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Remembering our fallen heroes

A crowd of about 90 people were in attendance Monday morning for the annual Memorial Day service at the Eldorado Cemetery. The program is sponsored each year by the American Legion Bev McCormick Post #257. This year, as in years past, small American flags fluttered throughout the cemetery, decorating the graves of local veterans.

Post Commander Guy Crippin served as the master of ceremonies for the program, with Post Chaplain Gene McCalla offering prayers of invocation and benediction.

A color guard from Goodfellow Air Force Base was on hand to post the colors as the audience stood at attention, some saluting, others with hands held across their hearts. Silently the color guard marched in lock step to the two flag poles where they slowly raised the U.S. and Texas flags. Once the flags reached the top they were lowered to half-mast.

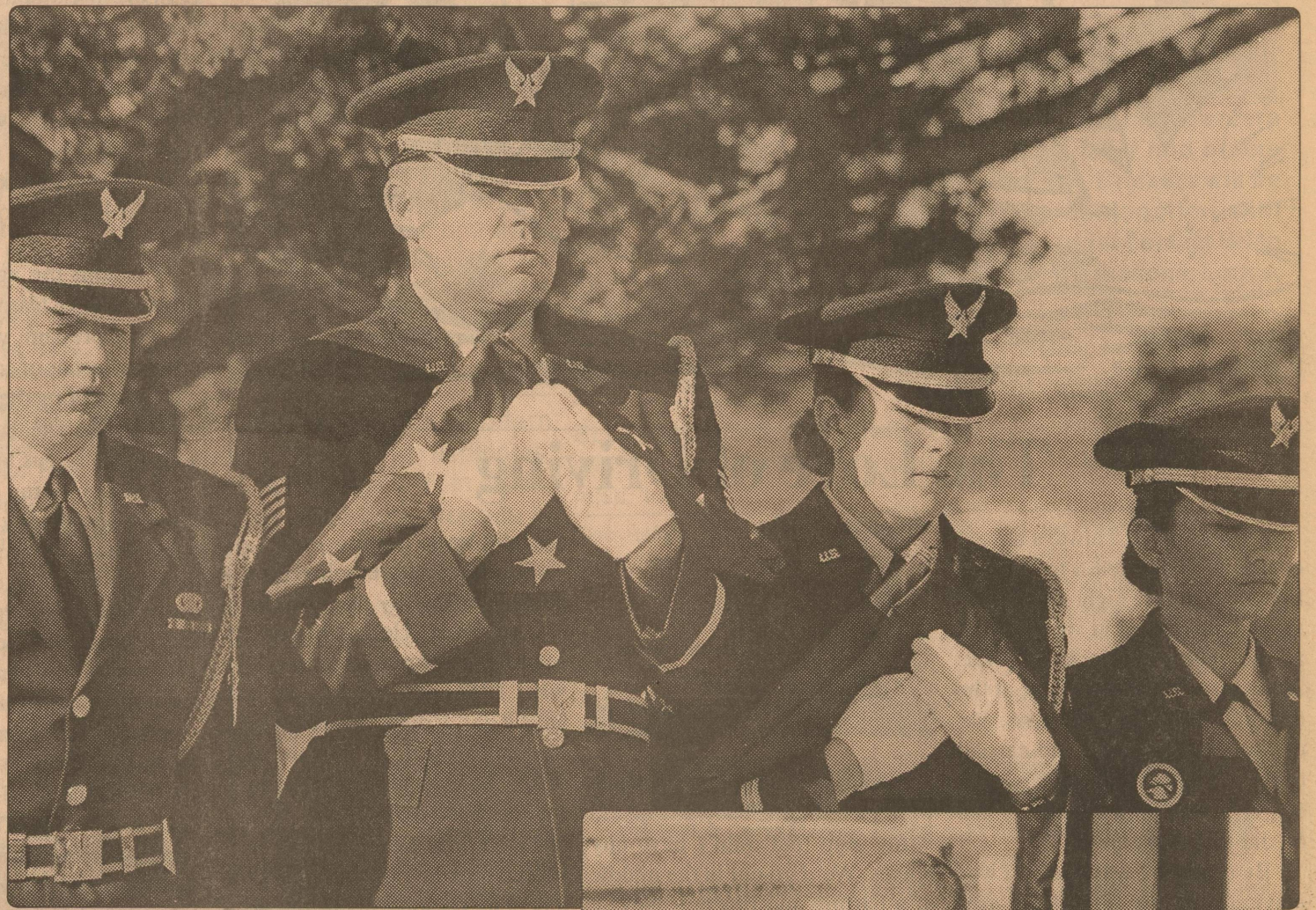
Buff Whitten then read a moving tribute to the nation's war dead, written by U.S. Congressman Henry Bonilla. Then, one by one, the names of Schleicher County's twenty-three fallen heroes were read aloud as small flags American flags were placed by Buff Whitten and Phil Edmiston in front of the granite memorials at the base of the

cemetery flag poles. The honored dead include: World War I — Thomas Ballew, Roach H. Holland, Neal Kelly, Bev McCormick, Sam I. Nicks, Jr., Roy Stevenson; World War II — Hobson Ashmore, Joyce C. Blackmon, William H. Currie, David E. DeLong, Jr., Earnest Dickey, Jr., Robert E. Doty, Thomas R. Henderson, Jr., Alton Page, Orville K. Puryear, Clark M. Reynolds, Raymond R. Reynolds; Korean War — Walter Jones, Robert H. Nolen; Vietnam War — Elton Harris, David Overstreet, Selwin Taylor and Danny Rutherford.

The cemetery then echoed with a triple volley of gunfire as a firing party from Goodfellow Air Force Base presented a 21-gun salute. That was immediately followed by the mournful strains of "Taps" played by bugler Airman 1st Class Bolin, also from Goodfellow AFB.

Post #257 of the American Legion was named after Eldorado's Bev McCormick who was killed on Nov. 2, 1918 in the Argonne Forest in France during World War I.

Members of the color guard were: TSgt Alward, SrA Davidson, A1C Duenas, A1C Kanning. Members of the firing party were: SSgt Starnes, MSgt Arnold, SSgt Pardon, SSgt Lutz, SrA Velez, A1C Hill, A1C Emeott, A1C Sydnor.



