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For Your Information

Rain!

Measurable precipitation...

A cool front pushed through West Texas Tuesday bringing with a long overdue rain. Since measurable precipitation has been rare in Schleicher County in recent months reports from around the county of 1 to 2 inches were good news indeed. At press time a gentle rain continued to fall in Eldorado.

see photo page 12



On This Date

On this date in 1926, the first talking picture, "Don Juan", starring John Barrymore was shown at New York's Warner Theater for \$10 a ticket. In 1945, More than 200,000 civilians died from the explosion and/or radiation when an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, dropped an atomic bomb over Hiroshima, Japan. In 1969, Willie "Pops" Stargell, of the Pittsburgh Pirates, hit the first fair ball to sail completely out of Dodger Stadium in L.A. In 1986, Timothy Dalton became the fourth actor to be named "Bond... James Bond".

Birthdays of note include: 1809 English poet Alfred Lord Tennyson; 1911 comedienne Lucille Ball; 1917 actor Robert Mitchum; 1922 golf champion Doug Ford; 1947 Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Ken Riley; 1965 San Antonio Spurs center David Robinson.



News of Yesteryear

The August 14, 1986, edition of the Success reported:

"For 150 years Texans have prided themselves on having things bigger and better than everyone else, and Schleicher County residents certainly did not disappoint tradition last weekend when they staged Schleicher County Days and the Eldorado Rodeo.

"The parade was the largest in Eldorado history, the rodeo drew more entries and a larger total purse than ever before and more people attended Schleicher County Days Saturday than in any year to date.

"In short, local residents went all out for this year's celebration which appropriately marked Texas' 150th birthday and in so doing perhaps answered those doomsayers who have been pointing at the local economy and projecting doom."



photo by Kathy Mankin

Miss Wool/Schleicher County candidates are (Front L-R) Jennah Richters, Vanessa Gonzalez, Hillary Hodges (Back L-R) Meg Anderson, Ashley Finley, Angela Ballew, Kate Kosub (Not Pictured) Tabitha Lloyd.

Miss Wool/Schleicher County Pageant slated

The Second Annual "Miss Wool/Schleicher County" Pageant, sponsored by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, August 8, at the Memorial Building during Schleicher County Day. Admission Fee is \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for contestants. Proceeds will go towards the pageant scholarship.

Thirty-four (34) contestants in five divisions will be judged on poise and self-confidence, personality and sincerity, and beauty and charm.

AGE DIVISIONS (as of 1998-99 school year):

Wee Miss, age 3 - Kindergarten and sponsor: Hallie Behrens, Union Pacific Resources Corp.; Kyndal Broome, Jim and

Stephanie Broome (parents); Landry Broome, Jim and Stephanie Broome (parents); Hayley Lynn Brownlow, Brian and Debbie Brownlow (parents); Brittney Gauna, Niblett's Oilfield Services; Victoria Alexis Olivian, Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept.; Ashley N. Paulson, Mark and Cherie Paulson (parents); Jessica Lauren Sellers, Choice HomeCare, Inc.; Elizabeth Arleen Swicegood, Dewey Swicegood (parent).

Little Miss grades 1-3 and sponsor: Cassandra Cristine Buitron, Pool Company; Lynley R. Glass, Niblett's Oilfield Services; Brittani Marie Romero, Bill and Louanne Clark; Jacey Lynn Sellers, Choice HomeCare, Inc.; Corie B. Williams, Eldorado Lions Club.

Young Miss grades 4-5 and sponsor: Charlotte Adame, First National Bank of Eldorado; Erika Lyn Conner, Mrs. Baird's Bakery; Josefina Diaz, Symbol, Inc.; Micaela Gonzalez, Casa Arispe; Maxie Holley, Eldorado Women's

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Schleicher County I.S.D. earns "Exemplary" rating

Schleicher County I.S.D. joined a record number of Texas school districts this week in earning an "Exemplary Rating", the highest rating possible, from the state's accountability system, Commissioner of Education Mike Moses announced Monday.

SCISD's rating improved from "Recognized" to "Exemplary" as all three campuses showed marked improvement.

Eldorado High School and Eldorado Middle School each received "Exemplary" ratings. Last year those campuses were listed as "Recognized". Eldorado Elementary also improved, moving up from "Acceptable" to "Recognized".

SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter was delighted with the news and credited the school district's parents, faculty and staff with the honor. "There are several groups of people deserving recognition — students, teachers, parents and community members. I am very proud because everyone worked hard to accomplish such an outstanding honor," Porter said.

Statewide, the number of low-performing campuses hit a record low, even though more stringent performance standards are in place. No school has been on the

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photo by Kirk Curtis

Good schools — All three SCISD campuses were honored by the Texas Education Agency this week. Elementary Principal Brian Brownlow (seated L) displays the certificate his school received for being a "Recognized" campus. High School Principal Ken Newman (seated R) and Middle School Principal Julie Griffin (standing) display the certificates their schools earned for being "Exemplary" campuses.

Community gears up for Schleicher County Days

Eldorado's yearly end of summer celebration is planned for this weekend when Schleicher County Days and the Eldorado Open Rodeo will be held. Festivities will begin Friday evening with the opening performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. Advance tickets are only \$5 with tickets at the gate selling for \$6. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The 1998 Rodeo Queen will be crowned during the performance. As usual, a dance is planned on the slab at the rodeo grounds and will begin immediately after the Rodeo.

The Schleicher County Day/Rodeo Parade will wind its way through town beginning at 9:00 a.m. Parade entries are asked to assemble behind the football stadium an hour before the parade begins. Anyone interested in participating in the parade is encouraged to contact parade chairman Jerry Jones. Awards are planned for the

best parade entries. Also beginning at 9:00 a.m. craft and food booths will open on the courthouse square. At press time, ten food booths, twenty-two craft booths, one community service booth and numerous activity booths had been reserved.

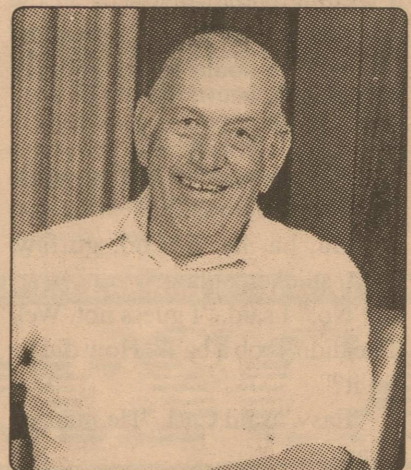
Anyone interested in having Schleicher County Day booth is encouraged to contact the event chairman, Hal Porter, at 853-2514.

The Schleicher County Historical Society will announce its Pioneer Family honorees at 10:00 a.m. on the outside stage near the courthouse. This year's honorees are Kathleen St. Clair and Elton McGinnes.

Throughout the day, live entertainment will echo from the free stage as several groups take turns providing music. Following the Pioneer Families award presentation at 10:00 a.m., Terry Green, Joella Parker, Charlie Bradley,

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McGinnes and St. Clair receive Pioneer Families recognition



courtesy photos

Pioneer Family honorees this year are Elton McGinnes and Kathleen St. Clair. They will be formally honored at 10:00 a.m. Saturday during the Schleicher County Day celebration. The Pioneer Family awards will be presented on the outside stage near the courthouse.

The Schleicher County Historical Society has announced that Kathleen Crosby St. Clair and Elton McGinnes are the honorees for the Pioneer Family Award for 1998. A plaque is presented each year during Schleicher County Days to a descendant of a pioneer family in Schleicher County.

Elton McGinnes was born July 28, 1921 on Jess Koy's "Hill" ranch, which is 9 miles east of Eldorado. He often remarks that he has, "gone a long way in his life...being born 9 miles east of Eldorado and moving all the way into town."

Elton went to school in several places, but Eldorado has always been home to him. He graduated from Eldorado High School in 1938.

Elton served his country during WWII. He entered the military service in 1942 and was discharged in February of 1946. He went to work for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative in April of 1946. This job lasted until February of 1985 when he retired after nearly 39 years with the Co-op. While working for the cooperative, he served

3 years on the Texas Electric Co-operative board in Austin.

Elton is a 62-year active member of the First United Methodist Church. He has served the Volunteer Fire Department, Hospital Board, Library Board, American Legion, Masonic Lodge and Eastern Star, Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation, Lions Club, Historical Society, Tax Appraisal Review Board, and the Chamber of Commerce. He often wonders how he had time to work for the Co-op.

Mary Ditmore and Elton McGinnes were married October 4, 1942. They have two living children, Lynda McGinnes of Lovington, NM and Wayne McGinnes of Eldorado, along with wife, Cindy, and two grandchildren, Eric and Whitney.

Kathleen Crosby St. Clair was born October 12, 1923. She attended Eldorado schools and graduated from the University of Texas. While in Eldorado schools, she was noted for her great tap-dancing.

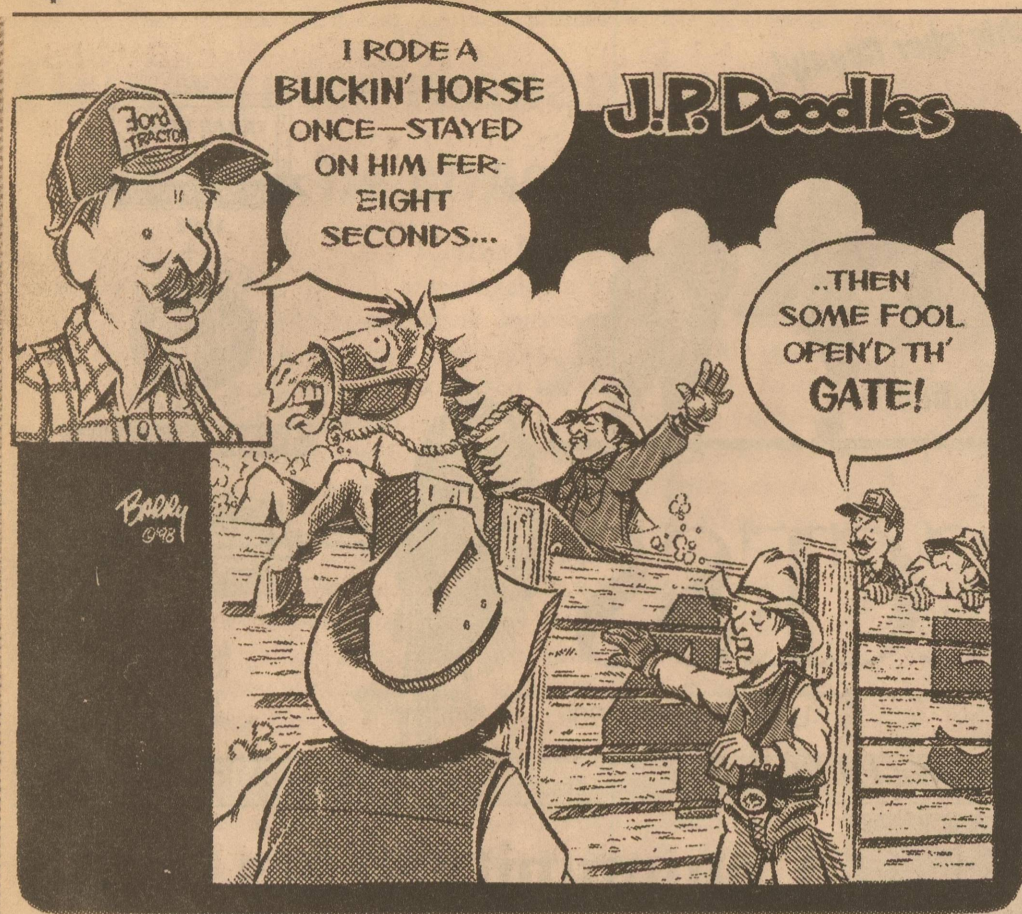
Kathleen was the only child of J.C. and Lillian Crosby. J.C. passed

