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FLDS leadership in flux as pressure on group increases

Sam Barlow, the man who once answered only to Prophet Warren Jeffs inside the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was reportedly excommunicated last week along with a handful of other men who no longer found favor with the Prophet.

Barlow once served as the Police Chief of Colorado City, Arizona. In recent years, he was Prophet Warren Jeffs right-hand man as the self-proclaimed church leader sought to consolidate his hold over the church following the death of his father, former FLDS Prophet Ronal Jeffs.

Sources close to the story tell the Success that Barlow and his brother Alvin, the man who until recently served as Superintendent of Schools for the Colorado City school system, were both kicked out of the church just over a week ago. Also said to be included in the excommunications were two men who, as recent as a month ago, were helping with the construction project at the YFZ Ranch just outside of Eldorado, Ernie Jessop and Allen Steed.

Ben Bistline, author of The Polygamists, A History of Colorado City, Arizona, told the Success on Tuesday that he had driven by Sam Barlow's office where he saw the man's white Chevrolet Suburban backed up to the door as if the office was being cleared out.

"There's still a sign in front that says 'Sam's Office' but no one has seen him around," Bistline said of Sam Barlow.

Interestingly, Private Investigator Sam Brower, the man who served a summons to Merrill Jessop a few weeks ago at the YFZ Ranch gate,

(as reported in the Aug. 19 edition of the Success) managed to serve similar papers on Sam Barlow a few days later. The papers require Barlow to appear to testify in a civil lawsuit brought against Warren Jeffs by his nephew Brent Jeffs. The lawsuit accuses the Prophet and two of his brothers of sexually abusing their nephew when he was 5 years-old.

Ernie Jessop was the man in charge of the construction at the YFZ Ranch when Eldoradoans first became aware of the story in March of this year. It was Jessop and Allen Steed, along with Lee Roy Steed and David Allred, who met with local officials on April 28th of this year (as reported in the May 6 edition of the Success) to admit that they had not been completely truthful when they said that the YFZ Ranch was meant to be a corporate hunting retreat. Now Ernie Jessop and Allen Steed are counted among the former FLDS members who are being asked to "repent from a distance." Also listed in that group is Mark Copeland, the man credited with locating the YFZ Ranch property and arranging for its purchase.

As Superintendent of Colorado City schools, Alvin Barlow found himself

and his school system under increasing scrutiny in recent years. A mass exodus of FLDS children from the school in 2000 caused the district's student/staff ratio to balloon to 3-to-1 prompting Arizona state regulators to begin questioning expenditures at the school. What they found was a school system that was top-heavy with highly paid FLDS administrators and auxiliary staff while non-FLDS teachers were paid a below average salary to educate an ever-dwindling number of students. Published reports indicated that the school system had more than 100 employees on staff while student enrollment dipped below 300.

As the number of state inquiries grew, so did the number of investigative journalists looking into the Colorado City school system. A proposed bond election was scrapped when public outcry against higher taxes made it clear the bond would not be approved by voters.

School district residents already pay \$13 per \$100 valuation, a rate that is believed to be the highest in the United States. Sources tell the Success, however, that a series of complicated exemptions for church property and incomplete construction meant that few FLDS members paid the top rate. Another financial detail that tended to benefit FLDS members is the fact that the district's health insurance plan reportedly covered multiple

wives and children of the church's polygamous members employed by the district.

Now, Alvin Barlow finds himself on the outs with FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs. It is unclear who will be called on to lead the school system, or who will fill the shoes of his brother,

Sam Barlow, as Warren Jeffs' enforcer in Colorado City.

Closer to home, Sheriff David Doran says his efforts to arrange a face-to-face meeting with missing FLDS leader "Uncle" Fred Jessop have been rebuffed by YFZ officials. "They continue to say that he's not here and that he just wants to be left alone," Doran said. "If that's true then all they have to do is produce the man. If he's OK then all of this will go away."

Sam Brower, the private investigator working for Brent Jeffs' attorney, Joanne Suder of Baltimore, MD, speculates that Fred Jessop is staying, or is being kept, at the YFZ Ranch near Eldorado. "I'm worried about his wellbeing, so are my clients and so are some of Uncle Fred's relatives," Brower said.

Brower said it is difficult to predict where the YFZ Ranch story will go next. "You wonder who is going to get kicked out next," Brower said. "And, will there be anybody left when Warren gets through?"

No one associated with the YFZ Ranch or the FLDS Church is willing to speak with the Success concerning this story.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Eldorado High School's 2004 Homecoming Court posed for the camera during halftime festivities last Friday night in Eagle Stadium. The young ladies are (L-R) Sophomore Duchess Anna Fuentes, Junior Duchess Micaela Gonzalez, Queen Candidate Katy Blair, Homecoming Queen Britney Sellers, Queen Candidate Julie Hight and Freshman Duchess Desiree' Valeriano

Sellers crowned Homecoming Queen as Eagles claim 50-6 win over Forsan

EHS Senior Britney Sellers was crowned the 2004 Homecoming Queen last Friday night at half-time of the Eagles game with Forsan. Sellers was crowned by EHS Student Council representative Will Griffin. She was then joined by her court and the group posed for photos. The 2004 Homecoming court consisted of Freshman Duchess Desiree' Valeriano, Sophomore Duchess Anna Fuentes, Junior Duchess Micaela Gonzalez, Queen Candidates Katy Blair and Julie Hight and Homecoming Queen Britney Sellers.

Besides the half-time festivities, Eldorado-eyes were able to enjoy a lop-sided victory as the Eagles offense exploded for 50 points. Defensively, the Warbirds' "Tenacious D" held the Forsan Buffaloes to negative rushing yards and

a single score as the Eagles posted an impressive 50-6 homecoming victory.

Only a week after torrential rains sidetracked the Eagles' high-powered offense, forcing the team to settle for a 14-6 win over Christoval, the Warbirds' faithful who packed the stands Friday night were in the mood for red meat, and plenty of it. Their team did not disappoint, dominating on both sides of the ball.

The Eagles offensive squad scored early and often, monopolizing the game clock and leaving Forsan with little opportunity to catch up.

Quarterback Ryan Cathey completed 10 of 13 passes for 164 yards and a touchdown. He also rushed for a touchdown. Meanwhile, Jared Grubbs connected on all 3 of his passes for 64 yards. And, he

rushed for two touchdowns as the Forsan defense found itself rocked back on its heels. Andy Mejia led all rushers for the Eagles with 90 yards on the ground and 2 touchdowns. Jorge Bustos hauled in 3 passes on the night, one for a TD. Terrell Boysaw counted for 6 catches and 58 yards while Caleb Nixon added another 54.

The Warbirds aerial onslaught was impressive, but it was the ground attack that effectively took Forsan out of the contest. Eldorado runners carried the ball 37 times in all for 202 yards while repeatedly moving the chains and chewing up the game clock.

"We've got our offense in place," Coach Gary Grubbs said after the victory. "We thought we would do this the

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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

Eagles quarterback Ryan Cathey pounded the ball in from a yard out Friday night as the Eagles took a two-touchdown lead over the Forsan Buffaloes with 4:23 left to play in the opening period. Simone Duran added the extra-point to make the score 14-0. Before the night was over the Warbirds would find the endzone seven times on the way to a 50-6 Homecoming victory.

