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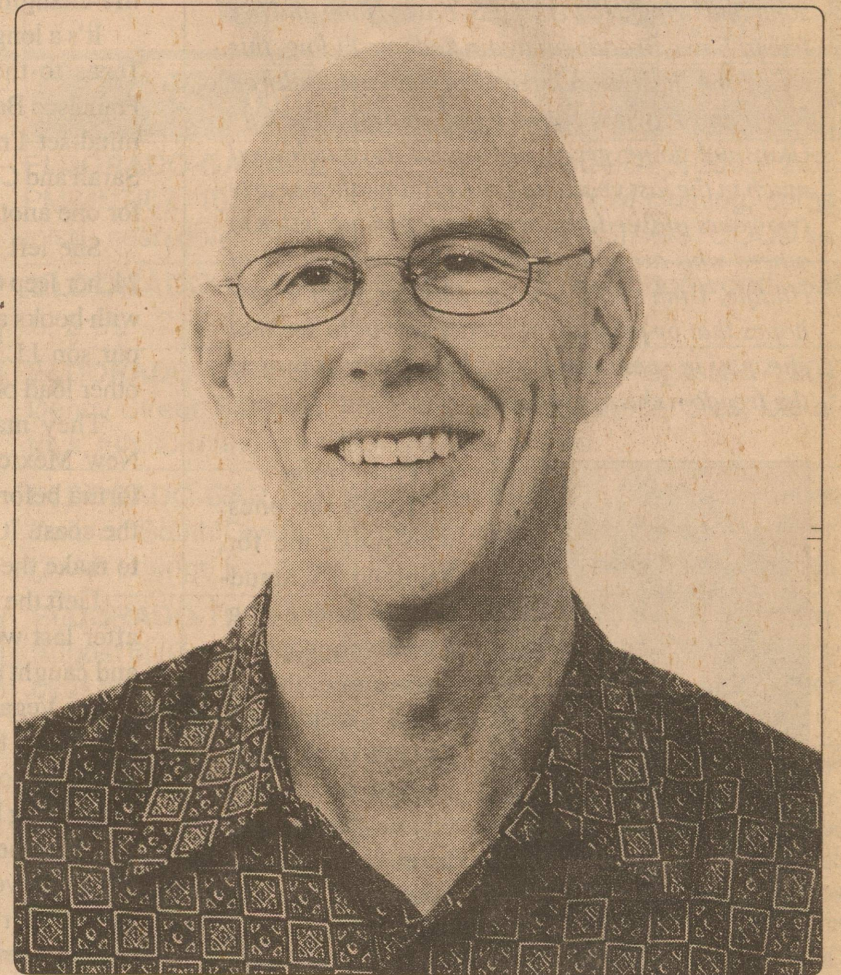
AUSTIN — William "Buff" Whitten, general manager of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative (SWTEC), has been elected to the board of directors of Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc. (TEC). The statewide organization serves 75 electric cooperatives in Texas. TEC members selected him for leadership August 3 at TEC's 65th Annual Membership Meeting in Austin.

"I'm honored to serve on the TEC board. The association provides valuable assistance to its members and I intend to contribute as much as I possibly can," Whitten said. "Co-ops have outpaced big utilities in gaining the trust of their member-consumers by providing superior service at reasonable prices. The board works to help co-ops achieve this goal."

Whitten has worked at SWTEC for 28

years. He was appointed general manager in December 1999. His TEC board term is three years.

SWTEC, organized in 1944, owns 4,982 miles of line and serves approximately 8,390 meters. Headquartered in Eldorado, the co-op serves Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Tom Green, Irion, Reagan, Upton, Crockett, Pecos, Val Verde, Concho and Edwards counties.



COURTESY PHOTO

Buff Whitten, general manager of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative (SWTEC), was elected to the board of directors of Texas Electric Cooperatives Inc., at its 65th Annual Membership Meeting, held in Austin on August 3.

Statewide sales tax holiday slated this weekend

Texas shoppers get a break from state and local sales taxes on August 5, 6, and 7 -- the state's seventh annual tax holiday. Lay-away plans can be used again this year to take advantage of the sales tax holiday.

The law exempts most clothing and footwear priced under \$100 from sales and use

taxes, which could save shoppers about \$8 on every \$100 they spend.

A word of caution: If you sell items that do not qualify for the exemption, you may not advertise or promise that you will pay your customers' sales tax. Additionally, you are prohibited from advertising that you will not collect sales tax during the

holiday on items that do not qualify. You may advertise that tax is included in the sales price of the taxable items that you sell, however.

For information on how to report tax on these sales, please visit Reporting Sales Tax on Tax-Free Items or call us toll free at 1-800-252-5555.

Running of the Bull lures visitors to town

Bull enthusiasts found plenty to keep them busy in Eldorado last weekend as the 3rd Annual Running of the Bull teamed up with the 36th Annual Eldorado Rodeo. The combination had the town filled to overflowing.

Not only was there plenty of rodeo action at the arena just south of town, but "BULL" every description flowed freely on the courthouse square in town, with a substantial amount of it emanating from Bully Pulpit erected by Jim Runge for the annual Running of the Bull Festival.

Rodeo-goers and participants streamed into town Friday for the opening performance of the rodeo, even as food and craft vendors were making their way to the courthouse square to set up for Saturday's Running of the Bull festival.

Action at the rodeo arena was hot and

heavy as the CPRA rodeo made its way back to Eldorado.

Cowboys and cowgirls kept the crowd entertained in both the timed and rough stock events despite the rain showers that earlier on Friday threatened to cancel the event. The action Saturday evening was just as exciting. (A complete list of buckle and prize money winners was not available from the rodeo producer at press time.)

Meanwhile, there was bull aplenty in town Saturday as Jim Runge's 3rd annual Running of the Bull festival got underway. The event, named after the annual Running of the Bulls event in Pamplona, Spain, is actually a two-day liars contest and a pretty good reason to hold a festival. By all accounts the public agreed with an estimated 4,500-4,800 people turning out to attend.

It all got underway at 9:00 a.m. on Sat-

urday with the Running of the Bull parade, headed up this year by Annie Arispe. One of the highlights of the parade was a caravan of residents from the local nursing home, riding in wheel chairs decked out with Conestoga wagon-style sun shades. Arispe said the parade lasted nearly 25 minutes and said her goal is for the parade to grow into a 45-minute affair.

Arispe is the activity director at the Schleicher County Nursing Home. She notes that several of the residents awoke in the "wee hours of the morning" in anticipation of the big day and their part in the parade.

Following the parade, a bevy of food booths, games and arts and crafts booths awaited the festival-goers. Jim Runge said that there were more than 80 booths in all.

Then there was the constant entertain-

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UEP trustee hearing scheduled for today

Utah District Judge Denise Lindberg is slated to consider the future of the United Effort Plan Trust today at a hearing in Salt Lake City, UT. The trust, once controlled by Warren Jeffs, the self-appointed prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (FLDS), has been under the control of a receiver since June when another judge, Judge Deno Himonas, removed Jeffs and several of his cronies from their positions as UEP trustees.

The UEP trust was originally established for the benefit and protection of FLDS members. Most of the property in the twin towns of Colorado City, AZ and Hildale, UT; is owned by the trust and FLDS members have traditionally been allowed to build their homes and businesses on the land. However, in recent years, the trust has been used to reward Jeffs most loyal followers and punish those who question his authority or otherwise fail to bend to his will.

Beginning shortly after Warren Jeffs replaced his deceased father as church leader in 2002, numbers of men have been excommunicated from the church and evicted from their homes. To make matters worse, the men's multiple wives (the FLDS openly practices polygamy) and their children were reassigned to

other men.

While the trust technically exists as a separate entity from the FLDS church, most people close to the sect agree that the UEP is little more than a financial front for Jeffs and his closest lieutenants.

Jeffs will likely be watching closely to see what Judge Lindberg decides about the UEP, but he has bigger worries. The prophet stands indicted on felony charges in Arizona for Sexual Conduct with a Minor and Conspiracy to Commit Sexual Conduct with a Minor. The charges stem from his involvement in arranging and presiding over a series of marriages between some of his already-married male followers and several underage girls.

Eight other men were also indicted on similar charges and seven of them turned themselves in to authorities. The eighth was apprehended at his home. All the men plead not guilty and were released on bond.

Jeffs, however, remains at large and is now wanted by the FBI on federal charges of crossing state lines to avoid prosecution. Meanwhile the states of Arizona and Utah have offered a \$10,000 reward for information leading to Jeffs arrest.

The Success will post Judge Lindberg's decision on its website at www.myeldorado.net as soon as it becomes available.



PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ

Ashley Gardiner, 13, of Eldorado carried her pet Chihuahua "Baby" atop her head Saturday during the 3rd annual Running of the Bull festival held on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. Ashley and Baby both seemed to be enjoying themselves.

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Fawn Holm sends a message to other ex-Creekers

Fawn Holm ran away from Colorado City, Arizona in January 2004. Fawn was sixteen years old. After going into the child protective system in Arizona and being lied to by CPS, Fawn Holm and her friend Fawn Broadbent again fled into hiding, this time from those mandated to protect our children. Fawn and Fawn are now living in Salt Lake City, Utah and doing great. Both girls have achieved much in the last year and Fawn Holm, after nearly two years of freedom wrote the following letter to others who are out of the FLDS communities of Hildale, Utah and Colorado City, Arizona. Fawn hopes that by printing her letter for all to see that she may in some small way help others adjust to the freedom she now holds so dear.



Commentary

by Fawn Holm

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To all the ones who judge me for being on TV, standing up and doing something about the crimes and abuses at the 'Creek', don't say you don't judge because we all know you do. You all say I am 'hurting my family' or 'ratting on the Creek'. Well, I have something to say to you.