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Ice Cream Social and Gospel Sing-along planned

Good old-fashioned gospel music and all the ice cream you can eat is on tap for the Ministerial Alliance's Ice Cream Social and Gospel Singalong on Wednesday, August 12. The Singalong will begin at 7:00 p.m. under the trees on the Courthouse Square.

Ice cream, ice water, and ice tea will be available. All donations will go to support the local benevolence work of the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance: travel assistance, medicines, food, bus fare, and other aid. Carol Orand will be on the keyboard with "golden oldie" gospel songs, along with "Spread the Word" from First Baptist Church, Jeff Sellers and Rick Stricklan from Community Baptist, and Shannon Gillespie, among others. Everyone is invited.



I grew up in Truby, Texas, a small community located on the banks of the Clear Fork of the Brazos River, about 18 miles northwest of Abilene. Truby was, and still is, only a small speck on the Jones County map.

I've always judged Texas maps by whether or not they show Truby. The good ones still do.

There's an old school building at Truby. My Dad and some of my aunts and uncles attended the school before it was closed sometime in the 50's. After that, Truby kids went to school at Noodle or Anson.

Soon after the last classes were held there, the old Truby schoolhouse was converted into a community center. Benches were built to fill the building and a stage was constructed in one end.

Country & western stage shows, or "musicals" as we called them, were held in the building. The shows came and went until the early 60's when my parents took over and began scheduling the shows regularly. Throughout my youth, the "Truby Musical" was held the first Saturday night of each month.

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

My Mother was in charge of the concession stand and most of the Musical's bookkeeping. Dad took care of running the show and was its emcee. Neither of them were musicians.

The Musical was very small in the beginning but soon area bands were vying for a place on the show. The bands performed for free and there was never an admission charge. The crowds grew so large that extra seating was built and the sound system improved.

Disc jockeys on the country radio stations in Abilene, Merkel and Stamford plugged the show and the audiences grew even larger. By the late 60's the crowds had grown so large that the old schoolhouse could no longer hold them and many stood outside and looked in the building's large windows.

A lot of very talented performers appeared on the stage at Truby. Roland Smith and the Abilene Roadrunners were there every month. There was Johnny Moore, James George, the Black Mountain Boys, Ronnie Gill and many, many others.

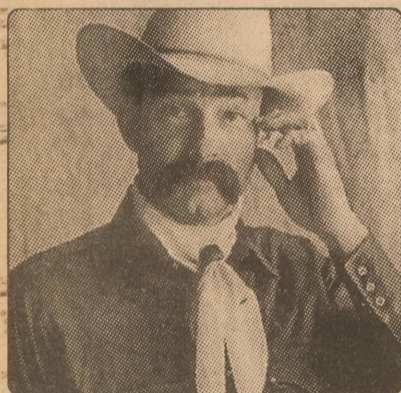
One night, my Dad led a very frightened young girl to the microphone for her first public appearance. Her name was Jeannie Stevenson. Five years later she burst onto the national country music scene as Jeannie C. Riley. Her hit single, "Harper Valley P.T.A.," topped the country and pop charts for months and the Truby Musical became known around West Texas as the place where Jeannie C. Riley was discovered.

One month, Tumbleweed Smith stopped by and interviewed my parents for his radio show, "The Sounds of Texas."

I met Tumbleweed Smith again three years ago at a Texas Press Association Convention. I spoke with him after the program and reminded him of that long-ago interview. He looked at my name tag and said, "Mankin...Mankin...oh, yes, the Truby Musical!"

The Team Roper's Credit Card

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Carl told me the other day that one of his team ropin' buddies boasted he'd gotten a platinum credit card! I was taken aback. It was like being told that a serial killer had been granted knighthood, or the starling had been named the state bird of Idaho.

My first thought was, "My gosh, he robbed a bank!"

"No," said Carl, "And he was a real team roper, too. Not some land developer or football player who pulls a three horse slant trailer with a dressing room and has a sky box at the National Finals Rodeo every year."

"Well," I said, "We can eliminate getting a job, and he couldn't get a loan. Maybe he found a lotto ticket."

"No," said Carl. "Let's see. He might've found a sack full of money in a 7-11 restroom. Or sold a good horse." "Could have," nodded Carl. "Sold a good horse, you mean?" I asked.

"Oh, I thought you said stole a good horse. No, neither one."

"Maybe he endorsed something... like duct tape, or Butazolidin, or old innertubes. Or he could have patented a new way to hang the wiring so it looks like the trail actually has lights."

"No," said Carl, "But good things to consider."

"How about, he sold his used horseshoe collection? Or sparetires? Hey, I know! He could have donated blood or working body parts in a living will, or signed up to take experimental pharmaceuticals in some kind of test."

"All great guesses," said Carl, "But ... no."

"Ok. It's a sure bet he didn't get it feeding cattle, investing in the stock market or by scrimping and saving. "He could have ... no, it's not possible."

"What?" asked Carl. "It's a long shot but he could have won a roping."

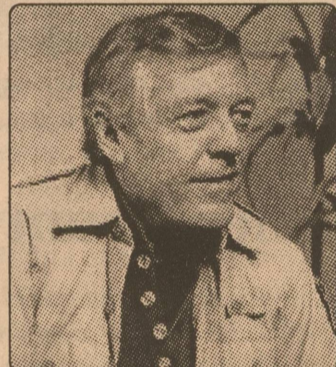
"Ha, ha, ha, ho, ho, guffaw, snort, snicker, sigh ..."

"No," I said, "I guess not. Well if he didn't rob a bank. How did he get it?"

"Easy," said Carl, "He married a banker."

Facelift for a Hangar

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

The old building was weathered, showing its age. It was literally coming apart at the seams. Its twin next to it was doing the same thing. But coming to the rescue was a group of folks who realized the significance of the two old structures and didn't want them to suffer a prolonged and undignified death.

So if things go according to plan, one of the new structures will be restored by the end of the year. Material from the other will be used in the restoration. The result will be HANGAR 25, a museum in Big Spring, Texas dedicated to the training of bombardiers and pilots.

The Big Spring Bombardier School opened at the beginning of World War Two and closed in 1946. In 1952, he base was reopened as Webb Air Force Base. Webb closed in 1977. Residents of Big Spring feel that the military played such an important role in the city's history that the hangar should stand as a physical tribute to the role it played in our country's war efforts.

Many veterans have retired in Big Spring and many come back to remember. With the addition of the Hangar to an already outstanding Vietnam Memorial, Big Spring should be seeing more veterans who spent time in the military at either the bombardier school or

Webb. The restoration committee, headed by Jerry Worthy, has proven to be a capable money raiser. The application for a grant to restore HANGAR 25 was approved by the Texas Department of Transportation. It was one of only 55 selected as a "significant historical monument" from the 387 applications submitted. The HANGAR 25 project has been followed with great interest by the Texas Historical Commission.

HANGAR 25 will receive 80 percent of the architect's estimate of \$573,600 to restore the hangar. The community raised the other 20 percent without any public funds. Part of the money was raised by selling memorial plaques for \$50 which will decorate one wall of the museum. The plaques honor anyone who served in the military or had some connection to it. The sale of T-shirts, caps and food at various events brought in more donations.

Restoration plans were done by CADCO architects of "Abilene, Texas. The restoration work is being done by Lee George construction of Big Spring. Completion is due in November.

The restored hangar will be one of a kind in Texas. The museum's emphasis of training planes and aids will fill a vacuum not covered by any other flight museum. It will include a comfortable community meeting room.

Planes used in the training at Webb will be displayed in the hangar once it is completed. These include the AT-11, T-28, T-33, T-37 and T-38. Also, an F-104 from the 331st Fighter Interceptor Squadron stationed at Webb is being considered.

The call is out for memorabilia related to the base from 1941-1977. Inquiries should be mailed to Nelda Reagan, HANGAR 25 RESTORATION PROJECT, PO Box 2925, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Lawmakers propose to improve oversight of care facilities

AUSTIN — After a long investigation of personal-care facilities in Texas, a Senate committee has found enough evidence, including deaths and poor treatment, to seek changes in the law.

Last week, the Senate Interim Committee on Home Health and Assisted Living Facilities recommended more thorough oversight by the state for frail, elderly people and others in assisted living or served by home health-care agencies.

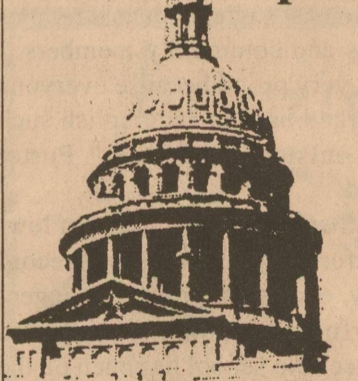
"After 10 months of investigating and researching unlicensed personal-care homes in Texas, I am sorry to say that this story is repeated almost daily somewhere in our state," said committee member Sen. Mike Moncrief, D-Fort Worth.

