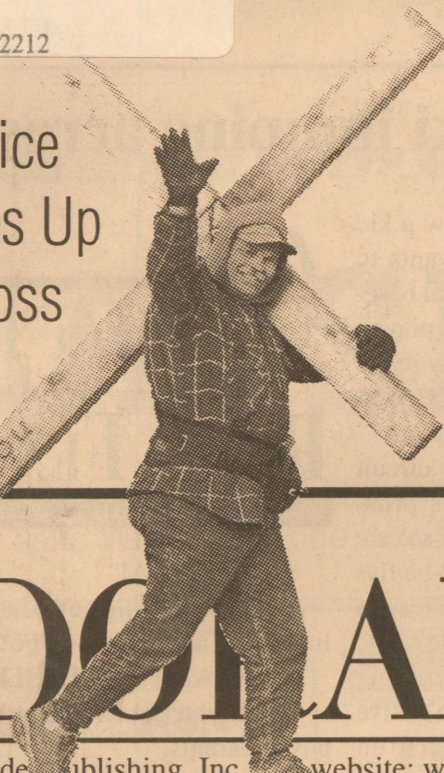
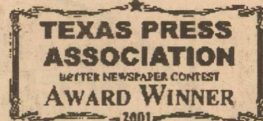


## Shawn Rice Takes Up His Cross

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## Ruth Baker Eldorado's 104 year-old Valentine!



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## Commissioners can't even agree to disagree about Ag Building rules

by Kathy Mankin

Much of Monday's meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court was taken up by various discussions surrounding the recently acquired Ag Building, with the commissioners finding very little common ground. In fact, they didn't even seem to be able to agree on what to call the building. Civic Center. Community Center. Ag Building. The names were used almost interchangeably.

On hand for the meeting were Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Ross Whitten. Commissioner Kirk Griffin was absent, and therefore missed out on several hours of hashing, then rehashing issues related to the building in question.

Among the areas of disagreement was a question of two local livestock breeders who want to lease the building on the same day. Each of them, Claire Powell and Jack Dean, are wanting to use the building as an arena in which to sell their goats. Without any formal rules in place to govern the use of the building the best the commissioners could do was to urge

the two parties to meet and try to work out an agreement whereby they could each use the building on the same day.

At one point in the meeting, Judge Johnny Griffin read aloud a proposed set of rules for the building. Although the men were willing to discuss the rules, no one seemed to be willing to offer a motion concerning them, one way or the other.

Another controversy involving the building arose when EHS counselor Maureen Hodges asked for permission to use the building for three days in order to hold TAAS testing in the exhibition hall. That part went smoothly enough, but when Hodges asked the men to waive the \$50 per day cleaning fees, what followed was a discussion that lasted for hours.

When Schleicher County agreed to trade a baseball field on McWhorter Avenue to Schleicher County ISD in return for the Ag Building complex, a major part of the deal involved an "interlocal agreement" between the two governmental entities. That agreement calls for the school to have first choice of dates for use of the Ag

Building. It apparently doesn't allow for the school to get the building for free.

Complicating the issue, at least in the minds of some of the commissioners, was the decision by the school to remove all tables and chairs from the building before turning it over to the county. Adding to the confusion is an agreement the county has with Brenda Mayfield for cleaning the building, each time it is rented.

Commissioner Bill Clark argued that, while the interlocal agreement didn't specifically state that fees would be waived for the school, he thought the sentiment was implied in the agreement. But that argument only brought up more discussions about the tables and chairs and the \$4,000.00 the county spent to replace them.

Eventually, the commissioners agreed to waive the rental fees to the school for the three days of the TAAS tests. However, a one-time cleaning fee of \$50 would be assessed. When Maureen Hodges learned of the commissioners action she came to the courthouse and informed the commissioners that she would find another building in which to hold the tests.

Prior to the discussion of the Ag Building, the commissioners met with Kevin Evans, President of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition. Evans played a video tape for the men about progress the coalition has made in upgrading the corridor route, including U.S. 277 to a four-lane divided highway. Schleicher County and the City of Eldorado have been dues-paying members of the coalition in recent years. The commissioners briefly discussed paying dues for another year but took no action on the matter. Evans noted that he would be appearing at a meeting of the Eldorado City Council later that evening.