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Who's next to get voted off the island?



The people who dreamed up the Survivor television series couldn't possibly have foreseen the runaway popularity of the reality-based show, or the multitude of imitators it would spawn. I only watched the show twice. Both times when Colby Donaldson was on, and only then because of his connection to Eldorado.

Now, comes a new series based on the old Gilligan's Island TV series with real people signing up to be stranded on a deserted island. There will be a boat skipper, a movie star, a millionaire...well you get the picture.

I was a Gilligan fan when I was a kid (actually, I was a Mary Ann fan, Ginger never appealed to me.) So, I'll probably tune in to see just how closely the new reality show mirrors the old sitcom.

It occurred to me today that those of us who have been following the FLDS/YFZ story have been watching the ultimate reality show. Nothing the networks have come up with before or since Survivor can even remotely compare to the real-life drama we've seen in recent months.

Could it be, I wondered, that the TV producers are missing a bet? What if they took a page from the Prophet's playbook and styled a reality show based on the FLDS?

It could be called "The Ranch" and would give viewers a weekly dose of what the polygamist lifestyle is like...or at least Holly-

wood's idea of the lifestyle.

Naturally, there wouldn't be a Ginger or Mary Ann, as on the new reality version of Gilligan's Island. Or, at least not ones dressed the way they were in the old show. But, there would be plenty of opportunity for bachelorettes to win the favor of the Prophet and be assigned to join the man of their dreams, and move in with the twelve women to whom he is already married.

The accelerated rate at which the Prophet Warren Jeffs is excommunicating men from the church these days makes me wonder why anyone would put up with such nonsense. But, as my mind wandered back to reality TV, I thought about those folks who eat live cockroaches and/or worse, all in hopes of making it to another round. It seems some people will go along with anything.

Still, the excommunications roughly translate to the way Donald Trump handled contestants on his show, The Apprentice.

Each week on The Ranch, the man who won the latest immunity challenge would assume the role

of The Prophet and would gather the contestants and chastise them about how they played the game on that particular episode. He would then single one man out and announce "Your Excommunicated!" The Prophet would then divvy up the poor fellow's wives, keeping a few for himself and using the others as bargaining chips with which he would make tactical alliances in preparation for next week's episode.

A major plot twist would include the requirement that contestants on The Ranch must move secretly into a small, isolated part of Texas, where most of the residents carry guns, and secretly establish a polygamous outpost, all the while dodging hostile neighbors and avoiding being captured by aerial photographers. Sort of a Road Rules meets Fear Factor, if you will.

Of course, all good things must come to an end, and so it will be with The Ranch.

The grand finale episode would feature guest appearances by some of the semi-celebrities from other reality TV shows.

Think of it, Colby Donaldson meets the Prophet. I doubt very much if the bachelorettes at the YFZ would be prepared for that one. Or, how about Who Wants to Marry a Millionaire Polygamist? Or maybe Gilligan in long sleeve shirts?

Reality TV would never be the same...which isn't such a bad idea!

Lost and found in a Corn Maze

The Church of God in Sulphur Springs has built a corn maze the last two years and it has brought a lot of visitors to the town.

"A lot of people find it interesting," says pastor Kurt Rojton. "It's planted like a regular corn field. As far as watering, we just depend on nature. We let the corn reach a certain height, then a maze is cut into it. We just take a small garden tractor and turn under the corn to make a path."

He says the maze serves a couple of purposes.

"One is we want to spread the word of the church, about being lost in a maze and found in the love of God. The second thing we want to do with the maze is raise money to pay for the church's indebtedness and do it in a fun way."

When the church decided to do the maze, a committee looked into what would be involved.

"The seven members on the corn field maze committee did a lot of work, including creating



by Tumbleweed Smith

the design and actually cutting the walkways into the corn. They did an outstanding job."

The maze is big. It covers eleven acres right by the church.

"It's a little bit larger than most of the mazes I've read about. In fact, we advertise it as one of the largest corn field mazes in Texas."

Some areas of the maze have corn fourteen feet tall.

"Last year's design actually had John 3:16 cut into the corn, then a cross, and a sunburst, a Christian symbol of a fish and it was all tied together with dead ends and different things."

The Sulphur Springs News Telegram ran pictures of the maze.

"You can go on the internet and type in corn field maze or Sulphur Springs Church of God or my name and it will bring up that

article from the paper and show a picture of it."

The group rate admission price to the maze is five dollars. People go through at their own pace. It has lots of paths.

"If you went down every trail, including all the dead ends, you'd walk anywhere from a mile and a half to three miles."

Kurt got the idea for the maze from a magazine article about a farmer in Indiana who built a corn maze.

"In a two or three months' period on his farm, he was able to raise over a hundred thousand dollars with his corn field maze. I thought if he can do it, we can give it a try."

The Sulphur Springs Church is located on Interstate 30. The maze will be open through October, or early November depending on the weather.

Last year the maze was open during the hottest parts of the summer. The corn was planted a little later this year so it'll be ready for visitors in September when it's cooler.

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Political campaigning runs slow across Texas

AUSTIN — Labor Day used to mark the beginning of the presidential campaign every four years, but Texans aren't likely to notice much difference in the level of home front political rhetoric this week.

The national campaign's been blowing and going since the primary process earlier this year sorted out who the Democrat contender would be.

Of course, for obvious reasons Texas is not one of the states considered critical (unlike Ohio, for instance) here in the Lone Star State it's a little harder to tell an election is coming up in less than two months.

And with most of the state's Republican heavies in New York last week for their party's national convention, the political tempo in Texas grew even slower. The biggest non-convention news related to the campaign was U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel's ruling that independent party candidate Ralph Nader could not be on the ballot in Texas this fall.

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Mike Cox

Meanwhile, the Travis County district court trial of the lawsuit challenging the state's school finance system continued, and the state government quietly ended its fiscal year on Aug. 31.

New super agency takes shape...

"New Year's Day" saw more change in the legislative-mandated revamping of health and human service agencies with the reorganization and renaming of what used

to be the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, the Department of Health and other agencies.

When the process is complete in 2006, 12 previously-separate agencies will have been placed under the umbrella of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

HHSC will provide centralized administrative services and oversee policy for four large departments — the Department of Family and Protective Services (before Feb. 1 it was called the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services); the Department of Aging and Disability Services; the Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services; and the Department of State Health Services.

That puts HHSC right up there with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice as a super agency. Operating on nearly one-third of the total state budget, it has some 47,000 employees in 2,000 offices across the state.

TPWD list: Not exactly Letterman material...

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has issued its own Top 10 list, but the thousands of Texans included on it probably wouldn't think it's particularly funny. The list features the top wildlife law violations in the state.

Number one on the list might be a surprise for many: Hunting with no hunter education certification. More than 2,500 people got citations punishable by up to \$500 for hunting without having taken the safety education course required for anyone born after 1971.

The next four categories have to do with deer hunting, including not completing the required harvest log to hunting out of season.

The sixth most common violation is hunting dove with an unplugged shotgun. (For non-hunters, that's using a shotgun capable of holding more than three shells.)

