

2001 Year in Review

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100th Year on Top of the Divide



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Fixing to head local Rehab food stamp effort

Congress okays U.S. 277 route for Port-to-Plains corridor

1 attached to have forces march thru town

Barton, 2 others receive \$1.95 million after jury rules against Houston Livestock Show

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Why natural gas bills are higher this winter

Secretary school seeks volunteer tutors

Transition to appear on Fox network's "Survivor II" series

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County asks Hospital to help with Meals Program

School will heat and air condition Ag barn with proceeds from insurance settlement

Torres & Jurecek named Man and Woman of the Year by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce

Grants available to effect high energy bills

Edmund & Barbara named in American All-Star Team

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Handmade turn-out for dedication service at Our Lady of Grace Mausoleum

Skyrocketing gas prices boost local economy, hurt City gas customers

SCSD's "World School and Community Trust" program receives City Foundation grant

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Congratulations to the Eldorado Woolen Mill on its 60th Anniversary!

Woolen Mill's 60th anniversary celebration slated for weekend

Traffic stop on U.S. 277 leads to seizure of \$13,498.00 in cash

Local 4-Hers show well at San Antonio

Smith aids to visit Eldorado

Grand jurors issue indictments

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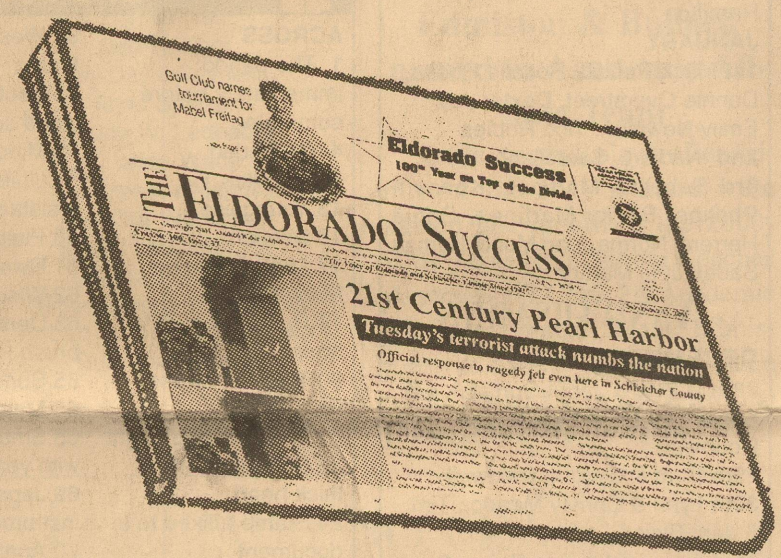
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County meets with architect, as it considers proposed Civic Center

City council faces soaring natural gas prices

San Angelo Better Business Bureau offers assistance to victims of phone scam

Then and now...Lion Club promotes Eldorado Woolen Mill



Looking Back

at a remarkable year

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Sex offender rehab center proposed to county

Solo manslaughter trial moved to Fort Stockton

Filing opens in local elections

Six Eagles get All-District and All-County honors

Lynette walks away from Democrats to join GOP

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Success offers TPA & WTPA journalism scholarships

Phyllis Roberts set for retirement

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STATE CHAMPS

County pursues construction of alcohol, drug & sex offender rehab facility

Lady Eagles named to 2-2A All-District team

City Council holds monthly meeting

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Sonora rancher captures three fugitives to end five-day manhunt

Crystal Alexander earns highest Girl Scout award

Solo pleads guilty to manslaughter

Beards and trust fund established for Riley Pence

Blood Drive - TODAY!

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Trustees consider hospital district's improving financial condition

Great Texas Clean-Up Island Thursday, April 5

Most local races are uncontested

County Commissioners hold regular 10-monthly meeting

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U.S. free of Foot and Mouth Disease as worldwide outbreak continues

Clean-up set for Friday

One-Act Play wins at District contest

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Mighty Eagle Band claim 5th consecutive Sweepstakes Award

City's troubles continuing at wastewater treatment plant

Burglar lifts money from school cafeteria

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SCISD campuses earn "Distinguished" designation from Texas Education Agency

4 Eagles headed to Region 1-2A Track Meet in Abilene

Comptroller delivers sales tax returns to City, County

City health fair gets clean bill of health

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Redistricting

County calls for redistricting of precinct boundaries

City Council begins redistricting process

Davis grabs Spelling Gold at Regional

School trustees meet with lawyers, discuss redistricting

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Hospital board eyes threat of lawsuit from former physician

Project Graduation slated

11th annual Christmas Bazaar

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McCravey & Newman win State doubles championship

Natural gas pipeline explosion rocks southwest Schleicher County

BreeAnne Davis wins State Spelling title

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School & County working on deal to swap Ag Building for baseball field

Woolen Mill Foundation seeks to county for help with leaky roof

EHS Class of 2001 Honor Graduation

Baccalaureate service scheduled for Sunday evening in EHS auditorium



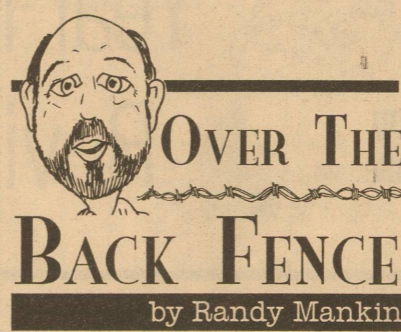
2001... What a year it was!

A wise old professor named Dr. Vengroff once told me, "History happens in wads." As I look back at 2001, I tend to agree with him.

Dr. Vengroff said that the normally mundane flow of history is punctuated by rare (but often momentous) events that can, and often do, change the world forever.

To back up his argument the professor pointed out that most of history is judged, and therefore taught to students, as it relates to various wars. Thus, historians refer to our country in terms like, pre-World War II America or the Antebellum South. Its the same with Asian and European history.

Sometimes events like Columbus' 1492 discovery of the "New World" or Neil Armstrong's 1969 walk on the Moon, make history, but usually it's the violent events that we remember. Wars and assassinations



seem to be the guideposts by which we navigate our history books. There is little doubt that events of September 11, 2001 will be among those that we long remember.

Much like the bombing of Pearl Harbor, the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 changed America, and therefore the world, forever. That date will be one of those that will be committed to memory by history students yet unborn.

Our nation's history is pockmarked by such events. Events like the patriots' gallant stand at Bunker Hill, their agonizing winter in Valley Forge and General Cornwallis' ignoble surrender at Yorktown.

Then there's the sacking of Washington, D.C. and the burning of the White House during the War of 1812. Quickly followed by Andrew Jackson's defeat of General Pakenham in the Battle of New Orleans.

There were battles at Fort Sumter, Bull Run, Shiloh, Fredericksburg, Vicksburg, Gettysburg, Atlanta, Cold Harbor and Petersburg

where Americans fought with one another. The Civil War effectively ended with General Lee's surrender to Ulysses S. Grant at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia but, four days later in Ford's Theater, a single shot almost shattered that fragile peace, when John Wilkes Booth shot and killed Abraham Lincoln on April 14, 1865.

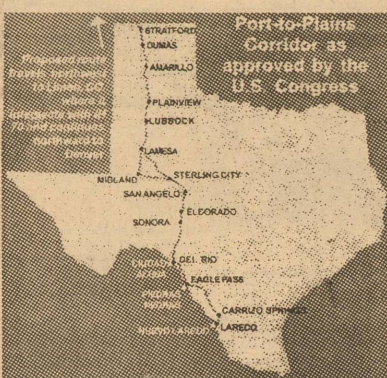
September 11 was such a day as that. A day when the world got a wake up call and we all knew that things would never be the same as they were only a day before.

History also marched forward here in Eldorado during 2001. In all, five organizations celebrated their 100th anniversaries. First United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and the Mertzton Highway Church of Christ all turned 100. So did Schleicher County and The Eldorado Success.

There were births, deaths, weddings and anniversaries. Also, victories for local students on and off the playing field. And, through it all the Success has sought to keep you informed.

This week, we offer our annual "Year in Review" edition. It's sort of a look back at the people and events that made 2001 what it was in Eldorado and Schleicher County. I hope you enjoy the glimpse back and I look forward to doing it all again in 2001.

Happy New Year, everybody!



Reported in the Jan. 4, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Congress okays U.S. 277 route for Port-to-Plains Trade Corridor

A long awaited upgrade of U.S. 277 from a two-lane to a four-lane highway moved one step closer to reality recently when the U.S. Congress approved the nation's budget for fiscal year 2001. Included in the multi-billion dollar budget is authorization of a route for the much ballyhooed "Port-to-Plains Trade Corridor". The corridor has been actively promoted by a coalition of communities including Eldorado, Sonora, San Angelo and Lubbock.

ELDORADO SUCCESS looking back at the year 2001



Hospital board looking for physician, again

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Hospital District's board of trustees is once again looking for a physician after a contract between the district and Dr. Randall Sloan expired last week. The board met Monday evening to discuss the matter and spent much of the time behind closed doors in an executive session. When the group emerged into open session they took action that seemed to rule out the possibility of a new contract between the hospital and Dr. Sloan.

WTU requests PUC permission to increase fuel charge

Natural gas prices, which have continued to skyrocket over the last several months, have forced American Electric Power's (AEP) West Texas Utilities Company (WTU) subsidiary to file a request with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) on January 19, 2001 for permission to increase fuel factors used to calculate the fuel charge portion of customer bills. This request is necessary in order to reflect the current expected costs of fuel.