I, at least, am not sitting around pretending all the crap never happened. I

am not working myself to death, or partying with drugs and alcohol. I am not trying to run away from the pain. The truth is, it did happen and you can only run for so long.

I will not sit here and wait, knowing that my family will never experience the freedom our Founding Fathers of America gave us. Our families are blind and they are brainwashed.

Someone said the reason they do not want to stand up is because they do not want to make their families even madder at them. That's nice of you but answer this, "Where are your families when you are in trouble?" They are not the ones there for you. Who is? It is the other "Apostates".

Someone told me that my running away and being on TV hurts my parents. What the heck do you think they have done to me? I asked them nicely if I could leave. Do you think they said, "OK, let us find you a safe place to go?" No! My parents got a restraining order on my brothers who had left and had me placed on house arrest. Since I left I am no longer welcome in their house. Why? Because I will bring evil spirits with me and they would have to rededicate their house. You and me, we are their children. We would never have been on this earth if they hadn't put us here. We did not come on our own.

Our families talk about having to stand before God and atone for our sins. How do you think our loving God is going to react to, "we could not let our kids into our house because they might bring in evil spirits." Could you imagine?

Our families tell us that they 'hurt for us' and wish we would come home but they only say that until they realize how strong and free we have become. They then say there is no hope for us.

I think my parents' should be PROUD of me! I stood up and fought for the freedom I believe in. I have stood up and I am not sitting until this job is done.

I am the youngest of my Mom's 18 kids. I was born three months early and nearly died. My Mom said the reason I lived was because I had a big mission. Standing up is my mission.

To all of you that wonder if you should go back to the Creek because you are going to burn in the fire of the last days let me get this straight, you are afraid that our God, a loving, caring God, is going to make you choose between happiness, love, success and heaven? I don't think so. Besides, I thought happiness, love, success and heaven were the same thing. It is our families, the ones who won't let us visit them, that say living at the Creek is the only way to have happiness, love, success and heaven. I have witnessed love at the Creek. For example:

- A wife leaves a husband that she 'loves' to go and suddenly 'love' another man, because the 'Prophet' told her to.

- Little kids (or big ones) 'love' their father, then turn around and say he's a bad man because the 'Prophet' said so.

- Families turn their backs on 'apostate' children because Warren Jeffs told them to. Ten minutes ago they were begging those same children to return because they all 'love' you.

Is that your idea of happiness and the freedom

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Miles and miles and miles

Kathy and I moved our daughter Sarah to California last week where she starts medical school in Vallejo next week. As much as we already miss her we know that she is embarking on an exciting and life-changing adventure.

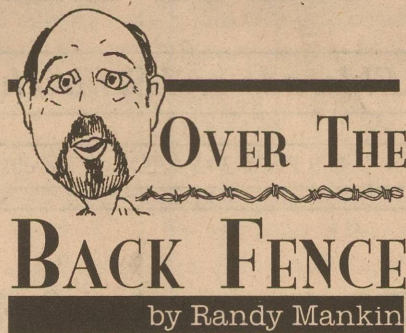
It's a long way from rural West Texas to the north shore of San Francisco Bay — both in miles and mind-set. I'm still not sure whether Sarah and California are prepared for one another.

She left here on Sunday, July 24, her Jeep Cherokee loaded down with books and clothes. Kathy and our son J.L. followed with yet another load of Sarah's gear.

They made their way across New Mexico, Arizona and California before turning north along the coast. It took them three days to make the drive.

I left the following Wednesday, after last week's paper was done, and caught a plane from Mildand to Las Vegas, then on to Oakland. Kathy and the kids picked me up at the airport and we did a little sightseeing before getting down to business the next day and helping Sarah move into the house that she and three other girls will be calling home.

Sarah took us on a tour of the campus where she will be going to school. It's located on Mare Island, which is separated from



the east side of the bay by the Napa River. There are only two bridges connecting the island with the mainland, one of them a drawbridge.

Towering Eucalyptus trees scattered all over the island and the temperature never got above 70 degrees the entire day. That was on Thursday, July 28th.

The following day we loaded up to head home, leaving Sarah behind to begin a new chapter in her life, but not before a dozen or so farewell hugs and more than a few tears. She stood on the corner waving goodbye, but I couldn't bear to look back as we turned toward Texas.

The trip back was long, but it made up for it by being hot. (That's my one and only attempt at humor this week.)

Actually, we did have one more cool weather moment when we stopped briefly on the western shore of Lake Tahoe to take a few pictures. From there it was all

downhill and the mercury soared as we weaved our way across the Nevada desert.

Friday evening found us in Mesquite, NV where we grabbed a few hours sleep before driving to Hurricane, UT where we had lunch with Ross and Lori Chatwin, Mark Folkerson and Merrill Stubbs, all of whom are involved one way or another in the FLDS/YFZ Ranch story we've been covering for the past 16 months.

We then drove through Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ and met briefly with Ben Bistline, the man who wrote *The Polygamists, A History of Colorado City, Arizona*. Ben is a wealth of information and has been a great help to us.

We then turned the car to the east and made our way to Gallup, NM where the Days Inn Motel had lost our reservation, but that's a whole 'nother story...and one that you and a few thousand other people may get to read some day, provided Days Inn doesn't make things right.

We limped home late Sunday night, exhausted but happy to have the trip behind us.

We will probably go back to California some day, especially now that Sarah lives there, but I must say that I'm convinced that Dorothy Gail of Kansas was right, "There's no place like home."

No surprise: House kills school finance, property tax legislation

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — When Gov. Rick Perry called special sessions to solve school finance in late June and again in late July, armchair quarterbacks across Texas predicted failure, and they've guessed correctly, so far.

After all, to Texans with only a mild interest in the affairs of the state Legislature, it had become plain in the spring that House members, senators, the governor and the comptroller could not or would not agree on the numbers or a plan.

Last year, more than 300 school districts sued the state contending that the system violated the state Constitution by not providing equal educational opportunities. State District Judge John Dietz agreed, but Attorney General Greg Abbott appealed on behalf of the state.

The Texas Supreme Court has been deliberating on the state's appeal since July 6, arguably making further consideration of the issue by the Legislature a waste of time until the court rules.

Why legislation keeps failing
House members, struggling to satisfy the disparate needs of their constituent school districts, have been unable to build a consensus on "recapture" levels — better known as "Robin Hood."

This inability to settle on a graduated formula seems to show that it takes more than sliding scales to balance wealthy and poor school districts so all children have a fair shot at getting a competitive K-through-12 education. Plus, there has been no general agreement among lawmakers on:

- How much to decrease property taxes.
- How much money is enough to bring Texas schools up to the national average on dollars per student and teacher pay, or even if Texas should base its goals on national averages.
- How (or whether) to shift the tax burden by tinkering with sales tax rates.
- How (or whether) to apply business franchise taxes.

Enough Republicans crossed over and voted with Democrats to kill the school finance and property tax reform bills on July 26, with some members voting apparently in resentment over Speaker Tom Craddick's refusal to allow any debate on a long list of amendments.

House must originate money bills

Article 3 Section 33 of the Texas Constitution says all revenue-raising bills shall originate in the House. With the killing of House Bill 3, the House must decide whether to resurrect another version of the property tax reform bill.

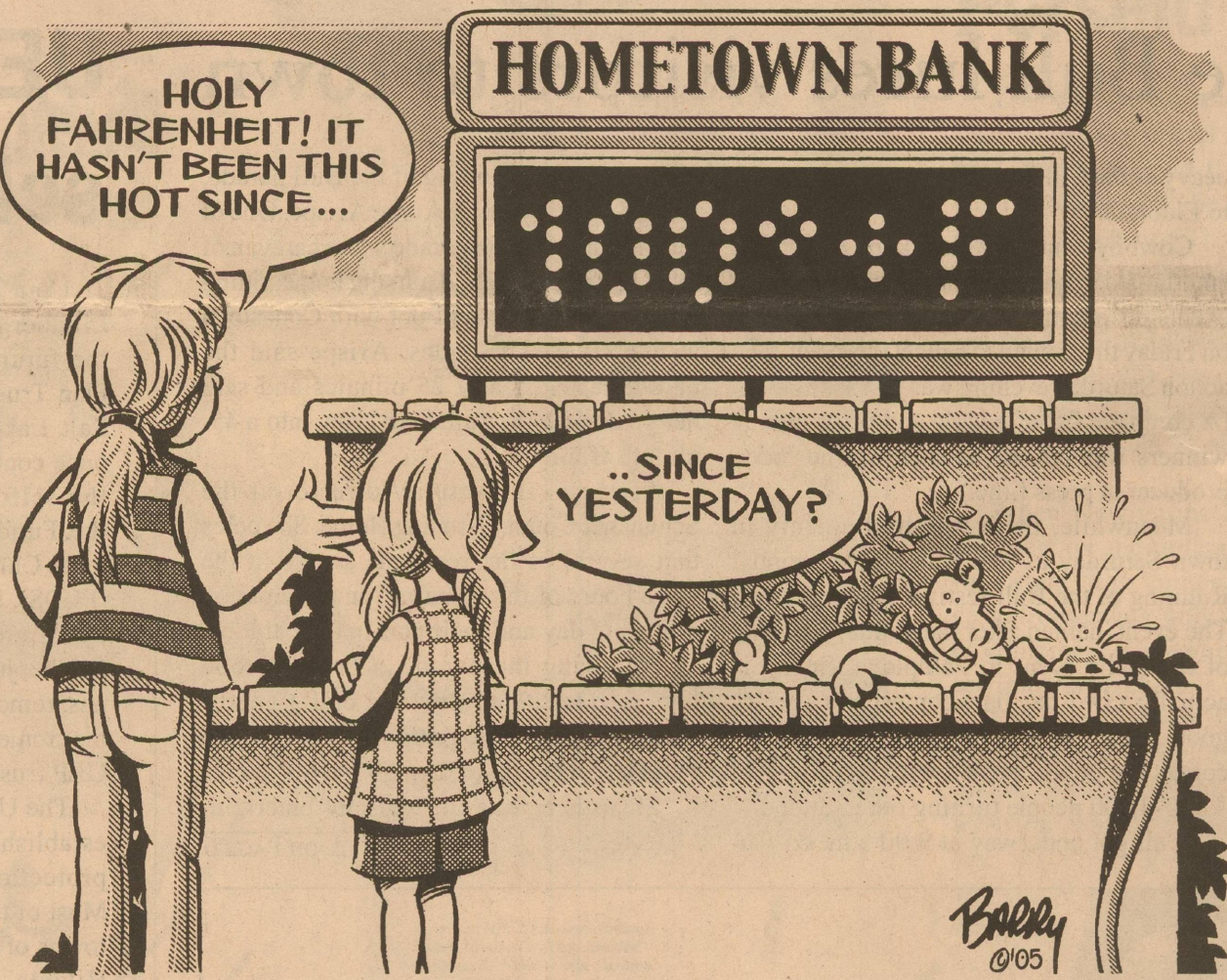
But such a bill would have to be substantially different from the dead bill so as not to violate Article 3 Section 34, which says "After a bill has been considered and defeated by either house of the Legislature, no bill containing the same substance, shall be passed into a law during the same session. ..."

