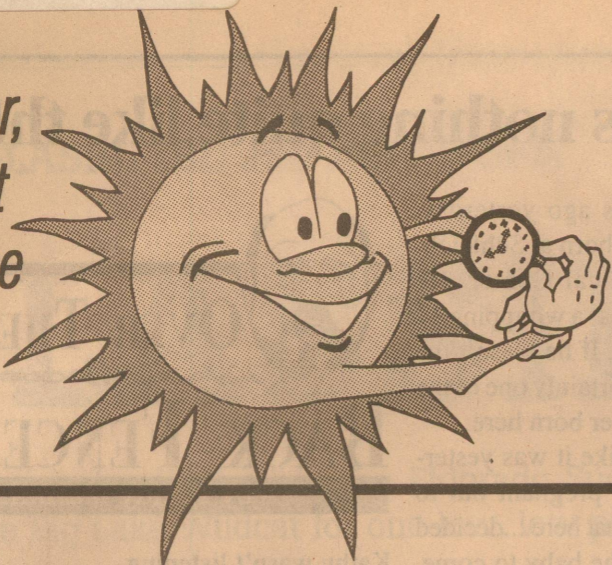


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**Follow the money** — SCMC Administrative Assistant Phillip Sharp is responsible for seeing to it that the hospital receives Medicare payments on a timely basis. He says the job requires numerous phone calls and almost constant contact with the agency via the internet.

## Trustees consider hospital district's improving financial condition

*Hospital comes within \$622 of breaking even in Feb.*

by Pat Ragsdale

Additional revenue generated by Medicare's "Critical Access Program" coupled with an increase in the number of patients, is largely responsible for the improving financial picture at Schleicher County Medical Center. Only a year ago, hospital board members were frantically searching for a means by which to keep the hospital open and operating. Now, the facility is enjoying an upturn in its economic fortunes even while neighboring hospitals continue to struggle.

The difference is almost entirely due to the Critical Access Program, as Andy Freeman explained to the hospital's board of trustees Monday night. Freeman, a partner in Preferred Management, the company that oversees day-to-day operations at the hospital, was a strong proponent of the program when he convinced the hospital trustees to hire his firm more than a year ago. He was on hand Monday night to go over the improving financial numbers with the hospital board.

And the numbers are looking better. In February, the hospital district almost broke even, needing only \$622.22 of tax revenue to balance the books. That's a far cry from a year ago when the district's tax subsidy often fell tens of thousands of dollars short each month.

Freeman further explained additional measures are being taken in collecting the Medicare dollars owed to the district. That, too, has contributed to the improving, if not yet rosy, financial picture. Freeman noted that Administrative Assistant Philip Sharp spends much of his time chasing down funds that are owed to the hospital. Board members were encouraged by the news and took considerable time reviewing the numbers.

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by Board President Judy Christian at 6:12 p.m. Present

for the meeting were trustees Delia Pina, Randy Mankin, Lanis Mikeska and Jim Martin. Trustees John Callison and Shirley Joiner were absent.

Following an invocation, led by Randy Mankin, the group got down to business, approving the minutes of the Feb. 26 meeting and reviewing numerous financial reports. It was noted that there is currently one empty bed in the nursing home with while there are more than thirty people on the waiting list. Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that the bed would be filled soon, bringing the facility back to 100 percent occupancy.

Fagan-Cook explained that the hospital had a 13 percent occupancy rate in February, up considerably from a year ago. Of that number, 22 acute care patients were

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## Great Texas Clean-Up slated Thursday, April 5

by Nancy Lester

All Eldorado residents are being encouraged to participate in the Great Texas Clean Up on Friday, April 5. Local sponsors include Eldorado Pride, Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Carrie Hill, Keep Texas Beautiful county chairman, has announced that it will be held on a weekday instead of a Saturday!

We will have two major goals this year. The first goal is to clean up large items of trash and debris. The Schleicher County Commissioner's Court made the initial supportive move for this effort with the commitment of the county road workers for the day to help beautify our community.

The second goal is to encourage the planting of trees and other life giving plants. We will be em-

phasizing those that do not require large amounts of water for maintenance. The Schleicher County ISD is working to involve students in this service activity. Principals from all three campuses are targeting areas to assist in this effort. City employees are active in mulching and shredding as well as helping in other areas.

Citizens are asked to put tree and shrub clippings by the dumpsters and city crews will get to them as soon as possible for Clean Up Day. There is no guarantee that they will get to all of them that day but City crews will be out working on this effort throughout the week. Call City Hall at 853-2691 and get on the "Chipper-Shredder" list! Volunteers will be needed to help in all areas of clean up day!

County Judge, Johnny Griffin, and County Road Superintendent,

Clay Burleson, have stressed that the County will be happy to pick up any items in the alleys on April 5 but cannot go on private property. If you have any large items that need to be picked up, please call the County Extension Office at 853-2132 and we will try to help make arrangements for pickup.

Unfortunately, we do not have any means for tire disposal. Others involved in the cleanup effort include the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office and the Chamber Pride Committee.

All volunteers are asked to meet at the Extension Office at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 5, to sign up. Highway cleanup groups will be working on Saturday, April 6, to clean roadways. For more information on the cleanup effort, please call Carrie Hill at 853-3278 or the County Extension Office.

## Most local races are uncontested

City Councilman Robert Bybee will face challenger Jim Nance in the May 5, 2001 election for the city council seat from Ward #1. There will be no other contested races in the city, school, hospital district or water district elections.

Since only one person filed for each of the seats available in those races, each of the jurisdictions will be able to vote to officially cancel the election. And, on Monday night, that's just what the hospital district did as Judy Christian, Randy Mankin and Jim Chancellor were declared to have won election to the board. Christian and Mankin are both incumbents while Chancellor will be filling the seat currently held by Lanis Mikeska, who chose not to seek reelection.

In the school board election, trustees Berta Nicholson and Kurtis Homer were the only ones to file for the two available seats. City councilman Richard Mendez drew no challengers in Ward #2 while former councilwoman Dora Bosmans was the only person to file in Ward #3. That seat is currently held by Eddie Rodriguez, who did not file for reelection.

Incumbent De Lux did not draw a challenger for Precinct #1 of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District. In Precinct #4, Ronnie Sauer filed for the seat currently held by Steve Williams, who chose not to run for reelection.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Dearly Departed** — Members of the EHS One-Act Play performed "Dearly Departed" in the school auditorium on Sunday. It was their last public performance before the District Contest in Sonora. Pictured above are (L-R) Amy Green, Matt Curtis, Bryan Sproul, Cristie Jo Belman, Ben Edmiston, Tana Williams, Hannah Robledo and Jason Holley. The group will perform in the Sonora High School auditorium at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday.

## County Commissioners hold regular bi-monthly meeting

County 9-1-1 Coordinator Ray Ballew presented Schleicher County Commissioners Monday with a sample of the official 9-1-1 address notification that are being mailed to rural county residents.

Ballew explained that the notice advises county residents of their new 9-1-1 physical address that will be used by emergency service agencies. He urged all county residents to display the address prominently at their home so that it may be visible from the roadway and from all directions. He also said that the number should be committed to memory and displayed next to telephones so that anyone, including children and visitors can easily read the number when calling the 9-1-1 dispatcher.

Ballew noted that city residents should display their house and street numbers in the same manner. He said that anyone with ques-

tions may contact him at 853-3036. The meeting was the second for the county commissioners in March. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Ross Whitten, County Judge Johnny Griffin called the meeting to order and presided over the session. The meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Next, the court heard a request that county personnel not mow until wild flowers, especially bluebonnets have gone to seed. The men agreed to the request and gave the direction of County Road Supt. Clay Burleson.