Solemn occasion — Hudson Martin and Austin Albin (L-R at right) looked on Monday morning as members of American Legion Bev McCormick Post 257 conducted the annual Memorial Day service at the Eldorado Cemetery. A color guard from Goodfellow AFB (above) as well as a firing team and bugler contributed to make the ceremony a moving experience for the 90 or so who gathered to honor the America's fallen veterans.

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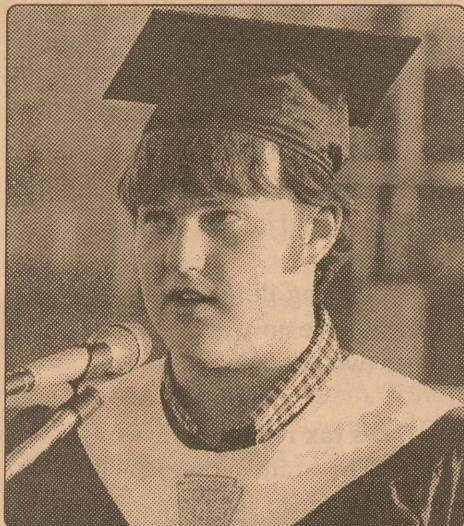


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Top grads — Travis Joiner (L) delivered the Valedictory address and Clara Herrera (R) gave the Salutatory address to the EHS Class of '04 as 51 graduates received their high school diplomas last Friday evening during the commencement exercise in Eagle Stadium.

Fifty-one graduates recieve EHS diplomas

With strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" drifting through the air fifty-one members of the Eldorado High School Class of 2004 filed into Eagle Stadium on warm and breezy Friday evening, on May 28. It would be their final trip together as EHS students. Moments later the fifty-one graduates received their diplomas following a salutatory address by Clara Herrera and a valedictory address by Travis Joiner.

Following the speeches, EHS Principal Tim Seymore announced the graduates' names as they crossed in front of the podium. SCISD Board Trustees Lupe Sanchez and Kurtis Homer shared the job of handing out diplomas while Trustee Eddie Albin and Trustee John Paul Joiner moved each graduate's tassel to signify the commencement of a new chapter of life.

As the diplomas were presented, those graduates receiving scholarships and awards were announced.

Following the presentation of diplomas, the graduates gathered in the center of the football field as the Eagle Band again played "Pomp and Circumstance".

Once there, the group huddled and paused for one last moment together as a group. Then, they celebrated by tossing their caps and one gown high into the air.

Family and friends were then allowed onto the court to meet and greet the graduates.

The graduates, along with the awards and scholarships they received, were announced during the ceremony as follows:

Adrian Arispe, Francisco Emillio Arispe, Stephen M. Arispe, Teresa M. Barajas, Kasey Victoria Boysaw -Eldorado Lions Club Scholarship (\$250), Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$500); Coleman Neal Brenner-American Cancer Society Scholarship, 4-H Youth Foundation Scholarship, Mirabeau B. Lamar-Masonic Lodge; Mayra Elizabeth Bustos, Jeffrey Travis Bybee; Scott Riley Cawley; Trey Chavez-Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship; Juan Antonio Chavez; Mitchell Young Cole;

Kimberly Contreras-Tuition Exemp-

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Success seeks TCEQ records of YFZ Ranch environmental inspection

Wendy Cooper, an attorney in the Dallas office of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, confirmed this week that a field report filed by investigators from the agency's Region 8 field office in San Angelo, regarding environmental violations at the YFZ Ranch has been forwarded to TCEQ headquarters in Austin. "Basically all I can tell you is that I am aware of the report and I know it has been sent to the enforcement division," Cooper said Tuesday. "I really won't deal with it until it gets into litigation."

Other details regarding the report were not available to the Success on Tuesday and the newspaper filed an "open records" request that same day for the material as provided for by Texas Open Records Act.

TCEQ investigators paid a visit to YFZ Ranch on April 15 of this year, three weeks after news broke in Eldorado that the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), a sect of the Mormon Church that encourages the practice of plural marriage, or polygamy, was erecting large buildings on a ranch four miles north of town. That inspection, and a subsequent follow-up investigation revealed a number of violations of the state's environmental regulations. At that time, inspectors reported finding air quality violations at a cement bulk plant near the construction site. They also indicated that water and waste water rules had been broken.

Environmental regulations have been on the mind of neighboring landowners, as well as townspeople in nearby Eldorado, ever since FLDS leadership recanted their story that the YFZ Ranch was intended as a corporate hunting retreat and admitted that they were planning to move at least a portion of the church's followers to the ranch.

Adding to the concern is the fact that

number of FLDS detractors, including anti-polygamy activists and a few ex-communicated former members, claim that the YFZ Ranch, or New Zion, as they call it, is planned to hold several hundred of the Prophet Warren Jeff's most faithful followers. "By that I mean a few hundred men," former FLDS member Ross Chatwin said in a telephone interview recently. "With their wives and children you could easily see more than a two or three thousand people moving out there."

For their part, YFZ Ranch officials deny that there will ever be more than 200 people at the ranch at any one time.

Still, that number will require the installation of something a bit larger than a residential septic system. Also, an adequate water supply, or the lack thereof, is a concern to local citizens, as well as TCEQ regulators.

Meanwhile, The Eldorado Success will continue to monitor developments at the YFZ Ranch, where construction workers this week were completing the two large buildings shown in last week's Success and beginning construction on a large barn. The Success will also continue to follow the TCEQ investigation into environmental violations and will press ahead with its open records request.

SCISD trustees still looking for an Elementary principal

A month after SCISD trustees offered the Elementary Principal position to basketball coach Alan Gillespie, the group took up the search again Tuesday night after Gillespie reportedly turned down the job. The vacancy came about when Bob Wanoreck was moved to the High School principal's position, following the resignation of Tim Seymore, who is leaving to take the superintendent post at Dawson ISD at Welch.

The meeting began with the oath of office being administered to trustees Berta Nicholson and Kurtis Homer. Both are veteran trustees who were returned to office by a vote of the board since neither of them drew an opponent in the May election. Following the oath of office, the board elected officers for the year with Jo Helen Kotsch being reelected as board president. Eddie Albin and Berta Nicholson were elected vice president and board secretary, respectively.

In other business, the trustees ap-

proved hiring Will Self as the high school Agriculture Teacher. Timothy Williams was hired as Band Director while Emilee Vaughn and Lyndi Harris were hired as Kindergarten teachers.