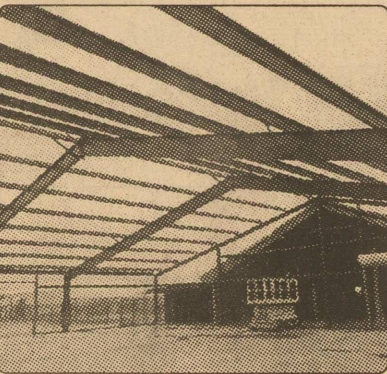


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Unfinished ag barn forces stock show into tent

Work is progressing on construction of the school's new ag building. However, it won't be anywhere near complete in time for the annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show this weekend. So, the yearly stock show will be moving inside another structure...a 40 ft. by 60 ft. tent.

The exhibition hall of the old ag barn suffered severe wind damage on Sept. 12, 2000 and had to be torn down. The new structure is will be even larger than the old one, but with work slowed by inclement weather, the building will not be complete in time for this year's stock show.

Reported in the Jan. 11, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

66th annual Junior Livestock and Project show held

Despite a wind storm which wrecked much of SCISD's ag barn last year, the 66th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show came off without a hitch last weekend as local youngsters paraded their animals through a red & white tent set up especially for the event. Brad Roeder who works for the Texas Department of Agriculture was this year's livestock and dog show judge.

Reported in the Jan. 18, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

City wins TNRCC grant to build recycling center

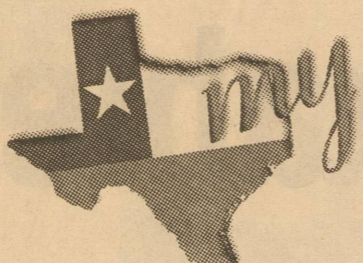
Recycling in Eldorado will get a big boost soon thanks in part to a \$53,881.00 grant from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) to the City of Eldorado. The grant, issued through the Solid Waste Committee at the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) in San Angelo, received final approval from the CVCOG executive committee last week. Under the terms of the grant, the City will have until July 31, 2001 to complete construction of a recycling center

Reported in the Jan. 25, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Commissioners eye options for constructing Civic Center

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday and, among other business, discussed the possibility of constructing a Civic Center. All members of the court were present for the discussion. Brian Edmiston, representing the Schleicher County Game Association, and Stan Meador, representing the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, met with the commissioners to report on research they had done. It was explained that a 100 ft. by 150 ft. metal building could be constructed for approximately \$116,000.00. That figure, however, does not include the cost of flooring, interior partitions, plumbing, kitchen equipment, or heating and air conditioning.



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- DECEMBER**
 27th Veronica Ussery, Ashby Ragsdale, Jim Chancellor, Garrett Lux
 28th Ruby Nell Farris, Dee Jay Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Abigail Ussery, Juan Sanchez
 29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill, Howard Ledbetter, Allison Reynolds
 30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Biley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley
 31st Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton
- JANUARY**
 1st Mack Redish, Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Emily Newman, Tico Robles
 2nd Nadia L. Santellano
 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Joel Martinez

ANNIVERSARIES

- DECEMBER**
 28th Danny & Janet Curtis, Joe & Sonja Key, Mr. & Mrs. Marvin Roubison
 29th Sam & Cynthia Caldwell
 30th Lynn & Christy Meador, Tim & Jan Blair
 31st Jene and Juana Rojas, Sr.
- JANUARY**
 2nd Chris & Chris McCravey, Pierce & Deana Holt
 3rd Richard & Lewanna Hartgrove

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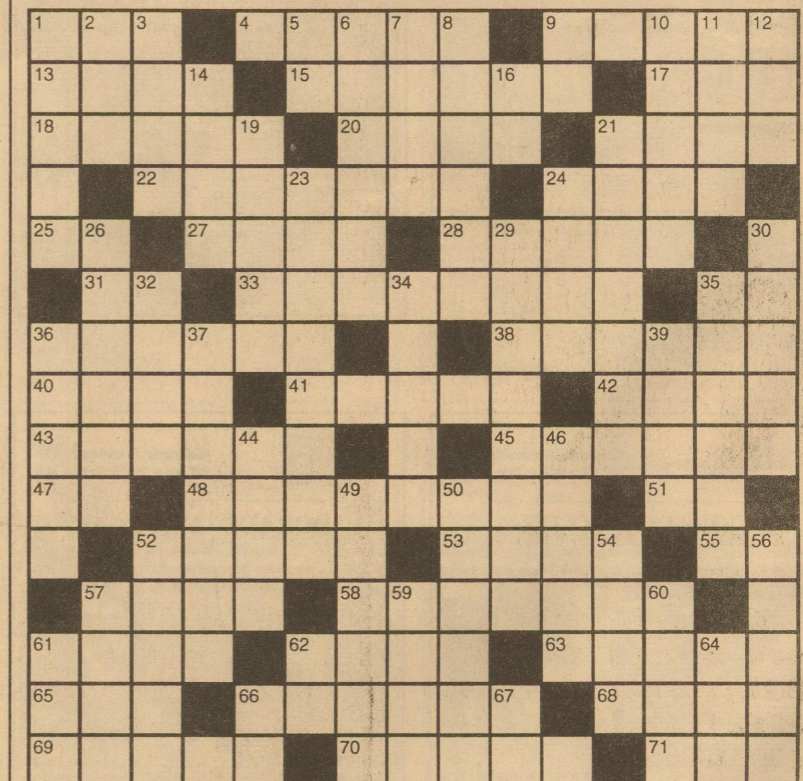
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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
 1 The period immediately before something
 4 Grounded
 9 Wriggles
 13 Young lice
 15 Suction
 17 1958 Common Market
 18 Russian country
 20 Tributary of the Rhine
 21 Cheerful and bright
 22 Short nail with a thick head
 24 Stamp affixed to a document
 25 Negative vote
 27 Mesotron, produced by high-energy particle collision
 28 European "boot"
 31 Master of Science degree
 33 Worn out book
 35 Conjunction introducing an alternative
 36 Slow and laborious movement
 38 Posture (with limbs askew)
 40 Nordic diet, stepson of Thor
 41 Clemmens penname
 42 Treaty group
 43 Inhabitant of Nepal
 45 Indicate
 47 New Haven's state
 48 Diacritical marks
 51 Eleven to Nero
- DOWN**
 1 With the end toward the observer
 2 By way of
 3 Scratch a likeness of
 5 Gold, periodically
 6 Produced or disclosed suddenly
 7 Pocketbook
 8 Pinnata flower of Central America
 9 Plural of "I"
 10 Track meet
 11 Repast
 12 Honorary degree in science
 14 Retail merchant
 16 Krypton, periodically
 19 Put up with something unpleasant
 21 Neutered male
- 52 West Wing actor
 53 South American wood sorrels
 55 Minof's state
 57 Units of electrical resistance
 58 Plaid designs
 61 Dwarf buffalo
 62 Wise Men
 63 Dense growth of brush
 65 Sumerian sun god
 66 Maintenance
 68 Small cake leavened with yeast
 69 Japanese stringed instruments
 70 Analytic or interpretive literary composition
 71 Master of Education degree
- horse
 23 Middy
 24 Tai dialect
 26 Egg dish
 29 Conduct business
 30 Drive
 32 Minute floating marine organism
 34 Electronic mail for short
 35 Come into possession of
 36 Take the midday meal
 37 Basic monetary unit of Greece
 39 Gaelic language formerly spoken on the Isle of Man
 44 Sediment from fermentation of an alcoholic beverage
 46 Father of Jacob and Esau
 49 Ingestion
 50 Brightly colored Australian parrots
 52 Loud utterance
 54 Arrogant person
 56 Foreboding
 57 To suspect of foul play
 59 Mature, as of a fine wine
 60 Tinned luncheon meat
 61 Black-and-white short-necked sea bird
 62 Military policeman for short
 64 Compass direction, one point east of due south
 66 Uncle Sam's initials
 67 Gettysburg's state

See solution on Page 6



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GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

In 2001 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in The Eldorado Success during the year.

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| JoAnn "Guggle" Thorp
Delbet H. Taylor
Coy L. Bishop
Lonnie Corbee Kuykendall
Juanita Robledo
Leola Boyer Stephenson
Catherine Harris Spence
Eleanor L. Powell
Frances Schneider Mertz
Mildred Bunton
Roxie Ann Curtis
Santos Duran
Chester Lucius Wheeler
Bob Weaver
Norban Alan "Scrub" Taylor
Vonnie Pauline Woodward Smith Willis
Mary C. Dacy
William Toie Sr.
Maudie Bassinger
Pauline Hudson Thompson
Pedro Mejia
Nola Shannon Draper Carter Spivey
Mikel Nick Jurecek
Betty Bledsoe Lynch
Youtha D. Milford Gregg
Katherine Belle Hill
Clarence Albert MacDonald
Juanita Perez
Clara Marquerite Collins
Grace McClatchy Newman
Joseph Damon Hicks
Monica Elena Hernandez
James Ronnie Motley
Weldon "Hoot" Gibson
Martha Eleanor Godwin
Juan Valdez Favila
Louis "Mun" McDonald
Wilma Jessie
Burrus Mundell
Mary Elizabeth
Gausemeier
Jesus Zamarron
Dora Meyers
Margaret Ellen Nixon
Clinton Merle Owens
Lola 'Allene' Oehler
Verna Franklin Cawley
June Caruthers Scott
Martha Rose Baumann
Lonie Frieda Kosub
Douglas Willhoit
Marianne Craig Phillips
John A. Himrod | Pascual Sanchez Lozano
Alma Lee Schrier Love
Marissa Dandi Burleson
Herlinda Sanchez
Elwood Flemming
Herbert Paul McCalla
Rudel M. Newlin
Jeanette Henderson Wheeler
Jesus G. Arispe
Morris E. Bricker
Francisco H. Lozano, Sr.
Jonathan Dale Lawrence
Hubert C. "Sparky" Sparks
Richard Dacy
Robert Mather
Jesus Gomez Arispe
John Edwin Rodgers
Johnnie Freitag
William Ralph Schafer, Sr.
Madge Bernice Fuller Davis
Samuel Albert "Bull" McGinty
Ola Ruth Barbee
Jamie R. Kothmann
Myrtle Helen Johnson
Arthur Montgomery
Sherry Diane Yates Lux
Dolores "Lolo" Perez
Lynnae Sullivan Grandey
Eldon "E. L." Turner
Carol Ann Garner Orand
Tom H. Kent
Charlotte Della Johnson Steele
Cloys A. Littlepage
Donnie Wayne Criswell
A.J. 'Jack' Halbert, Jr.
Julia Ann Maier
Lucy Lynne Higgins
Norberto H. Robles
Mary Anna Bolding Casey
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Ronnie Neff
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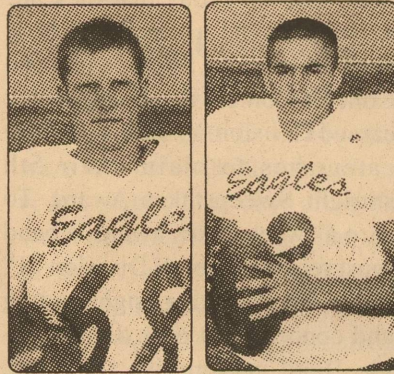
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Reported in the Feb. 1, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Chamber names Torres & Jurecek Man and Woman of the Year

