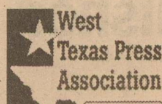
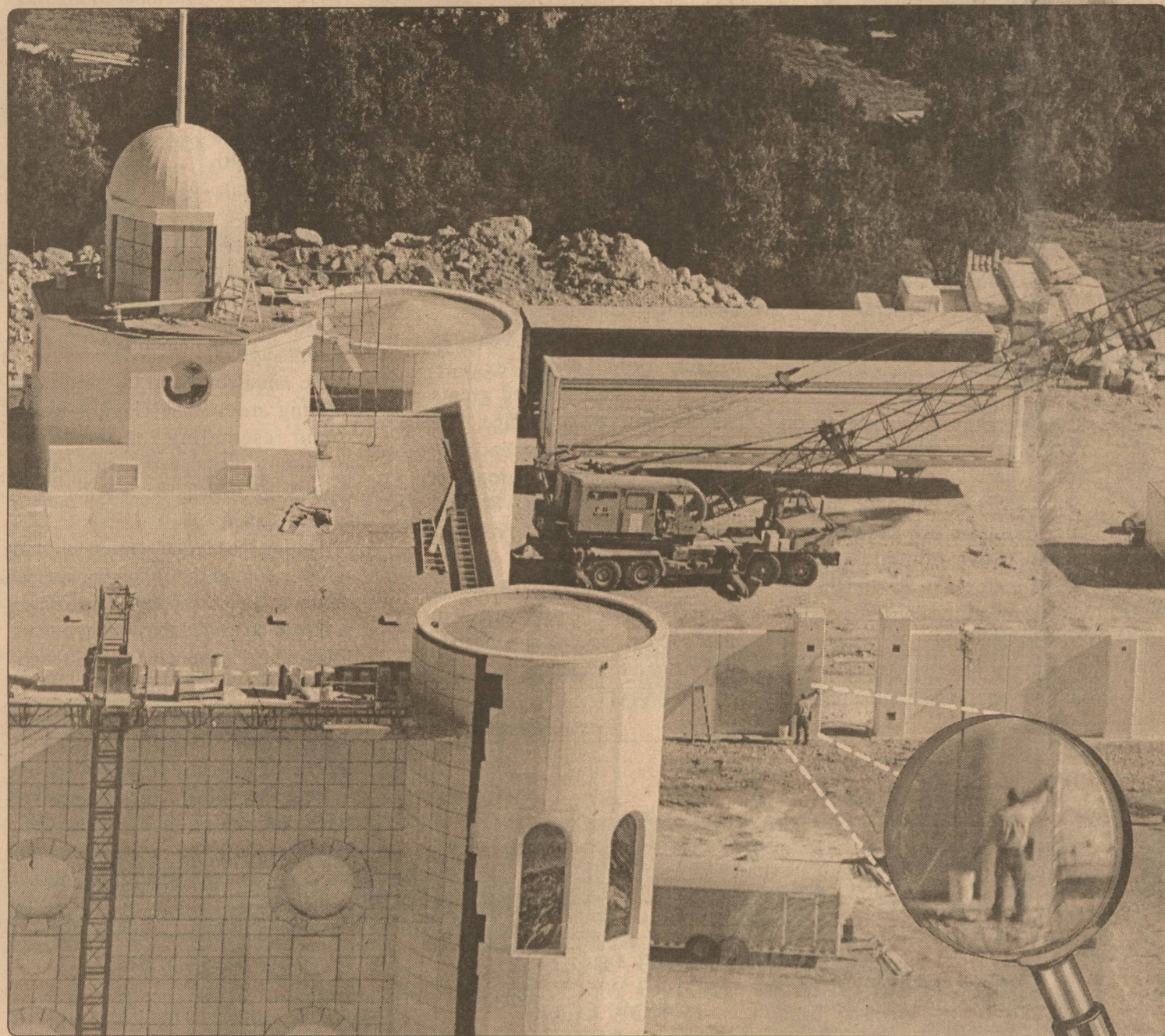


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Work continued Tuesday on a concrete wall surrounding the FLDS temple at the YFZ Ranch. Judging by the height of the worker pictured above, the wall easily measures 12 feet tall. Meanwhile work also continues on the temple's limestone facade and additional construction projects have begun on the ranch, including two new concrete foundations adjacent to the ranch commissary and another at the barn where chickens are being kept. There also appears to be an increase in the number of women and children at the ranch, with several being seen working in the property's large gardens, and others riding in a covered golf cart-type vehicle (see photo on Page 10).

Jeffs facing more indictments in AZ

Followers build 12 ft. wall around YFZ temple

FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is facing more criminal indictments in Arizona, according to sources in the Grand Canyon state. Jeffs was previously indicted on felony charges of Sexual Conduct with a Minor and Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor. The charges stem from Jeffs' alleged involvement in arranging and officiating over marriages between his adult male followers and under aged FLDS girls.

Now comes word that a Mohave County grand jury in Kingman, AZ has handed up even more charges against the reclusive prophet, although the exact nature of those charges remains unknown since the indictments are reportedly sealed.

A \$10,000 reward offered by the Utah and Arizona Attorney General offices remains in place.

Cops doubt Florida sighting

While the new felony charges are of interest to law enforcement officials, investigators at the state and federal level are paying little attention to reports out last week that Warren Jeffs and several of his followers had been spotted in the Leesburg, FL area. One investigator told the Success that the Florida information was dubious and had been provided to authorities by a source no longer considered credible.

The faulty information found its way on to an FBI flyer that was circulated two weeks ago when Jeffs was named to the FBI's Most Wanted List for August.

Activity increases at YFZ

Construction activity appears to have increased somewhat at the YFZ Ranch with new concrete foundations or pads having been completed near the ranch's commissary, or storehouse building, as well as near the large barn where chickens are kept.

Work continues on a concrete wall surrounding the temple and a limestone veneer is being applied to the temple walls — although the stone work seems to have slowed and workers are still removing large limestone blocks from the quarry on the ranch's western edge. Large limestone blocks have also been deposited near the guard house at the ranch's entrance.

The front of the temple is being decorated with large semi-circular concrete steps leading up to the building's front door on its eastern face.

A question of taxes

As Schleicher County jurisdictions go through the steps of preparing their 2006 budgets and setting tax rates for the coming year, there remains a question about the tax liability at the YFZ Ranch. Published reports in Utah and Arizona indicate that FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs told his followers not to make property tax payments in Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ.

Jeffs, and several of his most faithful followers, were removed recently as trustees of the United Effort Plan Trust, a charitable trust once controlled by the FLDS church that owns most of the property in the Utah/Arizona border town, after a Utah state judge found the trust was being mismanaged.

Jeffs has reportedly told his followers not to pay taxes on the UEP property and, when the tax man comes calling to "answer them nothing."

That leaves local authorities scratching their heads and hoping for the best. The YFZ Ranch, and improvements made upon it before January 1, 2005, have added \$7.66 million to the county's taxable property values. Depending on the tax rates adopted by local jurisdictions, the tax bill at the YFZ Ranch could run as high as \$211,000.00 in and soar even higher next year.

County continues to consider airport grant

A \$1 million grant for airport improvements was one of the main topics of conversation Monday as Schleicher County Commissioners met in regular session. The 2007 Aviation Capitol Improvement Grant was awarded to Schleicher County recently and will be available to help upgrade runway aprons, as well as pay for repaving the runway with hot mix, provided the county come up with 10 percent in matching funds.

Judge Johnny Griffin explained that the county's match would have to be in cash, not in-kind services.

Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle, Doug Garvin and Richard Gibson, all members of the Schleicher County Airport Committee, met with the commissioners about the issue and explained that there is no need to

upgrade the airport's runway lighting but that instead the commissioners should consider using the grant funds to install a chemical containment area for crop dusters.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo noted that some of his constituents wanted to know why the county needed a million dollar runway.

Commissioner Bill Clark was quick to respond, saying that the county has already spent over \$100,000 for hangars and a fueling system. "We will save money in the long run, with a hot mix runway, that won't deteriorate as fast as the current oil and gravel airstrip," Clark said. "The state may not be as generous in the future."

Judge Jimmy Doyle agreed that the present oil and gravel runway is

hard on propellers and engines.

After an extended discussion, the consensus seemed to be to consider issuing certificates of obligation in order to pay the county's portion of the grant, and to purchase equipment the county needs in other departments. No official action was taken on the matter, however.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Matt Brown, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Johnny Mayo in attendance. Road Superintendent Clay Burleson, County Clerk Peggy Williams and Treasurer Karen Henderson were also present for the meeting.

Among other business the men considered purchasing a newer cab and chassis to outfit a water truck for the local Fire Department. Fire Chief Jerry Jones met with the commissioners to discuss the pros and cons of updating the old water truck. Jones was asked to check on a prices for outfitting a truck with a fiberglass tank, pump and fittings and to report back to them.

Next, the commissioners voted to lift the county-wide burn ban, but only after discussing the matter with the Fire Chief and getting his blessing.

The men then reviewed four employment applications before voting to hire Mark Franke as the county's maintenance supervisor.

Jason Barrett, a representative with Election Systems and Software of Austin, used the opportunity of the commissioners meeting to demonstrate an Automark voting machine and precinct scanner. County and

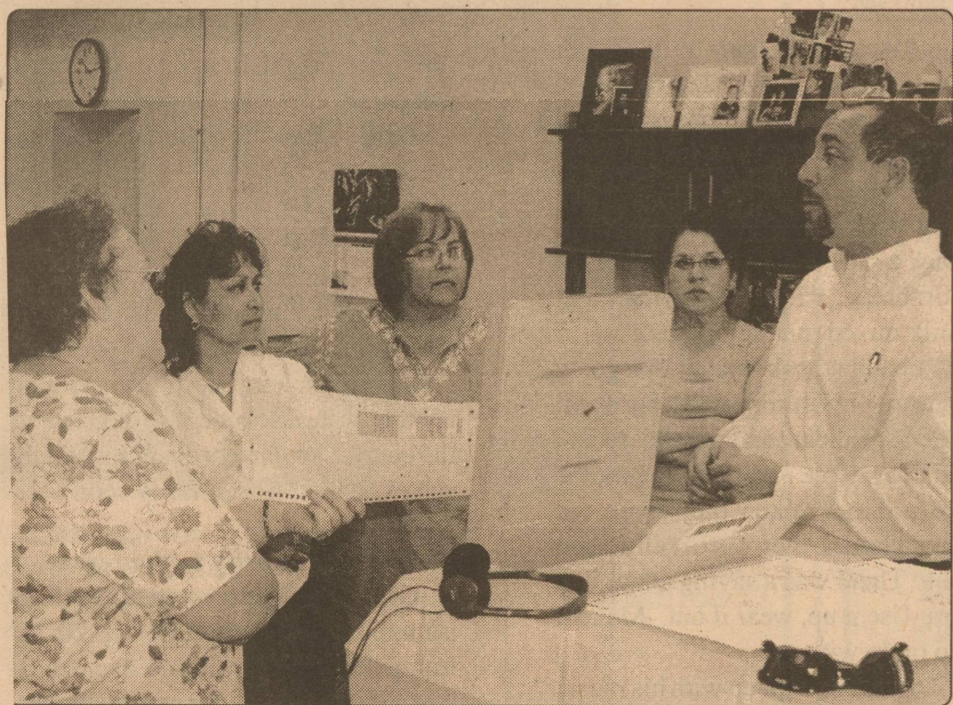


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Jason Barnett, a representative of Election Systems & Software (far right) demonstrated an electronic voting machine Monday for courthouse and school personnel including (L-R) election judge Bessie Jones, Schleicher County ISD secretaries Marce Montez and Sandra Robledo and County Clerk Office deputy Mary Ann Gonzalez.

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New traffic, criminal laws set to go into effect September 1

Notable traffic and criminal laws that go into effect on September 1 (unless noted otherwise) include the following:

SB 1257 prohibits use of wireless communications devices (including cell phones) for the first six months after teenagers get their driver licenses. The bill also prohibits passenger bus drivers transporting minors from using wireless communications devices, except in emergencies or when the bus is stopped.

HB 51 requires an ignition interlock device if a driver's blood alcohol level is determined to be .15 or more (upon conviction).

HB 1357 creates a six-month driver license (DL) suspension for a person convicted of providing alcohol to a minor (one year for second offense), and increases the DL suspension to one year for minors who are convicted of a second alcohol offense.

HB 1481 makes it a Class B misdemeanor if a person drives around a barricade where a warning sign or barricade has been placed because water is over any portion of a road, street or highway. It also specifically creates a traffic violation for driving around a barricade put

in the roadway because of dangerous conditions.

HB 183 states that all children younger than 5 years of age (old law was younger than 4) and less than 36 inches tall are required to be in a child safety seat system. It also classifies safety seat infractions as moving violations for the first time.

SB 1005 provides that if a driver younger than 25 years of age commits a traffic offense classified as a moving violation, the judge must require the driver to complete a driving safety course—and, if the driver holds a provisional driver license (under 18 years of age), submit to a DPS road test. Failure by the driver to meet this requirement will result in a final conviction for that traffic offense.

HB 1484 specifies that a person commits a traffic offense if they are involved in a crash on the main lane, ramp, shoulder, median or adjacent area of a freeway and don't move their vehicle to an area that minimizes interference with freeway traffic (assuming the vehicle is drivable).

HB 1596 clarifies the definition of
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**Special session:
Good for legislators,
bad for educators**

Editor:

The Governor called a special session specifically to deal with school finance and the need for more money to fund public schools so that they may meet the challenges in today's high stakes educational system.

The Governor has the ability to limit the agenda of a special session and tell legislators which topics they may address. The Governor used that power to limit this special session to school finance, initially.

Three-fourths of the way through the special session nothing has been done about school finance, except a repeat of what was done in the regular session, but lawmakers, with the blessings of the Governor, have given themselves a pension increase at the same time they are debating decreasing pensions for educators.

Now, legislators who serve 12 years will get about the same yearly pension that a teacher that has worked 30 years will get. And, as if that slap in the face was not enough, legislators will be able to start earning that pension at 50, while educators will have to wait until 60 to retire. Originally, that change in minimum age for educators to retire was only to be applied to teachers that enter the profession after 2006, but now the legislature is considering Senate Bill 8 to make the minimum retirement age apply to nearly all teachers.

If that was why you voted for your favorite state legislator, call him or her and express your thanks.

Tim Seymore
Superintendent
Dawson ISD

Editor's note: Tim Seymore is a former principal of Eldorado High School.

**It's time for cable
companies to face
a little competition**

Dear Editor:

By wrongfully accusing phone companies of getting a "handout" from the Legislature, Time Warner is demonstrating that it is the cable companies who won't give up their uncompetitive behavior. It is sad but not surprising that they have marshaled all their political resources and lobbying might to thwart another choice for television service.

After all, National Journal's Technology Daily recently quoted a cable TV executive as saying, "we all need to do as many things to throw sand into the gears of these regional Bell operating company machines to try to slow down their video ... [whether it is regulatory, whether it is marketing, whether it is public affairs related ...]"