The board then went into a lengthy executive session to consult with their attorney Sara Leon regarding a personnel issue. They emerged into open session some two and one-half hours later without taking action on the subject.

Jo Helen Kotsch then noted that a separate personnel item listed on the agenda had not been discussed behind closed doors. Instead, the trustees took up the matter in open session. At that point, trustee Eddie Albin questioned Supt. Mark Gesch about the status of three specific positions, counselor, third grade teacher and elementary principal. Following a brief discussion about the positions, as well as potential enrollment numbers for the 2004-05 school year, the board asked that Supt. Gesch report back

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NATURAL DISASTERS BRING OUT TH' BEST IN PEOPLE...



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The Love of Driving

I love to drive. I always have. I couldn't wait to learn to drive. I loved speed. One night when I was around ten years old we went the airport to meet my uncle, who was in the service and would be at the airport only for a short time. My daddy, usually a safe and careful driver, reached speeds of exhilaration. I couldn't wait to drive like he did that night.

By the time I was twelve I was driving a pickup, delivering groceries to customers of my father's grocery store. I loved it. He had an old Oldsmobile we called the silver streak. The seat was frozen in one position about a mile back from the steering wheel. I could barely see over the dashboard.

One day I was parallel parking on the north side of Fort Worth and a policeman asked to see my driver's license. He couldn't imagine such a small boy driving a car. It was the first time I had even been asked to show my license and I remember telling the officer "Yes, sir, I've got it right here" and handing it over to him.

I learned how to drive on Rock Ranch near Decatur. My buddy's



by Tumbleweed Smith

grandparents lived there and we went there often. They had an old Army jeep that didn't have any brakes. We'd go out in the middle of a pasture and practice starting from a dead stop. Manipulating the clutch and accelerator was no easy task. That jeep bucked and bounced and jerked all over that pasture until we finally learned to give it a little gas and slowly take our foot off the clutch.

I didn't just want to drive cars. I wanted to drive anything.

My Uncle John worked as a truck driver for Athens Pottery. Everytime he was in our town he stopped by and spent the night. One night while my parents and Uncle John were finishing supper, I sneaked out and started Uncle John's big truck. I was about 14 or so. I thought to myself, since it's running, why not take it for a little spin. I drove it around the block, parked it exactly where it had been, then boldly walked in and told everybody at the table what I had done. My parents didn't think it was such a great thing, but Un-

cle John loved it.

On day a city employee on a tractor stopped by the store for a loaf of bread. He left his tractor running. I hopped on it, put it in what I thought was reverse and gave it gas. It didn't go backwards. It went forward, up over the curb of the porch and headed straight for the front door of the store. I didn't know how to stop it. I veered it to the right and shattered a bench. Vernon Filbert, the driver of the tractor, came to my rescue and shut it down. My dad, wearing his apron, came out and told me in so many words that was not a very smart thing to do.

Back during my high school days a popular activity was to go to building sites and "fire cats." We started bulldozers and caterpillars, drove them around the building site. Things we did as mischief then would get us in jail today.

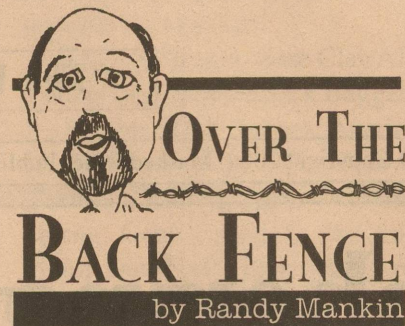
The other day I drove from Memphis, Tennessee to Big Spring, Texas at one stretch. That's a thousand miles and I drove it in 18 hours. When I started my business in 1969 I drove a hundred thousand miles a year for the first two years, visiting media and getting interviews. Since then I've traveled a number of miles on Texas highways equal to three round trips to the moon. It's a good thing I like to drive.

FLDS leadership could and should learn from Eldorado

Ignoring the outside world is one way of building a tightly knit community. The leaders of the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS) in Colorado City, Arizona, have proven that point. But, simply turning one's back on the rest of the world and pretending it doesn't exist, or...worse yet, demonizing anyone of a different faith, different background or different color, is a poor substitute for togetherness.

Through the ages, countless dictators have learned that blending peer pressure with fear is an efficient means of controlling people and molding them into an obedient group. The technique works well for religious leaders, too.

Those looking to develop a sense of community in an open and informed society face a much more daunting task. Take a town, any town, and fill it with a confusing mix of social and economic backgrounds, add a handful of racial and ethnic differences, fold in a jumble of divergent theological views and sprinkle liberally with conflicting political opinions, then bake it half way. Turn the whole thing out to set like concrete and what you end up with is an aver-



age American community...like Eldorado.

Through its 109 year history, our tiny town has survived droughts and floods, fires and tornadoes, epidemics and wars, recessions, depressions, oil booms and busts. Some years were worse than others, of course, and last year was one of those.

Death and sorrow hung over this town most of the year as one tragedy after another rocked the community. But, through it all, the community pulled together. In spite of the hardships, and in spite of the multitude of differences that might otherwise divide us, time and time again Eldorado picked itself up, dusted itself off, and stood united against the seemingly endless tide of tragedy. This not because we had to, and certainly not because we were coerced, but because the love this community's individual members felt for one

another superceded any differences they may have had.

Yes, a closed community, like that espoused by the FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs will, by definition be a tight knit community, and it will offer protection against the ills of the modern world. But, what about the ills within a closed community? Who opens the windows and lets the fresh air in when everyone is hunkered down waiting for the final siege?

Prophet Jeffs has said he hopes to build a perfect society. Many thought he would try it on the Utah/Arizona border. But now, it looks increasingly like his plans include the YFZ Ranch, just north of town.

Perfection is a worthy goal, but it's not likely to be achieved here on Earth. Thomas Kempis noted in 1379 that "man proposes, but God disposes." It seems that human perfection was no more possible in the 14th century than it is today.

When his attempt for perfection fails, perhaps the Prophet will look to his new neighbors. If and when he does he is likely to learn how a couple of thousand imperfect and dissimilar people have managed to mold themselves into a solid community.

Texas National Guard renames 49th as 36th

AUSTIN — With little fanfare and hardly any public notice, the 55-year-old 49th Armored Division, which amounts to nearly two-thirds of the Texas National Guard, has been renamed the 36th Infantry Division.

