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## County sets F.Y. 2006 tax rate at 72.71 cents

Schleicher County commissioner met Monday, September 26, 2005, and adopted a tax rate of 72.71 cents per \$100 valuation. The rate is nearly a half-cent lower than last year's rate, but because of the significant increase in appraised values in the county, and since the rate will net the county more tax revenue than last year, the rate was considered to be a tax increase, prompting a series of public notices and special meetings before the men could vote.

The tax rate will bring in some \$1.91 million, enough to service roughly half of the county's \$2.86 million budget for 2006.

Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown voted in favor of the rate. Commissioners Bill Clark and Kirk Griffin were absent.

Increases in the county's oil and gas roll, coupled with property revaluations pushed the overall property tax roll up by some \$32.6 million.

Included in the 72.71 cent tax rate is 57.85 cents for the county's General Fund and 13.14 cents for the Road and Bridge Fund. 1.62 cents will go to fund the county's Interest and Sinking

Fund, with which the county will pay for the bond issued for Civic Center improvements.

Also present for Monday's meeting was Judge Johnny Griffin, County Clerk Peggy Williams and Road Superintendent Clay Burleson. Fire Chief Jerry Jones met with the group briefly to discuss the bids he gathered for a new chassis for a water truck. Most of the bids were in excess of \$40,000.00. Judge Johnny Griffin told the court if the truck's price tax is more than \$25,000 the county would have to advertise for bids. He suggested that the money could be transferred to the fire department and let them purchase the truck as a way of avoiding the bidding process. It is likely, however, that the bidding laws will still apply, since the fire department is a public entity.

In the meantime, Jones said he would continue to look for a lower price.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is slated for Monday, Oct. 10, 2005 at 9:00 a.m. on the first floor of the county courthouse.



Schleicher County officers recovered this stolen 1999 Honda Civic early Sunday morning after Mike Calcotte reported finding it abandoned some 22 miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190. The car is owned by Marilyn Lupe of Kingswood, TX and was reported stolen by her son in Arlington on Saturday. Chief Deputy George Arispe reports the vehicle's radio and instrument panel had been removed. He also found an unused "anti-theft" bar laying in the car's back seat. Arispe said the device might have prevented the theft if it had been locked on the steering wheel.

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## Hospital board holds regular monthly meeting

by Whitney Lloyd

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met in regular session Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the hospital board room. The meeting began with a public hearing in order to receive comments on the district's proposed tax rate increase, but there were no members of the general public on hand to address the issue.

Trustees present included Randy Mankin, J.D. Doyle, Jim Martin, Susie Richters and Dr. Jim Brame. Rick Fuessel joined the meeting already in session. Hospital Administrator, Sharon Dietz and assistant administrator, Beverly Minor were also present.

Among other business, the minutes from the August 22, September 1 and September 12, 2005 meetings were reviewed and approved by the board members.

Sharon Dietz then delivered her Administrator's report and updated the trustees on the various departments of the facility. According to Dietz, a flu clinic will be held at the hospital October 10 and 11 but will be restricted to individuals who are considered high risk. High risk patients include those with chronic illness, as well as the very young and individuals above the age of 50.

County residents who don't fall within the high risk category will have the opportunity to get the flu vaccine at the annual Health Fair, slated this year for November 17. It was noted that many people will have the choice of a flu shot or nasal mist but those in the high risk category may only receive the shot.

Ms. Dietz also informed the board that Ed Garrison, the hospital's new lab manager, is currently enrolled in classes that will allow him to assist with x-rays.

The board then reviewed and ap-

proved the hospital's financial reports and voted to write-off \$24,497.16 in bad debt. Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor informed the board that the hospital lost \$29,995.00 in August prompting the board to again discuss the leasing option that would allow them to divide the management of the hospital from the nursing home, a move that is intended to help stop the flow of red ink.

Ms. Minor then informed the board that an additional person has qualified for treatment under the hospital's indigent care program. She noted that the facility has spent a total of \$2,152.45 in indigent care so far this year.

The trustees approved the indigent care report then reviewed and approved the district's investment report. They also authorized the purchase of a \$40,000 certificate of deposit at First National Bank of Eldorado. The money came from another CD that matured recently.

Next, the board reviewed and approved contracts with Children's Health Insurance Program of Texas (CHIPs), laboratory technical consultant, Mary McDermott, Schleicher County ISD Health Occupations and the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Discussions then turned to several of the hospital's policy and procedure manuals. Trustees discussed converting all manuals to a digital PDF format for storage on the Internet. That would ensure the safety of the documents in case of a fire or disaster. Board member J.D. Doyle recommended the procedure and said the hospital's photo copier was perfect for converting documents to PDF format.

The hospital board's next regularly scheduled meeting is slated for Monday, Oct. 24, 2005, in the hospital board room.

## Conaway names nomination board for military academy candidates

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Today, Congressman Mike Conaway announced the members of his Military Services' Academies Board to aid in selecting candidates for entry into the Military Academies. Conaway's nominees will be identified this Fall for entry into the Academies in 2006 with the respective Academies' classes of 2010.

"I am very proud of this prestigious Board of former military and current business leaders who served our country so well. I appreciate their volunteering for my Academies' Nomination Board," said Conaway. "They insure that the 11th District will nominate the best and brightest of our young men and women to enter the various Service Academies."

The seven members of the Board consist of:

Colonel Russell G. Erler, USAF/RET of Pontonoc. Col. Erler is a master navigator and master maintenance officer with a distinguished and varied career over his 30 years of service.

Lt. Colonel Julia Gonzalez, USAF/RET of Mason. Lt. Gonzalez served over 22 years with the Air Force and served for 9 years in the Pen-

tagon on both the Air Staff and Joint Staff.

Major Jon M. Herron, USAF Reserve of San Angelo. Major Herron was an aircrew member for the U.S. Customs Service with over 10,000 flying hours.

Brig. General (Dr.) Dan Locker, USAF/RET of Brownwood. General Locker had a distinguished 30 year career in Air Force medicine servicing as Commander of several medical groups across the nation.

Colonel Charles E. Powell, USAF/RET of San Angelo. Col. Powell is a 1954 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and was an Air Force Command Pilot with over 7000 flying hours in numerous types of aircraft.

Lt. General James Terry Scott, US Army/RET of Coleman. General Scott had a distinguished 32 year career in the U.S. Army with decorations including five awards for valor and two awards of the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Hugh A. (Andy) Shaffer, US Army/RET of Midland. Mr. Shaffer is a 1968 graduate of West Point and served over 13 years on active duty in the U.S. Army with an admirable combat record in

Vietnam.

Aspiring candidates are advised to insure their candidates files are completed and up-to-date at both the respective Military Academies and with the Congressman's Regional Office in San Angelo.

Candidate application files must be completed and in the Congressional Office by October 26, 2005. For more information regarding application requests for nomination, contact the San Angelo office at (325) 659-4010.

## Water district sets tax rate

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply district board of directors met on Thursday, September 22 and voted to reduce the tax rate for 2006 by nearly 25 percent - from .04568 per \$100 valuation down to .03458 - a consequence due primarily to an increase in the tax base. Directors in attendance were De Lux, Lynn

Griffin, Pat Jackson, and Ronnie Sauer. Also present was Plateau UWC&SD manager, Jon Cartwright.

In other business the board approved the budget, set at \$101,528.

The public is reminded that the district is available for water testing. The office is located in the County Annex building, next to the library.

