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County rules out construction of Civic Center

ADA concerns shift focus to need for courthouse annex

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County will not be constructing a new Civic Center. That word came Monday after County Commissioners met with members of a committee tasked with investigating options for the proposed facility. Brian Edmiston and Nancy Lester estimated that the price tag for a new Civic Center would exceed \$1.1 million, including design and construction costs.

Contributing to the decision was Schleicher County's erratic tax base, which is heavily dependent on the oil and gas production. It was estimated that, at current property values, a tax increase of 4.8¢, over a 20-year period, would be required to pay for construction of a Civic Center. If property values decline due to a dip in oil and gas prices, then a higher tax rate would be required to meet the obligation.

Edmiston and Lester noted their committee had studied the recently completed Civic Centers in Sonora and Garden City. Their research revealed that the Garden City facility was to cost \$850,000, however by the time the construction began, it was determined that an additional \$110,000 would be required to complete the center as it had been originally planned. Officials in Glasscock County were then required to reduce amenities in the facility in order to keep the cost within the amount approved in a bond election.

The facility in Sonora cost \$1,125,000.00 to construct. It was noted that a major portion of that amount was underwritten by contributions from local foundations, individuals and corporations. The cost to the taxpayer for construction of the center was minimal. However, the cost of operation and maintenance has become a big

ticket expense. It was estimated that the Sonora Civic Center requires \$50,000 to \$60,000 per year to operate.

Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin each expressed doubts about the wisdom of Schleicher County taking on such a debt. Judge Johnny Griffin agreed, saying that the county cannot afford a Civic Center at this time. Edmiston and Lester told the court that their committee had reached much the same conclusion.

Even as commissioners were backing away from construction of a new Civic Center, word came that the County Courthouse, constructed in 1923, is not in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). County Attorney Marian Overstreet notified the commissioners by letter that the courthouse does not meet ADA standards. The building's courtroom, as well as several offices are located on upper floors of the three-story structure, which does not have an elevator. Therefore the rooms are not handicapped accessible.

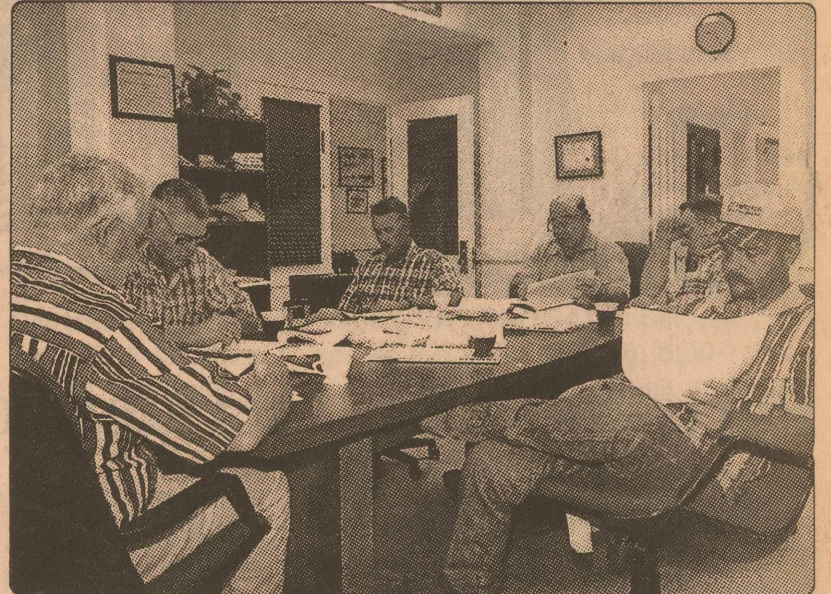
Overstreet's letter was official confirmation of a problem that the commissioners have long known about and have often discussed. The solution is not simple, however. If the county does nothing, then it risks a lawsuit under the ADA, a suit which most agree the

county would lose. A second alternative is to squeeze and elevator into the already cramped courthouse. Another possibility is to build a courthouse annex or possibly an entirely new courthouse. Each of the options carry could be expensive.

In other business, the commissioners agreed to continue negotiations with Schleicher County ISD trustees concerning the possibility of trading a county-owned baseball field for the school's agriculture building and show barns. As reported in previous editions of the Success, discussions between the two governmental entities began when County Judge Johnny Griffin appeared at a school board meeting to propose the swap.

If such a deal is successful, ownership of the newly reconstructed Ag Building would be transferred to the county. That would address some of the concerns expressed by the Schleicher County Game Dinner Association. The group holds its annual game dinner in the facility, however, since the building is owned by the school, state law prohibits allowing alcohol on the premises. There have also been concerns about the guns which are raffled away each year at the game dinners, since it is unlawful to have a firearm on school property.

In other business the commissioners approved the minutes of



Looking at the numbers — Brian Edmiston delivered a committee report to Schleicher County Commissioners Monday concerning the possibility of building a Civic Center in Eldorado. The committee, which was asked to investigate the issue and report back to the county, concluded that a Civic Center isn't feasible at this time. Pictured above are (L-R) Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Ross Whitten and Kirk Griffin, Brian Edmiston, and Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark.

2 year-old boy hospitalized after being hit by truck

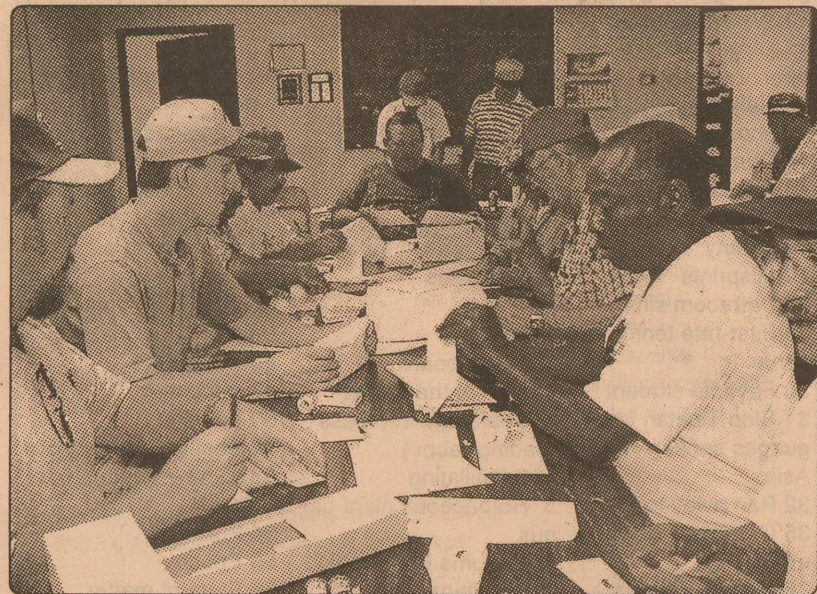
A 2 year-old Eldorado boy was hospitalized Monday night after being hit by a truck near the intersection of Paseo de Vaca and Del Rio Streets. The Sheriff's Department dispatcher was notified at 9:22 p.m. by Schleicher County Medical Center personnel that the boy had been brought to the hospital emergency room. Deputy David Oliván and DPS Trooper Robert Bybee went to the hospital to investigate the incident.

According to investigators, the boy's grandmother was purchasing snow cones for her grandson, and several other children, from a snow cone truck parked near the

intersection. The accident reportedly occurred when a Ford F-450 truck, driven by David Smith, 44, of Christoval, struck the boy in the roadway near the snow cone truck. The Ford truck was registered to Universal Compression, Inc. of Houston, Texas.

The injured boy was taken to Schleicher County Medical Center by private vehicle. He was then transported by EMS ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where he remains hospitalized in undisclosed condition.

Trooper Robert Bybee took charge of the case and an investigation into the accident continues.



Associate Membership Drive — Eldorado Volunteer Firefighters addressed and stuffed envelopes Tuesday night as they prepared for their Associate Membership Drive. Donations received through the drive will help defray some of the costs of maintaining and operating the department's last drive was so successful that it wasn't necessary to hold one in 2000. The firefighters hope this year's drive will be just as successful and ask everyone who can to please donate.

School considers changing its single member district plan

by Kathy Mankin

A number of Hispanic citizens were invited attend a public hearing at the school Monday night as SCISD trustees considered options for redistricting after the 2000 Census. It was noted that the Census has revealed a population growth in Single Member District (SMD) 7 while SMD 2 experienced a significant decline in population. The shift was dramatic enough to require the school to redraw its district lines in order to comply with the "one person, one vote" principal established by the U.S. Constitution.

It was explained that sixty Hispanic families received letters, inviting them to attend the hearing, since SMD 7 and 2 are predominantly Hispanic districts. The letter stated, "Barring unusual circumstances, the Board will hear all reports and conduct off of its re-

districting business in the open session of our board meetings, rather than in the closed session." State law allows governing bodies, such as school boards, to discuss a very limited range of issues out of the public view. However, by law, all action must be taken in open session.

Among those invited who attended the meeting were Marie and Ernest Barrera, Rojelio Adame, Tony Martinez, David Robledo, Victor Belman, Reyes Robledo, and Ilse Williams.