So, all the governor has to do to reinstate the whole process is adjourn the present session and then call a third special session — if he thinks calling lawmakers back to Austin will put them in a better mood to compromise.

Pay hike vote made in the open

House members broke with tradition by voting on the record instead of by voice vote to raise their own pay, by virtue of the link between judicial pay

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An old Stanton theater is now a residence

The Texas Theater in Stanton opened in the 40's and closed in the late 60's. During Stanton's Old Sorehead Trade Days recently I walked in front of the old theater and saw people sitting in the entryway. Come to find out those people live in the theater building. I asked if I could see inside and they were most accommodating.

"It's a little different," says Kitty McCarty, the woman of the house (or of the theater). "But it's a lot of fun. We have six kids from 9 to 20 and they all enjoy it. A lot of people are surprised that we live here. During Trade Days people walk by and think maybe we have a booth or something set up in here. Sometimes they just come on in."

Kitty and her family have lived in the old theater building eight years.

Her parents turned the theater into a home.

"When they bought it, the screen was still up. Kids had broken in and shot bb guns and ripped holes in it and stuff. I think basically it was just an abandoned movie theater and they started from scratch mak-



by Tumbleweed Smith

ing it into a townhouse."

Kitty's 18-year-old son Kyle has a room on the top floor of the theater building. He refers to it as the Penthouse and thinks it's the coolest room in Stanton.

"Yeah, we've got a fireplace in there. No windows, so you can sleep as long as you want to. It's pretty nice up there. I like that room. We can be pretty loud, turn our music up and don't have to worry about any neighbors. It keeps everybody happy."

The building has three levels. The living and dining areas are where the lobby used to be. Bedrooms are upstairs where the balcony once was. The seating area of the theater, where audiences sat, is now a big playground. It's got a pool table, basketball court, swimming pool and hot tub.

"It's pretty neat living here, you know," says Kyle. "It's a good place for teenagers to hang out. We toss footballs around in that big open area and play baseball without worrying about breaking a window. It's kinda hard to play basketball sometimes because the floor is slanted."

The swimming pool is on the stage. The screen frame is still up. The old projectors are still in place in the projection room along with old carbon rods, movie reels, tickets and popcorn bags. Names of people who worked in the theater are written on the walls. The walls of the former seating area also have some historical graffiti.

"When my parents lived here," says Kitty, "they started letting kids draw things and write things on the walls and we've continued to let them do it. Older people will come by and want to come in and look because they have so many memories of growing up here. You know, when cokes were a nickel and a ticket to the show was fifty cents. This is where they hung out. There's a lot of memories going on here."

Local 4-Hers show 'How The West Was Worn'

SAN ANGELO – Excitement filled the air here July 19 as 80 area youth modeled their fashion creations to the theme "How the West was Worn" during the annual Texas Cooperative Extension District 7 4-H Fashion Show in Southland Baptist Church.

The show hosts 4-H members from across the district's 23 counties. American Electric Power and Extension have sponsored the event for 50 years.

Two 4-H members from Schleicher County competed in the event.

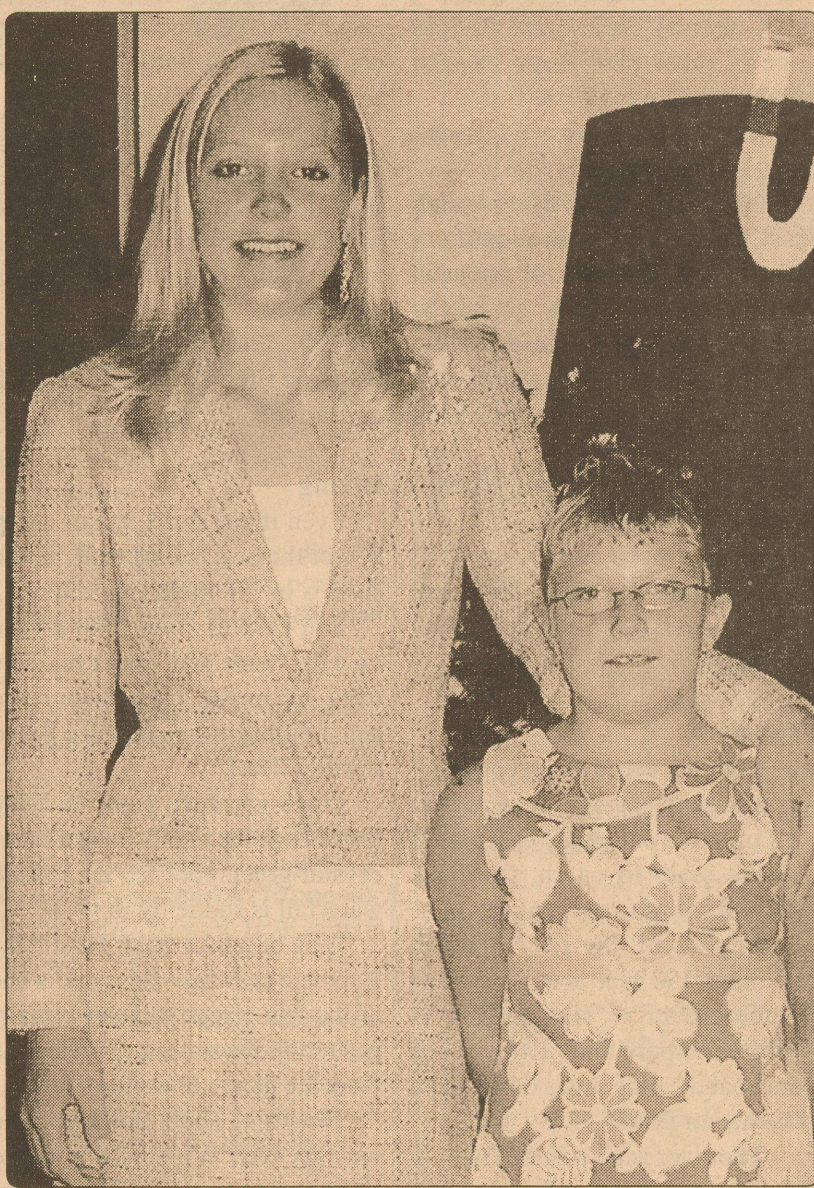
Junior and Intermediate participants competed in six separate categories in Construction and Buying. Another division, Non-apparel, featured such sewing creations as pillows, throws and toys.

The top six placers in the garment category of Construction and Buying divisions earned awards.

Winners in the Fabric and Fashion Design category and the Non-Apparel division winners earned ribbons for the six highest placings.

Cotton garment winners in the Construction Division won cash awards from the Rolling Plains Cotton Compress at Sweetwater. Winners in the Buying Division won cash prizes from the Texas Lamb and Goat Validation Programs. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association Women's Auxiliary offered cash prizes to 4-Hers making wool and mohair garments.

Winners included: Winning entries from Schleicher County were Corie Williams and Madison Albin. Corie won first place in the Intermediate Dress Construction Division and Madison won fourth place in the Junior Dress Construction Division. Congratulations go out to both young ladies on a job well done!



COURTESY PHOTO

Corie Williams and Madison Albin modeling 'How the West was Worn' at the annual July 19 4-H fashion show in San Angelo. Corie is the daughter of Dean and Vickie Williams. Madison is the daughter of Eddie and Kim Albin.

Middle School reading program

by Katrina Gonzales

Sixth grade students at Eldorado Middle School had an opportunity to read together this summer. What did you say? Middle school students, reading during the summer?

Oh, yes, and read, they did. Because of the popularity of literature reading circles this school year, four one-hour sessions were offered to students who wanted to read a particular book title together during the summer. The plan was that they were to come together every other Thursday

and discuss the novels they had read. With Ilse Williams' assistance in purchasing extras copies of the selected books, Katrina Gonzales, sixth grade teacher, and four students, Deisy Aranda, Marci Minor, Bailey Minor, and Miles Mikeska, selected the books for the summer readers. A few of the popular books selected were Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire by J.K. Rowlings, Tiger, Tiger by Lynne Reid Banks, The Fairy Rebel by Lynne Reid Banks, and Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko.