Violations seven and eight have to do with hunting without a license.

Having more dove than the daily bag limit and hunting on public land without a permit round out the list.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS
1. Comic Imogene
5. Bit of kindling
9. Skin transplant
14. Bell-ringing cosmetics company
15. ___ Cynwyd, Pa.
16. More mature
17. Spaghetti gothic
19. Borden's spokescow
20. "Come on in!"
21. Act opener
23. Cuba or Aruba: Abbr.
26. "I get it!"
27. Eggy dessert
34. "Gesundheit!"
36. Pundit Myers
37. ___ Day (February 29)
38. NBC show since 1975
40. Close loudly
41. Some Alaskans
44. Bread browners
47. Happy hour order, maybe
49. Important period
50. Vietnamese holiday
51. Ed Asner title role
56. Ballpark seater
61. Bandleader Shaw
62. Reducer's order, maybe

DOWN
1. Made the scene
2. Appliance for Emeril
3. Paint layer
4. Stud stake
5. Unfilled, on a TV sched.
6. ___-Mart
7. Misfortunes
8. It's removed before pumping
9. G.I.'s "pineapple"
10. Steam up
11. Lhasa ___ (Tibetan dog)
12. Sinn ___ (IRA wing)
13. Sloth's hangout
18. Spitfire fliers
22. Barak of Israel
24. Porker's pad
25. Some July babies
27. Lollapalooza
28. Jellied garnish
29. Flee into the arms of
30. Villa ___ (Italian landmark)
31. Ne'er-do-well
32. Close by
33. Precious stones
34. Radar image
35. Director Riefenstahl
39. Choir perch
42. Saint from cylla
43. Blood fluids
45. Vigoda of "Fish"
46. Arrange a blind date for
48. Having no pattern
51. Souvlaki meat
52. Twistable cookie
53. Beehive State Indians
54. Beats it, in the backwoods
55. Fork prong
57. Whole bunch
58. "C'mon, ___ a heart!"
59. And others: Abbr.
60. ___-a-cop
63. Greek H
64. Unit of bricks

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OBITUARIES

George William Caldwell

SONORA — George William Caldwell, 63, of Sonora died Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2004, in Sonora.

George, Dolly to family and friends, was born Jan. 24, 1941, in Sonora to Jim and Ella C. Caldwell, and had his own pumping service business in Sonora for several years.

He was at his best at making friends and being Uncle Dolly to his nieces and nephews, and in devoting time and anonymous financial support to local youth activities and charities.

Survivors include sisters, Katharine Andes of Farmington, N.M., Hazel Caldwell of Sonora, Mary

Jim Snelson of Junction, Betty Sue and husband Bob McGregor of Toledo, Ore., and Billy Gene Whittingslow of Onsted, Mich.; and brothers, J.R. and wife JoAnne of San Angelo, Sam and wife Cynthia, and Jerry of Sonora. Other survivors include several cousins and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation was Tuesday, Sept. 7, at Kerbow Funeral Home with graveside service following in Sonora Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Sutton County Public Library or a charity of choice.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Under New Management -- Super S Food's new Store Manager Jorge Rodriguez is excited about coming to Eldorado. Jorge is a native West Texan. He graduated from Central High School in San Angelo where he started in the grocery business at the young age of 15 stocking groceries at Winn Dixie. Jorge has been in the grocery business for 9 years, managing Food Basket until recently. His family includes a son, Michael, age 6, and a Black Labrador named Blackie.

FBC to host "The Faith Factor"

Ken Freeman Crusade "The Faith Factor" will be coming to Eldorado on September 19-22 hosted by First Baptist Church. Evangelist Ken Freeman and worship leader Jake Gulledege will lead the Crusade.

Abused and neglected, Ken Freeman grew up in a fatherless home with an alcoholic mother. As a child, he knew nine different stepfathers and attended 24 different schools. Eventually, a nightmarish home life drove him to the streets. Drawn to a church revival by the offer of free pizza, Ken Freeman accepted Christ at the age 16. The street-hardened teenager experienced God's healing power and was ultimately led to a ministry for teenagers and families.

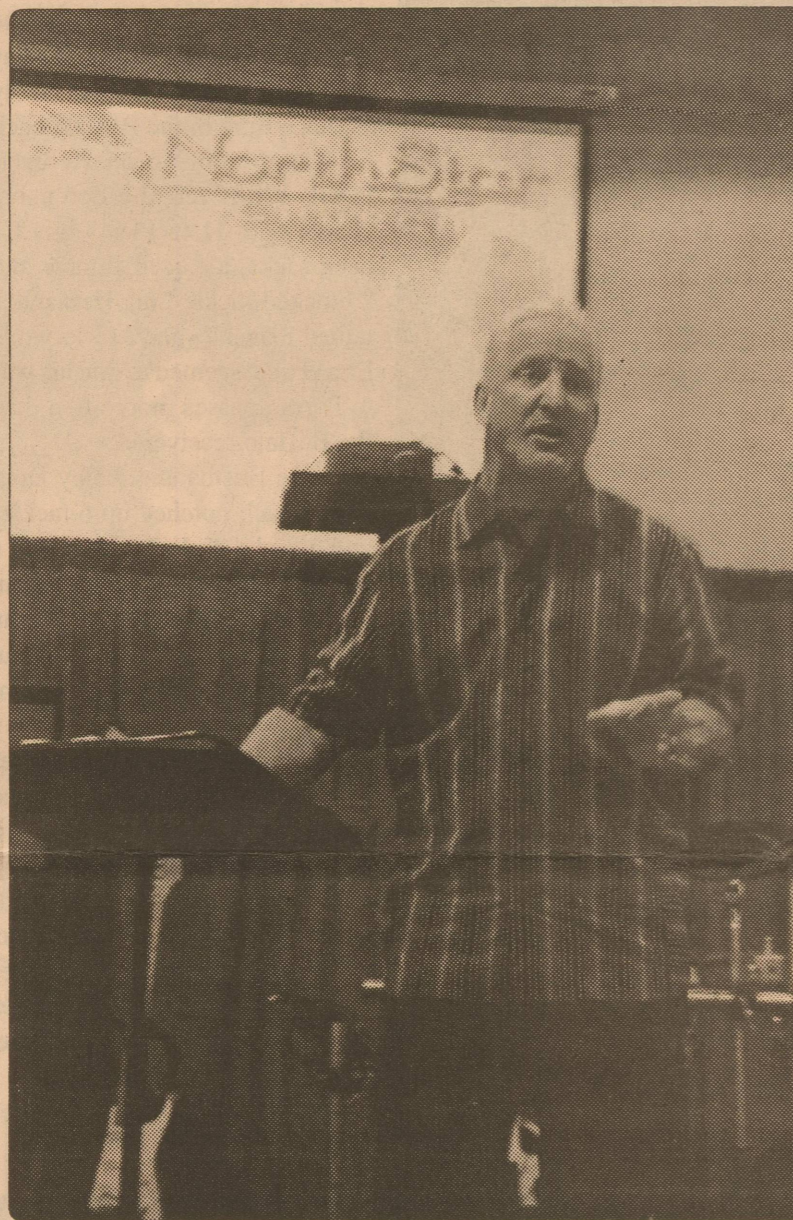
After 18 years in full-time evangelism, Ken Freeman has traveled the country and has had the privilege of seeing more than 100,000 people accept Christ as Lord and Savior. His dynamic message has been presented at churches, youth conferences and more than 10,000 public school. "A strong Christian family is our best defense against Satan," Ken stresses. In contrast to his horror filled childhood, Ken Freeman's adult home life is a miracle of God. He and his wife Debbie have been married for over 30 years. They have two sons and five grandchildren.