In other business the commissioners held a public hearing regarding the closure of County Road 115, in the southwest portion of the county, as a public roadway. No citizens appeared to address the issue and the men voted unanimously to close the road. It was noted that the road currently only serves one residence.

Bids were then received for a transport load of diesel fuel with Griffin Fuels submitting the only bid, that of eighty three cents per gallon. The men awarded the bid to Griffin Fuels.

Next, it was noted that no bids had been received for repairing and painting the exterior of the Schleicher County Public Library.

Richard Milne, Jr., representing Southwest Engineering Company, then met with the commissioners regarding building specifications for six new T-hangars that are under consideration for the County Airport. Due to the fact that Milne wasn't on the agenda, the topic was rescheduled for the February 25th meeting.

The commissioners then called



Photo by Kathy Mankin

And this line moved there — Schleicher County officials looked over the new Commissioners Precinct map Monday. The map became official recently when the U.S. Department of Justice okayed the county's redistricting plan brought about by the 2000 Census.

## City council reviews progress on Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor

by Carriss Sharp

Ports-to-Plains, the name of a newly designated trade corridor, probably doesn't strike a chord with very many West Texans, at least not yet. However, if plans that are currently on the books in Austin and Washington, D.C. continue to develop, the name could mean big things for Eldorado, Schleicher County and the surrounding area.

A discussion of the Ports-to-Plains concept was the first thing on the agenda Monday night at the regular monthly meeting of the Eldorado City Council. Meeting with the council was Kevin Evans, President of the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor Coalition, the group that promoted the trade corridor stretching from Mexico, through Texas and northward into Colorado.

The call to order was given by

Mayor Nikolauk at 6:00 p.m. Council members present were Tommy Minor, Robert Bybee, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez. Also in attendance were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo, and Utilities Superintendent Jack Dean.

Evans explained that the Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor, of which U.S. 277 is a major part, will over time evolve into a multi-lane divided highway that will function as a transportation artery for moving goods and people from Mexican border through West Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Colorado and eventually into Canada and the Pacific Northwest. The Ports-to-Plains plan will offer travelers, and truckers, a less congested route. Evans said that trucking companies have certainly recognized the value in the idea since it

will improve the quality of the roads in West Texas and provide an alternative to the already overcrowded I-35 corridor.

Evans noted that in the past twenty-four years trade with Mexico has increased from \$10 billion to \$270 billion dollars. He said that the trend is predicted to continue, reaching \$800 billion annually by the year 2010.

Evans thanked the City Council for being an early supporter of the Ports-to-Plains Corridor and asked for their continued support. When asked about the need for the road bypassing the town, he told the group that any such decision would be made locally. "If you asked for a reliever route today, it would be 10-15 years down the road," Evans stated. "But, TxDOT isn't going to come down here and build a reliever route if you don't

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Photo by Kathy Mankin

A true convertible — Seat belts likely saved the two 15 year-old girls riding in this 1999 Chrysler convertible when it overturned last Friday night on US 190, approximately 2 miles east of Eldorado. The vehicle, owned by Terry Green, was being driven by one of the girls when she reportedly served to avoid a deer. The girls were taken by private car to the hospital for treatment. One of the girls was cited for Failure to Control Speed and Driving Without a License.

## School trustees renew administrator contracts

by Kathy Mankin

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees met Monday evening, February 11 for its regularly scheduled meeting. On hand for the meeting were trustees Phil McCormick, Jo Helen Kotsch, Kurtis Homer, Sam Whitten, Jr., Berta Nicholson and Eddie Albin. Trustee Steve Sessom was absent.

It was reported that continuing education hours, required by Texas law, for individual board members is: Berta Nicholson - 65, 25; Eddie Albin - 57, 25; Jo Helen Kotsch - 34, 5; Phil McCormick 33, 25; Kurtis Homer - 31, 75; Steve

Sessom - 25, 25; and Sam Whitten, Jr. - 11, 25.

The board went on to approve an order of Trustee Election for the school district's two at-large positions on May 4, 2002. It was noted that Bessie Jones has been appointed as Election Judge and that Mary Doran will serve as Early Voting Judge. Both have the authority to name assistants.

