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## Former physician sues County and Hospital District, alleging breach of contract

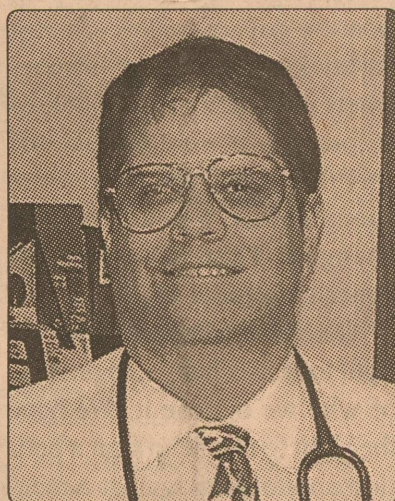
Dr. Randall Sloan, D.O., filed a lawsuit in State District Court last week against Schleicher County and the Schleicher County Hospital District. Also named as defendants in the lawsuit were Preferred Management Corporation, the company that oversees day-to-day operations of the local hospital, and Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook.

Dr. Sloan alleges in the lawsuit that the defendants violated an employment contract by terminating his employment at Schleicher County Medical Center. He further alleges that the defendants made false and disparaging statements about him and that they interfered with his ability to obtain gainful employment. Dr. Sloan is asking for a jury trial. He is seeking an unspecified amount in exemplary and punitive damages.

When asked about the lawsuit, Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin said he had no idea why Schleicher County was named as a defendant. "I don't even know the fellow," Griffin said of Sloan. "I don't know why he thinks the coun-

ty is involved in this in any way." Judge Griffin speculated that Schleicher County would be dropped from the lawsuit once the county's attorney files a response.

Local attorney James Kosub, who represents the county's liabil-



FILE PHOTO  
Dr. Randall Sloan

ity insurance carrier, will likely be filing the response for Schleicher County. He is also representing the Schleicher County Hospital District, the local governing body that owns and operates the local hospital, nursing home and clinic.

A key question in the lawsuit seems to hinge on whether or not an employment contract between Dr. Sloan and the hospital district ever existed. According to the lawsuit, Sloan and the hospital district entered into an employment contract on Nov. 1, 1999. However, at that time the hospital's clinic was being operated by Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Current and former members of the hospital district's board of trustees contend that Dr. Sloan came to Eldorado in 1999, not as an employee of Schleicher County Medical Center, but as a contract physician provided by Shannon Medical Center.

Records indicate that Shannon's involvement with the hospital district ended on Sept. 30, 2000. A story in the Sept. 28, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success noted that the district's board of trustees authorized Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook to negotiate a contract with Dr. Sloan. However, there is no evidence, at least in the hospital's records, that a contract was ever completed.

A letter of agreement, signed by both Dr. Sloan and Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook, called for Sloan to continue working at the hospital until December 31, 2000. While the two sides tried to reach agreement on a contract. Hospital district representatives say that no such agreement was reached and that Dr. Sloan's affiliation with the hospital ended without a contract having been signed.

The lawsuit also alleges that Ann Fagan-Cook interfered with Sloan's ability to obtain gainful employment and that Preferred Management Corp. knew, or should have known, about Fagan-Cook's actions. The lawsuit continues by claiming that the defendants made false and defamatory statements about Sloan, both orally and in writing. It further claims that the statements impugned Sloan's professional capacity as a physician.

Upon leaving Eldorado, Dr. Sloan reportedly worked in San Angelo, providing emergency room coverage at San Angelo Community Hospital. He opened a practice in Eden on May 1, 2001 at the Concho County Hospital. Attempts to contact him there were unsuccessful.

The Schleicher County Hospital District Board of Trustees is slated to meet at 7:00 p.m. Monday evening to discuss the lawsuit and options for responding to it. It is likely the portion of the meeting concerning the lawsuit will be held behind closed doors in executive session.

Randy Mankin, publisher of the Eldorado Success, currently serves as President of the Board of Directors of the Schleicher County Hospital District and was a member of the board prior to, during and after Dr. Sloan's tenure in Eldorado.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Waiting for the answer — Amanda Figueroa, Laurie Almazan, Mayra Bustos and Sonia Mills huddled beneath a green and white Eldorado Eagles blanket last Saturday evening as they awaited the announcement of the judges decision following the Area D Marching Contest in Brady.

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## Election slated for Tuesday

An election to determine the fate of 19 proposed constitutional amendments will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2001. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

County Clerk Peggy Williams advises that turnout has been very light in the early voting period that ends on Friday.

On Tuesday, voters may cast ballots at the following places:

- Precinct 1 - First United Methodist Church Education Building
- Precinct 2 - Schleicher County Memorial Building

Precinct 3 - Schleicher County Annex Building

Precinct 4 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Education Building

Voters are encouraged to have their voters registration card with them when they go to vote. As usual, the Eldorado Success will post election results in the newspaper office window as soon as they become available. Local results will also be posted on the newspaper's website at www.myeldorado.net.

## Game Dinner slated Saturday on Courthouse Square

The Schleicher County Game Association will hold its annual Game Dinner Saturday on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. As usual, numerous guns and prizes will be raffled away during the event.

A delicious barbecue lunch will be offered with the serving line opening at 11:00 a.m. Meal tickets are a mere \$5 and raffle tickets are still \$1 each.

As a special draw for hunters, a Raptor 4-wheel drive utility ve-

hicle will be raffled away as will a "Potbelly" deer blind. More than 40 guns and various other prizes will also be raffled away.

Game Dinner Association President Brian Edmiston says that the dinner is held each year as a way of welcoming the hundreds of deer hunters who return each year to the county.

A giant tent will be set up on the Courthouse Square and the Memorial Building will also be used for the event.

## SCMC earns redesignation as Level IV Trauma Center

Schleicher County Medical Center has been re-designated as a Level IV Trauma Facility in Trauma Service Area K. This state designation is good for a three-year period. In a letter addressed Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook, Dr. Charles Bell, Executive Deputy Commissioner, of the Tex-

as Department of Health commended the hospital for ongoing commitment to quality care for the trauma patients in Schleicher County. In addition, Dr. Bell also thanked Fagan-Cook and the hospital's staff for their continued leadership in the development of the state's trauma system.

## Discussion of "coffee shop rumors" dominate Commissioners meeting with Sheriff

by Pat Ragsdale

A called meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court convened at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, October 29, 2001, with Judge Johnny Griffin calling the meeting to order. Commissioners Ross Whitten, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo, and Bill Clark were in attendance.

The meeting began with the minutes being read and approved. Next, bids for a transport load of diesel fuel were received with only one bid being submitted, that of Griffin Fuels for 91.5 cents per gallon. The commissioners voted to award the bid to Griffin Fuels.

Next, in accordance with a request by the Texas Association of Counties, two of the proposed

amendments to the Texas Constitution, were considered for endorsement. After review the court approved endorsement of Amendment #15 but rejected support of Amendment #2.

The court then entered into an executive session with Sheriff David Doran for the discussion of personnel matters. After 15 minutes behind closed doors the group emerged into open session without taking formal action on the matter, however, at the request of Commissioner Ross Whitten, an item concerning time clocks will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The Sheriff then stayed to visit with the Commissioners in open session about a number of other

issues. Doran took the opportunity to flatly deny that he is planning to resign his office in January, 2002. It was noted that the rumor is prevalent in one of the local coffee shops. Doran pointed out that he is too busy to spend time in coffee shops.

The subject of the Meals for the Elderly program then came up. Asked by Commissioner Bill Clark if he is planning to drop the program, Doran stated that he had taken on the chore of preparing meals for the program in the jail in order to help the county out of a bind and that he fully intends to continue with the program until such time as the county no longer needs his department's help.