The Crusade will begin on Sunday, September 19 at 10:55 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Sunday evening with a all church fellowship at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, September 20 Ken will be holding a School Assembly starting at 8:50 a.m. in the High School Auditorium for Middle School through High School. A Youth Fellowship will be at 6:00 p.m. followed by Crusade program 7:00 p.m.

On Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. FBC will host a Children Fellowship at 6:00 p.m., followed by the Crusade program at 7:00 p.m.

The grande finale of the Crusade will begin at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday.

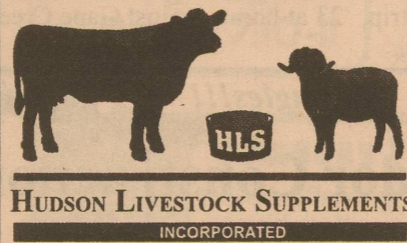


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Ken Freeman, an evangelist for today's youth, will be coming to Eldorado's First Baptist Church to speak to families about how God's healing power is for them also.

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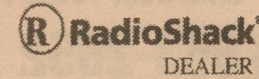
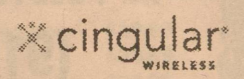
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Wednesday, September 15

Chicken Fried Steak, Gravy, Buttered Peas, Cornbread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, September 16

Chicken Fajita Salad, Cheese, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday, September 17

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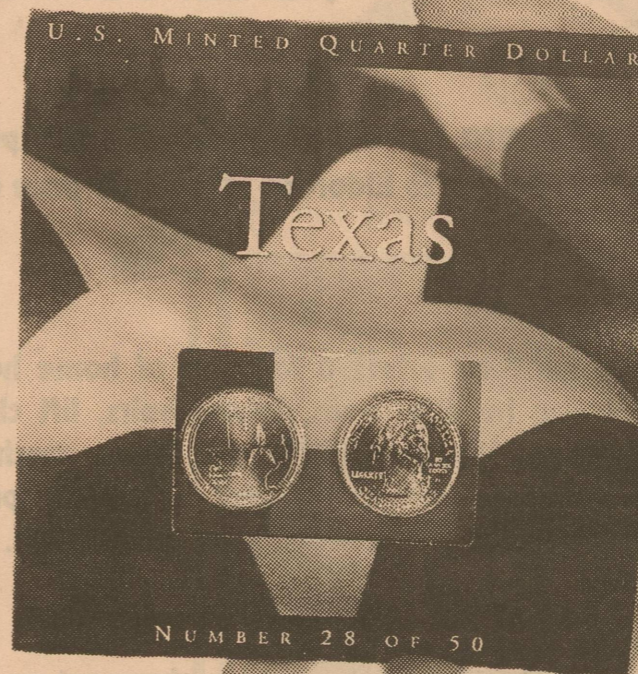
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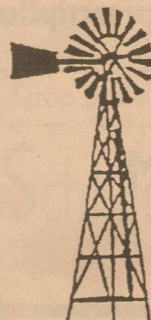
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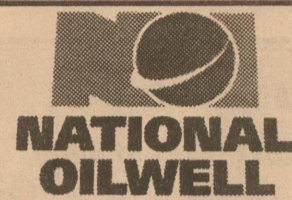
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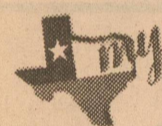


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8th grade falls to Forsan

The junior high football season kicked off last Thursday night with a double-header at Eagle Stadium.

In the finale, Eldorado quarterback Austin Grubbs threw for over 150 yards, but it wasn't enough as the eighth-grade Eagles lost a 14-8 nail-biter to Forsan.

Grubbs connected with Jesus Vasquez for Eldorado's lone score. The two also converted on the two-point attempt.

Following the Eagles' score, Eldorado managed to recover Vasquez's onside kick, but were unable to find the end zone in the closing minutes of regulation.

"All of the kids played well," Eagles coach Doran Schoenhals said.

Eldorado's seventh-grade team saw its first action last Thursday

with a controlled scrimmage against Forsan.

The Eagles crossed the goal line four times in the scrimmage and held the Buffaloes scoreless.

"They played very well for the first time," Eagles coach Larry Mitchell said. "We don't have a lot of kids, but they try hard."

Wes Brown, Ivany Sanchez and David Tirado all scored touchdowns for Eldorado.

"Juan Medrano and Ram Perez both blocked well on the offensive line," Mitchell said. "Ryan Castillo and Shane Young each had good games on the defensive side of the ball."

The eighth grade team returns to action tonight at 5 p.m., hosting Menard. The seventh-graders are open this week, but host Sonora next Thursday at 5 p.m.

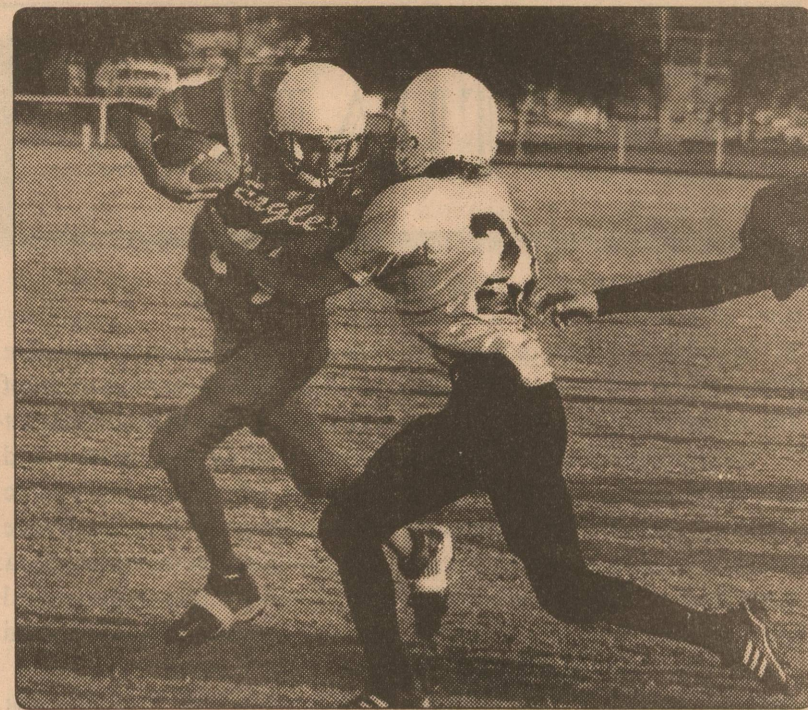


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Johnny Mejia found running room around the right side for the Eagles 8th Grade squad last Thursday as they faced Forsan here in Eagle Stadium. The young Eagles came out on the short end of a 14-8 score.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

George Bustos headed for the endzone after hauling in a pass from Ryan Cathey. The 35-yard catch and run gave the Eagles a 30-0 second-quarter lead over Forsan. The Eagles would win the game 50-6.