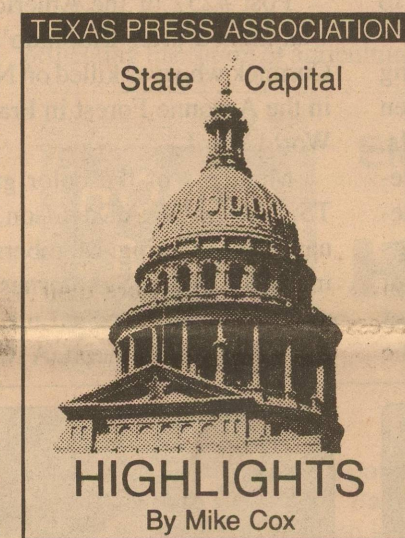
Eventually, the division will have less heavy armor, focusing more on being a lighter and faster force similar to some of the divisions used in Iraq.

The conversion restores the historic name of one of America's most famous fighting outfits, better known in World War I and World War II as the T-Patchers. Originally made up of citizen-soldiers from Texas and Oklahoma, the division's insignia was a T inside a blue arrowhead, symbolizing the two states.

Keeping the same patch, the unit became the 36th ID in the 1920s.

After mobilizing at Camp Bowie in Brownwood early in World War II, the division was the first American force to land in Europe in 1943.

Fighting first in Italy and later in France, the division suffered 16,828 casualties during the war.



But its soldiers won 14 Medals of Honor, 88 Distinguished Services Crosses, 2,354 Silver Stars, 5,407 Bronze Stars, 88 Air Medals and 12 Presidential Citations.

The division was folded back into the Texas National Guard after the war and finally deactivated in 1968.

Though the name changed this spring, the big hoopla won't come until Oct. 2, when a formal "re-flagging" ceremony is set for Camp Mabry, headquarters of the Guard.

"The 36th has got a tremendous war record," Texas Adjutant

General Wayne D. Marty said. The reactivation of the unit, he continued, "is another message that the Texas National Guard is putting on our battle face — that we intend to be fully engaged in the global war on terrorism."

Students improve on TAKS...
Texas' high school students showed gains in state achievement tests this spring with 72 percent of juniors passing all tests taken on the exit-level Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

Last year, only 49 percent of high school juniors passed all tests taken.

Among third-graders, 94 percent have now passed the test after two tries.

Sales tax revenue stays up...
The state's revenue picture continues to brighten with April sales tax revenue up 26.4 percent compared with April 2003.

Total sales tax revenue for the month was \$1.46 billion. Of that, \$420.2 million was allocated to local governments in May, an increase of 10.3 percent from a year ago.

Part of the reason for the increase, according to the comptroller's office, is a tax amnesty period in March during which businesses could pony up unpaid taxes without fear of penalty or interest. The rest of the increase is attributable to the improving economy.

Splash making a big splash...
One new tourist draw for Texas is a cool catfish named Splash. No run-of-the-mill-pond fish, Splash is the world-record blue catfish.

Splash weighed 121.5 pounds when Cody Mullennix of Howe caught it in Lake Texoma after a half-hour fight on Jan. 16. Mullennix decided a fish that big didn't need to be fried and donated it to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Freshwater Fisheries Center at Athens.

Shy at first, Splash has gotten into the swim of things in the facility's 26,000-gallon "Big Fish" tank.

For more information, check the Web site www.tpwc.state.tx.us or call the center at 903-676-2277.

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OBITUARIES

John Allen Lowe

JUNCTION — John Allen Lowe, 57, died Wednesday, May 26, 2004, in a local hospital. Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Friday in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado. Arrangements were made through Graham Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Lowe of Junction; daughters, Stacy Miller of Poteet and Dianna Luna of San Antonio; and stepchildren, Wesley Skains of Kerrville, Daymon Skains of San Antonio, Jackie Gloria of Sonora and Lora Raney of Junction.

Gwynne Lundgren



MENARD — Gwynne Lundgren, prominent Menard County ranch woman, died Tuesday, May 25, 2004, near her ranch in Menard County.

Gwynne was the daughter of the late Roy and Helen Lundgren of Menard and Wales, N.D. Her grandparents, all of whom preceded her in death, were Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Neel of Menard and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lundgren of Wales, N.D.

A descendant of Martha and Oscar Splittgerber, who ran a stagecoach stop west of Menard on the present day Oak Knoll Ranch, Gwynne was the fifth generation on the Menard County Ranch. Following her father's death when she was 3 and a half, she attended school in Menard and graduated from high school in San Angelo in 1973. She received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Texas A&M University.

She worked for the Natural Resource Conservation Service, formerly the Soil Conservation Service, as a range scientist from 1987 to 1998. In 1995, Gwynne was chosen by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for a special assignment in Washington to assist in the writing of the 1995 Farm Bill.

In recent years, she conducted a substantial full service hunting operation on the Oak Knoll Ranch for hunters from all over the world. The Oak Knoll Ranch Hunting Operation is one of only two in the United States to have been endorsed by Holland and Holland gun makers of London, England, who describe Oak Knoll as "one of the last great places in the United States."

There was no better hunting outfitter than Gwynne. Hunts on her ranch were organized down to the smallest detail, and they included wonderful dinners featuring wines, jellies, lamb, goat and venison grown on the ranch. As part of this enterprise, she also participated in various hunting shows throughout the country, including the Safari Club.

In addition to her hunting op-

eration, she raised cattle, fine wool sheep and Angora goats. She had won numerous conservation awards and was well known for exploring new and innovative ways to market her wool and mohair.

Gwynne's interests were wide-ranging. She was one of the first women directors of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association and was the first woman officer of the Mohair Council of America. At the time of her death, she was secretary/treasurer of the Mohair Council. She had served on the American Sheep Industry Association's Wool Council and often traveled abroad to participate in the International Mohair Organization meetings. She also participated in International Wool Textile Association meetings around the world and freely shared the knowledge gained with others in the industry.

