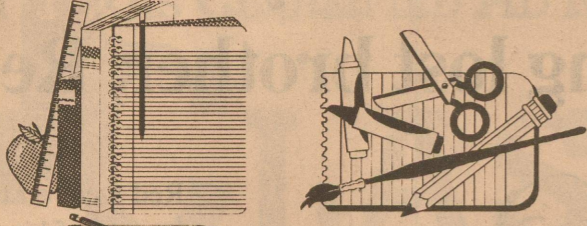


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## Schleicher County, paddling its own canoe for 100 years

by Randy Mankin

Another in a series of 100th Anniversaries is being celebrated here this week as Schleicher County turned 100 years old on Wednesday. The county was organized in 1901 after a petition was circulated calling for the election of county officials and designating the six-year old town of Eldorado as the county seat.

Schleicher County was actually carved out of Bexar and Crockett counties by the Texas State Legislature on April 1, 1887. It was named for U.S. Representative and former State Surveyor Gustav Schleicher. But, since few if any actually people lived within county's boundaries, it wasn't formally organized until years later.

Initially, the county was going to be called Tilden County. That name was proposed in a bill intro-

duced before the State Legislature on February 8, 1887. The bill was amended, however, and on February 17, 1887, at the request of the Committee on Counties and County Boundaries, the name Tilden was stricken and replaced by the name Will Wilson. Twelve days later, the name Will Wilson was stricken by the State Senate and the name Schleicher was inserted. The final bill passed on April 1st and Schleicher County was formed.

More than 14 years later, during the spring and summer of 1901, several men including A.T. Wright, C.C. Doty and W.B. Silliman circulated a petition calling for the organization of the county. At that time, the judicial control of Schleicher County resided in Menard. The Eldorado men pre-

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**Then and Now** — Above, some of the earliest elected officials in Schleicher County pose in front of the county's first courthouse. They were (L-R) County Judge J.A. Whitten, Tax Assessor C.C. Doty, Clerk F.C. Bates, Sheriff Henry Mills, Treasurer P.H. McCormick, Justice of the Peace F.C. Bates, Sr., County Attorney E.B. Cozens, and Surveyor and later County Judge Joab Campbell. The man at the far right is unknown. In the inset photo, current Schleicher County officials pose in front of the current courthouse they are (Front L-R) County Clerk Peggy Williams, Judge Johnny Griffin, Tax Assessor-Collector Lou Ann Turner, Treasurer Karen Henderson, Commissioner Pct. 2 Bill Clark, County Attorney, Marian Overstreet, Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle (Back L-R) Commissioner Pct. 3 Kirk Griffin, Commissioner Pct. 4 Ross Whitten and Commissioner Pct. 1 Johnny Mayo.



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

**All smiles** — Lori Stricklan and Kathy Mankin displayed some of the awards the Eldorado Success won Saturday at the West Texas Press Association's annual convention in Kerrville.

## Success claims more awards at WTPA convention in Kerrville

The Eldorado Success picked up six more awards Saturday at the West Texas Press Association (WTPA) convention in Kerrville. Only a month after claiming the Sweepstakes Award from the in the Texas Press Association's "Better Newspaper Contest," the Success found itself in competition again, this time against West Texas newspapers. The Success claimed 1st Place in the General Excellence category, 2nd in Advertising Composition, 3rd in Column Writing and Photography, and Honorable Mention in Sports and Editorial Writing.

The contest was judged by Journalism Department at Texas Christian University. In a critique of the Success' winning entry in the General Excellence category the judge commented, "Good local news coverage; imaginative design with excellent use of photography, particularly front page photos by Kathy Mankin; good use of art and consistency of page design."

The Success was competing in Division D, for weekly newspapers with a circulation of 1,800 or

less. Success publishers Randy and Kathy Mankin were in attendance Saturday night at the annual WTPA awards banquet where they accepted the awards on behalf of the newspaper.

The highlight of the convention came when Jerry Tidwell, the publisher of the Hood County News in Granbury was presented with the WTPA's Harold Hudson Award. The award is presented annually to an individual in the newspaper business who has made outstanding contributions to the industry.

The WTPA sponsors the better newspaper contest each year as a means of encouraging West Texas newspapers and newspaper people to continue developing their skills and perfecting their craft.

The Success is a longtime member of the WTPA and publisher Randy Mankin serves on the group's board of directors. He was re-elected to the board at the convention in Kerrville and will serve next year as Finance Chairman for the Better Newspaper Contest.

## Three local men arrested in theft of school car

Juan Olguin, 17, Juan Roberto Rodriguez, 17, and Edward Elias, 19, all of Eldorado, were booked into the Schleicher County Jail this week and charged with "Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle," in connection with the theft of a 1999 Ford Taurus sedan from the Schleicher County ISD bus barn.

Olguin had been arrested last week and charged with "Burglary of a Habitation" after evidence

was recovered linking him to a July 14 burglary of a mobile home at 109 W. Dorris Avenue. Leads developed from that case proved beneficial to investigators. Questioning several suspects soon revealed that the stolen car had been driven to Mexico.

Sheriff's Deputy Jason Chatham was the investigating officer in the burglary. He reportedly uncovered the connection be-

tween the break-in and the July 4th theft of the car. Other information in the two cases led to the questioning of three juvenile males. Thus far, no charges have been filed against the three youths, but officers stress that the investigation into the two cases continues.

Chief Deputy George Arispe noted that Elias had once worked at the school's bus barn, where the missing car was kept.

Olguin was released on a \$5,000 surety bond and Elias was released on a Personal Recognition bond. Rodriguez has not appeared before a magistrate and remains in jail at press time.

Chief Deputy George Arispe told the Success that the Ford Taurus was driven to Mexico shortly after it was stolen. He said he expects the car to be recovered and returned to the school.

## Eldorado women honored by 4-H Club at 34th annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet

SAN ANGELO — Betty Creel, Kara Sue Garlitz and Cherie Niblett, all of Eldorado, were among 35 honorees at the 4-H Club's 34th annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet held in San Angelo on Tuesday, July 10. The banquet, was held at the Original Zentner's Steak House, for the purpose of recognizing individuals and institutions for their contributions to the success of the Texan Agricultural Extension Service's District 7 4-H youth program.

The honorees are nominated and picked by a panel of judges from the district's 23 counties. The banquet is the only 4-H related event of its kind in Texas. Since it began, it has been sponsored by the ten rural electric cooperatives serving the area covered by District 7.

Cherie Niblett started out as a 4-H member in Schleicher County and wants to make sure that all youth have the opportunity to enjoy the same projects and activi-

ties that she did. Cherie serves as a leader for 4-H Food and Nutrition Projects and helps with a wide variety of activities such as the stock show and county camp.

Kara Garlitz has been working to help with 4-H Public Speaking activities for many years. She has

assisted "Share the Fun" groups with their skits that qualified for state competition. She is always willing to help even at a moment's notice. Her expertise has made the difference in making our "Share the Fun" presentations a winning experience.

Mrs. Betty Creel sends out numerous 4-H letters helps with all 4-H events and supports the program in so many ways. We treasure her help at 4-H registration. Mrs. Creel helps with the stock show, food show, fashion revue and 4-H camp.



COURTESY PHOTOS

**Silver Clover Award Winners** — The 4-H Clubs in District 7 recently honored three Eldorado women at the 34th annual Silver Clover Recognition Banquet in San Angelo. They are (L-R) Betty Creel, Kara Sue Garlitz and Cherie Niblett.



# A freindly visit from my friend D.W. and his long lost brother, Red

As Randy Mankin takes a break this week from writing his regular "Over the Back Fence" column, we reprint a column that first ran in the Feb. 22, 1996 edition of the Success.



## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

My friend D.W. stopped by last week and introduced me to his brother, Red, who was in town for a visit. Red said it had been years since he'd been home to Eldorado. He seemed genuinely impressed with all the beautification projects that have taken place in recent years.