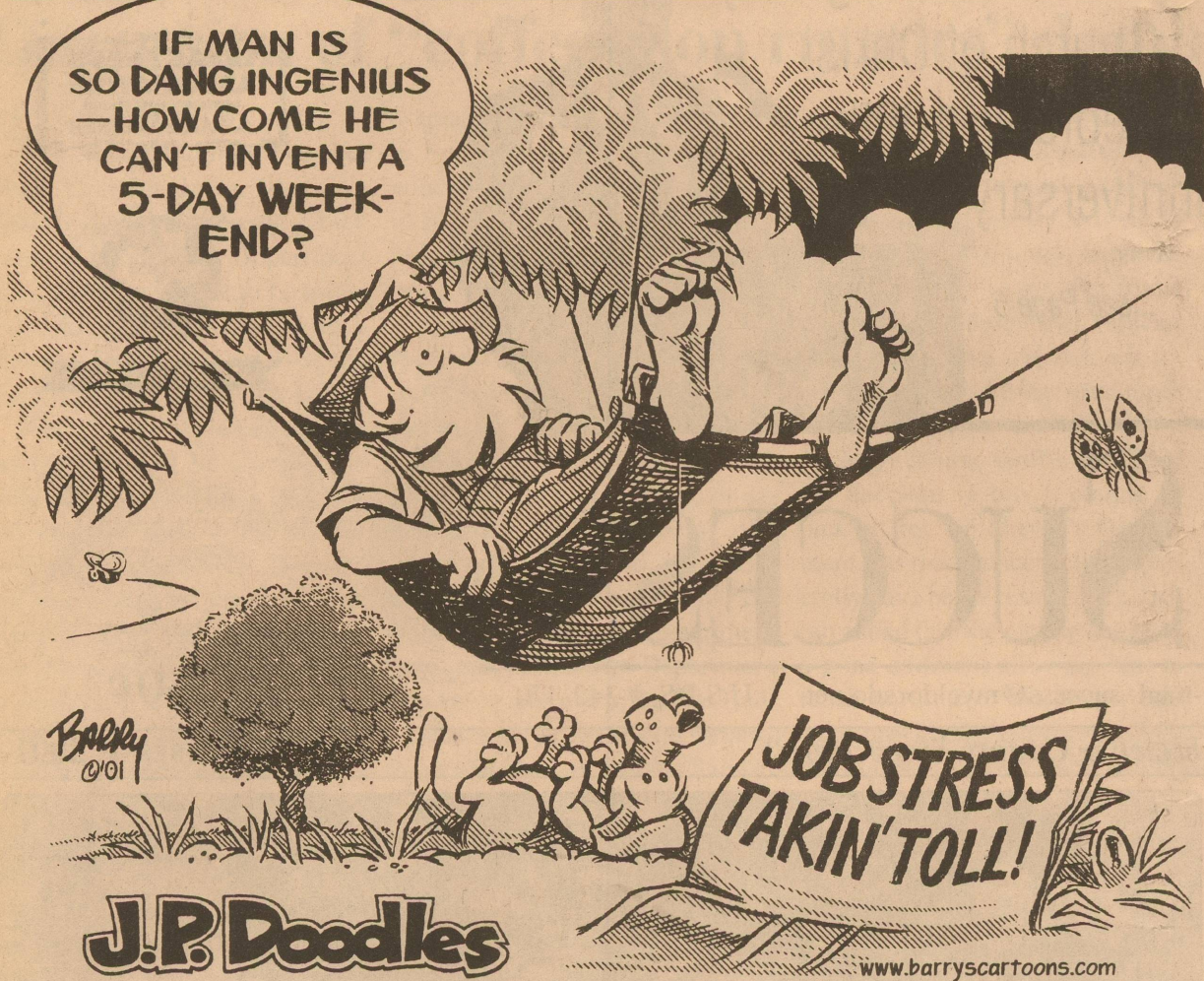
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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

How do we get this out of here? Chief Deputy George Arispe inspected an overturned 2001 Jeep Cherokee on Sunday along with Buddy Key and Joe Key of B.J.'s Wrecker Service. There were no injuries in the wreck which occurred at the intersection of East Street and Cottonwood Street. The Jeep's owner, Francisco Sanchez, Jr. was cited for allowing an unlicensed driver to operate the vehicle. Also cited was the 11-year old driver who was ticketed for driving without a license.





# Petition exposes good and bad sides of grassroots democracy



**OVER THE BACK FENCE**  
by Randy Mankin

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, or at least a majority of the group's board of directors, don't like the law in this county prohibiting the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption. And, they have set out to change that law.

To that end the group collected signatures from 15 citizens and presented them to County Clerk Peggy Williams. Under Texas law, a petition calling for a "local option election" will now be circulated. The petition must be signed by 35 percent of the registered voters in Schleicher County (roughly 625)

within a 30 day period. Organizers say that the petition will begin circulating on November 1, 2001. Any signatures collected before that day will be invalid, as will any collected after November 30. If the petition is successful, a county-wide election will be called to settle the question.

Leaving aside for one moment the question about whether the Chamber of Commerce should involve itself in such issues, the petition has already begun to stir things up in the county.

The right of citizens to petition the government to change its laws is one of the primary tenets on which our democracy is founded. If we don't like the way things are, and if there are enough of us, we can get them changed. That's what makes America great.

Conversely, we also have the right to resist change, regardless of why we oppose it. We have the right to refuse to sign a petition and to vote against a mea-

sure if it makes it to the ballot. This, too, is a sign of our nation's greatness.

Our right to have our say is what most foreign governments don't understand about us, especially despotic regimes like the one currently in power in Afghanistan.

But democracy has a dark side, too...a dark side that is beginning to show itself in and around Eldorado.

For example, I overheard a couple of men in a convenience store chastising another man because he chose not to sign the local option election petition. They made fun of him and they ridiculed his faith. It was a sorry display of how peer pressure is sometimes used to intimidate.

One of the two antagonists told the man that he was denying them the ability to vote. As if by not signing the petition, he was somehow taking away their constitutional rights.

To his credit, the man stuck to his guns and told the two to bug off. He understood, you see, that he has rights, too, and that among those is the right to refuse to sign a petition with which he disagrees.

If you don't know where you stand on the question, you had better give it some serious thought. Very soon, someone is likely to ask you to take sides.

## Economic downturn means red ink in Texas budget

AUSTIN — Is Texas going broke?

That was the chilling prospect raised by state Sen. John Whitmire of Houston during the first interim meeting of the Senate Finance Committee Oct. 24.

"Is it not about time to start telling people we're broke?" the Democratic lawmaker asked of James LeBas of the Comptroller's Office. "When I travel the state and talk to folks, they don't have a clue we're as broke as we are."

LeBas told the committee that the state was facing a \$3 billion to \$5 billion budget shortfall by the

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



time the Legislature convenes again in January 2003.

This considerably less than optimistic projection could get even worse.

"There is a level of risk hanging over this revenue estimate that is not fully understood at this point," LeBas said.

Even before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, he noted, Texas' economy had been slowing along

with the rest of the nation. Since that landmark day, consumer spending has decreased, further impacting the level of state sales tax revenue.

As jitters continue amid anthrax scares and actual contaminations, consumer confidence could erode more. Announcements of job layoffs in Texas and elsewhere in the nation seem to come daily. The state's unemployment is higher than the national average.

Another factor influencing the big picture, not yet getting any media attention, is increased state spending as Texas' government tightens security and increases preparedness. At minimum, budgets for the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Adjutant General's Department already are being affected.

But the state's budget trouble is not all connected to the aftermath of the terrorists or even the sluggish state of the economy prior to the attacks.

Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander has said that long-term spending commitments, coupled with an ever-increasing population, have affected the budget picture.

The situation should be in a little better focus when her office releases sales tax collection data for October, the first full month after the attacks.