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# Freedom's Fair-Weather Friends

by Sheldon Richman

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, some members of Congress are talking about passing a national law against price gouging. One problem should stand in their way: there is no objective definition of "gouging." Whatever the law says will therefore be arbitrary and unfair.

The 20 states that forbid gouging limit price increases after an emergency to 10-25 percent. Did the legislators consult some occult power?

When politicians get suspicious because the law of supply and demand works as the textbooks predict, we may wonder whether they are pandering for votes. Do they really believe they know what the price of gasoline should be?

At any given time, supply and demand, as perceived by sellers and buyers, determine the prices of gasoline and other goods. Under the threat of Hurricane Katrina, the supply of gasoline suddenly dropped (or was expected to) and the demand suddenly increased (or was expected to). Anyone who knows anything about economics knows that the price could go



Commentary by Sheldon Richman

in only one direction: up.

The question is, Who should determine how high prices go, the politicians or the millions of participants in the marketplace? If the politicians do it, we can expect consequences even they might dislike.

In a world of scarcity each good must have some price. Of course, everybody would like all prices to be lower, except for the price he charges for his goods or labor. The price system works to balance supply and demand, ensuring that no buyers or sellers are frustrated in their attempts to obtain or sell the product. When the gasoline supply suddenly shrinks and demand stays the same or increases, the only way for the market to clear is for the price to rise. When politicians interfere, the smaller supply disappears quickly, leaving some people with none at all. While regulators can control the money price, they cannot control the real cost of buying gas. Time spent waiting in line or looking for an open gas station are part of the cost, but that time will increase whenever the money price is held below the market price. Anguish over whether gas will be available when needed is also part of the cost, but that will also increase.

Thus, despite even good intentions, harmful unintended consequences must follow from price controls.

Free pricing, on the other hand, also has unintended consequences — beneficial ones. Higher prices attract additional supplies of gasoline (unless environmental rules interfere), as sellers cash in on new profit opportunities. As supply increases, prices come back down. At the same time, higher prices prompt buyers to economize more severely by prioritizing their needs. This ensures that there is more gas to go around. Both effects hasten the return of normal conditions.

The envious may despise people's earning profits during disasters, but the benefits of the market process cannot be denied. Further, laws that prevent extraordinary profits during disasters discourage entrepreneurs from preparing for supply interruptions.

We can see the benefits of free pricing in the most extreme example. As people jammed the interstate to get out of Houston when Hurricane Rita approached, officials complained of gouging. Nevertheless, only rising prices could ensure that the maximum number of motorists would obtain gasoline. Is it better to have some gasoline at \$5 a gallon or none at \$3?

There's a moral dimension to this issue as well. Gasoline is owned by individuals. Are they to lose their right to set the terms of sale because of a hurricane? If rights can be washed away by the weather, all freedom is in peril.

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# Finally, a real job for Geraldo!



Have you ever noticed that the zookeepers work really hard to keep their animals happy. For example, everyone knows how sensitive cats are. So it probably wouldn't be smart to put the lions too close to the Laughing Hyenas or the Mockingbirds.

Have you ever noticed that everyone who survives a tornado says the same thing, "It sounded just like a freight train."

Why then don't we set up a network of microphones across the country to listen for trains? A super computer could compare the readings with the national railroad map and broadcast a warning.

Of course, most people don't pay attention to public warning sirens. They're sort of like those annoying car alarms that everyone ignores.

Comedian George Carlin had the following observation about our criminal justice system, particularly as it relates to Martha Stewart:

"Boy, I feel a lot safer now that she's behind bars. O.J. Simpson and Kobe Bryant are still walking around; Osama Bin Laden too, but they take the one woman in America willing to cook, clean, and work in the yard, and haul her butt off to jail."

Have you ever noticed how much trouble state and federal agencies have in coping with disasters? It seems to take days, if not weeks, to get relief to the victims of natural disasters like Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Geraldo Rivera, on the other hand, has not trouble at all. Many times he is interviewing those same people, live and on TV, before the wind can die down?

Doesn't it stand to reason then that we would be better off if we put Geraldo in charge of FEMA? If Fox News is going to spend all that money to get him there first, we might as well get some work out of him while he's there.

# Category 3 Hurricane Rita slams Texas-Louisiana border

AUSTIN — Up to 3 million people fled from coastal areas as Hurricane Rita lumbered steadily through the Gulf of Mexico toward the Lone Star State, Sept. 19-23.

Rita struck Saturday morning, Sept. 24, making landfall at Sabine Pass near the Louisiana border. The storm's 100-mph winds and torrential rains ripped buildings, downed powerlines and flooded homes and other property.

Some storm damage estimates reached \$20 billion. Hardest hit were Jefferson, Orange, Jasper and Newton counties, but damage assessments are still in progress.

In advance of the storm, Gov. Rick Perry recalled the Texas National Guard and other state emergency teams deployed out of state in response to Hurricane Katrina, which struck Aug. 29.

Coastal county dwellers and Galveston Islanders in particular packed up and headed inland after Perry called for voluntary evacuation on Sept. 21.

On Sept. 22, President George W. Bush declared a state of emergency for all of Texas, and mandatory evacuation orders were issued.

Evacuees joined snail-like highway processions toward the interior of Texas and beyond.

Relief agencies converted school gymnasiums into shelters. Officials canceled, postponed or rescheduled high school football games and community activities.

Stores sold out of bottled water; hotels and motels filled up; and inland kin and friends took in their coastal kin and friends.

Attorney General Greg Abbott said his attorneys and investigators stood ready to lower the boom on unscrupulous businesses, con artists and bogus charity workers who exploit victims and others.

## Lawmakers to leave or shuffle

Certain members of the Texas Legislature have signified their intent not to run for re-election in 2006.

Those include Reps. Peggy Hamric, R-Houston, Suzanna Hupp, R-Lampasas, Bob Griggs, R-North Richland Hills, Terry Keel, R-Austin, Joe Nixon, R-Houston, Richard Raymond, D-Laredo, and Jim Solis, D-Harlingen.

Three members of the Texas Senate also will not return after their present terms expire. Those include Sens. Todd Staples, R-Palestine, Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, and John Lindsay, R-Houston.

Raymond has announced that he will challenge Henry Cuellar, an incumbent Democrat, for U.S. Congressional District 28.

Hamric and Nixon expect to compete in the GOP primary for Lindsay's Senate seat; Keel plans to run for a seat on the state's 3rd Court of Appeals; and Staples is running for commissioner of agriculture.