The cable companies have enjoyed a long and profitable ride without much competition - allowing them to raise rates to the tune of 40% over the last five years. Now, the cable companies, who have fought successfully for years to evade regulation on their nascent digital phone service, want to use regulation to block competition from new technologies on their turf.

Rather than focusing all of their energies on bringing a better (or less pricey) product to market, they are pursuing a political game that will ultimately leave them on the sidelines of the technological playing field.

Fortunately, legislators in Texas saw through these self-serving arguments and passed an important bill that modernizes the state's telecom laws and does away with outdated franchising rules that undermine the free market for television service.

It's time for this legislation to be signed into law, so that consumers can benefit and Texas can set an example for the rest of the nation.

Sincerely,
John Berthoud, President
National Taxpayer's Union

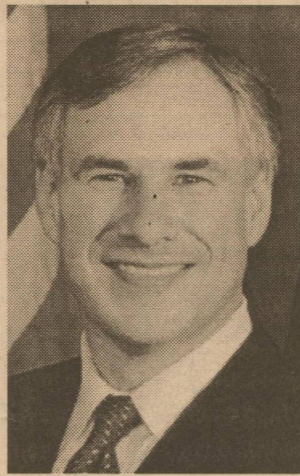
**Regular visitation is important
to a child's well-being**

My office is responsible for collecting court-ordered child support for one million children. Hardly a day goes by that we do not receive an inquiry from a parent about the issue of visitation. The connection in people's minds is understandable. In many instances, a parent who is following the court order to pay financial and medical support complains of being denied visitation with the child.

"I'm doing my part," the non-custodial parent tells us. "It isn't fair that the other parent keeps me from seeing my child."

I understand that parents are frustrated, and I firmly believe both parents should honor court-ordered obligations regarding their children. Financial support is critical to a child's well-being, but so is the child's right to know and have a relationship with both parents.

We often are asked to provide legal assistance to parents who are being denied contact with children for whom they are paying child support. The parent without custody points out that we are quick



Commentary
by Attorney General
Greg Abbott

to enforce the order to pay support. Why won't we enforce the visitation order?

Under Texas law, child support and visitation are independent issues. However, child support orders in Texas must contain provisions regarding conservatorship, possession, and access. That is why every order addresses visitation between the children and the

parent who pays child support.

The Child Support Division of my office does not handle custody or visitation disputes. The child support program receives a significant number of federal dollars for specific child support activities and cannot be used for custody and visitation matters.

However, my office is committed to helping parents without custody maintain meaningful relationships with their children. We look for other ways to help children and parents who are experiencing custody or visitation problems.

For instance, this year, 11 organizations across Texas received federally funded grants administered by my office. The awards fund services that help unmarried parents work together to parent their children. Several notable programs to serve families include:

- The Bexar County Domestic Relations Office helps parents with child support cases resolve custody and visitation disputes.

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**Legislature
adjourns
with mission
unaccomplished**

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Attempts to upgrade the funding of public education and simultaneously bring tax relief failed yet again, as month-long special session II of the 79th Texas Legislature ended.

After House and Senate gavels signaled adjournment sine die on Aug. 19, in the minds of some the only thing missing around the Capitol was a sound resembling the release of air from a birthday balloon. Others thought no legislation is better than bad legislation.

During the regular session that ended May 30 and the following special sessions, House and Senate majorities, in effect, conceded they could not act without hurting people who sent them to Austin in the first place.

Lawmakers could have knocked down property tax levies, but not without closing franchise tax loopholes, not without raising cigarette and alcohol taxes, and not without hurting their friends in the oil business, among others. Some lawmakers even suggested legalizing Las

Vegas-style video lottery terminals to generate revenue. But that was a no-go.

No — not even mounting pressure from a governor who is seeking reelection that would put him in that high office for an unprecedented 10 years — could make House members wrench loose their dug-in rowels.

Maybe not individually, but collectively, lawmakers saw that doing nothing turned out to be the best way for them to go, especially in light of a lawsuit by poorer school districts heard by Travis County District Judge John Dietz.

In August 2004, Dietz ruled that current state laws violate the Texas Constitution by taking away school districts' meaningful discretion in setting local property tax rates and through unfair funding formulas making the cost of funding an adequate education beyond the means of poorer school districts. On Nov. 30, 2004, Dietz gave the Legislature until Oct. 1, 2005, to address his legal conclusions.

The state appealed Dietz's ruling and oral arguments were heard by the Texas Supreme Court on July 6. A ruling on the state's appeal could come any day.

House Speaker Tom Craddick resisted the passage of slap-dash fixes to these enormous problems. He has been content to wait for the Texas Supreme Court to hand down what he hopes will be a template for the Legislature to use to satisfy the state constitution.

It is anyone's guess how such a template might look in regards to caps on Robin Hood contributions by wealthy school districts, increases in teacher pay and benefits, and dollars spent per pupil on actual classroom instruction that has nothing to do with the time-consuming Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills exam.

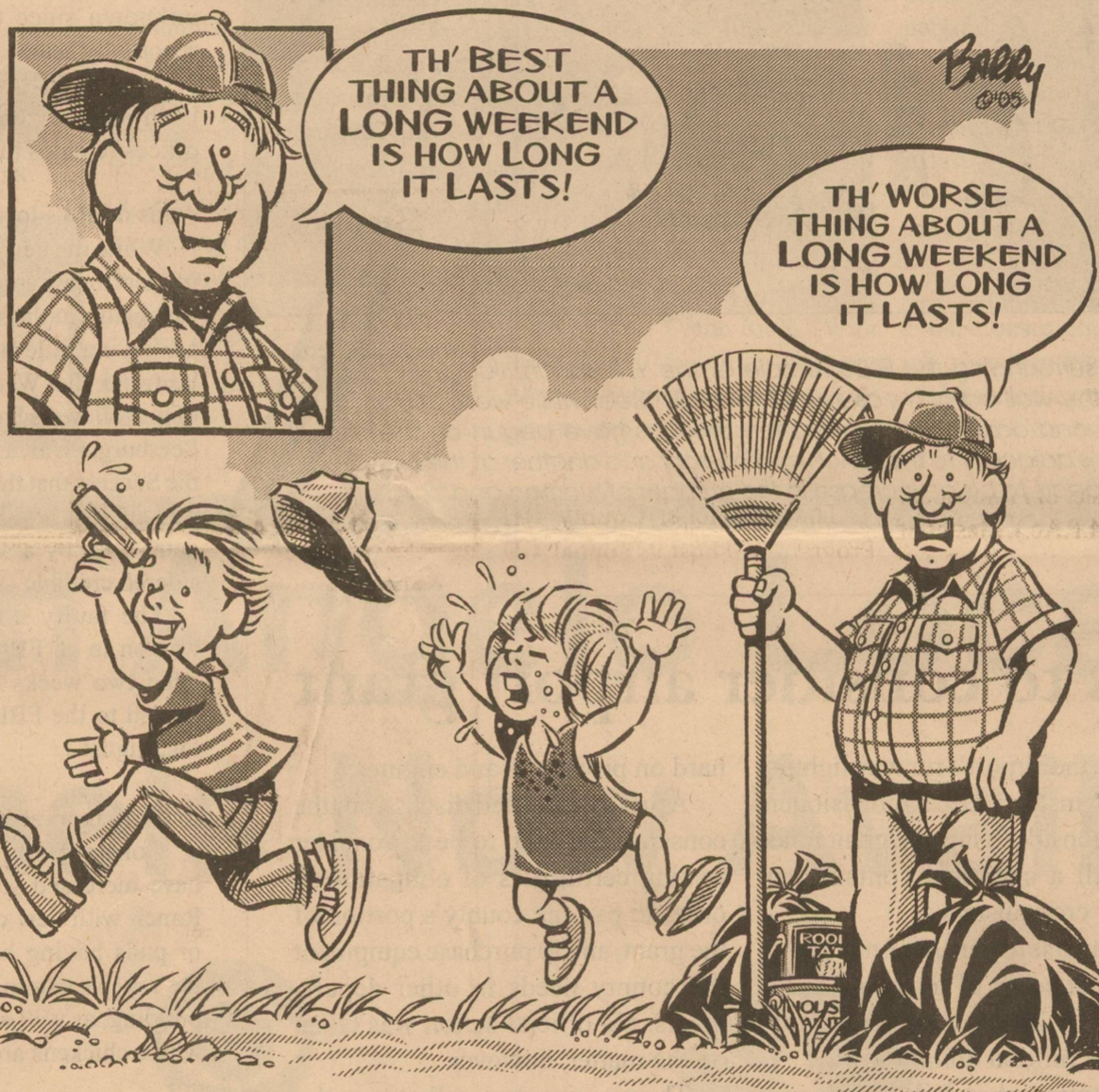
Suppose the Supreme Court rules. The governor may be moved to call another special session if so directed by the court. Lawmakers could find themselves back in Austin fairly soon.