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EMS 6th graders (Back L-R) Bailey Minor, Lourdes Pasillas and Marci Minor were joined by their teacher's son (front) Jess Gonzales during the Summer Reading Program.

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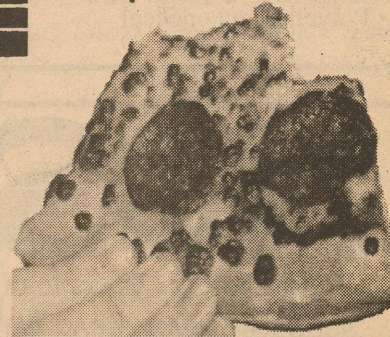


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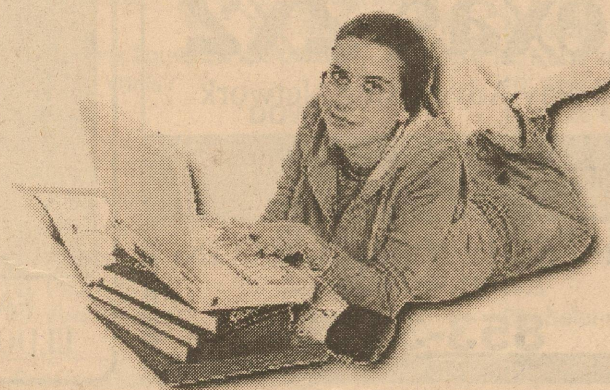
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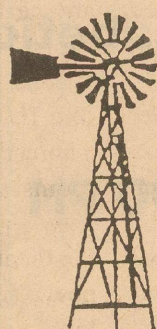
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by Mark K. Campbell

Colorado Bend State Park is one of those places you have to make an effort to get to.

But, if it's solitude you're seeking, it'll be worth it.

Get ready for a bumpy ride just to get to park headquarters. It's almost six miles of unpaved road once you finally get to the metropolis of Bend, Texas.

You know the Colorado River's over there somewhere so you keep driving and driving.

And, after motoring past a couple of hiking trailheads, you negotiate a 10 mph downhill S-curve and end up at the small headquarters. It's \$3 an adult head to get in.

The park

Colorado Bend has a reputation, and, around springtime, you hear it's true: It's one of the best places in the state to catch sandbass. (White bass to you Yankees.)

Anglers fill the river – which is about 150 feet across in most places, over to soaring bluffs – from the park and plenty of others boat the nine miles down from Buchanan Dam.

The river is also full of catfish. You can see photos of 50-pounders outside headquarters on a bulletin board.

There's a boat ramp and a fish cleaning area. If you happen to not have a boat, the park workers will be happy to rent you a kayak for \$20-\$35 depending on time and boat size.

All camping is primitive at the park. So you won't find a series of \$80,000 RVs hooked up with satellite TVs and generators growling. Motorhomes up to 30-foot long are allowed (\$14), but there are no sewage disposal facilities.

Instead of a line of RVs, you'll find families sitting on picnic tables with their tents thrown nearby. It's very Old School. Of those 23 sites on the river (\$12), none have water at the pads. You'll have to fetch it.

And there are no hot showers, either. There's a cold water rinse-off nozzle in a wide open space that will test your bashfulness.

There's a really nice group facility very close to the river under some huge trees. It's \$40 and was filled with a family of deer – that surely didn't pay – on the day we were there.

There are also plenty of remote camping sites if you feel like packing in for some reason.

Hiking

Even if you don't fish or camp, one of the best hiking trails in the state is in Colorado Bend SP.

You have to amble half a mile on a flat, wide path under massive oaks and pecan trees before you get to the beginning of Spice Wood Springs Trail.

Once you turn right and slip between some big rocks, a mighty, crystal-green pool fed by a small waterfall is suddenly in view.

It's a beautiful sight. Most folks stop here to swim – this park is one of the few places you can actually get into spring water and frolic – but there are plenty of wonders ahead.

One thing about this hike: You will get wet. Whether it's the required criss-crossing of the stream or you giving in to cooling off in a waterfall or pool, you'll get wet.

There are at least four more small falls. And all are worth seeing. The trip to them is not easy; it's one of the more demanding hikes around as you wend up a canyon, occasionally facing some relatively precipitous drops. But, boy, it's a good hike.

When you reach the big tri-falls, turn back; the rest of the way – except for immediately above the falls – is a simple cedar break hike.

If you do venture farther, the trail meanders along with the murmuring spring and the trail occasionally crosses the water. (Stepping rocks are tossed in the streambed to help folks avoid getting wet, but that's always a dicey, balance-challenging adventure.)

At one stop, my wife munched



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As the spring tumbles down the canyon, it occasionally widens out, offering a peaceful place to cool off. Mustang grapes grew in this vicinity.

on wild mustang grapes; I passed, of course, since everyone knows grapes only really come from grocery stores.

Eventually the path turns from the spring and through a long, boring stretch of cedars.

Another hike

By now, it was pouring rain on us which meant it wasn't hot, at least. We were making "the loop" which begins and ends at headquarters and is five miles long.

The second part is really just a cow pasture hike that goes back to the other side of the river (the bend). There's a flat trail by the Colorado that's accessible for almost anyone and its stretch between the water and some impressive cliffs dressed in hanging ferns is nice.

If you park down by the gate where the Spice Wood Springs Trail begins, you'll have over half a mile to hike – past headquarters and through the entire camping area – to reach your vehicle. Watch for grass burrs; they're everywhere.

Cool stuff we missed

The park is noted for having the northernmost living cave in Texas. And there's a really groovy waterfall, Gorman Falls. Both require additional tour fees (from \$4 to \$30) and can be accessed only on weekends. (We just missed a tour.) Reservations are suggested for the cave; none are taken for the falls.

But, no matter when you get there, take the first part of that Spice Wood Springs hike. It's one of the best around. And give in to a waterfall.

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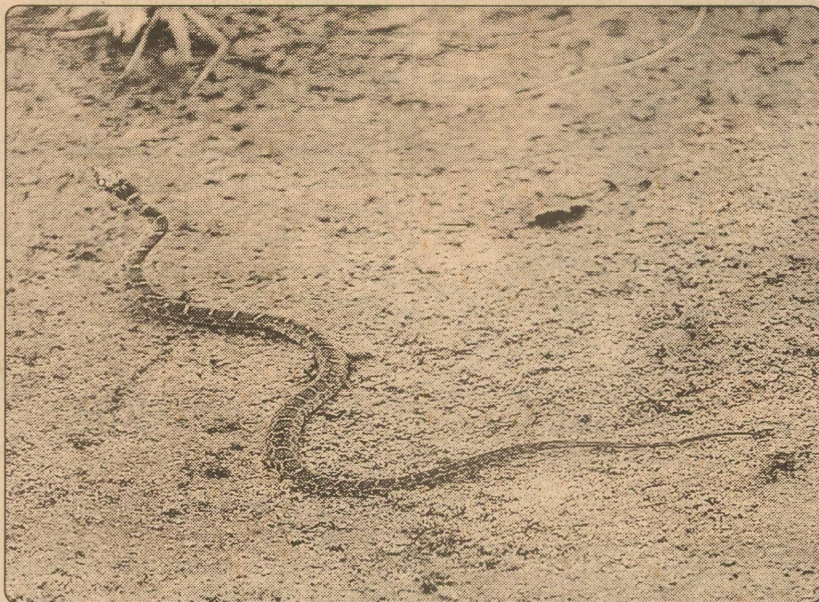


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Reptiles like this banded water snake enjoy the springs as much as the humans who keep traipsing through their pristine terrain.

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, August 8
 Bar-B-Que Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Baby Carrots, Bun, Coleslaw, Peaches w/ Whipped Topping, Milk

Tuesday, August 9
 Swiss Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Bread, Macaroni Salad, Cubes Cantaloupe, Milk

Wednesday, August 10
 Beef & Noodles w/ Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad w/ 3 Tomato Sliced, Banana Pudding, Milk

Thursday, August 11
 Chicken Fajita w/ Onion & Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & cheese, Flour Tortillas, Lettuce & Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk

Friday, August 12
 Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Diner Rolls, Strawberry, Banana Mix, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

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The Eldorado 14 & Under ALL STARS played in the WEST TEXAS ALL STAR tournament in San Angelo in July (L-R) Coach Helen Brame, Marrisona Gonzales, Holly Romero, Deisy Aranda, Patricia Hernandez, Amy Alvizo, Poly Guerrero, Victoria Garza, Melissa Gonzales, Aysin Jarrett, Alex Guzman.

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FSA extends County Committee nomination deadline

Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County farmers have an extra two weeks to decide if they would like to serve on the Farm Service Agency County Committee or nominate one of their neighbors to run for election. According to, Jan Wanoreck, FSA County Executive Director, the county committee nomination period has been extended to Aug. 15 in order to ensure producers have sufficient time to nominate candidates.

"The extension will give agency personnel, community-based

groups, farmer organizations and others more time to continue their outreach efforts," Wanoreck said.

The FSA county committee applies its judgment and knowledge to make decisions on county price-support loan eligibility, establishment of allotments and yields, conservation programs, disaster programs, employment and other federal farm program-related issues.

Individuals may nominate themselves or others as a candidate. In addition, eligible candidates

can be nominated by community-based and other organizations in the county before the close of the nomination period.

Nominations and elections are open to all eligible candidates and voters without regard to race, color, religion, nation origin, age, sex, marital status or disability. The nomination form (FSA-669A) is available at the county office and online at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/elections/>.

Producers should keep in mind several important dates regarding

the upcoming county committee elections. Producers can request, fill out and submit nomination forms up to Aug. 15, 2005. Ballots will be mailed to eligible voters by Nov. 4, 2005. The deadline to return ballots is Dec. 5, 2005. Elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2006.