## Sharp to head tax reform panel

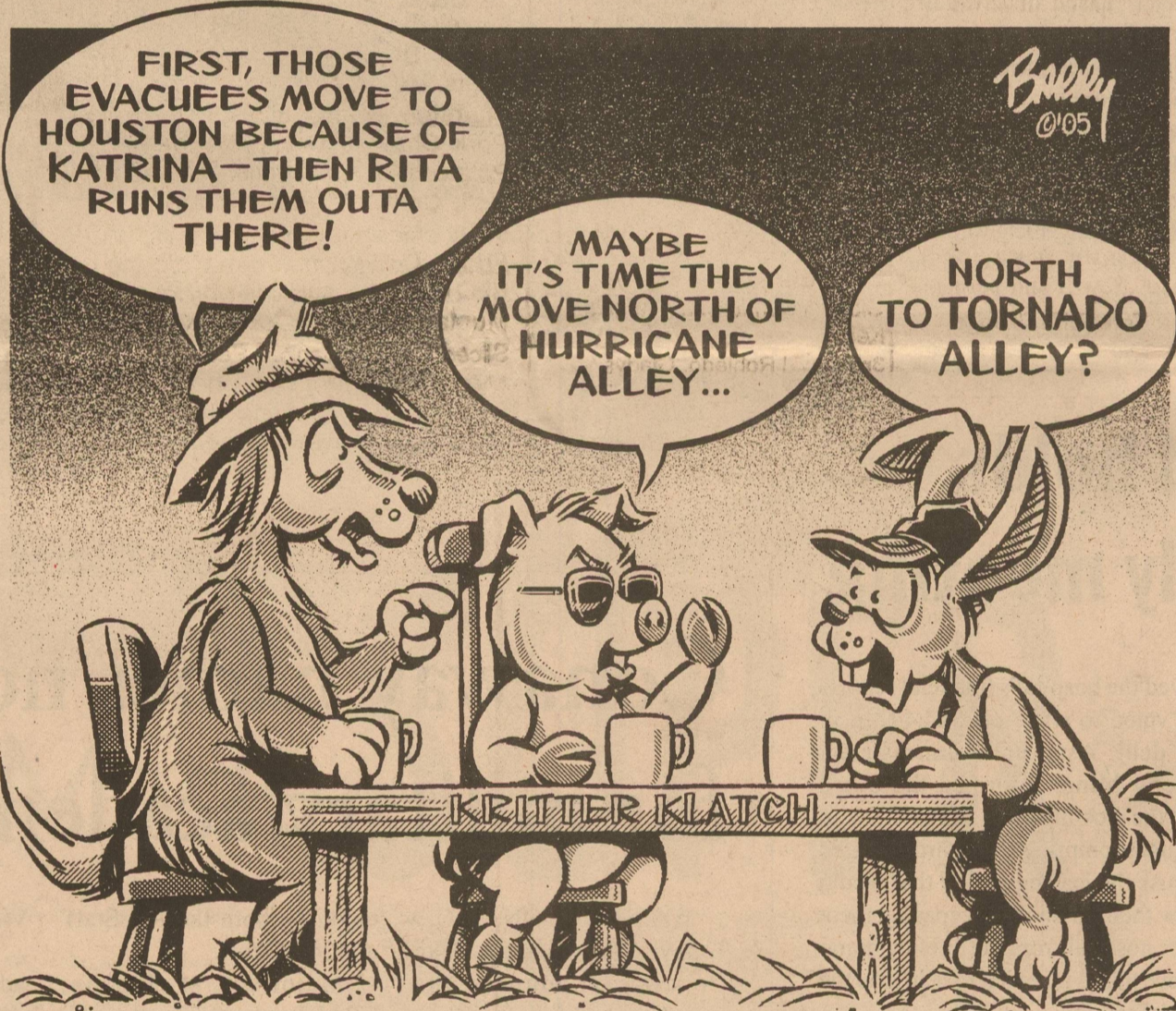
Gov. Perry announced his intention to appoint a bipartisan panel to pick apart the state's tax system and find areas that could benefit from reform.

Perry, a Republican, asked former state comptroller John Sharp, a Democrat, to chair the panel. Sharp accepted. The panel will travel around the state to collect input from a broad spectrum of Texans.

## School funding ruling anticipated

The Texas Supreme Court had not ruled as of Sept. 23 on the state's appeal of a lawsuit by more than 300 school districts that claim the state's way of funding public education is

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# Remembering Big John

Big John died the other day. He was buried in his overalls.

John Price was the proprietor of Big John's Feedlot, a barbecue place in Big Spring. If there ever was a typical barbecue place, it's Big John's. It has a screened in back porch area that has just been designated the smoking section. The main dining area has tables and chairs that don't match, a barber chair, a broken juke box, a wood burning stove, all kinds of memorabilia on the walls, some of them plaques Big John earned for his gaming ability in Nevada and Louisiana. He always took a couple of weeks off to go play the slots and do yard work and gardening.

John was unassuming and always the same. He greeted his customers warmly and visited with them when they paid out at the cash register. Denise, the waitress and lately the barbecue cook, seldom wrote down an order. So many customers ordered the same thing every time she simply asked them if they wanted the usual. Big



by Tumbleweed Smith

John's operates on the honor system. Customers never get a bill. At the cash register, you tell what you had to eat and are charged accordingly. To get to the cash register, you walk through the kitchen area. The ceiling of the room where you pay out is covered with business cards. Newspaper write-ups of customers' accomplishments are posted on the walls. Some people write comments about this or that and stick them on any available space.

Big John's has beef, pork, turkey, beans, potato salad, pecan pie and banana pudding. No frills. But to most everybody who eats there, all barbecue is measured by the taste of meat at Big John's.

His place is a landmark. People who are passing through Big Spring

on a regular basis make it a point to stop there. Once a couple of big cars pulled into the parking lot and guys in suits got out. It happened to be the governor of Texas and his entourage, all hungry for some of Big John's barbecue.

For a decade or more, my wife and father-in-law ate lunch at Big John's every Friday we were in town. It was a ritual, almost a ceremony, to watch my father in law and Big John joke at the cash register. The drawer was usually open and my father-in-law went to the drawer and acted like he was going to start taking out the dollar bills. Customers waiting to pay out had to be patient while Big John and my father-in-law had their weekly visit.

When a plate of food is ready to be delivered to a customer, Janie or whoever prepares the food, yells out "Order Up!"

Big John's remains open. Denise bought the place. I, along with all of Big John's fans, wish her well.

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# OBITUARIES

## David Mills Powell Jr.

ELDORADO — David Mills Powell Jr. was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on Aug. 15, 1934, the youngest child born to the late Elizabeth Rae Powell. Following his graduation from Eldorado High School in 1952, he graduated from Texas Tech University in 1957. He was drafted into the United States Army and served during the Korean War. He came home to ranch in 1959. His plans to settle down were interrupted when the late President Kennedy recalled all reserves in 1961.

David returned home in 1963 and pursued his interest in farming, ranching, racehorses and "the oil patch." His dream was fulfilled when his filly "Accusatory" ran in the All-American Futurity in Ruidoso, N.M.

David will be dearly missed by his sisters, Judy Graham and Jean Ray; and his brother, John Rae Powell.

Graveside services were held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 25, 2005, in the Eldorado Cemetery.

The family requests memorials be made to hospice.



## Beta Sigma Phi Report

Beta Sigma Phi met for the first meeting of 2005-06 on September 13 in the club room at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by President Glenda Harris with nine members present.

The first order of business was to recognize Dorothy and Monroe Dacy for having a BBQ and swimming party on August 24 to welcome everyone back to the sorority. Members and their families enjoyed a great time. Everyone expressed great gratitude to Monroe for cooking the meat and not getting to be there to enjoy it.

The minutes of the last meeting in May were read and approved as submitted by Secretary Dorothy Dacy. Treasurer's report was given by Barbara Jackson. She reported that both scholarship checks had been awarded to our recipients.

The next order of business was the fall festival being sponsored by the school. We agreed to do the fishing pond if it was not taken by someone else. Glenda will check with Maela Edmonson

at the elementary and find out all the details. Final decisions will be made at that time.

We also discussed having a raffle in December as a ways and means project. Glenda and Barbara will check different items that we may sell chances on. They will report back at the next meeting.

The program was given by Dorothy Dacy on a subject that was become a very big problem was the consumer - identity theft.

The sunshine gift was won by Geneva Wade and refreshments were served by Dorothy Dacy.

The next meeting will be September 27 at the home of Barbara Jackson. All members are reminded to bring their local dues.