It was explained that SMD 7, the most populous district, exceeds the population of the least populated district 14.32 percent. That is greater than the ten percent differential which courts have recognized in recent years as being acceptable for local governments. It is this 10 percent rule that

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Thief grabs school car

A 1999 Ford Taurus belonging to Schleicher County ISD was stolen last week after a thief broke into the school's vehicle storage facility on West Fields Street. The car, white in color, had a round, green and white SCISD decals on its doors.

Sheriff David Doran, who investigated the theft, told the Success that a thief or thieves gained access to the school's storage yard sometime between 11:00 a.m. on July 4th and 6:45 a.m. on July 5th. School employee Oscar Martinez discovered the theft and notified the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Doran said he cannot be certain whether the lock was broken or opened with a key since the lock is missing, too. Doran further noted that the car's keys had been left in the vehicle.

SCISD Superintendent George Blanch said the car was insured against theft and that the insurance company had already been notified. Blanch further noted that he had ordered changes in procedures for maintaining keys for the district's various vehicles.

Sheriff Doran asks that anyone with information about the theft contact his office at 853-2737.

City council meets, accepts Lux's resignation

by Pat Ragsdale

In a letter to Mayor John Nikolauk and her fellow council members, Sherry Lux resigned her City Council seat Monday night. Lux cited health problems and advice of her physician as her reasons for the resignation. After reading the letter aloud, Mayor Nikolauk praised Lux's faithfulness and her devotion to the citizens of Eldorado. He expressed concern for her recovery and encouraged prayers Lux's behalf. At that point the council voted to reluctantly accept Lux's resignation.

The meeting was the city council's regular monthly session. It was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Nikolauk. Council members Toni Sudduth, Robert Bybee, Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez were present. Council member Tommy Minor was absent.

Among other business, the council met with Connie Andrews, owner of Mittel Insurance, about problems with the brick sidewalk in front of her business on South Main Street. Andrews noted that some of the brick pavers on the sidewalk, installed during the city's Centennial in 1995, had begun to settle. She asked about procedures for repairing sidewalks and said that she would have the work done if the council would agree.

A subsequent discussion revealed that individual property owners are responsible for maintenance

of the sidewalks adjoining their property. By consensus the council authorized Andrews to repair the walk in front of her business.

Next, the council took up discussion of a request, from the Way Off-Broadway Players theater group, for permission to install a doorway in the side of the theater, opening into the city's Gentry Park on South Main Street. The council expressed no objections, provided the intent of the door was to provide additional fire escape routes from the theater.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean then reported that the city's personnel were spread "pretty thin" due to several of the employees leaving to take jobs in the oilfield. Dean noted that excavation work at the landfill was being hindered by the shortage of workers. He added, however, that the use of the county's bulldozer in recent days had helped to relieve some of the work load.

Dean also reported on continuing compliance problems at the city's sewer plant. Concerning that

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Street repairs in progress — Crews from Seidel Construction began street repairs on West Avenue last week. Paving and repair work will continue through the summer in the north west and north parts of town.

A hundred years is a long, long time



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Meanwhile, back in the United States, President William McKinley was assassinated in Buffalo, New York, by an anarchist named Leon Czolgosz. Vice President Theodore Roosevelt ascended to the presidency, and became one of the most beloved presidents in U.S. history.

Other things were going on around the world. Down Under, the nation of Australia was founded in 1901. In China the Boxer Rebellion ended and in South Africa the Boer War was winding down. But, the Boers would begin a guerilla war that year, and that war would be a thorn in the side of the British empire until the end of World War I.

Here in Eldorado, A.B. Prior was elected as the first Judge of Schleicher County. The first Commissioners Court consisted of John Rae, C.C. Yaws, W.D. Ake and James Garrett. Mr. C.C. Doty, the man who drilled the first water well in the area, was elected to be the first Tax Assessor of Schleicher County.

Also in 1901, two brothers from Ohio, Orville and Wilbur Wright, successfully tested a glider on the sand hills at Kittyhawk, North Carolina. Two years later, they figured out how to bolt an engine to the thing and managed the world's first powered flight.

Back in Schleicher County, folks were more concerned with down to earth things. Things like constructing church buildings, planning a new courthouse and setting up a school. Of course, the could read all about it in their local newspaper. And...they still can!

time machine and plopped down on Main Street in Eldorado in 1901?

First of all, the word plopped is more appropriate than you might think, since none of Eldorado's streets had been paved and open cesspools were the preferred way of handling sewage. I say preferred since most of the residents of Eldorado still used outhouses at that time.

What else was happening in 1901, Well, in England they were mourning the death of Queen Victoria. She died on January 22 at the age of 82. Her son and successor was at her side. So was her grandson, the future Kaiser of Germany. A few years later these two men would lead the world into World War I. In all, six Schleicher County boys would die in that war. Many of them were living in Eldorado in 1901.

Also in 1901, the Socialist Revolutionary Party was founded in Russia. Although many of the group's leaders were jailed by Czar Nicholas' police, the tiny party evolved into the now famous Bolshevik movement that managed to overthrow the Russian government and launch the Communist party.

This week the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Two weeks later, Schleicher County turns 100. In September, First Baptist Church of Eldorado will celebrate its 100th Anniversary and in October the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ, formerly known as the Rock Church of Christ, will celebrate its 100th birthday, as well.

Let's see, something else happened in 1901, what was it? Oh, yeah! The first edition of the Eldorado Paper, later renamed The Eldorado Success, rolled off the press, right here on South Main Street.

During the ensuing years, a lot of things have happened here in Eldorado and around the world. So many things, in fact, that the founders of this place probably wouldn't recognize the Eldorado we know today.

But, would any of us fare any better if we were scooped up by a

state, but previous movements never got very far.

What made the difference this time was the North American Free Trade Agreement and the resulting increase in commerce between the U.S. and Mexico. In addition to pointing to potential economic benefits, proponents of a West Texas trade corridor to Mexico had new ammunition: Such a route will take pressure off congested I-35, a transportation artery that has more trucks than the Mississippi ever had riverboats.

Starting at Laredo and moving north, the route approved on June 28 will go along U.S. 83 and U.S. 277 through Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Sonora, and Eldorado, along U.S. 87 from San Angelo through Sterling City, Big Spring and Lamesa to Lubbock and along I-27 from Lubbock to Amarillo. From Amarillo, the route would follow U.S. 87/287 to Dumas.

Though now known as the Ports-to-Plains route, what the route will be called is not nearly as important to those involved in promoting it as what it will be—four lanes of asphalt tying together Denver and Mexico.

"Our mood is one of elation," said Kevin Evans, president of the Lubbock-based Ports-to-Plains Coalition. "But now the work really begins. We've got to muster our membership to support the various departments of transportation

involved to find funding."

Indeed, the Transportation Commission's action only had to do with route approval, not money.

"Right now there is no money for any construction," said Transportation Department spokesman Randall Dillard. "The next step will be to seek funding in the federal transportation bill."

As it stands now, Evans said, it could take 20 years for the route to become a reality.

"But that can be shortened," he said.

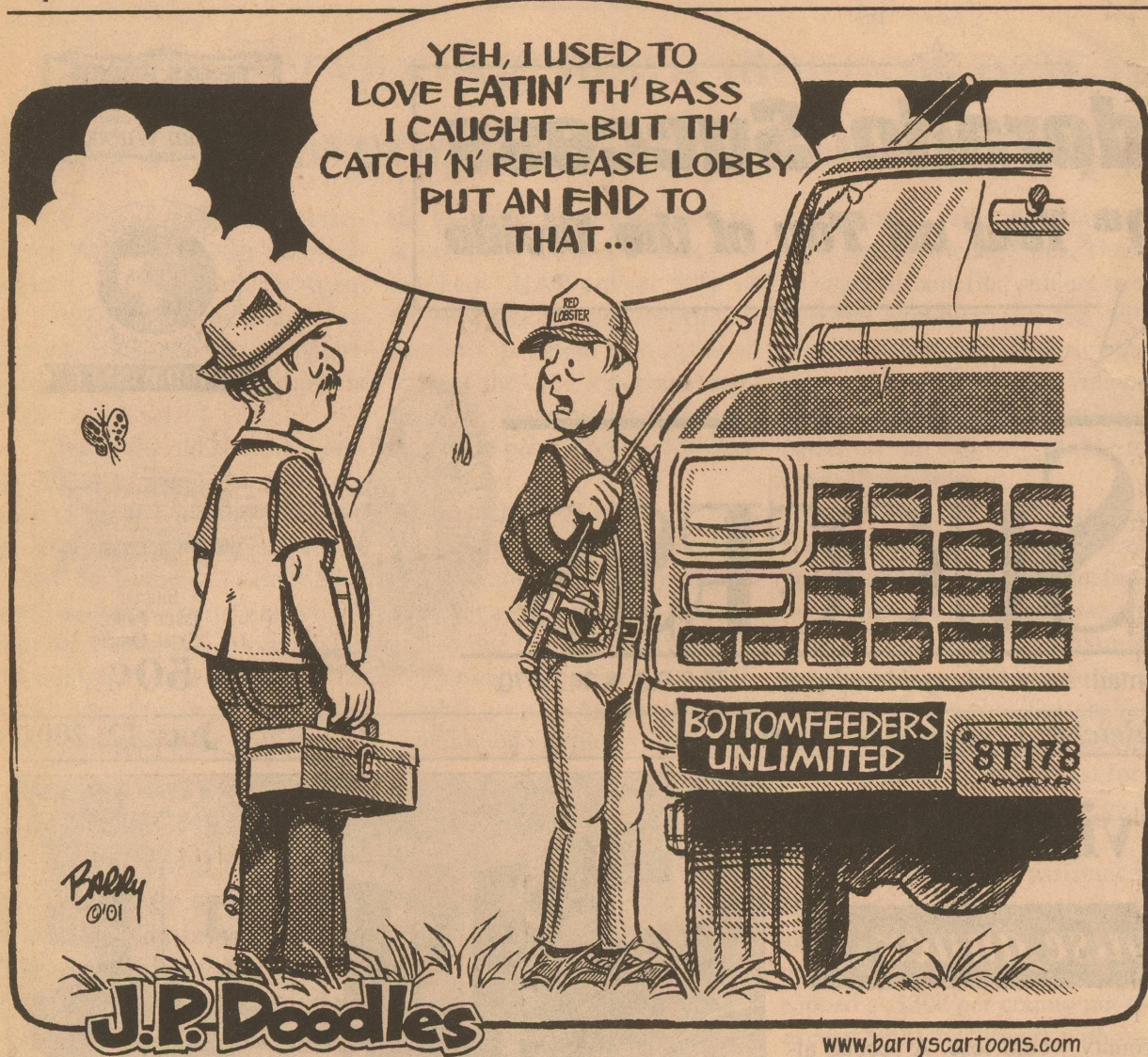
For some West Texas towns, two decades will be a long wait for the economic boost the improved roadway would bring.