Eagles beat Forsan 50-6

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first week but the weather caused us problems."

But Forsan proved to be the team with the problems last Friday as the Eagles defense spent nearly as much time in the Buffalo backfield as the Forsan quarterback. Frank Wipff led the defensive charge with 11 tackles 3 quarterback sacks, a forced fumble and 2 blocked kicks. Luis Hernandez tallied 10 tackles and 3 sacks while Eric Garcia seemed to find his way to Forsan passes more often than the Buffalo receivers.

Jorge Bustos and Kolby Dombroski each notched up 6 tackles and 2 sacks. Kyle Taylor added 6 more tackles with Nestor Hernandez, Will Griffin, Simon Duran and Joel Esparza each contributing to the team's defensive dominance.

The Eagles kicking game was sharp, too. Simon Duran booted through 5 of 7 extra points, and a 26-yard field goal.

"I thought the team look good," Coach Grubbs said. "We have a lot of weapons. Teams feel like they have to watch Terrell and when they do, we hurt them another way."

The win moves the Eagles

season record to 2-0, with one game and a bye week left before the expanded District 2-2A season begins.

The Warbirds will travel to Menard this week for the

Grubbs noted that he expects a tough contest in Menard tomorrow night. "They always play us tough and they pulled out a couple of wins in the past two years," Grubbs commented. "Our guys remember that, so it's a lot of motivation for them."

The Eagles will take the field at 7:30 tomorrow night in Menard. Eagle fans are encouraged to make the trip and support the team.

School Lunch Menu



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BREAKFAST MENU

- Monday, September 13**
Biscuits, Sausage, Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, September 14**
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Wednesday, September 15**
Oatmeal, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Thursday, September 16**
Waffles, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Friday, September 17**
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Pear halves, Milk

BASKET LINE

- Monday, September 13**
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Dip, Chilled Fruit
- Tuesday, September 14**
Steak Burger, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
- Wednesday, September 15**
Chef Salad, Crackers, Diced Ham, Cheese Cup, Sliced Peaches, Jello/Topping
- Thursday, September 16**
Chicken Strips, Quick Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Pear Halves
- Friday, September 17**
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy Oven Fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

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- Monday, September 13**
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Baby Carrots, Dip, Chilled Fruit
- Tuesday, September 14**
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
- Wednesday, September 15**
Burritos, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Jello/Topping
- Thursday, September 16**
Cowboy Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Ants on a Log, Cowboy Cookies
- Friday, September 17**
Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Spicy Oven Fries, Pickle Spears, Orange Halves

JV wins 16-8 over Forsan

Eldorado's junior varsity football team improved to 2-0 on the season last Thursday after rallying for a 16-8 victory over Forsan on the road.

Russell Cathy and David Hernandez each scored to lead the Eagles' offense.

"It was a long, hard road trip,

but we overcame it and did enough to win," Eldorado coach Don Richters said.

The junior varsity Eagles resume action tonight at 6:30 when they host Menard in their last non-district game of the season. They will open conference play on Sept. 23 at home against Gape Creek.

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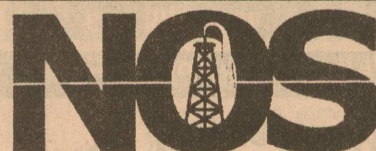
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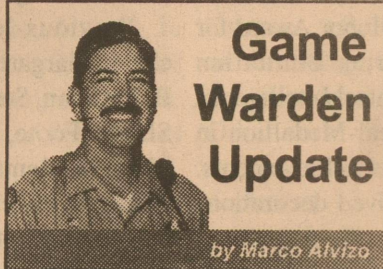


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Be sure you know your Snipe, Woodcock or Rail

How many game wardens does it take to identify a "Gallinago delicata", otherwise known as Wilson Snipe or Common Snipe? Yes, there apparently are snipe in this area as can be attested to by a Tom Green county warden who found one in a hunter's game bag this past week. Unfortunately the

"BANG", literally. Dove season is underway until Oct. 31st. Anyone leasing property for dove hunting is reminded that a hunting lease license is required. Hunters heading out into the field need to remember to get their new hunting license and be HIP (Harvest Information Program) certified in order to



Game Warden Update

by Marco Alvizo

season for snipe does not open until October 30 (bag limit 8). Of course if you do go snipe hunting you need to do your research so that you can tell the difference between a Snipe and a very similar Woodcock (season opens Dec. 18, bag limit 3). Another bird that closely resembles the last two is the Rails. You need to know that the King and Clapper Rail season runs from Sept. 11-26 as does the season for the Sora and Virginia Rail but the bag limits are different with 15 per day for one and 25 per day for the other.

A reminder to everyone that Dove season has arrived with a

hunt doves. This is a requirement from your Federal government that collects information on migratory birds. It's easy to get certified plus it's free. If you plan to hunt in an area that has white-wing doves you also need to get your white-wing dove stamp (\$7.00).

Another bird that has reached a huntable population is the Eurasian Collared Dove. This large dove has a distinctive black collar on the back of the neck. This dove is a domesticated bird that has escaped captivity and is populating this area at a fast rate and it is considered an exotic species. I

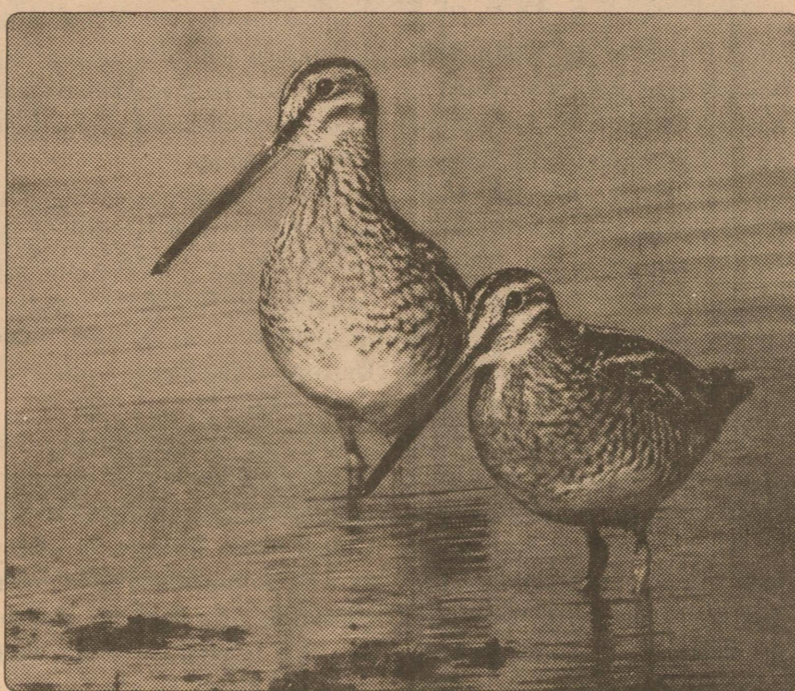


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"Gallinago delicata" Wilson or Common Snipe

have seen numerous birds in the Eldorado area but have yet to see one taken. It's a different story in Tom Green County. I have seen numerous Eurasian dove taken south of San Angelo. Hunters are enjoying taking this bird as it is good eating plus it does not count

toward your 12 dove bag limit for the central zone.