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## Women's conference goes LIVE

The third annual Women's Conference, sponsored by Lighthouse Community Church of Sonora, will be held Sat., October 22nd. In the past, the conference has been held via live telecast, but the 2005 program features a new format. An exciting line up of dynamic speakers and performers are scheduled for this year's "live" conference entitled: Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition. Speakers for the event are: Cynthia Hyatt of Menard, Pearlene Nolan of Snyder, Crystal Lyons of Mason, and Paula McGee of Wichita Falls. Each of these servant-hearted ladies brings their unique gifts, background and ministry experience to offering spiritual insight and encouragement for women today. The delightful talents of Terry Mills and Mary Parmer, both of San Angelo will partner to create a captivating worship team.

Registration is at 9:00 am and

the first session will begin at 9:30, followed by lunch at 11:30. Session 2 begins at 1:00 pm with the final session starting at 5:00pm. One of the highlights of the last two conferences has been the outpouring of chivalry showered on the attendees by the volunteer team. Additionally, drawings are held for numerous prizes, a free book table is available, and San Angelo Bible Book Store will be on hand with a resource table.

Tickets for Extreme Makeover, Spiritual Edition are \$20 and should be purchased in advance. Seating is limited and will be on a first come basis, so please register as early as possible by calling Jane Rushing at 325-387-3625 or Lighthouse Community Church at 325-387-9100. Plan to attend, invite a friend and enjoy a day of fellowship, encouragement, music, laughter, spiritual growth and perhaps even TLC - Total Life Change.

## Capital Highlights

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unconstitutional. A year ago, a lower court ruling found in favor of the plaintiffs. When the state Legislature failed to solve school funding and the related issue of property tax reform, the state appealed. Oral arguments were heard July 6.

### Anti-violence grants awarded

Gov. Perry announced \$6.8 million in grants to combat violent crimes against women and to render services to victims.

The grants will go to 100 programs across Texas under the

STOP Violence Against Women Act and will be distributed by the governor's criminal justice division.

### Big Tex expects big draw at Fair

The 2005 State Fair of Texas will open Sept. 30 at historic Fair Park in Dallas.

More than 3 million people are expected to attend the extravaganza that will continue through Oct. 23. Exhibit hours are 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily.

Kickoff for the Texas-OU football game is scheduled for noon on Oct. 8.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

- September**  
**30th** Bobby Cortez, Jack Williams, Sherri Freeman, Christina Rojas, Pansie Jay, Glenda Harris, Barney McAlpine, Rabbit Sudduth, Maria Luisa Martinez, Jalen Garza, Shae Gonzales, Christina R. Rameriz, Jero Fuentes  
**October**  
**1st** Andie Sterling, Jose Angel Fuentes, Samantha Brown, Vicky Esparza, John Kotsch, Terry Green, Raymond Spears, Sr., Evan Joiner  
**2nd** Buff Whitten, Juanita Arispe, Pedro Estrada Jr., Sherry Gibson, Donna Suter, Angela Kelley  
**3rd** David Robledo, Gladys Hart, Lincoln Delavechia, Elena Aguilar, Madolyn Mertz, Brianna Gamez, Elena Aguilar, Marcus Hinojosa, Martin Ortiz, Jr., Alan Peizel, Lois Burleson  
**4th** Cariline Faia, John Paul Joiner II, David Creek, Homero Hernandez, Kora Factor, Erika Estrada  
**5th** Paige Boysaw, Ronnie Paxton, Jeff Parker, Claudia Cardenas, Atun Gower, Maria Hernandez, Pedro Estrada, Chad Whieles, Clemente Aguilar Jr.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- October**  
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# Eagles D dominates Grape Creek

"It was the defense that won it," said Head Coach Johnny Burleson after the Eagles came from behind to clench a 12-6 win over the Grape Creek Eagles.

"Our defense played very well all night. I especially liked the play of Nester Hernandez and Luis Huichapa," Burleson said.

Hernandez finished the night with 15 tackles, 5 unassisted and 10 assisted, an interception and a forced and a recovered fumble. Huichapa also played well all night putting up 7 assisted tackles as well as 7 solo. Three of his tackles were for a loss.

Hernandez's interception sealed the game for the Warbirds as he picked off a last ditch pass

and put an end to Grape Creek's comeback hopes.

Grape Creek drew first blood in the contest when Frankie Rios returned and Eldorado punt 62 yards to set up the score. Then, with 2:23 remaining in the opening quarter, Pete Solis put the ball in from 10 yards out give Grape Creek a 6-0 lead.

That would be the high-water mark for Grape Creek's offensive output as Eldorado's defensive unit took over and shut the visitor's down for the remainder of the night.

Eldorado's offense didn't get going good until the second half after the defense held Grape Creek on their opening drive and forced a punt. Four plays and 40 yards later Neil Higgins hauled in a 16-yard pass from David Hernandez with 8:45 left to play in the 3rd stanza. The Warbirds' extra-point attempt failed and the score stood knotted at 6.

"Our offense played when it was needed," said Burleson. "We had the big plays that it would take to win the game."

Neil Higgins was the offensive standout catching two passes for 35 yards and a touchdown.

Ryan Cathy and Nester Hernandez both ground out 64 yards with their legs and Cathy ended the night with the game deciding



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN  
 Eldorado defenders swarmed to the ball last Friday night as the Eldorado Eagles defeated the Grape Creek Eagles 12-6 in the opening round of District 2-2A play.

touchdown late in the game.

The winning TD didn't come without some drama. Grape Creek's defense stiffened as Eldorado was driving with time winding down. Then, just as it appeared the visitors had stopped the Warbirds on 4th down to take over the ball,

a roughing the passer penalty breathed new life into Eldorado's offense.

A couple of plays later, a Grape Creek defender snagged Russell Cathey's face mask as he took him to the ground. The resulting penalty moved Eldorado even closer to pay dirt. Then with 43 ticks left on the game clock, Cathey sprinted to the right and crossed the goal line from 3 yards out to give the Eagles a 12-6 lead.

Eldorado's 2-point conversion attempt failed but the lead would be enough for the Warbirds as once again Eldorado's swarming defense took control.

With time running out Nester Hernandez stepped in front of a desperation pass by Grape Creek's quarterback Sterling Beeson and hauled in the interception to end any hopes the visitors had of a comeback.

"I just can't say enough about our defense," Coach Burleson said after the game. "They (Grape Creek) had a 1st and Goal on the three at one point and we shut them down on four plays. That is just great," Burleson added.

The win moves the Eagles season mark to 2-2 and 1-0 in district play.

The Eagles will travel to Sonora for their first shot against one of the district's remaining two undefeated teams.

"They are good. There is no doubt about that," said Burleson when asked about the Broncos and their play on the field. "They showed up in Big Lake and did what they pleased with the Owls."

Burleson went on to stress that the Warbirds must control the ball the whole game and not let the Broncos set the pace.

"We have added a few new plays on offense," said Burleson. "and we just have to keep them guessing with our defense."

The Eagles/Broncos match up is slated for 7:30 p.m. this Friday at Bronco Stadium in Sonora.

Eldorado fans are encouraged to make the 21-mile drive to support the Eagles as continue their quest for the 2-2A title.