"Most people here think it will be a good thing," said Randy Mankin, city administrator in Eldorado. "If the town is bypassed, we don't know what effect that would have, but missing us by a quarter of a mile is better than 50 miles."

As it is now, U.S. 277 runs through the middle of Eldorado. But despite that, the city and county both lost population in the 2000 census.

The Ports to Plains route will do for Eldorado what it will for all the towns and cities along the corridor: Bring increased traffic, from commercial to recreational.

For more detail on the Ports-To-Plains project, check out the coalition's website at www.ports-to-plains.com.



Ports-to-Plains corridor could be route to prosperity

AUSTIN—Interstate 35, which splits Texas down the middle from the Red River to the Rio Grande, often is called the state's Mississippi.

It will be years before it is a reality, but a major step has been taken to provide Texas with another asphalt "river" that could be as vitalizing to the state as I-35.

The three-member Texas Transportation Commission has approved the route for the projected Ports-to-Plains trade corridor, a route that will connect West Texas in the same way that I-35 ties together the state's midsection.



State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

Though the big picture is the connection of Denver with Laredo, most of the mileage—830 miles to be exact—is in Texas. The northern leg of the route is yet to be finalized, but it definitely will traverse Oklahoma and Colorado and possibly New Mexico.

West Texans have dreamed for years of a better route to move north south across their part of the



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The Folklife Festival is what it used to be

I go to the Folklife Festival in San Antonio every couple of years to do interviews and see what's new. I have a bunch of friends in the "Back 40" section of the complex and hang out there. That area hasn't changed much during the 30 years the festival has been going. Bill Brett is still there making ropes out of horsehair. Rowdy Pate is there working with rawhide. Delbert Brewster does his scrimshaw on cowhorns and antlers. Jim Stevens is decorating black powder rifles. And Cowboy Williams is there talking about his hog dogs.

These people take a week out of their lives every year and go to San Antonio and spend very long days in the hot sun demonstrating their crafts. For them, the friendships developed over the thirty years have become like family and they go for the annual reunion. They go because they want to. And because they've done it for thirty years and it's become a habit for them. They wouldn't dare miss a chance to go to the festival.

I enjoy visiting with my friends at the festival. But I don't see many new faces. I see some who are children or grandchildren of some of the original exhibitors. But I don't see many who are there on their own, just starting out in the folk-life business. And that's a shame. Young people need to be learning their cultural heritage and pioneer crafts if this type of demonstrating is to continue.

I certainly hand it to the people who have gone down there year after year. I was an ambassador, mas-

ter of ceremonies and storyteller at the festival for the first ten years, but became tired of the heat and the crowds, got busy doing other things and stopped being a participant. The festival is held on the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures, which is a part of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

The Festival was started in 1972 by Henderson Shuffler, an Odessa newspaper man who became director of the Institute. His idea was to bring representatives of every ethnic group in Texas and demonstrate their foods, games, dances and crafts. Forty countries are represented among the ten thousand participants who come from 100 cities and towns all over the state. The festival draws seventy thousand visitors every year.

Sausage is the most popular food item. The New Braunfels Wurstfest people annually bring eight thousand pounds of sausage to the festival. Participants pay their own way to San Antonio, but stay free of charge in hotels and motels around the city. They are given a small food allowance. The first festival in 1972 was funded by grants and donations, but since then it has been completely self sustaining. The sale of tickets, food and beverages brings in millions of dollars during the four day event each year. Proceeds support the festival's educational programs.

The first festival was held in September but the date was changed to August because of rain. It was later changed to June because of heat.

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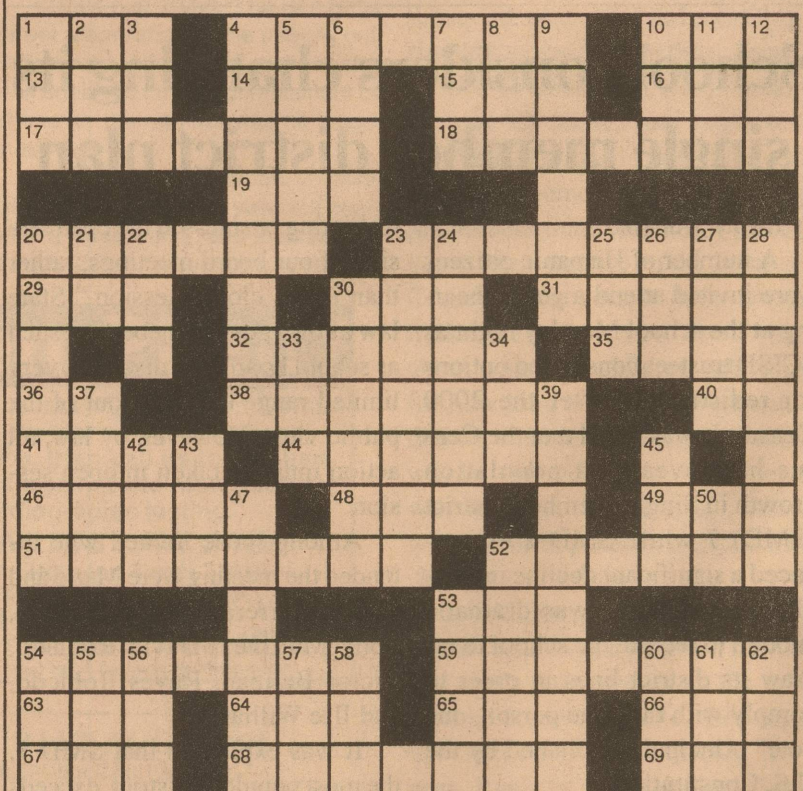
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Jeanette Henderson Wheeler

Jeanette Wheeler, 88, of San Angelo passed away Tuesday, July 10, 2001.

Service will be at 10 a.m. Friday, July 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado with the Rev. Janice Petty officiating. Interment will follow in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Jeanette was born Sept. 8, 1912, in Crowder, Okla. Early years were spent on a ranch in Texas. She graduated from Hockaday School in Dallas and later ranched for many years in Schleicher County at the headquarters ranch previously owned by her father, Tom Henderson. More recently, she resided in San Angelo.

She was preceded in death by a

brother, Lt. Tom R. Henderson Jr. and parents, Tom R. Henderson and Fern Ward Henderson. She also was preceded in death by her husband, Chester L. Wheeler in January 2001.

Survivors include her daughter, Ellen Kirk and husband, Wade, of San Angelo; a grandson, Mark Kirk of Palo Alto, Calif.; a sister, Jackie Napier of Eldorado; and a brother, Sam Henderson of Eldorado.

Pallbearers will be Harris Napier, Buddy Napier, Ben Napier, Sam Henderson Jr., Hunter Henderson and Forrest Henderson.

The family has requested that memorials be made to the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Jesus G. Arispe

ELDORADO — Jesus G. Arispe, 87, died Tuesday, July 10, 2001, at his residence. Graveside service will be at 10 a.m. Friday in Eldorado Cemetery with arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Maria G. Arispe; son, Baltazar Arispe

of Eldorado; daughters, Gloria Rosas of Santa Maria, Calif., Sisilia Castillo of Mountain Home, Elisa Gauna of Greeley, Colo., and Billie Mendoza and Lupe Mejia, both of Eldorado; brother, Miguel Arispe, and sister, Dominga Gonzales, both of Eldorado.

Morris E. Bricker

FORT WORTH — Morris E. Bricker, 88, paint and body shop manager for The Western Co. for 30 years, died Monday, July 2, 2001, in Fort Worth.