Remember to maintain muzzle control and that alcohol and safe hunting don't mix.

Oh", by the way the answer to the question at the beginning of the article is "Three". See you out in the field.



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Stepping to the tune-Flag Corps member Hope Fuentes and Band Member Drew Bosmans performed during halftime at Friday night at Eagle Stadium.

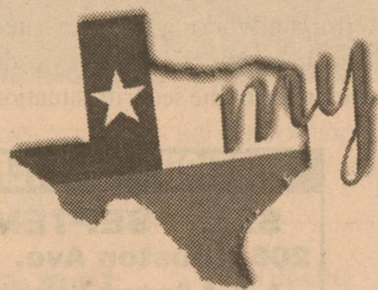
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- 11th Darla Jenkins, Debby Griffin, Pauline Gamez, Richard Jacobs, Payton Whitten
- 12th Adriane Jo Lozano, Sam A. Whitten, Jr., Rudy Montez, Maricela Estrada, Crystal Akin
- 13th Candi J. Saldivar, Jeremy Lemons, Nichole Johnson, Jose Martinez
- 14th Kevan J. Covarrubiaz, Susan Casey, Richard Mendez, Rolando Gonzalez, Stuart Lux, Joel Brazzel
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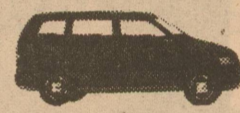
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Gen. Barry R. McCaffrey, the former Army commander and national drug policy director now recognized for his national security and terrorism analysis on NBC News, will deliver the Community Lectureship in the Humanities Sept. 28 at Angelo State University.

McCaffrey, an authority on national security issues, will speak on "After Iraq: How the World Has Changed" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 28, in the C.J. Davidson Conference Center on the ASU campus.

His talk will examine how U.S. military, diplomatic and economic efforts ended the regime of Saddam Hussein. He will also address ongoing work in Iraq, including the interim authority, humanitarian and economic aid,

eradication of weapons of mass destruction, jumpstarting the Iraqi oil industry to benefit the people, reconstruction and the role of the United Nations.

The lectureship is jointly sponsored by the San Angelo Community Medical Center and the San Angelo Health Foundation in conjunction with Angelo State University. The speech is open free to the public.

McCaffrey is the Bradley distinguished professor of international security studies at the United States Military Academy as well as president of his own consulting firm based in Alexandria, Va. In addition to his work for NBC News, he also writes a regular commentary on national security issues for Armed Forces Journal.

After graduating from the U.S. Military Academy, he began an army career that culminated with him as commander of the U.S. Armed Forces Southern Command, coordinating national security operations in Latin America. He served overseas for 13 years, including four combat tours. During Desert Storm he commanded the 24th Infantry Division-Mechanized during the 400-kilometer left-hook attack into Iraq.

At retirement from active duty, McCaffrey was the most highly decorated and youngest four-star general in the U.S. Army. He twice received the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second highest medal for valor. He was also awarded two Silver Stars and three Purple Hearts.

After leaving the army, McCaffrey served as director of the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy from 1996 until 2001. In that capacity, he served as a member of the President's Cabinet and the National Security Council for drug-related issues. In that position he coordinated the \$19.2 billion federal drug control budget and developed the U.S. National Drug Control Strategy.

He remains engaged in national security issues. For example, he co-chaired the Atlantic Council of the United States NATO Counterterrorism Working Group, visited Iraq to conduct a countrywide evaluation of the security situation

and addressed the Security of the Americas Conference in Mexico City earlier this year.

McCaffrey has received numerous honors, including being recognized as one of the 500 most influential people in American foreign policy by World Affairs Councils of America. He has earned the Department of State's Superior Honor Award for the Strategic Arms Limitation Talks and the Central Intelligence Agency Great Seal Medallion in recognition of his achievements. He has also received decorations from France, Brazil, Argentina, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela over the course of his career.

Prior to going to West Point, he graduated from Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass. He holds a master of arts degree in civil government from American University. He also attended the Harvard University National Security Program

as well as the Business School Executive Education Program. The Community Lectureship in the Humanities is sponsored annually to bring distinguished speakers of national prominence to West Texas. In addition to the public lecture, the speakers also visit with ASU students and faculty as well as community leaders.

Previous lecturers have included Margaret Thatcher, Warren B. Rudman, Sergei N. Khrushchev, Shelby Foote, Larry McMurtry, Lloyd M. Bentsen, Rick Bass and James A. Baker III.

Members of the 2004 lectureship selection committee are David Loyd, Charles Endress, Sam Feazell, Mary Ellen Hartje, David Hirschfeld, David Lupton, Mark McLaughlin, Richey Oliver and Steve Stephens.

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PUBLIC HEARING

AMENDMENT #12 TO UTILITY ORDINANCE #104-96

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 13, 2004, regarding proposed Amendment #12 to Utility Ordinance #104-96. The Amendment address the following items:

- Increased minimum for water billings from \$9.00 for first 3000 gallons to \$10.00 and increase from \$1.50 for each 1000 gallons after the minimum to \$2.00/1000 gallons. (Previous rate increase was made 9/10/2001.)
- Increase gas overhead charge from \$2.00/mcf. (Previous rate increase was made 10/8/2001.)
- Increase all sewer charges by \$1.00/month-Residential rate would increase from \$16.50/month to \$17.50/month. Commercial rates would increase from \$17.50/month to \$18.50/month. (Previous rate increase was made 3/10/1997.)
- Tip fees will be instigated at the landfill for all incoming waste disposal from Schleicher County residents and businesses. Loads less than 500 lbs. shall be charged a \$5.00 minimum fee. Loads over 500 lbs. will be charged a prorated fee based on \$25/ton. Only Schleicher County residents will be allowed to utilize the facilities as well as those companies who have current valid contracts. (Currently there is no charge for disposal at the Landfill except for contract haulers.)

Copies of the proposed Amendment will be available at the City Hall prior to the meeting. Citizens are invited to ask questions and provide either written or oral comment on the above proposed items.

Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary
 August 31, 2004

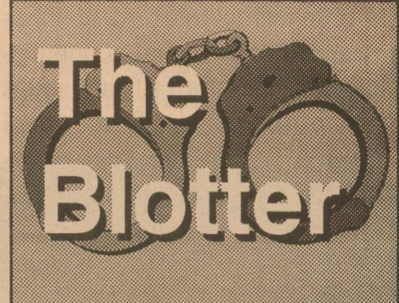
PUBLIC NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Eldorado will be meeting to review a draft Hazard Mitigation Plan jointly developed by the City of Eldorado and twelve counties and twenty-five cities under the auspices of the Concho Valley Council of Governments at a meeting that is open to the public.

The Mitigation Action Plan is a FEMA requirement for certain disaster relief funds. The Mitigation Action Plan is available for public inspection and review at the City Hall at 6 S. Cottonwood St. Monday-Friday 8:00 AM-5:00 PM. All interested persons are invited to review the document and can either submit comments beforehand or may be present at an open meeting of the City Council. The meeting will be held Monday, September 13, 2004, at the City Hall. This item is scheduled for 6:30 PM.