## School Lunch Menu



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- BREAKFAST MENU**
- Monday, October 3**  
No School !!!
  - Tuesday, October 4**  
Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, Peaches, Milk
  - Wednesday, October 5**  
Cheese Toast, Mixed Fruit, Choice of Juice, Milk
  - Thursday, October 6**  
Waffle Stixs, Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
  - Friday, October 7**  
Buttered Toast, Jelly, Choice of Cereals, Choice of Juice, Milk

- BASKET LINE**
- Monday, October 3**  
No School !!!
  - Tuesday, October 4**  
Pizza, Tossed Salad, Veggie Stix's, Dip, Pineapple Tidbits
  - Wednesday, October 5**  
Taco Rolls, Waffle Fries, Fresh Broccoli w/Ranch Dip, Apple Halves
  - Thursday, October 6**  
Chicken Strips, Half Baked Potatoes, Pear Halves, Tossed Salad, Rice Krispie Treats
  - Friday, October 7**  
Hamburger or Cheese Burger, Baked Chips, Burger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

- CAFETERIA LINE**
- Monday, October 3**  
No School !!!
  - Tuesday, October 4**  
Spaghetti, Meat Sauce, Peas & Carrots, Broccoli Salad, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Tidbits
  - Wednesday, October 5**  
Chicken Fajita, Flour Tortilla, Refried Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Apple Halves
  - Thursday, October 6**  
Burrito, Potato Salad, Carrot Stixs, Dip, Rice Krispie Treats
  - Friday, October 7**  
Hamburger or Cheese Burger, French Fries, Burger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN  
 Russel Cathey out ran a Grape Creek defender last Friday evening as the Eldorado Eagles mounted their game winning drive late in the 4th quarter. Eldorado defeated Grape Creek 12-6 after Cathey ran the ball in from 3 yards out with 43 seconds left to play.

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# Note: October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month

American Cancer Society offers screening information and support

AUSTIN — October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and the American Cancer Society is increasing awareness of the importance of early detection. As the second leading cause of cancer death in women, breast cancer will claim an estimated 2,460 lives in Texas this year. Many of the lives lost to breast cancer could be prevented through early detection. When breast cancer is detected early the survival rate could be as high as 97%.

The American Cancer Society recommends the following screening guidelines for the early detection of breast cancer:

Yearly mammograms beginning at age 40; Clinical Breast Exams about every 3 years for women in their 20s and 30s and every year for women 40 and older; Breast Self Examination (BSE) is an option for women starting in their 20s; Report any breast change promptly to health care providers

Women at increased risk should talk with their doctors about the benefits and limitations of starting mammography screening earlier, having additional tests or having more frequent exams.

Maintaining a healthy body weight, staying physically active and limiting alcohol consumption may lower the risk of breast cancer.

Through clinical breast exams a physician can sometimes identify a problem that a woman may have overlooked. Though most breast lumps are not cancerous, only a physician can make a diagnosis.

The Texas Department of State Health Services Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening program offers free mammograms, breast examinations, and Pap tests to women who qualify. In addition, Medicare helps pay the cost of a mammogram for women age 40 or older with Medicare Part B.

On October 11, a wreath ceremony will take place in Austin to kick off National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, recognize breast cancer survivors and honor those who have lost their lives to the disease. First Lady Anita Perry,

along with breast cancer survivors will speak urging women to take the appropriate action in fighting breast cancer.

For those who are diagnosed with breast cancer the American Cancer Society offers Patient Service programs such as: Reach to Recovery, Road to Recovery, Coping with Breast Cancer support group, Dialogue support group and Look Good, Feel Better as well as online support and resources through Cancer Survivor's Network at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

For more information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).



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Sophomore Misti Daniels, member 2005 Flag Corps was performing with the Mighty Eagle Band last Friday night home game against Grape Creek. The flag corps has new black uniforms and black flags this season.

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Mandy Brister, Area 2 Vice President, has been selected as a voting delegate for the state of Texas. McKenzie Watkins, District President will be attending as advancement in her FFA career.

Many and McKenzie, with the help of friends, family, Sonora FFA and Sonora ISD, will be conducting a fundraising activity to help offset the cost of attending (travel, motel, meals, etc). On September 30, they will be selling Stagecoach Barbeque plates in the High School commons from 5:00 p.m. until kickoff of the Eldorado football game. Tickets for this events will be available in advance or at the door.

To show your support, or for more information about the barbeque, contact Mandy at 206-1912, McKenzie at 387-5092, or Michael Kissire at Sonora High School at 387-6533.

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# AG Greg Abbott warns against exploiting Hurricane Rita victims during recovery efforts

**Investigators worked through weekend to avert exploitation of evacuees; will aggressively pursue price gouging, other unlawful acts targeting affected Texans**

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott warned about the continued threat of price gouging as his office received hundreds of reports over the weekend about businesses that tried to exploit displaced Texans who fled coastal areas in the wake of Hur-

ricane Rita. "In the coming days millions will go back to their homes and their lives. As they do so, I will not tolerate unscrupulous businesses and con men who prey upon those who have already faced a tremendous ordeal," Attorney General Abbott said. "Unfortunately, price gouging and various types of scams often arise amid natural disasters, and my office will aggressively pursue those who engage in these activities."

More than 500 complaints alleging price gouging have been filed with the Attorney General since Wednesday, when the bulk of the evacuation began from the Texas Gulf Coast region. Consumers have been reporting inflated prices such as \$199 per day for a rental car, \$250 nightly motel stays, \$30 for a case of bottled water, and \$20 for a dozen eggs. The Office of the Attorney General is also investigating dozens of reports of gasoline allegedly priced between \$5 and \$15 a gallon.

One consumer reported a price-gouging incident to the Attorney General's hotline when a motel wanted to charge \$90 for a room advertised at \$29.99. According to the consumer, a follow-up call by Attorney General investigators to confirm the allegation resulted in management immediately honoring the advertised price and issuing refunds to other guests who had been charged exorbitant

rates. Attorney General Abbott urged Texans to continue filing complaints of price gouging. Consumers can call the Consumer Protection Hotline at (800) 252-8011 or file their complaints on the Attorney General's Web site at [www.oag.state.tx.us](http://www.oag.state.tx.us).

Abbott urged consumers to be as specific as possible when filing complaints, providing information such as the business name, address or specific location, contact information, and the price the business advertises and actually charges for a particular item. Consumers are also encouraged to retain receipts and even take photos of the advertised prices, if possible. Digital photos can be e-mailed to the Attorney General at [greg.abbott@oag.state.tx.us](mailto:greg.abbott@oag.state.tx.us).

Attorney General investigators continue to follow up on complaints, contacting businesses to confirm whether price gouging has occurred. Businesses that gouge could face civil penalties of up to \$20,000 per violation of the Texas Deceptive Trade Practices Act, and an additional amount of up to \$250,000 for gouging consumers 65 years of age or older.

Furthermore, in the aftermath of a storm, consumers facing cleanup and repair should be careful when selecting a building contractor. Attorney General Abbott offered the following recommendations to avoid ripoffs:

- Deal only with licensed, bonded contractors
- Be wary of "specials" and extra-cheap work
- Contact your insurance adjuster to get an estimate of any damage and cost of repair
- Do not be rushed into signing contracts and never pay up-front for promised work
- Avoid door-to-door solicitors for damage repair work
- Get the terms of warranty work in writing
- Contact friends or relatives for references

Consumers should be wary of anyone who offers unsolicited services, especially if they ask for personal information, as that could be a warning sign of possible identity theft. Consumers should not sign any documents with blank spaces to be filled out later.

In addition, Abbott noted that while disasters prompt an outpouring of generosity, they also bring scam artists and thieves who try to take advantage of that kindness. Texans wishing to give to hurricane relief should give only to charities they are already familiar with and know are legitimate. Reputable organizations do not directly solicit donations from individual consumers by telephone, e-mail or door-to-door visits. Citizens should not use links they find in unsolicited e-mails to access the Web sites of charitable organizations.