Texas has an estimated 4,000 unlicensed assisted-living facilities with more than 900 personal-care facilities licensed by the Texas Department of Human Services, Moncrief said.

- Among the panel's proposals:
- Help families get information or lodge complaints.
 - Impose stricter requirements for assisted-living facilities.
 - Centralize oversight among agencies that often don't share information.
 - Increase the \$400 cap on facility-licensing fees.

The proposals will be forwarded to the 1999 Legislature, which convenes in January.

State Capital



HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Scholarship Give-Back Is Eyed

Campaigns are gearing up for the 2000 elections so there's a lot of political interest in giving money back to taxpayers.

With a projected state budget surplus of \$6 billion, state officials are dreaming of ways to help students pay the high cost of a college education as a way to return money to taxpayers.

Scholarship proposals range wide, from giving \$500 million a year to the neediest Texans, to giving every student with a certain grade-point average free tuition and fees regardless of family income.

Georgia, Florida and Kentucky dedicate their state lottery proceeds to pay for scholarship funds. In those states, students are eligible to receive scholarships regardless

of their family income.

House OKs Nuke Waste Pact

Legislation allowing shipment of nuclear waste to a site near the West Texas town of Sierra Blanca was approved by the U.S. House of Representatives last week.

The Texas Low-Level Radioactive Waste Disposal Compact, authored by U.S. Rep. Joe Barton, R-Ennis, has moved to the Senate for consideration.

Texas Sens. Phil Gramm and Kay Bailey Hutchison have supported the measure.

Congress already has approved nine such compacts involving 42 states. The Texas compact would allow Vermont and Maine each to pay Texas \$25 million to ship their waste to the site.

Insurers Work on Y2K Liability

Insurers are working on a way to limit claims related to the potentially devastating Year 2000 computer problem.

Insurance Services Office Inc., a New York-based firm that compiles loss data for insurers, has asked the Texas Department of Insurance to approve a standard form that insurers could use on liability policies to exclude claims on a "Y2K" problem.

The department has not yet taken action on the request, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

Helmetlessness Has Its Price

Since Sept. 1, 1997, motorcyclists have enjoyed the legal luxury of cruising down beautiful Texas highways with nothing separating their skulls from eternity but the wind itself.

Turns out, however, that fatal motorcycle accidents have increased since the use of helmets became optional for riders age 21 and older, Department of Public Safety records show.

Thirteen riders in 37 fatal motorcycle accidents from September to December 1997 weren't wearing helmets. In 1996, two motorcyclists died without helmets.

Under the 1997 helmet law, riders who don't wear helmets must carry a minimum of \$10,000 in health insurance coverage or successfully complete a safety training course.

Other Capital Highlights

• Although Gov. George W. Bush has said he is a candidate for governor in 2000, not a candidate for president, he attended a GOP fund-raiser in Akron, Ohio, last week.

• Former Gov. Ann Richards is serving as co-chair of Democratic candidate Garry Mauro's campaign for governor.

• Gov. Bush and challenger Mauro agree on this: that Texas should spend more to build prisons and schools.

Why does the early bird always get the worm? Because he reads about it in



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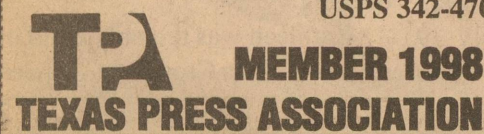
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Reeves & Stewart are wed

Kristi Lynn Reeves and James Robert Stewart were married Saturday, July 18, 1998 at First Baptist Church of Eldorado by Rev. Jim Broome.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary Reeves of Menard and Mr. & Mrs. Joe King of Eldorado. She graduated from Eldorado High School and is attending Angelo State University where she is majoring in Elementary Education. She is currently employed by Sitel Corp. in San Angelo.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry McWilliams of San Angelo. He graduated from Wall High School and has attended

Angelo State University. He is currently employed by GTE in San Angelo.

The bride's Matron of Honor was Johna Jones of Kerrville. Bridesmaids were Mandy Belk of Eldorado and Sara Kuntz of San Angelo.

The groom's Best Man was Jay Bailey of San Angelo. Groomsman were Jason Brake and Evve Kuykendall, both of San Angelo.

Ushers were Gary Hughes of San Angelo and Chris King of Kerrville.

Following a wedding trip to San Antonio, the couple plans to make their home in San Angelo.



Mr & Mrs. Brian Scott Leddy

Johnson & Leddy exchange vows

Laura D. Johnson and Brian Scott Leddy were married Saturday, July 4, 1998 at Prestoncrest Church of Christ in Dallas, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sid Johnson of Eldorado. She graduated from Eldorado High School and earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree

from Abilene Christian University. She is currently the business manager for Bethpage in Dallas.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Leddy of Kempner, Texas. He graduated from Copperas Cove High School and received an Associate of Applied Science degree from Texas State Technical Institute in Waco. He is currently employed by Safety-Kleen of Irving.

Officiating at the service was Will Herring, Singles Minister at Prestoncrest Church of Christ.

The bride's Maid of Honor was Donna Alexander of Carrollton. Bridesmaids were Becky Glass of Abilene and Ericka Olson Southcombe of Palatine, Illinois. Flower Girl was Miranda Leddy of Cedar Park.

The groom's Best Man was Phil Leddy of Kempner. Groomsman were Matt Pruitt of Houston and Jean Boucher of Dallas. The Ring Bearer was Kaleb Leddy of Cedar Park.

Ushers were Jeff Johnson of Ft. Lewis, Washington and Darin Leddy of Cedar Park.

Following the wedding, the couple took a wedding trip to San Antonio. They plan to make their home in Dallas.

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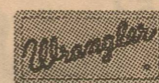
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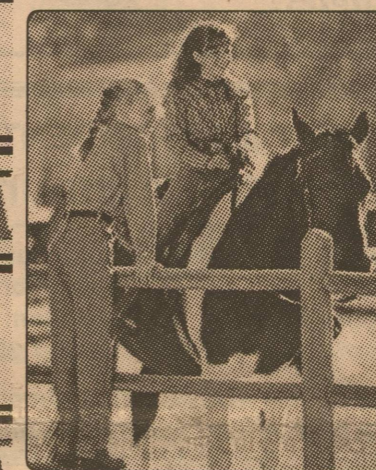
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Kindergartener's Open House

Eldorado's 1998-99 Kindergartners and their parents are invited to an Open House to be held on Monday, August 10, 1998 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Please come to the end of the Elementary Building, nearest to the

highway at the double doors next to the Kindergarten classrooms.

Kindergarten teachers will be there to meet you, show you your classroom and help you locate your desk and locker. You will also be able to bring your school supplies.

Elementary principal Brian Brownlow asks that Kindergartners and their parents do not go through the elementary hallway as, "We do not want to bother the other teachers while they work."

It's a Boy!

Pat and Holley Martin of Sonora, Texas are the proud parents of Hudson James Martin, born June 14, 1998. He weighed 8 pounds and 12 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Buff and June Whitten and Jimmy and Sherry Martin of Eldorado.

Great grandparents are Jim and Jerre Holley, Jim and Nelva Martin of Eldorado and Jim and Maggie Davis of San Angelo.

Great-great grandmother Pearl Bolt of Eldorado.

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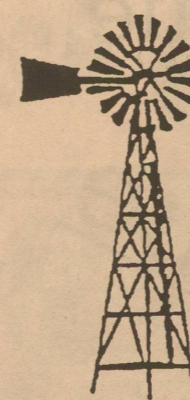
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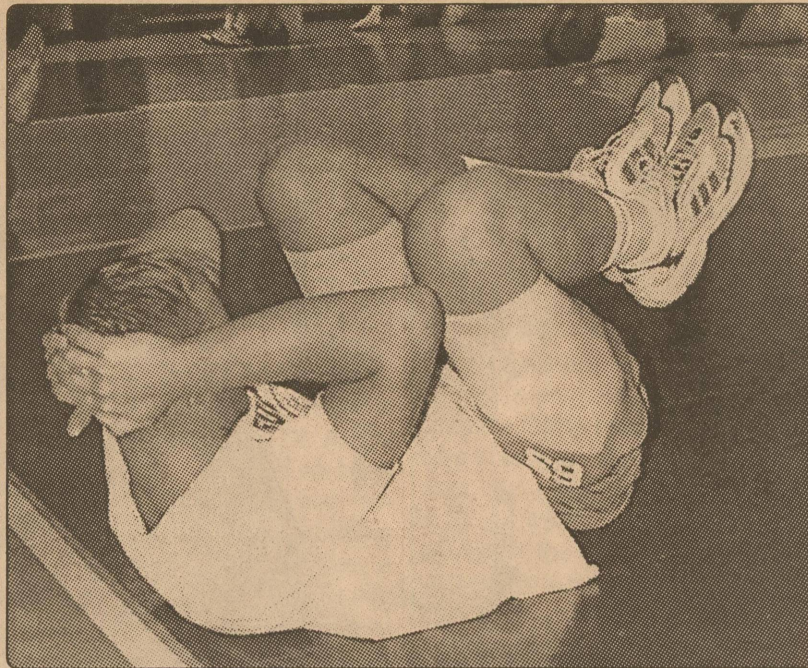
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SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Public Hearing Announcements

Purpose: 1998-99 Budget Hearing **Purpose: Capital Acquisition Project Hearing**
Date: Monday, August 17, 1998 **Date: Monday, August 17, 1998**
Location: S.C.I.S.D., Multipurpose Room **Location: S.C.I.S.D. Multipurpose Room**
Time: 6:30 p.m. **Time: 7:30 p.m.**

It is the intent of the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees to seek comments from the public and to provide information regarding the listed topics of these hearings.



Two-a-days! EHS senior Dusty Nolen went through callisthenics drill Wednesday morning when the Eagles' first day of two-a-day workouts was moved into the gym due to heavy rains.

Thursday's golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

Thursday evening Play Days are doing great. We had a total of 37 golfers, 32 adults and 5 youths; Andrew Anderson, Luis Martinez, Thomas Ballew, Wes Jones and Michael Hill. Always happy to have our young folks out to join us.

1st Place - Score 28 - Jon Cartwright, David Hill, Gene Nixon and Michael Hill.
 2nd Place - Score 29 - Tip Finley, Jim Childress, Jim Kosub, Mrs. Chris McCravey, Wes Jones.
 3rd Place - Score 29 - Steven Whitten, Dennis Reed, George Scott and Nancy Lester.

