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Mighty Eagle Band claims 5th consecutive Sweepstakes Award

'Pride of the Divide' impresses judges again

The musicians that comprise the Mighty Eagle Band proved yet again last Thursday that they are more than just a great marching band when, at the Sightreading and Concert Contest in Coleman they earned Division "1" ratings in both categories to claim their 5th straight Sweepstakes Award. To earn a sweepstakes award, a band must receive Overall Division "1" ratings in marching, sightreading and concert. Not only did the Eagle Band accomplish this task, they also managed to receive division "1" ratings from every judge in all three events.

The band began its trek toward the Sweepstakes Award by acing the marching portion of the trifecta at the District VII Marching Contest in Brady back on Oct. 21st of 2000. Last Thursday, they picked up where they left off.

In the concert portion of Thursday's contest the band performed: "Parade of the Tall Ships," "Old Scottish Melody," and "Contrasto Grosso." And all three judges agreed as to the Eagle Band's tal-

ent and preparation. In his critique of the concert, judge Patrick Parris of Texas City said, "Overall good attention toward articulation and style. Congratulations to you and your fine director."

Judge Joe Rogers of New Branufels agreed saying, "You have been well prepared and performed very well. Some fine teaching and learning going on in Eldorado H.S. Keep up the fine work. I really enjoyed your program."

Meanwhile, judge Jerry Bartley of New Deal kept his comments short saying, "Good Intro...good dynamics...phrasing well done throughout...good job!"

In the sightreading portion of the contest, the band is required to play music that they have neither seen, nor rehearsed. And, the judges in that portion were just as complimentary of the band and direc-

tor Gina Muela. "Excellent instructions by the director. Good job of identifying problem spots," said judge Barry Hart of Plainview.

Judge Michel Lunney of Abilene Wylie commented, "Very concise directions and students who are on task. Good work! This band has a good understanding of style."

Meanwhile, judge Steve Hankins complimented the band's discipline saying, "Very fine during explanation. Students interested, concentrating and attentive.

Thank you for both knowing the sightreading rules and procedures and for thinking enough of the process to follow them."

Eagle Band members include: Jerrie Arispe, Cristie Belman, Neal Brenner, Jennifer Bybee, Sammy Cabera, Georgina Caldwell, Kayla Case, Nancy Cawley, Jessica Cook, Jackie Crawford, Matt Curtis, Brandi Davis, BreeAnne Davis, Alan Dykstra, Virgilio Escobar, Pascual Esparza, Kathy Gonzales, Quisto Gonzalez, Benji Gonzalez, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hallie Greer,

Also, Tanner Haynes, Maria Hernandez, Johnny Herrera, Clara Herrera, Kimberly Hight, Scott Homer, Heather Homer, Javier Ig-

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Five in a row — Eagle Band Seniors pose with the band's 5th consecutive Sweepstakes Trophy. They are (Kneeling L-R) Sammy Cabrera, Director Gina Muela, (Standing L-R) William Robledo, Suzy Rojas, Jerrie Arispe, Pascual Esparza, Javier Iglesias, Nancy Cawley, Matt Curtis, Vanessa Gonzalez, BreeAnne Davis, Kayla Case and Stacy Nicholson.

City's troubles continuing at wastewater treatment plant

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council learned Monday night that the city's sewer plant is not complying with new standards adopted by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). David Todd, an engineer with the firm of Hibbs and Todd in Abilene, met with the council regarding TNRCC's new and more stringent rules. He told the council that the city is probably facing a fine of \$10,000 from the agency but noted the fine could be much larger, and he recommended a series of steps to address the issue.

Eldorado has long had problems with algae growth at the sewer plant during hot summer months. A major expansion of the facility in 1997, undertaken to address similar TNRCC compliance problems, has failed to achieve a substantial reduction in the amount of algae that grows in the summertime. TNRCC's new rules will make the city's task even more difficult, Todd explained.

Eldorado isn't facing the problem alone, however. Todd said that most small towns in West Texas are encountering similar difficulty in complying with TNRCC rules. "I've talked to them in Austin and tried to make them see that they are the ones who encouraged all these little towns to build lagoon systems," Todd stated. "They're response has been, 'Yeah, but we didn't make them build them.' Now they want everyone to switch over to irrigation."

Todd told the council that the best long term solution for the city

is to use water from the plant to irrigate crop land. In the meantime, he suggested that the city continue placing Tilapia perch into the sewer ponds in an attempt to control algae. He further recommended that "fine bubble diffuser" be used to mix oxygen in with the water that is being discharged from the facility.

Todd said he would investigate the possibility of switching the city's TNRCC wastewater permit to an irrigation permit and that he would report back to the council at a later date.

The meeting was the Eldorado City Council's regular monthly session. It was at City Hall and was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 5:34 p.m. Present for the meeting were council members Sherry Lux, Robert Bybee, Rich-

ard Mendez and Tommy Minor. Council members Toni Sudduth and Eddie Rodriguez were absent.

Also attending the meeting were several representatives from the school, including Superintendent George Blanch, and school board members Phil McCormick, Sam Whitten, Jr., and Kurtis Homer. SCISD maintenance foreman John Kotsch was also on hand. The men were there to meet with the city council concerning repairs to a city tractor which had been used by school personnel.

City Administrator Randy Mankin told the council that the city's 1981 model John Deere tractor was borrowed by school personnel and used during work at the school's ag barn. He said that when the tractor was returned it was

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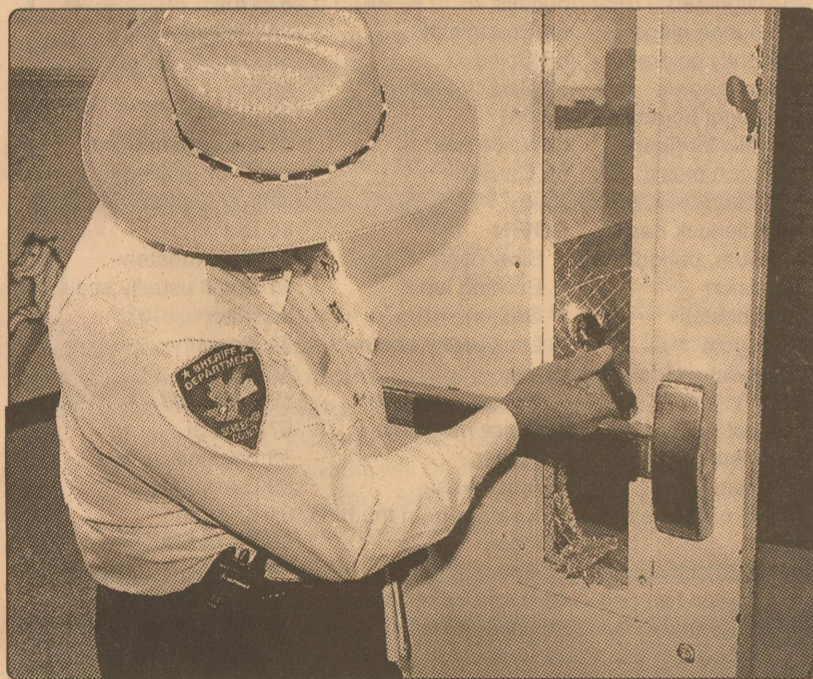


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This is where they got in — Chief Deputy George Arispe investigated a break-in at the school early Tuesday morning.

Burglar lifts money from school cafeteria

A break-in at the school Tuesday morning resulted \$67 in cash being taken from the office of Food Service Director Mildred Philips in the cafeteria.

According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the break-in, at least one burglar gained access to the school building by breaking a safety glass window on an exterior door in the elementary school. Once inside, the thief bypassed numerous elementary classrooms and the elementary school office, on the way to the school cafeteria. There, another window was broken, and a safety latch bar was removed from the door to the cafeteria.

Next, the perpetrator broke a third window on a door to get in-

side Food Service Director Mildred Philips' office. There, \$67 in currency was taken from a file cabinet drawer while a number of checks and an unknown quantity of coins were left behind. At that point, Arispe believes, the thief left the building.

The deputy said the amount of damage to the three doors has yet to be determined. Arispe further noted that the motion sensor light above the door where the burglar first entered the building was not working.

At press time the case remains under investigation. Citizens with information concerning the burglary are encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 853-2737.

Summer jobs program set

The Annenberg/Rural Trust Project of SCISD and local employers are cooperating again this year to hire local high school students for summer jobs. Fifty students have already signed up looking for learning and working opportunities this summer.

The arrangement benefits students as well as employers. While students learn much about the work day in the community, employers will have the opportunity to have extra help.

In its third year of operation, the program is getting a positive response from local employers. Beverly Minor, Assistant administrator of Schleicher County Medical Center, said, "We were so impressed with these students. Their work ethic was outstanding. Yes, we would like to hire several students again this year."

Students are expected to work at least 120 hours (20 hrs per week for 6 weeks) for at least minimum wage. The work must be performed in Schleicher County and employers are reimbursed 50 percent of that minimum wage.

