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show their work
at Art Show
...details inside



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65th annual Jr. Livestock and Project show held

The 65th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show was held at the county exhibition building on January 6th-8th. Local youngsters competed with entries in Meat Goat, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Finewool Lambs, Crossbred Lambs and Medium Wool Lambs. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged. Kayla Kohls won the overall Showmanship Award and received a leather briefcase in recognition of the honor. Individual placings in the Livestock Show, Food Show and Art Show were as follows:

LIVESTOCK SHOW

GOATS

Grand Champion - Kayla Kohls
Reserve Champion - Marty Powell
Showmanship - Haley Edmiston
Class 1: 1st Haley Edmiston; 2nd Ben Edmiston; 3rd Lauren Brown; 4th Allison Reynolds; 5th Wes Brown; 6th Ben Edmiston; 7th Michael Ballew; 8th Caleb Nixon; 9th Clay Whitten; 10th Hillary Hodges; 11th Ross Hodges
Class 2: 1st Neal Higgins; 2nd Briley Leggett; 3rd Briley Leggett; 4th Courtney Brown; 5th Alan Dykstra; 6th Frank Edmiston; 7th Haley Edmiston; 8th Bryce Leggett; 9th Clay Whitten; 10th Mason Baker; 11th Hannah Robledo; 12th Taylor Baker
Class 3: 1st Allison Reynolds; 2nd Kayla Kohls; 3rd Ben Edmiston; 4th Kayla Kohls; 5th Haley Edmiston; 6th Jaymie O'Harrow; 7th Allison Reynolds; 8th Bryce Leggett; 9th Bryce Leggett; 10th Alan Dykstra
Class 4: 1st Haley Higgins; 2nd Kayla Kohls; 3rd Lauren Brown; 4th Frank Edmiston; 5th Alan Dykstra; 6th Courtney Brown; 7th Allison Reynolds;

8th Miles Mikeska; 9th Tyler Farmer; 10th Allison Reynolds; 11th Briley Leggett
Class 5: 1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Marty Powell; 3rd Courtney Brown; 4th Marty Powell; 5th Miles Mikeska; 6th Alan Dykstra; 7th Neal Higgins; 8th Taylor Baker; 9th Mason Baker
SWINE
Grand Champion - Kayla Kohls
Reserve Champion - Kayla Kohls
Showmanship - Mark Bybee
Class 1: 1st Mark Bybee; 2nd Frank Edmiston; 3rd Frank Edmiston; 4th Kary Gibson; 5th Gary Gibson; 6th Blake Leggett
Class 2: 1st Gary Hanusch; 2nd Dest Sudduth; 3rd Mark Bybee; 4th Frank Edmiston
Class 3: 1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Kayla Kohls; 3rd Gary Hanusch; 4th Carli McAngus; 5th Meg Griffin
Class 4: 1st Kayla Kohls; 2nd Carli McAngus; 3rd Gary Hanusch; 4th Kayla Kohls; 5th Gary Hanusch
STEERS
Grand Champion - Gary Hanusch
Reserve Champion - Meg Griffin
Showmanship - Gary Hanusch
Class 1: 1st Gary Hanusch; 2nd Meg Griffin; 3rd Gary Hanusch; 4th Will Griffin; 5th Will Griffin
HEIFERS
Grand Champion - Gary Hanusch
Reserve Champion - Gary Hanusch
Class 1: 1st Gary Hanusch; 2nd Gary Hanusch
LAMBS
Grand Champion - Whitney Edmiston
Res. Champion - Whitney Edmiston
Showmanship Whitney Edmiston
Finewools
Champion - Lindsay Beach
Reserve Champion - Dest Sudduth
Class 1: 1st Lindsay Beach; 2nd Dest Sudduth; 3rd Ridge Ann Sudduth; 4th Whitney Edmiston
Class 2: 1st Lindsay Beach; 2nd

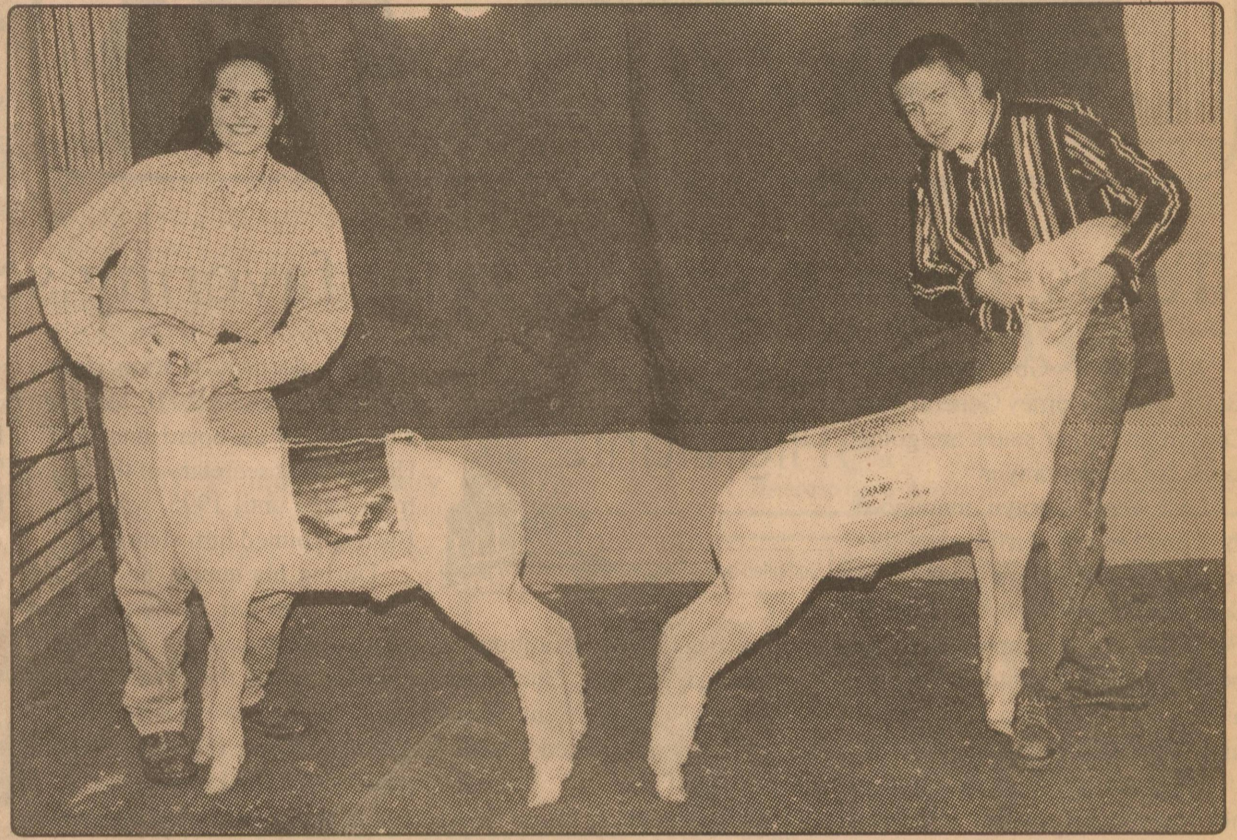


photo by Kathy Mankin

Champ and Reserve Champ — Lindsay Beach and Dest Sudduth showed the Champion and Reserve Champion Finewool Lambs at the 65th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Vehicle Theft Down

The number of vehicles stolen is down statewide since its record level in 1991 of 168,837. In recent years, the vehicles stolen most often are pick-up trucks. In 1998, the last year for which numbers are available, 96,614 vehicles were reported stolen in Texas. That compares with 101,687 in 1997. The numbers for 1996 and 1995 were 104,928 and 104,936, respectively

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On This Date

On this date in 1733 James Edward Oglethorpe, a British philanthropist and member of the House of Commons, arrives at Charleston, South Carolina, with a group of 116 colonists to settle the British territory of Georgia. In 1842 during the first British-Afghan War, British troops retreating from Kabul are ambushed and nearly annihilated at the Khyber Pass. In 1898 French novelist Emile Zola publishes *J'Accuse*, an open letter to French President Felix Faure that accuses the French judiciary of giving into pressure from the military to perpetuate a cover-up a treason case. In 1992 serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer entered a plea of guilty but insane in fifteen of the seventeen murders he confessed to committing over a thirteen-year period beginning in 1982.

Birthdays of note include: 1834 author Horatio Alger; 1884 singer Sophie Tucker; 1885 Fuller Brush founder Alfred Fuller; 1909 jazz musician Butter (Quentin) Jackson; 1919 show biz columnist Army Archerd; 1919 actor Robert Stack; 1926 actress Gwen Verdon; 1931 comedian Charles Nelson Reilly; 1950 baseball pitcher Bob Forsch.

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Odds & Ends

Things you may not know about the "Mona Lisa."
• She has no eyebrows (as was the fashion.)
• The real name of the painting is not "Mona Lisa." It is "La Gioconda."
• The painting measures less than 2 feet by 2 feet.
• X-rays show that there are three completely different versions of the same subject, all painted by Leonardo, under the final portrait.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Mmmm Mmmm Good — Best of Show winners in Senior, Junior and Sub-Junior divisions of this year's food show were: Kayla McCravey, Almond Cream Confections; Ridge Ann Sudduth, Caramel Bars; and Ashley Paulson, Caramel Fudge Brownies.

Commissioners meeting held

by Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court was called to order in regular session by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners present were: Ross Whitten, Steve Minor and Bill Clark. Commissioner Johnny Mayo attended briefly before leaving to attend urgent business in Uvalde.

After the minutes of the December 13, 1999 meeting were read and approved by the court, County Agricultural Agent Scott Edmondson presented the court with questionnaires regarding the various commissioners attendance at the V.G. Young Institute at Texas A. & M University. This institution, along with others throughout Texas, make

available continuing education for county commissioners and judges. These officials are required to attend an updated training session periodically in order to increase their knowledge regarding rulings and laws governing their elected offices. The meeting at V.G. Young Institute is scheduled for February 8, 9, and 10, at Texas A. & M. Another similar meeting is scheduled by the West Texas Judge and Commissioner's Conference, to be held in Midland. The court approved for any commissioner to attend either conference at county expense.

A brief accounting of the recently completed Schleicher County Livestock Show was given by Ed-

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Half-cooked brisket prompts inquiry into fire

When firefighters and sheriff's officers began investigating the cause of a fire in an apartment at the Eldorado Housing Authority apartments on East Street on January 1, they came up with more questions than answers. First, how did the fire start in the supposedly vacant apartment? And, secondly why was there a half-cooked brisket in the oven?

"Some things just don't add up," commented Fire Chief Jerry Jones after the blaze which gutted the

apartment's kitchen.