The commissioners then met with Stan Meador, Princess Gruben and Albert Torres, representing the Schleicher Chamber of Commerce "Civic Center" committee concerning the need for a

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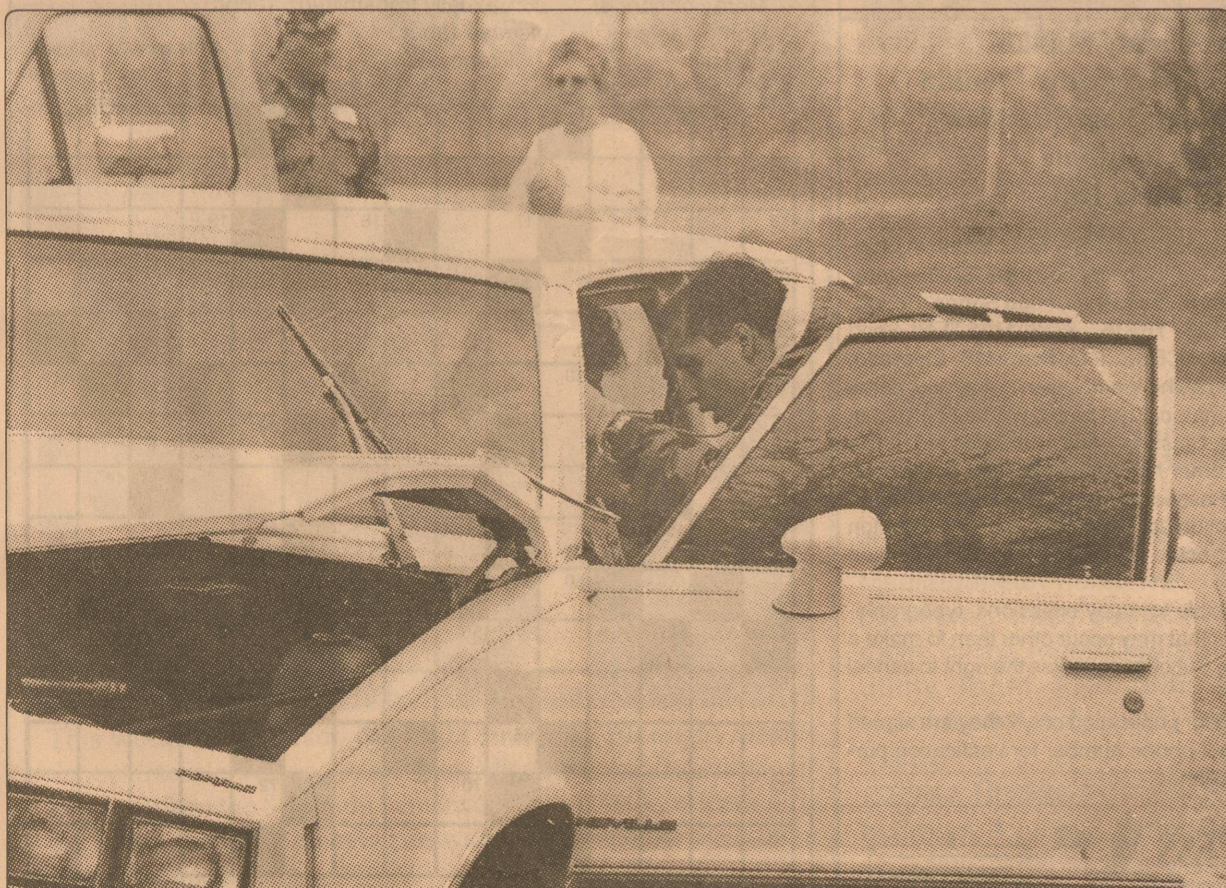
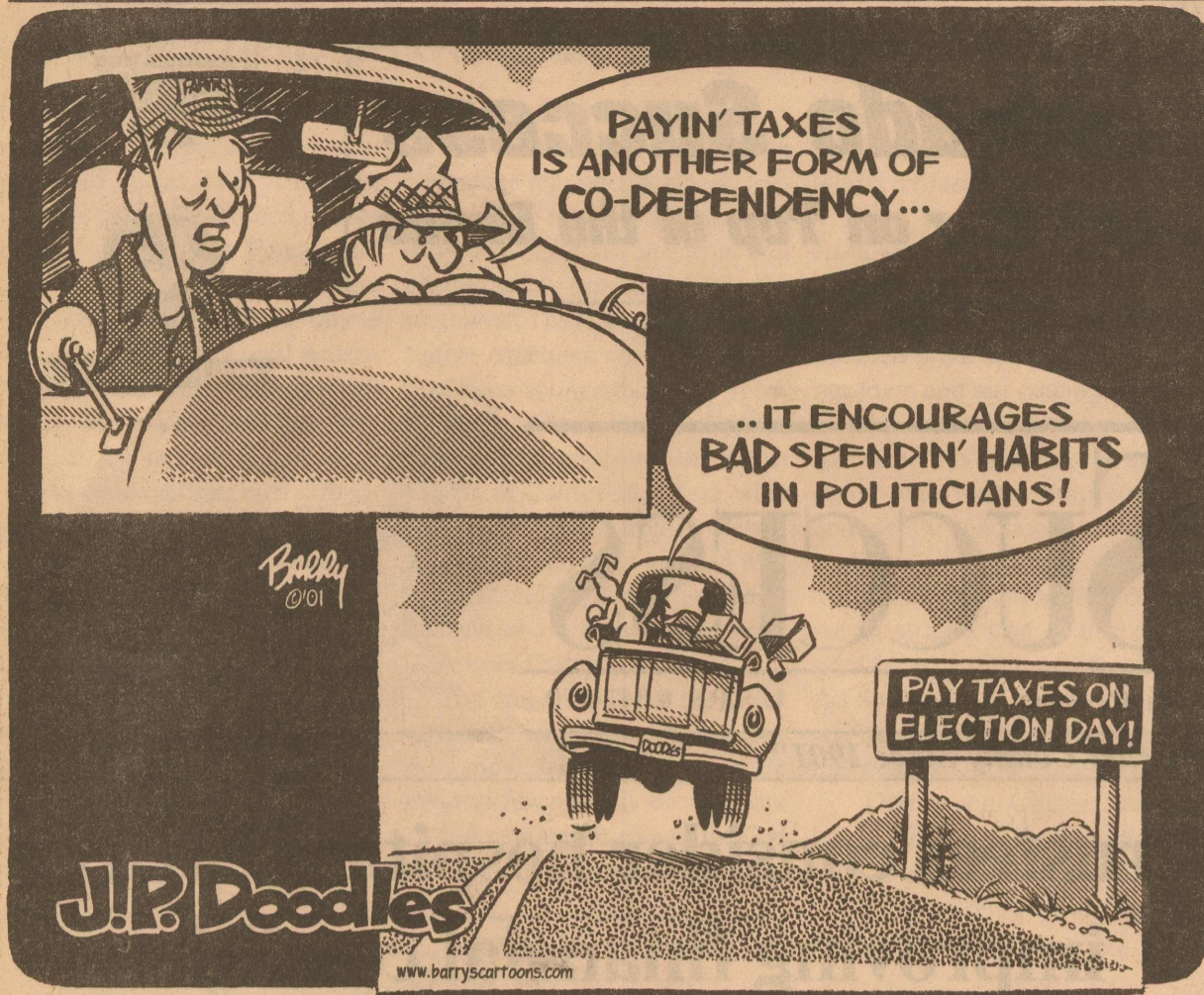


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**Tender Loving Care** — Paramedic Tim Vasquez (outside the car) and student EMT Lindsay Beach (inside) carefully applied a cervical collar to Enedina Covarrubiaz as they prepared to transport her by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center following a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Southwest Main Street and Bud Avenue on Tuesday morning. According to officers at the scene, Covarrubiaz ran a stop sign and her 1985 Pontiac was hit by a 1995 Ford pickup driven by Howard Ledbetter. He reported no injuries at the scene. Covarrubiaz, who was treated at SCMC, was cited for failure to yield right-of-way.



## There's nothing quite like the birth of a son



### OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Sixteen years ago yesterday, my son J.L. was born at Schleicher County Medical Center. He tipped the scales at a whopping 11 lbs. 12½ ounces. If he wasn't the largest, he was certainly one of the largest babies ever born here.

I remember like it was yesterday how Kathy, pregnant out to here...no, make that here...decided it was time for the baby to come. She drove to the hospital and checked herself in.

Not to worry, one of the nurses told her, you're a long way off yet. That baby won't come for hours.