A crowd of about eighty people were on hand Monday night when Albert Torres and Stacy Jones Jurecek were named Schleicher County Man and Woman of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and mixer held in the Memorial Building. Jurecek was not present to accept her honor, however, Torres was in attendance and was presented with a plaque denoting the honor.



SUCCESS FILE PHOTOS

Edmiston & Bullard named to Academic All-State Team

Eagles football players Ben Edmiston and Joey Bullard were named last month to the 2000-2001 Texas High School Coaches Association's Class 2A Academic All-State Football Team. Edmiston was named to the 1st Team while Bullard was named to the Honorable Mention Team.

Reported in the Feb. 8, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Hundreds turn out for dedication service at Our Lady of Grace Monastery

It's a long way from Wahpeton, South Dakota to Schleicher County. For Sister Mary Grace, prioress of Our Lady of Grace Monastery, the journey covered roughly 1,200 miles in distance and more than eleven years in time as she and a group of Carmelite nuns moved from South Dakota to a temporary home in San Angelo, and finally to their new monastery in the north-eastern part of Schleicher County.

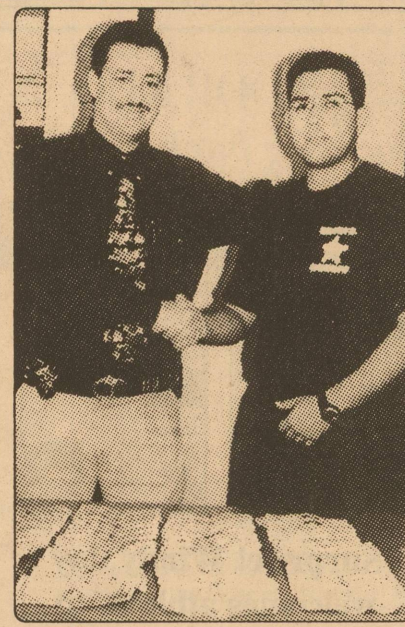
Bishop Michael Pfeifer of the San Angelo Diocese was on hand, as were numerous other dignitaries, including Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk and San Angelo Mayor Johnny Fender. In all more than a thousand people traveled to the remote monastery for the dedication of the beautiful new facility.

Reported in the Feb. 15, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

City faces soaring natural gas prices

by Pat Ragsdale

The high cost of natural gas and escalating fuel costs for the city's vehicles have wreaked havoc with the City of Eldorado's 2000-2001 budget. Much of the discussion at Monday night's City Council meeting centered on the topic. City Administrator Randy Mankin told the council that the city had lost more than \$8,000 in January due to price hikes from Conoco, the city's gas supplier.



COURTESY PHOTO

Reported in the Feb. 22, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Traffic stop on U.S. 277 leads to seizure of \$13,498.00 in cash

A routine traffic stop turned out to be anything but routine Monday night for Schleicher County Deputy David Olivan. When an oncoming automobile failed to dim its headlights, Olivan pulled the car over. What he found was a car with a fictitious registration and a driver without a driver's license or insurance. Olivan also discovered an intoxicated passenger in the car who just happened to have more than \$13,000.00 hidden in his boots.

Duckwall-ALCO company celebrates 100 years in business

Duckwall-Alco Stores, Inc. is celebrating its 100th Anniversary during 2001. The corporate offices, distribution center and truck line are located in Abilene, Kansas. The company began operation in 1901 when Alva Lease Duckwall, Sr. borrowed \$413 and started a Duckwall variety store in Abilene. It marked the beginning of a company that survived fires, floods, the stock market crash of 1929, the great depression and a number of wars.

The Duckwall company opened its first ALCO Discount Store in 1968. The name "ALCO" was taken from the original corporate name - A.L. Duckwall Company. Today the company operates 93 Duckwall Variety Stores and 175 ALCO Discount Stores located in 20 states. New stores continue to be opened each year.

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Reported in the Mar. 1, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Sex offender rehab center proposed to county

by Pat Ragsdale

A short agenda faced Schleicher County commissioners as they met Monday for their regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting. However, the meeting turned into a lengthy one, thanks to extended discussion of items that were not on the agenda.

The first of the items was presented by Steve Henderson, chief adult probation officer for the 51st District. Henderson, who is from San Angelo, asked the commissioners to consider building an adult treatment center in the county to handle drug and alcohol abuse treatment as well as the rehabilitation of sex offenders. Henderson was quick to point out that only non-violent sex offenders could be housed in such a facility.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Woolen Mill celebrates 60th anniversary

Gene and Vernell McCalla were presented with engraved brick pavers last Saturday as part of the Eldorado Woolen Mill's 60th Anniversary celebration. Gene McCalla was one of the mill's original employees when it opened in 1941. Recently, he has been active on the board of the Woolen Mill Foundation, the group that purchased the mill five years ago in order to preserve it for future generations.

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Kandace Krueger crowned Miss USA

Eldorado can't claim Kandace Krueger as a native, but the newly crowned Miss USA certainly claims Eldorado as part of her Texas heritage. Krueger's mother, Barbara Johnson Krueger of College Station, was born and raised in Eldorado. Kandace's grandparents, Lilly Johnson and the late Lloyd Johnson, lived in Eldorado until 1997, when they moved to College Station.

The stunning 24-year-old beauty, is a journalism student at Texas A&M. She won the Miss USA crown last Friday night at the conclusion of a nationally televised pageant held in Gary, Indiana.



COURTESY PHOTO

Lupton walks away from Democrats to join GOP

51st District Attorney, Stephen Lupton, announced last week that he has joined the Republican party. Saying that the switch has been on his mind for a while, Lupton noted that the move was prompted by President George W. Bush's ideas for America.



PHOTO BY GINA SAUER

Reported in the Mar. 15, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

STATE CHAMPS

The Eldorado Eagles team tennis squad claimed its second state championship in four years on Saturday by defeating the Reagan County Owls 11-5 on the courts at Cedar Park High School. The win capped one of the biggest weeks in Coach Matt Rutherford's life.

Only a week earlier, Rutherford's Eagles were rolling through the Regional Tournament, winning over Winters, Sterling City and Wall for the right to advance to the State Tournament. Then, last Thursday afternoon, his wife Amy gave birth to the couple's daughter, Madison Leigh.

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County pursues construction of alcohol, drug & sex offender rehab facility

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to begin a process that, if successful, will lead to the construction of a treatment center for drug, alcohol and sex abusers somewhere in the county. For the second time in two weeks, the commissioners met with Tom Green County probation officer Steve Henderson who initially proposed the idea. Henderson advised that only non-violent offenders would be assigned to the facility, and then only by order of a State District Judge after a recommendation from a District Attorney.



COURTESY PHOTOS

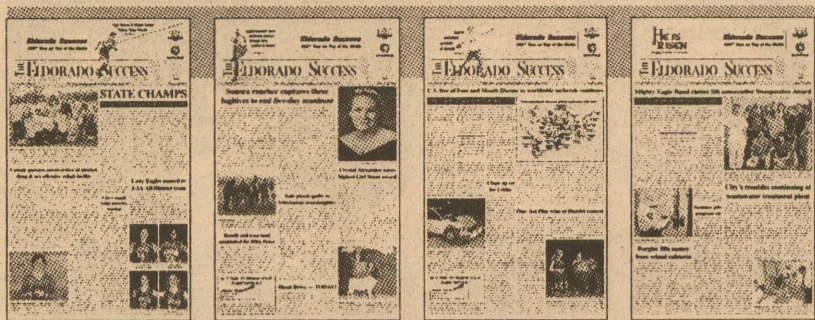
Lady Eagles named to 2-2A All-District team

Four Lady Eagles claimed spots on the 2-2A All-District basketball team. Senior Stacy Nicholson and Sophomore Christina Redish were named to the 1st Team All-District squad. Among the other honors Nicholson received this year was being named to the All-Tournament Team in the Ballinger Tourney. Redish was likewise named to the All-Tournament Teams in the Reagan County and Ozona tourneys.

Junior Mitzi Sessom was named District 2-2A Newcomer of the Year while junior Leigh Ann Neal as named to the 2nd Team All-District team.

Earning spots on the Academic All-District team were Stacy Nicholson, Tabitha Lloyd, Leigh Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, Mitzi Sessom Christina Redish and Amanda Wanoreck.