As Rylander's office keeps a worried eye on income, other signs of budget worries are apparent.

The Parks and Wildlife Department is pondering various fee increases, the possibilities ranging from hunting and fishing licenses

to park entrance fees and boat registration and titling costs.

At the Texas Department of Transportation, as reported here last week, construction projects have been put on hold as well as merit raises for the agency's 14,500 employees.

#### One way to save bucks

Understandably lost amid much more pressing news was October being National Energy Awareness Month.

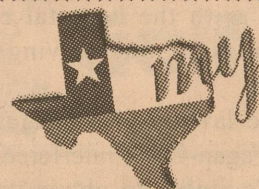
The Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs is reminding Texans that they can save a lot of money on their utility bills by making sure their homes are weatherized.

Heating and cooling, the federal Department of Energy says, amounts to up to 70 percent of household energy usage.

To lower monthly bills, TDHC recommends, weatherize your house, set water heaters at 120 degrees, insulate water pipes, use low flow shower heads and toilets, keep thermostats set lower in winter and higher in summer and replace old appliances with more energy efficient models.

That step also will bring Texas a little more tax revenue.

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## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### The Cup Lady of Sweetwater

Her canvas is a chain link fence. Her brushes are styrofoam cups. Her medium is billboard-sized signs that can be seen blocks away. She is Lita McEachern, a doctor's wife who has put words of encouragement and support in four locations around Sweetwater for more than fifteen years.

"In 1991 I was doing signs on cyclone fences, but I was using cloth. I would weave the cloth around the wire. I thought it was so hard because I had to pin it, cut it and figure it all out. I saw a cup sign somewhere and decided to start doing my signs that way."

Working alone, she makes her signs by poking styrofoam cups through the small squares in the chain link fences. The result is a series of white circles (the bottom of the cups) joined together to spell words. She places the cups in firmly, using no glue or anything else to hold them. When she squeezes a cup through, it stays.

"Since I have to put the cups in bottom first, that means I have to work in reverse, starting from right to left and looking at the words backwards. But my mind works like that. Sometimes when I'm writing with a pen I start writing backwards and I have to tell myself this is not a fence."

The messages change every week. She started out by writing things like "Go, Mustangs" in honor of the Sweetwater High School football team. One of her signs by the IGA food store has a cutout of a horse that she decorates at dif-

ferent times of the year. At homecoming he wears a mum. When Sweetwater played the Colorado City Wolves, her sign read "For sale, Mild Wolf Chili by the Mustang Canning Company."

"It takes me about two and a half hours to make each sign. I start after midnight and finish up in the wee hours. I start at midnight because I read a story onetime about a little elf that used to come out at night and she would clean the house and fix the food and the people would wake up and all the stuff was done for them. I usually do it on Sunday night so when people go to school or work, they can see the signs Monday morning."

Sometimes she creates puzzles or riddles and puts the answer upside down, causing drivers to slow down so they can figure it out. Recently, Lita created a flag with ribbons that turned out to be an optical illusion. When you see it from one angle, it appears to be a complete flag. As you pass by, it seems to disappear. Her words beneath the flag read "Don't let your flag fade away. Keep it in your heart."

Her messages have been patriotic lately and she's using red, white and blue cups. The one on Lamar street by the beauty shop has some of the words in the song God Bless America. She cried every time she put a cup through the fence.

On September 12th her sign read "Many souls were lost as we saw through tears of disbelief. God be with us."

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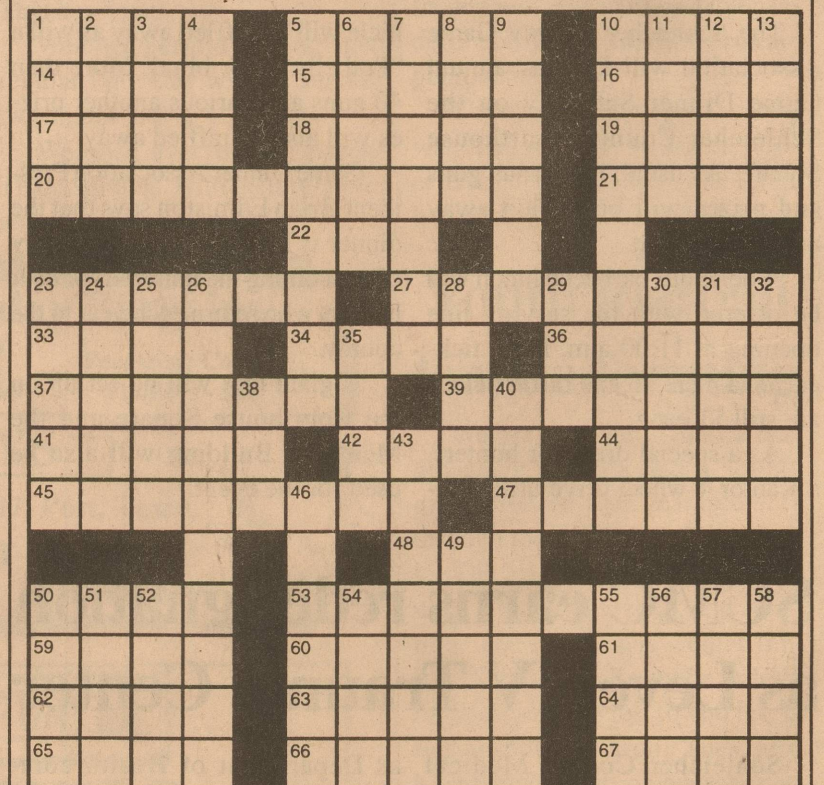
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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | 53 Geographic (magnetic) map marking                       | individuals acting together           |
| 1 Appends meninges                    | 59 Norse goddess of old age                                | 11 European olive tree                |
| 10 Low temperature                    | 60 Desert in S. Israel                                     | 12 Tell anonymously                   |
| 14 Patriarch of the flood era         | 61 Baltic sea feeder                                       | 13 Carried out                        |
| 15 Decree or ordain                   | 62 Corrode   | 23 Shrub of the Rhus genus            |
| 16 Margarine                          | 63 Weather in a location averaged over long period of time | 24 Stadium or bowl                    |
| 17 Boundary                           | 64 An immeasurably long period of time                     | 25 Correspond or match                |
| 18 Gracefully slender                 | 65 Wild blackthorn plum                                    | 26 Stony meteor                       |
| 19 Incline or slant                   | 66 Academy Award   | 28 Interpret written words            |
| 20 Axman                              | 67 Hamlet was one  | 29 Protrusion                         |
| 21 Body of fresh water                |  | 30 Volume of 1 kilogram of pure water |
| 22 Ocean arm                          |  | 31 Alarm or warning                   |
| 23 Hunting expedition                 |  | 32 Bowler hat                         |
| 27 Monitor or Merrimac                |  | 35 Wooden soled footwear              |
| 33 Relating to or obtained from urine | <b>DOWN</b>  | 38 Black tropical American cuckoo     |
| 34 Look at with amorous intentions    | 1 Again but in a different way                             | 40 Telephone earpiece                 |
| 36 Being of use or service            | 2 Extinct heavy flightless bird, related to pigeons        | 43 Invalid or incorrect reasoning     |
| 37 Colorless odorless fuel gas        | 3 Ethnic slur; for a person of Italian descent             | 46 Texas hill country county          |
| 39 Mediator                           | 4 Single-storied outbuilding for shelter or storage        | 49 Clyster                            |
| 41 A negatively charged atom          | 5 Psychotic belief   | 50 Not his                            |
| 42 Lunar time period                  | 6 Merge  | 51 Twelfth month of the Jewish year   |
| 44 Predicate                          | 7 Grenadier fish   | 52 Likewise                           |
| 45 Human flesh eater                  | 8 Yearn or pine  | 54 Colloids                           |
| 47 Resembling or containing chert     | 9 Two-channel sound system                                 | 55 Freight consignment                |
| 48 Sheltered side of an island        | 10 Characteristic of                                       | 56 Thought                            |
| 50 Listen                             |  | 57 Las Vegas light type               |
|                                       |  | 58 Sea eagle                          |