Program administrators are currently anticipating positions for about thirty students and would gladly recruit another twenty spots. Anyone wanting to hire a student for the summer, please contact Ilse Williams, 915-853-2514, ext. 235 (w) or 853-2460 (h).

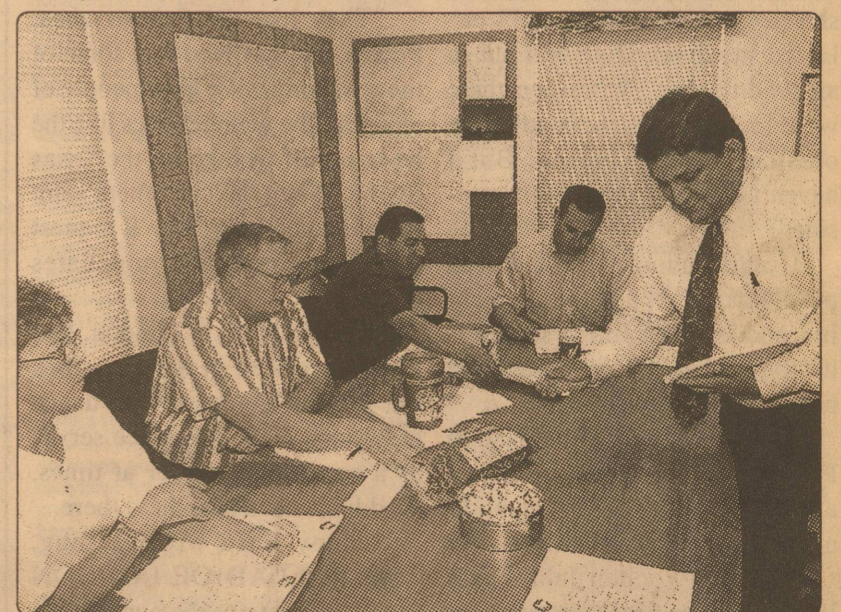


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And one for you — Eldorado City Council members (L-R) Sherry Lux, Robert Bybee, Richard Mendez and Tommy Minor received economic development questionnaires Monday night from Marcos Mata of the Concho Valley Council of Governments.



Gee, it's fun rewriting a column only minutes before going to press

This isn't the column I intended to write this week. In fact, I wrote an entirely different one and am now having to change it on Wednesday morning.

I'm don't mind, though. You see, in my first column I was going to offer an apology to the People's Republic of China in hopes that they would release the 24 Americans they were holding hostage.

Now, before you decide that I've completely lost my mind, please understand, the apology I was going to offer wasn't necessarily the one the Chinese government wanted to receive.

Well, in the hours that followed the first writing of this column, President Bush has announced, and



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

The Chinese government has confirmed, that our service men and women are being released.

Apparently, the United States' expression of regret over the death of the Chinese pilot involved in the midair collision with our EP3 surveillance plane, coupled with a halfhearted apology for our plane being forced to land on a Chinese island without verbal permission, even though it was a Chinese fighter plane that forced us to land, was enough for the "powers that be" in Beijing.

Anyway, they have relented and our people are scheduled to be released shortly. That's great news!

But, that still leaves me short this week and I really was looking forward to offering my apology to the Chinese. I wasn't alone, either. Jesse Jackson and Ross Perot were both eager to get involved. Wouldn't that have been fun?

What was I going to say to the Chinese? Well, it went something like this:

To the government of the Peoples Republic of China, greetings.

It being the hope of all Americans that an equitable and peaceful conclusion can be reached in the ongoing situation on Hainan Island, I offer the following apology:

I am sorry that your supersonic

F-8, piloted by a top-notch fighter jock, and armed to the teeth, somehow managed to run afoul of an unarmed American surveillance plane. A plane, by the way, that was flying under old fashioned propeller power in international air space.

I am equally sorry that the pilot of your supersonic jet fighter allowed himself to be outmaneuvered by our old and slow surveillance plane...especially since the EP3 was cruising on autopilot at the time of the incident.

But, mostly I am sorry that you believe you can muscle the United States into taking the blame for an incident that was not our fault.

I understand that your culture places great stock in the concept of saving face and that your attempt to portray us as the bad guys serves only to bolster your image at home.

Your long and storied history holds many lessons for us all. But, our history is replete with lessons, too. One of our greatest presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, taught us to walk softly and carry a big stick. Please know that we are walking softly now, patiently waiting for you to do the right thing. There is, however, a limit to all things, including America's patience.

You must realize that the 24 young Americans you are holding mean as much to us as the downed fighter pilot meant to you. But, you tempt great peril if you think you can use them as leverage in some kind of diplomatic chess match. Send our people home, now. Then we can talk about the apology you owe us.

State looks at ways to move some workers out of Austin

AUSTIN – Austin's in no danger of losing its status as capital of Texas, but an effort is being made to move some state employees and offices out of the city.

The numbers won't be final before the state's 2002-2003 budget is, but the spending plan likely will include provisions to move some jobs and offices out of congested downtown Austin.

Currently roughly 38,000 state employees are based in Travis County, about a quarter of the state's workforce.

If that seems like a low number, remember that the Texas Department of Criminal Justice's prisons are scattered all over the state, as are law enforcement officers and employees of the Department of Public Safety, Park and Wildlife Department and local employees



State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

of most other state agencies, from mental health caseworkers to tax officials.

Despite all the office buildings it owns, the state leases 137,000 square feet of space in downtown. The General Services Commission, which oversees state property, says nearly \$1 million a year could be saved if the offices occupying the leased space in Austin were relocated to outlying cities such as Round Rock and Georgetown.

No wholesale changes are in the offing this session, but it is a trend that likely will continue.

Get free money!

Actually, it was yours to start with.

The Texas Department of Insurance says 29,000 Texas employers are owed workers' compensation refunds amounting to nearly \$15 million.

To see if you are due any money, check the insurance agency's web site at www.tdi.state.tx.us.

This money is from a surcharge imposed in 1992 when the state first set up its Workers Compensation Insurance Fund. By 1999, the fund had a large surplus and the Legislature did away with the surcharge and mandated that insurance companies—which had passed the surcharge cost along to customers—refund the money.

Another \$ deal

If you hold a Super Combo (hunting and fishing) license from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, you are entitled this month only to a discount at the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center.

Normal admission price is \$5.50 for adults, but during April Super Combo holders can get in for \$2.50. If your party is larger than four, the fifth person on up gets in for \$3.50 each.

Caution: Visiting this facility in Athens likely will leave you with a near irresistible urge to go fishing.

It's no yoke, Texas chickens lay lots of eggs

Not eggactly Texas' biggest brag, but according to the Texas

Agricultural Statistics Service, the Lone Star State is the nation's seventh largest producer of eggs.

No 1 is Ohio, of all places. Texas hens laid some 4.4 billion eggs in 1999, an average of 250 eggs per hen.

With the wholesale price for a dozen eggs being about 65 cents, total value of the Texas egg crop that year was \$240 million—not exactly chicken feed.

If you're thinking about going out and buying a chicken as a first step in the egg business (actually, it would take two) average for one is \$2.80.

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The Dance Hall at London

"It doesn't look like there's much here, but there really is on Saturday nights," says Billy Ivy, owner of the London Hall, a historic saloon and dance hall in the Kimble county community of London, population 100. London Hall is one of the oldest dance halls in Texas, dating back a hundred years or more.

Billy has several other businesses in town, including a grocery store, an art gallery and liquor store. "Busy, busy," says Billy.

London Hall is open Saturday nights from 9 until 1. Occasionally it opens for a Sunday matinee. The saloon is open during the week. When she bought the place, she made some changes. "I enlarged the dance floor and put in air conditioning. Before then, there were flaps that you opened to the outside to get a breeze. But I haven't done anything to the outside."

Usually about three hundred people dance on a Saturday night in London. But hunting season is her busy time. "That's when we have maybe a thousand."

She advertises London Hall in Fredericksburg, Brady, Sonora, and San Antonio. "Everybody comes to London," she says.

The old wooden tables and benches are original. The stall door in the men's restroom is a car door. Above the urinal in the men's room is a painting of a tree out back, which once served as the place

where men relieved themselves in the days before indoor plumbing.

Billy takes care of the dance floor with loving care. "I rule that with an iron hand. We heat our wax and apply it when it's warm and rub it in by hand, then polish it. We do that about twice a year. Our floor is about three thousand square feet. It's a good one."

She says dancing on concrete is tiring. "It's not so tiring when you have a nice, slick surface."

Some famous bands have played there: Darrell McCall, Johnny Gimbel, Johnny Bush, Hank Thompson, Jody Nix and Jerry Jeff Walker. Her patrons like a variety of music.

"They like the Schottisches, Polkas, Cotton-Eyed Joe, some of the new songs. We have people of all ages. The younger ones like the be-bop stuff, you know, the Texas Swing. When the customers want to hear something, they'll request it and the band accommodates them."