Score card play off for 2nd and 3rd place. We had four teams come in with a score of 29. Other teams

were: Keith Nance, Jim Nance, Mark Fryar and Lynn Griffin. Also Guy Crippin, Ross Whitten, Brett Poynor and Janie Finley.

Our next 9 hold Thursday evening Play Day will be August 13th at 5:30 p.m. Come out and join the fun. You may not win, but enjoy the fellowship.

Golf Play Day
by Mabel Freitag

What a wonderful afternoon for our regular Play Day on August 2nd, 1998. It was "hot", but dedicated golfers don't seem to mind the heat!

We had a grand total of 61 out

to join the fun. There were 37 adults and 14 youths. Andrew Anderson, Chris Hegefled, Bryon Guterrez, Johnny Arispe, Jason Brock, Ramon Bajaras, Luis Martinez, Lance Mitchel, Michael Hill, Mathew Hill, Wes Jones, Caleb Nixon, Casey Poynor and Ryan Guterrez.

1st Place - Score 54 - Kirk Griffin, Brett Poynor, Gordon Jones, Gwen Hegefled, Andrew Anderson and Chris Hegefled.

2nd Place - Score 57 - John Callison, Jim Nance, Kenneth Carrol, Jack Halbert and Bryon Guterrez.

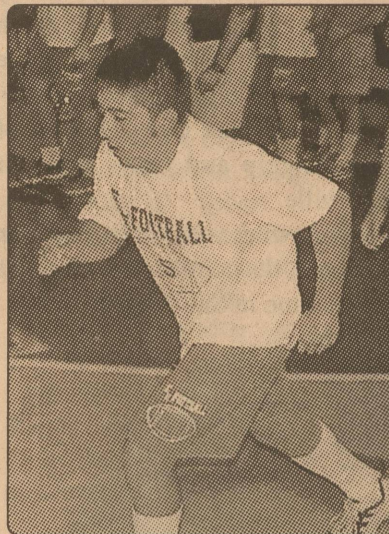
3rd Place - Score 58 - David Hill, Mike Hegefled, Melvin Laudermilk, Cindy McGinnes, and Lance Mitchel.

A score card play-off for 3rd place. Four teams came in with a score of 58. They were Moses Hill, John David Cook, Bill Freitag, Gene Nixon and Caleb Nixon; Keith Nance, Steve Snelson, Mark Fryar, Charlie Bradley and Luis Martinez; Jim Broome, Curtis Griffin, Danny Halbert, Ricky Griffin and Raymon Bajaras.

Jack Hext Memorial Tournament will be on August 15th and 16th. If you haven't entered, call in quick, it is almost full!

Our next regular Play Day will be on August 30th as we have our 2 Lady Tournament the next week end on September 5th.

Keep that smile on your face and keep "puttin around".



Back & forth — EHS Senior Daniel Sanchez ran sprints in the gym Wednesday morning after the first day of Eagles two-a-day workouts was moved inside due to heavy rains.



Bringing home the hardware — Members of the Eldorado Star's girls softball team won two second place trophies recently at tournaments in Eden and Mason. They are (Front L-R) Kall Roberts, Seirina Arispe*, Rachael Fuentes, Ashton Murr (Back L-R) Monica Munoz, Katey Blair, Liza Sanchez and Coach Shanna Roberts. (Not Pictured) Hannah Robledo*, Jennifer Rodriguez*, Samantha Powell, Misty Martinez, Cassie Hogeda and Betsy Green*.*

*denotes All-Tournament at Eden ** denotes MVP at Mason

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 Pens - black or blue (blue or black erasable only)
 Red grading pens or pencils
 Map colors
 Large box of kleenex
 3 Pocket folders (with brads)
 Markers
 Scotch tape
 Scissors
 Glue (small bottle)
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 (2) Pkg subject dividers with tabs</p> | <p>SIXTH GRADE</p> <p>Notebook
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 (1) 1 inch polybinder
 Large box of kleenex
 Box of map colors
 Box of crayons or markers
 Girls - Elmer's glue
 Boy's - Rubber cement</p> |

Adams receives appointment to U.S. Air Force Academy

Kylie Cheyenne Adams, granddaughter of Kenneth and Betty Richardson of Eldorado and Chuck and Lora Adams of Tyler, Texas (formerly of Eldorado), is one of 1,250 recent appointees out of 32,000 plus applicants to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, CO. She is a recent graduate of Canyon High School in New Braunfels, Texas and is currently attending Basic Cadet Summer Training. She will begin academic studies in Environmental Engineering in August and participate on the Intercollegiate Volleyball team which competes in Division I, NCAA in the Western Athletic Conference (WAC).



courtesy photo
Kylie Cheyenne Adams

In high school, Adams was a four time unanimous All-District Catcher selection in softball, three times selected First Team All-Greater San Antonio in softball and selected as the AAAA All-State Catcher by the Texas High School Coaches Association and Texas Sports Writers three times. She was also an All-District selection as setter in volleyball 2 years and helped her high school team reach the State Tournament Semi-Finals in '96 and Region IV Finals in '97. She was selected to the Texas High School Girls Coaches Association All-Star Volleyball

team for '97-98. She was selected as the San Antonio Express News Area Scholar Athlete of the Year for '97-98. She was selected as the Outstanding Female Athlete for Canyon High School for '97-98 and graduated third in her class of 2000.

Adams is the daughter of Charles and Gay Adams (EHS grads '71 & '72) of Seguin.

Adams received her appointment to the USAF Academy from the United States Representative Lamar Smith, 21st Congressional District.

Students head back to school

More than seven hundred Eldorado students will be returning to school on Tuesday, August 11th as the fall semester begins for all three campuses. With that in mind, school officials and law enforcement officers are asking citizens to exercise caution when driving on or around school property.

"There will be lots of little ones walking to and from school," commented Sheriff David Doran. "I hope everyone will keep that in mind when they get behind the wheel of their car."

Doran noted that the 20-mph school zone on U.S. Hwy. 277 will be strictly enforced. "We will have officers watching the school zone and tickets will be issued if necessary," said Doran.

The 20-mph speed limit in the school zone is in effect any time the yellow lights are flashing.

Sutton County Fair is canceled

The Sutton County Fair that was scheduled for August 19-22 has been canceled. The fair which was originally scheduled to be held in conjunction with Sutton County Day will be rescheduled in November or December as a County Fair/Christmas Bazaar. At this time crafters will be given the option to sell their goods to the public that they have entered in the fair/bazaar.



photo by Randy Mankin

Hot...Hot...Hot — This grass fire at the corner of West Avenue and S. Oak Street in Eldorado began Monday as a city crew attempted to weld new street signs atop the stop sign at that intersection. Volunteer firefighters quickly doused the flames.

MILITARY NEWS

Victor Mata

Army Pvt. Victor M. Mata has entered basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs and courtesies, and first aid. He will develop ba-

sic combat skills, and experience using various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

Mata Villarreal is the son of Josefa G. and Juan M. Mata of 105 E. Field St. in Eldorado.

The private is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School.

Michael Kotsch

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael S. Kotsch, son of John F. Kotsch of 402 Park Lane in Eldorado, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific Ocean, Indian Ocean and Arabian gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Shiloh.

Kotsch is one of more than 350 Sailors aboard the ship which departed its home port of San Diego, as part of the USS Abraham Lincoln Battle Group. The battle group is comprised of 10 tactical air squadrons, five surface combatants and two submarines.

Kotsch and fellow crew members prepared for the deployment

by participating in a Pacific Joint Task Force Exercise. The exercise involved more than 16,000 U.S. forces and tested their ability to respond to situations they may encounter during their six-month deployment.

Kotsch's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track, and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

The 1990 graduate of Eldorado High School joined the Navy in January, 1996.

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Tracking a Rabbit is both difficult and easy. On one hand, the Rabbit is not interested in being noticed; he even strives to melt into the background. On the other hand, once the Rabbit's track has been spotted, the trail becomes easy to follow because the impression he leaves is deep.

William A. "Rabbit" Sudduth retires this fall after 27 years of teaching Vocational Agriculture to students in Marathon, Marfa, and Eldorado, Texas.

In 1973, after a grueling, two-year stint in Vietnam where he earned two Purple Hearts, Rabbit graduated from Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture Education and Biology.

He student-taught in Hondo, Texas, and landed his first job in Marathon, Texas. In his three years there, Rabbit soaked up the philosophy of the community and made it his own — hard work, honesty, forthrightness, and fun. As he and his students built and equipped an ag shop they could

use, the down-to-earth, no-nonsense people of Marathon found a welcome dinner guest in this bachelor who shared their values and commitment to their town.

Graduate studies at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, focusing on Range Animal Science kept Rabbit busy while he moved up the road to Marfa, Texas, and took over the ag program there. From 1978 to 1991, Rabbit and his students lived and learned the ag life, building the FFA/4-H Ag Center, participating in State Leadership contests and winning honors at the Houston Livestock Show. They also built a gazebo and benches to beautify the school campus, barbecued for local ranchers' functions, and helping to establish and prolong pride in that community.

During this time, Rabbit also experienced some of the most personally gratifying moments of his life, when he was named Texas Agriculture Teacher of the Year by the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. It was while in Marfa that Rabbit was elected president of the Marfa Lions Club, married Toni Martin of Van Horn, Texas, and fathered two children, Dest and Ridge Ann.

In 1991, Rabbit journeyed home to Eldorado, Texas, where family and early schooling memories drew him. He and his students set to work immediately, repairing and maintaining the Ag Complex, designing and fabricating the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill signs that greet visitors at the four entrances to town. He coached a Lone Star Farmer and repaired and maintaining the Eldorado Pride Committee's downtown benches. He also fashioned barbecue tables for the courthouse lawn all the while helping his students learn breeding and bloodlines.

He also stayed busy, and involved his students in, building a greenhouse and hog barn for use in 1998-99, building a new pressbox and bleachers for the stadium and gaining the knowledge and skills students need to go from school to work. Skills like welding, which were put to use during construction of the new gym.

Rabbit's pride in his community and his wish to instill that pride in his students through hard work, honesty, forthrightness and fun have followed Rabbit throughout his career.

Tracking this Rabbit was difficult. Working to improve the life of the community is something he does quietly, so matter-of-factly.



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Bill "Rabbit" Sudduth as he appeared in Marfa High School's 1979 yearbook, "The Shorthorn".