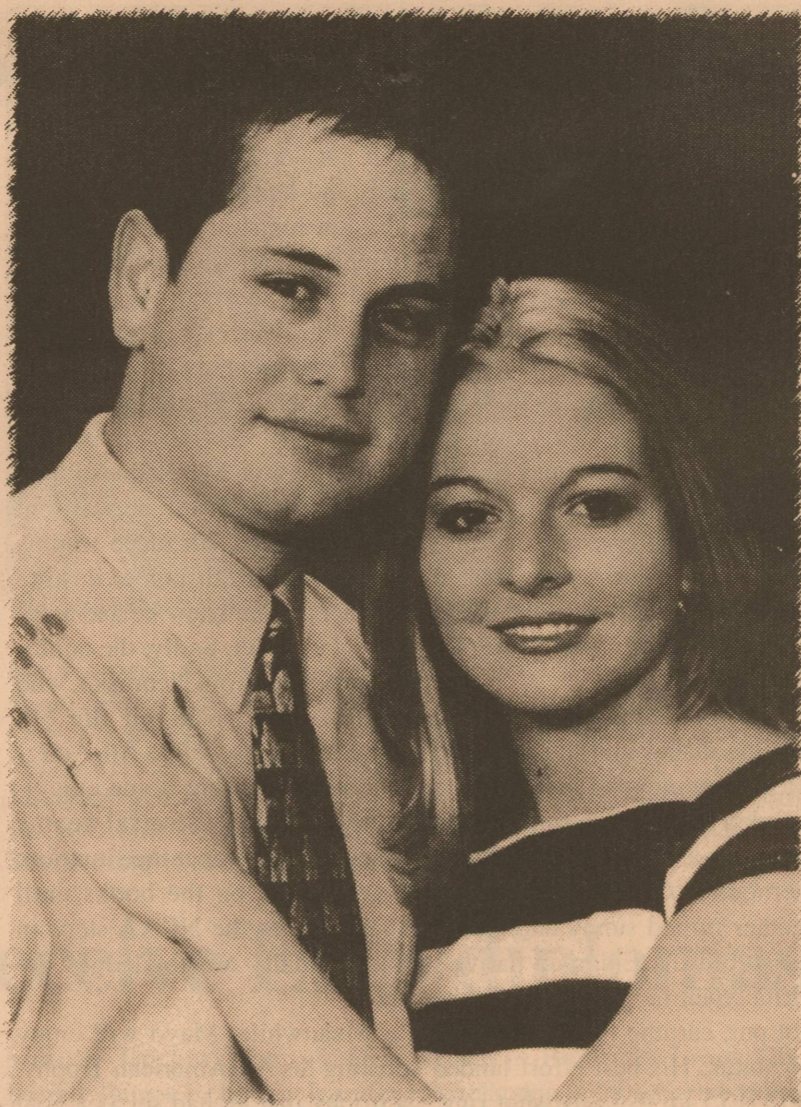
A woman of great charm and ability, Gwynne was known for her ability to think outside the box. She was able to take old ideas and find new, modern approaches that worked in today's environment. She was creative, energetic and optimistic. Her excitement about her favorite interests was contagious and helped to ensure their success.

Survivors include her mother, Helen Lundgren Shelton of San Angelo; her sister, Barbara Lundgren of San Angelo; and her brother, Doug Lundgren and his wife, Joy, of Austin. She is also survived by her longtime trusted employees, Gregorio Cervantes and Betty Lovelace and her friend and hunting guide, Stephen Zuberbueler and Levi.

The Rev. Roger Sidener conducted the service Tuesday, June 1, at First Presbyterian Church. Burial followed in Menard.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Gwynne Lundgren Memorial Scholarship Fund, Mohair Council of America, P.O. Box 5337, San Angelo, TX 76902; to the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association Memorial Fund, P.O. Box 2290, San Angelo, TX 76902; to the First Presbyterian Church, Menard, TX 76859, or to a favorite charity.

A death as sudden and unexpected as Gwynne's leaves all who knew her devastated. However, at a time such as this, it is good to remember that those who live on in our hearts and minds are always with us. We will think of Gwynne every time we see the new lambs and kids in the pasture or see a majestic deer raise its head, and we will remember her beauty and charm and the way knowing her enriched our lives in so many ways.



Bryan Sproul and Stephanie Hardwick

Hardwick/Sproul to wed

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sproul announce the upcoming Wedding of their son, Bryan to Stephanie Hardwick of Ballinger.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Stokes of Ballinger and Mr. Jerry Hardwick of Del Rio. She is a 2002 graduate of Ballinger High School. Stephanie is currently majoring in Early Elementary Education and is employed with the First Baptist Child Development Center in San Angelo.

The prospective groom is a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School. He is currently majoring

in Business Management and is employed with San Angelo Community Medical Center.

Following a June Wedding, the couple plan to make their home in San Angelo.

St. Luke celebrates 66th Anniversary

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church at 106 East Deny is holding the Sixty-Sixth Homecoming & Anniversary Sunday, June 6, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at the church annex from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Everyone is Invited!

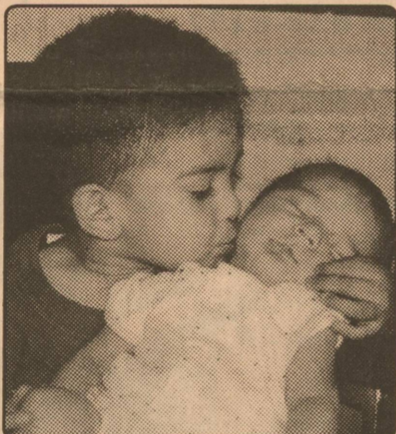


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Korbin Gage Covarrubiaz & big brother Kevan

It's a Boy!

Kevan Covarrubiaz age 2 1/2 would like to announce along with his parents Kenny and Vanessa the arrival of Korbin Gage Covarrubiaz. Korbin was born on April 28, 2004 at 9:35 p.m. weighing 7 pounds and 14 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

Korbin is welcomed with lots of hugs and kisses by his maternal grandparents J. Enrique and Mary Ann Gonzalez and paternal grandparents Joaquin Covarrubiaz and Enequina Covarrubiaz.