Executive authority to the rescue

Gov. Rick Perry swatted the Legislature for its failure. On Aug. 20, he trumpeted his intention to use executive authority to pay for new textbooks and grant teachers a modest raise.

"Even though the Legislature did not act, I will," Perry said. Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, joint

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Growing Up Country

Arlon Anderson was born and raised on a farm west of Sulphur Springs during the 1930's when times were tough. Money was in short supply.

There was no electricity, no indoor plumbing, they cut firewood for the cook stove and got water the best way they could.

"We were poor but didn't know it because everybody else was poor, too.

I'm convinced that material possessions and money are not the entire keys to happiness because we were happy. At night we played checkers, dominoes and a card game called old Maid. We sang and played guitar and fiddle. We parched peanuts for snacks."

Arlon had a dozen brothers and sisters. "We had a huge table with benches. Papa sat at one end, Mama at the other and us kids sat on those benches. Mama made some of the best biscuits. We ate fresh vegetables from the garden. Whenever we'd have some meat, like chicken, sausage or bacon, she made delicious gravy to go with it. She was real good on that wood-burning



by
Tumbweed
Smith

cook stove. She really knew how to maintain an even heat.

"Our house wasn't insulated very well and fireplace didn't put out much heat. It sort of inhaled the wood we put in there. We'd keep circling around the fireplace, taking turns standing in front of it to stay warm. The house was really hot in the summer. We had heating and air conditioning both, but they were just reversed. We'd have heat in the summer and cold in the winter.

"We had 2 bedrooms. One was in the living room where Mama and Papa slept with some of the little kids. Kids slept a lot on pallets then.

We'd visit with kinfolks, go over there in a wagon and they'd just throw some quilts on the floor for the kids to sleep on. We did fine.

We took a bath once a week

whether we needed it or not. It was in a galvanized washtub. You heated some water in a kettle on the cook stove and poured it in. And more than one person used the same water.

"We shelled corn for the chickens, horses and mules, then took it to a grist mill in Brashear. They'd grind it. We didn't have any money, so this guy took a toll out. He kept part of it for the grinding. We'd take back a sack of corn meal and make cornbread. I loved cornbread and milk mixed in a jar or glass."

Loading up the wagon and going to town on Saturday was a big event. They'd walk around the square and talk to people and go to the movie for a dime. When they wore out their clothes, they were really worn out. There was a saying about that era: Use it up, wear it out. Make it do or do without

Arlon has kept up with his music. He plays banjo with some local groups and has made a CD. He spent 30 years with the Post Office, then retired. He lives in a substantial home and has been to Europe a few times.

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John Richards Brooks Blair

MENARD — Brooks Blair passed away Monday, Aug. 22, 2005.

He was born on Nov. 23, 1929, in Tahoka, Texas, and was raised in Concho County. He attended Concho School for one year and then completed his education at Paint Rock Schools. Brooks played football and was nicknamed "Meat-head." He loved swimming in the Concho River when the river was swollen.

He loved challenges — Brooks spent his early years as a roughneck in the oilfields in Alaska, Venezuela, Africa, Texas and New Mexico. He started an oil pipe business in Lovington, N.M. Brooks had close ties with the Vega family, especially Johnny, while there.

He had a natural affinity for finding oil. Brooks started a drilling company in Paint Rock that proved successful, and then he expanded his oil leases into Eden.

He spent his retirement years with his wife, Tencha, and his family on his ranches in Hext and playing golf. Brooks was an avid golfer and enjoyed taking his friend's money on the course. He passed

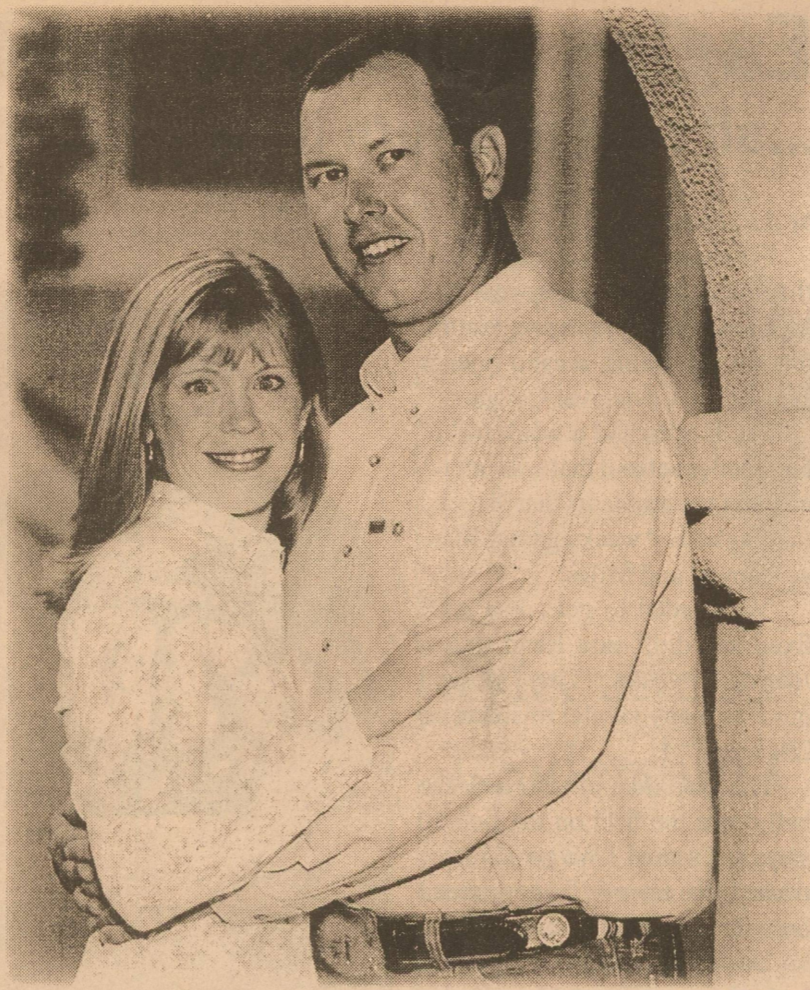
on the love of the game and skill to his children, Melissa, Brooke and Scotty; and to his grandchildren, Brooks and Marc.