Kathy wasn't happy with laying around waiting for the show to start, so she got up and began walking. Back and forth she walked, up and down the hall. Over and over she made the trip and each time the nurse urged her to lie down and take it easy. But,

Kathy wasn't listening.

At one point I asked the nurse when Dr. Respass had been called. She told me that she wasn't going to bother the doctor yet and assured me that Kathy wasn't even close to being ready to deliver.

Just then, her water broke.

Well, things started happening pretty fast then. Since Kathy hadn't been prepped yet, a couple of nurses shoed me out of the room but there wasn't time, J.L. was on his way and he wasn't going to wait.

As they wheeled Kathy into the delivery room they were trying to get an I.V. started in her arm. I overheard one of the nurses (Yep, the one who was convinced there would be plenty of time) say that there wasn't enough time to give Kathy a painkiller. Then the door slammed behind them and I was left standing in the hallway.

Now it was time for me to pace the floor. I walked down the short hall in front of the nurses station and turned down toward the emergency room and the hospital's back door. There I met Dr. Respass, as he rushed in. Not even acknowledging my presence, the doctor turned left and headed into the delivery room. It couldn't have been more than a minute later (I had walked back up to the main hall-

way and was standing outside the door to the delivery room) that I heard J.L. crying.

When Dr. Respass sent us a bill for delivering J.L. I wrote him a letter saying that I would be happy to pay for him catching the boy but that I didn't believe anyone had delivered a baby. Needless to say the good doctor wasn't impressed and billed my insurance just the same.

As I said before, J.L. was a big, big baby. So big, in fact, that the hospital didn't have any clothes that would fit him. Our neighbor, Sherwin Malkowski, worked in the hospital's office. She went home and brought back some clothes belonging to her 18-month old son.

That's the story of how James Langly Mankin came to be born. He was one of the last babies delivered here before the hospital got out of the obstetrics business.

Now, our baby boy stands six foot four inches tall and is a sophomore in high school. You can't miss him. When the Eagle band takes the field, he's the tallest one out there.

You'll also probably see him driving Kathy's old Lincoln around town. We had pretty good luck with our daughter Sarah and an old Lincoln Towncar, so we thought we would give it another try.

I'm thinking of putting a bumper sticker on the car that reads, "How's my driving? Call the Eldorado Success!"

J.L. has other plans for the car, however. He says he wants a pair of fuzzy dice to hang on the rear-view mirror.

## Waters not always placid when it comes to liquidity

AUSTIN — Much of what's going on in the Capital City these days has to do with liquidity in one form or the other.

In terms of financial liquidity, the House Appropriations Committee—chaired by San Angelo Rep. Rob Junnell—has put a proposed pay raise for Texas' 228,000 state employees on hold.

That was something of a set back for state workers counting on a pay hike, since the week before the Senate Finance Committee had given the nod to a \$563 million state worker pay raise proposal.

The Senate measure, sponsored by Austin Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, would provide Texas' state workers with either a 5 percent raise or a \$100 a month salary in-

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



crease, whichever was greater.

But state workers still have a chance of getting a raise.

As Junnell explained, he wants to wait until there are better numbers on how much health insurance for teachers will cost. Another variable is what the bottom line will be on the state's Medicaid costs.

The final pay raise decision will come some time in April or May.

#### Open container law progresses

All the talk about iffy pay raises, high tech layoffs and evaporat-

ing stock market values is enough to drive a person to drink. Just don't drink and drive.

If you do occasionally pop the top on a cool one, a measure making progress this session could dry up alcohol in motor vehicles.

A strengthened open container law, which would make it illegal for anyone to have an open alcoholic beverage in a vehicle, has made it out of committee.

Mothers Against Drunk Driving has advocated a tougher law for years.

Current law only prohibits a driver from having an open container.

Since it's pretty easy for a driver who sees a police officer to hand his or her can or bottle to a passenger (assuming the officer has not seen the driver taking a swig), the current law is the legal equivalent of 3.2 beer.

One point still at issue is a part of the bill which says it still would be okay to keep booze in the trunk. But in a pickup, or a sport utility vehicle the requirement is to keep the alcohol behind the last upright seat. In a pickup, obviously, that could still be within reaching distance.

Some folks see that as a watering down of the law.

#### Good ole H2O

In the grand scheme of things, water is a lot more important than beer.

El Paso historian and writer Leon Metz opined in a recent arti-

cle that El Paso is a city in trouble.

The biggest problem, he said, is water. Or lack of it. A decade from now, he said, the city could have serious water supply difficulties.

Water is a major issue almost anywhere in Texas.

Under consideration in the Legislature is Senate Bill 2, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown's 61-page omnibus water bill.

The measure would create a Texas Water Policy Council, provide the blueprint for a groundwater management area and establish fees, fines and taxing authorities to pay for the state's 1997 Master Water Plan.

Almost everyone agrees that it's important to have a plan and start taking steps to make sure Texas has adequate water for the future.

The difficulty comes when you start talking about who gets how much water and from where. It'll be a fight.



## ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

### Old Pete Goes To Washington

The city of Muleshoe has a statue of a mule next to the chamber of commerce office. It is a fiberglass replica of a mule named Pete. Some Muleshoe residents got the idea that Pete should go to George W. Bush's inauguration.

After all, George W. had been a friend of Gil Lamb, a Muleshoe broadcaster who was instrumental in getting the mule monument erected in 1965. Gil was also one of just a handful of Republicans around Muleshoe back then. Although Gil is no longer with us, his spirit is always with Old Pete.

The statue was loaded onto a truck that was picking up items for the inauguration and hauled to Washington. Big events were ahead for it. At the Texas Society's Black Tie & Boots Ball, one of the banquet rooms was transformed into the Muleshoe Martini & Cigar Bar. Not surprising, really, since Rick Myers, a former Muleshoe resident, now a Washington lobbyist, was in charge of the ball. Rick said the ball had been in the planning stage for eighteen months and during the last month he had worked on it fulltime.

About a dozen Muleshoe residents went to Washington for the festivities. The Mayor of Muleshoe, Victor Leal and his wife, Debbie were among them. On Thursday night prior to the festivities, Rick had the Muleshoe folks over to his house for a fancy party.

"It had all the good stuff," says Debbie. "On Friday morning, Rick was interviewed on CNN," says Victor. "He talked mostly about

Muleshoe and Old Pete."

Old Pete was fashionably late at the ball because his ears wouldn't fit through the door. Some carpenter work and careful maneuvering had to be done so Pete could join the party. He was introduced with a fanfare and spotlight and escorted to the stage with great pomp and circumstance.

Pete's next appearance was in the inaugural parade. Victor was one of the people responsible for getting Old Pete to the parade staging area. Parade officials wanted everything ready by 4 a.m. Saturday. That meant Old Pete had to be in place on the Texas float within a few hours after the ball.

"We changed from our tuxedos, put on jeans and loaded Old Pete onto a pickup truck for the ride to the parade area. It's freezing and drizzling rain. So here are all these guys from Muleshoe riding in the back of a pickup with Old Pete at 3 a.m. It's really something to see the Washington Monument between Old Pete's ears. When we came to traffic lights, some people would look away, some would ask us what we were doing. It's something I'll never forget."

Victor rode on the Texas float. He was the only Texas mayor to do so. When it passed in front of George W., the President acknowledged with a wave and a smile.

Victor has photos and write-ups about Old Pete from newspapers all over the country. Old Pete, the true celebrity of the Inauguration, is back on his perch in Muleshoe, greeting visitors as they come into town.