The proud great-grandparents are Santos Pina and Eugenia Gonzalez and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, June 7
Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, June 8
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Choc. Cake, Milk

Wednesday, June 9
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussels Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

Thursday, June 10
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, Yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, June 11
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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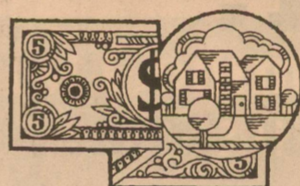
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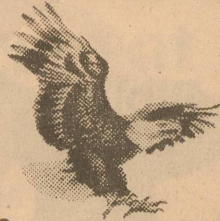
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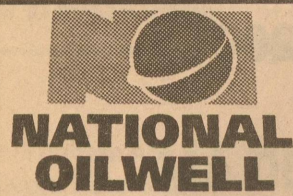
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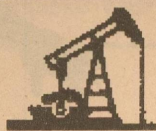
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Mayo claims All-American honors at Nationals

Sometimes the third time is the charm! Michael Mayo, a 2000 graduate of Eldorado High School and Senior at Angelo State University, earned All-American honors this past weekend in Walnut, California, where Mt. SAC and California Poly Tech of Pomona hosted the NCAA Division II Track and Field National Championships. It was Mayo's third trip to the national meet in the Shot Put event. He previously placed 10th in the 2002 National Meet and 15th in the 2003 National Meet.

This year Mayo competed in both the discus and the shot put. After throwing well in warm-ups he failed to make the finals in the discus on a gloomy, cold Friday afternoon at Cal-Poly. Saturday's weather turned sunny and warm, and so did the Eldorado native's spirits when he placed 7th in the shot put, earning him All-American status. His best effort landed 55 ft. 3.75 in. from the shot ring. The winner, an athlete from Minnesota, put his shot 59 ft. 2.75 in.

The shot put event was not without controversy. At the end of prelims Mayo found himself tied with Lance Pfeiffer of Kearney-Nebraska with a throw of 52 ft 2 in. The first thrower for the meet was Merck Dek from Poland who was throwing for Texas A & M Kingsville. Merck realized that he

had not earned a place in the finals and had taken off his shoes and put his shot away when his name was called. Apparently due in part to a shortage of certifying officials, Merck's preliminary throw was entered for 16.9 meters rather than 15.9 meters, which gave him a 3.28084 foot advantage. Although Merck questioned the situation himself, he was sent home with the 7th place trophy, giving Mayo 8th place, despite the fact that he knew he had actually placed 7th. Sadly, the another contestant from Nebraska, who should have received the 8th place trophy as well as All-American honors, went home empty-handed. While several teams voiced outrage over the situation, it will stand on the books until such time as the NCAA steps in and formally acknowledges the error.

Meanwhile, Mayo will enjoy dusting his All-American Trophy, a trophy that he had set as a goal during his four years at ASU.

But, it almost didn't happen. On April 1 of this year, Mayo dislocated his patella (knee cap) while throwing the discus at a meet at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. His dreams of a third trip to the nationals almost died there when it appeared his rehabilitation would take longer than the season. However, after skip-



COURTESY PHOTO

All-American — ASU senior Michael Mayo displays the All-American trophy he earned last weekend at the NCAA Division II National Track & Field Meet in Pomona, California.

ping 3 weeks worth of meets, Mayo returned to throw at the Lone Star Conference Meet where he improved his National ranking to 12th in the shot put. The next week at the ACU Last Chance Meet he improved his status to 12th in the discus. He also consistently placed at Lone Star Conference and open meets in the javelin for ASU and earned All-Lone Star Conference laurels.

Mayo said that a highlight of the National Meet was meeting and visiting with Al Feuerbach, a CBS sportscaster. Feuerbach and his CBS television crew selected Mayo for an interview where they discussed his comeback story. The

segment is expected to air in a couple of weeks.

Al Feuerbach was Pan-American Champion in the shot put in 1971 and U. S. National Champion in 1973, 1974, 1975, and 1978. He set world records in both indoor and outdoor meets, qualifying for the 1972, 1976 and 1980 Olympic teams. His 1972 effort missed the gold medal by 6-1/2 inches. Feuerbach beat Randy Matson's world record in 1973 by throwing 71 ft. 7 in. He is well known among college athletes who study videos of his "gliding" technique in the shot ring.

Michael Mayo is slated to graduate from ASU in August with a degree in kinesiology. He plans to continue his education by pursuing a graduate degree. He is already looking forward to graduate level courses at North Texas State in Denton and TWU, specializing in exercise physiology (strength and conditioning, nutrition) and cardiac rehabilitation.

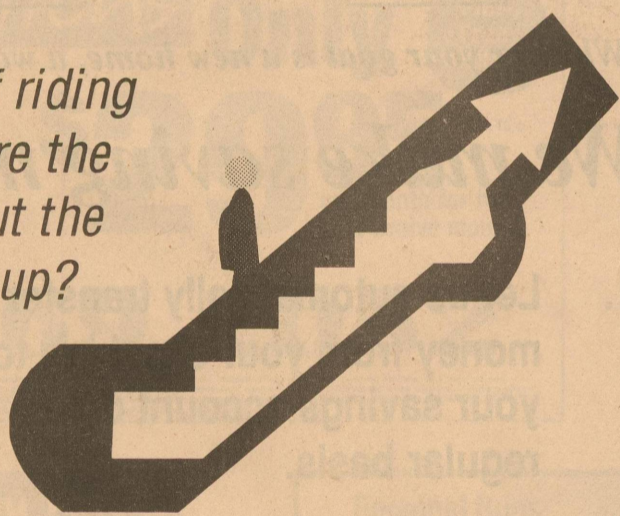
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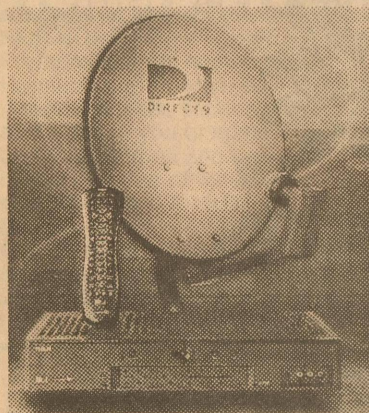
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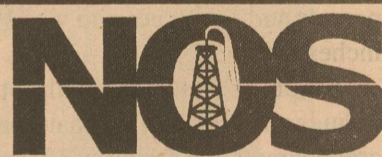
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Mrs. Griffin's 2004 Kindergarten Class: Front (L-R): Leroy Torres, Branda Gail Arispe, Abigail Narvaez, Jess Gonzales, Lonnie Estrada, Arlie Escobar, Dalton Morris; Middle (L-R): Justin Whitten, Luisa Muniz, Crystal Pina, Michael Rios, Kelly Davis, Cade Leadbetter; Back (L-R): Megan Powell, Jose Luis Olivares, Tito Rios, Rachelle Garcia, Jaime Chancellor, Mariah Aguilar, Jimmy Miller, Jeremiah Geuea, Teacher Mrs. Debby Griffin.