Billy grew up in London. Her family has been in the area since the 1800's. She learned to dance at London Hall. The place serves as a community center at times. Weddings have been held there.

Johnny Bush wrote a song, THE BALLAD OF LONDON HALL. It contains the phrase "It's been like this every Saturday night for a hundred years or more. They two-step with their baby 'cross the London dancehall floor."

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9-1-1 Dispatcher — Farah Fennem is one of five dispatchers working at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Recently, Governor Rick Perry saluted the dispatchers and thousands like them across the state by proclaiming "Telecommunicator Week" in Texas.

Governor Perry proclaims Telecommunicator Week

Governor Rick Perry proclaimed the week of April 8-14, 2001 as Telecommunicator Week in Texas to recognize the men and women who serve their communities by answering telephone calls for emergency help.

The following dedicated Telecommunicators daily serve the citizens of Schleicher County by answering their telephone calls for police, fire and emergency medical services and by dispatching the

appropriate assistance as quickly as possible: Kathy Faulk, Lesa Martinez, Farah Fennem, Stephen Whitten, Karen Mitchell.

These Telecommunicators are the link between the public seeking help and those who will provide this help. Often working long hours under extremely stressful conditions, they are the county's unsung heroes, responsible for protecting life and property while often not receiving the credit they deserve.

The people of Schleicher County should be encouraged to recognize the crucial role they play in our community.

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Easter Sunrise Service slated

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance will be conducting an Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, April 15 on the Schleicher County Courthouse square. The services is slated to begin at 7:00 a.m.

In the event of bad weather, the service will be moved inside the Memorial Building. Coffee and doughnuts will be provided by the First Baptist Church of Eldorado.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Kim'et Nelson was hostess for Beta Sigma Phi business meeting on April 9, 2001. President Linda Lindsey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led in the opening ritual.

Officers were elected and plans were finalized for the Founder's Day Banquet to be held on April 30th. New officers will be installed at this time.

Other business was discussion of the scholarships to be awarded to two graduating seniors in May 2001. Mrs. Lindsey is to get applications to Maureen Hodges at the High School this week. Deadline to have them turned in will be May 4th. Scholarships are based on need and character and are for \$100 a semester.

Mrs. Nelson gave the program

on strawberries. The name was probably derived from the fact that straw was placed around them in the strawberry patches or because children would string them on straw when they took them to sell. There are approximately 200 seeds on each strawberry and eight of them contain more vitamin C than a glass of orange juice.

After the program she served chocolate covered strawberries and strawberry shortcake to: Mrs. Lindsey, Flora Hubble, Barbara Jackson, Mary Jenkins, Dorothy Dacy and Dorothy Clark.

Linda Lindsey is hostess for the April 23 meeting.

Meals for Friends Menu



- **Monday, April 16**
Steak Fingers w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Juice, Milk
- **Tuesday April 17**
Bar-B-Que Brisket, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Fresh Fruit Cup, Milk
- **Wednesday April 18**
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Roll, Vegetable Salad, Milk, White Cake w/Caramel Icing
- **Thursday April 19**
Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sw. Potatoes w/Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk
- **Friday April 20**
Chicken Salad Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Potato Chips, Fresh Banana, Milk

Seeking Candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts

The Schleicher County Rodeo will be held in June this year and it is time to be seeking candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts. There will be two age divisions: Kindergarten through 7th Grade and 9th through 12th.

The girls will be judged on horsemanship, interviews and ticket sales.

Please contact Mondee Whitten at 853-4246 or Wendy Daniels at 853-2065.



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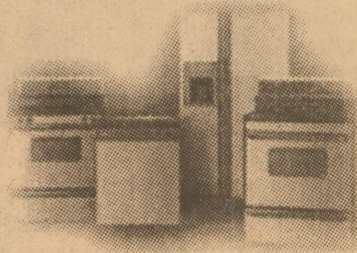
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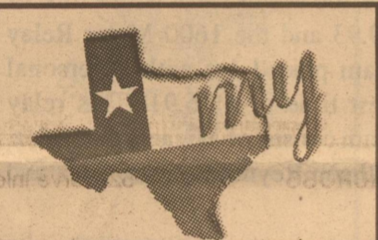
Good Friday Service

Friday, April 14, 2001 — 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service

Sunday, April 15, 2001 — 11:00 a.m.

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Monday, April 16
No School, Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 17
Pork Chopettes/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese Sauce, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, April 18
Hot Dogs/Chili, Corn Chips, Pork and Beans, Vegetable Sticks/Dip, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, April 19
Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Peach Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, April 20
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp

Breakfast
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Monday, April 16
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Monday, April 16
No School, Easter Holiday

Tuesday, April 17
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, April 18
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Crushed Pineapple, Rice Krispie Treats

Thursday, April 19
Bologna and Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, April 20
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp

Eagles netters claim District 2-2A title

Eldorado quickly gaining reputation as Tennis Town, Texas

If there ever was a geographical center of the Texas high school tennis world, that point once rested squarely in Mason. Now, that point has shifted west about 80 miles, relocating to Eldorado.

First, the Eagles team tennis squad marched to a state title. Now, in U.I.L. tennis the Eagles are on the move again, capturing the District 2-2A tennis championship, and...they accomplished the feat on the courts in Mason.

The Eagles tennis team dominated the 2-2A field on Saturday and Monday, qualifying nine players for the Region I-AA tournament in Abilene on April 25 & 26. That number accounts for 75 percent of District 2-2As entries.

All twelve Eagles varsity players placed in the tournament helping the team to bring home district champion honors in both the boys and girls division. The junior varsity, with only a partial team, finished second overall.

In the varsity division Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish overcame a large pro Mason crowd to win a playback for second place against Mason's #1 doubles team 7-6, 6-4. Thomas Ballew and Bobby Phillips also won second place

in a playback match against Sonora's #1 team 6-1, 6-1. Both of these Eldorado teams fell to their teammates in the finals.

Gentry Newman and Kayla McCravey beat Redish and Beach 7-6, 6-3 to claim the girls doubles crown while Quisto Gonzales and Buddy Greer outlasted Ballew and Phillips 6-2, 6-4 to claim the boys doubles crown.

In girls' singles Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer met in a playback for second in which Courtney Brown prevailed 6-4, 7-5. In boys' singles Wesley Jones placed third and Heath Andrew placed fourth in an extremely competitive field.

In junior varsity action Dillon Greer and Robbie Young claimed the boys doubles title in a hard fought match against Sonora while the girls' team of Blake Snelson and Amanda Wanoreck placed second in the girls' bracket. In boys' singles Shay Parker won the consolation bracket. In girls' singles Lacy Ragsdale made it to the consolation finals before being defeated. Will Whitten also participated in boys' singles.



Doubles Champs — Buddy Greer and Quisto Gonzalez won the Boys Doubles championship at the District 2-2A Tennis Tournament held in Mason on Saturday and Monday.



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7th grade girls place 2nd in District 2-2A Track Meet

On Friday, April 6, 2001, Mason hosted the Junior High District Track Meet. The 7th Grade Girls placed second over all with a score of 144 points. The 7th Grade Girls are coached by Leslie Gooch.

Taylor Baker placed 2nd in the Shot Put with a throw of 22'8½". This was her first attempt at shot put. Baker also placed 2nd in the Discus with a throw of 64'2".

Rachel Joiner placed 1st in the High Jump with a her best jump of 4'10". Rachel has been improving her height at each meet placing 1st in High Jump. Rachel also placed 1st in the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 13.66.

Other first place medals went to Allison Reynolds in the 400 Meter Dash with a time of 1:00.71, Micaela Gonzalez placed first in the 200 Meter Dash with a time of 29.93 and the 1600 Meter Relay team placed 1st with a personal best time of 4:36.91. This relay team consist of Micaela Gonzalez, Allison Reynolds, Josie Diaz and

Rachel Joiner. Micaela Gonzalez jumped a 13'3½" placing 2nd in the Long Jump. Allison Reynolds placed 2nd in the Triple Jump with a jump of 28'9¼". Chandra Wanoreck placed 3rd in the Triple Jump with a jump of 26'5".

400 Meter Relay: 2nd Place- Micaela Gonzalez, Allison Reynolds, Kali Roberts and Rachel Joiner, time 56.53.

800 Meter Relay: 4th Place- Alison Sproul, Kali Roberts, Chandra Wanoreck and Maxie Holley, time 2:09.24.

2400 Run: Mary Ann Moreno, placed 4th time 15.52.20.

800 Dash: Melinda Hernandez, 5th Place, time 2:57.96.

100 Meter Hurdles: Lauren Brown, 4th Place, time 19.50 and Josie Diaz, 5th Place, time 19.73.

300 Meter Hurdles: Lauren Brown, 4th Place, time 59.50 and Heather Powell, 5th Place, time 1:14.91.

200 Meter Dash: Maxie Holley, 3rd Place, time 31.45.



Up and over — Rachel Joiner placed 1st in the 7th grade girls High Jump at the Middle School District Track Meet in Mason on Friday, April 6. She is shown here sailing over the bar at an earlier meet.