So, Chief Deputy George Arispe and Fire Marshall Oscar Martinez began probing the cause of the fire. Arson investigator Steve Kenley was brought in from Ozona to survey the charred apartment. Meanwhile, Arispe began questioning suspects.

"Someone was definitely in that apartment when the fire started," Arispe stated.

Whoever that may have been, left before emergency units arrived

at the scene just after 3:00 a.m. Firefighters report finding the front door locked and the screen on the back door latched from the inside.

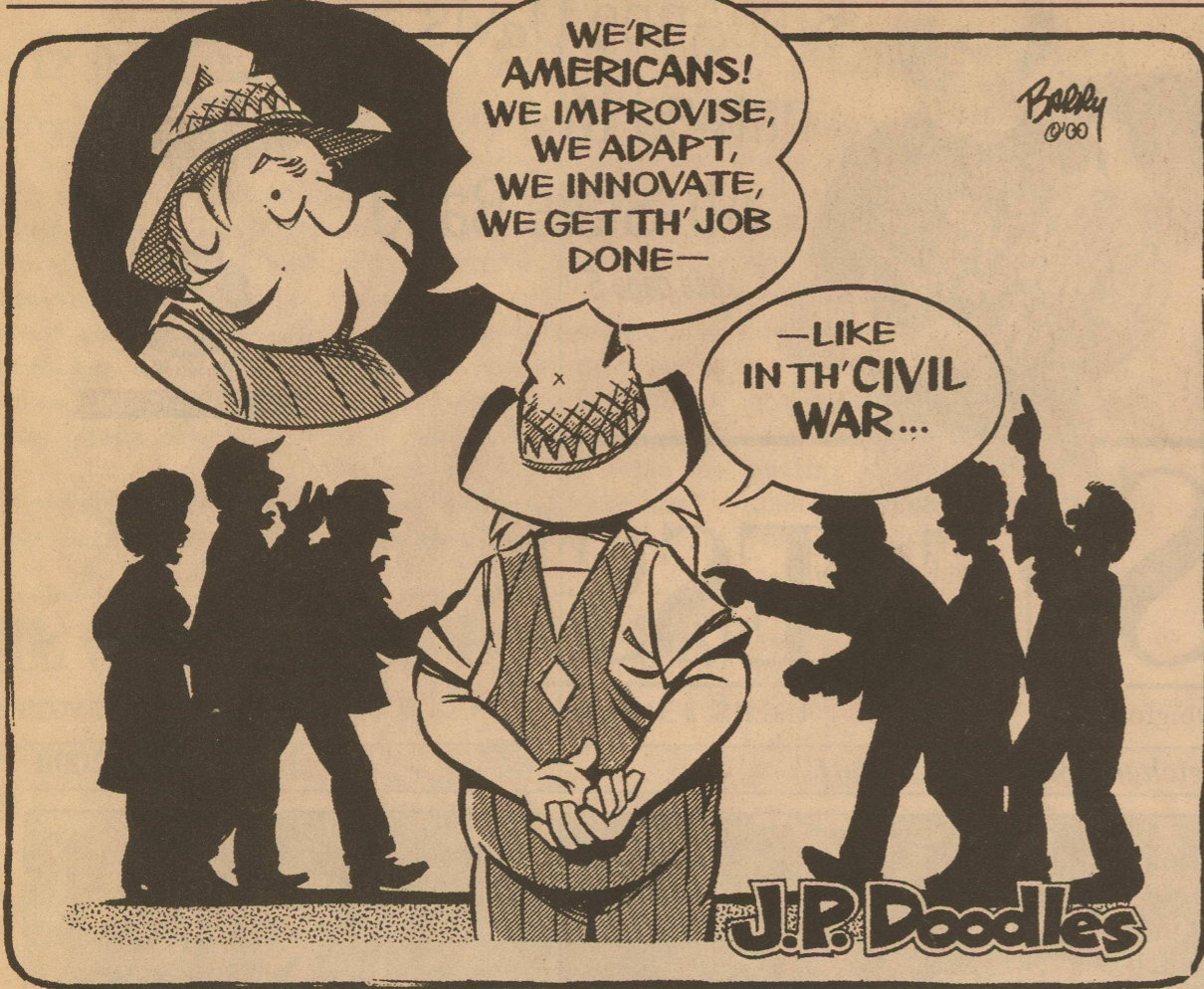
Two firefighters and at least two neighbors were treated for smoke inhalation at Schleicher County Medical Center the night of the blaze.

Anyone with information about the fire is encouraged to contact the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. "We want to get to the bottom of this," Arispe stated.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Searching for clues — Arson investigator Steve Kenley of Ozona looked for evidence last week in the kitchen of an Eldorado Housing Authority apartment which burned during the early morning hours of January 1. Fire Department and Sheriff's investigators called in Kenley when questions about the fire's origin were raised. Sheriff's deputy George Arispe reports there is a suspect in the case, however, no arrests have been made and the incident remains under investigation.

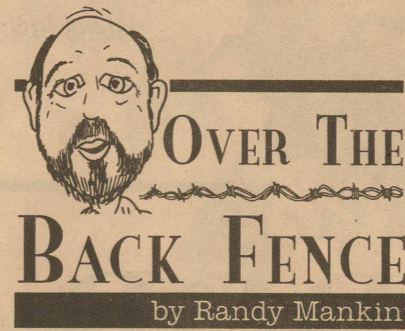


Pardon my bloodshot eyes, I'm running on New Zealand time

Monday night I had a lot on my mind and couldn't get to sleep, so I switched on the TV. What I found, made my day and my week...it was yacht racing.

Seriously, I love the sport, even though I've never been aboard a yacht or even watched a race in person. There's just something about it that appeals to me. Maybe it's the strategy that's involved in a close race, but, for whatever reason, I really like it.

My first exposure to the sport came several years ago when I had the opportunity to



meet Dennis Conner. He had the misfortune to be the first American skipper to lose the America's Cup. At that time he was on a quest to win it back...and he did.

Since that day, I've tuned in to watch every chance I've gotten which hasn't been nearly as often as I would like.

Don't ask me to explain how a fellow who was born and raised in arid West Texas is attracted to yacht racing. Other water sports don't appeal to me...I don't even like to fish.

Tuesday morning I mentioned seeing the races the night before. Kathy was not happy about this development. It seems she had seen the races were on TV a few days earlier but hoped I might not notice. It almost worked. By the time I tuned in, the regatta was in its eighth day.

This year the America's Cup races are being held in

New Zealand, since a boat from that country won the cup three years ago. A group of boats from several countries are presently competing in the Louis Vuitton Cup challenger's regatta. The winner earns the right to face New Zealand in a heads up duel for the America's Cup.

Since the races are being held halfway around the world, it's difficult for American fans to keep up with the action. ESPN-2 sports network has been providing coverage, but only late at night. Oh, well...so much for sleep.

If you've never seen a yacht race, make an effort to tune in during the coming weeks. It's a fascinating mixture of brains, brawn and machinery, coupled with complex sailing rules. I promise, you won't believe how exciting a 14-mile per hour race can be.

In the meantime, if you see me around town, please understand that my bloodshot eyes result from watching too much America's Cup. And, if you see me gazing off into space, I'm not totally out of touch with reality, just looking for a shift in the wind and planning my next tack to starboard.

Texas, other states file brief favoring school prayer

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush, Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and other states are going to bat for school prayer.

Last week, Cornyn announced the filing Dec. 30 of a friend-of-the-court brief on the merits in the U.S. Supreme Court in support of Santa Fe Independent School District's policy of allowing students to give a message, including a prayer, at high school football games.

"[Santa Fe ISD's] policy does not require the student to give a prayer, but simply permits a prayer to be given if the student chooses to do so," Cornyn said.

"To prevent a student from praying under this policy will violate the First Amendment. Asking the state to supervise and censor religious

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

speech is clearly unconstitutional." Alabama, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee joined Texas in filing the brief.

Oral arguments in *Doe v. Santa Fe Independent School District* are expected to be scheduled for March.

Criminal Justice Chair Resigns
Allan Polunsky resigned as chairman of the Texas Board of Criminal Justice last week.

The Board of Criminal Justice oversees the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

Polunsky, whose term was to expire in February 2001, had been a member of the board since 1987. He served as secretary of the board from 1989 until 1995, when Gov. Bush appointed him chairman.

During his tenure, he saw the state's criminal justice system change dramatically. He was a member when the prison, parole and probation systems merged in 1990 to become the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

He was on the job during times of administrative reform, overcrowding and mass prison expansion in which the prison population grew from 38,000 inmates to 155,000.

Polunsky, a real estate lawyer, is partner at the law firm of Polunsky and Beitel. He resides in San Antonio.

Bexar Wants Papers Back

Bexar County Clerk Gerry Rickhoff wants the University of Texas to return a collection of up to 300,000 pages of documents dating from 1717 to 1836, the year Texans were defeated at the Alamo but gained independence, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

The documents were sent to the university in 1899 to be indexed and translated. Translations were started in the 1930s. So far, about 14 percent of the documents have been translated.

Rickhoff said the university is taking too long to do the job and could take up to 200 years to finish them.

But UT is not ready to let them go. Patricia Ohlendorf, counsel for the university, said the documents will stay where they are.

"These are documents that are critical to the state of Texas, and we feel that what's best for the state of Texas is that they remain here," she told the *American-Statesman*.

Some of the records mention Jim Bowie and Davy Crockett, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Other Highlights

Starting in May 2001, the University of Texas will require that most dissertations be filed online. Exceptions will be made for students who have concerns, such as turning their dissertations into books and facing publishers who won't consider reprinting material that is free on the Internet, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported.

Texas was one of only five states praised for holding public schools accountable for meeting high academic standards in a national study released last week by the Thomas B. Fordham Foundation. Texas also was among eight states drawing praise for setting "honors" academic standards in English, math, history, geography and science.

State agencies found no year 2000-related problems, then stood down after a 24-hour alert status covering the changing of the new year. State agencies spent \$300 million and worked for three years to make sure there would be no power, water or other infrastructure failures caused by outdated computer programs.

Jan. 3 was the deadline for candidates to file for the March 14 statewide primaries. Six Democrats filed for U.S. Senate. The winner will face incumbent GOP Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison in the general election.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Miniature Wagons

Wilbur Foster of Salado had a garage and welding shop for thirty years, then became the maintenance superintendent at Salado's Stagecoach Inn, a popular eating and sleeping complex. The Inn had an old stagecoach in front of the registration office which was in a poor state of repair. "It was pretty well beat up," says Wilbur. "Kids played on it, you know. It had the top stomped in, the sides were all messed up. It was a total wreck."