Of particular interest to Red was the restoration of the old theater. He said some of his fondest memories of his youth

in Eldorado were of that place.

Red left Eldorado years ago and, he says, he never gave much thought to returning until his retirement a few months back. It was only then, he says, that his no longer busy schedule allowed him time to reflect on his childhood.

"I've missed Eldorado for years," said Red, "and I never realized it until now." He gazed wistfully down Main Street and it seemed as if he drifted back to another time.

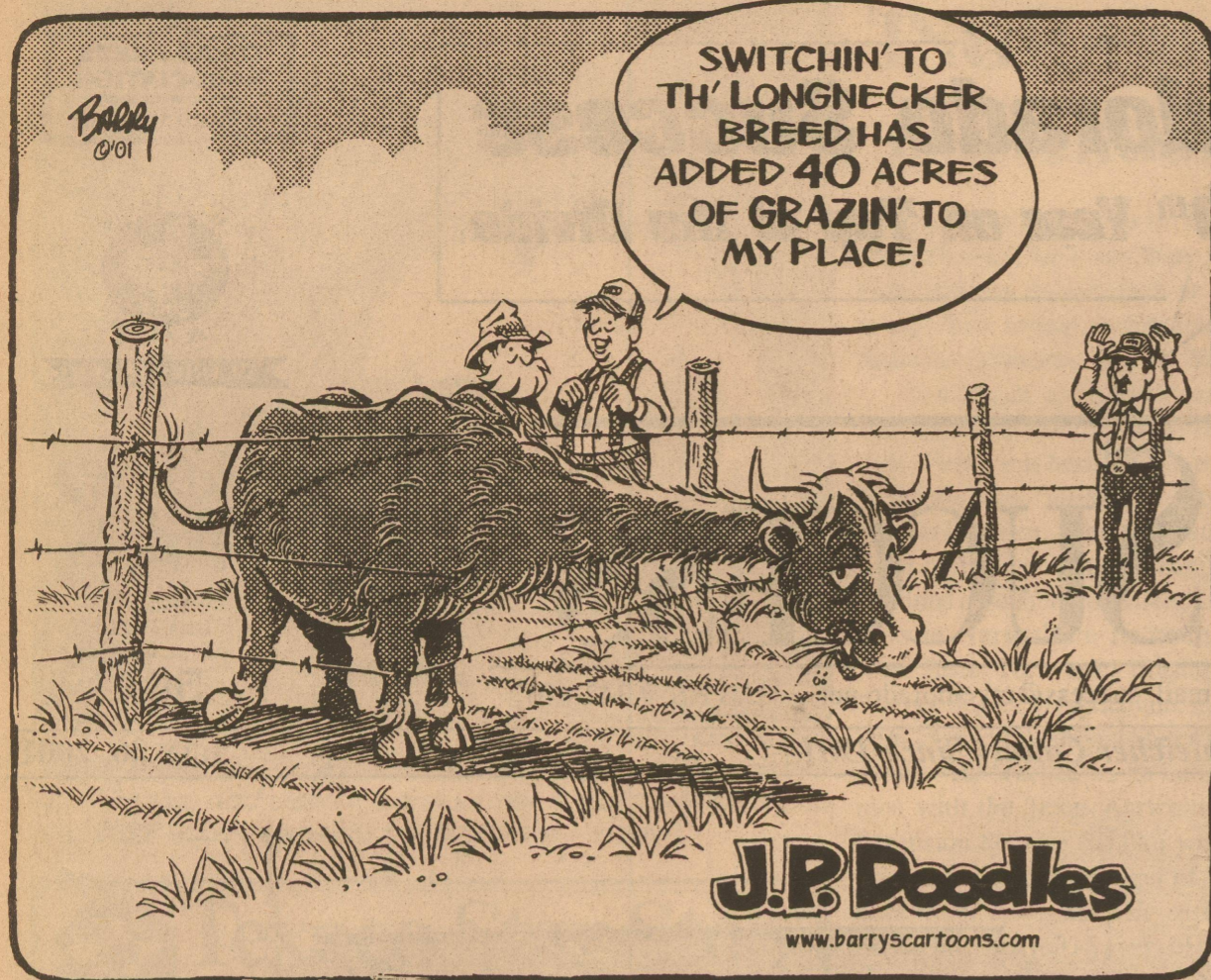
"We used to play down there around the Cameron Lumber Yard," said Red as he pointed to the large building which occupies the same block as the Success office. "Then, we'd sneak up here, peek through the back door, and watch Mr. Gunstead running the old equipment at the newspaper office. I was fascinated by machinery."

Red went on to tell how he and a few of his pals, who for obvious reasons I won't name, would slip into the Parker's Red & White store or Hoover Drug Store and try to pilfer bubble gum, comic books or whatever was handy. "We thought we were really getting away with something," said Red.

But justice caught up with him soon enough. "One day I came home from school and my father had his razor strap laying on the kitchen table. He said come here and explain these as he held up a couple of comic books I had kept beneath my bed. My butt was sore for a week," said Red. "But, I never again took something that didn't belong to me."

Red thought it was interesting that I regularly write about his brother D.W. "I'm glad you don't use his real name," said Red. "His ego is big enough"

As the pair made their way out to the street, I asked Red what he missed most about Eldorado. He paused for a moment and looked down the street as if he were looking back in time. "The people," he said. "I miss the people."



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## Both parties and nonpartisans planning get out the vote efforts

AUSTIN - Only 52 percent of eligible Texans voted in last fall's Presidential election.

In the 1998 gubernatorial election, only 32 percent of the state's registered voters turned out to cast their ballot.

With those numbers in mind, both of Texas' political parties are planning concerted get-out-the-vote efforts for the March primary and the November 2002 general election.

Texas Republicans have announced two programs, e-Ranger and e-Wrangler, to encourage turnout in their party.

Democrats don't have a name for their campaign yet, but they are planning one as well.

A nonpartisan effort to register up to a half million Texas voters is planned by the Every Texan Foundation.

Former U.S. Housing Secretary

## State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Henry Cisneros likely will be the foundation's board chairman.

### Fewer running

Lack of voter participation in the Democratic process is nothing new, but here's a different wrinkle: Fewer people are running for office.

A study completed by the nonpartisan, nonprofit Arkansas Policy Foundation revealed that the number of legislative candidates in Texas dropped in the 1990s.

Texas saw 68 contested primary races for legislative seats sought by 192 candidates in 1992. The numbers decreased to 42 contest-

ed races with 94 candidates. That's a 51 percent decrease in candidates.

The likely reason for this is economics: It takes a lot of money to run a campaign.

And incumbents enjoy something like a 95 percent success rate in getting reelected.

### Higher home insurance?

Insurers doing business in Texas have filed requests for homeowner policy rate increases averaging 3.5 percent.

The two principle industry arguments for rate hikes are the huge losses from the flooding in Southeast Texas caused by Tropical Storm Allison and the growing number of mold damage claims in Texas.

When the insurance industry presented its case at a hearing before Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor on July 17, the Insurance Council of Texas' Jay Thompson used meteorological metaphor in talking about mold.

"We are in a media hurricane with regard to mold claims," he said at the hearing.

Premiums might have to be increased by as much as 30 percent if mold-related claims continue at their present rate, said Jerry Johns of the Southwestern Insurance Information Service.

Rod Bordelon, of the Public Insurance Council, argued that there was not sufficient data to increase rates on the basis of mold claims.

The final decision will be up to Commissioner Montemayor.

### More on mold

Mold has been around for a long time, but hasn't been a household word until recently.

A highly publicized civil suit in Austin has raised public awareness over the possible adverse health effects of mold spore and to what extent insurance should be expected to cover mold damage.

Farmers Insurance has asked the insurance commissioner to exclude mold coverage from household policies in Texas.