District track meet results

7th Grade Boys
Discus: Kyle Taylor, 1st and 2nd in Shot
Shot Put: Frank Wipff, 6th
High Jump: Jeremy Ussery, 3rd
2400 Meter Run: Jeremy Ussery, 2nd
100 Meter Run: Kyle Taylor,

2nd and Nestor Hernandez, 6th
400 Meter and 1600 Meter Relay teams placed 3rd. No names available of relay teams.
No times available. Coach of the 7th Grade Boys for the 2001 year was Larry Mitchel.

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Fire conscious in Middle School — Winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest in Eldorado Middle School posed with their trophies Tuesday. They are (L-R) J.P. Joiner 1st Place, Selvia Aranda 2nd Place and Tyler Dombroski 3rd Place.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN



High School Fire Poster Winners — Winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest in Eldorado High School posed with their trophies Wednesday morning. They are (L-R) Jennifer Rodriguez 3rd Place, Joe Arispe 2nd Place and Javier Iglesias 1st Place.

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EMS band competes in Concert and Sightreading Contest

The Eldorado Middle School Band competed in the Region 7 U.I.L. Sightreading and Concert Contest, held on Wednesday, April 4 in Coleman. Under the direction of Ernest Bottlinger, the band received an Overall Division "1" rating in Concert and a Division II rating in Sightreading.

Playing in the band were: Horns - Josie Diaz, Micaela Gonzalez, Sam Rodriguez, Nathan MacDonald; Trombones - Ashton Murr, Diego Barrera, Joel Esparza, Johnathan Larez; Baritones - Kyle Brown; Tubas - Brence Minor, Joey Hernandez; Percussion - Chandra Wanoreck, Ashley Doran, Kolby Dombroski, Michael Hill, Frank Edmiston, Eric Garcia, Caleb Nixon, Selena Rojas; Flutes - Kali Roberts, Hope Fuentes, Taylor Baker, Alison Sproul, Laurie Almazan, Chelci Rodriguez; Clar-

inets - Emily Newman, Sheryl Alexander, Lauren Brown, Melinda Hernandez, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Autume Walton, Myra Robles, Jessica Robertson; Bass Clarinet - Taylor Niblett; Trumpets - Daniella Guadarrama, Charlotte Adame, Maxie Holley, Julie Hight, Rachel Joiner, Michael Ballew, Betsy Green, Nester Hernandez, Ejay Samaniego and Tico Robles.

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Mighty Eagle Band wins 5th Sweepstakes Award in Coleman

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Ilesias, Brittany Key, Tabitha Lloyd, JL Mankin, Toni Martin, Chris Martinez, Sonia Mills, Elizabeth Montalvo, Layna Murr, Gentry Newman, Stacy Nicholson,

Also, Landon Nixon, Shay Parker, Cole Pina, Kristina Prater, Lacy Ragsdale, Micheal Ramirez, Christina Redish, Hannah Robledo, Will Robledo, Andrea Robles, Jennifer Rodriguez, Suzanne Rojas, Liza Sanchez, Chris Sanchez, Danny Sanchez, Courtney Sauer, Mitzi Sessom, Samantha Smith, Lilly Vallejo, Tana Williams.

The band will be performing a Spring Concert on Tuesday, May 15th in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. There is no admission charge and the public is invited.

A.G. warns of scams aimed at Hispanic consumers

One scheme centers on fraudulent international collect calls

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn traveled to South Texas this week to warn the public about scams involving international collect calls, much like the one that many people in Schleicher County experienced a few weeks ago. Most calls in question appear to originate in Mexico and are made primarily to Hispanic-surnamed consumers in Texas. The complaints received thus far center around U.S.-based businesses.

Cornyn visited Laredo, Brownsville and Victoria to bring attention to the international collect call scheme and a number of other scams aimed at Hispanic consumers, including home solicitations by door-to-door sales representatives operating specifically in Hispanic neighborhoods and services offered by fraudulent "immigration specialists."

"These shady characters know that more Hispanics live in Texas than ever before. The tremendous growth of the Hispanic population and its increased purchasing power has attracted the attention of bad actors who seize upon the Hispanic market simply to separate consumers from their hard earned dollars," Attorney General Cornyn stated.

Speaking about the phone scam, Attorney General Cornyn said, "Under the pretense of providing a legitimate long distance service, some companies are engaged in deception aimed at Hispanic households. Hundreds of Hispanic consumers have filed complaints regarding collect calls. We share their concerns, and we have launched an investigation. We will pursue scam artists to the full extent of the law."

Consumers reported to the Attorney General, the Public Utility Commission and the Better Business Bureau that they received calls from long distance operators asking them to accept charges for collect calls from a person with their same last name. Callers often pretend to be a relative from Mexico who urgently needs to speak with a family member. The caller uses the Texas consumer's same last name so the consumer will accept the call. Although the calls typically last only a few minutes, even seconds, consumers have received bills for \$50 or more per call. Some consumers are tar-

geted numerous times.

Many consumers who were billed for these calls said that they never accepted collect charges. Some even claim no one was home at the time the collect call was allegedly made and accepted.

"Hispanic consumers spend billions of dollars in telecommunications services alone. Unfortunately, it is not surprising that there are some who exploit the Hispanic market while providing little in return. Our message is clear: Texans will not be swindled on my watch, and honest businesses will not be tainted by a handful of scam artists."

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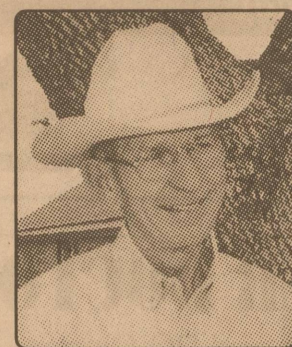
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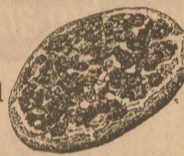
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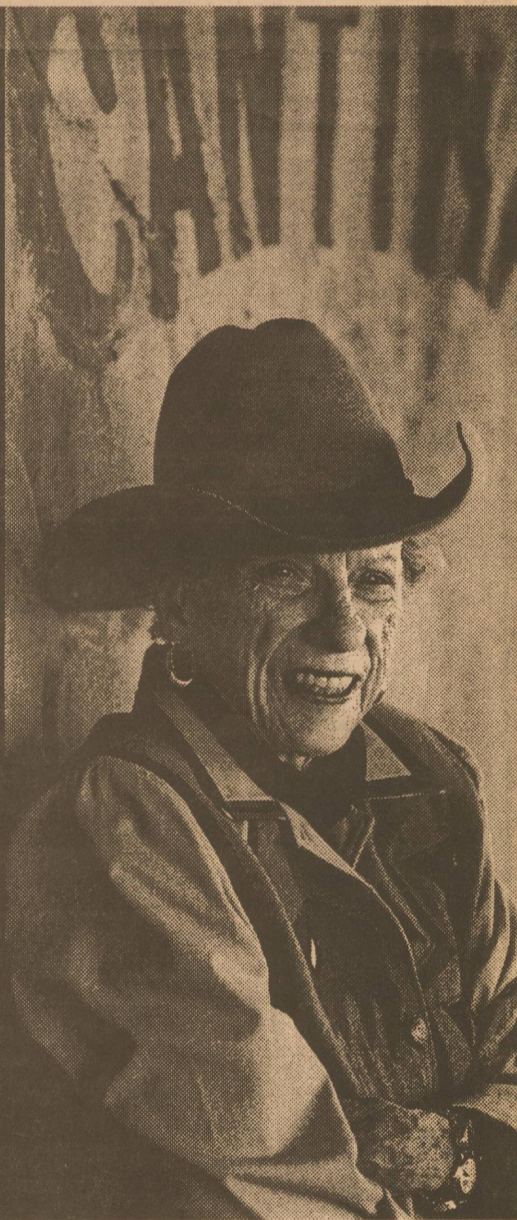
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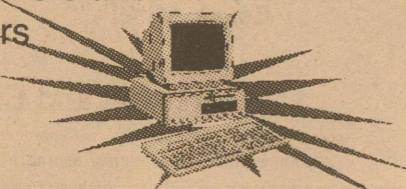
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Commissioners meet, consider projects at golf course, baseball fields, rodeo arena and airport

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, April 9th with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin, Ross Whitten and County Judge Johnny Griffin in attendance.

Among other business, the men met with David Hill, representing Eldorado Youth Baseball, who asked the commissioners for \$2,000 with which to construct 15 ft. by 20 ft. metal storage building. After discussion the commissioners agreed to the request, provided baseball parents and volunteers construct the concrete slab.