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Mrs. Homer's 2004 Kindergarten Class: Front (L-R): Marina Estrada, Keanu Hernandez, Justin Ochoa, Julissa Martinez, Sylvia Salazar, Strait Pridemore; Middle (L-R): Uber Gonzalez, Jesus Gonzalez, Rebecca Hernandez, Crystal Pina, Aaron Santellano, Canyon Marshall, Byron Aycock; Back (L-R): Jose Guerra, Kaitlyn Lindsey, Hudson Martin, Marinda Villanueva, Christian Martinez, Skyler Sheppard and teacher Candi Homer. (not shown Joey Jacobsen)

Fifty-one graduates receive EHS diplomas

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tion for Early High School Graduation (\$1,000); Francisco Duran; William Alan Dykstra (A.E. Prugel-Federal land Bank Scholarship (\$500); Marco A. Escobar; Virgilio Escobar-Knights of Columbus Scholarship (\$500); Javier Esparza; Eloise M. Estrada; John Donnell Fay, Daniella Lomeli Figueroa-Carr Scholarship, Tuition Exemption for Early High School Graduation (\$1,000); Jose A. Figueroa, Jr., Gregory Fuentes-Beta Sigma Phi (\$200), Germania Local Chapter 272 Scholarship In Memory of Sherry Yates Lux (\$500).

Also, Rolando Gomez; Betsy Ann Green-Tuition Exemption for Early High School Graduation (\$1,000), Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship; Dillon C. Greer; Homero Hernandez; Clara Ann Herrera-Howard Payne University Academics and Athletic Training Scholarships, Rudy and Micaela Camacho BGCT Scholarship; Mikinzie Rae Holley-DAR Good Citizen Award, Shot's Scholarship (\$1,000), Eldorado Lions Club Scholarship (\$250), Panhandle Plains Scholarship, Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship; Heather Michele Homer-Margaret Ellen Nixon Nursing Scholarship, Carr Scholarship (\$2,000), 1st Annual Mitzi Sessom Memorial Scholarship in Honor of Mitzi Sessom, a 2002 Graduate (scholarship goes to a Christian young person like Mitzi active in both church and school);

Travis Wilson Joiner-Excellence in History Award, Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship (\$1,500), Lechner Texas A&M Academic Scholarship, Landon Nixon Memorial Scholarship;

SCISD school board meeting

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with recommendations about the three openings.

Trustees present for the meeting were Jan Wanoreck, Eddie Albin, Lupe Sanchez, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer and Jo Helen Kotsch. Trustee John Paul Joiner was not present. Also on hand for the meeting were Debbie Griffin, Karan Holley, Jim and Dawn Wyatt, Rick Singleton, campus principals Bob Wanoreck, Kara Sue Garlitz and Tim Seymore, and business manager Ray Ballew.

Travis J. Lively, Jessica Aguilar Lozano, Koda Aguilar Lozano, Brittini Deanna Meyer-Beta Sigma Phi Scholarship (\$200); Sonia Nicole Mills; Oscar Jesus Munoz, Ashton P. Murr-Tuition Exemption for Early High School Graduation (\$1,000), Terry L. Beebe Memorial Scholarship Fund, Dominion Corporation (\$250); Robert Shay Parker-Eldorado Lions Club Scholarship (\$250), Maribeau B. Lamar Award-Masonic Lodge; Lacy Nicole Ragsdale-Terry L. Beebe Memorial Scholarship Fund-Dominion Corporation (\$250);

ASU Dean's List released for 2004 Spring Semester

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2004 Spring semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The honorees, along with their majors, include the following from Eldorado. They are: Lindsay

minion Corporation (\$250); Daniel Tanner Robledo; Jennifer Rojas-Super S. Foods Scholarship (\$1,000);

Also, Christopher R. Sanchez; Danny Granados Sanchez; Lindsey Shay Schwiening-Tuition Exemption for Early High School Graduation (\$1,000), Stephen F. Austin State University Academic Achievement Award (\$2,000 a year for 4 years), Seth Martin Taylor-1st Presbyterian Church-Paul and Lucy Page Scholarship (\$250), Big Country Housing Authority Scholarship (\$500), Joshua

L. Trejo-Eldorado Lions Club Scholarship (\$250), Carr Academic Scholarship (\$3,500); Michael Allen Wedum, Jr., Courtney Whitten-Hext Memorial Scholarship, FBC Men's Fellowship Scholarship, Dallas Baptist Scholarship; Cole S. Wilkerson and Robert Sherman Young.

Nicole Beach, nursing; Jessi Leigh Calcote, accounting; Juan Angel Herrera, kinesiology; Tabitha N. Lloyd, animal science; Lori Nicole Loomis, biochemistry; Sarah Ashley Mankin, biochemistry; Georgina Marie Maritz, pre-nursing; Michael R. Mayo, kinesiology; Mary McIntosh, music; Syllas T. Politte, communication/secondary certification; Ika Vlok, animal science and Tana I. Williams, biochemistry.

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One last moment together — EHS graduates of 2004 linked hands as they sang the EHS school song during their commencement exercise last Friday evening in Eagle Stadium. Fifty-one graduates picked up their diplomas during the hour-long ceremony.

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The San Angelo Ford Mustang Club, Jim Bass Ford and Three Rivers Auto Supply will once again host the 16th Annual Mustang Roundup Saturday, July 10, 2004. The vehicles will be on display at Jim Bass Ford, 2901 Sherwood Way. All net proceeds will benefit Meals for the Elderly. There will not be an admission charge. Hours for the event are 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Registration is from 8:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m., popular voting until 12:00 noon, 1st and 2nd Place Trophies and Awards Presentation will be at 3:00 p.m. All year mustangs and special interest vehicles are invited to participate. The entry fee is \$20 per vehicle. For more information call Cathy Kuykendall (325) 853-2819 or Bob Hicks (325) 374-3340.

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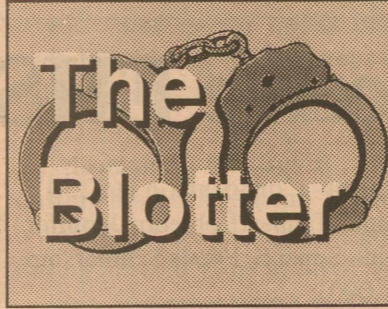
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- ARRESTS**
May 29 • Mata, Daniel, male age 21, Serving 15 days for Irion Co.
- INCIDENTS**
May 25 • 8:34 p.m. Complainant stated a tractor trailer almost ran him

off the road on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

May 26 • 4:40 a.m. Complainant reported possible prowler. Officer responded.