The second of three planned public hearings on the issue by Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor is set for Aug. 21 in Corpus Christi.

The first hearing was held in Austin on June 26 and the final one will be in Houston on a date yet to be set.

For more on the hearings and the mold issue in general, check the Insurance Commission's website at [www.tdi.state.tx.us](http://www.tdi.state.tx.us)



## ROLLING ALONG

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### Saul Pullman Is A World Traveler

Saul Pullman of Eastland retired from his law practice five years ago. Since then he has been traveling the world. He travels light. "Yeah, I travel alone. What'll fit in my back pack is what I carry. That's it."

He goes everywhere. He spent about six weeks in Israel and about the same amount of time in Italy. "I've been to Asia. I think that trip was five or six weeks. I spent a couple of weeks down in Bali, down close to Australia. From there I went to Hong Kong, stayed a week or so there, then I flew over to Bangkok, Thailand and went up into Burma. They wouldn't allow Americans to go into Burma until 1998, I believe. I was one of the first to get to go over. They have all the contraband like snow leopard hides and other items you don't find in many places. It made me proud of the conservation efforts we have in our country."

His next trip will be to Africa. "I want to climb Mount Kilimanjaro. It's the tallest mountain in Africa, about twenty thousand feet."

He takes a couple of trips a year. "I just got back from Peru. I spent a month there doing the Inca trail. On the way down I stopped in Mexico and saw the place where the Monarch butterflies go in the winter. There's millions of them that migrate to the mountains below Mexico City."

No five star hotels or limos for

this guy. "The main expense is the air transportation. Ten or twelve dollars a day for a hotel room would be on the high end. A lot of nights it was a dollar and a half or two dollars. Probably on the average I paid four to six dollars a night. And that's a room with clean sheets and indoor facilities. You talk to other back packers who tell you where they've stayed and you exchange information about places to visit and where to stay. It's kind of a networking deal. Also, when you arrive at the bus station, all these people will show up wanting to rent these rooms out."

He doesn't pay much for meals, either. "Probably a dollar to a dollar and a half a meal."

Saul keeps a journal of his travels and writes articles and makes speeches about some of his experiences. He's 61 years old and single. He's always had a sense of adventure. Growing up, he rode skateboards down hills, dodging traffic. He attended TCU and played football and ran track. He equaled the world record in the 100 yard dash, running it in 9.3 seconds.

Saul's father was born in Lithuania. When he crossed the ocean and landed in Galveston, he was asked what his name was. He had trouble with English and knew he couldn't spell his name, Polarevski. He saw a railroad car with the word Pullman on it, so that became his name.

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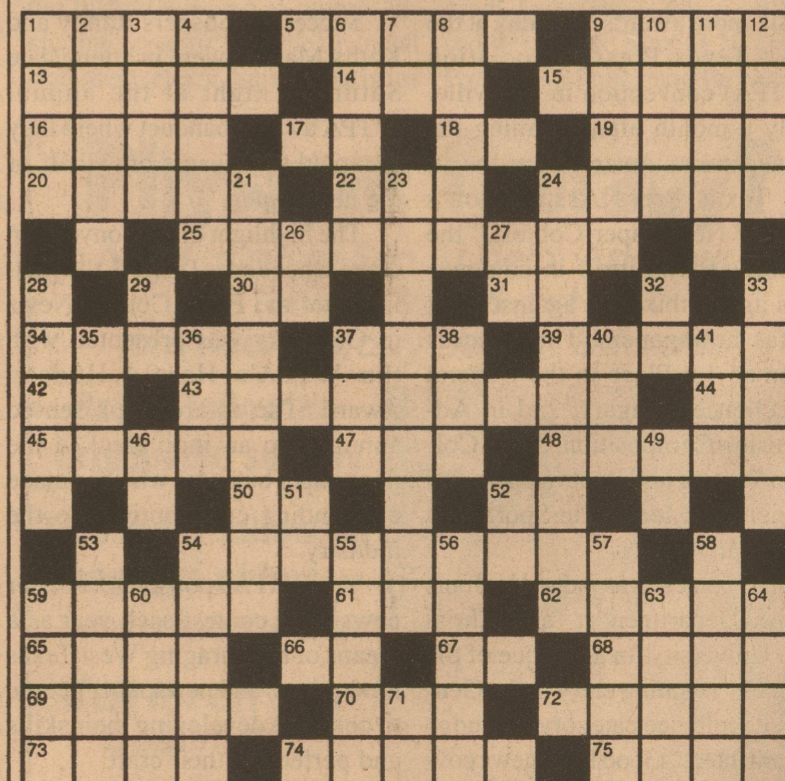
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1 Replacement worker	54 Bike's steering wheel	28 Shrimp
5 Grind teeth together	59 Homegrown	29 Boob tube (abbr.)
9 Estimation	61 Yes vote	32 Semitic deity
13 Avid	62 Garbage piles	33 Tiny floating fronds
14 Not safe in baseball	65 Arab chieftan	35 Suffix indicating a characteristic or resemblance
15 Portents	66 Bismuth, periodically	36 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
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18 Ambulance destination (abbr.)	69 Lathers	39 Unit of force equaling 1,382 newtons (abbr.)
19 Sieve tube	70 Snow or water runners	40 Wildebeest
20 Certificate	72 Vegetation	41 By way of
22 Sleeveless outer garment	73 Helen's town	46 Equivalent weight (abbr.)
24 Audible part of a transmitted signal	74 Turned a sailboat	49 Objective form of "I"
25 Raven's quote	75 Pitcher	51 1/36 of a yd.
30 Minot's state (abbr.)	<b>DOWN</b>	52 Unit of magnetic flux (abbr.)
31 Francium, periodically	1 Marijuana	53 Irish sea demon
34 Metal stud	2 Capture	54 Tropical black and white crested eagle
37 Energy source for cellular reactions (abbr.)	3 Culture medium	55 Multi-petaled flower
39 Nose cone	4 Commence	56 Spooky
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43 Six points	7 Gold, periodically	58 Extra tire
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45 Bread grain	9 Spread or diffuse through	60 Aloha in Italy
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48 Homo sapien	11 Razor clam genus	64 Maven
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# OBITUARIES

## Johnnie Freitag

Johnnie Freitag was born Feb. 24, 1919, in Arden to William and Nannie Lee Freitag. He passed away Monday, July 23, 2001 at his home in Mertzon after a lengthy battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife of more than 31 years, Jackie Freitag; daughter and son-in-law, Debbie and Bobby DiCicco of Arlington and their son, Robert; sons, Gary Freitag of Arlington and John Freitag Jr. of California. He also is survived by a sister, Babe Griffin of Midland; sister and brother-in-law, Pete and Preston Dudley of Mertzon; brother and sister-in-law, Bill Jr. and Mabel Freitag of Eldorado; and brother, Jimmy Freitag of Kansas City, Mo. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews and friends. Preceding him in death were his

parents; son, Nicky Freitag; and niece, Patti Scott of Louisiana.

A graduate of Ozona High School in 1936, Johnnie was the first in Irion County to sign up for active duty in World War II. As a member of the U.S. Army Infantry, he was wounded in the European Theatre and received many commendations, including the Purple Heart.

Graveside service was Wednesday, July 25, in the Mertzon Cemetery with Rev. Phil Steinbach officiating. Johnson's Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Johnnie's last wishes were to have memorial contributions made to VistaCare Family Hospice in lieu of flowers. He was loved and will be missed by all.

## "Honor Bound" Chivo Cook Off slated for Saturday

Templo Getsemani Church of Eldorado will host the first annual "Honor Bound Chivo Cook Off" on Saturday, July 28, 2001. This will be a regional event with participation of churches from Ozona, Big Lake, San Angelo, and Eldorado.