Wilbur thought the stagecoach was important to the inn because people took pictures of it. He had been asked many times to take photos of guests standing by the old stagecoach. One winter he completely rebuilt it and painted it in its original colors. A man living nearby had two Clydesdale horses which were hitched to the wagon with some fancy harness. Mr. and Mrs. Dion Van Bibber, developers of the Stagecoach Inn, dressed in old clothes and were taken for a ride around Salado. "We stopped traffic," says Wilbur.

The next few years saw the stagecoach deteriorate again, so Wilbur once again hauled it off and repaired it to look like new. This time he built wagon wheels because someone had taken the original ones. After he retired, he made a scale model of the stagecoach for his grand daughter. "It created so much interest I just kept on making them."

Wilbur has made more than 100 miniature stagecoaches, wagons and buggies since making that first one six years ago. He uses the scale of one inch equals one foot. He carves horses, mules, oxen, riders and cargo and makes the necessary

hitching and harness equipment to complete his pieces. "I'll put a driver in the seat of the stagecoaches to make them look more authentic. He'll have a double barrel shotgun by his side. He'll have the harness in one hand and a whip in the other."

He has trouble making the men's facial features look natural, so he puts a cigar in their mouths. He says the wheels are the hardest part because the spokes have to be spaced evenly. To make the nostrils, eyes and ears on his horses, he pokes a small hole with an ice pick, then heats a screwdriver until it gets red hot and burns a larger hole into the wood. He uses bb's for the eyes. "I've learned different techniques over the years," says Wilbur.

He makes covered wagons and schooners pulled by oxen, with a man walking alongside holding a whip. "I put a water barrel on each side. Sometimes I put a jug in there." He makes cotton wagons, log wagons, a doctor's buggy and a watermelon wagon complete with watermelon. "To make those, I get the biggest pecans I can find, paint them green, then take a marking pencil and make little squiggly stripes on them to look like real watermelons."

He sells very few of his pieces, but donates some for auctions where they bring up to 800 dollars. "I've got to stay busy," says Wilbur. "I built a nature trail around the Stagecoach Inn, now I'm working on a water wheel."

Wilbur, legally blind, has always got up early. So has his son, who is president of Exxon and recently purchased the Stagecoach Inn.

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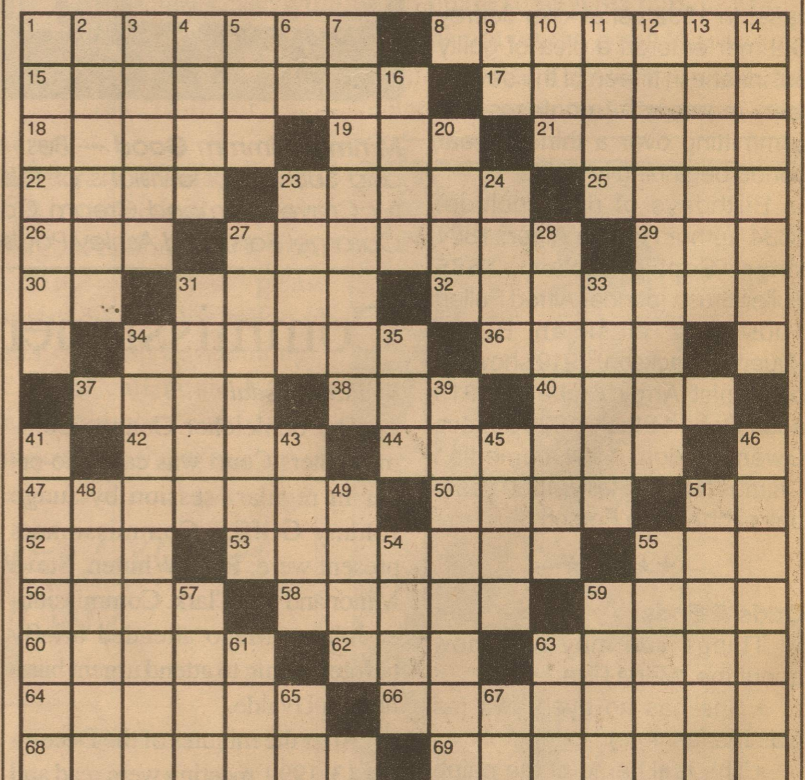
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- 23 Bye-bye
- 24 Edible fat
- 27 Entry
- 28 Photocopied
- 31 Good example
- 33 Spewed
- 34 Number and arrangement of teeth
- 35 Conger
- 39 Antimycotic agent
- 41 Take off cargo
- 43 Thrusting blow
- 45 Penury
- 46 Beebalm
- 48 Total output of a writer or artist
- 49 Light brown
- 51 Vocation
- 54 Cargo deck
- 55 Dried dough
- 57 Gumption
- 59 Residue
- 61 Born
- 63 Outer garment
- 65 Junior's dad
- 67 Three-toed sloth

This week's solution on Page 6



This crossword puzzle is sponsored each week by:

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OBITUARIES

Willie L. Bridgeman

VICTORIA — Willie Leon Bridgeman, 78, of Victoria, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2000.

Graveside services with military honors were held Monday, January 10, under the auspices of Masonic Lodge No. 890 AM & FM of Eldorado at Eldorado Cemetery.

Arrangements were by Rosewood Funeral Chapels of Victoria. He was born Sept. 14, 1921, in Kress, to the late B.O. and Bonnie M. Hamilton Bridgeman. He was a retired self-employed well logger in Midland and a member of the Presbyterian Church. He served during World War II in the China-Burma-India Theater and

was stationed in India for three years. He was also a 50-year member of the Masonic Lodge in Eldorado and a member of the Scottish Rite in El Paso.

Survivors include wife, Frances A. Bridgeman; daughter, Bonnie M. Bowen of Victoria; son, W. Len Bridgeman of Austin; brother, Robert L. Bridgeman of Tomball; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and daughter, Janice Strickland.

Pallbearers were Ken Bowen, Paul Zuniga, Michael Smalley, Brian Strickland, Charlie Bradley and Ray Lewis Ballew.



Lisa Dawn Lilly and Stewart Hunt Lux

Lilly/Lux announce engagement

Lisa Dawn Lilly and Stuart Hunt Lux of Eldorado announce their engagement. Parents of the bride-elect are Larry Lilly of Salado and Jana Miller of Waco. Parents of the groom-elect are De and Sherry Lux, Eldorado.

The wedding will take place March 4, 2000 on the grounds of the Schleicher County Court House weather permitting with the

reception at the Memorial Building.

Lisa graduated from Angelo State University in May 1999 and is employed by the Crockett County Consolidated School District as a 4th grade teacher.

Stuart graduated from Eldorado High School and attended South Plains College. He is employed by Sam Henderson, Jr.

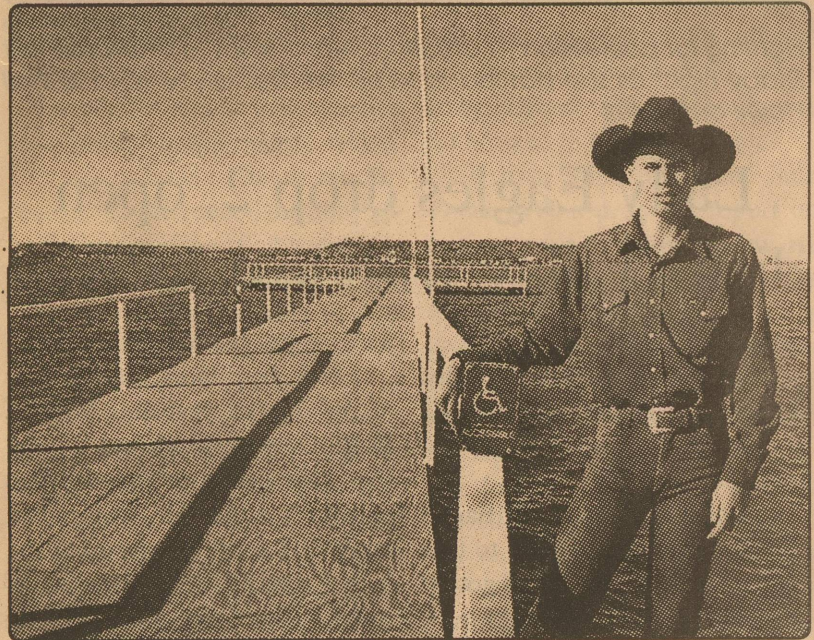


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Just a little help — Justin Malkowski is shown at the Lake Nasworthy fishing pier he modified recently in order to make it more accessible to physically challenged anglers.

Scout project makes Nasworthy accessible

Editor's note: the following article is reprinted from the San Angelo Standard-Times with permission of the author

by Russell Smith

Thanks to Eagle Scout Justin Malkowski, the fishing pier behind the San Angelo Nature Center at Lake Nasworthy has been modified to meet the needs of the physically challenged angler.

The project included widening the sidewalk so it would be wheelchair accessible and lowering five portions of the pier side rails so the physically challenged angler can fish from a sitting position.

The handicap areas are designated by their blue color.

The process didn't happen overnight though.

"I talked with city councilman Gary Shrum, then city manager Tom Adams. They came out here with me so I could explain what I wanted to do," Malkowski said.

The city manager gave his approval and the work began.

According to the Eagle Scout,

a city crew broke up the old narrow sidewalk. City Lumber provided the lumber to build the forms and Concho Concrete helped him with the concrete work. West Texas Steel gave him the materials to lower the rails and Charlie Bowers and John Gober helped him with the welding chores.

Malkowski, an 18-year-old Central High School student, completed the project as a requirement to make Eagle Scout. He plans to pursue a career as a game warden or a peace officer following after college.

Justin is the grandson of Rooster Jackson and great-grandson of Doc Sofge both of Eldorado.

MDA recruits local "Jailbirds"

The Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) is coming to Eldorado to Lock-up it's fine and upstanding citizens on January 26, 2000 at the Memorial Building from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Midland District Office of MDA has begun recruiting the "jailbirds" and so far the "in-mates" have been very receptive and eager to participate.

The Lock-up is a nationwide fund-raising event where local citizens agree to be "locked-up" and raise "bail money" to get out. Jailbirds are incarcerated for one hour and are provided with telephones to make contacts in order to raise their bail. Bail contributors can donate money to have the jailbird released or even to "keep" the jailbird in jail. Pictures are made of the inmates in their jail attire and those attending during the lunch hour are provided with hearty jail grub.

Some of the services MDA provides include sending children with neuromuscular disorders to camp for a week each summer, therapy, wheelchairs, support groups and medical treatment and testing that the patient requires.

Additionally, funds are raised for research to find cures for the 40 neuromuscular diseases that currently afflict hundreds of thousands of adults and children.