6:45 a.m. Complainant reported a water leak by the Church of Christ. The city was contacted.

11:45 a.m. Sutton County called and reported a vehicle that may have been possibly stolen. Officer responded.

12:15 p.m. Complainant called and requested a officer for a civil standby. Officer responded.

10:03 p.m. Caller stated he was southbound on Hwy. 277 when a red pickup tried to run him off the road. Officer made contact with truck driver and they stated they were only passing the other vehicle.

May 27 • 10:09 p.m. Complainant stated there were children being too loud outside the apartments and did not know if they were supervised or not, requested an officer check on them. Officer responded and spoke to parents. Parents said they would take care of the problem.

May 28 • 1:15 p.m. DPS Trooper called to report a vehicle fire. Officer responded.

May 29 • 2:32 a.m. Caller requested an officer at her residence claim husband hit her. Officer responded complainant filed charges and warrant will be served.

9:43 p.m. Caller requested a welfare check on daughter. Officer responded.

May 30 • 7:59 a.m. Complainant requested assistance in locating a possible vehicle accident. Officer responded.

2:04 p.m. Complainant reported some bees. Officer responded advised that it was just a swarm of bees not a hive.

7:13 p.m. Caller stated seeing subject acting suspicious. Officer responded.

10:58 p.m. Caller stated car had been there since the afternoon and no one had assisted motorist. Officer responded.

May 31 • Complainant requested assistance 25 miles East on Hwy. 190. Officer responded.

June 1 • 9:50 a.m. Complainant needed officer for a civil standby at the Eldorado Place Apts. Officer responded.

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Meador among 23 graduates of TALL program

COLLEGE STATION—Excellence needs to be a habit, Dr. Rick Rigsby told the graduates of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership program.

"You are what you repeatedly do every day," he told the graduates. "Are you making an impression or an impact?" he asked.

Rigsby was the guest speaker at the TALL VIII graduation program on May 6 at the Annenberg-Presidential Conference Center, George Bush Library Complex, in College Station.

He told the graduates they

needed to set an example of excellence, whether they were a CEO of a big corporation, growing pecans or selling insurance.

"Be a man or woman of integrity and excellence. Your value is what you put into something. Your value is in the attitude you show," he said. "We need leaders who are genuine and who worry less about their name in a program."

A person who gives his or her word and keeps it is a person of excellence, he said.

"We don't need another Ph.D., we need a man or woman committed to doing the right thing. Excellence and character: Let those emblems be reflected not on your graduation card but on your heart."

Twenty-three people graduated with TALL VIII, bringing the total number of graduates to 210,

said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, director of the program. TALL is the leadership program of Texas Cooperative Extension.

TALL graduates were Clay Al-lison of San Angelo; Jack Baggett Jr., Ozona; Terri Barber, Austin; Joe Behrens, Voca; Matt Belew, Vernon; Trey Buzbee, China Spring; Gene Camargo, San Antonio; Don Clift, Perryton; Clay Crist, Wildorado; Shae Dodson, Amarillo; Alan Eubank, Pampa; John Gerson, Lissie; and Mike Hampton, Quitman; Mike Kuck, Luling; Blake Lewis, Del Rio; Stan Meador, Eldorado; Karen Reichek, Round Rock; Charles Ring, Sinton; Clint Robinson, Lubbock; Brad Roeder, San Angelo; Beverly Shaw, Cedar Creek; Reed Stewart, Sterling City; and Jay Wilder, Caldwell.

Also, Julie French McMahon of Beaverton, Mich., a graduate of TALL I, received the Charlie Scruggs Trailblazer Award for the outstanding TALL alumnae.

Behrens said the highlight of his two years in the program was the "people overflowing with excellence, character and conviction...people who made a lasting impression."

"We saw all types of agriculture, we studied politics from the state capitol to the White House, the issues that affect us every day. It stirred a lot of grey matter," said Behrens, who farms and ranches and raises cattle, hogs, grass seed and vegetables.

TALL helped him in terms of projecting the future of agriculture

and planning for the future, he said. "It changed the perspective from which I'll look at strategic moves. I will have a more global outlook," he added.

Lewis said when he interviewed for the TALL program, he had a limited picture of ranching. "It was a neat thing to see areas that rely heavily on agriculture - it's so important to so many people," Lewis said. He is a title examiner for Southwest Abstract Co. and part owner and operator of LLB Ranch Ltd., and a producer of commercial cattle, sheep and goats.

His wife, Jacqueline, added, "He has been able to see so many things he never would have had the chance to see."

Ring, who farms cotton, corn and grain sorghum, said his challenges, after hearing 300 speakers during the two years of the program was to "take the information and get it out to the people" and promote agriculture.

The goal of the TALL program is to increase the capacity of volunteer leaders in agriculture to deal creatively with change so they can improve the quality of life in their communities and work places, Mazurkiewicz said. Applicants must be actively involved in farming, ranching or agribusiness.

TALL VIII participants met in eight sessions in two years in different parts of Texas, Mexico, Washington, D.C., New York and South Africa. For more information on the TALL program, its history and calendar of events, visit the Web site at <http://tall.tamu.edu>.

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Team-up to save the lives of children

The Safe Kids Coalition will be in Eldorado for a "Bike Helmet Give-A-Way" event on June 21, 2004. The event will take place in the Schleicher County Medical Center Courtyard from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. This is a free service to the children of the community and Catie Wiedenhofer, representing the Safe Kids Coalition, will be present with the give-a-ways. Soft drinks and cookies will be offered along with education about riding and helmet safety.

It is important to mention that this opportunity would not be possible without the funding support and cooperation of Schleicher County Medical Center and the Schleicher County Volunteer Emergency Medical Services. Look forward to a fun and educational event! For more information contact Rebecca L. Silva BSN, RNC Director of Nursing, Schleicher County Medical Center, 853-2507 ext. 129.

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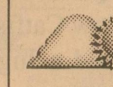

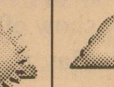
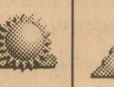

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