Immunization rules go into effect on Sept. 1

A new law effective Sept. 1 requires that children attending child-care centers and enrolled in early childhood programs be vaccinated against invasive pneumococcal and hepatitis A diseases, according to Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

Pneumococcal disease is caused by a bacteria that often leads to middle ear infections, pneumonia, blood stream infections, sinus infections and meningitis. The vaccine is required for all children age 2 months through 59 months attending child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

Hepatitis A is a liver disease that is spread from person to person, often by putting objects in the mouth that have been contaminated with the stool of a person with hepatitis A. Children in child-care centers and pre-kindergarten programs who are 2 years old or older will need two doses of hepatitis A vaccine given six to 18 months apart.

To attend child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs, a child also must be immunized against diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B, varicella (chicken pox) and *Haemophilus influenzae* type b (Hib) at the appropriate age. If children do not have at least the first dose of the required vaccines by Sept. 1, they may be excluded from child-care facilities and pre-kindergarten programs.

New this year for school children are expanded requirements for hepatitis B and varicella immunizations. Students in kindergarten through 11th grade must have received hepatitis B vaccine. Those in kindergarten through fifth and seventh through 11th grades must have received the varicella vaccine before the start of school.

"Parents should be sure their children are in compliance with all school-enrollment vaccinations requirements prior to the start of school," said Monica Gamez of the DSHS Immunization Branch. State rules require that school students be vaccinated against nine illnesses: diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, measles, mumps, rubella, hepatitis B and varicella.

In addition, hepatitis A vaccine is required for students in kindergarten through third grade who attend school in a county with high incidence rate.

These counties are Bexar, Brewster, Brooks, Cameron, Crockett, Culberson, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Gonzales, Grayson, Hidalgo, Hudspeth, Jeff Davis, Jim Hogg, Kenedy, Kinney, La Salle, Maverick, McMullen, Moore, Nueces, Pecos, Potter, Presidio, Randall, Real, Reeves, Starr, Sutton, Terrell, Terry, Uvalde, Val Verde, Webb, Willacy, Zapata and Zavala.

Routine vaccination recommendations call for most of the vaccine doses required for school attendance to be given by age 2 with boosters between ages 4 and 6. Catch-up schedules are available for students who did not receive the vaccines when

younger.

Military dependents, homeless students and certain students transferring from other Texas schools will be granted temporary enrollment regardless of vaccination status. Some students are exempt from vaccination requirements for medical reasons or for reasons of conscience.

Specific vaccination requirements for school attendance are available from schools, physicians' offices and local public health departments. The information also is available online at www.ImmunizeTexas.com or by calling DSHS toll free at 1-800-252-9152.

Vaccination requirements apply to students in all public and private primary and secondary schools, those in registered child-care facilities and students enrolled in pre-kindergarten programs in Texas.


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Annual "Ice Cream Social" Slated for Wed., Aug. 10th

Wednesday, August 10, 2004 will mark the annual "Ice Cream Social and Sing-Along" benefiting the Eldorado Minister's Alliance. Bring your appetite, your ice cream, your friends, your voice, and your financial gifts! Everyone is invited to bring homemade (and store-bought) ice cream and fixin's to the courthouse lawn at 7:00 pm.

Anyone wishing to share their musical talent is invited to sing and/or play at the event. No sign-up necessary; just come ready to make a joyful noise to the Lord. An annual event, the Ice Cream Social and Sing-Along is one of two annual fundraisers for the Alliance's ministry to help those in need in Schleicher County.

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The Bull runs again!

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ment on the stage or "Bully Pulpit" where a series of bull shooters and tall tale tellers took their turn at the microphone with Jim Runge orchestrating the whole event as cloggers and cowboy poets each took a turn in the spotlight.

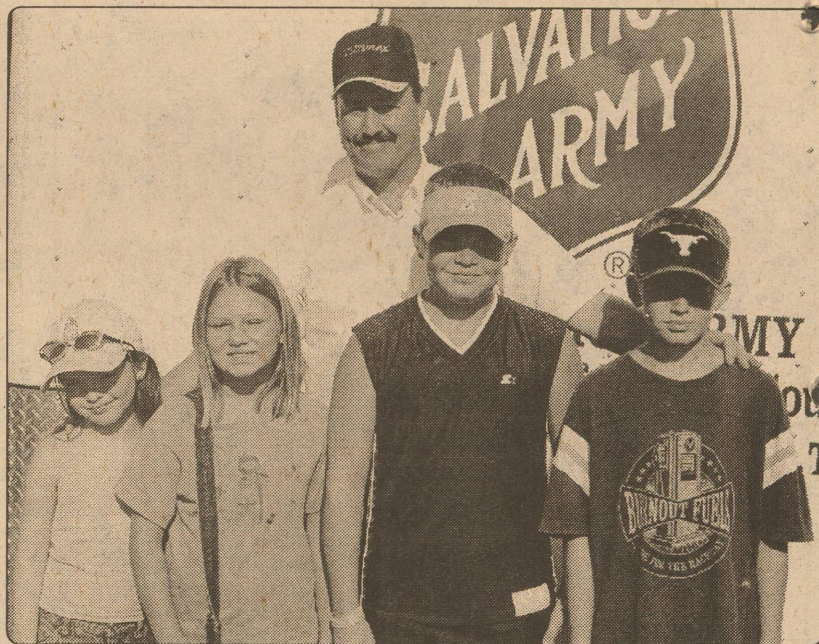
"We were a lot more spread out than last year," Jim Runge said later. "But it was pretty obvious that the crowd was bigger. I think it will be even bigger next year."

Among the talented talkers who performed were cowboy poet Dennis Gaines of Kerrville, Jim Collins of McKinney, Steve Smith of Carrizo Springs, Carl Conroy of

Big Spring, Curley Butts of Bowie, Leslie Buie of Rockwall, Gene Perkins of Garland, Roger Harris of Rocksprings, Flora Hubble of Eldorado, Annie Arispe of Eldorado, and Claude Oran Spencer of Eldorado.

Other entertainment included Elvis (Bob Lester of Eldorado), the Lone Star Cloggers from San Angelo, West Texas Cloggers from West Texas, Dale Eubanks of Roosevelt, Robin Hibbs of Eldorado, Ashley Gardner of Eldorado, Sam Cruise of Christoval and John Cartwright of Eldorado.

Janell Pechacek won the onion eating contest while Rosa Hernandez captured the jalapeno eating crown. Both women are from Eldorado.



Sheriff David Doran sponsored four Eldorado youths this year as they attended Camp Hoblitzelle, a Salvation Army youth camp near Midlothian. Here the sheriff poses with (L-R) Robin Hibbs, Shelby Daniels, Zachery Taylor and Sam Jenkins as they prepared to leave for camp Monday morning. Doran is the chairman of the local Salvation Army chapter. Jo Ward is the secretary.

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Back to School

SCHOOL NEWS AND UPDATES

SCHLEICHER COUNTY SCHOOLS FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AUGUST 22, 2005

HIGH SCHOOL REGISTRATION Thursday, August 11, 2005
 Eldorado High School registration will be as follows:
 12th grade...2:30 PM.....4:00 PM
 11th grade...1:00 PM.....2:30 PM
 10th grade...10:30 AM...12:00 PM
 9th grade...9:00 AM ..10:30 AM

MIDDLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION Thursday, August 11, 2005
 5th grade... 8:30 a.m..... 9:15 a.m.
 6th grade... 9:30 a.m.....10:15 a.m.
 7th grade... 10:30 a.m.....11:15 a.m.
 8th grade... 11:30 a.m.....12:15 a.m.

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ELEMENTARY NEWS Meet The Teachers Night
 Tuesday, August 16, 2005
 6:30 PM

HEADSTART NEWS Start School August 15, 2005

Weekly Scripture

"Behold, the days are coming," says the Lord God, "when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord."
 Amos 8:11

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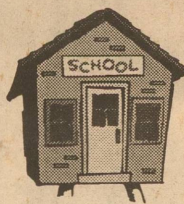
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BACK TO SCHOOL



2005-2006 SCISD SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST

KIDS KAMPUS (2) #2 Pencils; 1 Small school box; (10) Folders (pocket & brads; 3-red, 3-green, 2-yellow, 2-blue); Kleenex (large box); Box 12 pencil colors, (2) 8 count box of crayons; \$5 for Pre-K Weekly Reader (National Geographic); (1) 70 page spiral notebook; (1) glue stick; (1) 4 oz. Elmer's White glue; 1 pkg. Construction paper; (1) eraser (pink rubber); 1 box sandwich size bags; Fiskars scissors (round end); 1 backpack (to hold folders & jackets); 1 water bottle (12 oz.) PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT.

KINDERGARTEN Elmer's White School Glue - 4 oz.; 1 Glue Stick; (2) #2 pencils; Eraser (pink rubber); Crayons - 1 box of 8 (no jumbo crayons), Fiskars for Kids scissors (metal blades); 1 large box Kleenex; School box-small; 2 vinyl (plastic) pocket folders; Boys (1-box sandwich size ziploc bags) Girls (1-box gallon size ziploc bags); 1 water bottle; Backpack THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS; (1) regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets); ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT; Other supplies may be requested by your child's teacher.

FIRST GRADE # 2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons -16 count; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box Kleenex; 4 pocket folders (bottom pocket); Zip Lock Bags (Curtis-Quart, Gray-Gallon, Halbert-Snack Size), Pencil top erasers; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic); (1) Box sandwich size zip-lock bags.

SECOND GRADE 6 Pencils - (#2); Crayolas box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); Zipper pouch, large eraser; Fiskar's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; Kleenex (200 count); 3 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Map colors, Elmer's school glue-gel.