If there are any questions or if anyone would like to participate, please call the Midland MDA office at 915-570-4970. Everyone is invited to come see who they know that is being locked up!

Local students graduate at ASU

Two Eldorado students at Angelo State University were among 298 students to receive degrees during the Fall commencement.

Meredith L. Gruben received a Bachelor of Business Administration, with a major in Marketing, and Joe Sanchez received a Bachelor of Arts, with a major in History.

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ELDORADO'S HOMETOWN NEWSPAPER

Chamber to name Man & Woman of the Year at meeting

The Annual Chamber of Commerce General Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, January 17, 2000 at 6:30 p.m. in the Memorial Building. This year the meeting will start with a mixer with finger foods rather than a dinner. Tickets for the mixer are \$10.00 each. The Woman's Soft Ball League will be providing the food. Tea and coffee will be served as well as a donation bar serving wine and beer. The business meeting then will start at 8:00 p.m.

At the business meeting, the Man and Woman of the Year will be announced and other community volunteers will be recognized.

Nominees for Woman of the Year are Connie Andrews, Dora Bosmans, Judy Christian, Mabel Freitag, Terry Green, Princess Gruben, Nancy Lester, Christy Meador, Becky Moore, Jo Ella Parker, and Delia Pina. Nominees for Man of the Year are Charlie Bradley, Scott Edmondson, Johnny Griffin, Robert Jay, Jim Kosub, and Stan Meador.

Three directors will be elected to serve a three-year term on the Board. Candidates are Princess Gruben, Mark Marshall and Stacy Haynes. Other candidates may be nominated from the floor, but only if they have agreed in advance to serve.

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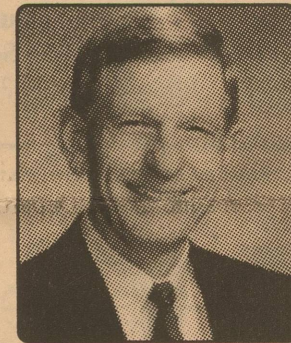
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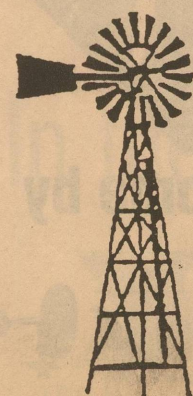
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Eagles go 1 and 1 on the week

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles went 1 and 1 last week on the hardwood. EHS has one more non-district contest before opening District play tomorrow night in Ozona. The Eagles continue to improve week to week.

Last Tuesday, Eldorado traveled to Colorado City to take on the Wolves. EHS was down by 7 at the end of the first quarter. The Eagles then came back strong in the second with excellent defensive play and took a 2 point lead at halftime. The third quarter continues to be the challenge quarter for the Eagles as they were outscored by 13 points in the third and closed

within 8 in the fourth before losing 53 to 61. Bullard led the Eagles with 19 points and 13 rebounds. William Robledo had 7 assists.

Gillespie commented, "we broke down defensively in the third quarter and that proved to be the difference."

Last Friday, the Eagles traveled to Stanton to take on the Buffalos and came out victorious in overtime 59 to 55. The Eagles came out strong in the first quarter taking a 12 to 4 lead. Stanton fought back to within 2 points at the half. Both squads scored 17 in the third quarter as EHS took a 2 point lead into the final stanza. Both teams had a strong fourth quarter and William Robledo hit a three pointer to send the game into OT. The Eagles then pulled away in the extra period for the win. Mayo led all scorers with 29 while Anthony Pina had 10. Mayo had 14 rebounds and 9 blocked shots as well.

The Eagles will open District play tomorrow night in Ozona. This is always a tough place to play and everyone needs to make the trip over and support our student athletes.



Fighting for possession — Christina Redish went to one knee last Friday night as she battled to keep the ball away from a Wall Hawk defender.

Lady Eagles drop 2, open district play with loss to Wall

by David E. Hill

Eldorado's Lady Eagles dropped two games last week to a non district foe as well as the district opener.

Last Tuesday, the Lady Eagles traveled to Colorado City to take on the Lady Wolves. EHS got off to a slow start in the first down by 8 and then by 9 at the half. Eldorado again didn't play well after the intermission and was down by 13 at the end of the third period. EHS then came alive in the final stanza outscoring C-city by 12 in the fourth for a final score of 43 to 44.

Eldorado fought back in the game but had just spotted the Lady Wolves to many points to overcome in the contest. Stacy Nicholson led all scorers with 12 followed by Kayla Kohls with 10. Coach Gooch commented, "we had a sluggish start but fought back in the fourth quarter. The girls never gave up and had an opportunity to

win, we just ran out of time."

On Friday, Eldorado hosted one of the district favorites Wall at Eagle Gym. EHS played a good first and second quarter trailing only by 5 at the half. Wall pulled away in the third outscoring the Lady Eagles 11 to 6. Wall then took control in the fourth and closed out for the win 45 to 21.

Kohls had 8 and Vanessa Gonzales had 6 with 5 rebounds. Wall played man to man defense the entire night stuffing EHS's offense most of the night. Coach Gooch said, "we played really well defensively the first half. Wall's defensive pressure hurt us which made it difficult to put points on the board." The loss puts EHS at 8 and 12 on the season and 0 and 1 in District play. The Lady Eagles played Junction on Tuesday and Ozona tomorrow night in Ozona. Let's make the trip over and support the Eagles.



Eagles J.V.

December 17, 1999

Eldorado 05-17-06-12=40
 Robert Lee 06-12-05-05=28
 Ramon Barajas 10; Johnny Arispe (2) 3 point goals, 8; Quisto Gonzalez 2; Thomas Ballew 8; Daniel Mata 4; Leonel Medrano 2; Jimmy Rodriguez 3; Bobby Phillips 2; Phillip Martinez 1.

December 20, 1999

Eldorado 07-06-11-13=37
 Ballinger 11-11-08-16=46
 Manuel Hernandez (2) 3 point goals, 6; Thomas Ballew (1) 3 point goal, 11; Daniel Mata 16; Jimmy Rodriguez 2; Matt Curtis 2.

January 4, 2000

Eldorado 09-08-19-14=50
 Colorado City 12-13-18-12=55
 Ramon Barajas 14; Hector Adame 2; Manuel Hernandez (1) 3 point goal, 5; Wesley Jones (1) 3 point goal, 10; Quisto Gonzalez 4; Thomas Ballew 7; Jimmy Rodriguez 8.

January 7, 2000

Eldorado 10-13-16-13=52
 Stanton 06-14-06-17=43
 Ramon Barajas 6; Johnny Arispe 2; Wesley Jones (3) 3 point goals, 16; Quisto Gonzalez 6; Thomas Ballew 8; Jimmy Rodriguez 4; Bobby Phillips 4; Matt Curtis 6.

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Jump ball — Courtney Brown cut off a pass Friday night and tied the ball up with a Wall player in girls JV action. The JV Lady Eagles won the contest.

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 January 19, 2000

This project was made possible by the students of IBienvenidos, Nuevos Amigos! at SCISD Middle School and by Mrs. Jeri Whitten.

Hot chocolate and pastries will be served.

There will be a special dedication of the corner to the memory of Mrs. Carmen Esparza.

Eldorado City Council holds regular monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

Eldorado City Council's regular monthly meeting was called to order at 5:30 P.M. on January 10, 2000 by Mayor John Nikolauk. Present were councilmembers Tommy Minor, Eddie Rodriguez, Richard Mendez, Toni Sudduth, Sherry Lux and Robert Bybee.

The meeting began with the council hearing requests from two citizens concerning city right-of-ways. First, Vivian Sanchez met with the council seeking permission to fence in a section of Atkins Drive, behind property she owns on North Divide Street. Next, Jimmy Deaton addressed the council asking that an alley adjacent to his home on South Cottonwood Street be closed to through traffic.

After discussing the two requests, Mayor Nikolauk assured Sanchez and Deaton that the council would investigate each situation and make an appropriate ruling. Attorney James Kosub recommended to the council that they appoint a committee of citizens to investigate the two situations and make a recommendation in each instance. Mayor Nikolauk agreed and named councilman Bybee as committee chairman. It was suggested that former members of the city council, being more familiar with the city's concerns, be named to this committee. The council agreed to this proposal and prospective persons will be contacted and asked to serve on this committee.

City Administrator Randy Mankin reported that, as according to the council's request in last month's meeting, he had written a letter to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency expressing concern in regard to a pipeline being designated to transport benzene and other light petroleum products through the recharge zone which provides the public water supply for the city.

Mankin continued by stating that he and Utility Superintendent Jack Dean had traveled to Houston to investigate a compactor machine for use in the city's landfill. After viewing the machine at a government surplus yard, and consulting with the equipment manufacturer, it was determined that the machine would not serve the city's purpose. Mankin said he would continue to look for a compactor to use at the landfill.

Next, Mankin told the council that Classic Cable, the cable TV provider for Eldorado, had announced a rate increase. When asked if another cable provider might be found Mankin replied that he wasn't aware of a company that would be interested in opening a second cable franchise in Eldorado.

Tire recycling was then discussed. Mankin reported that he had been in contact with a company that collects tires for recycling. The company has offered to provide a trailer to the city for a fee of \$1,125.00. The city would then have the responsibility of loading the trailer and collecting fees from those who desire to dispose of tires. While details have

yet to be worked out, the program will begin soon and the Success will report further information as it becomes available.

Mankin then informed the council that the permit for the city's wastewater treatment plant is up for renewal in December. He noted that by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) rules, the application must be in Austin six months in advance.

It was explained that a tree, adjacent to Meador Park (old hotel lot) on Main Street, was reported to be leaning into the street and posing a problem for passing traffic. Mankin asked for the council's advice and was given the authority to contact County Agent Scott Edmondson to get his opinion regarding the tree's health and condition. If the tree should prove to be beyond saving, Mankin was authorized to remove the tree.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean gave a progress report on various projects within the city. He reported that current operations include an effort to improve alleys and that the paving project on East Street was complete. Dean noted the city's landfill had received an average of 17.14 tons per day during the first fiscal quarter and that as of January 8, 2000, the landfill was receiving 18.8 tons of garbage per day.

Dean continued by saying that extremely dry weather was causing problems with the clay sewer lines within the city. He said that the arid conditions cause the ground to shift and there have been situations where sewer lines became clogged and upon excavation it was found that the lines had collapsed.

In Old Business, minutes of the December 6 meeting were approved upon a motion by Richard Mendez, seconded by Tommy Minor. Two amendments to the city's budget regarding the shifting of residual money from one account to another were approved.