Hill also explained to the men that food items are being stored in

a room in the concession stand that is often flooded when toilets in the adjoining bathrooms overflow. The commissioners agreed to have the bathrooms checked out by a plumber and to have the septic tank pumped out. Hill also asked the men to consider renting porta-potties for the annual Youth Baseball Tournament slated for June 11-17. He said that an estimated 600 young baseball players will participate in the tourney.

Next, the commissioners met with Kerry Joy, representing the Eldorado Golf Club, who discussed the paving of cart trails at the golf course. Joy said that the club will borrow \$30,000 to \$35,000 for paving material and labor for the trails. He asked the county purchase the road base material for the project. The commissioners discussed several options before agreeing to purchase 800 yards of #2 road base. The commissioners reserved the option to have county crews haul the road base, or to hire a contract hauler.

It was then noted that Reese Albert Construction will start on the paving project on the county airport in the near future. The com-

missioners decided to check with the company to determine if it could provide road base for the golf club project.

Next, Stan Meador gave commissioners a brief update on progress made by the Civic Center Committee. He told the men that Extension Agent Nancy Lester had researched the usage of the Memorial Building for the past year. That research indicates the building is being used an average of 6 days per week, or 305 days in a 365 day year, Meador said. He said that a construction cost of \$900,000 is being used by the committee in the planning stage for the purpose of calculating the impact the project would have on the county's budget and tax rate. Meador said the full committee would appear at the commissioners' April 23 meeting in order to deliver a more complete report.

Meador also told the men of a recent meeting he had been in with the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation and the Texas Department of Transportation. The two groups were meeting to discuss the upgrade of U.S. Highway 277 to a 4-lane highway as proposed by the

Ports-to-Plains Coalition and the impact the road will have on the communities it serves. Meador said the San Angelo District of TxDOT will be offering money for feasibility studies on relief routes around towns. He suggested that Schleicher County might want to join with Sonora's Industrial Development Corporation Committee in applying for the money to do such a feasibility study. No action was taken on the matter, however.

At 10:00 a.m. the court opened the only sealed bid it received for unleaded fuel. Griffin Fuel's bid of \$1.3245 for 9,000 gallons of unleaded fuel was accepted. The court also voted to pay dues in the amount of \$50.00 to the Far West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

Next, the men approved and signed a two year lease on the Gaines County School Land. Jerry D. Harris leased the land for two years for \$6,832.40.

The payment of \$120.25 was then approved for indigent care to help with the payment of utility bills.

No action was taken on the matter of hiring an operator for the county swimming pool since the county is still seeking someone to run the facility.

Next, Steve Nelson, Troy Daniels and Howard Ledbetter met with the commissioners to report on the need for repairs to the grand stands at the county rodeo arena. The court voted unanimously to proceed with upgrading the grand stands with 10-inch metal c-purlin to replace the wooden bleachers that are there now. It was estimated that the project would take about 4,050 feet of the metal at a cost of \$5,508.00. The court voted to give the Rodeo Association a total of \$10,000.00 to complete the project. It was explained that the group will hire a contractor to carry out the job in hopes of having it completed in May.

The commissioners then okayed the county's participation in the summer job program offered by the school. The Anneburg/Rural Trust Project of SCISD will reimburse the county for one-half of the cost of a student/employee's wages.

It was then noted that Judge Griffin and some of the commissioners will attend a Local Government Seminar in Austin on April 11-13. The seminar will count toward the commissioners required continuing education.

Next, Judge Griffin informed the men that all three of the county's mowers are in need of repair. Two of the mowers have been taken to local repair shops while the third has been taken to a tractor repair shop in San Angelo.

Before adjourning, the court heard a brief update from Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle concerning the upcoming work at the airport. He said the runway needs to be repacked before rock base can be applied. Schleicher County contributed \$20,000 a year and a half ago for TxDOT to start paving the airport. The project will be carried out by Reese Albert Construction of San Angelo.

At the end of the meeting, the men reviewed the county's bills and authorized them for payment.

Leigh Ann Neal advances to THSRA State Finals Rodeo

EHS student Leigh Ann Neal will be one of the contestants at the Texas High School Rodeo Association's State Finals Rodeo in Abilene this year. She placed in the top ten in Barrels and Goat Tying at the Region II Finals in San Angelo last Saturday to earn the trip to Abilene.

The State Finals Rodeo will be held on June 10-16, 2001. There, Neal will be competing against the top ten entrants from nine other regions from the State of Texas.

Leigh Ann is a junior at Eldorado High School and she is the daughter of David and Deborah Neal.

The Region II Finals were held April 7, 2001 in San Angelo at the Angelo Indoor Arena. Results are as follows:

Barrels: Tying for first and second

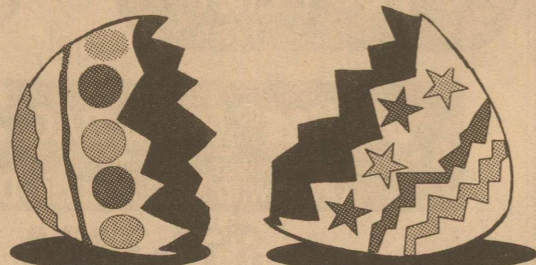
was Cassidy Boyles of Junction and Amy Lide of Andrews with a time of 16.13. Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado had a time of 16.39 taking third place.

Breakaway: Tying for first and second was Ashley Denton of Bronte and Keli Smith of Hobbs, NM with a time of 3.3. Leigh Ann Neal of Eldorado placed 5th with a time of 4.0

Goat Tying: Taking first was Renn Rudasill of Rocksprings with a time of 9.0. Kaycie Teague of Rankin took 2nd with a time of 9.6. Leigh Ann Neal placed 7th with a time of 12.2.

Team Roping: Leigh Ann Neal and Jake Wheelis of Alpine tied with Trey Hale of Ozona and Seth Smithson of Ackerly with a time of 16.6. They took the 7th and 8th place respectively.

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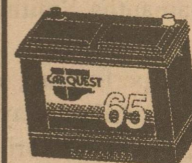
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In homes or small buildings, go to the basement (if available) or to an interior room on the lowest floor, such as a closet or bathroom. Wrap yourself in overcoats or blankets to protect yourself from flying debris.

In schools, hospitals, factories or shopping centers, go to interior rooms and halls on the lowest floor. Stay away from glass enclosed

places or areas with wide-span roofs such as auditoriums and warehouses. Crouch down and cover your head.

In high rise buildings, go to interior small rooms or halls. Stay away from exterior walls or glassy areas.

In cars or mobile homes, abandon them immediately!! Most deaths occur in cars and mobile homes. If you are in either of those locations, leave them and go to a substantial structure or designated tornado shelter.

If no suitable structure is nearby, lie flat in the nearest ditch or depression and use your hands to cover your head.

For other severe weather tips check out the National Weather Service website at:

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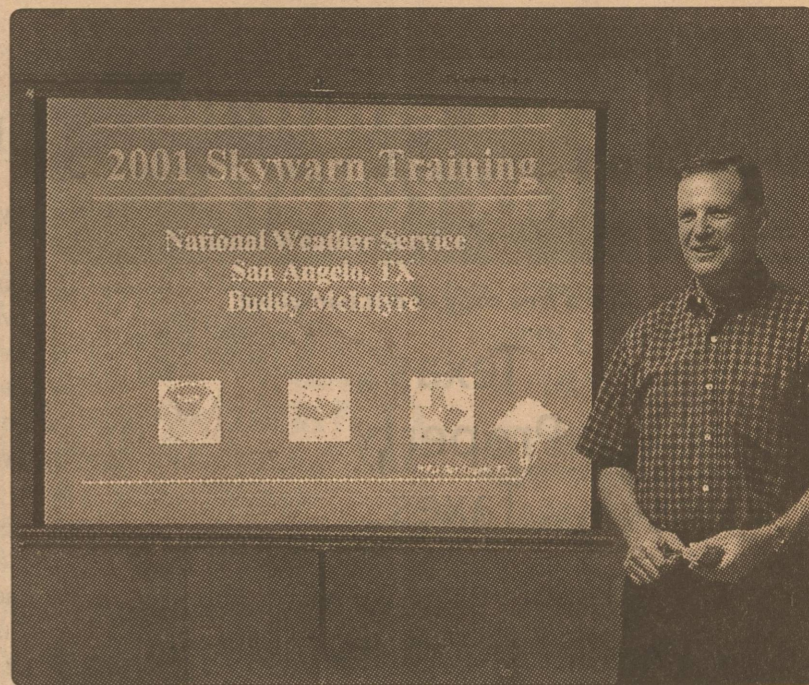


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It must be springtime — Buddy McIntyre, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in San Angelo was on hand Tuesday night to train Eldorado Volunteer Firefighters as weather spotters. The training was timely. Only a couple of hours later a line of severe storms pushed through the area. In fact, a tornado warning was issued for Sutton County when Doppler Radar in San Angelo detected rotation in a cloud approaching Sonora.