The events, to be held on the Schleicher County Courthouse

Lawn, will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Latino-style Christian music by "Los Bendecidos de Cristo" from Ft. Worth. The program will continue at 2:30 with an evangelistic service, and at 4:00 p.m. judging of the goat cooking team entries will take place. There is no entry fee and the public is welcome.

## Elementary school's "Meet the Teachers" planned for Tuesday

Eldorado Elementary School Tuesday August 7, 2001 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Everyone who will have a child attending Eldorado Elementary school for the 2001 - 2002 school year is invited to come to the Elementary school.

Information, questions, proce-

dures, expectations, goals, and objectives will be discussed with teachers.

A list of teachers and their students for the 2001 -2002 school year will be posted.

For more information, please call Bob Wanoreck (Principal) at 853-2770, ext. 522.

## Texas Tech names spring honor students

More than 3,900 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the spring semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Students who carried 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Hillary Hodges and Michelle Lynn Frye both made Dean List for the spring semester.

Hillary, a freshman and a Landscape Architecture major, is the daughter of Bill and Maureen Hodges.

Michelle is a senior and an Interdisciplinary Agriculture major and is the daughter of Charles and Pat Frye.

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**Long-serving Lions** — The Eldorado Lions Club awarded service pins to a number of its members last week. Raymond Mittel - 15 years, Lynn Meador - 25 years, Jerry Felver - 10 years, Ed Meador - 55 years, Elton McGinnes - 40 years, Gene McCalla - 25 years, Jerry Jones - 30 years, Dean Williams - 20 years, (not present) Randy Mankin - 10 years, Eddie Albin - 15 years, Ronnie Sauer - 20 years, Steve Sessom 25 years, and Ronnie Mittel - 35 years.

## Congressman Smith accepting service academy applications

Congressman Lamar Smith invites area high school seniors interested in attending one of the United States' military service academies to apply for nominations attending one of the United States' military service academies to apply for nominations through his office.

"I want to encourage all interested high school seniors in my district to take advantage of this opportunity," Smith said. "There is no greater honor than serving your country."

The application period for all students who will begin their senior year in high school this fall will continue through November 16. Applicants should contact Congressman Smith's congressional office as soon as possible.

Applications are available

through the Congressman's San Antonio district office, 1100 N.E. Loop 410, Suite 640, San Antonio, Texas, 782099. The telephone number is (210) 821-5024.

To be considered, applicants must be United States citizens, be residents of the 21<sup>st</sup>

Congressional District of Texas and be between the ages of 17 and 23 by July 1 of the year of admission.

Selection is based on SAT or ACT test scores, class rank, grade point average, extracurricular activities, leadership potential and motivation.

Contact: Karen Frey (210) 821-5024

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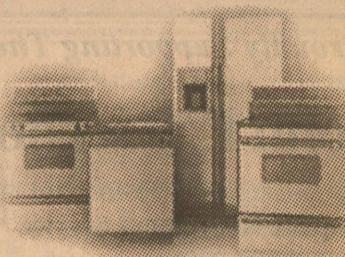


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**Tuesday, July 31**  
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**Wednesday, August 1**  
Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Juice, Milk, Brownie w/ Nuts

**Thursday, August 2**  
Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Caked Potato, Yellow Squash, Cornbread, Pineapple Waldorf, Milk

**Friday, August 3**  
Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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**All Stars** — 10 Year and Under All-Star softball team members include: Front (L-R) Heather Hughes, Cassie Krieg, (2nd Row L-R) Laura Martin, Bridgett Mitchell, Kimble Luna, Jessica Loera, (3rd Row L-R) Monica Traylor, Jessi Valero, Cassandra Buitron, (Back Row L-R) coaches Julie Martin, Sam Hughes, Anna Buitron and Jani Mitchell.

## Softball All-Stars take 2nd at Odessa tournament

The 10 and under All Stars traveled to Odessa on Friday, July 20 to participate in the West Texas All Star Championship Tournament.

These young ladies showed heart, determination, and physical endurance far beyond their years to place second out of fourteen teams. The teams participating consisted of Midland, San Angelo, Odessa, Lubbock, Andrews, Fort Stockton, and others.

This team played short-handed, one player short of fielding an entire team due to illness and a broken foot. Yet, each of these girls, Laura Martin, Bridgett Mitchell, Jessi Valero, Cassie Krieg, Kimble Luna, Monica Traylor, Cassandra Buitron, Jessica Loera, and Heather Hughes played eight games without relief. Included in this was a Sunday of playing back-to-back-to-

back-to-back games beginning in the heat at 12:30 p.m. they began by beating Odessa Stars 4-3 followed by a thrashing of Lubbock 11-4. This left a good Coahoma team standing in the way of a trip to the championship. The Stunners, as the All Stars are called, eliminated Coahoma 4-1.

After fighting their way to the championship the young ladies were exhausted but still managed to get out an exceptional game. They would lose a heartbreaker to a good San Angelo team that the Stunners had beaten a week earlier 15-4. The championship was a new game though and was lost 1-0.

This team was made of some very fine young ladies and very supportive parents, never failing to lend a hand. Our community can be very proud to have these girls representing us.

## Coach McCormack sets date for free physical examinations

EHS head coach Karl McCormack announced this week that athletic physical examinations will be given on Saturday, August 4th at 10:15 a.m. at West Texas Medical Associates (next to San Angelo Community Medical Center). The exams will be free of charge.

All athletes receiving physicals must have the medical history form filled out and signed by their parents before they board the bus. Because of the nature of the physicals no athletes will be evaluated without a signed medical history form in their presence. If you do not need a physical you still must fill out the medical history and have it signed by your parents. The bus will leave the field house at

9:00 a.m. for San Angelo.

All 7th and 9th grade athletes who wish to participate in any sport are required to get a physical exam. Any other student who has been injured or under a doctor's care or supervision within the past year must also get a physical. A physical is required before you begin your sport. If you cannot be there on that date you will be responsible for getting your physical.

High school football practice will begin on Monday, August 6th at 7:30 a.m. All High School students interested in playing football should report to the field house on Friday, August 3rd at these assigned times for sizing of equipment. Seniors 6:00-6:45 p.m., Juniors 6:45-7:30 p.m., Sophomores 7:30-8:45 p.m., Freshman 8:15-9:00 p.m.

If you have any questions please call the field house at 853-2988. If no one is there, leave a message and a number where you can be reached.

## Middle School Registration Times

Registration for Eldorado Middle School for the 2001-2002 school year will be on Monday, August 6 at the following times:

5th Grade - 9:00 AM  
6th Grade - 10:00 AM  
7th Grade - 11:00 AM  
8th Grade - 11:30 AM

## Eagles Athletic Booster Club now seeking members!

There will be an Athletic Booster Club organizational meeting on Thursday, August 2, at 5:30 p.m. in the foyer of the High School Gym.

For more information contact Sandra Robledo, SCISD Administration Office at 853-2514.

## 2000-2001 School Supply List

**KIDS KAMPUS** (2) #2 Pencils; 1 small school box, (3) folders (pocket & brads), Kleenex (large box), (1) 8 count box of crayons, (1) 70 page spiral notebook, (1) 4 oz. school glue, 1 box sandwich size Ziploc bags, Fiskar scissors (round end), 1 backpack (to hold folders & jackets) PLEASE LABEL ALL SUPPLIES WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT.

**KINDERGARTEN** Elmer's White School Glue - 4 oz.; (2) #2 pencils; Erasers (pink, rubber); Crayons - 1 box of 24; 1 box of long colored pencils; Fiskars for Kids scissors (metal blades); 1 Large box Kleenex; School box - small; 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; Backpack THAT WILL HOLD FOLDERS; (1) regular size towel for napping (no mats, large towels, or blankets); ALL SUPPLIES SHOULD BE LABELED WITH CHILD'S NAME IN LARGE PRINT; Other supplies may be requested by your child's teacher.