In New Business, A new right-of-way maintenance ordinance, required by the Public Utilities Commission and recommended by the Texas Municipal League, was presented for adoption. The ordinance, number 101-00, is based upon a similar ordinance as adopted by the City of Irving, and amended to meet the needs of the city of Eldorado. The ordinance was adopted upon a motion by Richard Mendez, seconded by Sherry Lux and takes effect immediately. Review of the Audit Report was accepted upon a motion by Tommy Minor, seconded by Toni Sudduth. All current bills were ordered paid upon a motion by Minor, seconded by Sudduth. A discussion regarding the planting of trees at the new landfill followed. The initial trees are to be Afghan Pines and placed to block the view of the landfill from an adjacent home.

Before adjourning the council's next meeting date was set for February 14. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



photo by Kathy Mankin

All State French Horn — BreeAnne Davis a junior at Eldorado High School placed first in Area this past weekend at McClennan Community College in Waco, winning a spot on the All State Band. She is the daughter of David and Tammy Davis. At the Waco contest Davis, representing Region 7, earned first chair status from among 17 french horn contestants from all over the area. On February 12, 2000 Davis, along with other top musicians, will perform in the All-State Band in San Antonio, Texas.

County Commissioners meet

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mondson. He extended thanks to Sheriff Doran for his office's assistance in making ready the show pens, arena, and grandstands. He stated that this assistance enabled the scheduled events to run smoothly.

Next, the Court adopted a resolution to name Texas Department of Transportation as the designated agent for the county in assisting in the application and administration of a grant to complete work at the County Airport. The amount of the grant being sought is \$200,000.00. The county is responsible for matching funds of ten percent. The resolution was adopted upon a motion by Ross Whitten and seconded by Bill Clark. The motion carried.

A request from La Esperanza Clinic, located in San Angelo, for financial assistance was considered. La Esperanza stated that one-fourth of Schleicher County's population has no medical insurance and that this clinic serves a large percentage of this number. After discussion the item was tabled pending further information being made available.

An item was approved upon the motion of Bill Clark, seconded by Steve Minor to continue to participate in the 51st. District Juvenile

Probation Department. Schleicher County's contribution is \$2500.00 per year. By consensus of the court, County Judge, Johnny Griffin was designated as agenda officer for the year 2000. Another item was approved making First National Bank of Eldorado as depository of the county's funds for the year 2000.

Commissioners then drew names from the Grand Jury list for citizens to comprise the County Grievance Committee. The names are withheld from publication pending notification and individual's agreement to serve.

Next, Tommy Hunley made a request of the court regarding medical insurance. Following a discussion, the court took no action.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson presented a three page request to allow her to transfer certain small residual budget items in an effort to simplify bookkeeping. This item was approved by order of the court. Outstanding bills were reviewed and ordered paid.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Boy Scout reunion slated

The Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America is sponsoring a Reunion for all Boy Scouts that attended the National Boy Scout Jamboree in 1950 on February 12, 2000. The Reunion will be held at 2:00 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church located at 3636 Y.M.C.A. Road in San Angelo. All Scouts and Leaders that attended the Jamboree are invited to the Reunion.

The Reunion will be held along with the annual Council Leadership Recognition Meeting. Also the Council will celebrate the 90th Birthday of Scouting in America, and the 90th year the Council has served the youth of our Council.

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In the goat show, Haley Edmiston had a 7th place class 1 goat and Ben Edmiston took 14th place in the same class. In the 4th class, Ben Edmiston placed 11th.

Being called back for showmanship were Frank Edmiston in the junior division and Haley Edmiston, Ben Edmiston in the Senior Division. Dest Sudduth also exhibited his lamb in the lamb show.

This was the first of several shows this season as 4-Hers will also be showing in El Paso, Kerrville, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.



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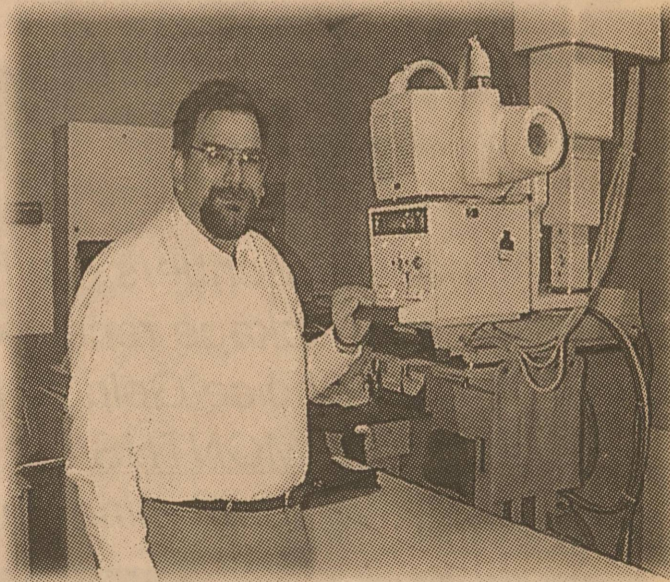
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Congratulations — EHS Ag teacher Kent Giles presented a leather briefcase to Kayla Kohls in recognition of her receiving the Overall Showmanship Award at the Jr. Livestock show last weekend.

Middle School honor roll listed

Fifth Grade Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll: Drew Bosman, Amy Doran, Tiffany Hernandez, Neal Higgins, Brittany Jennings, Logan Jones, Kristen Mittel, Ridge Ann Sudduth,

"AB" Honor Roll: Erica Buitron, Russell Cathy, Alicia Corrales, Adam Dominguez, Anakaren Esparza, Sammy Estrada, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Sandra Garza, Mariana Guzman, Marcos Hernandez, Marcus Hinojosa, Ricky Jalomo, Briley Leggett, Brittany MacDonald, Felipe Martinez, Daniella Mendoza, Ricky Mercado, Abelardo Montalvo, Artie Montalvo, Raul Rios, J.C. Rodriguez, Kimberly Samaniego, Alex Taylor.

Sixth Grade Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Michael Hill, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck.

"AB" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Josefina Diaz, William Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Esperanza Fuentes, Micaela Gonzalez, Melinda Hernandez, Nester Hernandez, Maxie Holley, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Alison Sproul.

Seventh Grade Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll: William Griffin, Daniella Guadarrama, Emily Newman.

"AB" Honor Roll: Sheryl Alexander, Katey Blair, Ryan Cathey, Maria Contreras, Kolby

Dombroski, Ashley Doran, Simon Duran, Betsy Green, Jose Hernandez, Julie Hight, Nathan MacDonald, Ashton Murr, David Neal, Jessica Robertson, Luis Rodriguez, Lindsey Schwiening, Britney Sellers.

Eighth Grade Honor Rolls

"A" Honor Roll: Janet Gardiner, Clara Herrera, Travis Joiner, Lori Loomis, Seth Taylor.

"AB" Honor Roll: Brian Bethke, Jeffrey Bybee, Scott Cawley, Juan Chavez, William Dykstra, John Fay, Dillon Greer, Mikinzie Holley, Forrest Holt, Heather Homer, Travis Lively, Koda Lozano, April Nixon, Robert Parker, Lacy Ragsdale, Joshua Trejo, Courtney Whitten.



photo by Kathy Mankin

One ringy dingy — The cast of "Belles" readies for opening night. The cast includes (Front L-R) Kate Kosub, Deb Joy, Sarah Mankin (Back L-R) Jo Ann Sproul, Glenda Nix and Kara Sue Garlitz.

WOBP brings "Belles" back to local stage

by Jo Ann Sproul

The Way Off-Broadway Players and Eldorado Chamber Pride are teaming up again for theater performances and dinner theater. The events are part of the theater's annual season and Eldorado Pride's yearly fund raising for flowers and upkeep of Eldorado's various parks.

The dinner is festive, fun and delicious. It will be in the Fellowship Hall of The First Baptist Church. Diners will be treated like royalty, so do come to both the dinner and the play on February 12th.

This year, a comedy, "Belles" by Mark Dunn will be presented again after ten years. Many people asked that it return, and it has been fun to do it again! It is about six

sisters talking on the telephone, and their conversations reveal a lot about their troubles, hopes and dreams! It is alternately funny and serious, but they always hang on, work out their problems and go on! The play spans three days, so there are several costume changes along with six separate, yet coordinated sets.

As usual, it takes many people to mount a full length play. This one is technically very complicated. Helping in various areas are Gary Sanford, Eldra Sanford, Margaret Porter, Christy Meador, Betsy Thackerson, Ester Bunton and Sherry Belk. Other community people who have helped are Jerry Jones, Dean Williams and others

too numerous to name.

The cast consists of three original cast members and three new ones. The new ones are Kara Sue Garlitz, Sarah Mankin and Kate Kosub. Original cast members are Deb Joy, Glenda Nix and Jo Ann Sproul.

Dates and times are as Follows: Fri. Feb. 4th and Sat. Feb. 19th at 8:00 Saturday Feb. 12th - Dinner Theater. Show at 5:00 and dinner following or Dinner at 6:00 and show following. Sat., Feb. 5th at 3:00 (Matinee) Sun., Feb. 20th at 3:00 (Matinee)

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ASU Dean's List announced

Four Eldorado students attending Angelo State University in San Angelo, are listed on the Dean's List for the Fall semester.