Next, the group agreed to reschedule the March 11th board meeting. It will be held on March 18 instead.

The board then entered into an

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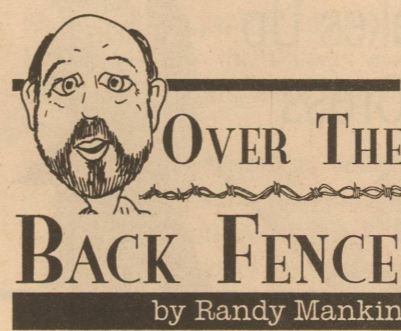


Photo by Kathy Mankin

Quality Control — Anna Rios and Clara Herrera took time Wednesday morning to sample Valentine's Day cookies baked by Mrs. McCravery's Vocational Home Economics class. Each year the class bakes Valentine's Day Cookies as a fund-raiser. This year group prepared and sold 540 of the delicious treats. The cookies are available today in Mrs. McCravery's classroom for \$1 each.



# Imagine ski jumping across Rough Canyon



"WAAAAAA!"  
 "Stop squirming now! Just one little push and away you go!"  
 "WAAAAAA! AYEEEEEE!"  
 Well, you get the point about pushy parents.

Okay, I understand how a kid can decide he (or she) wants to grow up to be a professional baseball player, or a basketball player, or a tennis player. But, how in the world does he (or she) decide to be an Olympic ski jumper?  
 Is there a little league circuit somewhere that produces prospects for ski jump teams? If so, are the parents of those would-be flyers as pushy as some little league baseball parents seem to be?  
 Perhaps it would go something like this: "All right son, you're five years old now, it's time to strap on the skis and jump off that roof!"  
 "WAAAAAAA!"  
 "Stop crying! This is how your Grandpa got me started."  
 "WAAAAAAA!"  
 "Sure you'll break a few bones at first, but you'll get used to it soon enough! And, before you know it you'll be jumping off of mountains!"

of glory on the awards stand, assuming that they could stand at all!  
 Then there's the Biathlon. You know, cross-country skiing, with a rifle swung cross your back. Well, the West Texas version wouldn't require skis. Instead, a surf board strapped on the roof of a 4-wheel drive truck would provide an adequate platform. And, there would be no need to stop and fire. Instead, targets must be taken out while the truck is moving through a Mesquite choked pasture. Sixteen, driver-surfer/shooter teams would be crowded into a quarter section trap. The last one standing wins the Gold!

Then there's Curling. Surely an imaginative person exists out there who could come up with a West Texas alternative to this highly unusual sport. Maybe instead of sliding a 42-pound stone down an icy ramp while skaters with brooms smooth out a path for it, a West Texas competitor would slide a 42-pound slab of frozen beef down a sidewalk while cowboys on horseback tried to lasso it from the street.

The starting gate for West Texas Ski Jumping would likely be located in a Cessna at about 15,000 feet. From there the competitor would para-glide down to the surface of Lake Amistad. Of course they would be wearing skis and would have to shed the parachute before hitting the water, all the while maintaining enough speed to carry them up (and over) a 30-foot high ski jump ramp. Judging would be based primarily on survivability. However, distance would also be scored. And, naturally style points would be awarded.

## Of Texas politics, prize fights and prisons

AUSTIN - You wouldn't know it by watching television, but Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez Jr. is not the only candidate for governor and David Dewhurst is not the only guy running for lieutenant governor.  
 But Democratic gubernatorial contender Sanchez, who faces former attorney general Dan Morales in the March 12 primary, clearly is spending the most on TV advertising.  
 And Republican Dewhurst is obviously shelling out big bucks right now for TV ads in his race against Democrat John Sharp.  
 Interestingly enough, the Tex-