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Prescribed Burns--Range, Wildlife, & Fisheries Management (RWF 4301) is one of the courses offered during WinterSession. Students will learn about fire, safety, equipment, crews, laws and regulations, as well as fire effects, fire behavior, fire techniques and prescriptions, and planning a burn. Hands-on experience will be part of the course. The RWF 4301 at Texas Tech has a strong history of exper-

tise in prescribed burns beginning with Professor Henry Wright.

Keith Blair is the instructor. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Range Management, 1986, and a Master of Science in Range Science, 1991, from Texas Tech University. Blair is a former Regional Fire Ecologist for U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and also served as a Regional Resource Specialist for Texas Parks and Wildlife. Since 2001, Blair and his wife, Amy, have owned and operated Red Buffalo, LLC in Mason. The business specializes in prescribed burning and training, as well as cedar clearing and vegetation surveys.

For information, contact Grant Hall or Karen Lopez at (325) 446-2301.

## Strayhorn announces tax relief for Texans affected by Hurricane Rita

AUSTIN — Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn as of September 21, 2005 announced that Texas taxpayers affected by Hurricane Rita may request extensions of up to 90 days to file state tax returns due in September and October.

"First and foremost, anyone in the potential path of Hurricane Rita should be preparing to evacuate inland out of harm's way,"

Comptroller Strayhorn said. "Now is the time to be focusing on getting to safety, not worrying about filing tax returns."

"When a disaster impacts hard-working Texans' lives and livelihoods, I want to do everything I can to help the folks who are affected," Strayhorn said. "These individuals and families need time to get their lives, homes and busi-

nesses back in order."

In addition to extending tax-filing deadlines, Texas law allows Comptroller Strayhorn to exempt from sales taxes:

The cost of labor to repair storm-damaged, nonresidential property, including office buildings and stores (labor charges must be separately stated on the repair bill, Texas does not impose sales tax on labor for residential repairs);

Services used to restore storm-damaged property, including dry cleaning of clothing and draperies, rug and carpet cleaning and appliance repairs.

"I strongly encourage business owners and homeowners to take advantage of the tax extensions and exemptions that are available to them," Strayhorn said.

For more information or to request a tax filing extension, call the Comptroller's toll-free tax assistance line in Austin at (800) 252-5555.

### Weekly Crossword Puzzle

**ACROSS**

1. Succotash beans
6. In vogue
10. Tijuana's locale, informally
14. \_\_\_garde
15. Late-night Jay
16. Twistable cookie
17. Square one, in slang
18. 22-Down and others
19. Georgia politico Miller
20. Something to accomplish by Friday, say
23. Sign of summer
24. Actress Carrere
25. Ensign-producing sch.
28. Wizards' org.
31. Skeleton's place?
36. \_\_\_-mo replay
37. Mulligan and others
39. Give the slip to
40. Words accompanying a hasty exit, maybe
43. Madonna title role
44. Sonia of "Moon Over Parador"
45. Earth-friendly prefix
46. Soprano Scottot
48. Storm area
49. Title in Uncle Remus tales
50. Phase out
52. PBS supporter
54. Place for dirty socks
61. Virgo/Libra border, e.g.
62. Frosty coating
63. Houston was its president
65. Grid great Graham
66. Treater's phrase
67. Eleniak of "Baywatch"
68. Hacienda drudge
69. Greeley's direction
70. Dick's 1956 counterpart
6. Circulatory blockage
7. "Taste this"
8. Like neon
9. Kind of dust or ray
10. Numskull
11. Atlas stat
12. Take shape
13. Place to send IMs
21. Early TV sidekick
22. Source of lead
25. Poe house
26. Dred Scott, e.g.
27. "\_\_\_ my back yard!"
29. The \_\_\_ (British network, informally)
30. Clued in
32. Moth-eaten
33. Not so risky
34. Draw out
35. Caruso was one
37. The \_\_\_ Island Ferry
38. Collar feature
41. In-flight guesstimate
42. Early rocket stage
47. "You betcha!"
49. Krispy Kreme workers
51. Bagpipe sound
53. First name in cosmetics
54. Mandolin's kin
55. Regarding, in memos
56. Abreast of
57. Starchy veggies
58. One of the baseball Boones
59. Beat it
60. Help oneself to
61. Radar gun wielder
64. Carrier to Stockholm

**DOWN**

1. Hang back
2. Balladeer Burl
3. "Do the \_\_\_!"
4. Luanda's land
5. Keep for later

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### How does 2-1-1 Texas work?

Our local 2-1-1 service is part of a statewide network implemented in fall 2003. Currently, the free 2-1-1 dialing code is operational in 100 percent of the state.

A total of 25 call centers are active in the following regions: the Gulf Coast Region (Houston), Southeast Texas Region (Beaumont), South Central Texas (Austin), North Central Texas (Dallas and Fort Worth regions), Panhandle (Amarillo), Bryan/College Station, Tip of Texas (Weslaco), Texoma (Sherman), Permian Basin (Midland), Central Texas (Belton), Alamo (San Antonio), Coastal Bend Region (Corpus Christi), Heart of Texas Region (Waco), North East Texas Region (Sulphur Springs), North Texas Region (Wichita Falls), West Central Texas (Abilene), Golden Crescent (Victoria), East Texas (Tyler), Concho Valley (San Angelo), Deep East Texas (Jasper), South Texas (Laredo), Middle Rio Grande (Carrizo Springs), Rio Grande (El Paso), and South Plains (Lubbock).

In order to provide the most extensive, valuable information possible to every caller, 2-1-1 Texas continues to expand its resource database of government agencies, food pantries, career services, after-school programs, counseling services and many other nonprofit resources in each of these counties. 2-1-1 Texas will not displace these agencies as sources of support and assistance for local residents. 2-1-1 will make sure that those in need get information about where to go in their community to get help.

Who is eligible to call?  
Any individual looking for information or assistance to identify the services best suited to meet his or her needs is eligible to call. Case managers, church leaders, employers, teachers or other agencies calling on behalf of their clients, members, employees or students

are also welcome.

When is 2-1-1 available?  
2-1-1 Texas is accessible 24 hours a day, seven days a week. You can also access the 2-1-1 Texas community resource database on-line 24 hours a day.

Is 2-1-1 Texas a crisis hotline?  
2-1-1 Texas is not a crisis line. Individuals in immediate crisis should call 911. Individuals may call 2-1-1 Texas to obtain the phone numbers for their local mental health crisis centers.

### Will 2-1-1 Texas provide financial assistance?

2-1-1 Texas is a telephone information and referral line. We don't provide financial assistance; however, we can direct you to agencies in the community that may be able to provide assistance.

### What types of calls does 2-1-1 Texas receive?

We receive calls regarding health services; food; clothing; housing; government resources; education; employment; counseling; support groups; recreation; community groups; services for children, youth, families and older adults; and many more topics.

### How can I get more information?

2-1-1 Texas is a program of the Texas Health and Human Services Commission in collaboration with local information and referral agencies. If you would like additional information about 2-1-1 Texas, you may also access information from the statewide 2-1-1 Texas Web site [www.hhsc.state.tx.us/tirn/tirn-home.htm](http://www.hhsc.state.tx.us/tirn/tirn-home.htm) and the national 2-1-1 Web site [www.211.org](http://www.211.org)



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Center Colten Daniels waits for the signal to snap the ball to quarterback Jaymie O'Harrow. The 7th Grade Eagles won 6-0 against the Grape Creek Eagles Thursday, September 22.