Those listed include Belinda F. Braly, a Psychology major, Kirk Curtis, a Communication and Psychology major, Sherri Fitts Freeman, an Early Childhood major and Justin Leggett, a Computer Science major.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must be enrolled as a full time student and have at least a 3.25 grade point average.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Livestock, food & project show results listed

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falo Chip Cookies; Hillary Hodges, White Chocolate Chunk Macadamia Nut Cookies; Amanda Wanoreck, Ginger Cookies

YEAST BREAD

Best Senior Yeast Bread: Layna Murr, Caramel Nut Rolls
Other entries: Lindsey Beach, Cinnamon Rolls

JUNIOR DIVISION

CAKES

Best Junior Cake: Briley Leggett, Pumpkin Roll
Other entries: Ashton Murr, Poppy Seed Cake; Will Griffin, Lemon Pound Cake; Taylor Baker, Bohemian Coffee Cake; Alison Sproul, Miss Finney's Apple Cake; Lauren Brown,

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 17

Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Sliced Hot Bread, Peaches, Milk

Tuesday, January 18

Hearty Beef Stew w/Veg. Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Crackers, Milk

Wednesday, January 19

Barbecue Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk

Thursday, January 20

Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

Friday, January 21

Fried Fish w/Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Cornbread, Bread Pudding w/Raisins, Milk

Egg Nog Pound Cake

CANDY

JUNIOR BEST OF SHOW: Ridge Ann Sudduth, Caramel Bars
Other entries: Jessica Robertson, Double Dark Chocolate Fudge

COOKIES

Best Junior Cookies: Frank Edmiston, Buffalo Chip Cookies
Other entries: Mark Bybee, Mark's Cookies; Chandra Wanoreck, Peanut Butter Bars; Emily Newman, Chocolate Chip Cookies; Bryce Leggett, Oatmeal Cookies

YEAST BREAD

Best Junior Yeast Bread: Allison Reynolds, Swedish Tea Ring

SUB-JUNIOR

CAKES

Best Sub-Junior Cake: Brittani Romero, Peach Pound Cake
Other entries: Kaleb Murr, Chocolate Cake

PIES

Best Sub-Junior Pies: Lynley Glass, Pecan Pie
Other entries: Carli McAngus, Pecan Pie

CANDY

Best Sub-Junior Candy: Corie Williams, Bangis Date Balls,
Other entries: Mason Baker, Millionaires; Dylan Dombroski, Rocky Road Marshmallow Candy

COOKIES

SUB-JUNIOR BEST OF SHOW: Ashley Paulson, Caramel Fudge Brownies

Other entries: Jaymie O'Harrow, Lemon Melt-a-ways; Mason Baker Caramel Brownies; Meg Griffin, Chunky Chocolate Chip Cookies; Tyler Dombroski, Special K Cookies

YEAST BREAD

Best Sub-Junior Yeast Bread: Miles Mikeska, Yeast Rolls

ART SHOW

Mrs. Griffin's Kindergarten Class
1st: Ashby Ragsdale
2nd: Clarissa Castro; Colt Jones; Rico Martinez; Ruben Vasquez
3rd: Allen Espinosa; Kiki Rodriguez

Blue Ribbon: Brittany Arrendondo; Austin Barajas; Lorenzo Fuentes; Amanda Garcia; Roman Medrano; Autumn Myers-Rush

Mrs. Halbert' First Grade

Blue Ribbon: Johnathan Espinosa; Laura Garcia; Katie Jo Gob; Kyle Holub; Eric Loomis; J.R. Martinez; Jorge Merdrano; Ashley Rojas; Jessica Sellers

Honorable Mention: Morgan Gillespie; Rosy Iglesias; Nathan Jimenez; Jaymie O'Harrow; Robby Saldivar; Abigail Ussery

Mrs. Curtis' First Grade

Honorable Mention: Eloy Bustos; Trina Gayler; Holly Romero
Blue Ribbon: Robert Buccholz;

Kymerlin Conn; Miles Mikeska; Aaron Parsley; Cruzita Trujillo

Mrs. Homer's Kindergarten Class
Honorable Mention: Canu Acosta; Kyndal Broome; Alejandro Echeverria; Brianda Torres; Dacy Whiddon
Blue Ribbon: Sierra Arispe; Ivan Cardenas; Abby Fuentes; John Paul Galan; Brianna Gamez; Nancy Granados; Andrea Hernandez; Oscar Robles; Preston Rodriguez

Mrs. Hutto's Kindergarten Class

Blue Ribbon: Mara Armstrong; Melissa Bullard; Eleazar Esparza; Eric Estrada; Clarissa Gomez; Karina Granados; Brooke Guerrero; Hagen Porras; Brandon Sanchez; Diamantina Torres; Ricardo Trujillo; Colton White

Honorable Mention: Brianah Creek; Evan Joiner; Christian Sanchez

Other Art:

Travis Joiner, 1st
Dylan Dombroski, 3rd
Blue Ribbon: Tyler Dombroski; Jessica Robertson; Jessica Robertson

HIGH SCHOOL

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1st Place and Overall Champion- J.B. Garcia

Paper Mache Sculpture

1st Place and Reserve Champion-Lance Mitchel

Scratchboard

1st Place-Reserve Champion-Rocky Robles

1st Place-Reserve Champion-Kenny Covarrubiaz

Paper Mache Masks

1st Place-Anthony Pina

Graphite

1st Place Kenny Covarrubiaz

1st Place Anthony Pina

Continuous Line Drawing

1st Place-Marina Lozano

Chalk Drawings

1st Place- Rocky Robles

Embossed Watercolor

1st Place-Kayla Case

Mixed Media

1st Place-Haley Edmiston

Pen and Ink Drawing

1st Place-Shelly Kelley

Paper Mache

Other students with paper mache projects included: Stephanie Luna, Daniel Mata, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Amy Green, Jason Brock, Anthony Pina, Gary Gibson, Kary Gibson, Courtney Brown, Josh Taylor, Agapo Martinez, Juan Munoz, Edward Elias, Jimmy Rodriguez, Kimberly Hight, Nancy Cawley, Jon Calcote, Shelly Kelley, Jason Holley, Michael Mayo, Lance Mitchel, Tanner Haynes, Sandra Torres, Thomas Martinez, Haley Edmiston, Alfredo Esparza, Jorge Gomez, Robert Adame, Kayla Case, Mandi Armstrong, Thomas Ballew, Sandra Rodriguez and Megan Poynor.

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Long and lean — Judge Andy Laughlin posed with Kayla Kohls and her Grand Champion Swine at the Jr. Livestock Show last week.



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Good looking beef — Gary Hanusch posed with his Grand Champion Steer during the Jr. Livestock show held at the Ag barn last weekend.

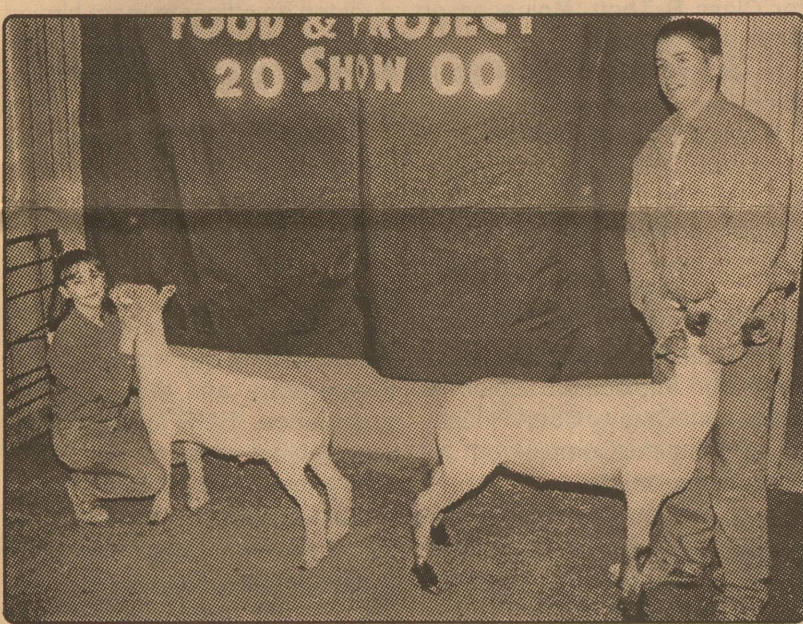


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Top lambs — Clay Whitten helped Whitney Edmiston display her Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Lambs during the annual Jr. Livestock Show at the Ag barn last week.

School board meeting held

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday night, January 10 for their regular monthly meeting. Present for the meeting were: Ilse Williams, Eddie Albin, Steve Sessom, Mr. Porter, Loretta Edmiston, Roxanne Adame, Jo Helen Kotsch, Phil McCormick. Not present Berta Nicholson.

Four of Mrs. Betty Robinson's 6th Grade Language Arts students shared their writing project with the board. They read stories and poems they compiled about Christmas. The students included: Charlotte Adame, Frank Edmiston, Nestor Minor and Myra Robles.

The meeting began with board members discussing and providing information to the public on the Public Education Grant Program. The program requires campuses with low TAAS test scores, specifically in which 50 percent or more of the students did not pass the TAAS test in any two of the preceding three years, be able to transfer within their district. There are no Low Performing Districts/Campuses in Region XV listed on the Texas Education Agency's notification regarding this program.

The Texas Department of Human Services notified Schleicher County I.S.D. since they had many identified low socio-economic students they would be required to have the Summer Food Service Program. Several required training sessions will be attended by Mildred Phillips and Loretta Edmiston who will be administrators of the program.

Mark Marshall and Librarian Debbie Griffin then told the board about progress with the distance learning program and concurrent courses. Marshall explained that he has negotiated with Howard College regarding courses offered via the new video-conferencing network. Also, Central Texas College will offer internet-based courses. Marshall and Griffin discussed the opportunities and the difficulties in procuring this new technology for the school system. They expressed their excitement about the possibilities of virtual field trips to locations such as NASA, along with computer training, staff development and con-

tinuing education opportunities for the community.

The board then reviewed the minutes from previous board meetings and Eddie Albin made a motion to correct the minutes of the November 22, to reflect Item 3E that states, "We asked for the reduction of expenditures of \$150,000 and \$250,000." Motion passed. Information regarding the pricing and renewal of the Schleicher County I.S.D. Property and Fleet Insurance quote of \$24,995 from Trimble-Batjer Insurance was reviewed. Then the board when on to approved the Financial reports presented by Loretta Edmiston.

The Eighth Grade G/T (gifted and talented) trip to NASA Space Center was voted on and approved by the board along with Early Release Dates on January 19 and 20, 2000 for staff development and February 24, 2000 and March 7, 2000 for staff workdays. Students will be released at 12:30 p.m. on those four days to allow school personnel to work on designated projects.

Elementary Principal Brian Brownlow reported 28 elementary student will be participating in the upcoming UIL events. He indicated that the star testing reports will be delivered soon.

The board then received information on the progress in filling three paraprofessional positions. Substitute teachers are now filling these posts, it was explained.

Next, Eddie Albin brought up the school's housing policy and expressed his concern about attracting new teachers to the school system. The board will review the housing policy in the next regular board meeting.

It was also noted that BreeAnne Davis, an EHS junior, was selected to First Chair French Horn in the All-State Band.

The board reviewed several other information items and called a special meeting for Monday, January 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. at which time the board will conduct a superintendent's evaluation.

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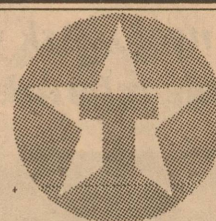
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FSA committee election slated

Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director with the Schleicher/Sutton Counties Farm Service Agency announced that both Schleicher and Sutton Counties will hold committee election on March 6, 2000. Eligible voters have the right to nominate candidate(s) of their choice by petition. Blank petitions (FSA-699A's) may be obtained at the County FSA Office. Each petition submitted must be: limited to 1 nominee; signed by the nominee, indicating willingness to serve, if elected; and postmarked or delivered to the office on later than January 21, 2000.