State Capital Highlights  
 by Mike Cox  
 as Association of Business and Chambers of Commerce, which normally supports GOP contenders, voted to endorse Sharp. Every other candidate getting the group's endorsement was a Republican.  
 Four years ago, the association endorsed Republican Rick Perry over Sharp in the lieutenant governor's race.  
 Association president Bill Hammond told the *Austin American-Statesman* that Sharp literally talked his way into the endorse-

ment this year.  
 "He spoke to issues that are important to employers across the state, and these are issues we have been working on for quite some time," Hammond told the newspaper.  
**Times have changed**  
 In 1896, when prizefights were illegal in Texas, the governor called out the Rangers to prevent a boxing match from being staged in the state.  
 With a show of force keeping a much-ballyhooed fight between two nationally known pugilists from coming off in El Paso, the promoters took the train to Langtry and held the fight on an island in the middle of the Rio Grande.  
 One hundred and six years later, the state employee in charge of licensing boxers has said that controversial boxer Mike Tyson, whose license application was turned down by fight officials in Nevada because of his criminal record, would be welcome to fight Lennox Lewis in the Lone Star state.  
 "We have no reason not to license him here," Dickie Cole, the boxing administrator for the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations, told the New York Daily News. "There's no way we could deny him a license. We're not altar boys down here. We don't hold church in our boxing arenas."  
 Texas Motor Speedway executive vice president and general manager Eddie Gossage has had

discussions with Tyson's camp and with the firm representing Lewis, about having the fight at the Metroplex track.  
 But the Association of Boxing Commissions has recommended that other states follow Nevada in not granting Tyson a license.  
 The association's action, however, is not binding.  
**Retrieve renamed**  
 Retrieve, as in to bring back, always seemed an odd name for a prison unit.  
 Established in Brazoria County south of Angleton in 1919, the Retrieve Unit has a new name: It's now the Wayne Scott Unit.  
 The Texas Department of Criminal Justice renamed the unit to honor Scott, who retired from the agency after 30 years service.  
 The Scott unit has a population of 1,107 male offenders.  
 Those offenders spend their time working cattle, tending food crops, collecting eggs, feeding hogs and other agricultural tasks that help support the prison system.



## ROLLING ALONG

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**An Intelligent Pet Owl**  
 Harry Potter is not the only one with a pet owl. Ron George had one when he was growing up around Commerce. "It was a barred owl," says Ron. "Most remarkable."  
 Unlike Harry Potter's owl named Hedwig, Ron called his owl Tex. Ron says this was before the hawk and owl protection act went into effect in 1965. Ron knows about things like that. He's deputy director of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.  
 "My brother got Tex out of a nest before it could fly. He brought it to the house and put it on a perch outside the kitchen window."  
 The owl certainly became a member of the family in a big hurry. "It would sit on that perch quietly during the day, then in the evening when it got hungry it would call a real soft feeding call two or three times."  
 Ron can make the sound of the call. I can only describe it as the sound of a hungry owl. "If somebody didn't come out to feed it, it would fly over and land on the screen window. It would land at the bottom of the window and walk up the screen flapping its wings. Then it would fly back to its perch."  
 His mother was pretty quick to get out there with the owl food after that.  
 "That owl lived in the yard and flew around the property. It didn't know how to hunt. Didn't need to, since we fed it. Overtime it caught a small snake about a foot long and brought it to its perch by the kitchen window. Tex was real proud of

it and showed it off. He carried it around for a day or two before it actually ate it."  
 Ron milked cows in those days and would walk up to the barn early in the morning. He didn't carry a flashlight, since he knew the trail by heart. "I was walking up that trail one morning way before daylight and the owl flew up behind me and got directly over my head. I didn't have any idea it was there. Owls are totally silent on the wing. Then it came out with a piercing, loud call that really scared me. I threw my hands up in the air and the milk bucket went flying off and I reached up, touched some owl feathers and then felt something land on top of my straw hat. I put my hand up there and it was a cold, wet piece of liver. It was the owl's food from the night before. He hadn't eaten it. I guess owls have a sense of humor."  
 Tex didn't have anything to do with strangers when somebody would come, he would leave. But he had a fetish for steering wheels. "One day we had a plumber who did some work, then went to his pickup to leave. He came running back to the house telling us there was an owl sitting on his steering wheel. We told Tex to get off and he did."  
 When Ron's wife started coming around, Tex didn't take to her at first. "He swooped down at her a couple of times. Tex got in her face once, then she whacked him with her hat and it didn't bother her any more after that."  
 Tex stayed around the George house for ten years.