Survivors include his wife, Hortencia "Tencha" Blair; four daughters, Melissa Gonzales of Odessa, Texas, Brooke Blair of Menard, Texas, Marilyn McCarty of Choctaw, Okla., and Marlie Kelly of St. Petersburg, Fla.; two sons, Scotty Blair of Menard, Texas, and Tim Blair of Del Rio, Texas; one brother, Frank Delwood Blair of Eldorado, Texas; one sister, Jean Peabody of Seattle, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin Frank and Olive Ailie Blair; three sisters, Virginia Griffin, Betty Ruth Freeman and Bo Hunt; and two brothers, Bobby and Charles Blair.

Pallbearers were Richard Gonzales, Robert Hernandez, Andy Gonzales, Rick Rozzelle and Tommy Hough.

Graveside services were at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 24, at the Blair Ranch. Baldemar Gonzales conducted the serviced.



LeAnna Starr Biles and John Gabriel "Gabe" Schooley

Biles/Schooley engagement

Mr. & Mrs. Cliff Schooley of Eldorado are proud to announce the engagement of their son John Gabriel "Gabe" Schooley to LeAnna Starr Biles.

The groom to be received his bachelor's degree from Tarleton State University. He is a park ranger/ interpreter at Fort McKavett State historic site.

LeAnna is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerald Biles of Fort Worth. The bride elect received

her bachelor's degree from Baylor University and her master's degree from the University of Texas at Austin. She is the Curator of the W.K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas at Thurber.

The couple plan to wed October 22, 2005 at the Christ the King Episcopal Church in Fort Worth, Texas.

ASU summer graduates receive their diplomas

Angelo State University conferred 196 bachelor's and master's degrees upon graduates during 2005 summer commencement exercises Aug. 13 in San Angelo.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.), and Associate

in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The following graduate degrees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.), Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2005 Summer graduate from Eldorado was Shelly Dawn Self, B.S.

4-H sign-up slated Aug. 29

By Scott Edmonson

The Schleicher County 4-H Program will host its annual 4-H Sign-Up Party on Monday, August 29, 2005 at the Extension office beginning from 3-6 p.m. Please share this information with your friends and get them excited about the upcoming 4-H year. This is an annual event and 4-Hers must sign-up every year.

We will be providing refreshments again this year so drop on by after school and get signed up for all the 4-H activities that will take place this year.

Capital Highlights

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chairs of the Legislative Budget Board, have said they approve Perry's stop-gap funding plan.

AG comments on Vioxx verdict

An Angleton jury on Aug. 19 awarded a \$250 million verdict to plaintiff Carol Ernst in a case against drug maker Merck. The jury said the death of Robert Ernst, the plaintiff's husband, came about as a direct result of his taking the pain medication Vioxx.

Attorney General Greg Abbott said, "The verdict also shows

why Texas deserves to get its money back from Merck; the company purposely peddled a drug on the open market that it knew could harm people.

"Merck compounded this problem by giving false information to the state's Medicaid program about the drug's safety."

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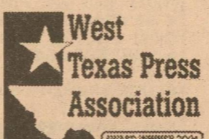
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Monday, August 29

Ham w/ Pineapple rung, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Roll, Peaches, Lemon Bar, Milk

Tuesday, August 30

Bar-B-Que Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot & Banana Medley, Milk

Wednesday, August 31

Roast Beef w/ Brwon Gravy, AMshd Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk

Thursday, September 1

Fritoe Pie, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Tossed Green Salad, Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Friday, September 2

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Eagles fight it out with McCamey Badgers... ...all eyes now turn toward Christoval Cougars and season opener

by J.L. Mankin

Eldorado faced another test this past Saturday against the McCamey Badgers in preparation for the upcoming season opener against the Christoval Cougars.

The Eagles had a week full of focussed practiced that was intended to fix the problems that plagued the Eagles last week against Nucces Canyon and Miles.

"We needed to get some stuff fixed and did," said Head Coach Johnny Burleson. "There weren't quite as many mental mistakes as last week."

The Warbirds, in fact, took the ball down the field on the first 20 plays and scored. "We got in the endzone twice, once on the ground and once through the air," said Burleson.

David Hernandez was involved in both scores for Eldorado. He found the endzone with his legs and then teamed up with George Bustos to find the endzone through the air. "Defensively I thought Zach Hash and Luis Huichapa played very well at the inside linebacker position," Burleson said. "They just showed a lot of energy out there."

Burleson was quick to point out that "there is still more work ahead of us. We have come a long way, but there are still some areas that we need to focus on before Thursday."

The scrimmage ended with two scores by both teams. "We struck last and our boys left the field with their heads up," Burleson said. "We felt like we won the scrimmage and hopefully that confidence will carry over."

In what should be an exciting



Nester Hernandez found his way up and over defenders this past Saturday as the Warbirds scrimmaged against the McCamey Badgers. Eldorado varsity will take on the Christoval Cougars at 7:30 p.m. this Thursday at San Angelo stadium.

matchup the Eagles will travel through Christoval on their way to meet the Cougars on the turf at San Angelo Stadium.

The game is slated for 7:30 p.m. and will be the first full action the Warbirds will see this season.

Saturday will see the Eagle JV taking the field at 10:00 against the Cougars here at Eagle Stadium.

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JV running back Manny Gonzalez looked for open field this past Saturday when the Eagles scrimmaged the McCamey Badgers. The JV will face the Christoval Cougars this Saturday.

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- Monday, August 29**
Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Peaches, Orange Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, August 30**
Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Wednesday, August 31**
French Toast Sticks, Syrup, Peaches, Choice of Juice, Milk
- Thursday, September 1**
Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
- Friday, September 2**
Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk

BASKET LINE

- Monday, August 29**
Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Broccoli, Cole Slaw, Sliced Peaches
- Tuesday, August 30**
Beef Taco's, Cheese Cup, Southwest Beans, Lettuce & Tomato, Pineapple/Orange Salad
- Wednesday, August 31**
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Sandwich Salad, Chips, Rosie Applesauce
- Thursday, September 1**
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- Friday, September 1**
Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Brownies

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- Tuesday, August 30**
Fish Strips, Tartar Sauce, Pinto Beans, Cucumber Salad, Pineapple/Orange Salad
- Wednesday, August 31**
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Dr. Patrick Johnson greeted old and new friends last week at an open house held in his honor at the Memorial Building. The event was hosted by Schleicher County Medical Center and Hospital Volunteers. Dr. Johnson and his family are pictured at left including (L-R) son Ethan, wife Lisa, daughter Ava, Dr. Patrick Johnson, son Eli, daughters Katherine and Emily.

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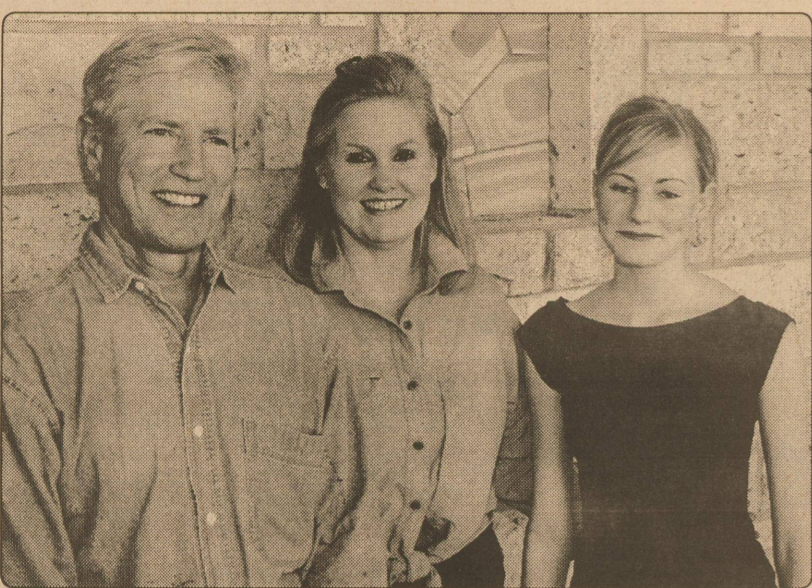


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Dr. Gordy Day, wife Angela and daughter Annalisa were given a big West Texas welcome at a open house held in their honor last Thursday evening. Dr. Gordy Day, who has practiced at Schleicher County Medical Center as an emergency room physician for several years will share a clinic practice with Dr. Patrick Johnson. The Days have two other children, Larson and Lorell, who were not present.