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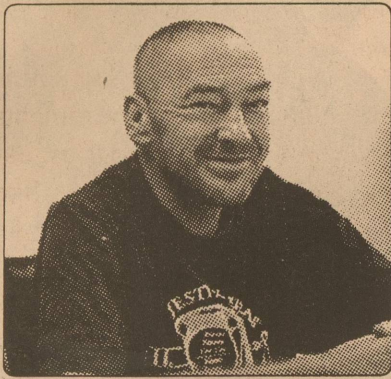
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# OBITUARIES

## Ronnie Neff



ELDORADO — Ronnie Dale Neff, 42, passed away Tuesday October 30, 2001 in a local nursing home. Services will be at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, November 1, 2001 at the Mertzson Highway Church of Christ with burial to follow in

Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Ronnie was born January 28, 1959 in Lubbock and was a lifetime resident of Eldorado. He was preceded in death by his parents Oscar and Opal Neff.

Ronnie is survived by 2 daughters Mary Patricia Neff and Ryan Marie Neff both of New York, a sister Mary Nell Sanders and husband Roger of Burnet, 2 nephews Leland Craig and wife Leesa of Hutto, and Wayne Craig and wife Monica of Burnet, a niece Mary Watson and husband David of Gunter, and 7 great nieces and nephews

## Ben R. Keel

Ben R. Keel, 72, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2001, in San Angelo Community Medical Center. Burial was in Park Memorial Cemetery in Kansas City, Mo.

Ben was born May 3, 1929, in Richmond, Ray County, Mo. He was a graduate of Richmond High School. From the time he was a Boy Scout he had a love for flying, eventually becoming a command pilot for Mid-Continent Airlines before joining the Army Air Corps. Airman Keel trained at Mathis, Lackland and Goodfellow fields before receiving his aviator's wings. After being commissioned into the Officers Corps while training in San Angelo, he married Carlene Nutt on July 1, 1950, in Carlsbad, N.M. They settled in the San Angelo area where they owned ranch and farm

land in Irion and Schleicher counties. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he flew B-29s.

Ben's one great passion was always flying, but he also did many other things, including insurance, ranching, television and manufacturing of gourmet food items. Through his years in San Angelo, he flew for Producers Livestock Auction and his own company, Tex Air International Inc.

He was a member of Eldorado Lodge 890 AF&AM and First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

Ben was preceded in death by his mother, Lou Emma Jones; and his wife, Carlene Nutt Keel. He is survived by his son, Richard Keel and wife, Marie, of Savoy, Ill.; special friends, Tracy Emery of Rankin and Todd Emery of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the American Red Cross.



PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

**Happy Birthday** — Three generations sharing the same birthday posed for this photo last Saturday. Everyone pictured celebrates their birthday today, November 1st. They are (Front L-R) twin sisters Daisy Brodnax Mikeska of Eldorado and Doris Brodnax Yearoy of Midland (Back L-R) twin brother & sister Lanis Mikeska and Janis Mikeska Wilkerson, both of Eldorado and their niece Margo Mikeska of San Angelo. Margo is the daughter of Mike Mikeska and is the granddaughter of Daisy Mikeska.



submitted by Dorothy Dacy

Five members of Kappa Delta Sorority met in the home of Dorothy Dacy on October 23rd surrounded by festive Halloween decorations.

A business meeting followed and plans were finalized for the Halloween Costume Dance to be held October 30th at the Memorial Building. Head-Start, Pre-K, and Grades 1-4 are all invited to come dressed in their favorite trick-or-treat outfit. Admission will be \$2.00 and refreshments will be provided from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dorothy Clark volunteered to make colorful posters to put around town and Linda Lindsey will do flyers to give out to the children at school. Prizes will be given for the Best Costume and King and Queen of the dance.

A club donation was given to the Chamber of Commerce for the annual Game Dinner to be held on November 3rd. Also, thank you cards were read on behalf of the

families of Sherry Lux and Charlotte Steele for memorial contributions.

A very interesting program was given by Mary Leigh Dunagan on the 20th century. She asked each of us to make a list of changes to our life-styles that we have lived through. Everything from space travel (man walking on the moon) to cell phones were mentioned. A lively discussion followed about how family life seems to be more fast-paced than it was when our children were growing up. Comments was made that only one parent worked, mothers stayed at home, life was dictionary. We all wondered what the 21st century will bring?

Refreshments of sandwiches, avocado and cheese dip, Halloween cookies and brownies were served by our hostess.

The next meeting will be at Barbara Jackson's home on November 13th.

## Explorer Scouts to distribute 9-1-1 frisbees at varsity game

Eldorado's Emergency Service Explorers Post #33 will be distributing free 9-1-1 seat cushions/frisbees at Friday night's varsity game against Grape Creek. The Explorers plan to toss the soft foam flying discs into the home stands at the end of the 1st quarter of play. Each of the red and white discs will bear the 9-1-1 logo.

The Explorers post is an advanced arm of the boy scouts and is supported locally by the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS, and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. As part of the Explorers program the teenage members receive first hand instruction in all three Emergency Service fields.

Eldorado's Explorer Scouts include: Maria Hernandez, J.L. Mankin, David Doran, Samantha Powell, Kimberly Hight, Tana Williams, Nestor Hernandez, Gregory Fuentes, Frank Estrada, and Ashley Doran.

Explorers and their sponsors ask that you remember the importance of the 9-1-1 emergency system. Also, they hope you will take a few moments Friday night to reflect on the significance of the 9-1-1 logo as it relates to the thousands of men and women, particularly emergency service personnel, who perished in the terrorist attacks on our nation on September 11, or 9-11.

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## School Menu



**Milk & Bread Offered**  
**Menus Subject To Change**  
**Cafeteria Line**

**Monday, November 5**  
 Teacher In-Service- No School

**Tuesday, November 6**  
 Porkchopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Lime & Pear Jello

**Wednesday, November 7**  
 Sloppy Joe, French Fries, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple

**Thursday, November 8**  
 Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Cornbread, Chocolate Cake

**Friday, November 9**  
 Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookies

**Breakfast**  
 1/2 pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, November 5**  
 Teacher In-Service- No School

**Tuesday, November 6**  
 Choice of Cereal, Cinnamon Toast, Mixed Fruit

**Wednesday, November 7**  
 Waffles/Syrup, Peaches

**Thursday, November 8**  
 Cheese Stick, Donuts, Pears

**Friday, November 9**  
 Cream of Wheat, Buttered Toast/Jelly

**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, November 5**  
 Teacher In-Service- No School

**Tuesday, November 6**  
 Beef Tacos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Lime & Pear Jello

**Wednesday, November 7**  
 Chili Crisпитos/Cheese Sauce, Tater Roundabouts, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pineapple

**Thursday, November 8**  
 Chef's Salad, Crackers, Peaches, Chocolate Cake

**Friday, November 9**  
 Cheeseburger, Potato Wedges, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Peanut Butter Cookies

## H'way retirees meeting set

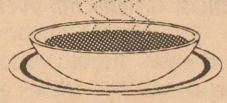
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**Wednesday, November 7**  
 Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Green Salad w/ Dressing, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

**Thursday, November 8**  
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# Playoff hopes dim for Eagles after 31-14 loss to Wall

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Wall Friday night and came up on the short end of a 31-14 score. The game was played under great weather conditions. The difference in the ball game was Wall's ball control on the ground offense. The loss dropped the Eagles season record to 2-6 and 1-2 in district play.