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Rabbit signs? Bill "Rabbit" Sudduth (right foreground) and his students erected signs for the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill on the four main highways leading into town.

The easy Rabbit-tracking came when talking to former students:

"VoAg not only shows you how to weld, but you learn how to be a leader of tomorrow," said former student Cori Vasquez.

"Mr. Sudduth is great; he teaches us things we can use in our future," reported Olga Aguilar, another former pupil.

"Common sense cannot be learned from a book; it must be learned through experience. Ag is not like any regular class; it is a class with 'hands on experience,'" added Brian Mertz.

"With Mr. Sudduth as a teacher, being in VoAg is an ex-

perience never to be forgotten," stated Benito Aguirre.

But maybe Cory Lloyd summed up the sentiments of Rabbit's former students when he said, "I sure wish he would stay around. He is a good ag teacher, and more than that... He was a really nice guy."

The fall of 1998 will witness William A. "Rabbit" Sudduth's retirement from teaching. The hard work, honesty, forthrightness, and fun will now be focused more on his family and new vocation, but the sense of pride in his community, his love for kids and education, and his fun-loving spirit will be at work in Eldorado still.

These Rabbit's tracks are worth following. And for those thousands of students who have been anxiously awaiting the chance to call Mr. Sudduth "Rabbit", in his own words, "If you feel froggy, JUMP!"

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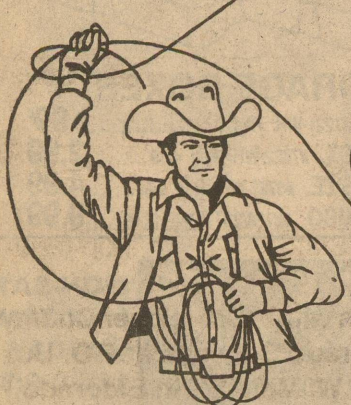
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Coverin' his tracks? Bill "Rabbit" Sudduth pours concrete as he and his students helped build a new hog barn at the Ag complex south of Eldorado.

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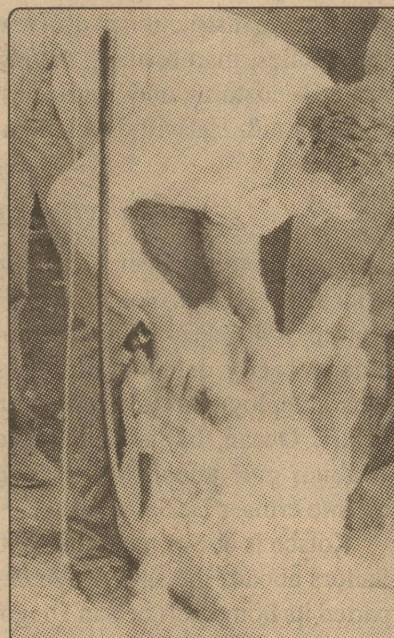
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Nothin' changes — This photo of Bill "Rabbit" Sudduth appeared in the 1986 edition of the Marfa Shorthorn yearbook with the caption, "Mr. Sudduth getting ready for County Stockshow".



photo by Kathy Mankin

Jr. Miss Wool/Schleicher County candidates are (L-R) Meredith Gruben, April Nixon, Mikinzie Holley and Jessica Robertson.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Young Miss Wool/Schleicher County candidates are (Front L-R) Ridge Ann Sudduth, Erika Lyn Conner, Charlotte Adame (Back L-R) Micaela Gonzalez, Maxie Holley, Rachel Kate Joiner (Not Pictured) Josephina Diaz and Taylor N. Niblett.

2nd Annual Miss Wool/Schleicher County Pageant

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Club; Rachel Kate Joiner, First National Bank of Eldorado; Taylor N. Niblett, Niblett's Oilfield Services; Ridge Ann Sudduth, Hargis Ranch.

Junior Miss grades 6-8 and sponsor: Katey Blair, J.B. Sales; Mikinzie Holley, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative; April Nixon, Shannon Health Systems; Jessica Robertson, Cuts 'N' Such. Miss grades 9-12 and sponsor: Meg Anderson, The Flower Basket; Angela Ballew, West Texas Utilities; Vanessa Finley, Second Hand Rose; Vanessa Gonzalez, Charlie Bradley Graphics; Hillary Hodges, SWTEC; Kate Kosub, Law Offices of James Kosub; Jennah Richters, Elaine Palmer (grandmother).

Each contestant will display a

banner with her sponsor's name throughout the pageant. Awards will be presented to the winner and first and second runners up in each division. A college scholarship will be awarded to the winner in the Miss division. Winners will be invited to represent Schleicher County in various activities throughout their reigning year. Miss Congeniality will be selected by the contestants in the Miss Wool/Schleicher County division.

Co-coordinators for this year's pageant are Vicki Schwiening and Princess Gruben. Division Directors are Jackie Napier (Miss), Meredith Gruben (Junior Miss), Roxanne Adame (Young Miss), Codi Schwiening (Little Miss), and Toni Sudduth (Wee Miss), Hawley Wolfe will serve as Master of Ceremonies.



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Little Miss Wool/Schleicher County candidates are (Front L-R) Cassandra Cristine Buitron, Corie B. Williams, Jacey Lynn Sellers (Not Pictured) Lynley R. Glass and Britanni Marie Romero.



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Wee Miss Wool/Schleicher County candidates are (Front L-R) Landry Broome, Kyndal Broome, Victoria Alexis Oliván (Back L-R) Jessica Lauren Sellers, Brittaney Gauna (Not Pictured) Hallie Behrens, Hayley Lynn Brownlow, Ashley N. Paulson and Elizabeth Arleen Swicegood.

"Pioneer Families" honorees

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away on December 25, 1950, and Lillian passed away in 1982.

Delia and Gratton Crosby, grandparents of Kathleen, moved to Schleicher County in 1901, where they filed on school land, 25 miles southeast of Eldorado in Middle Valley. Their first home was a wagon bed, covered with a tarp, under a giant oak tree.

In 1928, the Crosbys built a modern, eight room home, covered in natural stone under the same giant oak that sheltered their first wagon-bed home.

It took all day and into the night to make a trip to Eldorado, so groceries were purchased at Ft. McKavett, 15 miles east of the ranch. Trips were limited to Eldorado for business purposes. Occasionally, the Crosbys rode 5 or 10 miles horseback to a "neighborhood dance."

On December 28, 1948, in Sonora, Texas, Kathleen married Eugene C. St. Clair of San Antonio. Gene, as he was known, was a career Air Force officer and retired from the Air Force as a Colonel in 1975. Gene passed away in 1981.

Gene and Kathleen moved to the ranch in 1977. They lived in the ranch home that Delia and Gratton had built in 1928, although they did some extensive remodeling and rebuilding.

Kathleen has one daughter, Christie Gene St. Clair, born January 15, 1951, at Chanute Air Force Base, Illinois. Christi graduated from high school in Austin. She later attended Sweetbriar College and the University of Texas where she received her B.A. degree in Journalism. She later studied at the Institute de Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico. She now resides in Houston and works as a Certified Legal Assistant.

Kathleen lives at the Ranch home, and if you ever go down Middle Valley road, stop by the Crosby Ranch and see all of the birds, emus, llamas, donkeys, you name it—it's there. Such an interesting place to spend an afternoon. Kathleen is a "real ranch lady" and enjoys her friends and Tuesday Bridge.

The presentation of the Pioneer Families Award will be this Saturday, August 8, at 10:00 a.m., im-

mediately after the parade, on the Courthouse Square. Everyone is invited to help celebrate and recognize these two individuals, who will also ride in the parade in a horse drawn wagon driven by Bill Dakan. The museum will be open all day after the parade for visitors.

Attention: EHS Students

Eldorado High School students may come to the high school on Friday, August 7, 1998 starting at 9 a.m. to pick up their student handbooks, schedules, locker assignments, etc. If have any questions, please call 853-2549, ext. 321.

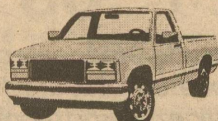
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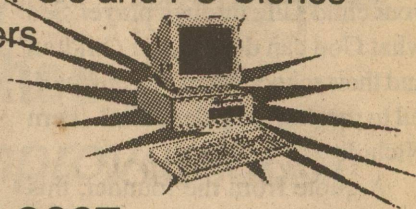
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"Moms In Touch" prayer group

"Let me challenge you to be in your child's life through prayer. See what God can do for your children and their school when you are faithful to pray on a regular basis" - Fern Nichols

A quote from the founder, this was the beginning of an organization known across America, as well as in other countries as Moms in Touch - moms in touch with God, their children and their schools through prayer.

What is it?

• Mothers, grandmothers, or anyone who is willing to pray for a specific child and school - including students attending college

• Two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, their schools, their teachers and administrators

• Moms who believe that prayer makes a difference

Purpose

• To stand in the gap for our children through prayer

• To pray that our children will receive Jesus as Lord and Saviour then stand boldly in their faith

• To pray for teachers and staff

• To provide support and encouragement to moms who carry heavy burdens for their children

• To pray that our schools may be directed by biblical values and

high moral standards

• To be an encouragement and a positive support to our schools

If you would like to be a part of Moms in Touch our first meeting will be held Tuesday, August 18th at 7:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church. At that time we will organize into prayer groups and decide when will be the best time for them to meet.

For information call Liz Anderson at 853-2406. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to participate please call to get prayer group information.

Elementary Class Listings

The 1st-4th grade class listing will be posted outside the Elementary building at 4:00 p.m. August 9, 1998.