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 27th Tiffany Case, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Lupe Fuentes, W.F. Edmiston, MaryLou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe

28th Curtis Short, Norman Kohls, Rance Cathey, Michael Adame, Agustina Rodriguez, Clea Koenig, Beau Sallee, Russ Dacy, Shalena Allen, Kelsey Tutt, Robin Beach, Rick Sterling

29th Christopher DeLuna, Ernesto Ruiz, Eddie Albin, Tracey Richards, Brandy Key, Andrew Sauer, Lynn Long, Paige Franklin

30th Lucille McWhorter, Debbie Pina, Chance Tinney, Gary Warnock, Larry Sanchez, Justin Estrada, Alisha Wink

31st Pat Ragsdale, Dora Bosman, Meagan Kae Espinosa, Morgaon Rae Espinosa, Melvin Conner Sr., Mary Hoffman, Mark Bybee, Cindy Bybee, Robert O'Keefe

September
 1st Ronnie Sauer, Rene Dominguez
 2nd Lavonne Espinosa, Carolyn Mayo, Franky Estrada, Oscar Rios Sr., Jesus Guadarrama

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Three-year-old Breanna shows off new boots and a Barbie doll as she maneuvers her pint-sized walker.

She's much too busy delighting her parents and therapists to notice that hundreds of ranchers are rounding up livestock this fall to help her overcome the disabling effect of cerebral palsy.

Schleicher County ranchers are gearing up to participate in special livestock auctions to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center beginning September 22 and continuing through early November.

Local Round-Up for Rehab chairmen include Mike Moore and Ronnie Mittel whose message to Eldorado area ranchers is simple but sincere: Let's help Rehab help Breanna and 21,000 other Rehab patients receiving treatment this year at WTRC.

Fall sales of particular interest to Concho Valley ranchers are the cattle sale September 22 at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo and the sheep/goat sale October 24 at Junction Stockyards.

WTRC President Woody Gilliland extends a special invitation to everyone in the ag industry to attend one of the sales, donate cash or animals to the project, or notify Rehab of an intent to have an auction house cut a check to WTRC for animals sold later in the year. "For Breanna and the hundreds of other children and adults we serve

regardless of financial status, I think everyone for supporting this critical fundraising program," said Gilliland.

Information about the Rehab Center, Round-Up sale dates and arrangements for hauling donated animals are available through local chairmen or WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300.

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Notice is hereby given of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the City of Eldorado for Fiscal Year beginning 9/1/05 and ending 8/31/06. Hearing is set for Monday, August 29, 2004, at 6:00 PM at the City Hall, 6 S. Cottonwood St.

Said proposed budget reflects \$1,458,357 budgeted for the Utility/Sanitation/Street Funds and \$413,669 for the General Fund.

Interested citizens are encouraged to give oral or written comment or ask questions at said hearing. A copy of the proposed budget and work figures are available for public review between the hours of 8AM and 5PM weekdays. Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary

Hospital board holds regular monthly meeting

by Bob Jacobsen

The Schleicher County Hospital Board of Trustees met Monday evening August 22, 2005, and discussed the increase in business for the hospital and the nursing home. In the month of July the clinic had 327 visits and the nursing home had a census of 32. It was agreed by all that the hospital's new doctors were drawing visits to the Clinic and the Emergency Room.

A new Laboratory Technician, Mr. Edwin Garrison, was hired on. Garrison is coming from Kerrville

Hospital where he has worked 11 years.

In the ongoing search for ways to keep costs down and hospital facilities open, the board talked with Andy Freeman and Mike Easley of Preferred Management. Mr. Freeman presented a proposal that would split the management of the hospital and nursing home. This plan would lease the hospital and clinic to Preferred Management and leave the day to day operations for the nursing home to the board of trustees.

Ultimately, the board asked Freeman to prepare a formal proposal for their consideration at a future meeting.

Monday night's meeting was

the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by board president Randy Mankin. Trustees on hand for the meeting included Jim Martin, Susie Richters, Dr. Jim Bob Brame and J.D. Doyle. Trustee Ricky Fuessel was absent.

Also on hand were hospital administrator Sharon Dietz, assistant administrator Beverly Minor, Andy Freeman and Mike Easley.

Among other business, the trustees voted to approve the minutes of the previous meeting and discussed the rising number of residents in the nursing home. They also discussed steps that have been taken to upgrade the hospital laboratory.

The board then reviewed and approved the district's financial records and okayed the purchase of a new "coagulating machine" for the laboratory. They also authorized the write off of \$12,296.06 in bad debt for the month of July.

Before adjourning, the trustees reviewed a preliminary budget that would provide more money for the facility while at the same time lowering the tax rate by some two cents. While they could not officially vote on the budget, the board did ask that a special budget meeting be called for noon on Thursday, Sept. 1, 2005, at which time they will take up the issue and consider setting a tax rate for 2006.

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Patrick Self discussed his vast knowledge of dinosaurs with Pre-School teacher Claudia Droll and fellow student Phillip Edmonson over breakfast Monday. The preschool students enjoyed a prepared breakfast of biscuits, sausage, apple sauce, orange juice and milk for their first day of school.

County Commissioners discuss airport grant, voting machines

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school personnel were on hand to see how the machines worked. It was explained that a \$67,000 grant would help fund the purchase of five machines for use in local elections. Meanwhile, voters who desire to continue using paper ballots would be able to do so. Scanners would

then be used to help count the paper ballots.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then obtained approval from the commissioners to hold a joint primary election in 2006 with both the Democratic and Republican parties voting at the same location, thereby saving money. Also, the court approved Ms. Williams' request to set the polling locations as follows: Precinct #1 Methodist Church; Precinct #2 Memorial Building; Precinct #3 Courthouse; and Precinct #4 Catholic Church Annex.

Peggy Williams' request for a part-time employee to help in her office at least 20 hours a week was approved with the commissioners agreeing to fund the position until the end of the year.

Next, the commissioners approved changes to the county

retirement plan. They also approved the 2006 budget for the Schleicher County Appraisal District, totaling \$122,658.00.

Discussion of charging a fee to use the courthouse square was dropped when the commissioners decided it was in the best interest of the citizens to leave the rules as they are. Judge Johnny Griffin noted that he had visited with Jim Runge, organizer of the Running of the Bull and Elgotarod festivals concerning his booth fees. Griffin explained that after reviewing Mr. Runge's fee schedule he understood that there was no to vendors for using county electricity, but that an extra \$10 fee was assessed for electrical wiring necessary for those booths requesting electrical service. It was also noted that most of Runge's vendors came from within Schleicher County.

Before adjourning, the commissioners voted to approve a justice court technology fund. Certain fees collected through the Justice of the Peace office will be dedicated to the fund for use by the JP Office in buying computers and other technology items.