It's Up to You



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City meets with school about broken tractor

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found to have a hole in the engine block. School board trustees and city council members discussed several options for sharing the cost of the damage. SCISD Board President Phil McCormick and Mayor Nikolauk agreed that the two groups were trying to serve the same taxpayers. McCormick said he would discuss the matter with the entire school board to see what type of resolution could be reached.

Next, the council met with Vella Tyler who requested that sewer tap charges at her property be waived due to the fact that the city easement crosses her property. After discussion the council approved the waiver of fee.

The council then met with Marcos Mata, representing Concho

Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG). Mata informed the council of his efforts to update economic development strategies in the various counties represented in CVCOG. Mata distributed questionnaires to the council and asked that they be completed and returned to him. He said the surveys would assist him in developing the economic development strategy for Schleicher County.

Next, Utility Superintendent Jack Dean reported on repairs to the landfill compactor, a piece of heavy machinery used to pack, or compact, garbage at the landfill. He also advised the council that a representative of TNRC will be conducting an annual inspection at the city's landfill.

The council then reviewed and

approved the city's financial reports and authorized payment of the city's monthly bills. They also approved a budget amendment, allowing money to be transferred between various budget accounts.

Next, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo reported that after several months of calling, she had received a franchise payment from Classic Cable. However, she noted that the payment was far below the amount anticipated. Mayo explained that a change in the way the company calculates its basic cable service resulted in the downturn. She went on to say that after checking her personal cable bill she discovered that the company continues to collect city franchise fees from their customers but that they aren't forwarding the entire amount to the city. Mayo said she had been in contact with the company and would continue trying to collect money due the city.

City Administrator Randy Mankin and Mrs. Mayo then advised the council concerning efforts to enforce collection of past due utility bills. The city's policies in this area were reviewed and approved without change.

Next, the council approved the cancellation of the May 5th election in two of the city's three wards. It was noted that in wards #2 & #3, candidates Richard Mendez and Dora Bosmans are running unopposed. The election was officially cancelled in those wards, however, in Ward #1, Robert Bybee is being challenged by Jim Nance. The election for that seat will be held May 5 in the Memorial Building.

In other business, the council approved a letter of engagement with Bickerstaff and Associates for redistricting purposes. The Austin law firm represented the city when it made the change from an at-large voting system to the present 3-ward system. Attorney David Mendez is slated to meet with the council in a special meeting on April 23.

The council was also advised that a company has expressed an interest in laying fiber-optic cable through the south portion of town. The council instructed Randy Mankin to meet with the company's representatives in order to see that the cable doesn't damage any of the city's existing underground utilities.

The council also instructed Mankin to advertise for bids to construct the new recycling center building, recently funded by a grant. The bids will call for construction of 30 X 50 foot metal building with attached 20 X 50 foot shed with a concrete floor. Specifications may be obtained at City Hall.

Finally, Mankin announced that a new contract with Conoco allowing for the city to obtain natural gas at a more favorable price had been signed by Mayor Nikolauk. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

LAWN & GARDEN SPECIALS

4/11-01 thru 4-17-01



40 lb. 2/\$4.00
Regular 2⁹⁹



TROPICAL PLANTS
Reg. \$16⁹⁹
SALE \$9⁹⁹



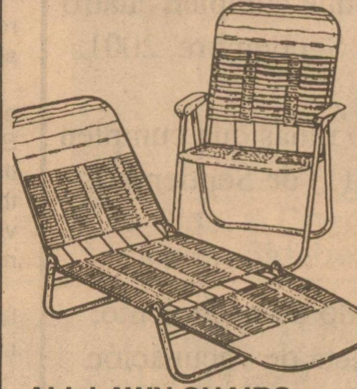
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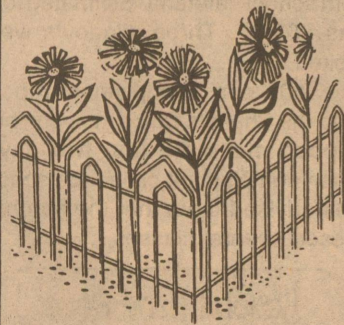
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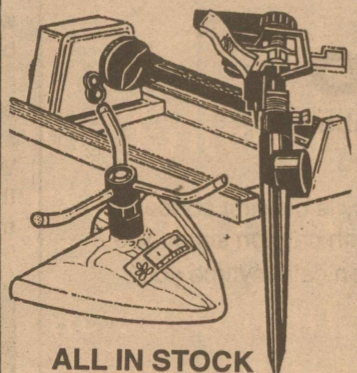
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ELDORADO, TX Sunday: 12:30 PM-5:30PM

IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THE 3RD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT, HENDERSON COUNTY, TEXAS

TO: ALL PERSONS, ENTITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO (1) PURCHASED ELECTRIC SERVICE FROM TXU ELECTRIC COMPANY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS TEXAS UTILITIES ELECTRIC COMPANY D/B/A TU ELECTRIC, OR GAS SERVICE FROM TXU GAS COMPANY, FORMERLY KNOWN AS LONE STAR GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF ENSERCH CORPORATION, ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1996, AND (2) PAID FOR THE SERVICE WITH A CREDIT CARD AND WERE CHARGED A SURCHARGE FOR HAVING PAID WITH A CREDIT CARD, AND (3) HAD A TEXAS ADDRESS.

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Your rights may be affected by a proposed Texas class action settlement. If the proposed settlement is approved by the Court, as a member of the class, you will be eligible to receive a refund of a portion of the fees you paid to conduct the credit card transaction.

To receive the refund, or to protect your rights under the proposed settlement, you must receive the official class action settlement notice in the mail. If you have not already received the notice in the mail, you should request one today. To request that an official class action settlement notice be mailed to you:

You May Write:

TXU Gas and TXU Electric Credit Card Surcharge Litigation
Attn: Ms. Wanda Taylor
P.O. Box 662888
Dallas, Texas 75266-2888

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April 30, 2001

Deadline to Object to or Opt Out of the Settlement

May 7, 2001

Court Hearing to Determine Fairness of Settlement

DO NOT CONTACT THE COURT FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT. RATHER, FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE SETTLEMENT AND CONTACT INFORMATION, YOU MUST REQUEST THE OFFICIAL CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT NOTICE FROM THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE.

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or write to: Comptroller's Property Tax Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, TX 78711-3528

or call: 1-800-252-9121

School board meets, accepts three resignations and hires two new teachers

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening with trustees Phil McCormick, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin, Sam Whitten, Jr., Kurtis Homer and Jo Helen Kotsch in attendance. Trustee Steve Sessom was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Board President Phil McCormick at 6:30 p.m. At that time the board approved the district's financial reports and the minutes of the March 19, 2001 meeting as well as the minutes of the budget workshop held on March 26.

The board then voted to cancel the trustee election in Single Member Districts #3 and #4 since neither Berta Nicholson nor Kurtis Homer drew an opponent.

Superintendent George Blanch received approval to sell 45 surplus computers and outdated school equipment at a sale this summer. Also, two buses will be sent to a May 5th auction held in Abilene and a van is also up for sale.

It was noted that attorney Sarah Leon will be hired to oversee the preliminary research on redistricting. No official action was needed since Ms. Leon is the district's attorney of record.

Next, the board discussed a new breakfast program that will

begin at the school with the 2001-2002 school year. The program, known as Provision II (Complimentary Breakfast) Program, is administered by the State which will pay the school to offer the program to all students attending Schleicher County ISD. It was noted that all students, from elementary to high school will be required to participate in the breakfast program.

The trustees then approved the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Local Update #65 to the school district's policy manual. Some of the policies updated included: employee briefings to the board, consent agendas and a provision was added to indicate the board's intent for committees to comply with the Texas Open Meetings Act. Also, a clarification of the 90 day time period for bringing a "whistleblower" grievance was added. Two new codes were created to address harassment on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, disability, or age. New language was also added affirming the supervisor's discretion to require the use of compensatory time, possibly in lieu of paid leave and also set 60 hours as the maximum amount of compensatory time that a district employee can accumulate.

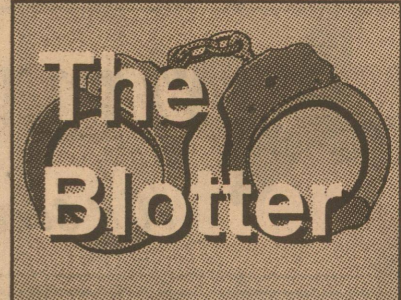
Other updates include revisions addressing activity funds, blood-borne pathogens, Partnership Programs, graduation, admissions, in-

terdistrict transfers, attendance, extracurricular absences and UIL physicals which may now be administered by a physician assistant or registered nurse.

The board then voted to send Kurtis Homer as a delegate and Sam Whitten, Jr. as an alternate delegate to TASB Delegate Assembly in Dallas in September.