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Surprise! Windy day welcomes athletes to Plateau Relays

A few years ago, a coach from Mason was overheard saying, "If you're ever at the Plateau Relays and the wind isn't blowing...then run for cover because you're in the eye of a hurricane." More often than not, the amateur weatherman's observation is correct. This year was no exception as a blustery wind greeted participants to the Top of the Divide.

Wall won the girls division while Sonora won the boys. Eldorado's boys placed second, but it was a distant second. The Lady Eagles managed an 8th place finish.

Reported in the Mar. 22, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Sonora rancher captures three fugitives to end five-day manhunt

Sonora rancher Houston Powers, armed with a 9-millimeter pistol, captured three fugitives on his ranch Sunday ending a 5 day-long manhunt that spanned portions of Sutton and Edwards counties. The three men were arraigned Monday before Sutton County Judge Carla Garner on charges of attempted capital murder and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Carlos Gutierrez-Alamillo, 28, Ramiro Ramos-Hernandez, 23, and Jose Alfredo Gutierrez, 17, all of Mexico, are charged with shooting Emilio Pacheco, a Burlington Resources employee, with a broad-head-tipped arrow, after he discovered them on an oil lease belonging to his company.

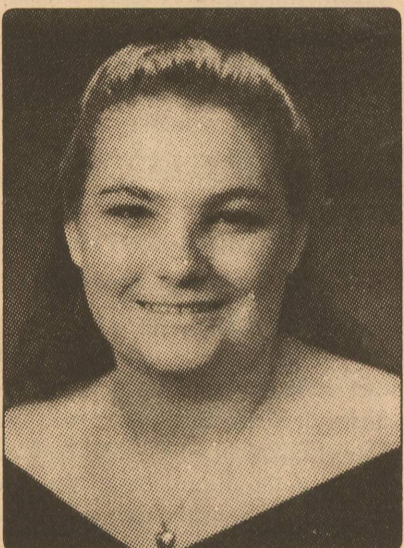


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Solis pleads guilty to intoxication manslaughter

Merced Martinez Solis of Eldorado entered a guilty plea last Thursday to a charge of intoxication manslaughter in the death of an Ozona woman. Solis entered the plea in 112th Judicial District Court in Fort Stockton before Judge Brock Jones. He received a 10 year suspended sentence but will be required to serve 180 days in the Crockett County jail.

On September 21, 2000, Solis' pickup collided with a Chevy Suburban driven by Sue Burns of Ozona 8 miles north of Ozona on State Highway 163. Mrs. Burns was killed instantly in the crash.



COURTESY PHOTO

Crystal Alexander earns highest Girl Scout award

Crystal Alexander of Eldorado recently earned the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award given by the Girl Scouts. In doing so, Alexander became the first Eldorado Girl Scout to achieve the high honor. Included with the honor is an opportunity to receive a \$12,000 college scholarship.

Reported in the Apr. 5, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

One-Act Play wins at District contest

Eldorado High School's One Act Play, "Dearly Departed," won over five other plays at the District 2-2A OAP contest in Sonora last Saturday. Amy Green was named Best Actress while Ben Edmiston and Bryan Sproul were chosen for the All-Star Cast. Matt Curtis was named to the Honorable Mention Cast and Will Whiten was tapped as Best Crew Member.



COURTESY PHOTO

McCallas to celebrate 60th Anniversary

Gene and Vernell will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on April 7th with a reception at the Lone Camp Community Center in Palo Pinto County.

The couple was married April 5, 1941 in Palo Pinto, Texas. They have made their home in Eldorado for 49 years.

Reported in the Apr. 12, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Mighty Eagle Band claims 5th consecutive Sweepstakes Award

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

City's troubles continue at sewer treatment plant

by Pat Ragsdale

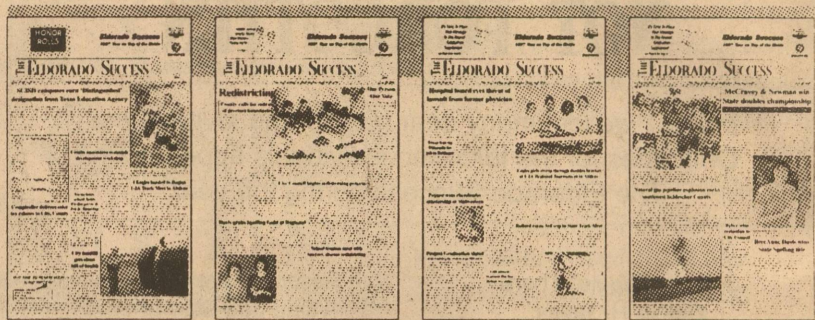
The Eldorado City Council learned Monday night that the city's sewer plant is not complying with new standards adopted by the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC). David Todd, an engineer with the firm of Hibbs and Todd in Abilene, met with the council regarding TNRCC's new and more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

Burglar lifts money from school cafeteria

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

According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the break-in, at least one burglar gained access to the school building by breaking a safety glass window on an exterior door in the elementary school.

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Reported in the Apr. 19, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

SCISD campuses earn 'Distinguished' designation from Texas Education Agency

Schleicher County ISD's three campuses were listed Tuesday among 389 Texas schools receiving 'Distinguished School' designations from the Texas Education Agency (TEA). While announcing the honors, Commissioner of Education Jim Nelson noted that each of the schools had previously earned the state's highest accountability rating called 'Exemplary' in the 1999-2000 school year and earned either an exemplary or recognized rating, which is the second highest rating awarded, during the two prior school years. Additionally, each of the schools serve a student population, in which at least 50 percent of the children are economically disadvantaged.

Reported in the Apr. 26, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Redistricting County calls for redraw of precinct boundaries

by Kathy Mankin

David Mendez, an attorney with the Austin law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever and McDaniel, met with the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday, April 23, 2001 to discuss his preliminary assessment of the county's need to redistrict following the 2000 Census. Mendez pointed out that not only did the county lose population between 1990 and 2000, there was a substantial population shift within the county.

Also meeting with Mendez about redistricting was the Eldorado City Council. Attorney Sarah Leon met with the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees about the same thing.

Reported in the May 3, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Hospital board eyes threat of lawsuit from former physician

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Medical Center board of trustees directed their attorney James Kosub to answer correspondence from a Houston attorney. The Success has learned that former SCMC physician Randall Sloan has indicated a desire to sue the district for breach of contract.

Dr. Sloan left SCMC at the end of December, 2000, after his contract with the hospital district reportedly expired. Dr. Sloan has joined the staff of the Concho County Hospital in Eden.

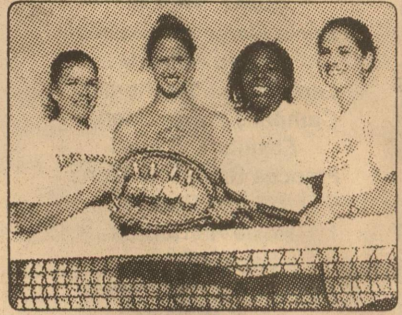


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Eagles girls sweep through doubles bracket at 1-2A Regional Tournament in Abilene

One quarter of the girls doubles teams at the State 2A Tennis Tournament next week will be from Eldorado. The team of Kayla McCravy and Gentry Newman will be there. So will Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish. That after the Eldorado girls dominated the Region 1-2A Tournament in Abilene on Wednesday and Thursday of last week.

McCravy and Newman won the Regional doubles title by defeating their teammates Beach and Redish in the finals. Not to worry though, both teams are headed to the State Tourney in Austin.

Fryar leaving Eldorado for job in Ballinger

Coach Jim Fryar notified SCISD Supt. George Blanch on Tuesday that he will be resigning as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach effective at the end of June. Fryar has reportedly accepted a position at Ballinger High School as an assistant coach. Fryar came to Eldorado in 1996. Since that time his Eldorado Eagles football team has made 5 straight playoff appearances.

Reported in the May 10, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Gas pipeline explosion rocks southwest Schleicher County

What many Eldoradoans first mistook for thunder last Friday turned out to be a pipeline fire some 18 miles southwest of town. Calls flooded the Schleicher County Sheriff's office last Friday afternoon, as people reported hearing a low and rumbling roar.

What everyone saw and heard was an explosion and fire resulting from a breach in a 20-inch diameter pipeline belonging to El Paso Natural Gas. Normally, the pipeline transports natural gas at 700 pounds of pressure per square inch of pressure.



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McCravey & Newman win State doubles championship

Kayla McCravey and Gentry Newman defeated teammates Lindsay Beach and Christina Redish Tuesday in the girls doubles final match at the State Tennis Tournament in Austin. McCravey and Newman won 6-2 and 6-4 in a hard fought contest that saw the momentum swing back and forth more than once.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

BreeAnne Davis wins State Spelling title

How do you spell champion? Well, among the elite spellers in the state it's spelled, BreeAnne Davis. At the UIL State Academic Meet in Austin last Saturday, the EHS senior bested a field of 19 to claim the State 2A title in Spelling and Vocabulary.

Davis scored 98 of a possible 100 points on the test. She edged out Stephen Kiepeke of Big Sandy who scored 97 points to finish in 2nd Place. Will Srubar of East Bernard and Jon Teer of Salado tied for 3rd Place at 96 points. Justin Ibanez of Groveton was 5th and Meagan Mills of Post placed 6th.

Eagles nine take 2 from Reagan Co. to claim bi-district crown

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles are Bi-District Champions after taking a 2 of 3 series from the Reagan County Owls last Thursday and Saturday in San Angelo then Sonora. By virtue of the win, Eldorado will be taking on Tahoka in Midland this Friday and Saturday in another best of 3 series for the Area Championship.