Funeral service was July 5, in The Drawing Room of Thompson's Harveson & Cole Funeral Home with Dr. Billie Hanks officiating. Burial followed in Wilder Cemetery in Naples, Texas.

Morris E. Bricker was born April 14, 1913, in Sonora. The Bricker family ranched in Sonora and the Eldorado area for many years. When Morris married Sibyl Harvey he was ranch foreman of the Upton Ranch in San Angelo. The Brickers were members of Ridglea Baptist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sibyl, on Jan. 13, 1989, their

Edmiston celebrate 100 years in Schleicher County

by Nell Edmiston

Over 100 persons attended the Edmiston Family Reunion in Eldorado recently. The family celebrated the 100th anniversary of the William Frank Edmiston family arriving in Eastern Schleicher County.

The festivities began with a potluck lunch Saturday, followed by golfing and other games and a leftover supper. On Sunday, everyone enjoyed barbeque made by Danny Halbert and Jerry Edmiston. Orval Edmiston was honored

as the oldest honoree and he promised to be at the next 10 reunions. His great-granddaughter, Riley Gene Pense of Llano, was honored as the youngest attendee.

In observance of the 100th anniversary, family members played a family trivia game with questions centered around the original family members. A lot of visiting and fun was had by all.

William Frank Edmiston and his wife Ellen came to Middle Valley in Easter Schleicher County in 1901. They paid \$1.00 an acre, \$32.00 a section down and forty years to pay at three percent interest. They raised seven children, Arch, Gratton, Gene, Frank Allyn "Bill", Sallie Lou Ellen, Ray Charles "Cutter" and Eddie Lee "Speck." Most became well known ranchers and several raised their families in Schleicher County as well.

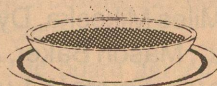
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An Explore Spanish class will be offered to teach 4 and 5 year olds Spanish in a fun and easy way. This is a summer activity for your kids to have fun and learn numbers, letters, colors and some songs along in Spanish.

The free class will be on August 1-3 at the Elementary School Library from 10:00 a.m. till 11:30 a.m.

The sponsor for this class will be Ilse Williams along with Lupe Huichapa. For more information please contact Ilse Williams at 853-2514 ext. 235 or Lupe Huichapa at 853-1115. (Es mejor saber dos lenguajes que nomas uno!) It's better to know two languages than only one!

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, July 16

King Ranch Chicken, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Carrot Salad, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

Tuesday, July 17

Roast Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Lettuce Leaf, Tomato Slices, Bread, Pea Salad, Peach Halves, Milk

Wednesday, July 18

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

Thursday, July 19

Chicken Fajitas Salad w/Cheese, Tomato Wedges and Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

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Eldorado's All-Stars complete post season play

10 year-olds win again, Seniors place 2nd

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Youth Baseball All Stars completed their 2001 campaign last weekend. The Majors and 10 Yr. Olds went to Brady and the Senior League (15/16's) finished the District 4 Little League Tournament in San Angelo.

The 10 Yr. Olds won their third consecutive tournament this weekend by cruising through with a 4 and 0 record. The Eldorado nine defeated Brady and San Saba twice for the victory. The All Stars hit

the ball well all tournament and played excellent in the field. Corey Roberts, J. Lynn Barajas, Milo Vallejo, and Rance Cathey all made the All-Tournament squad.

The Majors tied for 6th in the tournament. They defeated San Angelo Western 1 to 0 in the opening round, and then dropped a close game to Brady and Sonora. Russell Cathey and David Hernandez made the All Tournament team for their strong play.

The Senior League team placed second in the District 4 Tournament held in San Angelo. Eldorado came back and beat San Angelo Northern to earn their place in the Championship game and then dropped the final by 9 to 7 to Western. This team advanced further than any team in recent memory in the District 4 tournament.

This weekend concluded play for all of EYB's All-Stars.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Eldorado's Major League All-Stars are (Front L-R) Jorge Mata, Lalo Sanchez, Mark Bybee, Michael Redish, Manny Gonzalez, Logan Jones, Matthew Hill (Back L-R) J.P. Joiner, Sammy Estrada, Cash Lane, Russell Cathey, David Hernandez and Bryce Isaacs. Coach David Hill

Congratulations to the 2001 Eldorado All-Star teams

Minor League All-Stars

Plateau Classic - 3rd
Iraan Tourney - Runner-up
Participated in Big Lake and Ozona

J.R. Martinez*, Jonathan Belman*, Miles Mikeska, Dylan Dombroski*, Mason Baker, Anthony Mata, Garrett Lux*, Aubrey Martinez, Marty Powell, Joshua Jurecek, Dustin Ramos, Chris Whiddon*, Briley Ledbetter, Coached by Johnny Powell, Julian Martinez

10 Yr. Old All-Stars

Big Lake Tourney - 3rd
Plateau Classic - 1st
Junction Tourney - 1st
Brady Tourney - 1st

J. Lynn Barajas*, Kevin Dykstra*, Rance Cathey*, Wes Brown, Paul Martinez, Jonathan Mejia*, Josh Taylor, Milo Vallejo*, Corey Roberts*, David Tirado*

Major League All-Stars

Plateau Classic 3rd
Iraan Tourney - 4th

Participated in Big Lake, Ozona, and Brady

Russell Cathey*, Bryce Isaacs, David Hernandez*, Logan Jones, Cash Lane, Matthew Hill*, J.P. Joiner*, Manny Gonzalez, Michael Redish, Jorge Mata, Sammy Estrada, Lalo Sanchez, Mark Bybee, Coached by David Hill, Ricky Cathey, and Ricky Jones

Senior League All-Stars (15 and 16's)

Runner-Up District 4 Little League Tourney

Homer Hernandez, Pedro Hernandez, Phillip Martinez, Scottie Moore, Alan Dykstra, Ray David Buitron, Gus Figueroa, Marco Escobar, Virgilio Escobar, Frankie Arispe, Mike Adame, Travis Lively, John Paul Fuentes, Tony Chavez, Stephen Arispe, Coached by Donnie Fuentes, Ricky Huichapa

*Designates All-Tourney Selection in one or more Tournaments.

SCISD makes changes to Code of Conduct and Student Handbook

During the July 9 school board meeting the SCISD board of trustees adopted several changes to the Student Code of Conduct and Student Handbook for the upcoming 2001-2002 school year.

Changes made in the Student Handbook include:

On Page 8, Dress and Grooming Guidelines: Required are the following dress codes: Item (1) Hair should be kept clean and well groomed. Boy's hair cannot be below mid-ear on the side, below the eyebrow in front, or lower than the collar of a dress shirt in the back. Students shall not wear distracting hair colors or styles. Page 9, Item (6) Shorts are acceptable, but must meet appropriate length, target modesty, and be of a non-revealing fabric/style. No spandex and/or "biker" shorts are permitted unless worn under skirts or shorts that meet length specifications. Shorts and pants must be hemmed or with a sewn cuff. Dresses and shirts will be governed by the same length standard as shorts to ensure modesty. Clothes with fashionable rips, tears, holes, etc. are unacceptable. Skirts featuring high slashes or slits are not appropriate for school. The length test will be applied to the top of the slash/slit. Item (7) (Fingertip Rule) Shorts and skirts must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arm extended to the student's side.

Changes in the Student Conduct Handbook are on Pages 12

and 13, Item K Harassment. Harassment on the Basis of Race, Color Religion, National Origin or Disability. Students must not engage in harassment behaviors motivated by race, color, religion, national origin, or disability directed toward another student. A student who believes he or she has been harassed by another student or by a District employee is encouraged to report the incident to the principal or designee. The allegations will be investigated and addressed. The student or a parent may appeal the decision of the principal regarding the outcome of the investigation in accordance with policy FNB (LOCAL). Item N. PAGING DEVICES, including Cellular Telephones: Students shall not possess a paging device, including cellular telephones and personal audio-video devices while on school property or while attending a school-sponsored activity on or off school property, unless the student is in attendance in the capacity of an active member of a volunteer fire fighting organization or a volunteer emergency medical service organization. A "paging device" is a telecommunications device that emits an audible signal, vibrates, displays a message, or otherwise summons or delivers a communication to the possessor. Students may possess those devices in their automobile as long as school policies and instructions are being followed.