## 7th Grade Eagles post 6-0 win

by Coach Larry Mitchell

The 7th Grade Eagles won a close one against the Grape Creek Eagles 6 to 0 Thursday, September 22, 2005, in Eagle Stadium. The team won it's first game of the year in a defense battle.

Eldorado's Miles Mikeska scored the games only touchdown on a run behind good blocks by Colton Daniels and Stephen

Fortenberry.

There were some great plays made by Chandler Korn, Bailey Minor, and Rudy Sanchez during the game.

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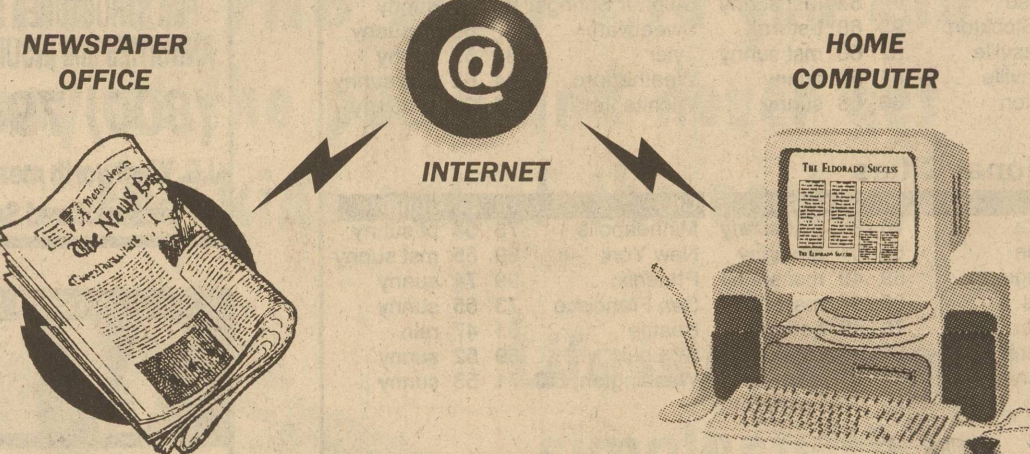
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# Dealing with Fall Armyworms, it's that time of year again

The continuous presence of armyworms really is not surprising considering the development of the population this fall and the mild temperatures the area is experiencing. All species of armyworm survival increases with good moisture conditions. Weather conditions and availability of a food source have been almost ideal this fall. The Corpus Christi area started experiencing armyworm problems in June and that started the migration north into central Texas. Once armyworms arrive

two to three generations are possible in our area. The start of the second generation has already started in our area.

A number of armyworms can be seen this time of year including the true armyworm, *Pseudaletia unipuncta* (Haworth), the yellow-striped armyworm, *Prodenia ornithogalli* Guenne, and the beet armyworm, *Spodoptera exigua* (Hubner). However, the most common and devastating in pastures and small grains is the fall armyworm, *Spodoptera frugiperda* (J.B.

Smith). This insect can seemingly build up to large numbers overnight causing pastures, small grains and even home lawns to disappear in a short time. In reality, the adults are capable of laying a large number of eggs and by the time the larvae or "caterpillars" are easily seen the damage has been done.

The fall armyworm cannot survive cold temperatures and typically overwinters in the southern regions of Texas. The adults migrate northward each year as

temperatures increase in the spring. The fall armyworm probably has three to five generations in the southern Rolling Plains depending on temperatures in the spring and fall. Populations appear to be worse in the fall because adult moths will move into an area with storm fronts that trigger the fall rains. The adult moth is 1 1/2 inches across the wings with the hind wings grayish white and the front pair dark gray, mottled with lighter and darker splotches and having a noticeable whitish spot near

the extreme tip. The female moth lays her eggs in masses, usually containing approximately 150 eggs, and the female can lay up to 1000 eggs. The larvae have five instars and typically the life cycle from egg to adult takes 28 days. The life cycle can be extended if cooler temperatures occur and can last up to 42 days. Fall armyworms continue to be a threat up to the first hard freeze. Fall armyworm larvae range from 1/4 to 1 1/2 inches long and can have shades of brown, green or black. They can be distinguished from other armyworms because of a prominent white, inverted Y-shaped line on the front of the head.

Damage done by fall armyworms usually consists of foliage feeding. The small larvae will chew the green layer from the leaves and leave a clearing or "window pane" effect. The first three instars do relatively very little feeding while the last two instars consume 85 percent of the total foliage consumed by the caterpillars. This is the reason it is important to find the infestations before the larvae or caterpillars become too large. Small larvae are easier to control and most of the damage can be prevented if the infestation is caught early. Individual fields should be scouted carefully because the moths will not lay their eggs consistently across the area. Many times a pasture or small grain field will be infested and the field across the road will not have any larvae present.

Decisions concerning treatment on small grain pastures are much easier to make than on improved pastures. When small grains are in the seedling stage, three larvae per square foot or 1 to two larvae per linear foot can devastate a stand. Once small grains begin to tiller, the thresholds can increase to 3 to 5 larvae per square foot or two to three per linear foot. Once the small grains reach 4 to 5 inches in height, small grains can tolerate high numbers (7 to 8 per square foot). At that time, producers have more time to make a decision and should wait as long as possible before treating a field. The goal in a small grain pasture is to establish a stand.