Persons nominated should be currently engaged in the operation of a farm or ranch and be well qualified for committee work. A farmer is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee member if the farmer lives in the county and is an eligible voter. County FSA Committee members may not hold positions in certain farm and commodity organizations, if these positions pose a conflict of interest with FSA duties. These positions include functional offices such as president, vice president, secretary, and positions on boards or executive committees. Additional information of eligibility to hold office may be obtained at the County FSA Office.

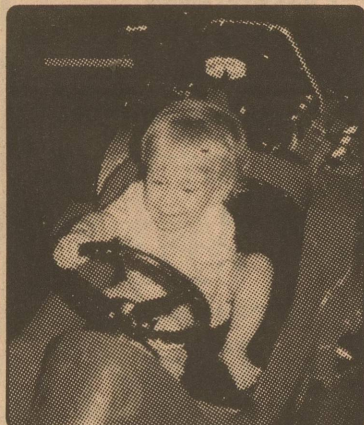
The duties of County FSA Committee member include; informing farmers of the purpose and provisions of the FSA pro-

gram; keeping the State FSA Committee informed of county conditions; recommend needed changes in farm programs; and performing other duties as assigned by the State FSA Committee.

Schleicher County is divided into 3 different area called Local Administrative Areas (LAA's). Nominations will be taken for LAA #2, which is north of Highway 190, east of Bootlegger Lane and west of Toe Nail Trail.

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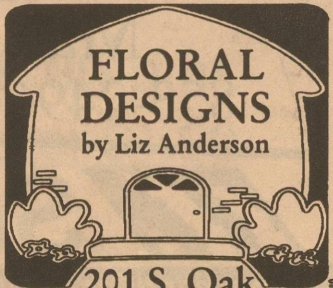
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- 13th Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes
- 14th Casey Snelson, Tanner Haynes, Meredith Gruben
- 15th Lindsay Fuessel, Leroy Reeves, Janet Curtis, Santos Trevino, Michelle Martinez, Allie Cheatham
- 16th Nancy McAngus, Opal Faul, Loretta Edmiston
- 17th Tiffany Harris, Devan Henry
- 18th Alana Dakan, James Robinson, Corie Blayne Williams, Inez Tervino, Melanie Stricklan
- 19th Kim Jacobs, Wendy Daniels

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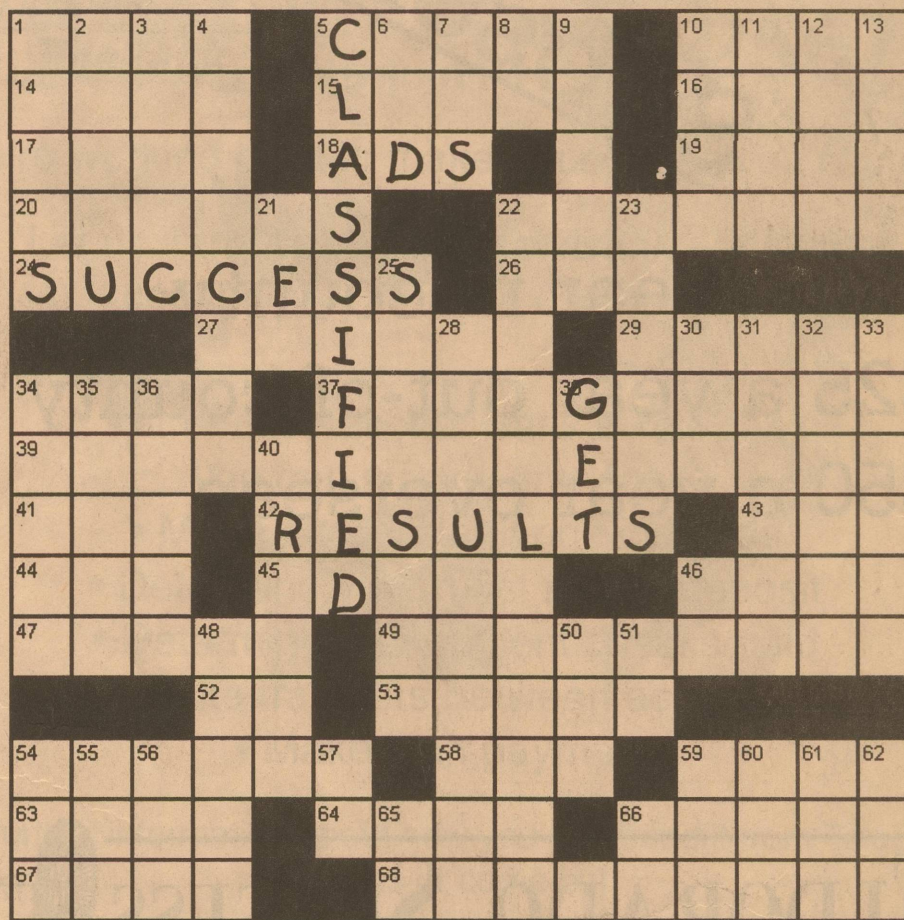
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Students sponsor Spanish literacy corner at Public Library

Approximately 40 students in grades 5-12 are active of Bienvenidos, Nuevos Amigos!, a service-learning project at Schleicher County I.S.D. Propelled by the need to serve newcomers to our community, particularly Spanish-speaking newcomers, several students met with Katrina Gonzales, district ESL teacher, and wrote a grant to address these

needs. They received the grant in October 1999 and began working together to decide what activities they could accomplish. First, all of the students received peer tutoring and leadership training at the XBar Ranch. By the end of the day, the group had become a family of sorts. Now, the work had to be done!

The students were trained to

welcome and tutor new students whose primary language was Spanish. In the classrooms, the Nuevos Amigos are assisting students who need help with translating the class work.

The students are trying to create newcomer bags for new families containing important school information in Spanish, as well as videos that introduce the family to school-life in Eldorado. These will be given to any new Spanish-speaking family when they enter their children in school.

Realizing the need for literacy in any language, several students met with Jeri Whitten, Schleicher County librarian, and proposed a Spanish literacy corner with books and resources in Spanish. She was very excited and willing to help. On January 19, 2000, at 12:00 noon, this corner will be

dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Carmen Esparza, mother of two of the students in Nuevos Amigos.

Several other activities are planned for the year. Four senior students will be traveling to San Antonio in February to present at the National Association of Bilingual Education conference. They will be addressing bilingual educators from all over the United States. On April 30, the group hopes to host Schleicher County's first Dia de los Ninos (Day of the Children). This is an important celebration in Mexico that we hope to bring to our community. We will be asking for volunteers to help.

The school sees these young people as ambassadors for our community. We are proud of their energy and ideas. When you see one of these students, give them a pat on the back. They deserve it!



photo by Kathy Mankin

Dog Show winners — (L-R) Lynley Glass received Best of Show in the Grooming Division and Jamie and Jackson O'Harrow received Best of Show in the Best Dressed Division of the Dog Show at the 65th annual Jr. Livestock Show last weekend.

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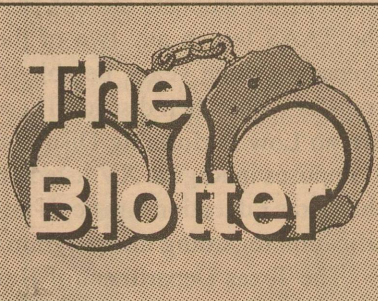
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Paper Mache — Lance Mitchell's paper machet sculpture finished 1st in its division and was the Reserve Champion in the Art Show at the 65th annual Livestock, Project and Food Show last weekend.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

• Jan. 5 Harris, Bennit D., male age 38, arrested by SC Of-

ficer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

• Jan. 5 Gonzales, Arturo, G., male age 44, arrested by SC Officer, charge No Liability Insurance. Released on Citation.

• Jan. 6 Goodloe, Arthur W., male age 19, hold for Irion County, charge Aggravated Assault on a Child.

• Jan. 6 Gandar, Joe David, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

• Jan. 6 Garza, Francisco Jr., male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

• Jan. 6 Covarrubiaz, Kenny, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer on Menard County Warrant for Class B Theft. Released on \$750 Surety Bond.

• Jan. 7 Rivas, Jose Raul, male age 32, arrested by DPS Officer, charge DPS warrants.

• Jan. 7 Sammut, Laurence W., male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, charge DPS Warrants Potter County. Paid \$155 in Fines.

REPORTS

January 5

• 10:38 a.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated subject at Schleicher County Court House.

• 3:30 p.m. Complainant reported an assault.

• 5:27 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on an elderly man. Officer responded and EMS was dispatched.

January 6

• 4:50 p.m. Complainant reported a fight in front of apartments. Officers arrived and arrested 2 male subjects for disorderly conduct.

• 5:54 p.m. Complainant re-

ported a possible intoxicated driver on Hwy 277 South heading toward Eldorado. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 7:42 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to their residence to ask a male subject to leave. Officer responded and was unable to locate subject.

• 7:55 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance, child had fallen and had a large knot on head and is crying. EMS and Officer responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported that they had hit a deer 8 miles out on 190 East. Will pick up '89 Chevy Extended Cab truck.

January 7

• 1:45 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to meet him so that he could pick up a Life Line belonging to the hospital. Officer responded.

• 12:45 p.m. Complainant reported having trouble with their son. Complainant then came to Sheriff's Officer to fill out a statement on the incident. Officer took report.

• 7:03 p.m. Complainant reported subject was running a high temperature and requested an ambulance. EMS 1 responded and subject was transferred to San Angelo hospital by EMS 2.

January 8

• 4:40 a.m. Subject requested an ambulance, subject was having difficulty breathing. EMS responded.

• 8:45 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on 190 West. Subject drove himself to SC Medical Center. Officer responded to make a report.

• 10:41 a.m. Complainant reported a chain saw that had been taken from the bed of their truck on Dixie Street. Make was a Poulan, green/purple in color. Chain bar maybe 20 inches. Valued \$300-\$400.

• 7:00 p.m. Complainant reported an altercation at Eastfield Drive at apartments.

• 9:05 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in the alley behind their house.

January 9

• 2:55 p.m. Complainant reported that dispatch contact the on call city worker. Worker on call was contacted.

• 3:14 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a disagreement they are having with another subject. Officer responded.

• 5:55 p.m. Complainant reported that there was a black calf out on Hwy. 190 East. Owner was contacted.

• 6:15 p.m. Complainant reported that they had hit a deer and needed assistance.

• 10:15 p.m. Complainant requested that an officer ask their neighbors to turn down their music, it was too loud. Officer responded.

January 10

• 7:45 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about harassment. Officer was contacted and spoke with subject.

January 11

• 7:45 a.m. Complainant reported 2 large white dogs running in the bar ditch 8 miles out on Mertzton Hwy.