The first several possessions saw both teams playing well defensively and trading punts. Eldorado would see starting QB Johnny Herrera out of the game after the first series after suffering a season-ending broken collar bone. Aaron Fuentes came in as the QB for the balance of the game.

Wall scored first on a 35-yard TD run for a touchdown with 1:57 left in the quarter. The PAT was good making the score EHS 0 WHS 7. Eldorado then struck back early in the second quarter when Quisto Gonzalez found Ramon Barajas on a 36-yard pass to set up the Eagles deep in Wall territory. Aaron Fuentes then connected with Wesley Jones in the end zone for the touchdown. Andrew Anderson's PAT was good to tie the score at 7. The two teams would trade possessions and the Eagles defense stiffened to force a 24-yard Wall field goal attempt. The kick was good and the Hawks took a 10-7 lead into the field house at the half.

The third quarter wound up being the difference in the ball game. Eldorado would run only 2 offensive plays the entire quarter. The Hawks kept the ball 10:01 of the third quarter and scored on a 21 and 24-yard runs. The Eagles would not be denied a score, however, as Andrew Anderson returned a kick off 78 yards for a touchdown between Hawk drives. He then tacked on the PAT. At the end of the quarter Wall held in a 24-14 lead. The Hawks would get another TD in the final stanza to give them the 31-14 win.

Offensively, Quisto Gonzalez led all Eagle rushers with 47 yards. Ramon Barajas had 36 yards receiving, followed by Wesley Jones with 22 yards and Josh Taylor had 8. Defensively, Wesley Jones led all defenders with 20 tackle points, followed by Ray Buitron with 17,

and Ramon Barajas and Cole Pina with 16, and Quisto Gonzalez with 15. Also, as a defensive highlight, Eagle defenders held Wall's Will Doyle to only one catch in the ball game.

Coach McCormack said after the game, "Tonight, Wall's running game just kept us off the field offensively. The defense did a good job, they just had to play a lot more snaps than we would like." McCormack continued, "People who think a ball control, on the ground offensive style doesn't work anymore, didn't watch much of this ball game."

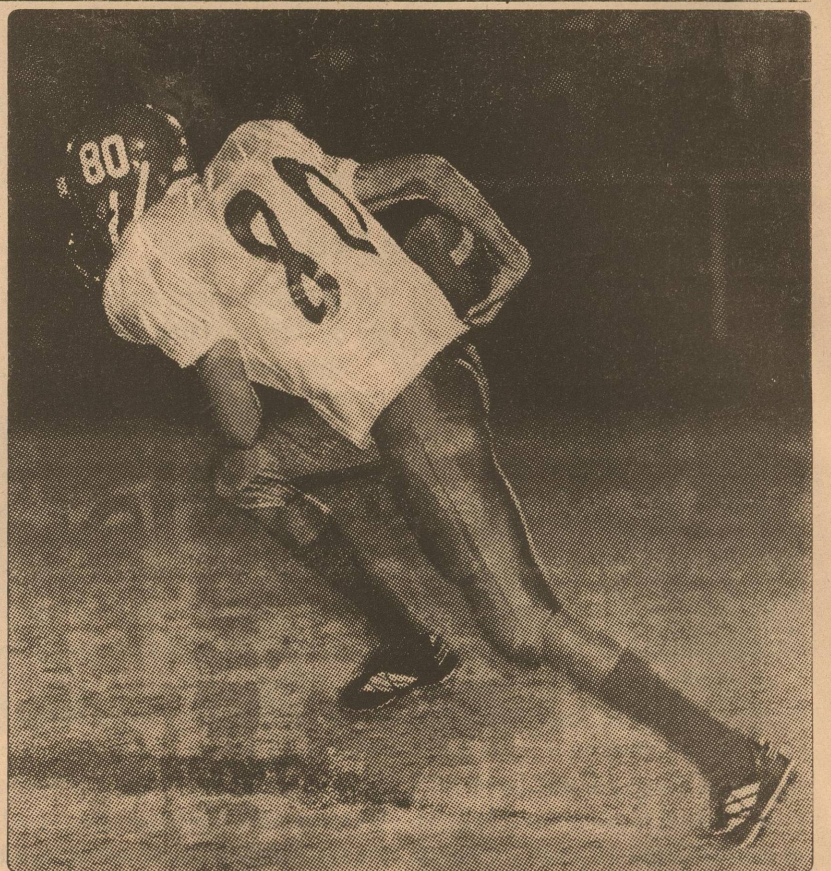
The Eagles will host Grape Creek this Friday night at Eagle Stadium. Grape Creek has struggled this year and are still looking for their first win. This is the first time in the brief history of Grape Creek High School that their varsity will play in Eldorado's Eagle Stadium. Grape Creek's head coach Paul Michaelawicz is no a stranger to Eldorado, however,

having served here as an assistant coach for several years before moving north of San Angelo.

Grape Creek runs primarily in the I on offense. McCormack commented on the other Green and White Eagles saying, "They will run the option and isolation a lot." On defense, Grape Creek will run a split similar to EHS.

Kick off for the game is scheduled for 7:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to be at Eagle Stadium and support our student athletes. WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!

SCORE BY QUARTER					
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Final
Eldorado	0	7	7	0	14
Wall	7	3	14	7	31
STATISTICS					
	EHS	WHS			
First Downs	8	15			
Rushing Yds.	56	249			
Passing Yds.	66	83			
Total Yds.	122	332			
Punts/Avg.	5/36	4/33			
Penalties/Yds.	6/50	7/75			
Fumbles/Lost	1/0	3/0			
Interceptions	2	1			



Off to the races — Eagles kick returner Andrew Anderson went 78 yards for a TD Friday night on this kickoff return in the 3rd quarter of the game with Wall. The return, and the ensuing extra-point pulled the Eagles to within 10 of the Hawks. Wall scored again in the 4th, however to give them a 31-14 winning margin.

## 7th grade Cross-Country team claims 2nd in District Meet

The 7th grade boys Cross Country team placed 2nd in the District meet in Mason on October 22. Individual runners placing in the top 20 included: Alfredo Rodriguez 1st - 12:53; Russell Cathey 2nd - 13:10; Briley Leggett 6th - 3:51; David Hernandez 14th - 15:52; Sammy Estrada 15th - 15:53; Logan Jones 16th - 15:59.

The 8th grade boys Cross Country team placed 3rd. Jeremy Usery was 7th overall with a time of 13:09. Other top 20 placings included: Jorge Bustos 10th - 13:26; Frank Wipff 11th - 13:39; and Andy Mejia 15th - 14:28. Patrick Chavez came in 27th place with a time of 18:50.

The 7th grade girls' Alicia Cor-

rales and Kimberly Samaniego ran as individuals. Corrales placed 13th with a time of 16:18 and Samaniego placed 19th with a time of 17:36.

The 8th grade girls team placed 5th place. Two girls were in the top twenty runners. They were Amber Valdez who placed 9th with a time of 15:25 and Allison Reynold who

finished 16th at 15:57. Other individual placings included: Rachel Joiner 23rd - 16:59; Chandra Wanoreck 24th - 17:12; Josie Diaz 29th - 17:27; Lauren Brown 31st - 17:34; and Mary Ann Moreno 39th - 21:00.

The boys and girls Cross Country teams were coached this year by Coach Leslie Gooch.



2001 Middle School Girls Cross Country Teams: L-R Kimberly Samaniego, Lauren Brown, Amber Valdez, Josie Diaz, Rachel Joiner, Mary Ann Moreno, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck and Alicia Corrales.



2001 Middle School Boys Cross Country Teams: Front (L-R) Russell Cathey, Briley Leggett, Sammy Estrada, Logan Jones, Patrick Chavez; Back (L-R) Jeremy Usery, Andy Mejia, Jorge Bustos, Frank Wipff and Alfredo Rodriguez. Not pictured David Hernandez.