The board went into executive session at 7:25 p.m. for the discussion of personnel matters and the purchase of land for a Middle School playground. The group emerged into open session at 8:45 p.m. and voted to accept the resignations of teacher Terry Green, food service director Mildred Phillips, and Cherie McCullough, the Director of the district's Annenberg Program. The board also voted to hire Tammy Dombroski as a math teacher in Middle School and James White as a Middle School industrial arts teacher. No action was taken on the playground property, however.

Before the board adjourned, they learned from Supt. Blanch that the school had only 633 eligible student enrolled on April 2, 2001, that's down two students from the March 20 report. Enrollment has been declining steadily and is causing serious budget concerns for the board. Blanch also noted that tennis coach Matt Rutherford will be appearing at the group's next meeting to discuss the need to resurface the district's tennis courts.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at 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

April 7 • Casady, James, J., male age 20, hold for Irion County, charge Taylor County Warrant. Released on \$250 cash bond.

April 9 • Fuentes, Lee Roy, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, charge Bond Forfeiture.

REPORTS

April 3 • 8:37 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident with two pickups on the corner of Cottonwood and East Street. Two officers responded and one male subject was arrested for Driving While Intoxicated.

April 4 • 2:00 p.m. Male subject reported a vehicle theft. Officer responded.

5:45 p.m. Female complainant on North Divide requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.

3:55 p.m. Male complainant on Rudd Road reported a domestic disturbance. Wife had already left scene. Officer responded.

April 5 • 2:55 p.m. Male complainant reported two horses loose on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded.

5:35 p.m. Female complainant reported a lamb separated from its mother on Hwy. 915, Meador Draw. Complainant stated they did not think they would be able to catch the lamb. Officer located lamb and placed back over fence.

April 7 • 1:00 a.m. Complainant reported a cow just north of their office on Hwy. 277 North. Cow seems to be in a great deal of pain. Request an officer to check on the animal. Officer responded to call and was unable to locate.

2:18 p.m. Caller reported a possible rabid cat on Rudd Road. Officer responded and disposed of the cat.

6:14 p.m. Complainant reported to Sheriff Office of a controlled burn on Hwy. 190 West.

8:50 p.m. Complainant on North Street reported when they returned from out of town they noticed a young person dressed in black with a scream mask looking in the window of their vehicle. Subject ran down alley, owner checked vehicle and all was OK. Officer notified and responded.

April 8 • 5:48 a.m. Complainant on W. Murchinson requested an ambulance. EMS 2 responded.

7:58 p.m. 911 call requested Sheriff Office to contact the emergency room to let them know a patient was coming.

April 9 • 10:41 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded.

1:36 p.m. Complainant at Shot's reported a gas drive off. Officer responded.

11:40 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle at apartments on East Street that was not suppose to be there. Apartment tenant did not know the owner of vehicle. Wrecker service was called by manager to be removed.

6:35 p.m. Complainant on Village Lane requested an officer to check their residence.

7:08 p.m. Complainant on North Divide requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

April 10 • 6:30 a.m. Complainant at school reported a burglary of cash from school cafeteria. Estimated loss was \$67.00. Three windows were broken.

2:00 p.m. Complainant reported to the Sheriff's Office their son had skipped class the last two days. When complainant called the school they advised them that the son had missed several classes.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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NOTICE OF CITY ELECTION

(AVISO DE ELECCION Ciudad)

To the Registered Voters of Eldorado, Texas:

(A los votantes registrados del Eldorado Texas:)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on Saturday, May 5, 2001, for voting in a General election, to elect one Council Member from Ward #1*,

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales situadas abajo se abrirán desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el Sat. el 5 de May, 2001 para votar en la Elección para eligir uno concejal cada Ward #1 distrito*

LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)

*SMW #2 & #3 cancelled per Chapter 2 of the Election Code

MEMORIAL BUILDING, 1 N. Cottonwood St.

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votación en adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

City Hall Bldg., 6 S. Cottonwood St., Eldorado, Texas

(location) (sitio)

between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on Wednesday, April 18, 2001

(date)

(entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el Miércoles, April 18, 2001

(fecha)

and ending on Tuesday, May 1, 2001

(date)

(y terminando el Martes, May 1, 2001)

(fecha)

Additional early voting will be held at the same location as follows: *
(La votación en adelantada además se llevará a cabo en el mismo sitio de tal manera:)

Date (Fecha)

Hours (Horas)

NONE

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán enviarse a:)

Carolyn Mayo

(Name of Early Voting Clerk)

(Nombre del Secretario de la Votación En Adelantada)

P. O. Box 713

(Address) (Dirección)

Eldorado, TX 76936

(City) (Ciudad)

(Zip Code) (Zona Postal)

Recommended but not required

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votarán en ausencia por correo deberán recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el)

April 27, 2001

(date) (fecha)

Issued this the 9th day of April, 19 2001.

(Emitted este día 9 de April, 2001.)

John Nikolauk
Signature of Presiding Officer (Firma del Oficial que Preside)
John Nikolauk, Mayor

Eldorado Elementary School Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Roundup

April 19th, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Elementary Kitchen

Pre-K is for children who will be 4 years old as of Sept. 1, 2001.

Kindergarten is for children who will be 5 years old as of Sept. 1, 2001

* Please bring your child's birth certificate, Social Security card, and immunization record.

Escuela Elemental De Eldorado Pre-Kindergarten Y Kindergarten Redada

19 de Abril, 8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Cocina Elemental

Pre-K es para los niños o niñas que cumplen cuatro (4) años para el primero (1) de Septiembre, 2001.

Kindergarten es para los niños o niñas que cumplen cinco (5) años para el primero (1) de Septiembre, 2001.

*Por favor traigan el certificado de nacimiento, tarjeta de Seguro Social, y tarjeta de vacunación de sus niños o niñas.



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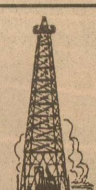
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Highway 277 South, Eldorado, TX
or call us at 915-853-2553 for more information



PUBLIC NOTICE
SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD
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For the 2001-2002 School Year

Applications are available at the SCISD Administration Office, 205 Fields, Eldorado, Texas; Phone 915-853-2514, Ext. 221.

For more information contact, Bob Wanoreck, Principal

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Card of Thanks

Nuevos Amigos members Virgilio Escobar, Danny Sanchez, Juanita Huichapa, Luis Munoz and LeAnn Martinez would like to thank all the people who bought raffle tickets for the king size blanket. This made our San Fransico trip a reality! The lucky winner of the king size blanket was Jim Holley!

Notice of Public Hearing

The Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on **Tuesday, May 29, 2001 at 12:00 p.m.**, at the **Office of the Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado 801 East Street Eldorado, TX** to receive comments on the Annual and 5 Year Plan for the Housing Authority of the City of Eldorado.

All documents are on display at the office of the Housing Authority, 801 East Street Eldorado, TX 76936. Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon.

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Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 79711 (Phone 512/ 463-6792).

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NOTICE

Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be accepting applications for a **Swimming Pool Operator who will lease, maintain and operate the Schleicher County Swimming Pool for the Summer of 2001.** Applications submitted to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be received until 10:00 a.m. April 9, 2001. Contact Schleicher Co. Judge Johnny Griffin, for more information at (915) 853-2766. EOE

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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Ashby Ragsdale, Melissa Gonzales and Evan Joiner. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the trio on March 30th, they were performing as clowns in the 14th Annual First Grade Rodeo.

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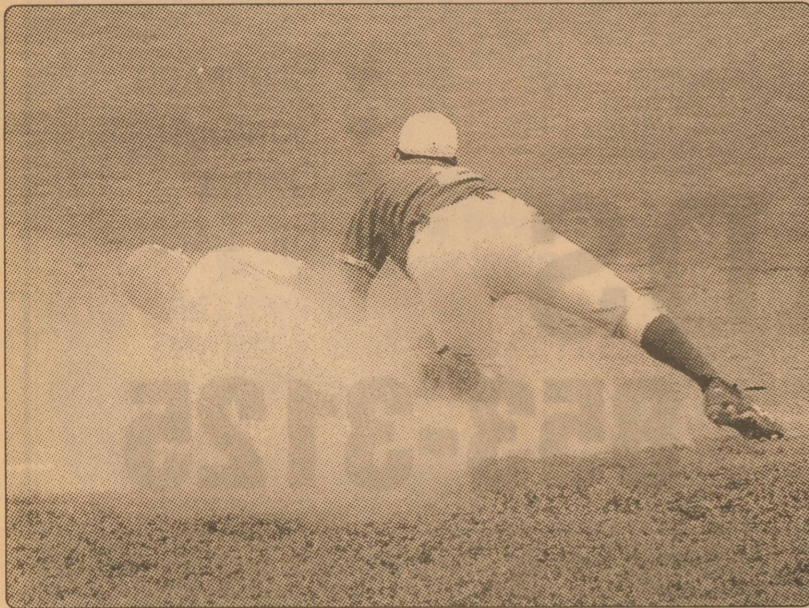
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He's safe — Rocky Robles slid in safe under the tag at third as the Eagles defeated the Mason Punchers 12-2 in a run-rule game on Mason's home diamond.