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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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| <b>ACROSS</b>  | (abbr)                                     | 24 Nutation  |
| 1 Elegant and stylish                                  | 47 Make turbid by stirring up sediments    | 25 Cut short   |
| 5 Pushchairs   | 49 Doily (archaic spelling)                | 27 Deserves  |
| 10 Thin wedge  | 50 Of long duration                        | 28 Sweetsops   |
| 14 Mustelidae mamma genus                              | 51 Gnostic divine power                    | 29 Boldness  |
| 15 _____ tear has to fall, but it's all in the game    | 52 Tyrannizes                              | 30 Glazed yeast-raised doughnut-shaped roll                |
| 16 Maltese monetary unit                               | 57 A stupid fool                           | 31 Aggregate   |
| 17 Honk a horn   | 61 Larger-than-life                        | 32 Fray or gall  |
| 18 Entangle  | 62 A one-piece garment for a woman         | 33 Social gathering  |
| 19 At or from or to a great distance                   | 64 Norse deity                             | 35 Art of mounting the skins of animals                    |
| 20 Former soviet nation                                | 65 Card game                               | 37 Of or relating to or situated in the larynx             |
| 21 Carnation   | 66 Spread or diffuse through               | 40 Point where an orbit crosses a plane (astronomy)        |
| 23 1/36 of a yard                                      | 67 Voluntary contributions to aid the poor | 43 Golfclub with a relatively narrow metal head            |
| 26 Early form of modern jazz                           | 68 At a specific prior time                | 45 Any thick messy substance                               |
| 27 Resentment  | 69 Tupelo tree                             | 48 Any unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon                   |
| 30 Hit hard  | 70 Thong                                   | 51 Fungal reproductive structure                           |
| 31 Internet communication protocol                     |  | 52 Quick and skillful in movement                          |
| 34 In story form                                       | <b>DOWN</b>                                | 53 Moonfish  |
| 36 Honolulu hello                                      | 1 Phillipine seaport                       | 54 Morass  |
| 38 Commonly the lowest molding at the base of a column | 2 Hurries                                  | 55 Image   |
| 39 A person who does not acknowledge your God          | 3 Angers                                   | 56 Rips off  |
| 41 Essential oil or perfume obtained from flowers      | 4 A lively type of musical composition     | 58 Strip from a leaf of the talipot palm                   |
| 42 A brief stanza concluding certain forms of poetry   | 5 Premenstrual syndrome                    | 59 Cave-dwelling salamanders with permanent external gills |
| 44 Animal tissue used as a temporary graft             | 6 Livestock range                          | 60 Aquatic vertebrate                                      |
| 46 South southeast                                     | 7 Of or related to the anus                | 63 Large brownish-green New Zealand parrot                 |
|  | 8 Cherry plum                              |  |
|  | 9 Fusillades                               |  |
|  | 10 Strike with an open hand                |  |
|  | 11 Sound system                            |  |
|  | 12 Persia nowadays                         |  |
|  | 13 The basic unit of money in Germany      |  |
|  | 22 Ancient Hebrew unit of dry measure      |  |

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# OBITUARIES

## Herman C. Walker

SAN ANGELO — Herman C. Walker, 88, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed from this life on Feb. 9, 2002, at Baptist Memorials Center.

He was born to R.O. and Eula Walker on Oct. 4, 1913, in Beaver County, Okla. He married Janet Phillips on Jan. 7, 1934, in San Angelo, Texas and they had three children, Janna Sue, Phillip and Herman.

They ranched throughout West Texas and he was ranch manager for T Half Circle Ranch of Sonora for 25 years. He was awarded honorary director for life of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janet; daughter Janna Sue

Lambert; and brothers, Glenn, Lloyd and George.

He is survived by sons, Phillip and wife, Marilyn, of San Angelo and Herman and wife, Deanne, of Eldorado; son-in-law, Roger Lambert of Jonesboro, Ark.; grandchildren, Michelle Fairchild of Ingram, Trey Walker of Midland, Susan Matthews of Dallas and Jim Walker of San Angelo; great-grandchildren, Braden and Austin Fairchild and Kaitlyn Walker; sister, Lois Wilmoth of San Angelo; a sister-in-law, Relda Walker of Midland; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Graveside service was Tuesday, Feb. 12, in Fairmount Cemetery with the Rev. Kenneth Patrick officiating.