**FIRST GRADE** # 2 Pencils; Large Elmer's Glue (white only); School box; Metal inlaid scissors; Crayons; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); 1 box Kleenex; 4 pocket folders; 40 page spiral notebook; Pencil top erasers

**SECOND GRADE** Eraser; 4 pencils-(# 2); Crayolas box of 24; Elmer's glue (white); School Box-small; Fiskar's scissors; 4 Red marking pencils; Kleenex (200 count); 1 box sandwich size Ziplock bags; 6 pocket folders with bottom pockets; 1 pkg. 9 X 12 assorted construction paper (loose); Map colors; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; NO NOTEBOOKS OR TRAPPER KEEPERS!

**THIRD GRADE** Crayons box of 24 (can be old- old is okay); (2) Two pencils #2; Kleenex (200 count); Scissors - sharp point (Fiskars only); Zipper pouch for notebook; Red marking pencils; Notebook paper (wide ruled, loose leaf); Loose leaf 3 ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; 1 Pkg. dividers; Map colors-may be old if all colors are there; \$2.00 for Weekly Reader; INDIVIDUAL TEACHERS MAY GIVE ADDITIONAL SUPPLIES NEEDED THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

**FOURTH GRADE** 3 Ring notebook NO TRAPPER KEEPERS; Notebook paper (no college or narrow ruled); Eraser; Crayolas (large box); Map colors; Ruler both metric and American standard; Glue; Scissors 6" or 7" sharp point; 6 Red grading pencils; Kleenex - large box; #2 Pencils; (2) Pkg subject dividers with tabs; Zipper pouch; (2) Spiral notebooks (70 pages); (2) pocket folders (with 3 holes); Composition notebook (not a spiral) INDIVIDUAL TEACHER MAY REQUEST SPIRALS AND FOLDERS.

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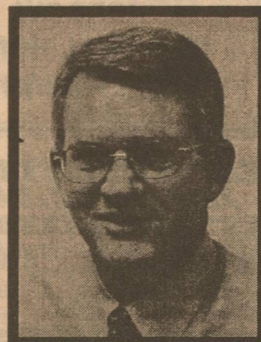
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sented their petition, bearing the signatures of 55 county residents, to the Menard County Commissioners Court. After determining that the signatures were authentic, and represented virtually every qualified voter in Schleicher County, the commissioners agreed to the request and issued a decree saying that, "from this day henceforth Schleicher County should paddle her own canoe."

Following a hotly contested election of Schleicher County officers, Menard County Judge J. D. Scruggs, drove by buggy to Eldorado. There, on July 25, 1901, he "qualified" the newly elected officials and administered the oath of office to each.

Ambrose Bernard Priour took office as the first Schleicher County Judge. Henry J.Y. Mills was the first Sheriff of Schleicher County as well as the first Tax Collector. Other officials taking office included; F.C. Bates, Sr. - Justice of the Peace; F. C. Bates, Jr. - County Clerk; C.C. Doty - Tax Assessor; and J.L. Allen - County Treasurer. The first commissioners court was comprised of W.D. Ake, John Rae, C.C. Yaws and James Garrett.

At the second meeting of the Schleicher County commissioners court, H. Bucklew and D. Hobbs were appointed as Constables of Pct. 1 and 2, respectively.

Early on, county offices were housed in the W.B. Silliman Land Office, located on the corner of East Callender and South Cottonwood Streets, now occupied by the shop building (old fire hall) belonging to the City of Eldorado. Then in 1902, a wood frame courthouse was erected in the center of Eldorado. Interestingly, when W.B. Silliman surveyed and laid out the townsite of Eldorado in 1895, he included a courthouse square, six years before there was a county in which to build a courthouse.

The white, wood frame courthouse (see photo on Page 1) served the county until 1917. It was the scene of early day land rushes, where settlers flocked to claim government land within the county. By 1917 the building was too small and county leaders decided to put the question of building a new courthouse to the voters of Schleicher County.

County Judge George Moss Brown, and Commissioners C.L. Meador, Sr., J.W. Hill, Jr., W.D. Ake and W.S. Wooten, proposed building a new "rock" courthouse. Apparently, the voters weren't ea-

ger to incur the debt of the new building and rejected the measure on March 24, 1917. That same evening, the old wood frame courthouse mysteriously burned to the ground.

Sheriff A.F. Luedecke, who was staying in the hotel across the street from the courthouse, reported hearing the alarm and rushing into the street just in time to see the building's walls collapse. Fortunately, many of the county's most important records were stored nearby in a rock vault at the old W.B. Silliman Land Office. County commissioners offered a \$500 reward for the arrest and convictions of the "party or parties who set fire to and burned the courthouse." The reward was never claimed.

Until a new courthouse could be constructed, county business was conducted in several Eldorado buildings, including the jail (currently occupied by the Schleicher County Tax Appraisal District), the W.B. Silliman Building, the Woodsmen of the World Hall and the Bearce Building. In 1923, county fathers again took the question of building a new courthouse to the voters. This time the measure passed by a 170-61 margin. Bonds were soon issued for construction of the current courthouse. Architect H.T. Phelps designed the structure for a fee of \$1,743.20. The San Antonio Construction Company was selected to build the courthouse and was awarded the bid of \$49,960.00. A separate bid of \$3,200 was awarded for the installation of a heating system.

Now, as the historic courthouse approaches its 80th birthday, it is facing challenges from another direction. New rules outlined by the Americans With Disabilities Act will be difficult if not impossible to meet with the existing courthouse.

Through the years, Schleicher County voters have elected sixteen men to the office of County Judge. They were: Ambrose Bernard Priour 1901-02; Jacob Asbury Whitten 1902-10; Joab Campbell 1910-14; George Moss Brown 1914-18; Clarence Abram Womack 1918-22; William Franklin Ford 1922-27; G.D. Hines 1920-27; Herbert Wallace Finley 1929-31 and 1935-37; Frank McDonald Bradley 1931-35; C. S. McKinney 1937-39; Claude Lafayette Meador 1939-51; Elvis Weldon Craig 1951-55; William Rye Bearce 1955-67; John Thomas Ratliff 1967-71; Robert Lee McWhorter

1971-78 and Johnny F. Griffin, 1978-present.

For a hundred years now, Schleicher County has been alternately blessed and cursed by the boom and bust cycles of the ranching, farming, oil and natural gas businesses. Historically there are more dry years than wet ones in Schleicher County. A dearth of rainfall makes earning a living from the soil a questionable venture. Still, Schleicher County residents have thrived.

With no flowing streams in the county, the first pioneers looked beneath the ground for their water. And, they found it when C.C. Doty drilled the first water well in the county. With the improvement of windmills, a seemingly inexhaustible supply of water was made available to county residents and the land flourished.