## 8th grade Eagles keep unbeaten string alive with 14-0 win over Wall

The Eagles 8th grade football team amassed 12 first downs last Thursday while allowing Wall to gain only 3 on the way to a 14-0 win over the to Wall Hawks. The win preserved the Eagles unbeaten string and leaves only Grape Creek and Sonora standing between the Eagles and a perfect season.

The Eagles ground game was the key to the victory as they piled up 209 rushing yards. Frank Edmiston put the Eagles on the board in the 1st quarter with a 6-yard TD run. The 2-point conversion attempt failed. In the 3rd quarter, running back Kyle Taylor broke a 23-yard run for a touchdown.

Andy Mejia pounded in the 2-point conversion to give the Eagles the 14-0 winning margin.

The Eagles weren't nearly as productive through the air, gaining only 5 yards by the pass.

Offensively, Andy Mejia led all runners with 63 yards on 7 carries. Kyle Taylor carried 5 times for 46 yards, Jorge Bustos gained 21 yards on 3 carries and Frank Edmiston picked up 20 yards on 4 tries. Nestor Hernandez carried the ball 3 times for 15 yards and Caleb Nixon rushed the ball twice for 11 yards.

Defensively, the 8th grade Eagles dominated the Hawks. Joe Garcia and Frank Wipff led the

charge for the Eagles "D" with 12 and 11 tackles, respectively.

After the game Coach Dave Lewis lauded his defensive squad. "Our defense really came alive," Lewis said. "They held Wall to only three first downs and Joe Garcia and Frank Wipff combined for 23 tackles. Caleb Nix sealed the win with a big interception."

The Eagles are looking forward to their last home game of the season tonight in Eagle Stadium where they will host the Grape Creek Eagles. Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m. Everyone is encouraged to come to the stadium and support the unbeaten 8th grade Eagles.

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# Mertzon Highway Church of Christ marks 100 years of "Never Ending Faith"

by Kathy Mankin

A tiny pecan planted two thirds of a century ago, grown now into a mighty tree, stands sentinel over a congregation of Christians who celebrated their 100th anniversary on Sunday, October 28, 2001.

Mertzon Highway Church of Christ founded in October, 1901, first met under a tree arbor. They also met in Schleicher County's first courthouse and in a school building that was constructed in 1902. Then, in 1904 the group of Christians erected their own one-room plank building on the church's current site.

The church grew as the years passed and in 1941, funds were raised to build a new church. That building came to be known as the Rock Church of Christ, since the structure had a rock veneer. Only thirteen years later, in 1954, the Rock Church was dismantled and portions of it were moved to the Reynolds Community. Left standing on the lot was a lone Pecan tree. The tree had been watered through the years when the baptistry in the Rock Church building was drained.

That tree remains today, towering over the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ's current facility. It was under that tree and in that building that the church's congregation gathered Sunday to celebrate 100 years of Christian faith in Eldorado.

Elder William Edmiston opened the 100th anniversary cel-

ebration and worship service by holding up a pecan and telling the story of a small pecan that was planted in good soil. He reminded the congregation of the parable Jesus told his disciples about the sower.

The service consisted of many songs of praise including "The Love of God," "The Great Redeemer," and "Faithful Love."

Hyman Sauer introduced the guest speaker, Dale Huff of Snyder, who was ministered here from 1969 to 1979.

Pastor Dale Huff began his sermon by saying "There a lot of different stories, a record of the flesh of buildings being built and the tree that was planted and the milestones of things that were done. There is a 100-year record of people who have believed in Jesus and the Bible and made a decision to follow Him and together to try their best in church."

"Your church is a story of the character of what Jesus Christ produces in the lives of people. And the most important record is in Heaven, the record of obedience, and of faith."

The remainder of Huff's sermon was based on the 13th chapter of the book of Matthew.

Following the sermon, the congregation and its guests gathered at the Memorial Building which was decorated with small vignettes. There were antiques and old photos and samples of the church's past. Lunch tables were



A record of obedience and faith — Dale Huff of Snyder was the guest speaker during the 100th Anniversary celebration Sunday at Mertzon Highway Church of Christ. Huff served as minister here from 1969 to 1979.

laden with sandwiches and deserts of every description.

The lunch crowd was entertained by Melissa Murr, Laura Nowlin, Mary McIntosh, Gina Sauer and Terry Green who sang several songs. Also on hand was the Praise Team from the Johnson Street Church of Christ from San Angelo.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### NOVEMBER

- 1st Dawn Fay, Sam A. Whitten, Paul Harvey Martinez, Lanis Mikeska, Danielle Wagner, Janis Wilkerson, Evan Joiner, Daisy Mikeska
- 2nd T.J. Rodriguez, Marian Bland Overstreet, Joe Robert Barajas, Marina Castillo, Lupe Herrera, Tonya Robinson
- 3rd Alison Sproul, Cameron Paulson, Danielle Guadarrama, Rosa Herrera, Sloan Lovette, Rachel Garcia
- 4th Julie Holley, Brittany Jennings, Red Griffin, Claude Spencer, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Jeff Chancellor, Sonia Mills
- 5th Bobby Dale Phillips, Sarah Yates, Trey Morrison, Rudy Sanchez
- 6th Cathy Torres, Frank Edmiston, Stan Meador, Allen Lemons, Scott Edmondson
- 7th Bobby Jarrett, Jaise Bosmans, Jeffery Hibbits, Kristal Nelson, Zane Bruce, Dock Hubble

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# Eagles JV falls to Wall 13-0

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eldorado Eagles JV was defeated 13-0 by the Wall Hawks JV last Thursday evening. The contest was a hard fought battle with turnovers on both sides and plenty of good defensive effort. The Eagles held the Hawks to a 7-0 lead during the first half. Thanks to good defensive play on the Eagles part, Wall's second score didn't come until midway in the 4th quarter. Throughout the game, the Eagles were able to move the ball but was unable to drive the pigskin into Wall's end zone.

"Despite the loss we showed improvement in all areas and we played with a lot of enthusiasm and fire," Coach Alan Gillespie said after the game. "This is something we can build on going into our last two games."

Trey Chavez had some big runs for the Eagles, including a 70 yard run on the Eagles 2nd play from scrimmage. Chavez also caused and recovered a Hawk fumble.

Coach Gillespie noted that the entire offensive line blocked much better this week: Joey Hernandez, Chris Sanchez, Will Griffin, Cole Wilkerson, Dillon Greer and Fran-

cisco Duran.

There Eagles got saw good defensive play from J.R. Arispe, Alan Dykstra, Chris Sanchez, Seth Taylor and Landon Nixon. Homer Hernandez knocked down 2 passes.

The Eldorado Eagles JV will travel to Grape Creek tonight to play the Grape Creek J.V. Kickoff is slated for 6:30 p.m.

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## S.C. Game Association not sponsoring alcohol petition

Schleicher County Game Association President Brian Edmiston announced this week that his organization is in not connected with a petition being circulated around town. The petition, calling for a local option election for the on-premises sale of beer & wine in Schleicher County, is being sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

Edmiston said that while the petition will likely be circulated at the annual Game Dinner this

Saturday, his association which sponsors the Game Dinner, is neither endorsing nor opposing the petition effort.

The petition will officially begin on November 1 and organizers will have 30 days to obtain the signatures of approximately 625 registered voters. If the petition is successful, a county-wide election will be scheduled to determine if the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption will be allowed in Schleicher County.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Pride of the Divide** — The Eldorado High School Mighty Eagle Band competed at the Area D Marching Contest in Waco last Saturday. The band placed 6th overall from a field of 21 bands. The highlight of the show came at the end of the third number "Firebird" when, during the show's grand finale, eight 7th graders (at left) sprinted across the field with giant red flags. In all, this year's Mighty Eagle Band counted 30 8th graders among its members.

