Mata, Victor M., male age 23, arresting officer DPS trooper, offenses Open Container/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 oz.). Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

March 14 • Mata, Daniel, male age 21, arresting officer DPS trooper, offenses Open Container/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 oz.). Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

March 14 • Simmons, Lola Jean, female age 43, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession Controlled Substance/Drug Paraphernalia.

March 14 • Holt, Derreck L., male age 47, arresting officer DPS trooper, Possession Controlled Substance/Drug Paraphernalia.

INCIDENTS

March 9 • 9:50 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had broke into the concession stand by the baseball field. \$50 worth of candy was taken. Officer responded.

• 11:32 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about someone possibly stealing water behind City Hall. Officer responded.

March 10 • 7:00 a.m. Complainant reported 8 to 10 illegals walking down the old railroad bed.

• 4:10 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles jumping off the bleachers onto the mats at the football field. Officer responded.

• 9:17 p.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle rollover 16 miles on E. Hwy. 190. Officers and fire department responded.

March 11 • 11:45 p.m. Criminal mischief on Woodward Lane done to a pipeline company pick up. Spikes were left on the highway

right of way. Damage was four Goodrich tires valued at \$900.00. Officer responded.

• 2:07 p.m. Complainant requested a welfare check on a female who was possibly walking on the side of the road. DPS trooper responded and was unable to locate.

• 2:11 p.m. Subject reported a black Chevy pickup traveling at a high rate of speed. DPS trooper responded and located vehicle.

• 4:24 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a male subject. EMS 2 and officer responded. Patient refused transport.

March 12 • 7:48 a.m. Complainant reported a local business had been broken into. Officer responded.

• 12:31 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS1 responded.

March 13 • 2:50 a.m. Complainant called Sheriff Office and requested to speak with an officer. Subject stated they were parked outside. When officer went outside to speak with complainant subject was gone.

March 14 • 2:30 a.m. Complainant requested an complainant be made. Intoxicated boyfriend was at residence and broke door in.

• 4:46 p.m. A 911 call was made and subject requested an officer to Dorris Street.

• 6:58 p.m. Hospital requested officer about an 11 year old that received a dog bite. Two officers responded.

• 7:03 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 1 responded.

• 7:55 p.m. Security company reported an alarm going off. Called back and advised to disregard.

March 15 • 7:30 p.m. Complainant reported in person that husband had been missing for more than 24 hours. Officer responded.

• 7:31 p.m. Complainant reported a missing female beagle dog.

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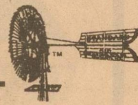


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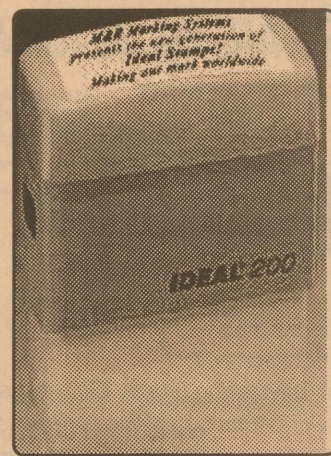
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Dears Voters,

I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to all of you that gave me support and encouragement in preparing for the March Primary Election. Although, I was not very successful, I do not regret getting out and visiting with those of you I could get around to and for giving me your time when I did do so.

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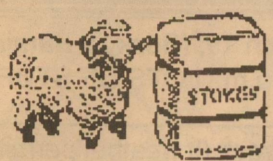
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The workshop is aimed at landowners who have opened or are thinking about opening their ranches or farms to paying guests for any recreational purpose - hunting, birding, fishing, wildlife viewing, trail rides, camping, bed and breakfasts or nature tourism. Workshop topics include wildlife economics, insurance for diversified farms and ranches and liability topics including bed and breakfasts and equine issues. Presenters

include Judon Fambrough from the Texas A&M Real Estate Center and Kirby Brown from the Texas Wildlife Association.

The cost of the conference is \$25 per person, and this fee includes breakfast, lunch, coffee and snacks. Those who register before March 19 receive a discounted rate of \$20. To register for the workshop or for lodging information, call Genora Young at (325) 869-2211 or e-mail her at

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Eldorado Woman's Club holds monthly meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, March 9, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Club Room of Amigos Dream. Theme for our meeting was "Helping Hands". Ten members and one guest were present. President Myrt Williams called our meeting to order, welcomed everyone and also introduced our guest speaker Rusty Culp. Shine Spigarelli followed with a prayer and Nelva Martin led us in Pledges to our flags. Program Leader Penny Bland next told us Rusty Culp, who is a Scottish Rite Mason, and would tell us some things about the wonderful children's hospital in Dallas that help so many children. Rusty and his wife Shirley are from Mertzon and he is retired from the Scottish Rite Childrens Hospital organization after many years of being associated with the hospital.