## Robert Sproul, Jr.

SPRINGFIELD, VA — Robert Sproul, Jr. 77, died Sunday, February 3, 2002 at Fairfax Hospital in Springfield, VA.

A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, February 6, at St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Springfield.

Robert was a pilot in W.W. II in the US Army Air Force. He served in the 10th Rescue Squadron in Alaska and since that time

has lived in the Washington D.C. area.

Robert is survived by his wife Joan H. Sproul; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Blanche Sproul; a daughter and son-in-law, M. Clair and Robert McDonald; three sisters, Bette Allen, Jean Hunnicutt and Mary Clemmer; a brother, C.R. Sproul of Eldorado; and two grandchildren, Ming and Grace.

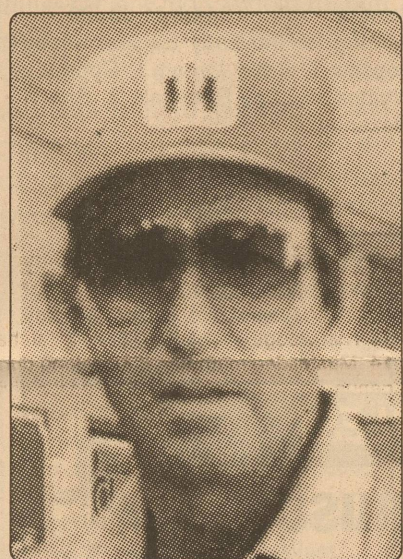
## Douglas Dale Franklin

Douglas Dale Franklin, 65, of Eldorado died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, in a San Angelo hospital.

Douglas was born on Jan. 26, 1936, to Douglas Durden and Adelein Mays Craig Franklin in Ranger, Texas.

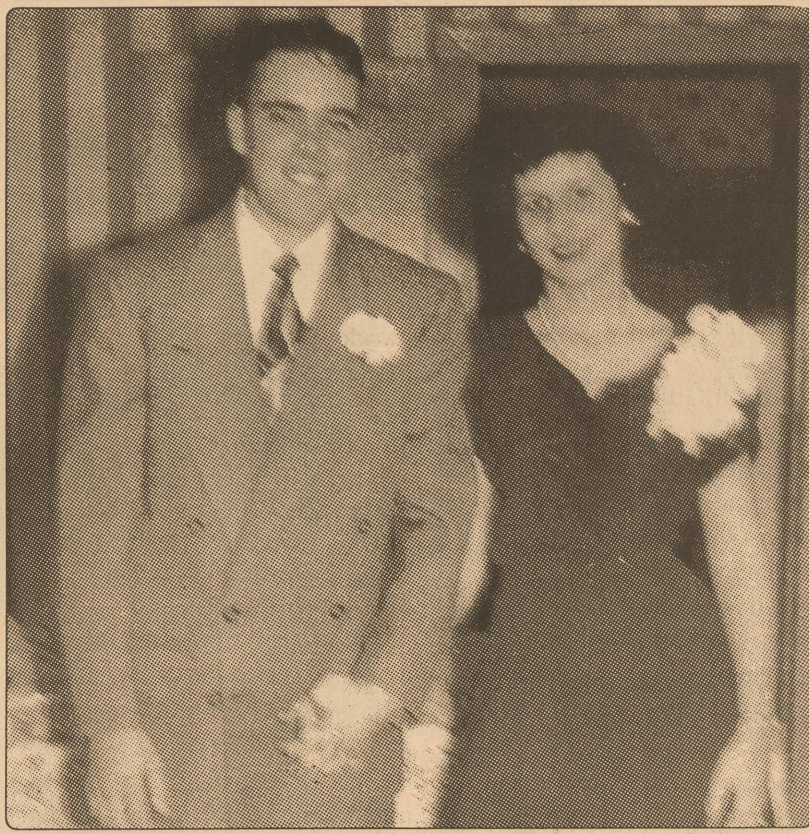
He was a long-time resident of Eldorado and worked for many years in the oil field as a pumper.