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5 Grind teeth together	59 Homegrown	32 Semitic deity
9 Estimation	61 Yes vote	33 Tiny floating fronds
13 Avid	62 Garbage piles	35 Suffix indicating a characteristic or resemblance
14 Not safe in baseball	65 Arab chieftan	36 7th letter of the Greek alphabet
15 Portents	66 Bismuth, periodically	37 Hotshot
16 Unattended male	67 Head nurse (abbr.)	38 Unit of force equaling .1382 newtons (abbr.)
17 Motor home (abbr.)	68 Heart's pulsation	40 Wildebeest
18 Ambulance destination (abbr.)	69 Lathers	41 By way of
19 Sieve tube	70 Snow or water runners	46 Equivalent weight (abbr.)
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31 Francium, periodically	1 Marijuana	55 Multi-petaled flower
34 Metal stud	2 Capture	56 Spooky
37 Energy source for cellular reactions (abbr.)	3 Culture medium	57 Moscow money
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45 Bread grain	9 Spread or diffuse through	64 Maven
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## Katherine Belle Hill



AUSTIN — Katherine Belle Hill 94, died peacefully in Austin, Thursday, March 22, 2001. She was born in Santa Anna, Texas on November 26, 1906. She was the last of seven children born to Alma A. and Daniel C. Hill. She was a premature child in an age when few survived, and her wrists were so small her father's wedding ring could be slipped onto them. But she thrived and was a vigorous walker until age 93. When she was still an infant her family moved to Eldorado, Texas where she grew up, graduated from Eldorado High School and was a member of the Baptist Church.

She graduated from Texas State College for Women in Denton, Texas about 1927 with a degree in ed-

ucation. The majority of her teaching career was in Eldorado, but she also taught in Mobetie, Plainview and Port Arthur. She also lived in Columbia, South Carolina, Alpine, Texas, Tulsa, Oklahoma and in her final years Austin, Texas.

She had remarkable skill and patience as a caretaker for her parents while she was working and for ailing siblings after retirement. Both as a teacher and caregiver, her life was dedicated to the service of others.

She had been a member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Daughters of the American Revolution, and the Colonial Dames. She was preceded in death by her parents; sisters Sarah Miltia Hill, Lucile Hill Walker, and Alma Hill Robertson; and brothers Earnest C. Hill, Jim Dan Hill, and Malone V. Hill Sr., MD. Four nephews survive her: Dr. Malone V. Hill Jr. and Mr. James A. Hill Sr., both of Austin, Mr. J. Larry Robertson of Reeds Spring, Missouri, and Mr. Julius W. Walker of Washington, D.C.

Services were held Sunday, March 25, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado. Arrangements were by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home.

## Clarence Albert MacDonald

CARMAN, MB — Suddenly on the morning of March 21st in the presence of his wife Anna, Clarence Albert MacDonald completed his earthly journey, passing peacefully into the arms of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He will be fondly remembered and sadly missed by his loving wife of 46 years, Anna; two sons, Kenneth, and Glen and wife Nancy of Eldorado, Texas; and grandchildren Nathan and Brittany, also of Eldorado, Texas.

Clarence was born in Argyle, Manitoba where in his formative years on the family farm he developed both a love of agriculture and a life long fascination with machinery of all types. Military service during WWII saw him posted to several locations throughout the Pacific Northwest and the Yukon. After the war Clarence found employment first with Powell Equipment in Winnipeg as a sales and service representative for 24 years and later with Huggard Equipment until his retirement in 1981.

Anna and Clarence were married in June of 1955 and together raised their family while living at Grosse Isle, Manitoba for nearly 27 years. Mom and Dad moved into their "retirement" residence in Carman in 1993. Clarence is survived by brother Robert of British Columbia and predeceased by his father John and mother Mary, sister's Viola and Anetta brother Garnet as well as baby brother and sister John Allan and Beatrice who both died in infancy.

Dad found great pleasure in

family gatherings and in his own unique way he dearly loved and cherished his family. He was an avid reader and a student of history and current affairs, never hesitating to debate politics with friends and family, he loved his country and was a proud member of the Legion for 42 years. His astonishing memory served him well when recounting adventures from his youth and 1 like so many others of his generation our father faced life's trials and tribulations with dignity and steadfast resolve we have come to respect and admire. He lived a long and often difficult life, a generous man who worked hard and found solitude in the simple pleasures of everyday living. Clarence was baptized upon confession of faith in May of 1990 and now rears the reward of eternal salvation as promised by our Lord.

We the family wish to express our thanks and appreciation to each of the Carman Health care providers who attended to his needs. Thanks also to friends and well wishers for their support during this difficult time. Most of all thank you mother for your years of endless devotion and support as wife, caregiver and friend; your love and comfort given to this man in the twilight of his life shall never be forgotten. Farewell Dad we will miss you!

Funeral service was held March 24, 2001 at the Church of Christ in Carman with Hugh Ganon officiating.

## Salvation Army Camp... a cool place to be this summer

The Salvation Army's Camp Hohlitzelle, located just south of the Metroplex, provides opportunities throughout the summer for children and youth who attend the Corps to enjoy a week-long camp dedicated to their age and interests. Horseback riding, swimming, campfires, canoeing and Bible study give children a chance to forget their problems and to enjoy being a kid and to experience God's blessings found only in nature.

Thousands of children from low-income families enjoy fresh air, exercise, and new friendships at annual Salvation Army summer and day camp programs.

This camping experience is more than just a pleasant vacation. Children learn new skills and self-

reliance. Trained counselors are on hand who understand their emotional needs and problems while helping them to mature.

Contacts are maintained after the children return home. Often, entire families receive the benefits from these camping experiences through expanded services. If you have a child between the ages of 10 and 12 years of age and do not have the resources available to send your child to summer camp, I encourage you to contact Sheriff David R. Doran, chairman of your local Salvation Army, at (915)-853-2737 for further information.

The camp is made available to those that qualify at no expense to the families and transportation to and from camp is provided. Funds are generated to offset expenses through local contributions such as the Annual Christmas Drive. Contribution boxes will be set out at various locations in town marked "Salvation Army Camp Fund" please give generously as this opportunity may change a child's life.

## Seeking Candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts

The Schleicher County Rodeo will be held in June this year and it is time to be seeking candidates for Rodeo Sweethearts. There will be two age divisions: Kindergarten through 7th Grade and 9th through 12th.

The girls will be judged on horsemanship, interviews and ticket sales.

Please contact Mondee Whitten at 853-4246 or Wendy Daniels at 853-2065.

## Happy 16th Birthday Courtney Mankin!



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## BIRTHDAY LIST

- MARCH**  
 22nd Reese Schwiening, Jennah Richters, Raul Gonzalez, Violeta Rojas, Linda King  
 23rd Robert Jay, Garrison Dean, Mari E. Martinez, Darcie Bullard, Annette Santellano  
 24th Fidel Herrera Sr., Kay Creek, Missey White Sims  
 25th Geralyn Beach, Ronnie Middleton  
 26th Mindy Haynes, Dylan Wilson, John Lozano, Jr.  
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 28th J.L. Mankin, Jeff Blaylock, Sam Caldwell

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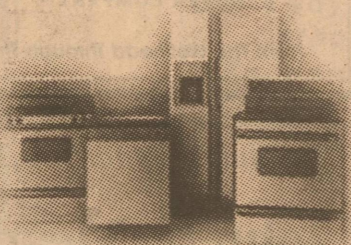
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# Eagles come from behind to win two

## Warbirds come back to dispatch Ozona Lions & Wall Hawks

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles went 2-0 last week and extended their season record to 9-2 and 1-0 in district. The Eagles defeated Ozona 11-4 after spotting the Lions 4 runs in the 1st inning. Then, they came back home and defeated Wall 12-11 after spotting the Hawks their first 7 runs.

Eldorado traveled to Ozona on Tuesday of last week to take on the Lions. Ozona scored 4 in the first

and maintained a 4-1 lead until the 5th when Eldorado exploded for 7 runs. EHS scored one in the sixth and two more in the seventh for the 11-4 win.

Mike Adame got the win for the Eagles allowing 4 runs on 5 hit and had 11 K's. After the first, Adame didn't allow a hit or a run by the Lions.

Offensively, the Eagles got singles from John Ray Espinosa (2), Rocky Robles, Jason Brock (2), Jimmy Aguilar, Manuel Hernandez, Benji Gonzales, and Isaac Saldivar. Will Robledo, Ramon Barajas, and Brock all had doubles. Espinosa had a homer in the game.

"We have started out slowly the last several games, but finished strong," Coach Ronne Molina said following the game. "We really need to get some consistency over the entire ball game. Mike pitched a great game and held them in check for the last 6 innings. John Ray got us our third long ball of the season."