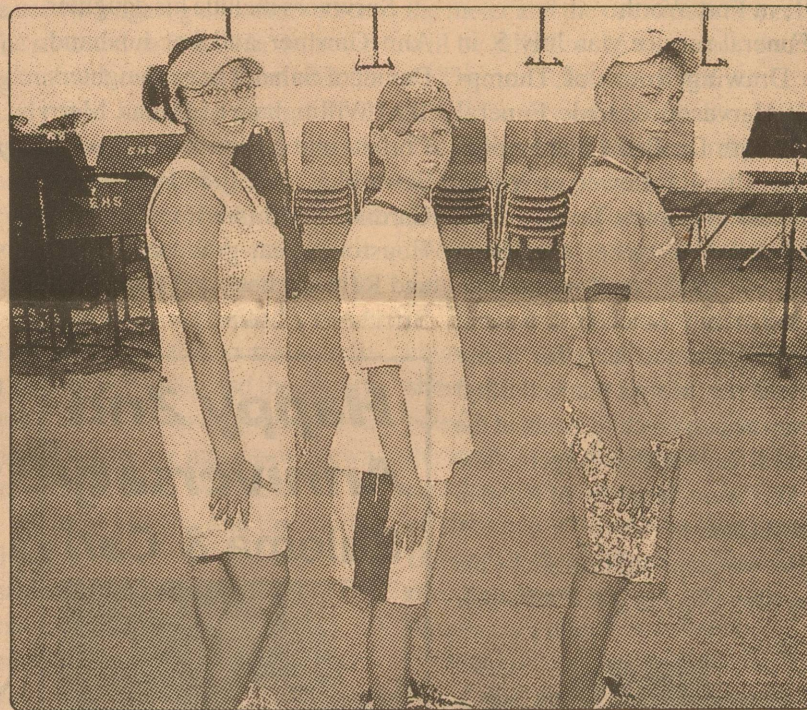


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
In compliance with the new rules — Selena Rojas, Michael Hill and Caleb Nixon demonstrate how SCISD's new rule about length of shorts and skirts will be enforced. According to the rule, a student's shorts or skirt must be longer than the tips of the fingers with the arm extended to the student's side.

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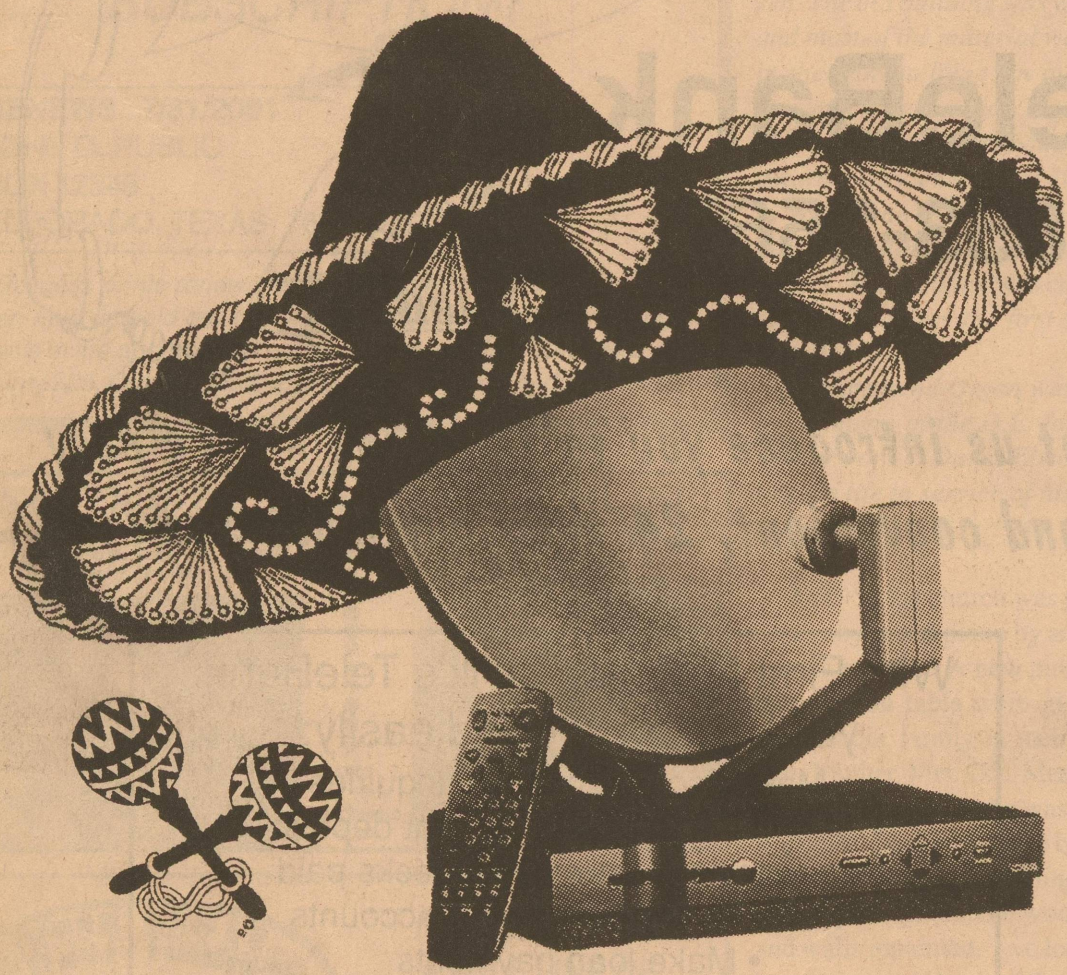


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Not all their cracked up to be — EHS tennis coach used a video tape Monday night to show school board members several cracks and low spots in the school's tennis courts. He proposed resurfacing four of the courts as a short-term solution. However, he asked the trustees to consider spending more money in the future to address the issue over the long-term.

School board handles a full agenda at monthly meeting

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday night in the High School Library. On hand for the meeting were trustees Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Jo Helen Kotsch, Sam Whitten, Jr. and Kurtis Homer. A public hearing concerning the school district's internet policy was held and Debbie Griffin, the high school librarian, explained the school's current policy. It was noted that the policy must comply with a new federal law titled the "Children Protection Act." The act states that items on the internet offered by the school and seen by children should be educational in nature.

Also, provided for the trustees' consideration was a nine page internet acceptable use policy. Students, school employees and members of the public who access the internet on the school's computers must adhere to the guidelines, Griffin stated. She noted that the school's internet connection is "filtered" and that websites like the World Wrestling Federation, that contain sexually explicit or offensive material are banned. Griffin noted that the WWF site was a popular one with middle school students last school year.

Debbie Griffin also updated the board on changes to the district's Distance Learning Policy. The policy covers use of the distance learning classroom and equipment. It was explained that the room will be made available for electronic field trips and staff development courses.

Griffin also reported on the library's summer reading program. She noted that the program had good participation. She further noted that a total of 158 are books missing from elementary, middle school and high school libraries. Of that total, 83 are missing from the high school library, and will cost the school \$1,400 to replace.

The board went behind closed doors to meet with the district's attorney, Sarah Leon. The agenda stated the purpose of the executive session as: "Discussion with attorney on purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property." After 55 minutes in the closed session, the board emerged into open session without taking action on the matter.

Next, the trustees adopted a resolution ordering redistricting and set the criteria to govern development of redistricting plans. Also adopted were guidelines for individuals who submit specific redistricting proposals.

It was noted that the trustees will take up the redistricting issue at their next meeting on August 13, 2001. See related story on Page 1

Tennis Coach Matt Rutherford then presented a lengthy report on the deteriorating condition of the school's tennis courts. He explained the conditions and outlined possible solutions.

Using a video, Rutherford showed the trustees raised cracks in several of the courts, as well as low spots that collect water and mold. He said these problems contribute to the generally poor condition of the courts. As a temporary solution, Rutherford recommended resurfacing the four main tennis courts. Those courts were built 25 years ago. He said that resurfacing is a short-term solution and will cost the district approximately \$12,000. In the longer term, Rutherford proposed replacing the courts with new ones constructed using a procedure called "Post Tension Concrete." He noted that this is an expensive overlaying project costing \$25,000 to \$35,000 per court.

The board agreed to consider Rutherford's request, stating that the matter would be considered as the budget for the next school year is developed.

Next, the board voted to renew their workers compensation insurance policy with the Texas Association of School Boards. The amount of the annual premium is \$34,233.00.

The trustees then approved changes to Student Code of Conduct, Student Handbook and Employee Handbook, as presented to the board by Coach Alan Gillespie. See related story on Page 4

Next, the board accepted a tentative 2001 planning calendar for setting a tax rate and adopting a budget. The budget must be in place by September 1st and the trustees will begin discussing the budget on July 30.

Superintendent George Blanch reported no changes in staffing. He noted that new Athletic Director Karl McCormack is currently interviewing for a high school baseball coach. Other vacancies are being delegated to other teachers.

The board also approved Superintendent Blanch's evaluation goals and objectives. Those goals include: overseeing the everyday business of the district and reimbursing the State for monies overpaid to SCISD in past years.

Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck then presented a proposal that Spanish be offered as an elective to students pre-School through 4th grade. He hoped to be able to offer an after-hours Spanish class. The board approved the program, however, final details will be set at a later date.

Rental fees for use of the school's agricultural show barn were discussed and approved by the board. The new rates will be \$20 per hour for the new side of the building, which has refrigerated air, and \$10 per hour for the old side with evaporative cooling. Both sides will rent for \$30 per hour with a deposit fee of \$300.00. The deposit fee will be returned if all the conditions set forth in the contract are met. A refrigerated air conditioning unit has been purchased for the old side and will be installed in the near future.

It was noted that the school received favorable results and no discrepancies in their English as a Second Language visit from the Texas Education Agency. The Schleicher County Appraisal District's 2002 budget will receive \$54,000 from the school district for their share of operating funds.

Preliminary numbers from the appraisal district reveal that the school will be able to raise the same amount of tax revenue as last year with a 5¢ lower tax rate. This due to the increase in property valuations in the district.