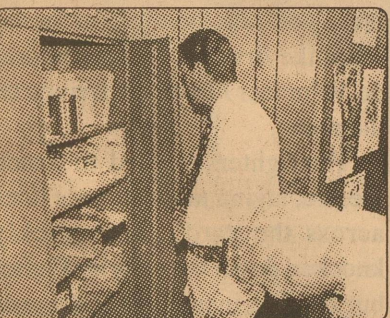


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Thief grabs 500 condoms in burglary at Resource Center

A burglar gained access to the Schleicher County Community Resource Center last Thursday by prying open the facility's back door. Once inside the thief broke into several locked drawers and cabinet doors. Taken in the burglary were a box of 500 Lifestyle brand multi-colored condoms, an assortment of birth control pills as well as prenatal vitamins, more than \$20 in coins as well as soft drinks and candy.

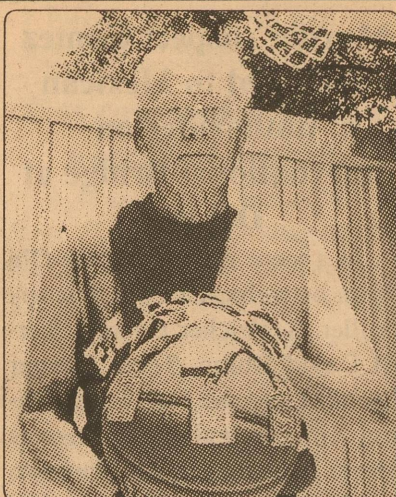


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Callison grabs 3 Golds & a Silver at San Angelo Senior Games

The medals just keep piling up for Eldorado's John Callison. He brought home three Gold medals and a Silver medal last week from the Senior Games in San Angelo. The 75-year old Callison won Gold Medals in Basketball - Free-throw, Basketball - Around the World, and Golf. He picked up the Silver Medal in Horseshoe Pitching. The victories move Callison's medal count to 26 since he began competing in the Senior Games 3 years ago.

Missing Colo. teens found in Schleicher Co.

Two Boulder, Colorado girls were located in Schleicher County last week, three days after they were reported missing. The two juveniles, ages 14 & 15, were reportedly heading to Temple to meet a boy one of the girls had met on the internet.

The girls were spotted 12 miles West of Eldorado on U.S. 190 by Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham, shortly after he was advised by the Texas Department of Public Safety to be on the lookout for the pair.

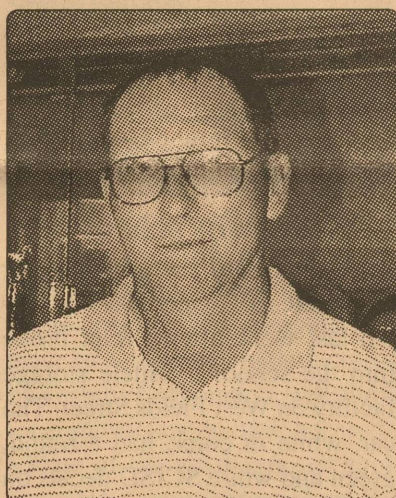


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Reported in the June 7, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

McCormack returning home to lead the Eagles

by Pat Ragsdale

Eldorado Native Karl McCormack will take the reins as the new athletic director at Eldorado High School. He was hired Monday night by the SCISD board of trustees after a three-hour-long executive session in which three candidates for the position were interviewed.

McCormack's selection follows an intensive search that began when current head coach and athletic director Jim Fryar announced his plans to leave Eldorado. A nine-person committee was appointed by SCISD Superintendent George Blanch for the purpose of screening applicants.

Juvenile arrested in connection with theft and vandalism at County pool

One juvenile was arrested and two others have reportedly agreed to make restitution following a break-in at the Schleicher County Swimming Pool.

Pool employees discovered the break-in on Sunday morning and notified the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Deputy David Olivan arrived to find that someone had scaled the pool fence and vandalized the property. Among other damage, signs had been torn down and thrown in the pool, benches and towel baskets were also tossed into the pool. The vandals also poured sta-

bilization chemicals into the pool's filter.

A lock was broken allowing access to the pool's concession stand. Where the burglars lifted about \$60 in candy before leaving the scene.

Reported in the June 14, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Tracy Brenner named 2001 Rodeo Sweetheart

Tracy Brenner was named Sweetheart of the 2001 Eldorado Open Rodeo during last Friday night's performance of the rodeo. Brenner had the highest score of 46.25 out of 50 on the written knowledge test leader in ticket sales. Tracy received a silver bracelet and a new halter for her horse Reno. Tracy is the 9 year old daughter of Mike and Patsy Brenner.

Three local restaurants burglarized on same night

Two cash registers and an undisclosed amount of cash was taken in a series of three burglaries on Wednesday night, June 6, 2001.

At Christina's Place drive-in restaurant, a burglar gained access to the building, sometime in the early morning hours, through a side window and stole the business' cash register. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe the register was emptied at the end of the day and contained only a small amount of coins when it was taken.

That same night, across the street at Casa Arispe Restaurant, a burglar entered through a back door then broke into a soft drink machine, taking an undisclosed amount of money.

Down the street at Cactus Cafe, a burglar crawled through a bathroom window and took the cafe's cash register, that was also empty at the time of the burglary.

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Reported in the June 21, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Local youths receive 4-H scholarships

Nine Schleicher County 4-H members participated in the State 4-H Roundup last week at Texas A&M University in College Station. The highlight of Roundup for Schleicher County 4-H members was the Scholarship Awards Assembly. Lindsay Beach, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravey and Clay Whitten each received Houston Livestock Show scholarships in the amount of \$10,000. The four scholarship awards bring the total of 4-H scholarship dollars received by Schleicher County students to \$262,500.00.



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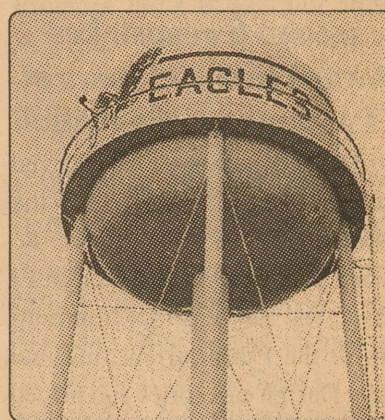


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

State pushes city to build 3rd water tower

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) notified the City of Eldorado city last week that it was not complying with TNRCC rules regarding elevated storage capacity.

Under TNRCC's new rules, the city must provide 100 gallons of elevated storage for every active account. Currently the city's two water towers provide 100,000 gallons of elevated storage, enough for 1,000 active accounts.

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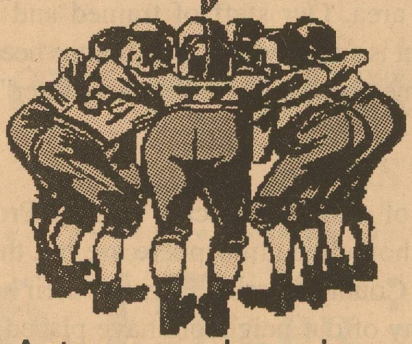
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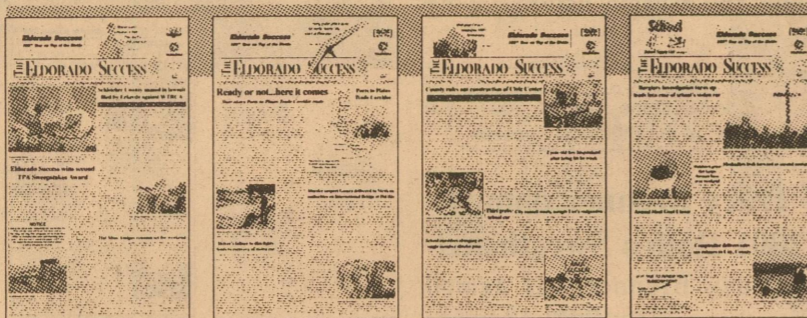
Eldorado Success wins second Sweepstakes Award in three years at TPA summer convention

The Eldorado Success received five awards on Saturday by the Texas Press Association at the group's summer convention in El Paso. The Success took top honors in the Editorial Writing and Page Design categories and placed third and fourth in the Column Writing and Photography categories, respectively. The four awards carried with them enough points for the Success to claim the prestigious Sweepstakes Award in its circulation division, along with the honorary title of Best Small Town Newspaper in Texas.

The sweepstakes win, the top award given by the TPA, was the second in three years for the Success. Publishers Randy and Kathy Mankin were on hand to accept the awards from TPA President Alvin Holley, publisher of the Polk County Enterprise.

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Reported in the July 5, 2001
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County named in lawsuit filed by Eckerd's against WTRCA

by Pat Ragsdale

What appeared to be an short agenda did not equate to a short meeting Monday for Schleicher County Commissioners. A federal lawsuit against the county by T.D.I. Managed Care Services, Inc., doing business as Eckerd Health Services, forced the commissioners to spend considerable time discussing "what if" scenarios and planning their legal strategy. However, since the item wasn't on the agenda, the men could take no formal action on the matter.

Actually, the suit was brought by T.D.I. against the now defunct West Texas Rural Counties Association (WTRCA), a health insurance pool to which Schleicher County once belonged. Consequently, all the members of the pool, including Schleicher County, Schleicher County EMS and the Schleicher County Appraisal District, were named as defendants in the lawsuit.

Ready or not...here it comes

State okays Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor route

The Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor won final designation from the Texas Transportation Commission last Thursday. The route, extending north and west from Laredo connects to two other major U.S. ports-of-entry at Eagle Pass and Del Rio, before turning north along U.S. Highway 277. The route passes directly through Eldorado and Schleicher County on its way to San Angelo, Lubbock, Amarillo and eventually to Denver, Colorado.

Elected officials up and down the corridor heralded the news. "That's great news," said Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin. "It took long enough but the state finally got it right."