Last Friday, Eldorado hosted the Wall Hawks to open District 2-2A or the opening District contest. Again the Eagles started slowly, spotting the Hawks a 8-1 lead, however, Eldorado continued to fight back and came out with the 12-11 win in extra innings. The big play of the game came when Espinosa got a 3 run shot to put the Eagles ahead in the contest.

Manuel Hernandez got the start for the Eagles and went the distance. He gave up 11 runs on 13 hits in 8 innings. Hernandez got 5 strike outs in the game

Coach Molina commented on his pitcher saying, "He pitched a gritty game, we had a lot of errors early, but Manuel held his own and hung in there for the win!"

EHS got singles from Robledo, Barajas, Espinosa, Robles, Brock, Aguilar, and Hernandez had 3. Espinosa, Gonzales, and Aguilar each had doubles while Robles had 2. Gonzales also had a triple. John Ray Espinosa had a 3 run Home Run in the contest.

"It's always nice to get that first district win under your belt," Molina stated. "We spotted them 7 runs and these young men continued to battle back and I am proud of them for that. We have to quit our slow starts and play a full 7, especially in this district."

Eldorado plays Junction here tomorrow afternoon. Then on Tuesday they will host the Sonora Broncos. Everyone is encouraged to turn out and support the Eagles!



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

**Eagles Win!** Eldorado Eagles first baseman Jason Brock cheered as he rounded third base Friday afternoon as dejected Wall Hawk players walked toward their dugout. Brock, who had reached base in the bottom of the eighth inning came home on a base hit. The run broke the tie giving the Eagles a 12-11 win in their first district game of 2001.

## Eagles tennis team wins Reagan County meet

by Coach Matt Rutherford

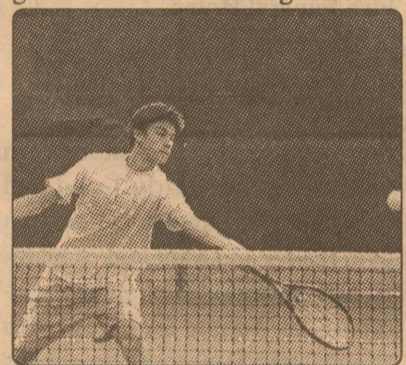
The Eldorado Varsity tennis team won the 21-team Reagan County Invitational this past weekend, arguably the largest small school tournament in West Texas. The Eagles were led by Christina Redish who placed first in girls singles and the boys doubles teams of Thomas Ballew and Bobby Phillips and Quisto Gonzales and Buddy Greer who finished first and second respectively.

In girls doubles Gentry Newman and Kayla McCravey finished second while Courtney Sauer and Courtney Brown finished third. The boys singles entries faced a very competitive field and excelled in their own right with Heath Andrew winning two matches before falling to a seeded player in his

third match. Wesley Jones, who also won two matches, fell in a hard fought contest against the eventual fourth place contestant.

Lacy Ragsdale also put forth a great effort in winning her first

round match before falling in a very competitive second round match. The Eagles will play in the Mason invitational this weekend in preparation for district play which will be on April 7 & 9 in Mason.



PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN

**Eagles netters**—Thomas Ballew (L) and Bobby Phillips (R) pictured here playing in an earlier tournament, won the boys doubles at the Reagan County Invitational Tennis Tournament last weekend. The win helped the Eagles Tennis team win the overall tournament championship.

## Middle School tracksters compete at Wall

**Friday, March 23, 2001**  
**8th Grade Boys**  
**Pole Vault:** Tied for 3rd, Tony Garcia (9') and Lance Roberts (9')  
**Discus:** 2nd, Manuel Arispe (107'2½); 6th, Lance Roberts (100'6¾)  
**Long Jump:** 6th Eric Garcia (16'11")  
**400 Meter Relay:** 6th, Eric Garcia, Bryce Leggett, Lance Roberts and Tony Garcia (52.60)  
**100 Meter Dash:** 1st, Garcia (12.13)  
**1600 Meter Run:** 2nd, Garcia (5:38.08)  
**200 Meter Dash:** 2nd, Garcia (25.63)  
**Point Standings:** 1st, Wall score 171; 2nd, Jim Ned score 107; 3rd, Crane score 92 and 5th, Eldorado score 48.

**7th Grade Boys**  
**Pole Vault:** 1st, Nestor Hernandez (7'0")  
**Shot Put:** 1st, Kyle Taylor (33'5¾")  
**Discus:** 4th, Kyle Taylor (79'1"), 6th, Andy Mejia (77'4")  
**2400 Meter Run:** 1st, Jeremy Ussery (9:22.1)  
**800 Meter Run:** 5th, Andrew Gonzales (2:43.45)  
**400 Meter Relay:** 1st, Kyle Taylor, Frank Edmiston, Nestor Hernandez, & Andy Mejia (53.21)

**300 Meter Hurdles:** 5th, Michael Ballew (54.11)  
**200 Meter Dash:** 3rd, Kyle Taylor (27.97)  
**1600 Meter Relay:** 2nd, Jeremy Ussery, Nestor Hernandez, Andy Mejia and Caleb Nixon, (4:24.13)  
**Team Standings:** 1st, Wall score 142; 2nd, Jim Ned score 115; 3rd, Eldorado score 103.

**8th Grade Girls**  
**800 Meter Run:** 5th, Maria Contreras (2:52.41)  
**1600 Meter Run:** 2nd, Maria Contreras (6:47.27)  
**Team Standing:** Eldorado, 7th.

**7th Grade Girls**  
**High Jump:** 1st, Rachel Joiner (4'8")  
**Triple Jump:** 5th, Chandra Wanoreck (26'1")

**Discus:** 4th, Taylor Baker (54'3")  
**400 Meter Relay:** 5th, Micaela Gonzalez, Kali Roberts, Allison Reynolds, Rachel Joiner (56.53)  
**400 Meter Dash:** 2nd, Allison Reynolds (73.63)  
**200 Meter Dash:** 6th, Micaela Gonzalez (30.66) & 6th, Rachel Joiner, (30.79)  
**800 Meter Relay:** 6th, Allison Sproul, Chandra Wanoreck, Karina Sanchez, Maxie Holley (2:11.68)  
**Team Standing:** Eldorado, 6th.

## EHS track results

**Junction Meet - March 3, 2001**  
**Varsity Boys 800 Meter Dash:** 1st, Joey Bullard; 3rd, Sammy Cabrera;  
**400 Meter Dash:** 5th, Tony Fay;  
**1600 Meter Run:** 1st, Sammy Cabrera.  
**Junior Varsity:** 400 Meter Dash: 5th, Trey Chavez; 6th, Josh Taylor.  
**Varsity Girls results:** 400 Meter Relay: 3rd, (Kasey Boysaw, Tabitha Lloyd, Courtney Whitten, and Samantha Smith.

## School Lunch Menu



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

**Monday, April 2**  
 Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Rosy Apple Sauce, Apple Sauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, April 3**  
 Soft Tacos, Refried Beans, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Apple Slices, Cherry Crunch Cake

**Wednesday, April 4**  
 Chicken Fajitas/Tortillas, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, White Cake/Icing

**Thursday, April 5**  
 Steak Fingers/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Cherry Cobbler

**Friday, April 6**  
 Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Sliced Pears, Vanilla Pudding

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**Monday, April 2**  
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**Tuesday, April 3**  
 Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly

**Wednesday, April 4**  
 Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup

**Thursday, April 5**  
 Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast

**Friday, April 6**  
 Apple Sauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, April 2**  
 Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Apple Sauce Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, April 3**  
 Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Cherry Crunch Cake

**Wednesday, April 4**  
 Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, White Cake/Icing

**Thursday, April 5**  
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## Key invited to national summit of young technology leaders

Brittany Key, a junior at Eldorado High School, has been invited to the prestigious National Summit of Young Technology Leaders to be held in Austin from July 1 to July 10, 2001. Key was selected due to her exemplary academic record, leadership potential, and commitment to a future in the computer and high technology field. She will join other exceptional sophomores and juniors from across America for an extraordinary time of discovery and mentorship as she studies with and learns from some of the nation's most distinguished leaders in high technology, computers and the Internet.