It was also explained that so far the school has paid back \$205,000 of the money the state overpaid to SCISD based on projected student enrollment in recent years. It was also noted that Provision II of the School Breakfast Program will not be implemented this year due to the arrival of a new dietician Vickie Williams, who took over the job of supervising the schools cafeteria on July 10th.

City wins argument with State over water towers

State regulators at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) notified the City of Eldorado by letter on Tuesday that the city will not be required to build a third water tower. In the letter Brenton L. Wade, Section Manager at TNRCC's San Angelo Region Office explained that he had met with Mayor John Nikolauk and City Administrator Randy Mankin about the issue and that the two men had provided him with documentation showing that the city was not exceeding state requirements for elevated storage.

New state guidelines require 100 gallons of elevated storage for each active service connection on the city's water distribution system. Currently, the city has two 50,000 gallon elevated storage tanks and 980 active connections, 20 fewer than allowed under the rules.

However, the 20 connection margin is in jeopardy as new customers move into town. City Administrator Randy Mankin reports that the city has established numerous new accounts in recent days. He said the surge in new customers coincides with an upturn in the area's oil and gas industry.

That may mean that the city's victory is short-lived. Also, TNRCC continues to insist that the city upgrade its pumping capacity at the 500,000 gallon ground storage tank on East Hill Street.

Mankin noted that the city is evaluating its pumping capacity at the storage facility and will report back to TNRCC by August 7.

School studies redistricting

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is essentially requiring the district to redraw its boundaries.

However, the trustees considered more than simply redrawing the district lines. They looked into abandoning the 7-single member district plan altogether and replacing it with a 4-3 plan, where four trustees are elected from single member districts while three others are elected at large. The board also considered a 5-2 plan.

It was noted that a change is being considered since, under the current plan, Hispanic candidates have failed to run for office and win election in the two predominately Hispanic districts.

During the hearing, some of the

citizens attending expressed support for the 5-2 plan. It was noted that members of the public may submit alternative plans for consideration, provided the alternate plans are complete, meaning that the plan addresses all seven of the current districts, and that the plan is in writing. Also, any plan submitted for consideration must follow the redistricting criteria previously adopted by the trustees. All plans must consider the current racial and ethnic makeup of a district and must not threaten to dilute racial or ethnic minority voting strength.

A public meeting is slated for August 13, 2001 for the purpose of officially adopting a redistricting plan.

County Commissioners meet

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the June 25 meeting. They learned from County Treasurer Karen Henderson that time clocks have been bought for use by county employees in the courthouse and at the county barn. The commissioners also okayed the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the purchase of chairs for the jury room.

Next, the commissioners voted to hire local attorney James Kosub to represent Schleicher County in a lawsuit between Eckerd's Drug and the West Texas Rural Counties Association (WTRCA). As reported in the June 21, 2001 edition of the Success, Eckerd's is suing WTRCA, its members and former members, including Schleicher County, for medical bills that the drug store chain says remain unpaid. WTRCA is a self-insurance pool to which Schleicher County once belonged.

The commissioners also discussed the need for Kosub to represent the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS and the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District, since both

of those groups were named in the suit, as well. Commissioner Johnny Mayo pointed out that the topic wasn't on the agenda. So, while the commissioners seemed to be inclined in favor of the measure, no formal action can be taken until the next meeting of the commissioners court.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then reported that she would have a complete list of election judges for approval of the commissioners at their next meeting. The men also approved transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Farm to Market Road Fund for purchase of fuel for the road department and sheriff's department.

A note of thanks was received from Coach Randy Mitchel concerning the county's assistance with a practice field for use by the girls softball program. A budget request from the Schleicher County Appraisal District was distributed in printed form and the county's bills were reviewed and ordered paid. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:

Once again the young people of Schleicher County have distinguished themselves.

Mr. Fryar's history class contacted all the veterans in Schleicher County then proceeded to interview us.

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First United Methodist Church celebrates 100th Anniversary

Editor's note: The First United Methodist Church of Eldorado is celebrating its 100th Anniversary this week. In honor of that milestone, the following excerpts from the church's history are reprinted here for your consideration. The complete article appeared the July 20, 2000 edition of the Success. To read the article in its entirety, and to see other information about the church, simply log on to myeldorado.net and follow the Methodist Church Anniversary link.

The Eldorado Methodist Church was the first religious group to organize in the new town Eldorado and the newly organized county of Schleicher. This took place in July 1901. For two years preceding the organization, 1899 and 1900, the Rev. J.N. Broyles, who was stationed at Sherwood, preached in Eldorado one Sunday in each month.

In the summer of 1901 Rev. Broyles was brought over from San Angelo in a big hack, the mode of travel at that time, to begin meeting in a temporary tabernacle on the ground just east of Main Street and south of the courthouse square about 600 feet. The Rev.

Broyles was assisted in the meeting by a Presbyterian minister, the Rev. Mobley. The meeting began on Saturday night, and on the following Tuesday the Rev. Nath Thompson of Ozona came over to assist in the meeting also. The meeting continued three weeks, and at the close the Methodist Church was organized. Rev. Broyles became its first pastor, the Rev. Theophilus Lee its first Presiding Elder, and the Rev. W.A. Chandler its first Bishop.

The first marriage placed on the register was that of Eckie Brooks and Jennie McKinney, and G. Harris and Rebeckie Stone. The first couple were married by judge Priour, and the second by Rev. Broyles; date, August 11, 1901.

The first infant baptisms recorded were those of Risto Stricklen, Robert, Willie and Herman Murchison. The dates of this baptism are all August 8, 1901, the Rev. Broyles performing the rite.

The church worshiped in the same building which was first built until 1924, when they built an annex to the building at a cost of \$2,800.00.

When the church was first organized it was placed on the Sonora Circuit, with the pastor living at Sonora, and remained that way until the close of Robert Payne's pastorate, which was in October, 1908.

On November 1, 1908, Rev. C.T. Davis became pastor. He only served a few months when the Rev. George A. Nance took his place, these two being the first resident pastors to serve the church.

Then the Eldorado Circuit was established, Christoval and Rudd

being served by the local pastor, and Eldorado having two Sundays of each month. The Eldorado Methodist parsonage was built in 1911 at a cost of \$2,800.00.

In 1920 when Mrs. Kate Robinson was 65 years of age, she gave sixty-five silver dollars to the Methodist Church to purchase a church bell. The bell is still being used in the present building.

After the church school became a Methodist school, C.C. Doty became its superintendent and A.T. Wright its secretary and treasurer. The First Christian church and the Presbyterian church remained with the Methodist Sunday School for several years, each of them using the building once a month for preaching services, while the Methodist pastor was away for two Sundays.

The Board of Christian Education was set up in February 1933, with the following members: Rev. W.H. Marshall, Mrs. E.C. Hill, Mrs. S.L. Wright, O.W. Smith, Mrs. W.E. Cloud, and A.T. Wright. Mrs. E.C. Hill being chairman, of the board, and A.T. Wright, secretary. This organization found a needed field, and its work has proven very beneficial to the church.

HISTORY OF THE METHODIST CHURCH FROM 1936 TO 1951

Prepared by Mrs. Ernest C. Hill and Mrs. V. G. Tisdale

At the end of the pastorate of Rev. P.S. Connell in October 1936, Rev. W.B. Wheeler was appointed as Pastor. There had been a growing concern about the need of a new church building and with this project in mind an exchange of pastors was effected in the Spring of 1937 where by Rev. Wheeler took the pastorate at Miles, Texas, and the pastor there, Rev. J.W. Leggett was transferred to Eldorado. Rev. Leggett was not known in Eldorado as he was the nephew of Mrs. C.L. Meador, Sr. Soon after Rev. Leggett assumed the pastorate, plans for a new building began to take shape.

By a majority vote of the church, the site of the old church was sold to the public school for the sum of \$3,500.00 and a new location, the present one, was chosen. The old building was wrecked and most of the material was used in the new building. In quality it was much better than any of the new lumber that was bought. The contract was let on April 29, 1938 to W.E. Noah of Sweetwater, with Don W. Smith, of Sweetwater, architect. The building was completed and ready for the first service Oct. 9, 1938.

A Hammond Organ was given by members of the D.E. family in memory of Lt. David Elwert who lost his life in service of his country in the Pacific in 1943.

In 1951 the church was given a new baby grand piano by an anonymous member. A new pulpit and communion table were given by the Meador family in memory of their Mother, Mrs. C.L. Meador Sr. (or Aunt Mattie as she was usually called). New pews have been installed; tile put on the dining room and kitchen floors; the woodwork and walls repainted. Two lots have been purchased back of the church and in the near future it is hoped that more Sunday School rooms will be added.

HISTORY OF METHODIST CHURCH FROM 1951

Rev. Doyle Morton and his wife, Mary, served the church from 1952 to 1955. The parsonage underwent renovation while they were here.

It was while Doyle was pastor that the Educational Building was launched. At her passing, Mrs. D.E. left her car to be sold to start the Educational Building Fund.

Rev. M.C. Stearns and wife came to serve the church in June of 1955. Rev. Stearns was with us one year and our Educational Building was completed.

Rev. Russell R. Heaner and his wife, Dorothy, served the church from 1956 to 1960. Dorothy had been a missionary in La Paz, Bolivia, and India.