For more information contact City Administrator Randy Mankin at 853-2691.

Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary
 9-7-04



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

August 30 • Rodriguez, Juan Roberto, male age 20, arresting SC deputy, offense Motion to Revoke and Warrant.

September 5 • Neira, Priscilla, female age 18, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance < 2 oz.

September 5 • Neira, Georgia, female age 24, arresting officer DPS trooper, offense Possession of a Controlled Substance < 2 oz.

INCIDENTS

August 30 • 3:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with

an officer. Officer responded. Officer responded.

August 31 • 1:36 a.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist 3 miles South on 277. Officers responded.

• 9:30 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a welfare concern. Officer responded.

• 3:40 p.m. Complainant reported a abandoned vehicle. Officer responded.

• 6:33 p.m. Complainant requested to meet with an officer, reported having trouble with a child. Officer responded.

• 7:10 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

September 1 • 4:28 a.m. Hospital requested a transfer. EMS responded.

• 4:57 p.m. Complainant stated that there was a vehicle on N. Divide that was smoking. Officer responded.

September 3 • 8:44 p.m. Complainant reported missing approximately 300 Barrels of oil from an oil battery on 2596.

September 4 • 3:41 a.m. Complainant reported a water leak at shots. Officer and City responded.

• 3:55 a.m. Menard SO reported shot fired from a red pickup headed to Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 8:34 a.m. Complainant reported a burglary at her residence 603 Colpitts. Officer responded.

• 11:59 a.m. Complainant reported minor vehicle accident. Officer responded.

• 4:38 p.m. Complainant reported a security alarm going off. Officer responded, alarm was set off by a family member.

• 5:17 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person in his back yard 102 San Antonio. Officer responded.

September 5 • 9:16 a.m. Complainant reported a house on fire. Officer and EVFD responded unable to locate a fire.

• 10:52 a.m. Complainant requested a officer check on a patient whose lifeline had gone off. Officer responded.

• 2:12 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about someone moving things out of her house. Officer responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Schleicher County Hospital District will hold a public meeting at 12:00 p.m., September 16, 2004 in the Hospital Board Room.

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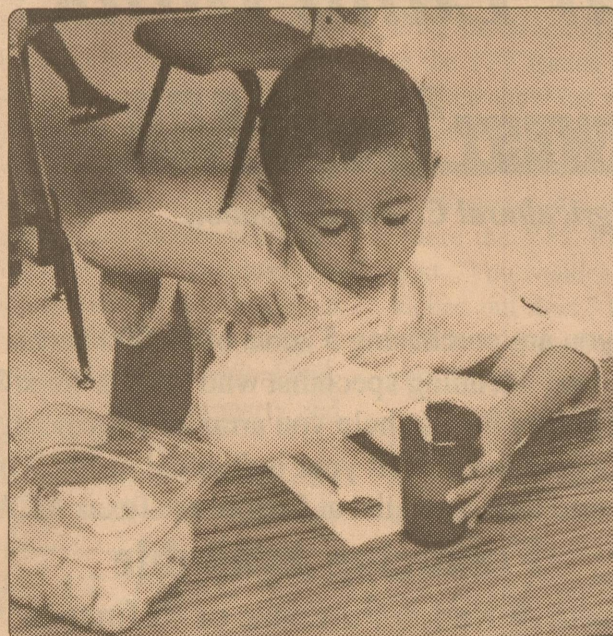
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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Eldorado will hold a public hearing at 5:15 p. m. on September 14, 2004 at City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood St., Eldorado, Texas, in regard to the submission of an application to the Office of Rural Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Randy Mankin, City Administrator, at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. For further information, contact Randy Mankin, City Administrator at the City Hall, 325-853-2691.

Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Eldorado Headstart student Michael Parks. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Michael, he was pouring milk a glass of milk for his morning snack. Michael is one of twenty students who started their new school year on Monday, Sept. 7th.

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Grilled Corn With Spiced Honey Butter and Sweet Spicy Salmon With Honeyed Mango Salsa

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Grilled Corn With Spiced Honey Butter

- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 8 ears fresh corn
- 1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro
- 8 lime wedges

In small bowl, stir together butter, honey and chili powder; set aside. Fold back husks and remove silk from corn; pull husks back up over corn. Place corn in large bowl of ice water and soak 15 minutes. Remove and shake off excess water. Place on grill over medium

hot coals and cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently. Remove husks and spread each ear with seasoned butter. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with lime wedges.

Makes 8 servings

Sweet Spicy Salmon With Honeyed Mango Salsa

- Salsa
- 1 large ripe mango, peeled and chopped
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped red bell pepper
 - 1/4 cup finely chopped red onion
 - 2 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
 - 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice, divided
 - 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced

- 2 tablespoons Mexican hot sauce
- 4 (4- to 6-ounce) salmon filets

To prepare salsa, in medium bowl, combine mango, bell pepper, red onion, cilantro, 1 tablespoon lime juice, 1 tablespoon honey and jalapeño. Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use.

Whisk together 1/3 cup honey, hot sauce and remaining lime juice in small bowl. Rinse salmon and pat dry; brush liberally with honey mixture. Place skin-side up on well-oiled grill over medium coals; cook 2 to 3 minutes until lightly charred. Turn and cook 8 to 10 minutes more, basting liberally with sauce during cooking. Remove from grill and transfer to serving platter. Top with mango salsa.

Makes 4 to 6 servings

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Grilled Peaches With Honey Amaretto Sauce

Grilling Tips

- Gas is all about convenience. Coals can be messy and often are a deterrent from grilling, so gas grills are another choice. With a gas grill it is easy to regulate the temperature using the knobs, as low as 175°F or as high as 600°F.
- Vegetables will benefit from a little smoke flavor, especially the ones that take longer to cook. Some gas grills come with a handy smoking device that adds soaked smoker chips. Try drizzling honey on the vegetables right when they come off the grill for a sweet and smoky flavor.
- For the garden-fresh fruits and vegetables that will take 5 minutes or less to cook, such as peaches, pears, corn on the cob, peppers, zucchini and yellow squash (cut 1/2-inch thick), try a charcoal grill. Use skewers or a grill pan for smaller items to

keep them from falling through the grill.

Grilled Peaches With Honey Amaretto Sauce

- 2 large ripe peaches
 - 1 tablespoon honey
- Sauce
- 1/3 cup honey
 - 1/4 cup butter (no substitutions)
 - 2 tablespoons amaretto liqueur
 - 1/4 cup heavy cream
- Almonds
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
 - 1 tablespoon honey
 - 1 tablespoon brown sugar
 - 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 - 1/4 cup slivered almonds
 - 4 small scoops vanilla ice cream

Wash peaches and cut in half; discard pits. Brush lightly with honey and set aside. Heat grill to medium-low.

To make sauce, bring honey to boil in heavy saucepan; reduce heat and simmer 3 to 4 minutes until deep golden brown. Add butter and stir until melted. Add liqueur and cream; simmer 2 minutes more, stirring frequently. Remove from heat and let cool slightly.