During ten days of in-depth examinations and first-hand experiences in a motivating and challenging environment, Key will gain the advantage of a valuable head start toward the achievements in computer technology. She will acquire hands-on experience that

will enhance her ability to make the very best decisions about her career. In addition, she will share that knowledge with technology directors and students in Schleicher County I.S.D. during her remaining senior year. Speakers at the program have included the inventor of the World Wide Web, Co-founder of America Online, Presidents and Chief Executive Officers of some of the largest computer companies in the Nation, and internationally known computer programmers and software inventors.

The tuition for this program will be funded in part through the Rural School and Community Trust (Annenberg) Grant at Schleicher County I.S.D. and partially from personal funds. Brittany will be asking for donations to help defray remaining tuition costs from local area businesses. Those who are interested in making a donation should contact Ms. Key at 853-2382.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Why did the snake cross the road?** Jose Iglesias is shown holding a 5 foot 2 inch rattlesnake he killed on Friday, March 23 on Linda Spence's ranch north of Eldorado. Iglesias noticed the snake as it attempted to cross the road.

## 4-Hers compete at San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo

by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent-Ag Schleicher County 4-H member recently competed in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo in San Angelo. San Angelo is a favorite for local exhibitors and is one of the toughest shows in the state.

In the goat show, Allison Reynolds took 2nd place honors and also won Jr. Showmanship. Hannah Robledo took 12th place. Other exhibitors in the goat show included: Courtney Brown, Lauren Brown, Alan Dykstra, Ben Edmiston, Frank Edmiston, Briley Leggett and Bryce Leggett.

In the steer show, exhibitors were Meg Griffin and Will Griffin and exhibiting in the lamb show were Lindsay Beach, Whitney Edmiston, Kameron Edmiston, Dest Sudduth and Ridge Ann Sudduth. Exhibiting in the barrow show were Mark Bybee, Gary Hanusch and Marcus Hinojosa.

In the Shorthorn, Heifer show, Jennifer Bybee took 5th place hon-

ors. While in the Junior Boer Goat Show, Marty Powell had two 1st places in the bucks and won Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion fullblood buck. Marty also had two 1st place honors, a 3rd place and a 4th place in the doe division. He also had the Grand Champion female and was the Premier Breeder.

Congratulation to all the 4-Hers for their hard work.

## Hospital Board meeting

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treated while 61 were admitted to the hospital's "Swing Bed" program, which was added when the hospital began operating under the Critical Access Program.

Perhaps the only bad news the trustees received Monday night was that the facility still doesn't have a full-time doctor. Fagan-Cook explained that efforts are under way to recruit at least one physician while the facility's emergency room is being staffed 24-hours per day by physicians from San Angelo. In the clinic, Physician Assistant Ike Whitten, continues to see patients. He is supervised by Dr. Marcus Simms of Ozona.

In other business, the board

voted to cancel the May 5, 2001 election, since only three candidates have filed to fill the three open seats. Judy Christian, Randy Mankin and Jim Chancellor were declared to be elected. Trustee Lanis Mikeska chose not to seek reelection this year.

The trustees also reviewed and approved the district's first evaluation of the Critical Access Program. The evaluation is required by the program.

Before adjourning, the board reappointed Susan Henke as the district's Registered Dietician. They authorized the addition of Privacy Officer and Assistant Medical Records Clerk, job descriptions, to be assigned to two of the district's current employees and they reviewed and approved the district's policy and procedure manuals.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

## Natural resources

### workshop set for April 10

by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent-Ag

There will be a workshop in April 10th, 2001 at Camp Sol Mayer in Fort McKavett focusing on natural resources. Titled, "Capitalizing on Natural Resources," this workshop is aimed at offering participants information relative to nature based activities. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the program will conclude around 5:00 p.m.

Topics to be discussed include: Quail Initiative, Feeding Wildlife, Mapping and GPS Units, Landowner Liability, Habitat Fragmentation, Marketing of Natural Resources, Tourism Activities, Ag Financing Programs, "Go TEXAN" program, Update on TDA Grant on Economic Development and will also include a panel discussion of folks who are already capitalizing on natural resources.

Pre-registration deadline is April 6, 2001 and the cost will be \$20.00. Cost at the door will be \$25.00. This will include a Bar-B-Que lunch and take home material. For more information or to pre-register, please contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

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Simmons majored in Speech and Drama then received her Masters in Library Science. After years of working as a librarian and drama teacher, she combined her talents and began traveling the nation performing. Her diversified background gives her

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# Commissioners consider civic center & rodeo arena

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larger community building. The group was asked to determine community needs, the amount of community support and submit plans and estimated costs to the court.

It was agreed that a problem with a proposed Civic Center is public perception that the building is needed only to house the annual game dinner. Extension agent Nan-

cy Lester, who was present to pass out a telecommunications survey, suggested the committee write an article for the Eldorado Success explaining the reasons why Eldorado needs a bigger community building.

Next, Howard Ledbetter, Troy Daniels and Steve Nelson, representatives of the Rodeo Association, met with the commissioners

to update them on deteriorating condition of county rodeo arena, including grandstands, fencing, arena and chutes. The commissioners made a trip to the arena during their lunch break and returned to meet with the men again. The commissioners instructed the men to research prices and materials needed to repair the grandstands and report back to the court. It was noted that the annual rodeo will be held in June during Schleicher County Days.

The commissioners then discussed the prospects of finding a swimming pool manager for the upcoming summer. Thus far, no one has come forward to ask for the job. An ad will be placed in the Success seeking a pool manager.

Next, Sheriff David Doran informed the commissioners that he was applying for a \$10,000 through the Council of Governments. He noted that 13 area law enforcement agencies are vying for the grant funds with only the top 3 likely to receive the requested money. Doran said he is asking for the money in order to purchase a school zone speed monitoring trailer, similar to the one he borrowed earlier in the school year from the Texas Dept. of Transportation. He said traffic slowed noticeable when the sign was in use. The sheriff said he planned to use \$1,100.00 in seized funds to match his grant request.

The court then declined to approve an maintenance agreement on the new telephone system that the county purchased last year from Lucent Technology. The men did, however, approve the payment of \$149.50 in membership dues to the Concho Valley of Governments. And, bids were called for a transport load of unleaded fuel.

It was noted that Commissioners Whitten, Mayo and Clark, along with Judge Griffin, will be attending the Department of Transportation's annual aviation conference in Austin in the hopes of getting work completed on the county airport.

The men then discussed purchasing property for a proposed residential treatment center for drug, alcohol & sex abuse inmates. They agreed to pursue the purchase of property just east of the Eldorado city limits, along the old railroad right-of-way. It was determined that the county should buy the property in question, regardless of whether the treatment center is built or not.

Next, David Hill representing the Eldorado Youth Baseball expressed his appreciation to the county for their help with upgrading Legion and Volunteer Fields. He told the men that a grant is being sought to pay for lighting the High School baseball field. The estimated cost of that project would be \$54,000. Hill noted that if and when the lights are ever installed, access to the light controls would be locked.

Hill said that there will be 103 boys participating in three youth baseball leagues. There will be three Pee Wee, four Minor three Major league teams. Ages of the players will range from 6 to 12. Softball will include 51 girls ranging in age 7-14. There will be two 7-10 teams and two 11-14. The Junior league will have 2 teams consisting of 13-14 year olds. And, one Senior league team consisting of 15-16 year old boys will begin this season.

A request from the Carmelite nuns at Our Lady of Grace Monastery that the county construct a road to their facility was discussed. However, no formal action was taken on the matter. Before adjourning the men reviewed and approved the county's monthly bills.