THIRD GRADE Crayons box of 24; (6) #2 pencils; 2 Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; (4) four red marking pencils; large Elmer's glue; Loose leaf 3 ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; 1 pkg. Dividers (do not write on these); Map colors; 1 spiral notebook (70 pages); 6 pocket folder w/bottom pockets; \$3.00 for Weekly Reader (National Geographic); INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL.

FOURTH GRADE 3 Ring notebook-2 inch rings 10 1/2 x 11 1/2 NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Eraser; Map colors; Ruler both metric and American standard; 1 Glue stick; Scissors 6" or 7" sharp point; 6 Red grading pencils; 2 Kleenex 2-- count, #2 Pencils; Zipper pouch for notebook; (2) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (6) pocket folders (with 3 holes) NO BRADS; Composition notebook (not a spiral), Elmer's glue, 1 ream white paper (500 sheets 8 1/2 x 11), set of 4 high lighters.

INDIVIDUAL TEACHER MAY REQUEST SPIRALS AND FOLDERS.

FIFTH GRADE — Notebook (large rings), 1 hardback notebooks (1 1/2" in size), Notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 zipper bag (cloth-no plastic) to fit inside notebook (if needed), 1 plastic crayon/pencil box (6 1/2" x 11" with handle), 2 pkg. plastic dividers with pockets (8 1/2" x 11"), 5 pocket folders with BRADS, Pencils (no mechanical ones), Pens - blue or black erasable, Red grading pens or pencils, 3 Highlighters, 1 box of 24 count map colors or colored pencils, 1 box of 24 count crayons, 1 box of markers, 2 large glue sticks, 1 small glue (no gel glue), 1 pkg. multicolored construction paper, Stretch Book Covers (optional-1 small & 2 large), 1 large box of Kleenex, Post-its (3" x 3"), Scotch tape, Scissors, Reinforcement rings, "White paper (1 ream-500 sheets/8 1/2" x 11"),


*This ream of paper will be used all year for your child's math papers instead of notebook paper. This may be a little costly at the beginning of the year, but we will only use a small amount of notebook paper in math throughout the rest of the year. It may be purchased in reams of 500 sheets at discount stores, grocery stores, or office supply stores. P.E. Supplies-shorts, t-shirt, and tennis shoes.

SIXTH GRADE — 3 1-1/2 inch binders with firm sides (no poly binders), 3 pkgs. (5) tabbed dividers for binders, 3 Composition Notebooks, 2 folders with pockets AND brads, #2 pencils, if mechanical must be 0.7 leads, Pens (blue or black--no gel pens!!!), 2 Red pens or pencils for grading, Markers (package of 10 or 12), Ruler with standard and metric measures, Scissors, Colored pencils (package of 12), Pencil box (for storing scissors, pens, pencils, etc), Notebook paper (wide ruled), 1 large box of Kleenex, 1 ream of copy paper.

SEVENTH GRADE — General supplies: 1 large box of tissue; Math: 1 spiral notebook (150 sheets), 1 folder with brads, 1 ruler with centimeters and inches, 1 package (10 count) of Bic or Papermate red pens (or a less expensive brand), Mechanical pencils recommended, 2" or 3" 3-ring notebook (hard-sided) This notebook is important because it will be used (ONLY) for math notes, 1 ream of copy paper (for notes and lesson sheets); Language Arts: Large 3-subject notebook, Pens-any colors and black, Rubber cement or scissors (not both), Map colors/makers/highlighters, Folder with pockets and brads, Notebook paper, Clipboard (optional); Investigative Scientific Research: 1 folder with brads (with or without pockets); Texas History: 2 folders, Map colors, 1 1/2 - 2 inch binder. The students always seem to use quite of bit of tissue during the year, so if you would like to provide an extra box it would be greatly appreciated. All of your child's teachers will be sharing the boxes of tissue that are collected. Thank you, 7th grade teachers.

EIGHTH GRADE — General supplies: 1 large box of tissue; Math: 1 spiral notebook (150 sheets), 1 folder with brads, 1 ruler with centimeters and inches, 1 package (10 count) of Bic or Papermate red pens (or a less expensive brand), Mechanical pencils recommended, Notebook with notes from last year's math class. If you have lost last year's notebook and notes, you will need to get another and bring \$2.00 for copies of replacement notes. The notebook should be a 2" or 3" 3-ring binder. This notebook is used for math notes only! 1 ream of copy paper (for notes and lesson sheets); Language Arts: 3 folders, 2 notebooks, 1 pkg. of construction paper assorted colors, 1 glue stick, 1 pkg. of markers, 2 highlighters any color; American History: Folders, Notebook paper, Pens, Map colors, Highlighters. The students always seem to use quite of bit of tissue during the year, so if you would like to provide an extra box it would be greatly appreciated. All of your child's teachers will be sharing the boxes of tissue that are collected. Thank you, 8th grade teachers.





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Capital Highlights

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and legislator pay. Twenty-six of the House's 150 members voted against the pay raise. Here are their names, party labels and home cities: Doc Anderson, R-Waco; Todd Baxter, R-Austin; Dan Branch, R-Dallas; Lon Burnam, D-Fort Worth; Norma Chavez, D-El Paso;

Robby Cook, D-Eagle Lake; Frank Corte, R-San Antonio; Joe Crabb, R-Kingwood; Dawanna Dukes, D-Austin; Gary Elkins, R-Houston; Pete Gallego, D-Alpine; Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville; Scott Hochberg, D-Houston; Mark Homer, D-Paris; Chuck Hopson, D-Jacksonville; Lois Kolkhorst, R-Brenham; Tommy Merritt, R-

Longview; Aaron Peña, D-Edinburg; Debbie Riddle, R-Houston; Allan Ritter, D-Nederland; Patrick Rose, D-Dripping Springs; Burt Solomons, R-Carrollton; Senfonia Thompson, D-Houston; Vicki Truitt, R-Southlake; Marc Veasey, D-Fort Worth; Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio. The governor has yet to sign it.

Fawn Holm speaks to ex-Creekers

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to love and be loved? Another thing, if you think getting married is the only success you will have in life, why aren't we married at birth? Oh, well, ah, I better not give those polygamous leaders any ideas. I understand that you miss your family and friends at the

Creek but if you go back you are now going to miss your friends out here. Here's the thing, if you go back the people out here will still love and associate with you but the people at the Creek will make you choose them only. You will only be allowed to speak to those 'inside'. You do not have to choose out here. That is love and

happiness to me. You may think I am mad. I'm not. I'm fed up with ex-Creekers judging me for speaking out. I hope you understand a little better now. You may even think I am preaching to some of you, I am. Somebody needs to.

We need to stand up together and take a position. Stop straddling the middle line. You are in or you are out, there is no middle. Stop running and stand up. Let's stop this abuse together. If you want to continue sitting, fine, but stop fighting those who are standing up. Stop trying to make us sit with you. We will not sit. We will not stop.


**Creeker (pronounced: crik'er) is a term used by members of the FLDS. The term comes from when the towns were both known as Short Creek. Short Creek's name was changed after the 1953 Raid to Hildale, UT and Colorado City, AZ but the people maintain the term creeker in reference to insiders.*

The Schleicher Co. Rodeo Association

We would like thank everyone, fans, supporters, volunteers, and members for helping make our 36th Annual Rodeo a great event for our community.

Our rodeo program is a recognition of all the businesses and individuals whose support made our rodeo happen. Our list of families and individuals who supported the rodeo this year was inadvertently left out of the program. The Schleicher County Rodeo Association regrets this mission and apologizes to those supporters. Without their support Eldorado could not have a rodeo.

Individual Supporters: Bob & Nancy Lester, Richard & Jill Preston, Mitch & Stacy Jurecek, John & Jani Mitchell (Monograms & More), Barney & Susie McAlpine, Scott & Rita Sutton, Bob & Sherry Johnson, Dean Vickie & Corie Williams, Shane & Jana Pridemore also Brittany & Strait, Curtis & Candy Homer and Kids, Tracy Sauer, Holly and Jaime, Tommy, Beverly Minor and Kids, Mike & Becky Lux and Kids, Jimmy & Sherry Belk, Buff & June Whitten, Kirk & Anita Jones, Jim & Spencer Wyatt, Troy Daniels, Wendy Daniels, Steve & Ilse Williams, Wanye & Cindy McGinnes, Ronnie & Prissy Paxton, Bob & Ima Bruce, Desert Mountain Guide, Gene, Rachel, Asa & Caleb.