To make almonds, preheat oven to 350°F, and in an oven-proof bowl, stir together melted butter, honey, brown sugar and cinnamon. Toss with slivered almonds. Bake 15 to 20 minutes, stirring twice. Spread almonds onto buttered piece of foil and let cool completely, then break apart.

Place peaches cut-side down on medium-low heated grill. Cook 3 to 4 minutes or until lightly charred. Remove from grill and place on 4 dessert plates. Top each with ice cream and drizzle with warm sauce. Sprinkle with almonds and serve.

Makes 4 servings

Materials courtesy of National Honey Board

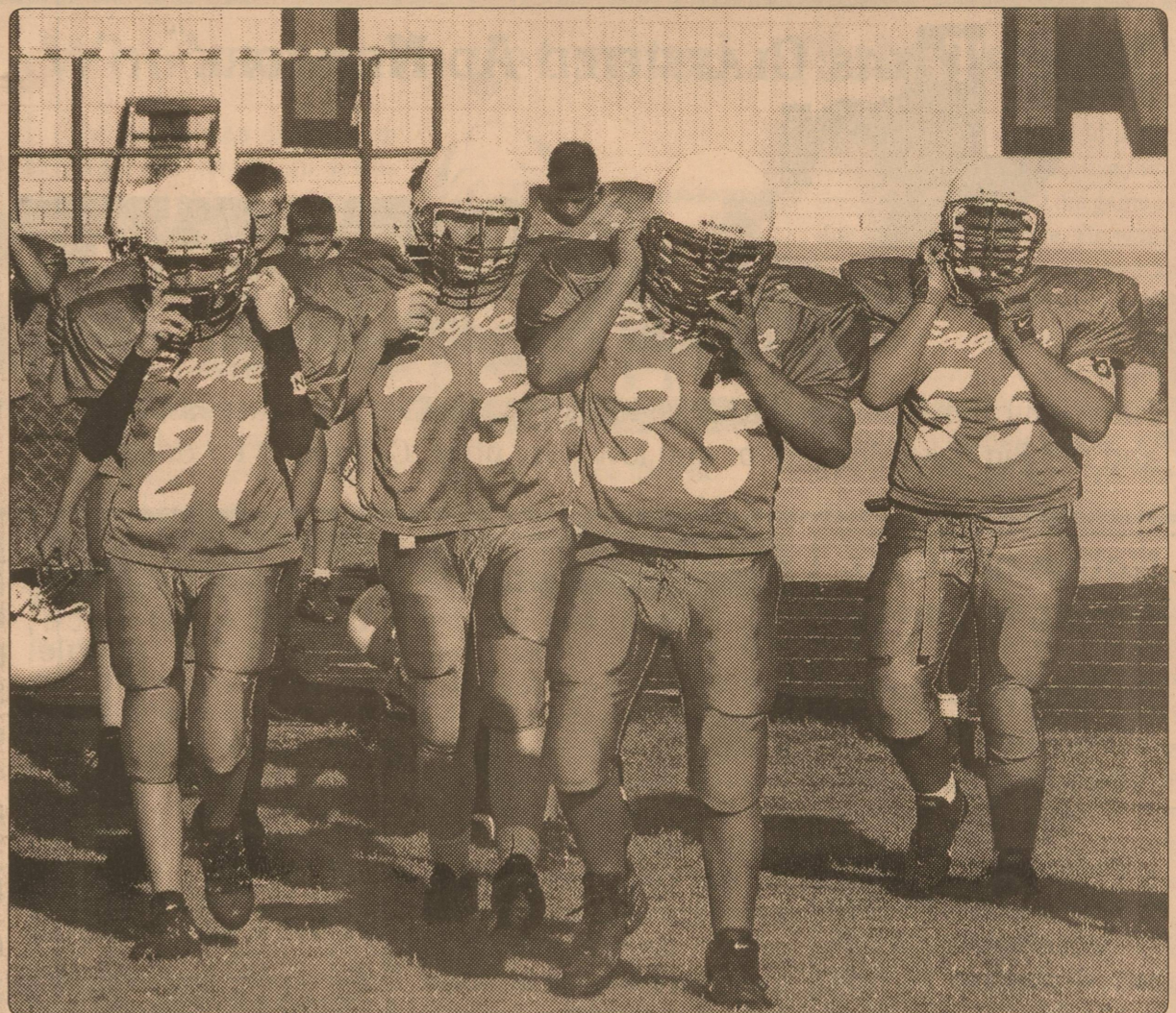


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Eldorado's 8th Grade Eagles took the field for last Thursday for their first game with Forsan. Here #21 Austin Grubbs, #73 Troy Russell, #33 Gabriel Vasquez and #55 Juan Sanchez lead the 8th Grade squad onto the field. The young Warbrids fell 14-8 in a hard-fought contest.

Jane Kosub receives Ph.D.

Jane S. Cain Kosub was conferred a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology on August 27, 2004, from Kennedy-Western University.

Dr. Kosub is a 1966 graduate of Eldorado High School, a 1969 graduate of Angelo State University (B.A.) and a 1974 graduate of Trinity University (M. ED.). Dr. Kosub is also a licensed professional counselor and a licensed marriage and family therapist.

Dr. Kosub has had a private practice in Eldorado since 1994. She deals with a wide range of psychological issues in her practice. Her office is located at 6 W. Gillis. She sees patients by appointment. For an appointment, please call 325-853-3669.

Working your herd this Fall? Consider cattle health issues

Whether you're sorting calves for sale, moving the herd to fresh pasture, or deciding which cows to keep, working cattle in cooler weather makes sense. It's also a good time to address important herd health issues that can affect Texas' ability to trade and move cattle freely.

"The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) has extended funding for the cattle tuberculosis (TB) testing program until the end of 2004, so ranchers still can take advantage of a free TB test for their seed stock, or purebred cattle," commented Dr. Bob Hillman, Texas' state veterinarian and head of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry regulatory agency. "Increased TB surveillance must be accomplished, in order for Texas' TB-free status, downgraded two years ago, to be reinstated. TB-free status will enhance the marketability of Texas cattle, because breeding animals could move across state lines without TB testing requirements or restrictions."

Texas, New Mexico, California and Michigan are the only states not cattle TB-free. Each of these states is following a specially tailored plan to regain TB status, explained Dr. Hillman. "Texas must not be the only state that doesn't fulfill its disease surveil-

lance obligation." Dr. Hillman urged Texas producers to contact either the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242, or their private veterinary practitioner to arrange for a TB herd test. More than 550 Texas private veterinarians are certified to conduct TB herd tests and are reimbursed by the TAHC, through cooperative agreement funds from the USDA.

"Producers also may be able to arrange for a free herd test for cattle brucellosis, or 'Bangs,' if their cattle had potential exposure to the bacterial disease, or if the herd exhibits signs of the disease, such as abortions, weak calves of lowered milk production. Many times brucellosis infection is 'silent,' with few obvious signs of disease, so proactive measures are crucial to find infection," said Dr. Hillman. "In late August, a brucellosis-infected beef herd was detected in Leon County, the first in the state since late 2003. Was this Texas' final infected herd? Only time and continued disease surveillance at livestock markets, tests prior to private sale, slaughter surveillance and selective herd tests will give us that answer."

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