## Eagle Band places 6th at Area D Marching Contest in Waco

With 30 eighth graders and even a few seventh graders bolstering its numbers, the Mighty Eagle Band took the field in the brand new Waco ISD Stadium last Saturday. It was a beautiful spot for a band contest and the weather was perfect for the 21 bands that competed.

The band's performance was greatly improved in the one short week since it competed in Brady. Then it was competing against itself for technical mastery of music and marching. Last Saturday, however, the band was in direct competition with 20 other bands, all of which earned Division "1" ratings at a previous district contest.

The Eagle Band show, known as the "Firebird Suite" consisted of three musical selections including: "First Light," "Fire of Eternal Glory" and "Firebird."

Following the contest, the judges announced their decision. The bands from Academy High School, Clifton High School, Reagan County High School and Elkhart High School will advance to the State U.I.L. Marching Contest. The Comanche High School Band was named as the Alternate. The Mighty Eagle Band placed 6th.

The Mighty Eagle Band is directed by Gina Muela. Assistant Directors are Ernest Bottliner and Kara Sue Garlitz. The Drum Mar-

sh is Maria Hernandez. Individual band members include:

- Baritone: Alan Dykstra
- Clarinets: Kathy Gonzales, Kristy Adame, Emily Newman, Sheryl Alexander, Jessica Robertson, Lauren Brown, Allison Reynolds, Myra Robles, Taylor Niblett, Melinda Hernandez, Karina Sanchez, Heather Powell;
- Flutes: Brandi Davis, Mayra Bustos, Sonia Mills, Amanda Figueroa, Laurie Almazan, Taylor Baker, Hope Fuentes, Alison Sproul, Chelci Rodriguez;
- French Horn: Virgilio Escobar, Josie Diaz, Micaela Gonzalez, Samantha Rodriguez;
- Percussion: J.L. Mankin, Layna Murr, Ashley Doran, Eric Garcia, Michael Hill, Caleb Nixon, Frank Edmiston, Kolby Dombroski, Selina Rojas, Chandra Wanoreck;
- Trombones: Ashton Murr, Diego

Barrera, Joel Esparza, Jonathon Larez;

Trumpets: Mitzi Sessom, Gus Figueroa, Daniella Guadarrama, Marco Escobar, Julie Hight, Adrian Arispe, Tico Robles, E. Jay Samaniego, Maxie Holley, Michael Ballew, Rachel Joiner, Nestor Hernandez, Neal Brenner, Charlotte Adame, Betsy Green;

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age 54, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear for Disorderly Conduct Class B. Released on \$500 PR Bond.

### REPORTS

**October 24** • 4:15 p.m. Report of a line down on Hwy. 190 West. Utility company contacted.

• 1:45 p.m. Report of goats by cemetery on Hwy. 190 West. 6 mixed Spanish/Boar goats and 1 nanny with a large lump on its neck and 5 kids. Owner contacted.

• 5:20 p.m. Report of two cows out on Rudd Road. Officer responded.

• 6:25 p.m. Report of one cow out on Highway 2129. Officer responded.

• 9:27 p.m. Subject on E. Mary reported that an opossum was on their front porch eating their cat food. Officer responded.

**October 25** • 5:16 p.m. Complainant requested a paramedic transfer to San Angelo.

• 10:30 p.m. Complainant on Nance Street stated that since about 7:00 p.m. the neighbors on Old Sonora Road had been playing their music too loud.

• 10:34 p.m. Second complainant on Nance stated the neighbors on Old Sonora Road had been playing their music too loud.

**October 27** • 5:14 a.m. Report of a vehicle located at the High School had been toilet papered, along with some trees.

• 8:19 a.m. Complainant reported some horses loose near County Road 220 and Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded.

• 4:40 p.m. Report of a black cow out on Highway 2129, pass X-Bar Ranch. Contacted possible owner.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant stated that they had seen the SC Library doors open. The keys were on the inside of the door, but nobody was around. Officer responded.

• 10:15 p.m. Complainant reported that they could not sleep because of loud music being played on East Street.

**October 28** • 5:35 a.m. Complainant stated that they had hit a deer approximately 1-2 miles past BJ Services. Subject was complaining of severe neck and knee pain. No report was made on accident. Two officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 8:19 a.m. Complainant reported a

brown Boxer dog missing. Complainant called and stated that the dog had returned around 7:11 p.m.

• 9:27 a.m. Complainant reported that a lock had been taken off of a coin machine. Officer responded and everything was secured.

• 12:38 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident on S. Cottonwood Street. Officer responded.

• 1:24 p.m. Complainant requested an officer check on a subject whose lifeline had gone off. Officer responded and neighbors advised officer that subject had just left residence.

• 4:41 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office reported that 2 white females were missing from Sonora. Parents stated that the females left approximately around noon in a white Grand AM, 99' model. Both age 14.

• 4:42 p.m. Complainant on Depot Street stated that there was a brown horse in the back yard that did not belong to them. They wanted the horse removed. Dispatcher call a city employee who stated that the city has no animal control. Dispatch also reported that the Sheriff Office does not remove livestock.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant stated that a back door was open to abandon business on North E. Main.

• 5:58 p.m. Complainant stated that about one mile on Hwy. 2129 there was a black cow on the south side of the road.

• 9:30 p.m. Complainant on Oats Street stated that the shed next door to their house was on fire. Officers and Fire Department responded.

**October 29** • 3:50 p.m. Complainant reported that two trucks turning East toward Menard hit the traffic light, doing minor damage. Dispatcher called Menard Sheriff Office to get information on the trucks.

• 5:13 p.m. Complainant reported that two Goodyear trucks were traveling South near Pave Paws. Subject reported that the truck in front was driving really fast and nearly ran them off the road passing in a no passing lane.

• 10:45 p.m. Report that a plug into a breaker had blown up. Subject requested that an officer drive by and check during the night to make sure everything at trailer park is OK.

**October 30** • 2:35 p.m. Subject reported a minor accident on W. Fields. Officer responded and subject stated reported no damage.

• 7:21 p.m. Complainant asked to speak with an officer about their son. Officer responded.

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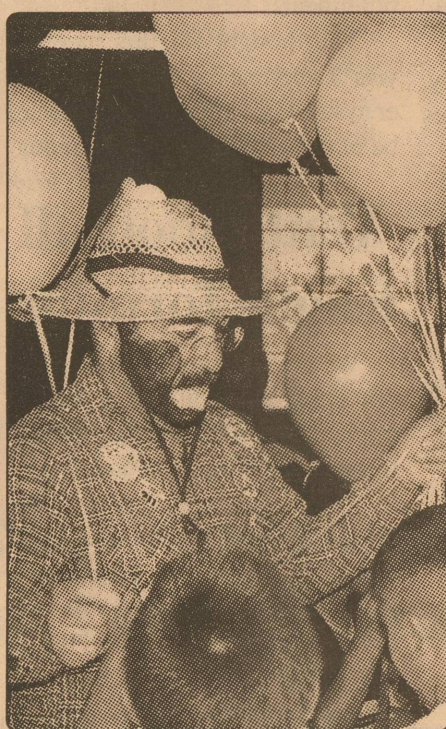
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# Discussion of "coffee shop rumors" dominate Commissioners meeting with Sheriff

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The Sheriff pointed out that when District Judge Barbara Walther declined to issue bench warrants for a Texas Department of Corrections inmate to be transferred to Schleicher County as a cook, he sought and received the support or another District Judge.

Next, Doran explained that his department will be leaving the Field Operations Unit, a building and yard just north of the Eldorado city limit on FM 915. He noted that in recent years the number of inmates in his jail has declined, thus the number who are willing to work on a work detail has declined as well. That eliminates the need for the Field Operations Unit, Doran said. The owner of the property has allowed the Sheriff's Department to use the previously vacant building and land in lieu of paying county property taxes. Now that the property is being vacated, it will be returned to the tax rolls.