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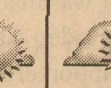
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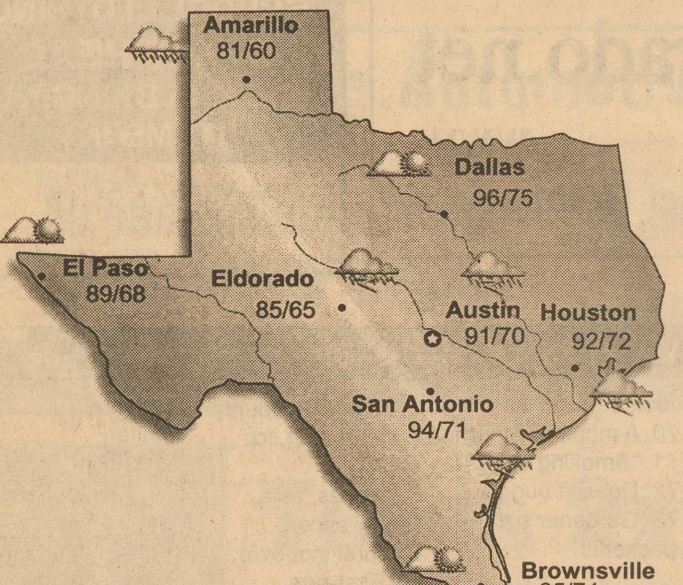


Eldorado Weather
Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8	Tue 8/9
				
85/65 Slight chance of a thunderstorm.	85/65 A few thunderstorms possible. Highs in the mid 80s and lows in the mid 60s.	89/67 A few thunderstorms possible.	89/68 Plenty of sun. Highs in the upper 80s and lows in the upper 60s.	90/68 Plenty of sun. Highs in the low 90s and lows in the upper 60s.
Sunrise: 7:02 AM Sunset: 8:34 PM	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 8:33 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:32 PM	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 8:31 PM	Sunrise: 7:05 AM Sunset: 8:30 PM

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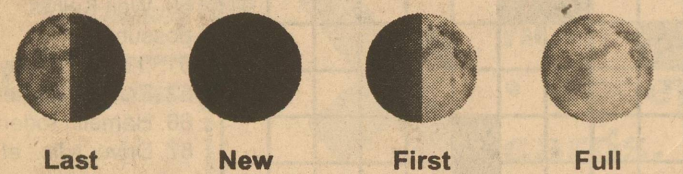
Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Amarillo	81	60	rain	Kingsville	97	72	pt sunny
Abilene	86	67	t-storm	Livingston	93	69	t-storm
Austin	91	70	t-storm	Longview	94	71	pt sunny
Beaumont	91	72	t-storm	Lubbock	82	64	t-storm
Brownsville	95	74	pt sunny	Lufkin	94	71	t-storm
Brownwood	92	68	t-storm	Midland	84	65	t-storm
Corpus Christi	95	75	pt sunny	Raymondville	96	73	pt sunny
Corsicana	93	71	pt sunny	Rosenberg	92	71	t-storm
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Antonio	94	71	t-storm
Del Rio	94	72	t-storm	San Marcos	91	70	t-storm
El Paso	89	68	pt sunny	Sulphur Springs	93	70	pt sunny
Fort Stockton	87	66	t-storm	Sweetwater	86	66	t-storm
Gainesville	91	69	pt sunny	Tyler	94	69	pt sunny
Greenville	94	68	pt sunny	Weatherford	92	69	pt sunny
Houston	92	72	t-storm	Wichita Falls	91	69	t-storm

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	89	68	pt sunny	Minneapolis	83	61	sunny
Boston	91	70	t-storm	New York	93	74	t-storm
Chicago	83	59	sunny	Phoenix	102	82	t-storm
Dallas	96	75	pt sunny	San Francisco	75	56	windy
Denver	77	58	rain	Seattle	84	59	sunny
Houston	92	72	t-storm	St. Louis	86	67	t-storm
Los Angeles	82	65	sunny	Washington, DC	94	74	t-storm
Miami	91	80	t-storm				

Moon Phases



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Fri 8/5	Sat 8/6	Sun 8/7	Mon 8/8	Tue 8/9
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PHOTO BY STACI CORTEZ
 Roger Cortez of San Angelo dipped a serving of fresh squash from the hot butter at one of the food booths Saturday during the Running of the Bull festival on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square.

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LOIS MITCHELL THOMPSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Lois Mitchell Thompson were issued on July 11, 2005, in Cause No. 1626 pending in the County Court of Schleicher County, Texas, to:

PAMELA NEWTON WHITE
 Claims may be presented in care of the Independent Executor for the Estate addressed as follows:
 Pamela Newton White, Independent Executor
 801 Washington Avenue, 8th Floor
 Waco, Texas 76701-1289

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
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 By Artie G. Giotes

The Blotter

The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

- ARRESTS**
- July 26** • Yant, Kenneth Lee, male age 46, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Released on Transfer to Tom Green County.
 - July 27** • Terry, Greg Owen, male age 29, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Violation of a Protective Order. Released on \$2,000.00 Surety Bond.
 - July 30** • Rios, Victor Manuel III, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense DWLI. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.
 - July 31** • Moreno, Abel, male age 65, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Criminal Trespass.
- INCIDENTS**
- July 26** • 8:10 p.m. Complainant reported that a white Pit Bull had tried to attack her dog and some of the neighbor's livestock. Officers responded and dog was shot.
 - 10:02 p.m.** Complainant reported a reckless driver in a white Grand AM. Subjects threw beer bottles out into roadway on Colorado Ave. Officer responded.
 - July 27** • 9:45 a.m. S.O. received a 911 call, no one answered. S.O. tried calling back several times only got a busy signal. Officer responded.
 - 3:39 p.m.** Complainant reported a gas drive off at Shell Station in the amount of \$33. Officer was notified. Complainant reported seeing female subject at the Eldorado Place Apt. who had stolen gas. Officers responded.
 - 5:34 p.m.** Complainant reported having bees. EVFD responded.
 - 6:34 p.m.** Complainant reported that her ex-husband violated a protec-

- tive order. Officer responded.
- July 28** • 11:00 a.m. Complainant reported kids playing on roadway on South Divide. Officer responded.
- 3:25 p.m.** Complainant reported a reckless driver in a red Ford Mustang at South 277 heading North. Officer responded and vehicle was located.
- 9:04 p.m.** Complainant requested to speak with an officer about her son. Officer responded.
- July 29** • 12:13 a.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on South Divide. Officer responded.
- 6:36 p.m.** Shot's reported a male subject paying for fuel with a check that did not clear. Subject left store. Officer responded and was unable to locate Tom Green was notified.
- 7:53 p.m.** Complainant reported a domestic dispute. Officer responded.
- 9:41 p.m.** Complainant reported juveniles having a party next door to her house on Lee Street and trespassing onto her property. Officer responded.
- 11:10 p.m.** Complainant reported suspicious activity at an abandoned house on Dorris. Officer responded.
- July 30** • 1:04 a.m. Complainant reported small black or dark blue Ford pickup with people riding in the back on North East Street throwing beer bottles at dumpsters. Subjects threw one at her dumpster and got broken glass and beer all over her car. Complainant remembers markings on vehicle near the back of tires. Officer responded.
- 4:03 a.m.** Complainant reported small red Chevy car making circles as if it was trying to find a drive way it belonged in. Vehicle turned left from Red Front Store heading to US 277. Officer responded.
- 8:27 a.m.** Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
- 12:53 p.m.** Complainant requested an ambulance for a 32 year old that was having a heart attack. At 12:55 p.m. Complainant called back and advised that he would be transferred by private vehicle.
- 4:42 p.m.** Complainant reported criminal mischief and civil matter officer advised of what to do. Officer responded.
- 8:16 p.m.** Complainant reported a female driver and a male passenger driving recklessly on Divide Street in a pickup. Officer responded.
- 9:20 p.m.** Complainant reported a white and black Angus cow loose on highway 190 17 miles out. Dispatch made contact with owner.
- July 31** • 2:19 a.m. Complainant was traveling on US 277 and reported a fire possibly starting up towards the East. Officer was notified and stated it was the gas plant.
- 3:29 a.m.** Complainant reported what looked as a possible fire East of US 277. Advised complainant deputy said it was a gas company burning off gas.
- 3:34 a.m.** Complainant reported possible fire. Advised deputy said it was gas plant burning off gas. Officer responded and confirmed it was light from gas plant.
- 9:57 a.m.** Complainant reported that some one had stolen her daughter's bike on East Fields estimated value \$80.00. Officer was notified.
- 5:30 p.m.** Complainant reported a male subject living in her abandoned house on Depot Street. Officer responded and the City was contacted to turn off water.
- 7:41 p.m.** Complainant reported a male subject had trespassed onto premises. Officer responded.
- 8:42 p.m.** Complainant reported finding a lost dog with black and white on county road 300.
- 9:20 p.m.** Complainant reported loud music on Pelt on West Ave. Officer responded and had music turned down.
- 10:22 p.m.** Complainant reported a stranded motorist. Officer and repairman responded.
- August 1** • 4:54 p.m. Complainant reported finding what she thought was one of her cattle loose. After getting it in the pen with her other cattle, she finds one more than before. Anyone missing one head of cattle should call an identify the animal for its return.
- 9:05 p.m.** Complainant reported a girl walking down a dirt road near his residence as being harassed by people in a white convertible. Complainant believed incident may escalate. Officer responded.

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ELDORADO GARAGE SALE: 509 N. Cottonwood, Sat. 6, 8:00 - ???; Lots of items come see!! 31p

ELDORADO-YARD SALE: Friday & Saturday; August 6&7; 204 Denny Street; 8:00 AM-?; All size clothes, lowrider tires, lots of toys, furniture and also boy and girl clothes.

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ELDORADO-THREE (3) FAMILY BACK YARD SALE: Saturday, August 6; (Peggy Williams) 401 Park Lane, 8:00 - ???, NO early birds please. Going to have everything from furniture, and clothes to home decor. Must come see! 31b

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Thank You!
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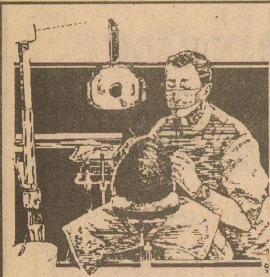
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When: Sunday, August 14, 2005
Where: the Studio, 216 E. Main
Time: 2:00- 4:00 (come and go)

*Refreshments will be served.
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(IF you can not make it, please call 226-3370 and I will be glad to meet you at the Studio and sign up your dancer.)

Blair survives plane crash

Walter R. Blair, age 43 of Allen Texas, son of Mary Fay Gibson of Eldorado was the only survivor of a plane crash southwest of Aurora Missouri, Monday morning, July 18 according to the News-Leader in Springfield Missouri.

According to the story Blair was conscious, disoriented and walking after the crash. He was airlifted to St. John's Hospital in Springfield in critical condition, but was upgraded to fair condition.