Murder suspect Gomez delivered to Mexican authorities on International Bridge at Del Rio

In a scene right out of the Old West, or perhaps a Cold War spy thriller, Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran, Texas Ranger Brooks Long and U.S. Border Patrol Anti-Smuggling Unit agents Mario Ramirez and Art Martinez, met Mexican Police Commandant Juan Garibaldi and several Mexican police officers last Friday, at the center of the International Bridge between Del Rio and Ciudad Acuna. There, the men handed over Juan Manuel Alvarado Gomez, 37, to the Mexican authorities. Gomez faces murder charges in Mexico in connection with the shooting death of Jesus Medrano of Ciudad Acuna.

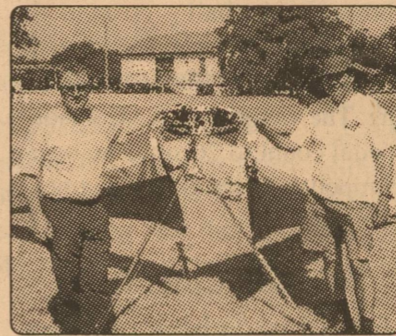


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Glider pilots land here after try for distance record falls short

by Randy Mankin

Some people come to Eldorado hunting a trophy buck. Others are here seeking underground reserves of oil and gas. Jim Neff and Jim Lamb came to Eldorado last week hunting thermals, rising columns of air that are the playground of hang glider pilots.

Neff and Lamb both came to Schleicher County by way of Zapata, more than 300 miles away. And, they came non-stop...by hang glider.

Reported in the July 12, 2001
edition of the Eldorado Success

Thief grabs school car

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

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

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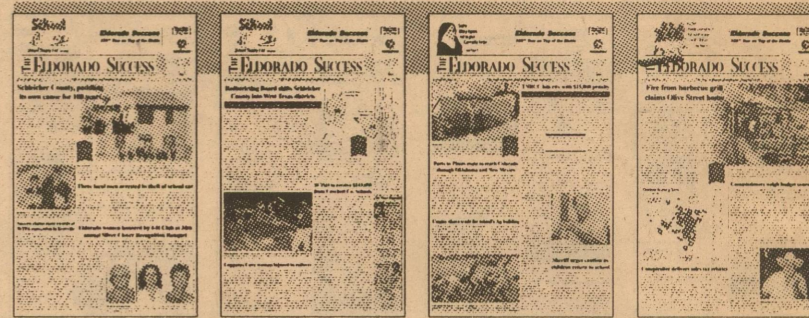
Methodists look forward to second century

The congregation of the First United Methodist Church of Eldorado spent last weekend celebrating their church's 100th anniversary. On Saturday night, church members were joined by a number of guests at the Meador family's X-Bar Ranch where they enjoyed a sandwich supper.

Bishop Joel Martinez of San Antonio, Bishop of the Southwest Texas Conference, delivered the Sunday morning sermon. The message was drawn from the apostle Paul's message to the church at Philippi. Like Paul, Bishop Martinez encouraged the Eldorado congregation to continue to "press on toward the goal, the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

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Schleicher County, paddling its own canoe for 100 years

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.

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.

Reported in the Aug 2, 2001
edition of the Eldorado Success

Redistricting Board shifts Schleicher County into West Texas districts

Schleicher County voters will have new representatives in the State Legislature, under a plan adopted by the Legislative Redistricting Board last week. The board took over redistricting chores after the State House and State Senate failed to approve a compromise plan. Schleicher County was moved from State Senate District 25 to District 28 and from State Representative District 73 to District 74. In both, Schleicher County was moved from districts with strong ties to Central Texas and the Hill Country, and into decidedly West Texas districts.

State Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will represent Schleicher County in the State Senate while State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, will be Schleicher County's representative in the State House. Both men have experience in representing far flung West Texas districts.

Copperas Cove woman injured in rollover

Michell R. Tippens, 23, of Copperas Cove was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center early Sunday morning after her 1988 Audi overturned about two miles east of Eldorado on U.S. 190.

Tippens was later transported by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where she was treated in the Intensive Care ward for a head injury.

Tippens had crawled from her car and onto the roadway where a passing motorist found her and called for help. She was semiconscious when emergency personnel arrived and was calling for her baby. Emergency personnel anxiously scoured the area looking for an infant that might have been thrown from the vehicle. Sheriff's Department and Fire Department personnel were assisted in the search by several passersby. Baby items found in the car reinforced the suspicion that an infant had been in the auto.

Reported in the Aug 9, 2001
edition of the Eldorado Success

TNRCC hits city with \$15,000 penalty

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council learned Monday night that the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has levied a \$15,000.00 administrative penalty against the city. The penalty, triggered by ongoing problems with algae growth in the local sewer plant, is the second such fine imposed on the city in four years.

Engineer David Todd, representing the firm of Hibbs & Todd in Abilene, met with the council to discuss the problems. The discussion was a familiar one, centering on high summer temperatures and runaway algae growth.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Reported in the Aug 16, 2001
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Fire from barbecue grill claims Olive Street home

Fire destroyed the back half of a home at 808 Olive Street Saturday afternoon and severely damaged the rest of the structure. The house, owned by Quintin Killebrew, was fully involved in flames when the first units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. arrived on the scene.

Firefighters hurried to attack the fire, laying multiple hose lines across the yard. They quickly knocked down the exterior flames but the fire inside the house was more stubborn. Eventually, sufficient manpower and enough water was brought to bear and the blaze was extinguished.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Driver's failure to dim lights leads to recovery of stolen car

Juan Antonio Castro Velasquez, 30, of Mexico remains in the Schleicher County Jail after a routine traffic stop Sunday evening revealed the car he was driving was reported stolen in Cleburne.

Schleicher County Deputy Jason Chatham reports that he was patrolling northbound on US 277, about three miles south of Eldorado, when he met Velasquez, traveling southbound at about 11:30 p.m. Chatham said he pulled Velasquez over when the man failed to dim his headlights.

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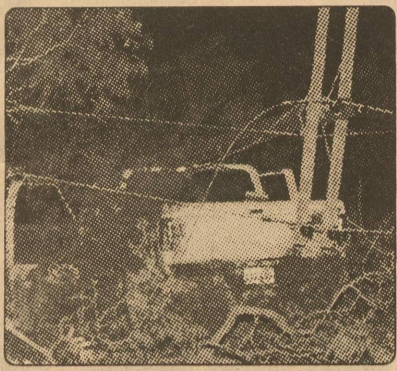


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Reported in the Aug 23, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Accident investigation leads to arrest, 2nd man sought by authorities

Two San Angelo men were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment late Sunday evening, after the pickup truck they were riding in left the highway, crashed through a fence, numerous mesquite trees and a utility pole on F.M. 2129, 10 miles south of Eldorado. A third man, Randy Tinney, 42, of San Angelo, was arrested by Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe and charged with giving false information to a police officer after witnesses came forward to dispute Tinney's account of how the wreck happened.

Arrest warrants have been issued for Tinney's brother, Freddie Keith Tinney, 37, also of San Angelo.

Schleicher County ISD earns more honors from the Texas Education Agency

Schleicher County Independent School District and its three individual campuses were honored this week by the Texas Education Agency. For the second year in a row Eldorado Middle School received the coveted 'Exemplary' rating. That's the highest rating possible under the state's accountability system. Statewide, only 1,567 campuses earned the 'Exemplary' rating.

Eldorado High School and Eldorado Elementary each received 'Recognized' ratings, as did SCISD as a whole. Across the state, 463 districts and 2,326 individual campuses earned the 'Recognized' rating. That's the most ever.

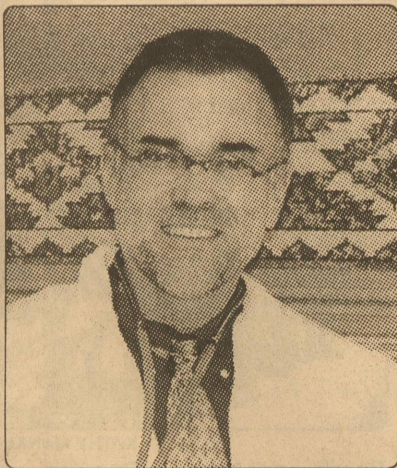


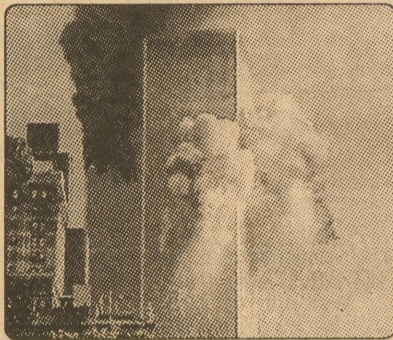
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Reported in the Sept. 6, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Dr. Taylor opens clinic practice at SMC

Dr. Patrick Taylor opened a clinic practice this week, at Schleicher County Family Clinic. He comes to Eldorado from Tyler, where he was in private practice from 1983 to 1999. Since that time he has been working as a contract physician, mostly covering emergency rooms.

In fact, that is how Dr. Taylor came to Eldorado. A service that provides contract physicians, arranged for him to staff the emergency room at Schleicher County Medical Center.



COURTESY PHOTO

Tuesday's terrorist attack numbs the nation

Thousands are feared dead and thousands more are injured after the most deadly terrorist attack in American history Tuesday. That's when three hijacked commercial airliners crashed into the twin 110-story towers of the World Trade Center in New York City and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. A fourth plane, also believed to have been hijacked, crashed northwest of Washington in rural Pennsylvania.

In the U.S. fallout from the terrorist attacks was swift. With the island of Manhattan under virtual lockdown, the nation's financial and merchant markets ground to a standstill. Gasoline prices across the nation skyrocketed as Americans lined up to fill up their tanks. Even here in Eldorado, motorists worried about escalating prices and dwindling supplies, lined up at local stores to top off their tanks and Sheriff's Department officers were called out to maintain order.