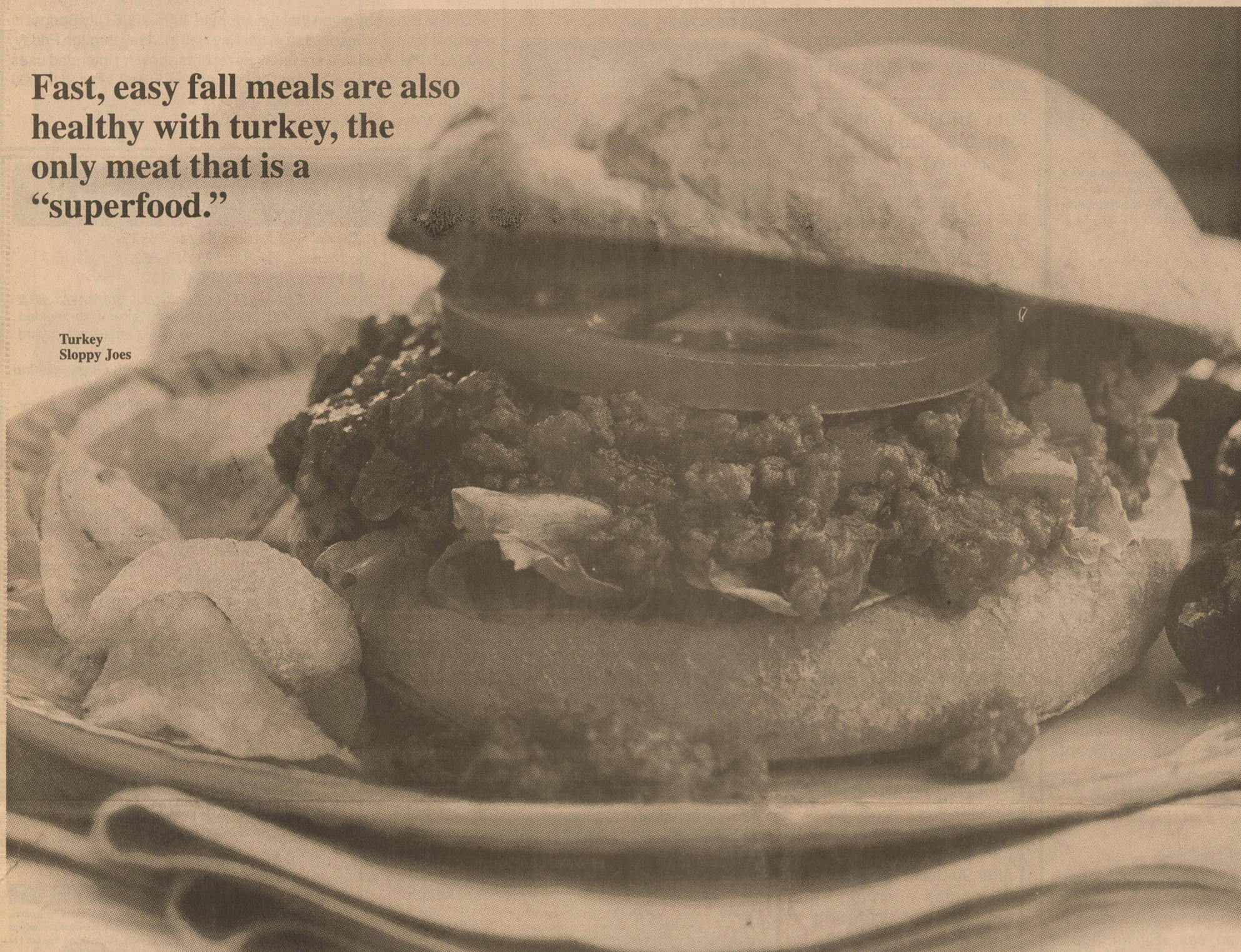
The decision on improved pasture is more difficult for a number of reasons. First, the economics of spraying improved pasture is different than spraying small grains. The grass has started to slow its growth and the yield of the final cutting is usually much reduced from an earlier cutting. The 2005 season has been average to above average for rainfall so hay is somewhat available and producers need to realize that treatment for armyworms will cost between \$10 to \$15 per acre. This cost must be measured against the ability to purchase hay. Second, the insecticide choices on pastures are limited to carbaryl (Sevin® 80 S, Sevin® XLR, etc.) and malathion. Be aware of harvesting and grazing limitations on the label. The final decision must be the producers but all costs should be factored before treating improved pastures.

Fall armyworms are easily controlled if producers monitor their fields closely. The key is proper identification and finding the infestation before the larvae become too large.

*The information in this article was provided by Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist stationed in San Angelo.*

**Fast, easy fall meals are also healthy with turkey, the only meat that is a "superfood."**

Turkey Sloppy Joes



## SIMPLE Suppers Made SUPER

AMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

As autumn settles in, more families enjoy meals at home — nearly 80 percent are prepared there as opposed to eaten in restaurants. But with on-the-go kids in school and extracurricular activities, here's less time available for busy parents to cook. Factor in the desire to provide appealing meals that are also healthy, and it's no wonder why many busy parents struggle for evening meal solutions.

But moms and dads can excitedly proclaim "dinner's almost ready" by adding turkey to their menu. "The reality is that busy families can have it all — they can serve simple suppers that are easy to prepare, and they can ensure great-tasting, nutritious meals by simply adding turkey to those favorite dishes that parents already routinely cook," said Jennifer Bushman, author of several Kitchen Coach cookbooks including *Weeknight Cooking* and *Weekend Cooking*. "Everyone will love the taste of turkey in these meals, and parents can feel great about the

nutritious, high-protein benefits turkey offers the family."

A variety of simple-to-prepare meals — many of them regular family favorites — are every bit as tasty and provide a healthy choice when made with turkey. Try sloppy joes using ground turkey for a saucy and satisfying, yet protein-packed, family pleaser. Experience a zesty taste of the Southwest with easy turkey enchiladas. And break out of the ordinary routine with Italian turkey sausage and pasta — a quick, one-dish wonder that is sure to tantalize the taste buds.

Another way to add a touch of "super" to a best-loved dish is to create fabulous lasagna with ground turkey or Italian turkey sausage (sweet or hot). Turkey is also a prime-time performer when used in spaghetti with ground turkey meat sauce. Sign up for a "Turkey Recipe of the Month" e-mail newsletter and find hundreds more turkey recipes at [www.honeysucklewhite.com](http://www.honeysucklewhite.com) or [www.shadybrookfarms.com](http://www.shadybrookfarms.com).

### Superfood. Super easy.

Naturally protein-packed, turkey is a lower fat, healthier choice than many other meal options. In fact, turkey is the only meat named a "superfood" by Steven Pratt, MD, a food and health expert and co-author of *Superfoods Rx: Fourteen Foods That Will Change Your Life*.

In his book, Dr. Pratt states that turkey is "a perfect example of a twenty-first century 'healthy' protein source... and provides multiple nutrients which help build a strong immune system."

For on-the-go parents, it's easy to incorporate "superfoods" into simple-yet-super meals. Find delectable recipes that combine turkey with more of Dr. Pratt's superfoods, including spinach, tomatoes, beans, walnuts, oats and yogurt, at [www.honeysucklewhite.com](http://www.honeysucklewhite.com) and [www.shadybrookfarms.com](http://www.shadybrookfarms.com).

#### Turkey Sloppy Joes

Servings: 6  
Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 30 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Ground Turkey
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 medium green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- 1-1/2 cup (12 ounces) chili sauce
- 2 tablespoons Worcestershire sauce
- 6 (4-inch) hamburger buns
- Green leaf lettuce, optional
- 1 medium tomato, optional

Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion and bell pepper until softened, about 5 minutes. Add turkey; crumble and cook until no longer pink, about 5 minutes; drain. Stir in chili sauce and Worcestershire sauce. Cook, covered, over low heat for 10 minutes. Divide mixture evenly over bottom of buns. Layer on lettuce and tomato, if desired. Top with remaining buns.

#### Easy Turkey Enchiladas

Servings: 5  
Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 50 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Turkey Breast Cutlets, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup light sour cream
- 1 cup light ranch dressing
- 10 (8-inch) flour tortillas
- 1 cup (8 ounces) shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 2 cups bottled salsa
- 2 medium tomatoes, seeded and diced
- 2 green onions, chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Grease 9 x 11-inch baking pan. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook turkey, stirring constantly until no longer pink, about 10 minutes. In small bowl, mix sour cream and ranch dressing. In another small bowl, combine 1 cup sour cream mixture and turkey. Divide turkey mixture, cheese and salsa evenly over tortillas. Roll up and place seam-side down in prepared pan. Bake, uncovered, 25 to 30 minutes. Top with tomato, green onion and any remaining salsa and/or sour cream mixture.

#### Italian Turkey Sausage With Pasta

Servings: 8  
Prep Time: 10 minutes / Total Time: 35 minutes

- 1 package Honeysuckle White or Shady Brook Farms Hot or Sweet Italian Turkey Sausage
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) whole peeled tomatoes with juice, broken up
- 1 package (16 ounce) penne, rotelle or fusilli pasta, cooked according to package directions
- 1 cup (8 ounces) Mozzarella cheese, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

Slice open package with sharp knife; remove sausage casings. Heat oil in large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat. Cook onion until softened, about 5 minutes. Add sausage and tomato; crumble sausage. Cook, stirring constantly until sauce is thickened, about 20 minutes. In large bowl, mix cooked pasta with meat sauce. Top pasta with cheese and serve.

Easy Turkey Enchiladas



### Weekly Scripture

**"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances.**

**Ezekiel 36:26-27**