After lunch the commissioners took up discussion of the 2006 budget process. A budget planning meeting is slated for Monday, August 29, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. in the Commissioner's Court Room.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Important exam
6. Neutral shade
11. Thanksgiving tuber
14. Greek alphabet ender
15. Showed on TV
16. Before, to bards
17. 12 months' worth of calendar notation?
19. Actress Scala
20. Avenue crossers
21. Casey, "The Old Professor"
23. SASE, e.g.
24. Salon goo
25. With adroitness
26. FAO Schwarz, notably
30. Suffix with disk or novel
32. Gardner of "Mogambo"
33. Put in the mail
35. Inedible orange
38. ___ de mer (seasickness)
39. Legislative act
41. Up to, in ads

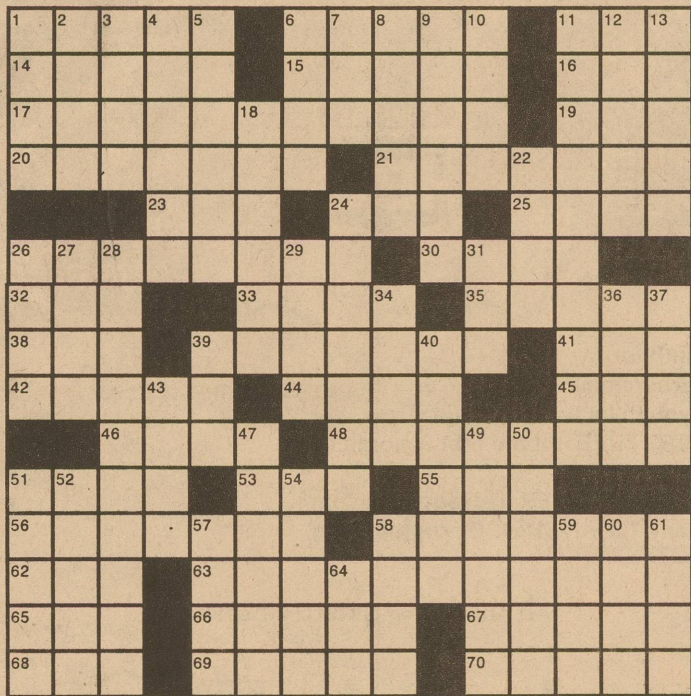
42. Campaign button word
44. "Little Caesar" gangster
45. Shade producer
46. Brewery need
48. Howard player in "The Aviator"
51. "Scat!"
53. Enzyme suffix
55. "My mama done me ..."
56. Was unable to
58. Emergency link
62. Pompous sort
63. Ingredient in

- Adam's brewery?
65. Pinky or Spike
66. "Silas Marner" author
67. Gave the eye to
68. QB's pickups
69. Pancake topper
70. Orchestra section

DOWN

1. Vaudeville's Seven Little ___
2. "Since ___ You Baby" (1956 hit)
3. Within view
4. Sees eye to eye
5. Sing the blues
6. Candy buys
7. Apt. feature, in ads
8. Maya Angelou's "Still ___"
9. Not likely to bite
10. Upper hand
11. Safecracker's apprehender?
12. Disney's Little Mermaid
13. ___-mouthed (insincere)
18. Without profit

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See solution on Page 8

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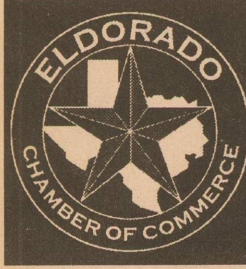
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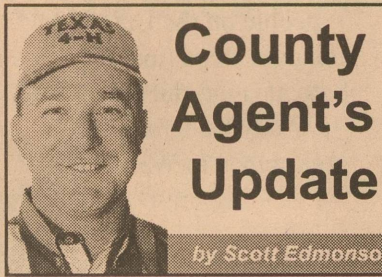


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County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmonson

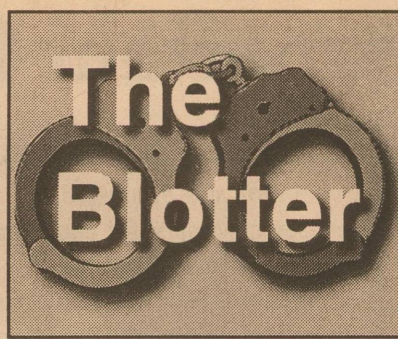
by Scott Edmonson

The Schleicher County Extension Office will be hosting a Small Grains Workshop on Tuesday, August 30th, 2005...

The focus of this years program will be wheat and oat production and the insects problems associated with them.

Extension Agronomist from San Angelo will be on hand to discuss production aspects and Dr. Chris Sansone will be on hand to talk about the insects.

There will be 3 CEU's available for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license...



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...

ARRESTS

August 17 • Mata, Daniel, male age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrants.

August 17 • Valeriano, Rene Orora, male age 30, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Class "A" Assault. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.

August 18 • Schafer, John Bryan, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR-DWI 3rd or more.

August 20 • Dominquez, Liza Ann, female age 24, offense DWI - 1st Mis. "B". Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

August 21 • Pedroza, Martin Antha, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI 1st Mis. "B". Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

INCIDENTS

August 16 • 9:49 p.m. Menard County SO requested Schleicher County deputy to stop and detain a driver of a dark colored Ford pickup heading west on 190 for failure to yield to an emergency

vehicle. Incident occurred while Menard deputies were at the scene of an automobile accident.

August 17 • 12:21 p.m. Complainant reported a domestic disturbance. Officers responded.

• 12:40 p.m. Complainant reported a bee call. EVFD was notified.

• 2:26 p.m. Complainant reported putting out a fire on a neighbor's porch. Complainant advised that he was unsure how the fire had started. Officer responded.

• 8:16 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious male on the side of the road. Officer responded.

• 9:40 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

August 18 • 10:33 a.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 11:53 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a female subject. Officer responded.

• 12:12 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer in reference to a female subject. Officer responded.

• 1:12 p.m. Complainant reported her pack was missing out of her car. Officer responded.

• 2:06 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 2:38 p.m. Complainant requested a criminal trespass be served on a subject. Officer responded.

• 8:23 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer to Shannon. EMS 1 responded.

• 9:26 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

August 19 • 3:14 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 3:18 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a maroon Ford pickup. Officer responded.

• 8:27 p.m. Complainant reported that he had a check stolen approximately 5 to 6 days ago. Check was taken by two subjects, it was unknown how much the check was written for. Officers responded.

• 8:44 p.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off in the amount of \$15.00. SO contacted subject, subject advised they would go back and pay amount.

August 20 • 12:47 a.m. Complainant reported hitting two deer, subject went in and filled out blue forms.

• 1:34 a.m. Complainant reported hearing pickup driving and waking him up. Driver of blue Chevy parked adjacent to his residence was making loud noise with his reckless driving. Officer responded.

• 6:16 a.m. Complainant reported a family on the corner of Main and Dorris playing their music loudly all night. Complainant requested an officer to stop the music. Officer responded.

• 5:57 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a white Chevy pickup. Officer responded and reported everything was OK.

• 11:23 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in a white Nissan Maxima. Officer responded.