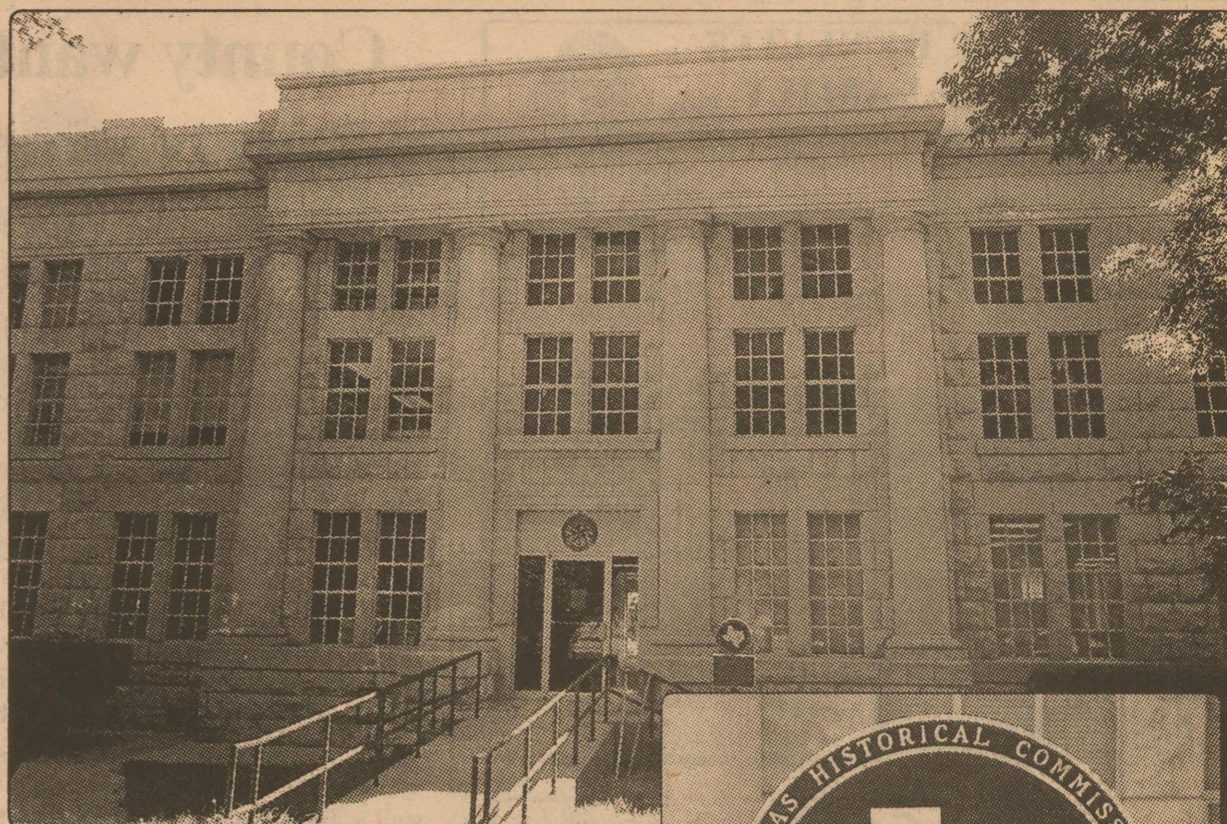
In more recent times, as droughts have held back the water that normally recharges our aquifer, we have been forced to the realization that the water supply is not limitless. The Plateau Underground Water Supply and Conservation District was formed to protect the water, first from outsiders wanting to claim it for their own, but also from ourselves, by encouraging us to conserve the precious liquid.

A long-standing tradition of excellence in education continues to this day in Schleicher County. The Eldorado School was established in 1895 when the town was founded. Before that there had been a school in the community of Verand. Other schools were opened in far flung parts of the county, schools like Mayer No. 1 and Mayer No. 2, Adams, Lofton, Cliff, Bailey Ranch and Kaffir. The Hackberry School was build near a stage stop, about 14 miles north of Eldorado. The Elder School was on the I.H. Elder Ranch and the Alexander School was built on the D.E. Delong Ranch, about 15 miles northwest of Eldorado. Eventually, all the schools were merged into the Schleicher County Independent School District.

Today, SCISD carries on the tradition of educating Schleicher County children. For the last several years the school has been recognized by the Texas Education Agency as one of the best in the state.

Separated by distance from neighboring communities, Schleicher County residents have always found ways to care for their own. In 1969, the Schleicher County Hospital District was formed and a modern hospital was built. Through the years, the facility has grown to include a nursing home and a clinic. Recently, while neighboring communities have been forced to close their hospitals, Schleicher County Medical Center has maintained its presence in the community. By constantly modernizing its facility and pursuing innovative ways of delivering health care in rural West Texas, SCMC carries on the tradition of Schleicher County neighbors caring for one another.

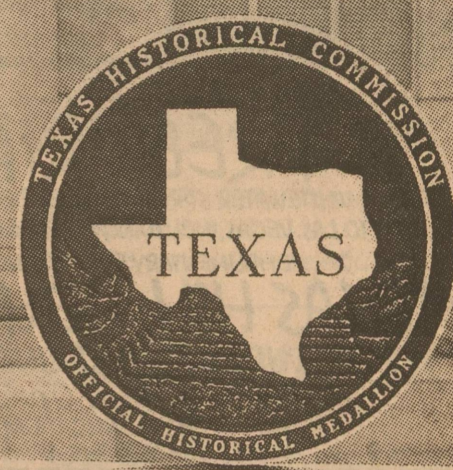
What lies ahead for Schleicher County? Recently the State of Texas designated a four-lane highway route to pass through the county. That may be years in the future,



**Seat of county government** — The current Schleicher County Courthouse was built in 1923-24, some six years after the previous courthouse (see photo on Page 1) burned down amid questionable circumstances. The three-story limestone building has served as the seat of county government ever since. The building was designed by architect Henry T. Phelps and was constructed for the sum of \$49,960. In 1991 the courthouse was recorded as a Texas Historic Landmark and a plaque (at right) commemorating it's historic importance was erected near the south entrance.

For more info about the history of Eldorado and Schleicher County visit our website at: [myeldorado.net](http://myeldorado.net)

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though. In the meantime, technology has opened other opportunities. With internet service available almost everywhere in the county and satellite and cable TV beaming into virtually every home, citizens of Schleicher County are no longer cut off from the outside world. But that may prove to be a two-edged sword.

As more and more people discover the benefits of living in Schleicher County, will they want to change this place we love? Certainly they will. Just like W.B. Silliman and C.C. Doty set out to change it to suit themselves, so then will the people who will follow us onto the Eldorado Divide. Schleicher County will change, that much is certain. But the questions of how, and how much...well, those questions are up to us the people who follow in our footsteps.



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**Makeshift courthouse** — Above, the W.B. Silliman Land Office, housed Schleicher County's records and served as an office for county officials until the county's first courthouse could be constructed in 1902. Later, in 1917, this building again served as county offices after the 1902 courthouse burned. This building actually predates the founding of Eldorado in 1895. It housed the school at Verand before that community was abandoned. The building was then moved up the hill to the new Eldorado townsite. Note the rock vault attached to the south wall of the structure. This photo was taken sometime after 1926, since the Presbyterian Church can be seen in the background.

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**County wants to pursue property swap with school**

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court of Schleicher County voted Monday to pursue an agreement with the Schleicher County ISD to trade the county-owned baseball field, as well as other properties, for the school's agriculture barn and surrounding properties. After a motion to trade the baseball field and adjacent lots failed, a second motion, adding the county's Centennial Park to the list, passed unanimously. If agreed to by the school the swap would give the county ownership of the school's new show barn, and exhibit hall, as well as the property that surrounds the compound. In return, the school would take possession of the county-owned baseball field where the EHS baseball team currently plays its home games. Also, the school would get Centennial Park, a playa lake adjacent to the school's football practice field.

Centennial Park was donated to the county in 1995 by Holly Brame for the purpose of making a park. Commissioners reasoned that, since the park adjoins school athletic fields, the school would have greater use for the property. Centennial Park is a dry lake bed which regularly fills with water during heavy rains. The water is drains from the playa lake through a cave under a bridge on FM 915.

It was noted that the trade would give the county the show barn and allow for the use of the building for large meetings. Currently, since the building is owned by the school, state law prohibits the possession of alcohol, tobacco and fire arms on the property. That directly conflicts with the building's use by the Eldorado Game Dinner Association. Each year the association raffles away guns at the annual game dinner. Also, hunters

regularly bring alcohol onto the property in their vehicles.

Now that the county has made the offer to trade the properties, it is up to SCISD trustees to approve or reject the deal.