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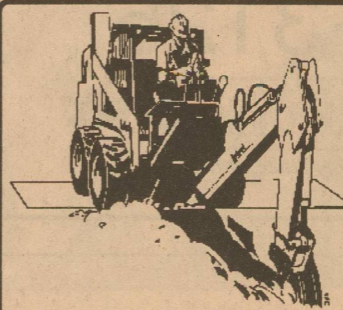
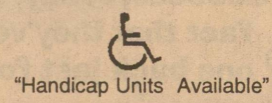
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Mertz nominated for Young Cattle Raisers award

FORT WORTH — Michael T. Mertz, 37, of Eldorado, Texas, has been nominated for the Dectomax Young Cattle Raisers Award. The award, presented by Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and sponsored by Pfizer Animal Health, is an effort to identify the next generation of producers and leaders in the beef industry.

Mertz takes pride in his cattle and works hard to produce a prod-

uct that the consumer wants. He believes that to survive in this business, you must be willing to expand and grow, and in 1998, he added 40,000 acres to his establishment.

"Every pasture is unique in its own way," says Mertz. "I decide how to get the most benefit out of a particular pasture without harming the wildlife within and without damaging the grasses."

He sells calves by satellite, at

the auction barn or by private treaty, depending on what is best at a given time, and he plans to be in the cattle business 20 years from now by continuing his hard work and consistent dedication to improving his cattle.

"I'm very optimistic about the beef industry," Mertz says. "We must continue to make beef appealing to the consumer and counter every negative claim with positive publicity."

The overall winner of the Dectomax Young Cattle Raisers Award will be named during TSCRA's School for Successful Ranching on March 12 in Houston, Texas, and will receive a travel scholarship to spend the day with a mentor of his choice in the U.S. cattle business.

"TSCRA's objective in this joint effort with Pfizer Animal Health is to provide young TSCRA members with a program to improve their ability to convert challenges into opportunities for growth, development and prosperity," says Steve Munday, TSCRA executive vice president. "In turn, we believe these young men and women are going to share their knowledge as leaders of our industry. We thank Pfizer Animal Health for its continuing support of TSCRA and our industry."

TSCRA, founded in 1877, is a cattle industry trade association whose members own or control nearly two million head of cattle on millions of acres of land.

Talented artist — The pen and ink drawing at right by J.B. Garcia won as overall Grand Champion in the Art Show division of the County Jr. Livestock, Project and Food Show last weekend.

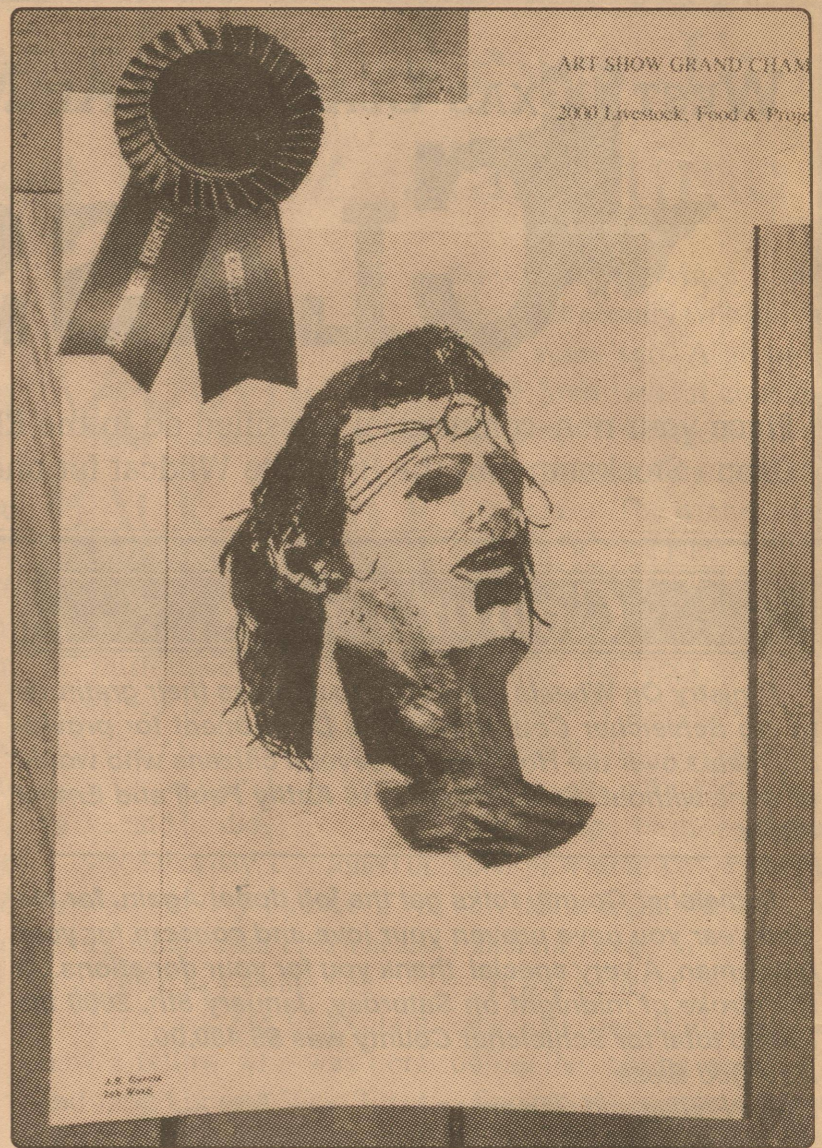


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Our Infatuation With Gambling Creates Untold Misery

QUESTION: My husband has lost tens of thousands of dollars at a new casino in our area, and we now face bankruptcy. I am ashamed to tell family and friends; I feel so alone. Do you ever hear from others like me?

DR. DOBSON: You are not alone! In the last few years, Focus on the Family has received hundreds of letters and phone calls from individuals in similar situations. Unfortunately, though, most Americans remain unaware of the tremendous damage that casinos and other forms of gambling are doing to our families and communities.

For the past two years I served as one of nine members on the National Gambling Impact Study Commission. We traveled all across the country, commissioned extensive research, heard from dozens of the most respected authorities, and received testimony from hundreds of witnesses. We issued our final report to Congress and the president just last month.

What I learned during these 24 months was distressing: More than 15 million Americans have significant problems related to gambling. Worse, the numbers are growing as gambling expands. I am most concerned about the huge number of young people who are already hooked.

According to our research, 15 percent of adolescents meet the technical criteria for problem or pathological gambling. Many are betting on card games and sports teams with their peers. Twenty-seven percent of teens have gambled in casinos, while more than four in 10 play the lottery.

Further, the gambling industry actively cultivates the next generation of gamblers. Lotteries use cartoon characters and other plays

to entice the young with their advertising, casinos lure children with theme parks and video arcades, and gambling machines now appear in convenience stores and even bowling alleys in many states.

Each new gambling addict — along with their families — is destined for misery. Our commission discovered strong links between gambling problems and divorce, domestic violence, child abuse and crime, in addition to bankruptcy. Tragically, one in five addicted gamblers attempts suicide.

Gambling operators make tremendous profits from individuals such as your husband, yet do virtually nothing to help them. States devote a paltry 0.1 percent (1/1000th) of the revenues they receive from gambling for research and treatment of those addicted to the activity. The reason for this inaction is that such individuals are vital to their bottom line.

Our commission's research showed that more than 13 percent of patrons at casinos, racetracks and lottery outlets are either problem or pathological gamblers, while another 18 percent are at risk for developing a gambling addiction.

Further, compulsive gambling is not an easy problem to "fix." Only about 3 percent of addicted gamblers seek help in a given year. Those who do usually come to that decision only after having "bottomed out," causing immense pain and devastation to themselves and their loved ones. In addition, success rates for treatment are abysmally low.

It is my hope and prayer that the work of our commission will be the first step in compelling Americans to re-evaluate their current infatuation with gambling. Unfortunately, political

leaders have given the green light to gambling expansion without stopping to count the costs. Indeed, many of our elected officials are hooked on gambling contributions. Politicians from both parties are beating a path between Washington and Las Vegas to pick up hefty checks from the casinos. President Clinton was given a \$400,000 check for the Democratic National Committee in May.

I urge you, if you have not already done so, to contact a pastor or counselor in your area for help. If you need assistance in finding someone who can help, please contact our Counseling Department at Focus on the Family. Also, assistance can be obtained from Gamblers Anonymous and Gam-Anon (for family members of compulsive gamblers).

I am saddened by your situation and the millions of others who have been devastated by gambling. We must begin to sound the alarm about gambling's dangers before even more families pay a similar price.

 Dr. Dobson is president of the nonprofit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.focus.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House.

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Another winner — Kayla Kohls had the Grand Champion meat goat at the Jr. Livestock, Show held at the Ag barn last weekend.

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Minutes of Schleicher Co. Volunteer EMS meeting

Meeting Minutes Jan. 3, 2000
 Members Present: Connie Andrews, Bobbie Andrews, Melissa Stanford, Sheila Prater, Velma Tyler, Joey Jones, Michael Faull, Dr. Dorie, Juquin Rojas, Soila Rojas (Tim Vasquez, Susie Richters, T.J. Rodriguez out on an ambulance transfer)
 Others present: Randy Mankin, Dr. Sloan, Berta Nicholson

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- I. Meeting called to order at 5:20. Minutes from previous meeting read and approved. Motion by Connie Andrews, seconded by Juquin Rojas.
- II. Paper work at receiving facility. When transporting a patient to Community or Shannon in San Angelo, you will need to make copies of all paper work sent with patient (lab, transfer orders, etc.). These copies are to be made at the receiving facility.
- III. This information necessary for completeness of records and for billing information (Medicare, Medicaid, Private insurance). We will be placing envelopes on the trucks to hold this information in. We have been approved to make these copies at the receiving facility.
- IV. Run totals for the year 1999. 218 total runs for each member.
- V. Sonora EMS EXPO, Feb. 19, 2000. All members should be receiving invitations in the mail. If you do not receive yours please let Melissa Know. Discussion of speakers who will be attending.
- VI. Total call hours for the month of December, everyone on the service with the exception of

- two members.
- VII. Ambulance to be delivered January 17, 2000. We will have our ambulance at the EXPO in Sonora. Questions asked regarding EMI net. Discussion changes of sign on members with EMI net. Additional discussion of the ambulance delivery, they will be leaving the old EMS unit here for a week-ten days, so that we may prepare the new unit.
- VIII. Sexual assault inservice Thursday at the hospital ER 1/6/2000 at 5:30. If you can't make it we will be taping it and Melissa will prepare some hand outs.
- Items not on the Agenda- Dr. Sloan and Berta Nicholson attended to discuss transfers.



Final details — County Agent Scott Edmonson cleaned up he show ring as the Jr. Livestock Show drew to a close last Saturday.

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