The Sheriff attributed the decline in inmates to the fact that the Texas Department of Corrections

dramatically increased its capacity in recent years. That, coupled with the construction of new jails in Big Lake and San Angelo, has reduced the number of inmates being housed in the local jail.

Some of the equipment used at the Field Operations Unit has been moved into two trailers, located at the Sheriff's Department shooting range, near the Schleicher County Cemetery. Other equipment, mostly military surplus, is being disposed of in accordance with government rules, Doran said. He pointed out that some equipment belonging to the Fire Department was being returned to the Fire Hall.

In recent years the Fire Department had many of its flats fixed at the Field Operations Unit. Other routine repairs were carried out there on Fire trucks and other public vehicles. Most of that work will be coming to an end, Doran explained.

A question then arose from Commissioner Bill Clark about the purchase of the pickup driven by Doran. Clark asked why bids were

not sought before the purchase was made. Doran explained that the purchase was made through the Houston-Galveston Area Council of Governments which buys hundreds of vehicles each year under "State Contract." He noted that vehicles purchased in this way are not required to be bid and that most times they can be gotten at a better price.

Judge Johnny Griffin noted that the decision to buy a couple of pickups for the Sheriff's Department was made since pickups generally have better resale value. Doran added that the pickup has been a good addition, allowing him to reach portions of the county that were previously inaccessible in a patrol car. A second truck will be ordered, Doran explained. However, patrol deputies will continue to drive patrol cars.

At that point Bill Clark noted that rumors originating in coffee shops can quickly get out of hand. Once again Doran noted that since he doesn't frequent coffee shops it is difficult for him to squelch the rumors that start there.

When Commissioner Kirk Griffin expressed his desire to be kept informed about ongoing activities in the Sheriff's Department, Doran replied that he has an "open door" policy and that anyone is welcome to stop by the jail for a visit. He said that the commissioners would be especially

welcome.

At that point, Judge Griffin explained that at some point in the future the Meals for the Elderly Program might be moved to another location. If a cook has to be hired to run the program, it might become necessary to take funding from the Sheriff's Department to pay for the cook. The judge noted that when the program was moved to the jail, extra funding was given to the Sheriff to help fund an additional deputy position.

Doran replied that while he didn't agree with the idea, he understood that the move might become necessary. He defended his position by explaining that with his current four deputies he is able to provide round-the-clock coverage for the town and county. He noted that when there has been vacancy in the department and patrol coverage is curtailed, the crime rate

escalates almost immediately.

The meeting concluded with the men seemingly in agreement that the Sheriff has the authority to run his department with the commissioners overseeing the department's budget. Commissioner Kirk Griffin said he didn't expect the Sheriff to ask permission from the commissioners court in order to do his job, much the same as it isn't necessary for the County Road Department to ask permission each time it becomes necessary to move a piece of road equipment.

Judge Griffin then asked Sheriff Doran if he had some inmates who could build a fence to enclose the shooting range. He noted that the county's insurance did not allow for the operation of a public shooting range and that steps should be taken to keep the public away from the range.

Before the meeting ended, Do-

ran noted that grant funds had been received and work had been completed on his department's radio system. Answering a question about cellular phones, the Sheriff explained that Cellular One, the service provider has agreed to make adjustments to a previous bill. Doran added that he would be glad to furnish a call list to the court, however, due to confidentiality regarding informants and others who report crimes, by law he could not divulge the numbers or names of persons called.

In reply to a final question concerning terrorism Doran said that he had received a great deal of information recently from state and federal agencies as they strive to keep local departments advised about suspected terrorist activity.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 11:07 a.m.

**Thank You — Art McIntyre,** representing the San Angelo chapter of the American Red Cross, expressed his appreciation last Thursday after employees of the Schleicher County Medical Center contributed \$475.00 to the Red Cross Liberty Fund for the relief of the terror attack victims in New York City and Washington, D.C. The check was presented by SMC Activity Director Annie Arispe (center) and Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook during the hospital's annual Health Fair.





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## Eldorado Woman's Club monthly meeting

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met October 9, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the Club Room of the Memorial Building. President Jo Callison called the meeting to order and welcomed nine members and two guests, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Doyle. Prayer was led by Dorothy Harris followed by Jerri Holley leading us in the Pledges to the Flags.

Program Leader Nelva Martin next introduced our guest speaker, Schleicher County Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle. Jimmy gave a very informative talk on the duties of a Justice of the Peace. Today it's a full time job and seems to get more entailed each year. The duties of a

J.P. today require a lot of knowledge of how to carry out the various aspects of the office. There are mountains of paperwork and each step has to be done just perfect.

If necessary a J.P. can even pre-side over a case that would require a jury verdict. There are many J.P. duties we didn't know about and we appreciated Jimmy telling us some of the workings of his office. Knowing more about the way our local government works makes us appreciative of those who are willing to serve. Thank you Jimmy for the great job you are doing. After listening to you it's easy to see you enjoy your work and are doing a great job.

Following our program Mary Roden read the Secretary's report as secretary Bobbie Sanders was unable to attend. Treasurer Nelva Martin then gave her report. Both reports were approved as read. President Jo Callison opened our business meeting by reminding everyone of our Thanksgiving Luncheon on Tuesday November 13, 2001.

Roll call was made by giving "Our Closest Call With the Law". I am happy to report no one has ever had a really bad experience even though some had some different experiences while driving. One person didn't know they had to come to a complete stop at a blinking red light. One person was caught speeding at 20 m.p.h. in a 15 m.p.h. zone, one had a grandchild to tell her she needed to pull over and stop when there was a flashing red light behind her. Yet another got caught in one of those boys driving one way and girls driving the other way Saturday night cruising deals. We recited the Club Collect and closed out business meeting.

Hostesses Charlene Edminston, Chairman, Shine Spigarelli, and Noweita Briggs next began our social time with serving delicious refreshments. The serving table was decorated with great Halloween appointments.

The thought for this meeting was "Everyone has within his power to say, this I am today, that I shall be tomorrow" by Louis L. Amour.

## Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

The weather was perfect a little wind, but, there is always wind at the Eldorado Golf Course! Twenty nine adults and one youth, Cash Lane, for our regular Play Day this past Sunday, Oct. 28th.

1st Place Score 54; Ross Whitten, Su Scott, Wayne McGinness and Matt McCormick.

2nd Place Score 58; Barry Lane, Danny Halbert, Albert Torres and Karen Henderson

3rd Place Score 58; Cy Griffin, Victor Belman, Jim Nance, Javy Robles and Mabel Freitag

Score card Play-off for 2nd and

3rd. Also another team came in with a score of 58; Melissa O'Harrow, Jeannie Bly, Phil McCormick, Rene Roden and Cash Lane.

Next tournament will be the Turkey Shoot on November 10th; 3 person select shot; tee time 1 p.m. Fee \$45 for teams. Get your team together and win a turkey for Thanksgiving.

Weather permitting, our next regular Play Day will be Sunday, December 2nd at 1:30 p.m.

We wish everyone a "Happy Thanksgiving" with their relatives and friends.

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## Youth football league forming

We are wanting to start a 3rd/4th grade division and a 5th/6th grade division next year, possibly through the YMCA in San Angelo. The league will consist of Sonora, Eldorado, Ozona, and Junction. The league has weight limits; 55 lbs to 115 lbs in the 3rd/4th division and 116 lbs. to 160 lbs. in the 5th/6th division. They also have weight limits on who can carry the ball. There are no scores or records kept. All players must play at least half the game. A 4 team league will allow us to play a home/away game with each town. If any parents are interested, please call (915) 387-3618 after 6:00 p.m.