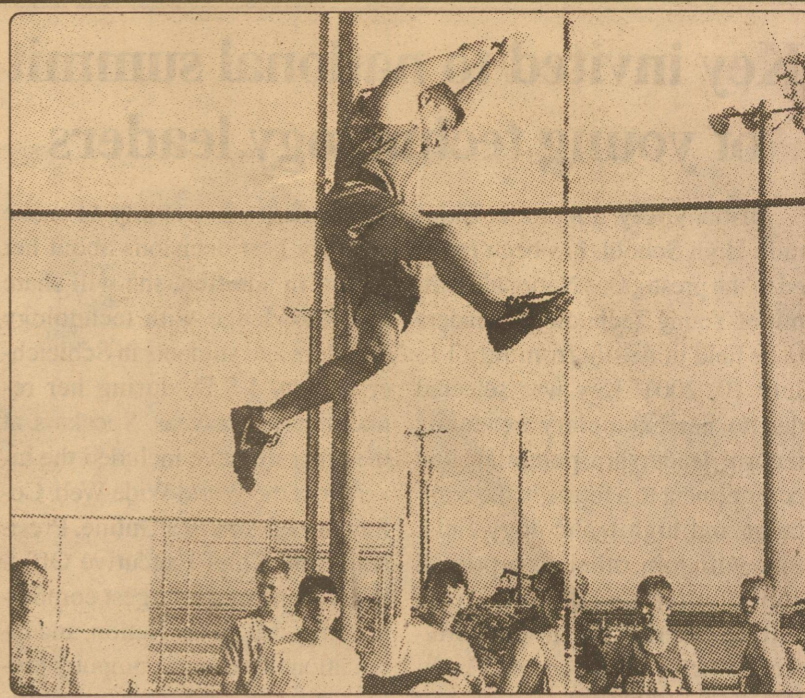


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN  
Look out below! Eagles 8th grader Tony Garcia cleared 9-0 in the pole vault at the Wall Jr. High Track Meet last Friday. The vault was good enough for a 3rd Place tie with teammate Lance Roberts.

## Telecommunications meeting slated Friday in San Angelo

The Concho Valley Council of Governments, in conjunction with the Texas Department of Agriculture, is sponsoring a Telecommunications Infrastructure meeting as an aid to Rural Economic Development.

The meeting will be held on March 30, 2001 at 2:00 p.m. at the Texas A&M Experiment Station, 7887 US HWY 87 N., San Angelo, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss issues of concern in the Concho Valley Region. The main counties to be addressed are Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

Issues to be discussed are:

Eliminating the long distance charge for all calls made from within the Concho Valley Region to any other portion of the Concho Valley; Internet service for rural and frontier areas; Faster Internet service; Local contacts for telephone information; More wireless access in rural and frontier areas; 9-1-1 Emergency calls go to the nearest dispatch.

Presentations will be given by Darrell J. Guthrie, Director of Public Utility Commission and other business involved in Telecommunications in the San Angelo Area. After presentations by each speaker, there will be a question and answer session to discuss any concerns and/or ideas.

## Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Beta Sigma Phi members met in the home of Barbara Jackson on March 26 and were thankful for a warm fire in the fireplace as Eldorado experiences a cooler than usual spring. High on this day was about 45.

Seven members were present for the March 12 meeting in the home of Mary Leigh Dunagan and six for the March 26 meeting. President Linda Lindsey presided over both meetings.

Business discussed was a possible student dance in the summer, a booth at the Schleicher County Days Celebration and the upcoming Founder's Day Banquet to be held on April 30th. Members voted to each donate \$20 to help finance the chapter's annual scholarships to two senior graduates.

These scholarships are based on merit and need. Linda Lindsey was to get applications to the high school this week.

Programs presented this month were, "Who Has Had The Most Influence In Your Life: by Dorothy Dacy and a quiz about sixties television presented by Kim'et Nelson and Mrs. Dacy. This quiz proved just how much a sixty plus senior can not Remember. Right Flora and Barbara!!! Mary Jenkins and Linda proved young minds remember better.

Our president Linda Lindsey will be hostess for the April 9th. meeting. Officers for the new sorority year will be elected at this meeting. It is hopeful that all eight members will be present for this meeting.

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

- ARRESTS**
- March 22 • Harris, Richard Carl, male age 35, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication/Resisting Arrest. Released on \$2,000 bond.
  - Roop, Verna Frazer, female age 37, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (3rd or more)/Driving While License Suspended. Released on (2) \$2,000 Surety Bonds.
  - March 25 • Serina, Pedro, male

age 48, hold for Irion County, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

- REPORTS**
- March 20 • 4:01 p.m. Complainant reported some children shooting their BB guns at cars. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
  - 7:25 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had lost their keys to their pickup at the Elementary School. Officer responded.
  - March 21 • 2:15 p.m. Complainant reported having trouble with a subject at the Senior Center.
  - 10:40 p.m. Complainant reported that a female subject had left the hospital without doctors consent. Subject possibly intoxicated and enroute to Menard. Officer unable to locate and contacted Menard's Sheriff Office.
  - 11:15 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about minors possibly drinking at the apartments. Officer responded.
  - March 22 • 6:23 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on a subject after a Lifeline alarm was received. Officer responded and found everything OK.
  - 6:25 p.m. Complainant on Dixie reported a motorcycle driving fast. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
  - 8:45 p.m. Complainant request-

- ed to speak to an officer about a male subject harassing them.
- March 23 • Several controlled burns reported in the county.
- 6:11 p.m. Complainant contacted Sheriff's Office and stated that he was a delivery man for Pizza Pro 20 years ago and he had been abducted and was ready to go home. Complainant stated that he was in the Amarillo area. Dispatch took the man's name, date of birth and phone number. No record of subject on computer or Amarillo Sheriff's Office. Amarillo Police were also contacted and found no record in their area either.
- 11:00 p.m. Complainant reported two pickups parked outside their residence on Hall Street and stated that they did not know the vehicles. Officer was enroute to address when complainant called back stating vehicles had left.
- March 24 • 8:45 a.m. Complainant reported a female subject trying to buy beer with a fictitious license at local convenience store. Officer responded.
- 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a tire had been slashed at apartments. Officer responded.
- 3:58 p.m. Complainant reported illegal aliens on ranch. Units responded and US Border Patrol contacted.
- 5:23 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident on private property. Officer responded to call and issued a blue form.
- March 25 • 9:03 a.m. Complainant on Lee Ave. requested an officer stating a subject was yelling at them. They wanted the male subject removed. Officer responded.
- 12:13 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to report criminal mischief a their residence off Rudd Road.
- 1:17 p.m. Complainant on El Paso Street requested an officer for possible criminal mischief. Officer responded to call.
- March 26 • 12:15 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious vehicle parked outside of convenience store. Officer responded.
- 12:30 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a paramedic transfer. EMS 1 responded.
- 3:50 p.m. Complainant on Bluebonnet reported daughter's blue and black 12 speed bike missing.
- 6:04 p.m. Complainant reported a minor accident on Cottonwood and Brooks. Officer responded.
- 8:00 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on the welfare of an elderly subject. Officer responded.
- March 27 • 9:22 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident on Bud Street and Main Street. EMS responded.
- 1:17 p.m. Report of an 82 year old male that may have suffered a stroke. Officer and EMS 1 responded.

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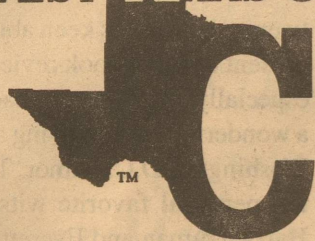
The Schleicher County Hospital District Board of Trustees resolved at the February 26, 2001 regular meeting to move the early voting polling place to the current Schleicher County Medical Center Board Room located adjacent to the Administrator's office. A pre-clearance submission has been submitted to the U. S. Department of Justice on March 2, 2001.

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Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be accepting applications for a **Swimming Pool Operator who will lease, maintain and operate the Schleicher County Swimming Pool for the Summer of 2001.** Applications submitted to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be received until 10:00 a.m. April 9, 2001. Contact Schleicher Co. Judge Johnny Griffin, for more information at (915) 853-2766. EOE

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- (4) A 1989 Maroon Buick  
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Bids must be received no later than Monday, April 30, 2001. Bids will be opened at 10:00 A.M. Tuesday, May 1, 2001 at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department at 4 South Divide, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department reserves the right to accept or reject all bids.  
**George M. Arispe**  
Chief Deputy  
Schleicher County, Texas

## Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Eldorado Middle School tracksters Sheryl Alexander, Micaela Gonzalez and Maxie Holley. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the three girls last Friday, they were enjoying the warm sunshine at the Wall Junior High track meet.