Smith arrested, charged with stalking local high school girl

Norman Smith, 45, of Eldorado was arrested Thursday evening, September 6, and charged with stalking a local high school girl. Chief Deputy George Arispe apprehended Smith about 10:30 p.m. in a neighbor's garage and took him into custody. Smith was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and released the following day on a \$10,000.00 surety bond.

First Baptist Church celebrates a "Centennial of Great Faith"

by Kathy Mankin

First Baptist Church came into being during September, 1901. Now, 100 years later the church is still a vital part of the community of Eldorado.

This past weekend, months of preparation by current and former members came together, as the congregation gathered to celebrate a century of faith.

Buildings come and buildings go, but a church is comprised of people. The people of First Baptist Church showed their vision, hope and faith this weekend. They and their church sparkled during an impressive Centennial Celebration.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Reported in the Sept. 20, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Gas companies sue tax appraisal district

A lawsuit filed last month in State District court alleges that the appraised value of a natural gas pipeline in Schleicher County exceeds the pipeline's actual market value. Duke Energy Field Services, L.P., Duke Energy Field Services Southwest L.L.P., and Highlands NGL Pipeline L.L.C., own the pipeline and are listed as plaintiff's in the lawsuit. Schleicher County Appraisal District (SCAD) is named as the defendant.

The suit alleges that the appraised value of the pipeline, \$10,674,720, exceeds by at least 10 percent the appraised value of similar properties within the district. The plaintiff's are asking Judge Barbara Walther to set aside the appraisal and to place a value on the pipeline that is no more than its actual market value.

Reported in the Sept. 27, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Public Library receives grant for \$32,890

The Schleicher County Public Library recently received a Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board (TIF) grant in the amount of \$32,890.00. State Senator Jeff Wentworth announced the grant along with 13 others received by colleges, universities, libraries and public health care facilities located in the 25th Senate District. In all, more than \$1.6 million were awarded to help the facilities pick up speed on the information super highway, Wentworth said. Locally, the grant funds will be used to purchase computer equipment for use in the Public Library.

Hospital Board votes to upgrade equipment

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Hospital District's board of directors met Monday evening and voted to lease an ultrasound monitor for use in the hospital. The computerized piece of equipment, manufactured by Toshiba Corporation, will allow local physicians to have access to a state-of-the-art diagnostic tool. Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that the addition of the monitor will permit many tests, previously done in San Angelo, to be performed locally.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Reported in the Oct. 4, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Neighbor's cars claimed in fire that destroys vacant home on East Fields Street

Investigators are looking into the cause of a fire that destroyed a vacant house at 305 E. Fields Avenue Saturday night. The house, listed as belonging to Mei Chih Proctor, was a total loss, as were two vehicles on an adjacent lot, a 1990 Chevrolet Lumina and a 1993 Ford Explorer parked next door on property owned by Elvira Zamarron. The '90 Lumina was completely destroyed while the

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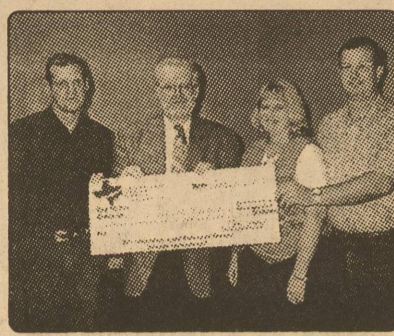


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Schleicher County Community Network receives telecommunications planning grant

A community group, headed by Schleicher County ISD, received word recently that it has qualified

for the first round of grant funding in a competition to receive a grant totalling \$500,000.00 in telecommunication infrastructure funds. The Schleicher County Community Network (SCCN), consisting of a group composed of the school, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Schleicher County Hospital District and other local entities, will receive an initial planning grant in the amount of \$25,000.00. The funds, provided by the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund Board will allow SCCN to develop an "implementation plan" for a community-wide computer network.

National Honor Society inducts 14 new members

On Monday evening, October 15th, fourteen new members of the Eldorado High School chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted in a traditional candle-light ceremony. The new inductees included: Courtney Brown, Kimberly Hight, Lori Loomis, J.L. Mankin, Georgina Maritz, Luis Munoz, Layna Murr, Bobby Phillips, Kristina Prater, Christina Redish, Hannah Robledo, Courtney Sauer, Mayci Schwieng, and Amanda Wanoreck.

'93 Explorer suffered damage so extensive that investigators believe it is a total loss, as well.

A subsequent inquiry led Sheriff's Department investigators to three juvenile males who reportedly admitted to smoking cigarettes in the house prior to the fire.

Two of the juveniles claimed to have put their cigarettes out before leaving the house sometime around 4:30 p.m. The third juvenile reportedly told officers that he had flipped his cigarette toward a mattress located within a room in the house.

Garza gets 7 years in prison on sexual assault conviction

Francisco Garza, 21, of Eldorado was sentenced to two 7-year prison terms Monday after being convicted on a pair felony counts. Garza was convicted on a charge of indecency with a child younger than 17 as well as a charge of sexual assault of a child younger than 14.

51st District Judge Barbara Walther sentenced Garza to two 7 year prison sentences with the sentences to be served concurrently.

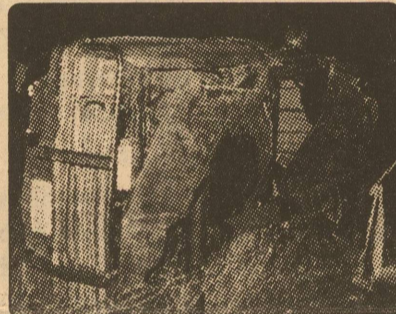


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Reported in the Oct. 11, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Local teen hospitalized following pickup rollover near PAVE PAWS

The fun of a teen beer party at PAVE PAWS, the abandoned Air Force radar installation north of Eldorado, quickly faded into horror Sunday night when one of the youths Johnny Lee Arispe, 18, of Eldorado, lost control of his Chevy pickup while leaving the party. The truck rolled numerous times, and flipped end-over-end before coming to rest atop an H-brace in the fence along the roadway. Arispe was ejected from the vehicle and was found in a caliche pit, some 70-feet from the pickup.

Emergency Medical personnel transported Arispe by ambulance to the top of the hill, where the old Air Force helipad was used as a landing zone for the AirMed-1 helicopter from Shannon Medical Center.

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The Beat Goes On

Eagle Band claims 18th consecutive Division "1"

Tradition. It preceded the seventy members of the Mighty Eagle Band onto the field in Brady last Saturday. It hovered over them as they performed. And, it weighed heavily on their minds in the moments before the judges decision was announced. Ultimately, the band earned its 18th consecutive Division "1" rating from the U.I.L. judges and will advance to the Area Contest in Waco next week.

Petition seeks election for on premises sale of beer and wine

A countywide petition will begin circulating on Nov. 1, 2001 calling for a local option election to legalize the on premises sale of beer and wine within Schleicher County. If the petition is successful and voters approve it in an election, it will become legal to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises of the merchant. That would allow local restaurants to sell the beverages, as well as permitting the sale at special events, such as rodeos and the annual game dinner.

Local attorney James Kosub told the Success that the petition is being sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce. He said the group is hoping to control the consumption of alcoholic beverages at special events, like rodeos and street dances, by prohibiting coolers with beer and wine.

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Reported in the Nov. 1, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

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.

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.

Elder William Edmiston opened the 100th anniversary celebration 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.

Happy New Year!

Connie Andrews and Veronica Martinez extend their best wishes to you and your family. May 2002 bring you peace, joy and prosperity!

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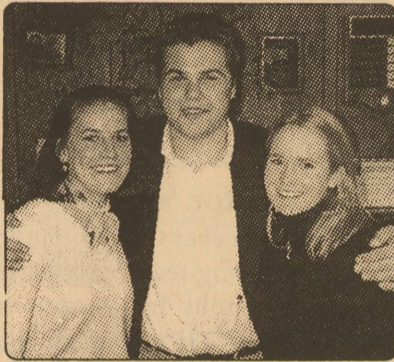
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Reported in the Nov. 8, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

Organizers call Game Dinner "huge success"

How do you welcome hundreds of deer hunters to Schleicher County on the first weekend of deer season? Well, one way is to erect a huge tent, sell mouth-watering barbecue and chili for a mere \$5 per plate, and raffle away numerous firearms and other great prizes at a dollar per chance. And, that's exactly the way the Eldorado Game Association did this year.

It was a beautiful day Saturday as a crowd of hungry patrons gathered on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. At one point, the serving line, which snaked through the Memorial Building extended across the block and nearly to the Post Office. In all, 715 meal tickets were turned in. Many, many more decided to forego the meal and showed up for the door prize drawings.



COURTESY PHOTO

Local youths earn 4-H Gold Star Awards

Three local 4-H members were among 34 youth honored October 30 during the annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor. Courtney Brown, Tabitha Lloyd, Will Whitten all are members of the Schleicher County Senior 4-H Club.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor given to a 4-H member on the county level by Texas Cooperative Extension. Winners are picked by a county committee based on their personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects, and on activities and contributions made to the overall 4-H program.

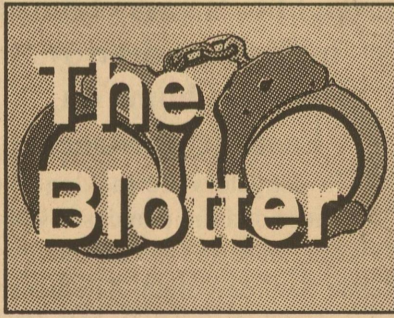
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8th Grade Eagles finish with 8-0 undefeated season

The 8th Grade Eagles wrapped up their season last Thursday with a 22-6 win over Sonora. That moved the team's final record to 8-0 and secured for them the coveted title of "Undefeated."