During the pastorate of Bro. Nyquist, the art glass windows were installed in the sanctuary. In June of 1962, our church had a homecoming and dedication of the debt free Educational Building and the fourteen beautiful art glass windows. Each of these windows was given as a memorial or in honor of loved ones or friends.

The church received air conditioning and heating in 1962. The church reached an all time enrollment at this time, approximately 370.

In 1968 a renovation program for the existing buildings took place. The church basement was partitioned for Sunday School rooms, a choir room, and church library. A heating and air-conditioning unit was installed to take care of the basement area. The Educational Building was also air-conditioned. Panelling, new lights, and new carpet were installed throughout the sanctuary, and a new ceiling installed in both the sanctuary and foyer.

Between 1971 and 1974 the Educational Building was painted inside and out. The parsonage had some renovation.

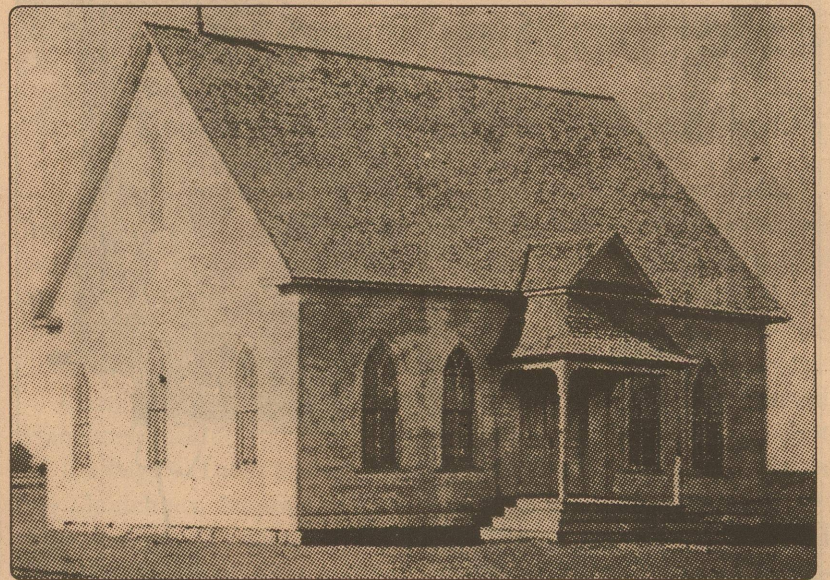
The second story of the parsonage underwent a complete renovation. The den was moved upstairs and both bedrooms and bath were completely redecorated. Also the parsonage received a new heating and cooling system.

Our church observed its 75th Anniversary in November of 1976.

The basement was remodeled during 1997-1999 to include an adult Sunday school class room, prayer room and library, and choir room. Walls were papered and painted and new carpet was installed. Improvements were made in the choir room in memory of Ruth Harper. Stained glass windows designed by Brenda Grenda of San Angelo were added to the prayer room in memory of Martha Lee Meador. The windows depict the love and peace found in Jesus Christ.

In 1999 the area between the sidewalk in front of the entrance to the sanctuary, and the curb and gutter of US 277 was redone. The church sold engraved bricks and granite Pavers. Church members (and non members) could have their names or the names of their families engraved on the bricks, and the Pavers were ideal for Bible verses. Also In 1999 the church installed a new PA system. This system cost just over \$3000.00 and was paid for by an anonymous member.

The First United Methodist Church is proud to serve and be a part of Eldorado, and the Christian Churches of Eldorado.



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City council meeting held

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Mayor Nikolauk and City Administrator Mankin noted that they had been studying the possibility using discharge water from the wastewater treatment plant to irrigate Schleicher County's golf course.

Nikolauk said he had briefly discussed the issue with County Judge Johnny Griffin and that the judge seemed to be agreeable to the idea. The mayor explained that it would be necessary to lay a pipeline from the wastewater plant, across town to the golf course. There, he said, the water could be stored in a pond, which could double as a water hazard. The water would then be pumped into the golf course's sprinkler system.

Nikolauk noted that wastewater is used to irrigate golf courses across the state and nation, even the newly completed course at Eden and the Lady Bird Johnson course at Fredericksburg. He said the idea would have three major benefits: 1) The city's wastewater plant would come into compliance with state guidelines; 2) The use of wastewater for irrigation purposes would provide ample water to the course at minimal cost to the club and the county; and 3) It would serve as a conservation measure by reusing wastewater and not using well water.

Randy Mankin told the council that the volume of garbage being hauled to the city's landfill by Duncan Disposal has increased by 60 percent. He explained that the company is now bringing trash from Junction and Menard in addition to Sonora, Ozona and Iraan. Mankin said that while the city will realize increased revenue from the additional garbage, it is requiring additional work at the landfill, which is having to be performed by a reduced number of city employees.

Mankin also noted that Seidel Construction had begun street repair work in town. Work is currently underway at the five-point intersection, just south of downtown. Street repair and paving will then move into the northwest and north portions of town. Mankin noted that paving at the city's recycling center must be carried out before July 31, since that project is being funded with a grant that expires on that day.

The council then reviewed and approved the minutes of the June 11 meeting. The city's tax report and financial reports were also reviewed and approved. An amendment to the city's budget was okayed, and funds were transferred within accounts so that the months bills could be paid. City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then distributed the city's quarterly investment report.

Mankin then updated the council on repairs made to the city's John Deere tractor. He noted the final invoice was \$9,168.25. Of that amount, Mankin estimated \$8,000.00 was due to damage the tractor received while being used by school personnel at the ag barn. He said the remainder was work he had ordered, such as replacement of the clutch and replacement of the radiator core, while the equipment was in the shop. As previously reported in this newspaper, the SCISD board of trustees voted to assist the city with the repair bill

and forwarded a \$2,000 check to the city. On Monday night, following a recommendation by Mayor Nikolauk, the council agreed to accept the \$2,000 check.

Work on replacement of a natural gas pipeline, serving six rural customers is underway. At a previous meeting, the customers along the line agreed to replace the line at their expense. On Monday night Randy Mankin asked for the council's guidance in preparing a service agreement between the city and the rural pipeline customers. The council set those terms as follows: 1) Upon completion of construction and testing, the line becomes the property of the city; 2) The city will maintain the line; 3) The city will place new meters on the line, however, any loss between the meter and the customers homes will be billed to the customer; and 4) The rural customers will not be billed for any other loss along the line, except that line loss may reflect a higher price to all city gas customers. The council agreed to allow attorney James Kosub law firm to prepare the contract.

Next, Randy Mankin told the council that more and more tires are showing up at the landfill. Mankin noted it is unlawful to place tires in the landfill and that the city strictly prohibits tires at the facility. However, the enclosed trash trucks from Duncan Disposal, as well as the city's own garbage truck, are hauling in tires that are placed in dumpsters.

Mankin said that the tires aren't found until the trucks have already departed and the garbage is being worked by the heavy equipment in the pit. Those tires are removed from the landfill, hauled to town and placed in the tire recycling trailer at City Hall. Mankin noted the last van-load of tires the city shipped to a recycler cost the city \$1,100. He said the price for the next load is set to increase by \$80. Mankin said that a weekly log is being maintained and that he plans to seek reimbursement from Duncan for the tires their trucks are bringing to the landfill.

A brief discussion then followed about possible routes the new Ports-to-Plains highway might take through town. Problems were noted with the proximity of the school to the US 277 as well as churches and businesses. Discussion then turned to alternate routes as well as the possibility of a bypass. It was noted that other communities along the route are already studying their options.

Next, the council voted unanimously to adopt the city's proposed redistricting plan. The plan makes minor adjustments to the city's three wards. A public hearing last month drew no comments about the plan and no alternate plans were proposed.

Before adjourning, the council authorized a letter of engagement with the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Featherston & Barr, for the purpose of conducting the city's annual audit. The council also called for bids for a pickup to replace one of the trucks in the city's utility department.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The council then took a brief tour of the recycling center, presently under construction behind City Hall.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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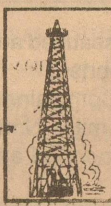
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Eldorado Spotlight



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"Unlike the old NAP, and other disaster programs that take time to implement, the new NAP program will provide immediate relief to farmers," said FSA's Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde county Executive Director Jan Wanoreck. "Appraisers will inspect the damaged crops, the County Committee will review

the claim and payments will be issued once the loss threshold is reached." NAP covers 50% of the producer's expected production at a payment rate equal to 55% of the crop's average market price. Benefits are limited to \$100,000 per crop year for each participant.

Since the 1995 crop year, FSA has offered NAP assistance for noninsurable crops each time a widespread catastrophic loss occurred due to damaging weather. Beginning with crop year 2001, availability of NAP benefits will be based on producers' individu-

al crop losses, rather than on losses occurring in a large area. These guaranteed benefits, subject to a minimal administrative fee, will provide risk protection during the time when crops are most vulnerable and will be individualized based on the farmer's ability to produce the crop.

NAP covers all noninsurable commercially grown crops produced for food and fiber, including honey, forage and grazing crops, turfgrass sod, Christmas trees, seed crops and aquaculture. Crops in Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County that would be eligible for NAP include wheat forage, oats forage and native pastures.