August 21 • 9:22 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly male who was losing consciousness. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 5:14 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver possible drunk in a red Ford with a white camper north bound on Hwy 277. Officer responded and Tom Green County SO was notified.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

A 10x10 grid puzzle solution with words like FINAL, BEIGE, YAM, OMEGA, AIRED, ERE, YEARMARKING, GIA, STREETS, STENGEL, ENC, GEL, ABL, TOYSTORE, ETT, AVA, SEND, OSAGE, MAL, STATUTE, TIL, ELECT, RICO, ELM, HOPS, LEONARDO, SHO, ASE, TOL, COULDN'T, HOTLINE, ASS, YEAST, OFEDEN, LEE, ELIOT, OGLED, YDS, SYRUP, REEDS

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Eldorado Weather Local 5-Day Forecast. Table with weather icons and forecasts for Fri 8/26, Sat 8/27, Sun 8/28, Mon 8/29, Tue 8/30.

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Texas At A Glance. Map of Texas with weather icons and conditions for various cities including Amarillo (93/66), Dallas (99/79), Houston (95/74), Austin (97/74), San Antonio (99/75), and Brownsville (96/75).

Area Cities table with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. listing weather for cities like Abilene, Amarillo, Austin, Beaumont, etc.

National Cities table with columns for City, Hi, Lo, and Cond. listing weather for cities like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, etc.

Moon Phases. Diagram showing Full (Aug 19), Last (Aug 26), New (Sep 3), and First (Sep 11) moon phases.

UV Index. Table with UV index for Fri 8/26, Sat 8/27, Sun 8/28, Mon 8/29, Tue 8/30, all showing an index of 11 (Extreme).



Antonio Contreras stands beside this unusual cactus he discovered in his pasture recently. County Extension Scott Edmonson investigated the cactus and came to the conclusion it is a transplanted ornamental variety. If anyone knows the name, contact Scott or Antonio.

2005 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER CO. GENERAL

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2005 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR SCHLEICHER CO. GEN. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR.

Table of 2005 Property Tax Rates. Includes columns for Last Year's Tax Rate, General Fund, Farm/Market Fund, and Total Effective Tax Rate.

Table of 2005 Rollback Tax Rate. Includes columns for Last Year's Adjusted Operating Taxes, Tax Increment Financing, and Total Rollback Rate.

STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE If Schleicher County adopts a 2005 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.6621 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2004 taxes by \$50,340.00.

Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year.

Table of Schedule A Unencumbered Fund Balances. Columns: Type of Property Tax Fund, Balance.

Schedule B 2005 Debt Service The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes.

Table of Schedule B 2005 Debt Service. Columns: Description of Debt, Amount.

Schedule C Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax In calculating the effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$121,992.00 in additional sales and use tax revenues.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at County Judge Office or County Tax Office. Name of person preparing this notice Jeanne J. Snelson Title Tax Assessor-Collector Date prepared 8-22-05

The UV Index is measured on a 0 - 11 number scale. 0 is clear sky with no clouds and a higher UV Index showing the need for greater skin protection.

New laws take effect Sept. 1

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neighborhood electric vehicles and motor assisted scooters and allows municipalities to regulate the use of motor assisted scooters on roadways and sidewalks.

SB 1257 disqualifies a person from operating a commercial motor vehicle if the person's driving is determined to constitute an imminent hazard.

HB 754 allows fines up to \$500 for violating the laws for transporting loose material in commercial vehicles.

SB 1258 specifies that an original commercial driver license or commercial driver learner's permit expires in five years instead of six years.

HB 87 allows cities to lower residential speed limits from 30 mph to 25 mph in certain instances. This bill took effect immediately.

HB 2257 allows the TxDOT commission to establish a daytime speed limit of 80 miles per hour on I-10 or I-20 in Crockett, Culberson, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Kerr, Kimble, Pecos, Reeves, Sutton or Ward counties. If established, this speed does not apply to truck tractors, trailers, semi trailers, or trucks, other than light trucks and light trucks pulling a

trailer. This bill took effect immediately.

SB 1670 requires the Department of Insurance, in conjunction with TxDOT and other agencies, to establish a verification program for vehicle insurance in order to try and reduce the number of uninsured drivers.

HB 120 creates an organ donor education and registry program. Eventually, Texans will be able to indicate their wish to become an organ donor when they are issued or renew their driver license or ID card.

SB 122 requires peace officers to report notification of ID theft to their employing agency. It provides penalties for the unauthorized use of personal information.

HB 699 increases the penalty for using someone else's DL or ID card to a Class A misdemeanor. It also clarifies that use of a false ID by someone under 21 for purchase of alcohol is a Class C misdemeanor.

HB 1239 makes DPS more involved with drug task forces operating in Texas, including any "multi-county" drug task forces. (Effective August 1.)

HB 164 places restrictions on the sale of pseudoephedrine products and allows children

exposed to meth production to be removed from the home. (Effective August 1.)

HB 867 eliminates mandatory newspaper notification for sex offenders. Another provision deals with postcard notification for high-risk sex offenders. DPS is now required to send the postcards to all addresses within the distribution area, except post office boxes. Prior law specified residential addresses only.

HB 1068 creates an independent commission with investigational oversight involving complaints against DNA crime labs in the state. It also requires DNA sampling from some 60,000 current Texas prison inmates who do not have DNA profiles in the CODIS (Combined DNA Index System) database.

HB 823 describes the conditions under which a person will be presumed to be "traveling" for the first time. It applies to people who have a handgun in their vehicle but do not have a concealed handgun license (CHL). It also places the burden of proof on prosecutors to prove the driver was "not traveling."

HB 225 extends the renewal time for a CHL from four to five years, which will reduce the average annual cost of a license.

HB 322 lowers the age requirement for active duty or retired members of the military applying for a CHL from 21 years of age to 18, and reduces the original license fee and any renewal fees for active duty members of the armed forces by 50 percent.

HB 1038 reduces CHL renewal fees by 50 percent for anyone over 60 years of age.

A group of women and children appeared to be out for a drive Tuesday in a golf cart-type vehicle near the cement plant at the YFZ Ranch. The women's ankle-length, pioneer style dresses are consistent with clothing worn by female members of the FLDS church.



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Unemployment rate continues to decline as Texas employers add more jobs

AUSTIN — The July unemployment rate of 5.0 percent represented a one-tenth of a percentage point decrease from the June rate of 5.1 percent and fell significantly from July 2004 when the unemployment rate was 6.1 percent. Seasonally Adjusted Nonagricultural Employment in Texas grew by 12,600 jobs in July with job growth in eight of nine industry sectors. Texas employers have added 100,000 jobs over the year for an annual growth rate of 1.1 percent.

"Texas continues to create jobs as our economy expands," said Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) Chair Diane Rath. "With more than 10.6 million working, it's encouraging to note that more Texans are employed than ever

before." Manufacturing added jobs for the fourth time this year, posting a gain of 3,300 jobs in July. This was the largest month-over-month increase since April 1998. July job growth in the Leisure & Hospitality sector increased by 2,900 positions over June. Trade, Transportation & Utilities also showed a significant increase over June figures, adding 2,200 jobs in July.

Over the year, virtually every industry sector showed job growth. Education & Health Services had the highest annual growth rate of any sector at 2.2 percent with the addition of 25,500 jobs since July 2004. Construction gained 9,100 jobs, representing a 1.7 percent increase over the year. Employment in Natural Resources & Mining

recorded a 2.0 percent annual growth rate, adding 3,000 jobs.

"The Texas business outlook continues to be robust," said TWC Commissioner Representing Employers Ron Lehman. "With eight of nine industry sectors adding jobs in the last year, employers are responding to increased demand for products and services."

"I am glad to see the ranks of the unemployed continue to decline," said TWC Commissioner Representing Labor Ronny Congleton. "Job gains over the month and over the year are both positive signs as well."

Initial claims for unemployment compensation in July 2005 were 69,784, down 15.2 percent from July 2004 and 26.4 percent from July 2003.



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