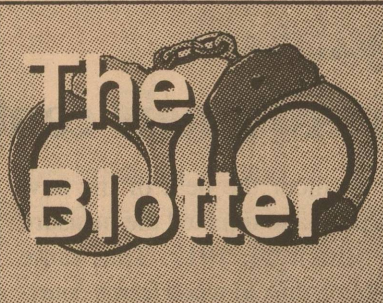
The meeting was the commissioners regular semimonthly meeting. It was called to order at 9:18 a.m. by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin, Ross Whitten and Johnny Mayo were in attendance. Minutes of the meeting held on July 9, were read by County Clerk Peggy Williams and approved by order of the court.

A motion, offered by Johnny Mayo and seconded by Ross Whitten, to allow the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS and the Appraisal District to join with the county in defending against pending litigation was approved. The county, once a part of the West Texas Rural Counties Association's (WTRCA) health insurance pool, has been named in a suit brought against the association by the parent company of Eckerd's Drug Stores. The commissioners voted previously, in the July 9th meeting, to hire local attorney James Kosub to represent them in the suit.

Sealed bids, for the purchase of a new half-ton pickup, were opened at 10:00 a.m. Bids were submitted by Bronco Ford of Sonora in the amount of \$18,674.00 and by Jim Bass Ford of San Angelo in the amount of \$17,421.75. The bid was awarded to Phillip Motors of Port Nueces who bid \$16,430.00. The pickup is to be used in the county road department.

In other business, the court, by consensus, declined a request to ban outdoor burning in Schleicher County. Next, the men issued a call for bids for surplus road department vehicles. The county is declaring two Ford pickups to be surplus equipment and will offer the trucks for sale. One is a F-100 half-ton Ford and the other is a 1982 F-150 Ford.

The commissioners then approved payment of \$47,091.96 as part of a settlement of Schleicher County's portion of bills owed by the WTRCA insurance pool. The payment was ordered by Judge Woodward in the 301st. District Court. Fortunately, the commissioners anticipated the expense and had previously set aside the money for the purpose. Next, the commissioners reviewed correspondence and monthly bills. The county's accounts were ordered paid by the court and the meeting adjourned.



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.

- ARREST**
- July 18 • Daugereau, Jeffrey Lewis, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge Parole Violation.
  - July 19 • Elias, Edward, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Theft Class B, Burglary of a Habitation, Unauthorized Use Of A Motor Vehicle. Released on (2) \$5,000 & \$1,000 PR Bond.
  - July 20 • Olguin, Juan Jr., male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Unauthorized Use Of A Motor Vehicle.
  - July 22 • Luna, Leopoldo Jr., male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Local J.P. Warrants in the amount of \$400.50.
  - July 23 • Rodriguez, Juan Roberto, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Unauthorized Use Of A Motor Vehicle.
  - July 24 • Alderman, Todd Lee, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrants out of Schleicher County.

- REPORTS**
- July 17 • 6:37 p.m. Complainant on Cottonwood requested an ambulance for an 58 year old man.
  - July 18 • 3:08 p.m. Complainant on Eldorado Drive reported that some juveniles had taken their lab puppy from their front porch. Officer responded.
  - 1:49 a.m. Complainant requested an officer help them locate their 16 year old son who is driving a white and maroon 1992 Chevy Suburban. Officers responded and at 2:58 a.m. complainant advised their son had returned home.
  - 4:40 p.m. Complainant advised that a small building on fire on Depot Street. Complainant advised that some younger children had just left from there. Officers and fire department responded.
  - 5:40 p.m. Complainant from Jones County requested an officer check on the welfare of her children. Officer unable to locate.
  - 6:05 p.m. Complainant reported wide load vehicles parked partly in the way of traffic on E. Murchison. Officer responded.
  - 10:58 p.m. Complainant on Pelt Street reported a miniature Doberman dog missing.
  - July 19 • 10:25 a.m. Complainant reported that the screen had been cut and the window was open on a home on NE Main Street. Officers responded.
  - July 20 • 10:30 a.m. Complainant on Warner Avenue reported two thirteen year-olds driving around town

- recklessly. Officer responded to call.
- 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported that a person had backed into their vehicle at the Post Office and only hit the tire and there was no damage. However, person left the scene.
- 12:01 p.m. Complainant on Main Street reported a minor accident on Main Street involving two thirteen year-olds backing into a vehicle. Officer responded to call.
- 7:45 p.m. Complainant reported a blue semi-truck driving recklessly on North Hwy. 277.
- 8:45 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject driving a red truck with a very loud music. Officer responded.
- 10:30 p.m. Complainant reported an young male child riding his bike in the middle of the road on Colorado and Laredo Streets. Officer responded and child turned over to parents.
- July 21 • 1:05 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire on Old San Angelo Highway.
- 8:43 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver on McIntosh Road. Officer was unable to locate at the last location given by complainant.
- 10:39 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on FM 2596. Officer responded and made contact with the residence. Music turned down.
- July 22 • 11:47 a.m. A one vehicle roll-over 11.5 miles on 190 East. Officer responded and no injuries.
- 5:36 p.m. Complainant reported two vehicles driving recklessly on Hwy. 277 North.
- 8:15 p.m. Complainant reported a controlled burn of animal carcasses.
- July 23 • 9:00 a.m. Complainant reported Criminal Mischief to rooms at the school.
- 3:28 p.m. Complainant on County Road 312 reported a grass fire. Fire Department responded.
- 7:59 p.m. A female subject had fallen and could not get up on her own. Officer and EMS responded.
- 11:08 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire 1/2 mile on Hwy. 277 North. Fire Department and Officer responded.
- July 24 • 12:15 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident at the Post Office.
- 5:00 p.m. Complainant on Main Street is missing a 4 1/2 foot Iguana. Officer responded.
- 8:15 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver on Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.
- 10:32 p.m. Complainant reported a 4 year old male had been struck by a vehicle. Officers and EMS responded.
- 10:34 p.m. Hospital reported a dog bite. Officer responded.

**Solution to puzzle on Page 2**

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- JULY**
- 26th Johnny Powell, Helen Fay, Susie Richters, Rosa A. Martinez, Bill Samuels,
- 27th Adam Dominguez, Drew Graham, Gina Muela, Rebecca Graham, Dora Lynn Fay, Mark Daniel Garcia, Theresa Beach, Bobby Adame
- 28th Seth Taylor, Charlene Harris, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Elton McGinnes, Mary Jenkins, Walter Wagner
- 29th Willene Garlitz, Cliff Schooley, Gera Lemke, Wayne Palmer, Maddie Dean
- 30th Scooter Faull, Sandra Helmers, Vernell McCalla, Virgilio Escobar Sr.
- 31st Mark Daniels, Cristie Jo Belman, Ginger Reynolds, Tamra Robledo, Jerrylyn Ward, Amanda Rene Garcia
- AUGUST**
- 1st Ike Whitten, Su Scott, Gregory Fuentes, Lily Vallejo, Ruby Gonzalez
- 2nd Clara Herrera, Angie Saldivar, Christopher L. Minor, Gus Willeke, Inez Graham, Johnny Mayo, Conner Blair

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### Notice To Bidders

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## Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Chief Deputy George Arispe and Fire Chief Jerry Jones. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the two men they were examining the remnants of a wasp spray can that was believed to have exploded, starting a fire in a storage building on Depot Street on Wednesday, July 18th. The fire was quickly extinguished.

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Talking sheep and goats — Schleicher County veterinarian William Edmiston addressed the annual meeting of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association in Kerrville last Friday.

## TSGRA elects officers at convention in Kerrville

Three area ranchers were elected as officers of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association at the groups 86th annual convention in Kerrville on Saturday, July 21, 2001.

Glen Fisher of Sutton County was elected as the TSGRA President. Fisher was born in Childress, Texas and was raised on a cotton farm at Lorenzo. After graduating from high school in Lorenzo, he obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Economics from Texas Tech and a Master of Science degree in Agriculture Economics from Oklahoma State University. He worked as an economist with the Texas Agricultural Extension Service for five years, prior to becoming manager of Sonora Wool & Mohair. He served in that position for 16 years before becoming manager of Ozona Wool & Mohair, where he served for three years.