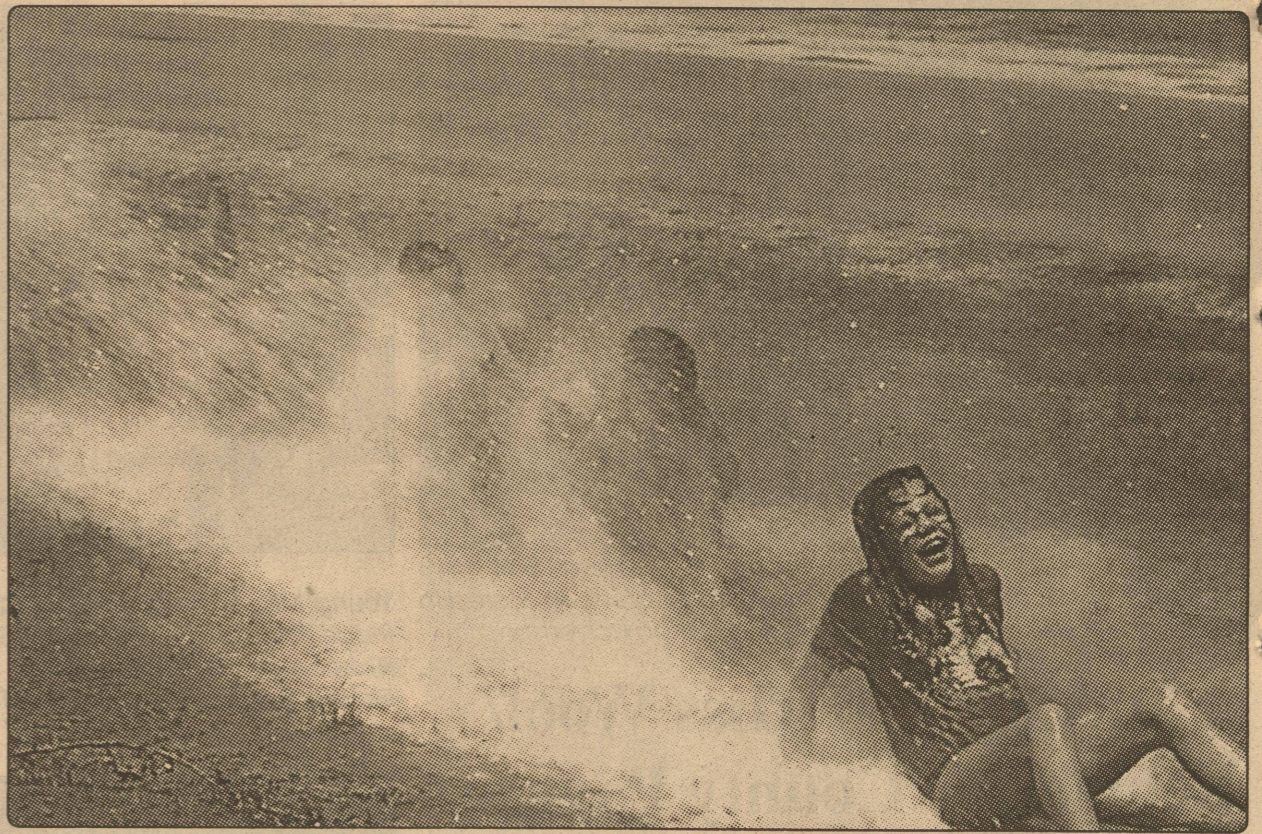


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In the good ol' summertime — Dest Sudduth, Seth Taylor and Ridge Ann Sudduth found a way to beat the heat last Friday when city crews opened a fire hydrant on North Street to relieve pressure on a broken water main.

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low-performing list for three consecutive years.

"We raised the bar for Texas schools again this year. They not only met the challenge, most exceeded it. The ratings show the strong improvement that is occurring in Texas public schools," Moses said. "Improvement of this magnitude doesn't happen easily. This is a direct result of students, teachers and administrators working hard each and every school day to improve academic performance."

The accountability ratings are based on the percentage of students passing the reading, writing and mathematics sections of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills examination,

the dropout rate and attendance rate. Districts can earn one of four ratings: exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, and academically unacceptable. Individual campuses can earn ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable and low performing.

There were 3,310 campuses in Texas that earned acceptable ratings, compared to 3,679 last year. In 1998, 581 districts received the academically acceptable rating, compared to 650 the previous year. The number of campuses earning low-performing status dropped from 67 in 1997 to 60 this year. That represents about 1 percent of the campuses in the state.

Six districts given the aca-

demically unacceptable rating, compared to four the previous year. Three of these districts had dropout rates above six percent, which is the maximum level that is acceptable. The other three districts had fewer than 40 percent of the students pass the writing portion of the TAAS test.

"I am very encouraged to see that no school has been on the low-performing list for more than two consecutive years. Of the seven schools that have been low performing for two years, only three of the campuses exhibited the same academic problem both years," Moses said.

To earn an exemplary rating this year, at least 90 percent of all the students and each student group (African American, His-

panic, white and economically disadvantaged) had to pass the reading, writing and mathematics sections of the TAAS test. A dropout rate of less than 1 percent for all students and each student group and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent were also required.

A recognized rating required a TAAS passing rate in each subject of at least 80 percent for all students and each student group, a dropout rate of 3.5 percent or less for all students and student groups and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

The 1998 ratings criteria include a five percent increase in the TAAS passing standards for the recognized and acceptable categories.

SCISD announces 1998-99 Cafeteria Policy

The Schleicher County Independent School District Food Service Dept. recently released its cafeteria policies for the 1998-99 school year.

According to food service director Mildred Phillips, the cafeteria doors are not opened until 7:30 a.m. and breakfast is served from 7:40 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.

All school lunches need to be paid in the cafeteria in the morning from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Please make an effort to pay in the morning at the specified time.

Children will not be allowed to pay for more than one day at a time

in the lunch line.

A simple and fast method of paying is to place a check or cash in an envelope with the student's name or names, the teacher's name, and the amount for each student on the outside. Seal the envelope and send it with your child to the cafeteria before he/she goes to class. Paying in this manner keeps children from having to wait in line for lunch.

Checks will not be accepted in the lunch line for more than one day. The cafeteria will not

accept a check in the line and give credit for it the next day, as this holds up the line and the students will not have enough time to

eat lunch.

Charging is discouraged by the cafeteria. Children that have as many as five charges will be served an alternative lunch. This is the procedure for every child. Charges must be paid in the morning before lunch service begins.

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- Pre-K-4....\$1.20
- 5-8....\$1.30
- 9-12...\$1.40
- Teachers...\$1.85
- Adult Visitor...\$3.75
- Reduced...\$.40



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Eldorado Girl Scouts participated in the "World of Interest Summer Day Camp '98" last week. Pictured above are: (Seated L-R) Erica Conner, Amy Doran, Mariana Guzman, Ashley Doran, Maureen Martinez, Alisha Gonzalez (Middle Row L-R) Savannah Stephens, Haley Bruneman, Bridgette Mitchell, Candace Engdahl, Angela Lumpkin, Sheryl Alexander (Back Row L-R) Kymm Nixon, Brenda Lumpkin, Janie Mitchell, Susan Lloyd, Stacey Ferguson, Sandra Guzman, Jessica Robertson and Mary Doran.

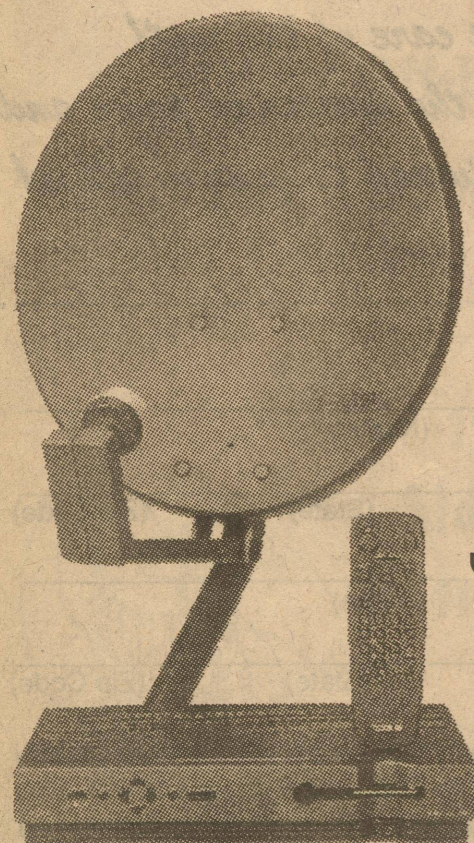
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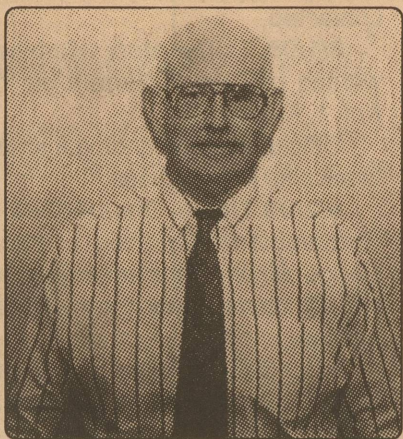
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Silver Clover Award Winners — Sherry Johnson (L) and Wayne McGinnes (R) received the 4-H Silver Clover Award at the 4-H District 7 Silver Clover Banquet held in San Angelo on Thursday, July 23rd. The pair were recognized for their many years of commitment and service to the Schleicher County 4-H Club.

District 4-H Fashion Revue

Schleicher County 4-H members Kimberly Samaniego and Emmanuel Samaniego participated in the District 4-H Fashion Revue held in San Angelo on Tuesday, July 28, at the Southland Baptist Church.

Kimberly competed in the Junior Sportswear/Casual Division. She constructed a skirt and blouse. She received perfect scores for wardrobe coordination and fit. The judges were especially complimentary of the straight stitching on her two garments. E. Jay competed in the single garment category with boxer shorts. He received top scores for his quality of work and fabric and pattern selection. The judges were especially complimentary of the good job he did on the buttons and buttonholes. Both E. Jay and Kimberly received awards from West Texas Utilities who served as the sponsor for the District Fashion Revue.

J'Nae Zwaschka of Grape Creek, daughter of Franz and Judy Zwaschka, and granddaughter of Pat and John Pitts of Eldorado, also competed in the District Fashion Revue. J'Nae won Grand Champion in the Intermediate Sportswear/Casual Division. She made a skirt, vest, and t-shirt of pink and

purple coordinating floral fabric. The vest was pin woven. J'Nae's mother, the former Judy Pitts of Eldorado, also competed in the District 4-H Fashion Revue in the 1970's and was also a winner. Judy now serves as a Grape Creek 4-H Leader. It is nice to see her pass along a winning tradition.

Schleicher County 4-H members Hillary Hodges, Kate Kosub, Maria Guzman, and 4-H Leader Judith Samaniego provided the educational program for the participants in the District Fashion Revue, teaching modeling, poise, and grooming. Schleicher County 4-H members enjoy the 4-H clothing program as it continues to teach clothing construction skills to young individuals.

Schleicher County Days slated

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Rick Stricklan and Jeff Sellers will be performing on the outside stage. From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Shannon Gillespie will be singing. At 12:45 p.m. the Squeeze Box Sisters will take the stage. Then at 2:00 p.m. C.H.A.T., a singing group consisting of some of Eldorado's most talented young people, will perform.