To be eligible for assistance, applicants must pay a nonrefundable administrative fee of \$100 per crop, per county. Fees are capped at \$300 per county not to exceed \$900 for farmers with interests in multiple counties.

Applicants are encouraged to provide prior years' production data to FSA to establish a documented yield history for loss calculations and payments. To be eligible for NAP, a farmer must have risk in producing the crop and must comply with a conservation plan. The applicant's gross income cannot exceed \$2 million.

FSA is currently accepting applications for NAP coverage for 2001 crops. Farmers who sustained weather-related crop damage to a 2001 NAP crop and timely reported acreage and losses may be eligible for coverage. The application period for 2001 crops will end 30 days after the Federal Regulations are published.

Producers with noninsurable crops should contact the Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County FSA office at 915-853-3535 for more information.

Sheep and Goat Raisers 86th annual convention slated for Kerrville July 19-21

KERRVILLE — The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association's 86th annual convention is set for Thursday through Saturday, July 19-21, at the Inn of the Hills here.

Thursday's activities begin with the sixth annual Goat Ropers Golf Tournament at 12:30 at Schreiner Municipal Golf Course. Registration will be open from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Inn's Medallion Center, followed at 6 p.m. by the Texas Scrapie Certification Board meeting and an informal reception in room 196 from 6:30 to 7 p.m.

The Texas Animal Damage Management Association will meet at 7 a.m. Friday, July 20, and the convention proper begins at 8:15 in the Medallion Center.

The Livestock Protection Committee meeting from 8:30 to 9:15 will feature Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Biologist Mary Humphrey, State Rep. Bob Turner, and USDA/APHIS Wildlife Services state director Gary Nunley.

The Natural Resources/Environmental Rights Committee meeting begins at 9:15 and includes a discussion of wind power by Randy Sowell, Texas Wind Power Co., as well as a discussion of water planning and recent related legislation by Cindy Cauley with the Plateau-Sutton Underground Water Conservation District.

The Tax and Labor Committee, meeting at 10:15, will hear from Rob Junell, chairman of the Texas House Appropriations Committee, on redistricting and brush control project updates. Rob Hosford, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association policy analyst, will report on the recent legislative session.

A variety of speakers will address the Wool and Mohair Marketing Committee at 10:45. ASI Wool Council member Gwynne Lundgren will report on the International Wool Trade Organization meeting in China; ASI Wool Council chairman Mike Jernigan will provide an overview of ASI's New Zealand/Australia fact-finding mission; Texas A&M wool and mohair lab director Dr. Chris Lupton will present slides on the New Zealand/Australia trip and discuss an equipment study; and Producers Marketing Co-op manager Dr. Ronald Pope will discuss consolidation of wool and mohair handling.

Keynote speaker for the noon lunch will be Guy Flora, Secretary/Treasurer of the American Sheep Industry Association.

The Lamb Marketing Committee will meet at 1:15 p.m., featuring Ranchers' Lamb of Texas president Wayne Snyder and other food industry representatives.

Beginning at 2 p.m., the Goat Meat Committee will hear from Mohair Council of America president Jack Groff, American Meat

Goat Association president Marvin Shurley, Ranchers' Lamb representative Justin Jonas, and American Boer Goat Association director Daryle Coates.

The Health and Product Development Committee will meet at 3 p.m. and hear about toxic plants from Dr. John Reagor of the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Lab, as well as scrapie regulations from USDA veterinarian Dr. Gary Svetlik.

A "confined animal feeding" workshop at 4 p.m. will present critical information on livestock feeding regulations that could affect virtually every producer member.

Evening activities include a poolside reception at 6 p.m., followed by the annual membership banquet at 7 p.m. and a dance from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Saturday's convention activities begin with the membership committee meeting at 9 a.m., a discussion of the wool and mohair marketing loan program at 9:30, and the General Resolutions Committee meeting at 10:30.

The general business session will follow, and the convention will conclude after the noon luncheon, keynoted by Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst.

The Women's Auxiliary executive board meeting will begin Saturday morning at 8:30, followed by the auxiliary's general meeting at 10 a.m.

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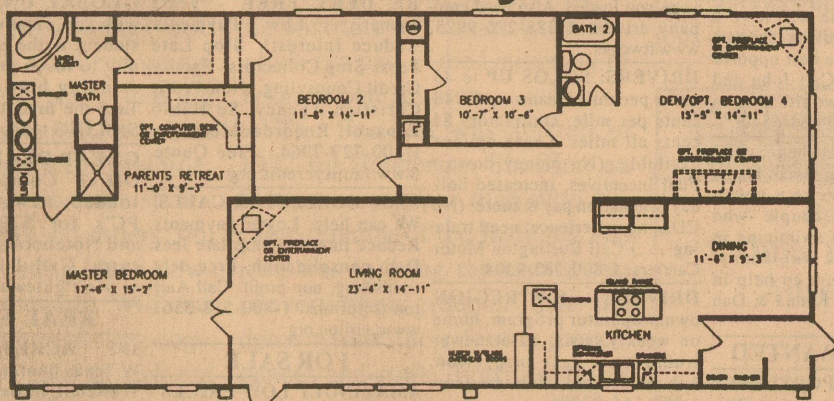
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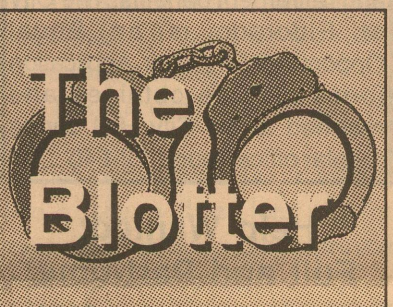
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ARRESTS

July 6 • Collett, Tammy Lee, female age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge Theft by Check, Class B. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

July 7 • Montalvo, Felipe M., male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, charge Assault w/Bodily Injury. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

July 8 • Quarles, Queandro Jr., male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear/Application to withdraw sureties.

REPORTS

July 3 • 4:27 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly female who had fallen. EMS 2 responded.

July 4 • 1:45 a.m. Complainant reported that they had wrecked their truck 6 miles North on Hwy. 277. Would pick it up in the morning.

July 5 • 12:59 a.m. Complainant on Calender reported sewer backing up in their home. City employee responded.

• 9:30 a.m. Complainant reported that a 1999 White Ford Taurus has been taken from the school between 07-04 at 11:00 a.m. and 7-05 at 6:45 a.m. Gate found open and lock missing.

• 5:20 p.m. Complainant reported that the signal light had been hit and needs to be repaired. TxDOT in Sonora contacted.

• 6:48 p.m. Complainant reported finding a key, possibly to a Ford vehicle. Key was found at the rodeo arena, while arena was being cleaned.

• 10:15 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for her husband who is having dizzy spells. EMS unit responded.

July 6 • 8:27 a.m. Complainant reported a red GMC Safari driving recklessly. Officer responded and located vehicle. Complainant reported that subject driving the red GMC Safari threw something out of his window and cracked complainants windshield. Driver of GMC Safari said that he didn't throw anything at subjects vehicle. This incident did occur in Tom Green County.

• 10:30 a.m. Complainant reported a gas drive off. Subjects in a red Ford Bronco. Total value \$15.00.

• 10:35 a.m. Complainant reported a phone scam. Subject advised that the caller said he was a relative from Mexico.

July 7 • 8:32 a.m. Complainant reported a baby calf at the 1st curve on Rudd Road. Officer responded.

• 12:35 p.m. DPS Officer was flagged down and advised of a possible domestic disturbance.

• 10:04 p.m. Subject on San Saba Street reported a vehicle peeling out. Officer responded to call and dispatch was unable to contact complainant by phone for the number was no longer in service.

• 10:39 p.m. Complainant on North Divide reported a 34 year old male with a head injury and was unconscious. Officer responded to call and

found subject had been assaulted and was awake. EMS2 responded.

July 8 • 10:35 a.m. Complainant reported a bull loose 14 miles North on Hwy. 277. Officer responded and owner contacted.

• 11:31 p.m. Complainant reported some suspicious activity at a local store. Officer responded.

• 9:07 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to assist them on East Street because there was a porcupine in the pens with their calves. Officer responded.

• 9:22 p.m. Hospital requested an officer because a child had been hit by a car. Officer responded.

July 10 • 8:45 a.m. Subject requested an officer and the Justice of the Peace for an unattended death. Officer and JP responded.

• 6:05 p.m. Complainant requested an officer deliver a death message to his son. Officer responded.

CASA recruits volunteers for Fall training

SAN ANGELO — The Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) program of the Children's Advocacy Center of Tom Green County, Inc. is currently recruiting for fall volunteer training. Fall training begins Sept. 10, but due to the application and interview process, those interested in volunteering should register now for the training.

CASA volunteers serve as advocates for abused and neglected children who have been removed from their homes. While presiding judges determine their home placements, they depend on the input of CASA volunteers to help them make well-informed decisions about where the children will live, for how long and under what conditions, what services and treatment will be ordered, and/or what steps will be taken to reunite the child with the birth parents, or place the child in a new family.

In addition to Tom Green County, the local CASA program serves and needs volunteers from the following counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, McCulloch, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher and Sutton. Currently, 27% of the children in CASA's care are from these counties.

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