Survivors include his wife, Grace; son, Joe Dale Franklin of Boerne; daughters, Wendy Burkett and Caryl Simmons, both of San Angelo; mother, Adelein Franklin of Eastland; sister, Barbara Hill of Eastland; and six grandchildren, Misty Marsh, Victoria Norman, Carrie Burkett, Jarrod Simmons, Jessica Simmons and John Simmons.



Courtesy Photo  
Douglas Dale Franklin

A memorial service is planned here for Sunday, February 17, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church of Eldorado.



Jim & Jerre Holley

Courtesy Photo

## Holleys mark 50th Anniversary

James Ray and Jerre Holley will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this Sunday February 17, 2002 with Family and friends.

Jay Ray Holley and Geraldine (Jerre) Turley both from Bluffdale Texas, were high school sweet hearts while attending Stephenville High. They were married February 9, 1952.

The couple have three children Caroline June, James Mack and Jay Ray. They moved to Eldorado in 1959.

Jim is manager for Ed Myer Ranch and the Thompson Circle-T Ranch. He also caters and is a camp cook. Jerre business woman and homemaker is active in the First United Methodist Church and various organizations in town including Womens Club, Moms in Touch, Soup Kitchen and Martha's Angels.

The Holleys are blessed with seven grandchildren; Holley Kim Martin, William Cody Whitten, Tara Nicole Holley, James Mack

Holley II, Jason Ray Holley, Mikinzie Rae Holley and Maxie Garland Holley. Three great grandchildren; Hudson James Martin, Wiley Ray Martin and Josalin Kodie Whitten. A son-in-law William Wiley Whitten (Buff). Two daughters-in-laws Karen and Julie

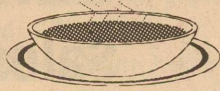
## Torres/Huizar are engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Torres are pleased to announce the engagement and upcoming marriage of their daughter Jennifer Torres to Kenneth Wayne Huizar, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Huizar of San Antonio. An April 13th wedding is planned.

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## Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, February 18**  
Closed For President's Day
- Tuesday, February 19**  
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Tossed Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, February 20**  
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing
- Thursday, February 21**  
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
- Friday, February 22**  
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

## Winners named in Couples Valentine's Golf Tournament

The Couples Valentine's Tournament was held Saturday, February 9th at the Eldorado Golf Course.

We had teams from Menard, Sonora, Spring, Robert Lee, and San Angelo attended.

Results:  
Championship Flight;

1st Place Score 53 - Gidget Tate and Steve Alexander

2nd. Place Score 64 - Branda and Tom Gray

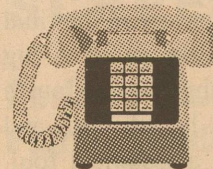
3rd. Place Score 67 - Cindy McGinnes and Steve Snelson Presidents Flight;

1st. Place Score 69 - Sandra and Michael Jett  
2nd. Place Score 69 - Su and George Scott

3rd. Place Score 70 - Chris and Chris McCravey

Our next tournament will be a Two Man Select Shot on March 30-31. For information call Tom Gray at 853-2484.

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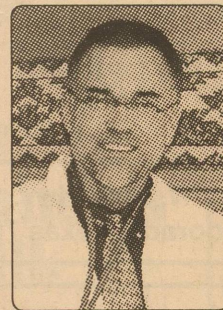
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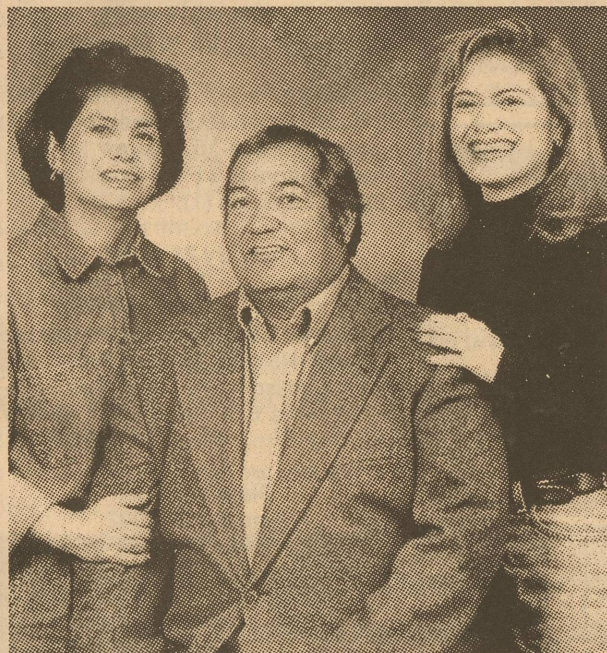
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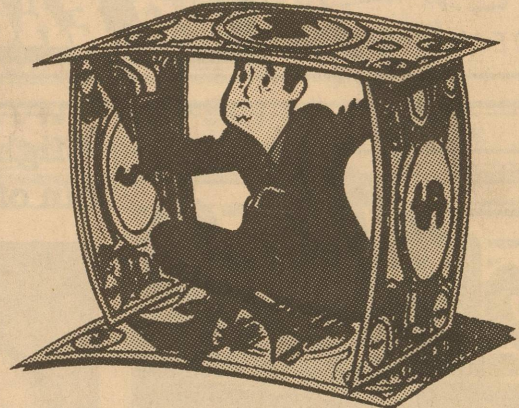
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# Eagles boys undefeated in second half of district season