Yet another of the many events scheduled during the day is the Miss Wool/Schleicher County Pageant. The pageant will feature 34 contestants in 5 age divisions. It will be held in the Memorial Building. There will be a \$2 admission fee for adults. Children will be admitted for \$1 and all proceeds will toward a Miss Wool/Schleicher County Scholarship.

Festival-goers will be able to spend the spare time between events meandering through the many food and craft booths which will dot the courthouse lawn.

The second performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo will begin Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. Trophy Buckles will be awarded in Bareback, Calf Roping, Ladies Barrels, Team Roping, Girls Breakaway Roping and Bull Riding.

Following the rodeo, a dance will be held on the slab adjacent to the arena. Live music will be provided by Shiloh.

Make your plans now to attend Schleicher County Day and the Eldorado Open Rodeo. Join your friends and neighbors and take part in all the fun!

Lopez graduates from D.A.R.E. officer training



New D.A.R.E. Officer — Anthony C. Lopez (R), a Tom Green County Deputy Sheriff, graduated from D.A.R.E. Officer Training School in Fort Worth recently.

Tom Green County Deputy Sheriff Anthony C. Lopez, a 1987 graduate of Eldorado High School, recently graduated from D.A.R.E. officer training school. Deputy Lopez was one of thirty-three officers from all parts of Texas who attended the school conducted in Fort Worth Texas by the Texas D.A.R.E. Institute June 1-12, 1998.

Deputy Lopez will be teaching D.A.R.E. (Drug Awareness Resistance Education) to students who attend schools in Tom Green County such as Veribest, Christoval, Grape Creek, Water Valley, and Wall. The D.A.R.E.

program is taught to elementary children in Kindergarten through 5th and 6th grades.

"As a law enforcement officer, I truly believe that D.A.R.E. is an essential program that incorporates schools, parents, and police in order to benefit the community as a whole. The curriculum that is taught also helps the children to know that the police are always there to help them," Lopez said.

Deputy Lopez is also a graduate of Western Texas College in Snyder and holds an Associate's Degree in Applied Science. He has been a law enforcement officer for seven years.

Bass acquires Mazda dealership

SAN ANGELO — Jim Bass, vice-president and general manager for Jim Bass Ford-Honda, announced last week the acquisition of Car Country Mazda.

Inventory will be moved from the Car Country lot at 2210 Austin St. to the Jim Bass lots on Sherwood Way. Plans are already underway for a new sales office on Sherwood Way.

"I'm excited about the Mazda line," Bass told reporters. "This line complements our existing products and offers our customers a selection."

Danny Harris, who currently serves in the company's Ford sales manager, will head the Mazda sales

division, Bass said.

Bass told reporters that most people aren't aware that Ford Motor Company owns 33 percent of Mazda, creating a "lot of similarities between the two".

Jim Bass Ford opened their doors in 1961 on the corner of Twohig and Randolph. The business moved to their main location on Sherwood Way in the mid-60's.

A Honda dealership was added in the mid-70's and different branches, throughout San Angelo, soon followed.

Bass said he hopes construction will begin by the end of the year, but admitted a 1999 date was probably more likely.

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Slack
 Thursday, August 6 - 7:00 p.m.

Rodeo
 Friday, August 7 - 7:30 p.m.

Dance
 HCFA Pavilion featuring "Little Rock"
 Friday, August 7 - 9:00 p.m.

Parade
 Main Street, Junction
 Saturday, August 8 - 10:00 a.m.

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 HCFA Goat Barn
 Saturday, August 8 - 1:00 p.m.

Rodeo
 Saturday, August 8 - 7:30 p.m.

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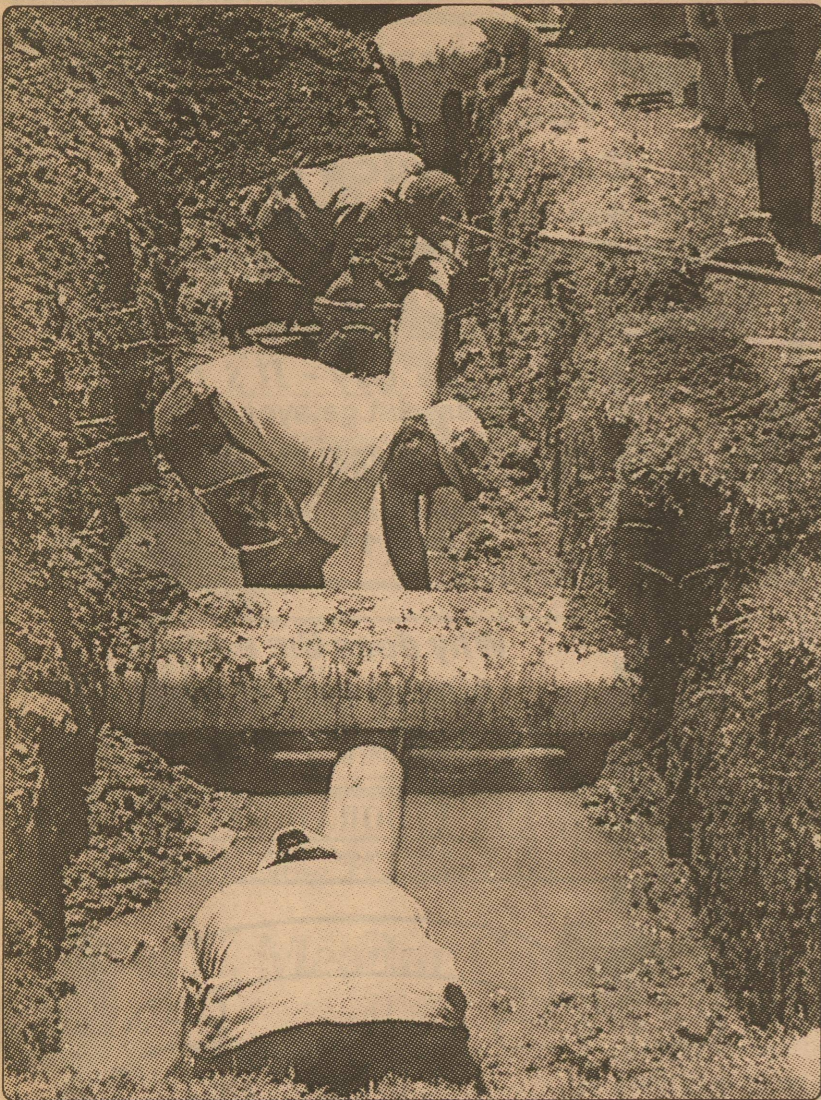


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A quick repair — City of Eldorado employees worked to repair a broken water main on North Street last Friday. A nearby fire hydrant was opened to relieve pressure on the line and the work was completed without shutting off water to the neighborhood.

THE BLOTTER

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

7/30/98 Lopez, Mike Ortega, male age 37, arrested by SC Officer, Possession of Control Substance. Released \$7,000 Surety Bond.

Vickers, Maurice Keith, male age 30, arrested by SC Officer, Possession of Control Substance. Released \$4,000 Surety Bond.

8/3/98 Vanecek, Ben Dwayne, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, Making Alcohol Available To A Minor/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Reports

7/29/98 Criminal Trespass Notification issued.

Recovery - Subject came into Sheriff's Office requesting to see a bike in storage. Subject stated that they had a green bike stolen from their apt three years ago. Subject identified the bike in storage and Sheriff returned the bike to its owner.

7/31/98 Possible Break In - Complainant stated that someone had tried to get in through their front door. They were alone with 3 children.

Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office that there was a large bag of trash on the road and requested that the Hwy. Dept. be

contacted.

8/1/98 Traffic stop - Subject wanted on Traffic Warrant out of Pct. 1, Kenny Co.

Officer reported finding a small black bike in bad shape.

8/2/98 Noise Disturbance - Complainant reported a Black Dodge pickup in their neighborhood playing its music too loud. Officer notified.

EMS Call - Subject had shortness of breath, headache and a cardiac history.

Complainant reported a possible drunk driver headed North on Hwy 277. Officer responded.

Complainant came to pick up their bike that was in the generator cage. Huffy 16", Green.

Complainant asked to leave their vehicle on the courthouse until they can pick it up.

8/3/98 Complainant stated that a white 2/door Ford pickup was traveling at a high speed in front of their residence.

3 Black bulls in roadway. Dispatch called the owner.

School Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Line

Monday, August 10th
No School, Teachers Workday
Tuesday, August 11th
Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing

Wednesday, August 12th
Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, August 13th
Chicken Fried Steaks/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Peach Cobbler

Friday, August 14th
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apple

Breakfast

Monday, August 10th
No School, Teacher Workday
Tuesday, August 11th
Sliced Apples, Cinnamon Toast

Wednesday, August 12th
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast
Thursday, August 13th
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, Sausage Links

Friday, August 14th
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, August 10th
No School, Teachers Workday
Tuesday, August 11th
Chili Dogs, Pork & Beans, Applesauce, White Cake/Icing

Wednesday, August 12th
Fish Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, August 13th
Chick Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles

Friday, August 14th
Same as Cafeteria Line

Junction PRCA Rodeo has \$8,400 added money

The first-ever Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association Rodeo to be held in Junction will be August 7-8 to celebrate the 62nd annual Summer Classic. Hill Country Fair Association officers, directors and members have gone the extra mile to bring P.R.C.A. cowboys and entertaining specialty acts to Junction. There will be National Final Rodeo contestants competing for \$8,400, in added prize money.

P.R.C.A. announcer Cliff Gilland, hailing from Caldwell, Texas, will add information to cowboy action, and barrelman/clown Lane Hurst of Huntsville will entertain with his outrageous antics. David Hartwig and canine companions, Skidboot, will be the featured specialty act. Stock contractor Rudy E. Vela and Sons of Edinburg, Texas, will provide the animals for the professional cowboys to complete the formula for fun-filled, fast paced action.

Friday and Saturday night rodeo performances kick off at 7:30 p.m. Slack will be Thursday, August 6, at 7 p.m.

Friday morning, August 7, at 10 a.m. the Lem Jones Memorial Registered Angora Goat Show will be

held at H.C.F.A. Goat Barn. The Angora Goat Sale will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday.

The annual Summer Classic Main Street Parade will commence at 10 a.m. on Saturday. An "Old Fashioned Parade" will be this year's theme.