Coach Lewis extended his appreciation to all of his players and credited their hard work and dedication with securing a perfect 8-0 season.

The team received a hero's welcome when they returned to Eldorado. Fire trucks, ambulances and police cars with sirens blaring were joined by numerous fans, friends and family members as they escorted the undefeated Eagles into town.



There will be no "Blotter" column this week. Look for "The Blotter" to return in its regular space on January 3, 2002.

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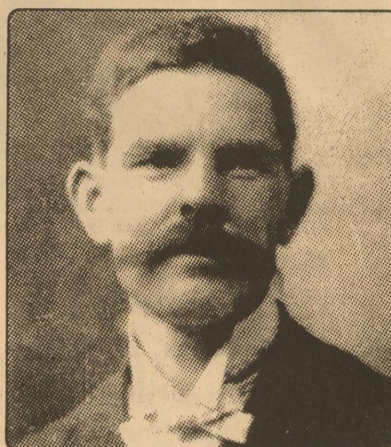
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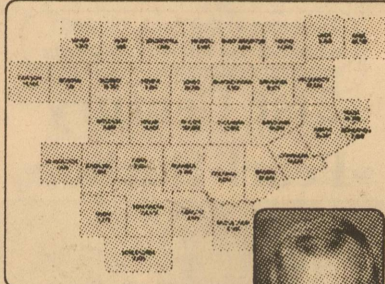
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R.L. Carothers' dream moves into second century

Exactly 100 years after the first edition of "The Eldorado Paper" rolled off the press in R.L. Carothers' office, we offer this, our 100th Anniversary Edition. Inside you will find a reprint of the very first issue. It's a little rough, since the only surviving copy was in very bad condition. However, with the use of a photo scanner and other technology, most of it has been restored.

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Judges move Schleicher County into Stenholm's Congressional district

Schleicher County will be the southernmost of thirty-six Texas counties making up the 17th Congressional District under a plan handed down by a three-judge panel last week. The ruling overturns an earlier plan that would have placed the county in the 23rd District. The new map means that Congressman Charlie Stenholm, (D) of Stamford is likely to represent Schleicher County in the U.S. Congress following the Nov. 2002 election.

Help on the way for Woolen Mill's leaky roof

Help is on the way for the Eldorado Woolen Mill in the form of a \$33,000.00 grant from the Rural Schools Community Trust (RSCT), an offshoot of the Annenberg Program at Schleicher County I.S.D. The funds will be used to repair the mill's leaking roof and to restore other parts of the historic structure. The proposal for the grant was submitted by Ilse Williams, local RSCT coordinator. The money is in addition to a \$4,019.00 grant from Texas Preservation Trust Fund, announced two weeks ago.



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Reported in the Nov. 29, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success

by Pat Ragsdale

Word came Monday during the meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court that the Texas Department of Health intends to terminate rent payments on the building currently occupied by the Community Resource Center. According to County Judge Johnny Griffin, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) allowed no funding for the Community Resource Center in the budget adopted in September.

Griffin explained that Schleicher County has no additional funds to provide for rent at the center and therefore will be forced to close the office and terminate the services being provided at the center once State funding is exhausted.

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Chamber's petition for alcohol sales election fails

A petition, sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, calling for a special election on the question of the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption, failed to obtain the 622 signatures necessary to call the election. James Kosub told the Success on Tuesday that the petition had garnered "three or four hundred" signatures.

Reported in the Dec. 13, 2001 edition of the Eldorado Success



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Hero's welcome — Flag-waving Elementary students lined the route Monday to show their support in the aftermath of the September 11th tragedy as New York City paramedic Frank Riboni was escorted through Eldorado on the way to an appearance in Sonora. Riboni paused for a few moments to greet local emergency service workers.

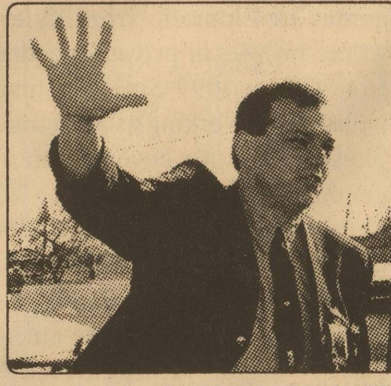


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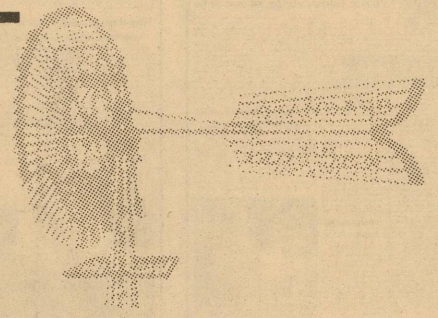
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Important issues addressed by the local governing bodies were reported in detail. Crime reports and arrests were outlined each week in "The Blotter".

Club activities were spotlighted and community gatherings promoted. Church functions were announced as were numerous charitable events.

The Success kept its readers up to date on Eldorado students attending college and regularly printed "Military News" to spotlight the whereabouts and accomplishments of our young men and women serving in the armed forces.

In short, the Eldorado Success covered Eldorado. It has been our pleasure and we look forward to doing it all over again in the year 2002!

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Five girls' South Street apartment building
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McCormack returning home to lead the Eagles

Schleicher Co. Day festival and trade day set for Saturday

Historical Society to honor Schleicher Co. Pioneer Families

Boots & Spurs
in Rodeo Time Again

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City & County eye redistricting plan

City reaches deal with rural pipeline contractors

Tracy Brenner named 2001 Rodeo Sweetheart

Three local restaurants burglarized on same night

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State pushes city to build 3rd water tower

4 local youths each receive \$10,000 scholarships at State 4-H Roundup

TxDOT commissioners plan final vote next Thursday on Parts in Plains Trade Corridor

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Schleicher County named in lawsuit filed by Eckhardt against WTRCA

Eldorado Success wins second TPA Sweepstakes Award

NOTICE

The Miss Anglin remains set for weekend

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Ready or not...here it comes

Parts to Plains Trade Corridor

State plans Parts-to-Plains Trade Corridor route

Murder suspect Gomez delivered to Mexican authorities on International Bridge at Del Rio

Driver's failure to dim lights leads to recovery of stolen car

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21st Century Pearl Harbor
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Looking Back at the year 2001

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County rules out construction of Civic Center

2-year-old boy hospitalized after being hit by truck

This girl's school car

School considers changing to single member district plan

ROAD CLOSED

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Burglary investigation turns up leads into case of school's stolen car

Methodists look forward to second century

Three local men arrested in theft of school car

Success stories more awards at WTRCA convention in Kerrville

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

Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates to City, County

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Schleicher County, paddling its own canoe for 100 years

SCISD to receive \$143,000 from Crackerie Co. Schaub

Copper Cove woman injured in rollover

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Redistricting Board shifts Schleicher County into West Texas districts

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County stays trade for school's Ag building

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Heavy rains blanket much of area

Hospital district adopts \$4.25 million budget

Child welfare board elects new officers

New open container law takes effect on Saturday

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City council eyes water rate increase

Dr. Taylor opens clinic practice at SCMC

School trustees adopt \$5.86 million budget

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Smith arrested, charged with stealing local high school girl

City council meets, votes to increase water rates

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Gas companies sue tax appraisal district

City's Recycling Center slated to open on Monday

Comptroller Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

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Residential treatment center back under consideration

Hospital Board votes to upgrade equipment

Public Library receives grant for \$25,000

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Neighbors' cars chained in fire that destroys vacant home on E. Fields St.

Remembering September 11, 2001

Graves get 7 years in prison with several annual convictions

Hazing of the Double E set for tonight at football stadium

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Local teen hospitalized following pickup roll-over near PAVE PAWS

Travis County district judge takes over congressional redistricting

County rejects school restrictions on exchange of property

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Elementary students participate in nationwide Pledge of Allegiance

Judge Davis revises ruling, signs final order on congressional redistricting

Grant application for half million \$ in technology funds reaches second round

Eagle Band in march in Brady contest Saturday

SCMC Health Fair underway today in Memorial Building

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The Beat Goes On

Eagle Band claims 15th consecutive Division 4 title

Police officers arrested for possession of beer and wine

Hospital trustees see down of new ultra sound machine

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Former physician sees County and Hospital Districts, shifting branch of contract

Discussion of "traffic stop rumors" dominates Commissioners meeting with Sheriff

Election slated for Tuesday

Game Dinner slated Saturday at Courthouse Square

SCMC enters rededication as Level IV Trauma Center

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Hospital district answers doctor's lawsuit

Operational call Center "huge success"

Local youths earn 4-H Gold Star Awards

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School district report card released by TEA

City Council holds November meeting

Vet. Day program highlights "The Meaning of Freedom"

Community Thanksgiving service slated Monday evening

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Help on the way for Wiles' MIA's lonely road

Hospital trustees held November meeting

Judges move Schleicher Co. into Stambol's district

EHS students named to AB-District Band

Seems Clear accepting court order from local children

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Airport improvements top discussions at Commissioners Court meeting

Filing season begins Monday for county offices

Child Welfare Board sponsors "Angel Tree"

Continues to 100th birthday celebration

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Eldorado Success turns 100

R.L. Gentry's vision moves into second century

Grand Jury hands down nine felony indictments

Chamber's petition for alcohol sales election fails

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Resolving Communication meets with City Council about three-mile cable route

County commissioners hear request for help with TIF grant

It was a successful day at the Success

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Matt Rutherford named Texas 2-A Tennis Coach of the Year

FHS Band members qualify for AB-Region Band

Ten Eagles named to 2-A AB-Honors Team

State's Chain is missing at NORAD but still on radar

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Looking Back at a remarkable year