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## Tuscon trip produces productive thoughts

by Esther Bunton

I felt so honored to be asked to participate in the Rural Arts Trust planning meeting in Tuscon, Arizona. Through the Getty Foundation, funds have been set aside to fund regional meetings to help promote all forms of the arts in rural America. Many ideas were discussed with no idea being considered too grandiose or too minute. Pages were compiled and concepts such as funding sources and community participation ran rampant. We were the choir singing to the choir.

Maria Hernandez and myself left Tuscon feeling all things were possible. We had the support of the whole southwest! Reality dawned upon us when we realized that whatever plans were implicated must be achievable. We have some plans for the future and you will

be hearing about them shortly.

The members of the planning committee reminded me of one giant brain, so fertile and creative. It consisted of artists, teachers, and administrators from throughout the southwest. They came from distant Native American reservations and small one room schools in upper Northern Arizona. I met wonderful, devoted teachers from the remote valleys in California. There were skilled grant writers from the depths of South Texas, and I traveled with a special student, Maria Hernandez, a person who represents our diverse Schleicher County.

You can not believe the talent we have in our little town. Its needs to be showcased. In doing so, here are just a few rewards we will reap:

1. A new appreciation of the God given gifts our young adults possess.

2. A deeper and broader look at the common ground we share across cultural lines.

3. A fresh economic impact from arts and crafts produced in our midst.

4. Renewed pride in our multi-talented students, adult citizens, our town and our country.

5. We would see an increase in self esteem of self-esteem in students who would otherwise be completely unnoticed.

Sounds like a touch of Utopia, doesn't it? Well...maybe, just may we an at least start in that direction! Long term plans include an Art Show on the 21st of April, and an Arts and Music Festival in the Fall of 2001.

Thank you Cherie McColough, Director of the Rural School and Community Trust at Schleicher I.S.D. for giving me this enriching experience!

*Esther Bunton wrote this article after attending organizational meetings for the Getty Arts Grant. The planning sessions were a collaborative effort with the Schleicher County ISD's Rural School and Community Trust (Annenberg) Grant and will help shape the future vision of arts in rural areas.*

## Woman's Club holds monthly meeting

by Nowieta Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met on March 20, 2001 at 2:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Memorial Bldg. Theme for this meeting was "Book Review". President Jo Callison welcomed 15 members and 1 guest. She began the meeting by calling for reports from secretary Imogene Edmiston and treasurer Nelva Martin. New Business was a presentation by Bobbie Sanders on plans make for our April 10th. Annual Field Day Trip. This year we will be making the Willow Loop Route of the Bluebonnet Trail. We will meet at the Memorial Bldg. Tuesday morning and leave at 9:00 a.m. It should be a very good year for bluebonnets and Indian paint brush. We are looking forward to an enjoyable trip. Roll call followed our business meeting with each person giving the name of a book recently read. Various authors and subjects were mentioned. Tom Brocha, Elmer Kel-

ton, Charles Lamb, Helen Steiner Rice, Ross Perot, Jan Perry, and Jo Ann Grissom were some of the authors mentioned.

Nelva Martin, program leader, next introduced our guest speaker Mary Robinson. Mary's review was from "Great Political Wit or Laughing almost to the white House" by Bob Dole. We enjoyed her review of this very humorous book that had us laughing the entire time. How she could keep a straight face to bring us all the great stories is beyond me. I did notice a twinkle in her eyes even if she had to keep a straight face so she could give the review. Mr. Doyle stated it was tough to serve as a public servant in Washington and a sense of humor along with keen wit was essential, especially so if one was a part of the political scene for many years. Mr. Dole had gathered humorous stories from many of our leaders down through our nations history as well as from foreign leaders. We great-

ly enjoyed Mary's keen ability to present as great book review and especially one where we had such a wonderful time enjoying all that Washington D.C. humor. Two of my personal favorite wits were Harry Truman and Everett Dirksen. Thanks Mary for "Making Our Day."

The meeting closed with reciting our Club Collect. Hostesses Linda Spence, Helen Blakway, and Mary McGinnis gave us a special late St. Patrick's Day treat for refreshment time with their delicious food and green and white table decorations. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, April 10 and we are looking forward to a special time on the Bluebonnet Trail.

The quote for our March meeting was made by Ruth Graham. She said "Read, read, read! Use the Bible as home base, but vary your diet. I usually have several books going at once, tucked around here and there for easy access."

## Livestock Assistance Program Applications

The Schleicher County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP). According to Jan Wanoreck, County Executive Director, LAP regulations were published as a final rule on March 19, 2001 and sign-up will end on April 27, 2001. LAP provides direct payments to producers who suffered grazing losses due to natural disaster during cal-

endar year 2000. "Often, producers equate Farm Service Agency assistance with row crops. However, LAP is one of the many livestock oriented programs available to producers through FSA," said Wanoreck. "We recognize that individuals who raise livestock only, and those who raise livestock in conjunction with row crops have suffered devastating losses on both accounts due to recent natural disasters," she said.

According to Wanoreck, 2001

LAP payments are available to qualifying counties. In Texas, 240 counties have been approved for LAP, including Schleicher County. Eligible counties must have sustained a 40 percent or greater loss of available grazing for at least three consecutive months. Losses may have resulted from drought, excessive heat, disease, insect infestation and other adverse impacts attributed to a natural disaster event.

"LAP provides assistance to eligible livestock producers who have owned or leased qualifying livestock for at least three months prior to the payment period," said Wanoreck. "Producers interested in LAP should be prepared to provide information including the number and kind of livestock, acres, location and type of grass forage used to support livestock, and an estimated percent of grazing loss."

Eligible livestock under LAP provisions are beef and dairy cattle, buffalo and beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm.

The secretary of agriculture is authorized to provide approximately \$430 million in LAP assistance by the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2001, Pub. L. 105-277.

For more information regarding Livestock Assistance Program eligibility and to schedule an appointment to file and application, contact the Schleicher County office at 915-853-3535 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.

### Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, April 2**  
Country Fried Steak w/Gravy, Baked Potato, Spanish, Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Juice, Lime Rice Swirl, Milk
- Tuesday April 3**  
Oven Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Zucchini Squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk
- Wednesday April 4**  
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- Thursday April 5**  
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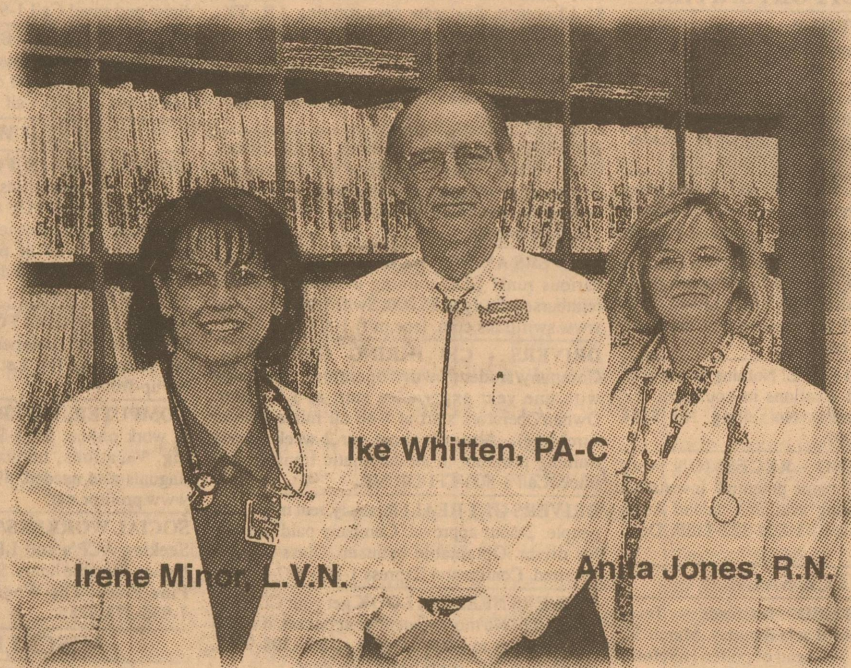
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