The plane took off at 9:07 a.m. from the Aurora Memorial Airport with four men on board. They were en route to the Municipal Airport at Kentucky Dam State Park.

The 1966 Piper PA-30 twin engine Comanche left the runway, tilted left to right several times then flipped over in a large open field located less than a quarter of a mile southwest of the airport. The tail end of the plane remained intact while the front end and the pilot side of the plane took the impact.

The owner of the plane and a friend of the pilot had just flown the plane an hour before the accident.

There were no witnesses to the accident, but several employees

from a nearby lumber company heard a loud boom and saw a cloud of dust. They were the first to the crash site with fire extinguishers

The accident is being investigated by FAA investigators from Kansas City and the National Transportation Safety Board investigators in Chicago.

Fay Gibson's other son Charles Blair was in a serious work related accident on June 16, in Texarkana, Texas.

Charles Blair an employee of the Texarkana Street Department was pinned under a mowing tractor for several minutes when the creek bank he was mowing collapsed throwing Blair and the tractor into 5 ft. of water. Another city worker noticed the accident and kept Blair from drowning by keeping his head above water until the emergency crews arrived.

Blair was taken to the hospital where he stayed several days and was released.

Fay Gibson says she is very thankful for all of the love and kindness everyone has shown through both son's accidents. She said Eldorado folks are very special people who know the power of prayer.

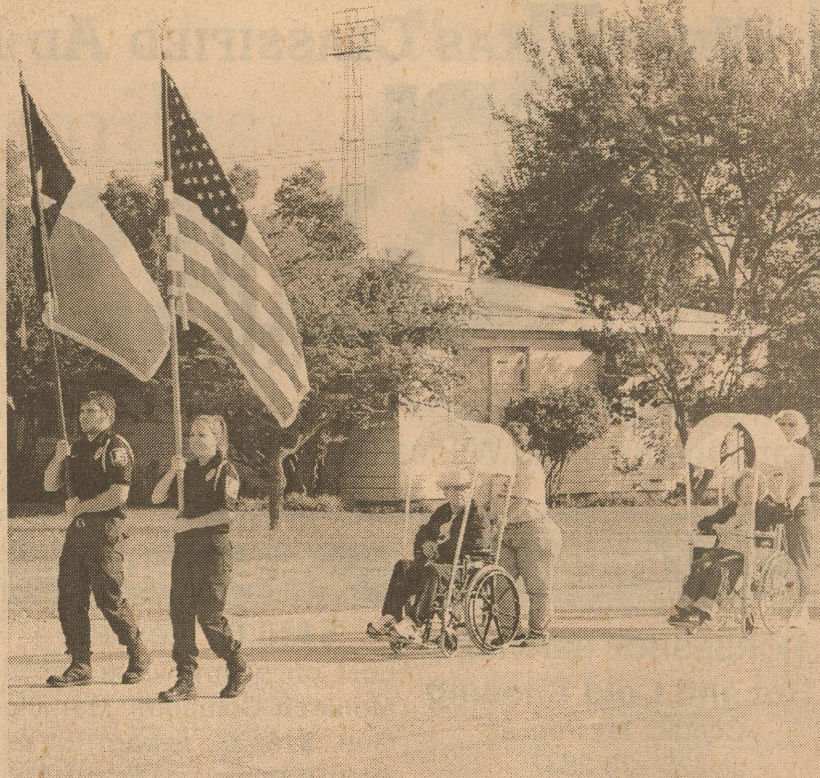


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Kyle Taylor and Brittany Jennings, members of Explorer Post 18, served as the color guard last Saturday morning for the annual Running of the Bull parade. Residents of the local nursing home were next in line riding in wheel chairs topped with covered wagon-style sun visors. George Gower and Isabella McCutcheon can be seen here being pushed by Medical Center Auxiliary volunteers Jennie Wipff and Mary Roden.



Stargazer

Paul Derrick

Time for the annual Perseid meteor shower

The annual Perseid meteor shower, usually one of the year's best, is just around the corner, and the Moon won't be much of a problem this year. The shower's actually peak is predicted for the afternoon of Aug. 12, but, since we don't see many meteors during daylight hours, we can expect two nights of increased activity -- Thursday, Aug. 11 and Friday, Aug. 12.

When viewing meteor showers, location and timing are more important than equipment. For casual observing only one piece of equipment is recommended--a reclining lawn chair.

Regarding location, light pollution is the key factor. The farther one is from urban and other interfering lights, the more meteors one will see, just as more stars will be seen. But those who must view from within a city shouldn't despair as brighter meteors can still be seen, to the same extent as can brighter stars and planets. And more meteors will be seen from an open area unobscured by trees or buildings.

Meteor viewing is usually at its best during the inconvenient hours from midnight to dawn. And this is especially true for the Perseids as Perseus, the constellation from which the meteors appear to come,

rises after midnight. And this year, the Moon produces "natural" light pollution until it sets shortly before midnight Aug. 11 and just after midnight the next night. So you'll need to stay up late (or get up early) for the best show.

People often ask what direction they should look for meteors. Although Perseus rises in the northeast, meteors are likely to be seen in all parts of the sky. So the greatest number of meteors will probably be seen in the direction with the least light pollution which for most locations is overhead.

Although the hours after midnight are not the best for parties, viewing with friends can greatly enhance the experience. Since at its peak the shower is likely to produce no more than a meteor per minute, friends can help pass the time. As you visit and enjoy refreshments, keep looking upward, slowly panning the sky.

Naked-eye Planets. (The Sun, Moon and planets rise in the east and set in the west due to Earth's west-to-east rotation.) Venus is the brilliant "evening star" low in the west at dusk with Jupiter the next brightest starlike object higher in the southwest. Mars rises after midnight and is high in the southeast by morning.



give your baking a Swirl

From top left: Chocolate-Peanut Butter Dream Cookies, Swirled Cheesecake Nibbles and Caramel-Almond Coconut Cake

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For dessert with a built-in "wow" factor, give it a swirl! When you use these new milk chocolate morsels swirled with caramel or peanut butter and semi-sweet chocolate morsels swirled with white chocolate, you can make edible works of art all your own.

With a package of Swirled morsels on hand, you can use them just like semi-sweet chocolate chips in dessert recipes of all kinds. But let your inner artist come out! Dress up your peanut butter cookies with chocolate and peanut butter swirls. Make your bar cookies or cakes even more decadent with chocolate and caramel swirls. Give chocolate and vanilla cheesecakes or other creamy desserts a "black tie" sophistication with semi-sweet chocolate and white chocolate swirls.

Customize cakes, cookies or brownies from a mix when you stir these morsels into the batter and create your own swirled polka dot design on the top. Make your favorite homemade or chef-style desserts look just as fabulous as they taste with a sweet swirl of magical chocolate.

For more yummy recipes and creative dessert tips, visit www.VeryBestBaking.com.

Chocolate-Peanut Butter Dream Cookies

Makes about 4 dozen cookies

- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup Nestlé Toll House Baking Cocoa
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup (2 sticks) butter or margarine, softened
- 2/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2/3 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 large eggs
- 1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Peanut Butter Morsels, divided
- 1/2 cup chopped peanuts (optional)

PREHEAT oven to 325°F. COMBINE flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar, brown sugar and vanilla extract in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in 1 cup morsels and peanuts. Drop by well-rounded teaspoonfuls onto ungreased baking sheets. Press down slightly. Top with remaining morsels. BAKE 11 to 13 minutes or until cookies are puffed and centers are set. Cool on baking sheets 2 minutes; remove to wire racks to cool completely.

Swirled Cheesecake Nibbles

Makes 3 dozen mini cheesecakes

- 36 vanilla wafers
- 1 2/3 cups (10-ounce package) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Real Semi-Sweet & White Chocolate Morsels, divided
- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 2 large eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Place 36 2-inch foil bake cups on baking sheet(s) with sides. Place one vanilla wafer, flat-side down, on bottom of each cup. Place 5 to 6 morsels on top of each wafer. BEAT cream cheese, sugar and flour in large mixer bowl until creamy. Add eggs

and vanilla extract; beat well. Spoon 1 heaping tablespoonful cream cheese mixture into each bake cup. BAKE 15 to 17 minutes or until just set and not browned. Remove from oven to wire rack. While still warm, top cheesecakes with remaining morsels. Morsels will soften but will retain shape. Cool completely. Cover and refrigerate.

Caramel-Almond Coconut Cake

Makes 15 servings

- CAKE
- 1 package (18.25 ounces) yellow cake mix with pudding
- 3 large eggs
- 1 1/4 cups water
- 1/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup flaked coconut
- CARAMEL-ALMOND TOPPING
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) butter
- 1/2 cup caramel ice cream topping
- 3 tablespoons heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup (3 ounces) sliced almonds
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup (6 ounces) Nestlé Toll House Swirled Milk Chocolate & Caramel Morsels

FOR CAKE: PREHEAT oven to 350°F. Grease and flour 13 x 9-inch baking pan. BEAT cake mix, eggs, water and oil in large mixer bowl on low speed 30 seconds. Beat on high speed 2 minutes. Stir in coconut. Spoon into prepared baking pan. BAKE 28 to 35 minutes or just until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. FOR CARAMEL-ALMOND TOPPING: WHILE cake is baking, prepare topping. Melt butter in medium saucepan over medium-low heat. Stir in caramel topping and cream. Stir in almonds and coconut. Increase heat to medium and bring mixture to full boil. Boil 5 minutes or until thick but still spreading consistency, stirring constantly. Carefully spread mixture over cake just as it comes out of oven. Sprinkle morsels over cake while still hot. Cool completely in pan on wire rack.



surprising new Twists on dessert

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- Dress up store-bought frosted cakes and cupcakes with Swirled morsels.
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