Eagles split pair on diamond to finish 1st round of loop play

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Baseball Team went 1 and 1 last week in loop play. The Eagles lost a heart breaker to Sonora in the bottom of the seventh, then traveled to Mason last Friday and won under the lights. These two games finished the first round of district play for the Eagles. Eldorado finds itself in third place with 5 games remaining in regular season. In the second half, Eldorado will travel to Wall, Sonora, and Junction, and will host Grape Creek and Mason. Every game is very important if the Eagles want to make the post season.

On April 3rd, the Eagles hosted the league leading Sonora Broncos at Eagle Field. The Eagles quickly jumped out to a 6 to 2 lead in two innings of the ball game. The Eagles bats then went silent as they failed to score another run in the contest. Sonora had 2 home runs and slowly chipped away at the Eagle lead, taking the win in the top of the seventh. EHS failed to answer in their half of the inning and came up on the short end of a 7 to 6 score. The loss put the Eagles in a tie for third place with Mason at 2 and 2.

Offensively for EHS it was a long day. Eldorado only managed 5 hits on the day. Will Robledo had 2 singles. Ramon Barajas, Rocky Robles, and Jimmy Aguilar each had a single. Sonora pitching kept the Eldorado bats at bay most of the ball game.

Mike Adame went 6 1/3 innings for the Eagles giving up 9 hits, 7 runs, 3 walks. Adame had 2 K's on the day. Homer Hernandez came in for the final two outs of the game. After the game, Coach Ronnie Molina commented on the Eagle pitching, "Mike has pitched well enough his last two starts to get the win, however, we need to

get him offensive help."

Molina continued, "Our bats went silent in the final 5 innings and that was the difference in the game. Sonora's pitcher had a lot to do with that and pitched a fine game. Every game is extremely important from here to the finish."

Last Friday, Eldorado traveled to Mason to take on the Punchers in a game under the lights. This was an important game as both teams were tied for third place. Eldorado came out on top and won the game 12 to 2 in a "run rule" shortened contest. Manuel Hernandez got the win on the mound for the Eagles.

EHS only trailed once in the contest as they scored one run in the first while Mason got 2. After that, it was all Eldorado. The Eagles got 2 in the second, 6 in the third, 2 in the fourth, and 1 in the fifth for the win. Mason never got a runner beyond second base after the first inning. It was a convincing win for the Eldorado nine.

Offensively, Eldorado blasted the Mason pitching, Robledo, Barajas (2), John Ray Espinosa, Robles (2), Jason Brock (2), Jimmy Aguilar, Hernandez (2), and Adame (2) had one baggers. Espinosa had a double and Hernandez had a triple.

Hernandez took the hill for the Eagles and got the win. Manuel allowed only 1 hit during the game and gave up 3 walks and a home run. He had 8 K's on the night. Molina on Hernandez, "what a great game, only gave up one hit all night and got three hits himself."

The win gives the Eagles sole possession of third place. After the game, Molina said, "This was a must win for us. These young men came into the game intense and executed perfectly. This was a team win."



Here, you take it — Allison Reynolds took the baton from Micaela Gonzalez last Friday in the 7th grade girls 400 Meter Relay at the District 2-2A Middle School Track Meet in Mason. The girls and their teammates, Kali Roberts and Rachel Joiner placed 2nd in the event.

Ozona Junior High Relays

March 31, 2001

1600 Meter Relay: 1st, Andy Mejia, Patrick Chavez, Nestor Hernandez, and Jeremy Ussery, time 4:23.75.
110 Meter Hurdles: 5th, Michael Ballew, 21.04.
300 Meter Hurdles: 5th Michael Ballew, 54.29 and 6th, Frank Edmiston 54.72.
Shot Put: 2nd, Kyle Taylor, 35' 1/2" and 4th Frank Wipff, 33' 1/4".
Discus: 3rd, Kyle Taylor, 91' 2".
Triple Jump: 5th, Patrick Chavez, 29' 5/2".
High Jump: 2nd, Jeremy Ussery, 4' 8" and 5th, Caleb Nixon, 4' 6".
Pole Vault: 6th, Nestor Hernandez, 7' 0".

**8th Grade Boys
6th Place Team Score 42**
100 Meter Dash: 4th, Tony Garcia, 12:63.
200 Meter Dash: 4th, Tony Garcia, 25:96.
800 Meter Dash: 5th, Norberto Moya, 2:33.49.
1600 Meter Run: 3rd, Eric Garcia, 5:32.90 and 6th, Norberto Moya, 5:52.24.
400 Meter Relay: 5th, Eric Garcia, Tony Garcia, Kolby Dombroski, Bryce Leggett, time 52.15.
110 Meter Hurdles: 6th, Kolby Dombroski, 21.28.
Shot Put: 4th, Joey Hernandez, 36' 6".
Discus: 4th, Joey Hernandez, 115' 5/2".
Pole Vault: 1st, Lance Roberts, 9' 6".

**7th Grade Boys
3rd Place Team Score 109.50.**
100 Meter Dash: 6th, Nestor Hernandez, 14.05.
200 Meter Dash: 1st, Kyle Taylor, 27.95.
400 Meter Dash: 4th, Caleb Nixon, 1:07.33 and 5th, Patrick Chavez, 1:08.18..
2400 Meter Run: 2nd, Jeremy Ussery, 9:35.27.
400 Meter Relay: 2nd, Andy Mejia, Kyle Taylor, Nestor Hernandez, Frank Edmiston, 53.42..

NOTICE School Board Cancels Election

Schleicher County ISD trustees met Monday April 9, 2001 and officially canceled the May 5th trustee election. The move was made possible when Kurtis Homer and Berta Nicholson were the only candidates to file for the two open seats. The school trustees were notified that no candidates had filed to run as a write-in and they officially declared the election of Homer and Nicholson.

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Are other exemptions available?

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Do I have to apply each year?

No. If you had a homestead exemption on your home in 2000, you won't need to reapply for 2001 unless your chief appraiser requires it. However, if you haven't received an exemption on your present home—or if you've moved to a new home—you'll need to file for an exemption for 2001. If you are 65 this year, you may file for the over-65 exemption up to one year after the date you turned 65. And if you became disabled during 2000, you need to file for the disabled person's exemption.

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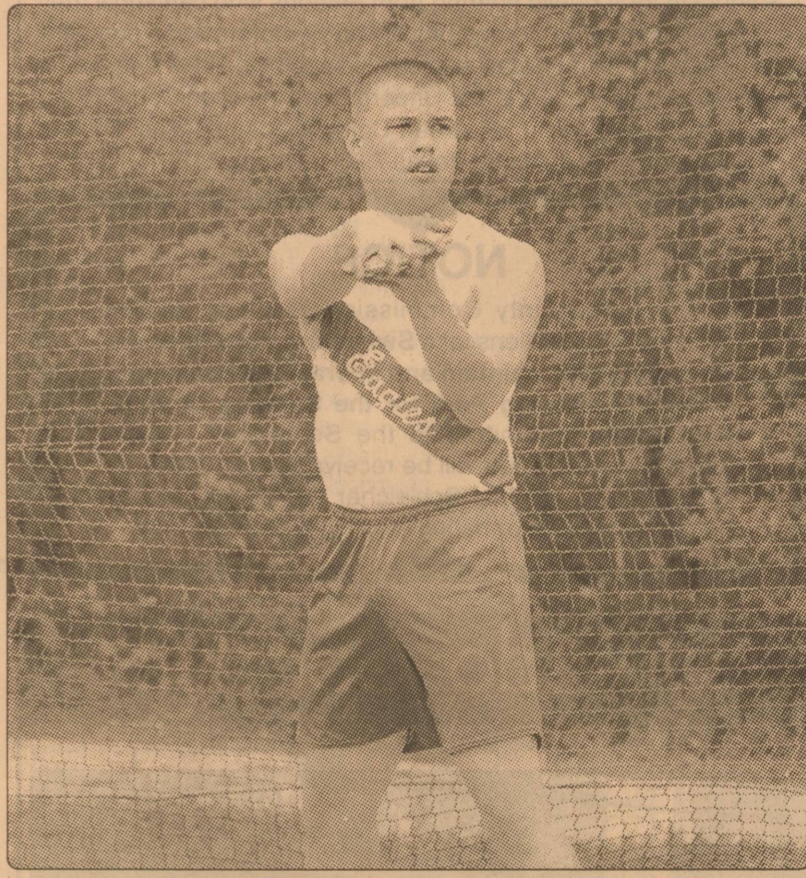
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Primed and ready — Kyle Taylor placed 1st in the 7th grade boys Discus at the District 2-2A Middle School track meet in Mason last Friday. He threw 103-1.5.



Personal Best — Lance Roberts cleared 10-6 to take 2nd Place in the 8th grade boys Pole Vault at the District 2-2A Middle School track meet in Mason last Friday. The vault was his personal best.