Mr. Culp told us the hospital began many years ago during the terrible polio epidemic of 1921. Dr. Brandon Carrol of Dallas asked the Masons if they would help start a desperately needed childrens hospital there in Dallas. For several years the hospital was under Masonic guidance and was

then turned over to the Scottish Rites Masons and was called the Scottish Rites Childrens' Hospital and has continued to this day. The hospital offers help to children from birth through age eighteen and treatment has always been without cost to the child. In 1964 Willie M. Blakely donated his large ranch the Rocker B which is in the Barnhart area. Mr. Blakely not only donated the land but included the mineral rites and this combination has helped to support the hospital for many years. Some of the treatments the children receive at the hospital are scoliosis, neurological, orthopedic, dyslexia, hip disease, artificial limbs, and diseases of the spine. While at the hospital the children are also treated for anything else they need such as their teeth and eyes. Travel funds for the family is also covered. Tapes pertaining to Dyslexia are sent to any school interested in helping to detect this difficult problem. The hospital was a pioneer in the area of spine deformities. Mr. Culp said at this time there were around seventy children for the San Angelo area receiving treatment. Frank Edmiston from here has received help from there.

Mr. Culp also showed us a very informative video about some of the children during their time at the hospital. We thank Mr. Culp for telling us some things about the great care children receive at the Scottish Rites Childrens' Hospital. Mr. Culp said if anyone is interested in learning more about the care given he would be happy to talk to them. He is listed in the Mertzon phone directory as W.F. Culp.

Following our program reports were given by Secretary Dorothy Harris and Treasurer Nelva Martin. Roll call was given by naming a favorite charity. Some named were Masonic Hospital at Ft. Worth, Texas Baptist Children's Hospital at Round Rock, Salvation Army, Schleicher County Library, Boys Ranch, Rehab, Red Cross, Alzheimers, and America Red Cross. Under new business President Williams reported that Nancy Lester, who will be our tour

guide when we go to the Christoval Catholic Monastery, has made arrangements and reports they are looking forward to our visit. We will lunch at Java Junction in Christoval before going on our tour. Cost of lunch per person is \$6.50. We closed our meeting by reciting our Club Collect. Hostess Mary Roden had delicious punch and cookies for our refreshment time. Her table appointments carried out a St. Patricks Day Theme. The center of the tables were decorated with ivy garlands and had some charming Lepicorns scattered among the leaves. The tables were also sprinkled with small skinny four leaf clovers.

Our next meeting will be our Annual Field Trip and will be Tuesday, April 13, 2004. We will meet at the Memorial Bldg. and leave there promptly at 10:45 a.m. and motor to Christoval for lunch and then on to the Monastery. We are looking forward to the trip.

DPS: Be safe & considerate while viewing wildflowers

Each Texas springtime brings flowers to fields and roadsides and a question to the minds of nature lovers - is it really illegal to pick bluebonnets?

The answer is no - there is no law against picking our State Flower. However, there are laws against criminal trespass - so make sure you're not on private property when you stop to take your annual kids-in-the-bluebonnets photo.

There are laws against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property - so pick a few flowers, but don't dig up clumps of

them and don't drive your vehicle into the midst of them. Remember, Mother Nature and in many cases, your fellow Texans, scattered wildflower seeds along medians and roadways so that everyone could enjoy spring flowers. For the safety of yourself and others, as well as to limit your ticketability:

- There are laws against impeding traffic - so be careful about slowing down to enjoy the view. Pick areas with light traffic conditions for stopping.
- Signal before leaving or entering the roadway.
- Park off the roadway (off of improved shoulders), parallel to the road in the direction of traffic, on the same side of the roadway that the flowers are on. Don't walk or run across lanes of traffic to get to the flowers.
- Obey signs that prohibit parking on a particular stretch of roadway.
- And remember that in addition to a ticket, snakes and fire ants also could put more blue in your day than you bargained for.

Scripture

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land: not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."

Amos 8: 11



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
High Flying Eagle — Cassandra Buitron placed 3rd in the 7th Grade Girls Division of the Long Jump at the Reagan County Relays on March 5th with a jump of 12-5. She also placed 2nd in the Triple Jump with a distance of 25-10.

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