Friday evening the Rodeo performances will be followed by a dance at the Hill Country Fair Association Pavilion with music provided Little Rock, who is back by popular demand to entertain Summer Classic boot scooters. Action will end Saturday night with dancing under the stars to the sound of Zona Jones and Swing West. Dance times are Friday from 9 p.m. to 12 a.m. and Saturday from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

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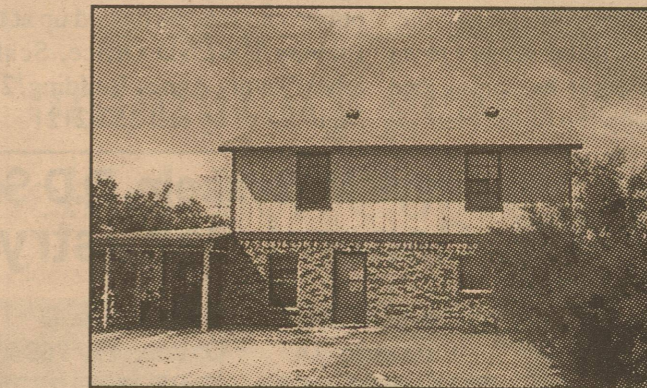
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COYL L. BISHOP

The address of such Executor is c/o MARIAN BLAND OVERSTREET, P.O. BOX 492, Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas 76936.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 4 day of August, 1998.
BY: MARIAN OVERSTREET
Attorney for the Estate

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District Board of Directors shall conduct a public hearing on the Draft Plateau UWCS Management Plan on Tuesday, August 18, 1998 at 2:00 p.m. Immediately following the hearing on the Draft Management Plan a budget hearing will be held for FY 98-99. Both hearing will be at the District Office located in the Schleicher County Annex Building, 210 Main St., Eldorado, Texas 76936. For more information call 853-2121. 33b

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Draft water management plan to be considered

by Cindy Cawley, Plateau UWCS

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The District has written a draft management plan with management objectives and performance standards to address specific goals outlined by Senate Bill 1. Once adopted by the Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District Board of Directors and certified by the Texas Water Development Board, the plan will be in effect for a ten year period. At this time the District is asking for public comment in order for the plan to better serve water users within the District. The Draft Management Plan is available to the public and may be picked up at the Plateau UWCS Office, Schleicher County Annex Building, 210 Main St. or by call 853-2121.

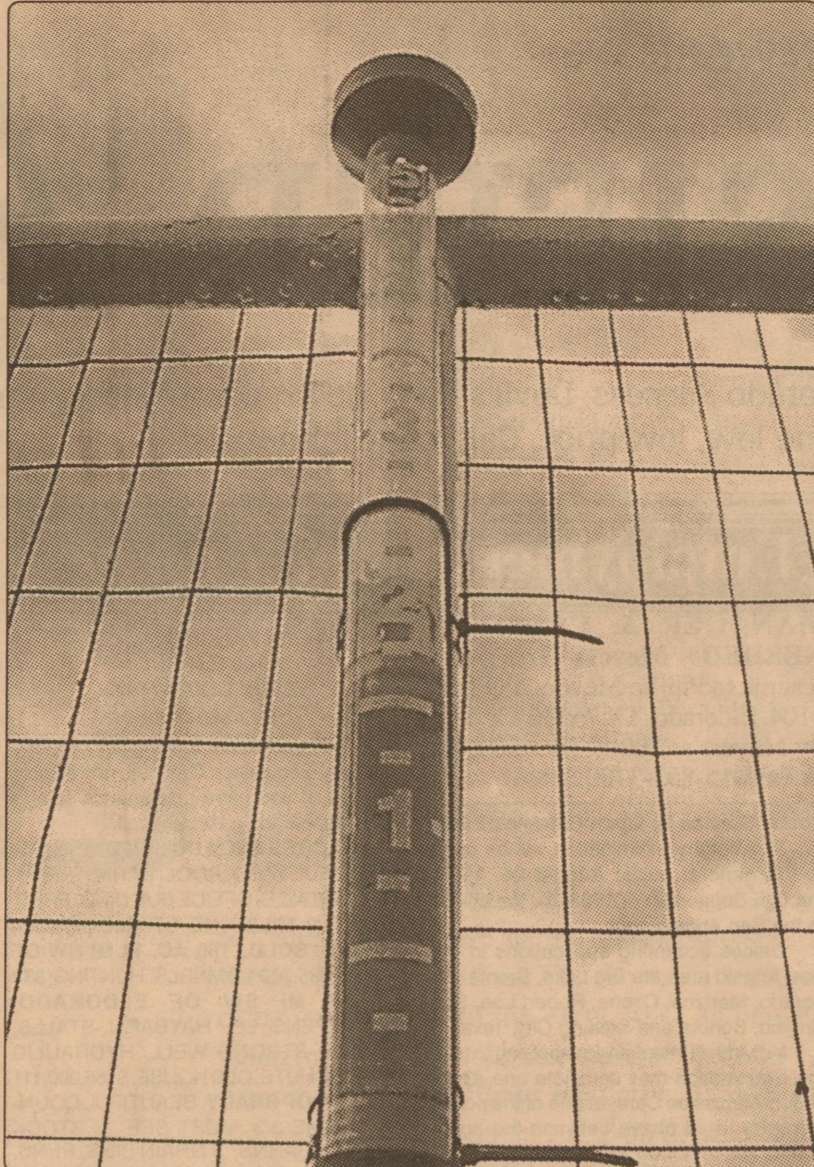


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At last! Over an inch and a half of precious rain had collected in Danny Curtis' rain gauge Wednesday morning. At press time, a gentle rain continued to fall in Eldorado.

State legislative committees schedule drought hearings

AUSTIN — State Representative Bob Turner, announced an upcoming joint meeting of the Texas House Committee on Appropriations and the Texas Senate Finance Committee to discuss the drought's economic impact, status, and possible solutions. Rep. Turner, who serves as the Vice-chairman of the House Agriculture and Livestock Committee, applauded the decision to hold a joint hearing of the state's budget committees, stating that it is time for Texas to take action on its own behalf. "So far, Washington, D.C. has provided little in the way of meaningful assistance to our state. The farmers and ranchers of District 73 don't want, and many can't afford, more low-interest loans, or another quick fix," said Rep. Turner.

The U.S. Senate passed a \$500 million disaster aid package last week. However, not all of those funds are earmarked for Texas. Meanwhile, the USDA has estimated crop insurance payments will reach \$700 million in Texas alone. The Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Dan Glickman recently announced on his visit to Texas that the deadline for ranchers to graze

Conservation Reserve Program land will be extended to November 30. To date only 88 of 254 Texas counties has been approved for CRP grazing, and hay production is not allowed on these lands. So, the positive effect will be minimal.

"I think it is time to stop looking to the federal government for help. They are the ones who took away our disaster relief with the 1996 Farm Bill, and left us with crop insurance which doesn't cover livestock producers," Rep. Turner continued, "We have a projected budget surplus of more than \$2 billion in state revenues, and a projected loss in agriculture of \$1.5 billion. If there was ever a time when Texans have the opportunity to take care of Texas, it is now."

The joint hearing will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 7 at the Capitol in Austin. The hearing will be open to the public. The committee will be taking invited testimony from the state agencies responsible for drought assistance programs, and representatives of the many industries and businesses affected by the drought.

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NWF seeks threatened designation for Prairie Dogs

DENVER, — In what may become one of the most controversial endangered species issues of the decade, the National Wildlife Federation has petitioned the federal government to issue emer-

gency regulations listing the black-tailed prairie dog as a threatened species throughout its range, including land in Colorado, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, and Wyoming.

Along with reversing the decline of the prairie dog itself, the petition aims at harnessing the power of the Endangered Species Act to restore functioning Western short-grass prairie habitats on which the prairie dog and scores of other species depend. Announcing its listing petition at a Denver news

conference, NWF called on groups concerned by the action to work together to find ways of helping the species and its habitat while avoiding the pitched battles that other ESA listings have created.

For now, the black-tailed prairie dog is still a common sight in many areas of the Western U.S.. But having once ranged over 100 to 250 million acres of grasslands, intentional poisoning, disease, unregulated shooting, development and conversion of habitat to farmland has reduced its habitat by 99 percent. The species has been culminated in Arizona. Remaining animals are scattered across an estimated 700,000 to 800,000 acres of rapidly disappearing grassland habitat, much of it in fragmented parcels too small to sustain viable prairie dog populations.

The isolation of remaining prairie dog colonies makes it impossible for the species to repopulated areas that are affected by disease or environmental catastrophes. That means even relatively large populations are susceptible to local or even widespread extinction.

Saving the species and its habitat will require changes in attitudes

and activities by governments and private citizens alike, starting with the elimination of official policies that treat prairie dogs as vermin to be exterminated.

Many state and federal agencies are actively involved in poisoning the animals or encouraging ranchers to do so as a way to eliminate grazing competition for cattle (in spite of evidence that prairie dog colonies are not incompatible with cattle grazing and may well be beneficial). Some states actively promote unregulated and unlimited prairie dog shooting for sport. And in many areas, development proceeds without regard to the impact on prairie dogs or their habitat.

An ESA listing of the black-tailed prairie dog would put an immediate stop to both unregulated shooting and poisoning. Under a designation of threatened, Fish and Wildlife officials would have great flexibility to allow population controls and other activities on private land to resume, if needed, as long as conservation objectives can be met and the species will eventually expand its population across the West. Building or development on private lands with large tracts of prairie dog habitat would require a permit. But the flexibility of a threatened designation would give officials latitude in allowing most plans to proceed, and in creating incentives for expanded habitat conservation by private landowners.

Finally, the focus on public lands will be shifted to how to rebuild populations, especially in areas where large tracts of short-grass prairie can be restored. This can make public lands the foundation for an expanding base of functioning short-grass prairie and for the comeback of the black-tailed prairie dog. Rapid population growth is expected as long as adequate protections are in place.

Still, the issue is potentially explosive with developers, ranchers and others who fear possible restrictions on use of public or private land. NWF will be contacting governors of affected states, along with wildlife agencies and landowners' groups in hopes of shaping recovery plans that meet the needs of both wildlife and local people.

Under the ESA, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has 90 days to respond to the listing petition. If the agency decides the petition has merit, but does not issue an emergency listing, it has an additional year to decide whether the species should be protected by the ESA.

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