Schleicher County rancher Pat Jackson was elected as the TSGRA 1st Vice President. The son of Charles and Imogene Jackson of Big Lake, Pat Jackson was raised in Big Lake, and graduated

from Reagan County High School in 1974. He graduated from Angelo State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting. Since 1979 he has ranched with his father in Schleicher County, raising Rambouillet sheep, Angora and meat goats and Simbrah and Angus cattle.

Ft. McKavett George Sultemeier was elected as the TSGRA's 2nd Vice President. Sultemeier was born in Blanco County and raised on a ranch near Johnson City. He graduated from high school in Johnson City and received a Bachelor of Science degree from Southwest Texas State University in 1959. He received his Master of Science degree from Texas A&M University in 1961.

He went to work for the USDA Soil Conservation Service in 1961 as a rangeland conservationist and completed his career with the same agency as State Staff Field Range Specialist responsible for 32 North and West Texas Counties. He currently ranches in Menard County and also has an irrigated farm with a grazing operation.

## Area ranchers' help sought with current Anthrax study

Ranchers in southwest Texas are being asked to report recent livestock or wildlife losses that may be due to anthrax to the Texas Department of Health (TDH) in Uvalde at 1-830-278-7173 or the Texas Animal Health Commission's Area 5 office in Beeville at 1-800-658-6570, so that disease researchers can collect tissue and blood samples for field diagnostic trials and an extensive study of the anthrax bacteria in the area. This year, the disease has killed livestock and wildlife in Edwards, Val Verde, Uvalde, Kinney, Real and

western Bandera counties. Although domestic livestock may be vaccinated, there is no approved vaccine for wildlife.

"Several staff members from the Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, have traveled to Uvalde to collect samples for the studies, commented veterinarian Catherine Tull, who works in TDH's Zoonosis Control in Uvalde. "We need 'freshly dead' animals that died within the past three or four hours and have not started to decompose. Researchers can be dispatched quickly from the Uvalde area to the location of the carcass to collect samples. Ranchers will not be expected to handle the samples but are responsible under state regulations to burn the carcasses after the samples are taken.

Dr. Tull said sample collection efforts will continue through August 3, and reports can be taken from ranchers from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays.

"The CDC and state human and animal health agencies, including the Texas Animal Health Commission, Texas Department of Health, and Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory have an interest in learning more about the occurrence of anthrax and the use of field diagnostic tests," commented Dr. Terry Conger, state epidemiologist for the Texas Animal Health Commission, the state's livestock health regulatory agency.

In the outbreak area, clinical confirmation is still pending on two suspected human cases of cutaneous (skin) anthrax after two ranchers developed skin lesions characteristic of anthrax after handling livestock. She encouraged ranchers in the area to wear latex or work gloves and long sleeves when handling livestock, carcasses or anthrax vaccine. Dr. Tull said ranchers should seek immediate medical attention if they develop unusual sores on their arms or hands.

Anthrax is caused by a spore-forming bacteria that remains dormant in the soil until activated by periods of cool, wet weather, followed by several weeks of hot, dry conditions. The bacteria rises to the surface, where it contaminates soil and grass. Animals, including cattle, sheep, goats, exotic and domestic deer, and horses can ingest the bacteria as they graze. By the time an animal displays signs of the disease, which may involve staggering, trembling, convulsions, or bleeding from the body openings, death usually follows.

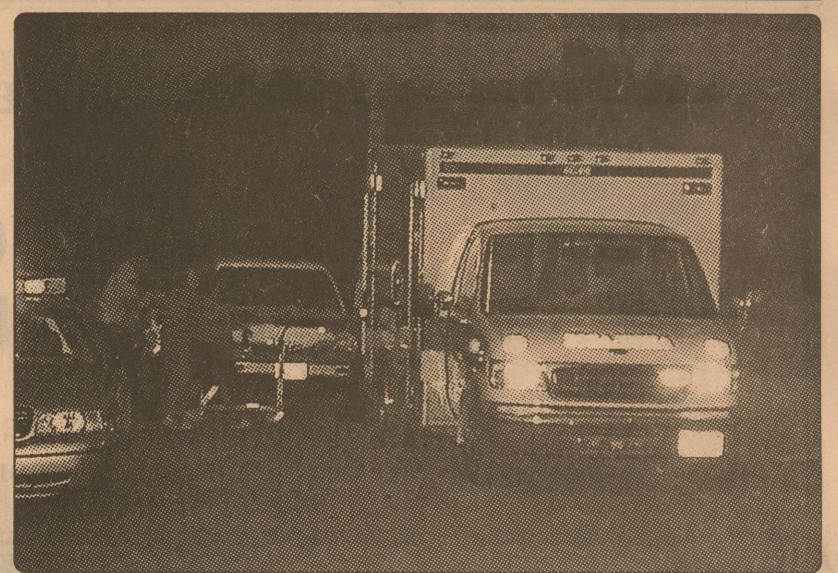


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Serious business — Ambulance service personnel were called to Eldorado Place Apartments Tuesday night after a 4 year-old boy was struck by a GMC sports utility vehicle in the parking lot.

## 4 year-old boy hospitalized after being struck by auto

For the second time in fifteen days, an Eldorado child has been struck by an automobile. A 4-year-old boy was hit by a GMC sports utility vehicle Tuesday night in the parking lot of Eldorado Place Apartments. The boy was taken by ambulance to the Schleicher County Medical Center and was later transferred to a San Angelo hospital. At press time, the child's condition is unknown.

The driver of the vehicle, Maria Garza, 18, of Eldorado, reportedly told officers that she had seen other children cross the parking lot

but did not see the 4 year-old victim as he walked into the path of her vehicle. Garza was cited by Sheriff's Deputy David Olivian for driving without a license.

Only two weeks ago, a 2-year old boy was struck by a pickup truck while crossing the road to visit a snow cone vending truck. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, the driver of the pickup, David Smith of Christoval, was later cited by Department of Public Safety Trooper Robert Bybee for failing to report an accident to authorities.

## Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees meet

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of directors met Monday evening and, among other business, appointed Anita Jones, R.N. as Director of Nursing in the district's Nursing Home. Jones, who had been assigned to the hospital's clinic, will replace Beth Aranan in the nursing home. Aranan resigned her position last week.

The meeting was called to order by board president Randy Mankin at 6:18 p.m. Trustees Delia Pina, Shirley Joiner, Judy Christian and Jim Martin were in attendance. Trustees John Callison and Ricky Fuessel were absent. Also in attendance were Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and Accounts Receivable Manager Philip Sharp.

As soon as the meeting began, the board went into executive session. The stated purpose for the closed door session was discussion of physician search and deliberations about real property. About an hour later the trustees returned to open session, without taking action on either matter.

The minutes of the June 25, 2001 were read and approved. Then, the board went on to discuss the district's financial reports including: investments, the financial statement, check journal, statistics

and cash flow as well as the hospital's bad debt listing.

During the review of the financial reports, the Bad Debt listing drew the most discussion among board members. It was noted that so far this year the hospital has written off \$62,137.00 in bad debt. Methods for collecting the past due debt were discussed and, at one point, it was suggested that the names of people with past due accounts be published in the newspaper.

Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook advised the board that she did not believe the district could not legally publish such a list. At that point, trustee Jim Martin asked if the list could be posted around town and nailed to the church doors. Fagan-Cook replied that collection of the debt will be pursued through legal means. She further noted that collection efforts are being assisted by the fact that the hospital now accepts credit card payments.

A brief discussion of a wage increase ended when the board agreed to consider the topic along with the upcoming 2002 budget. Before adjourning, the trustees voted to approve a revised Nursing Home Quality Assurance Program, Lab Values Policy and Procedures and the Nursing Home Fall Prevention Policy and Procedures.

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