## Warbirds will face either Ozona or Tornillo in opening round of the playoffs

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles completed the second half of district play undefeated after beating Grape Creek and Mason this past week. EHS completes the regular season with 20 wins and 12 losses over the year and 8 and 2 in loop play. The Eagles have won 7 in a row. Eldorado is the runner-up in District 2-2A and will be waiting until tonight for their Bi-District opponent.

The Eagles hosted Grape Creek last Friday night at Eagle Gym to decide which team would be in sole possession of second place in the district race. Grape Creek probably wishes that the game had ended at the end of the first quarter, as it was the only time they had a lead in the ball game.

Grape Creek came out early, and did something few teams had done in the last several weeks, pen-

trate the Eagle press. The quarter ended with Grape Creek leading 18-17. The second quarter, however, looked like the Eagles of old as they forced several GC turnovers resulting in easy buckets. Eldorado took a 12-point lead into the half after outscoring GC 22-9 in the second.

The third quarter saw GC close to within 6 points of the Eagles at one point. Then Eldorado found the basket and was up 46-36 going into the final 8 minutes. With GC still in striking distance the Eagles put them away in the final four minutes of the game. A big momentum change in the fourth came when GC had the ball and their coach got a technical foul. EHS got the free throws and the ball, and Grape Creek never got back in the game.

Offensively, Ramon Barajas led all Eagles with 24 points,

Johnny Herrera had 13, Tony Fay had 11, Thomas Ballew and Benji Gonzalez had 10, and Wesley Jones had 3.

Coach Gillespie said after the game, "This was a great win. We let them back in the game in the third, and then stepped things up and got the big win. Ramon had a tremendous game."

Eldorado then traveled to Mason on Tuesday and faced the winless Punchers for their final regular season game.

Eldorado set the tone of the game in the first quarter as the Eagles scored 27 points. EHS went 8 of 12 from the free throw line and made three 3-pointers. EHS led after the first eight minutes 27-8. Mason cut the lead by 4 in the second with EHS leading 40-25 at the half.

The Eagles finished the game by scoring 19 in the third and 12 in the fourth for the 71-59 win.

Offensively 9 Eagles scored.

Barajas led all Eagles with 13, Fay and Jones had 11, Jimmy Joe Rodriguez and Herrera had 8, Phillip Martinez had 7, Ballew and B. Gonzalez had 6, and Quisto Gonzalez had 1.

Coach Gillespie said after the game, "This was truly a team effort. We had an excellent first quarter and was able to put them away for the win."

In Bi-District, the Eagles will play the loser of the Ozona vs Tornillo game in Alpine. The tentative plans for sites are: if Ozona - Junell Center in San Angelo at 8 p.m. next Tuesday; if Tornillo - Alpine at 7 p.m. CST (6 p.m. MST) next Monday evening. Details will be posted on MyEldorado.net as soon as they become available.

A practice game against Christoval has been slated for Friday night 6 p.m. at the Junell Center in San Angelo. It will be the first game of a double-header in which the 2nd game (8:00) will be Wall boys v. Abilene Wylie Boys.

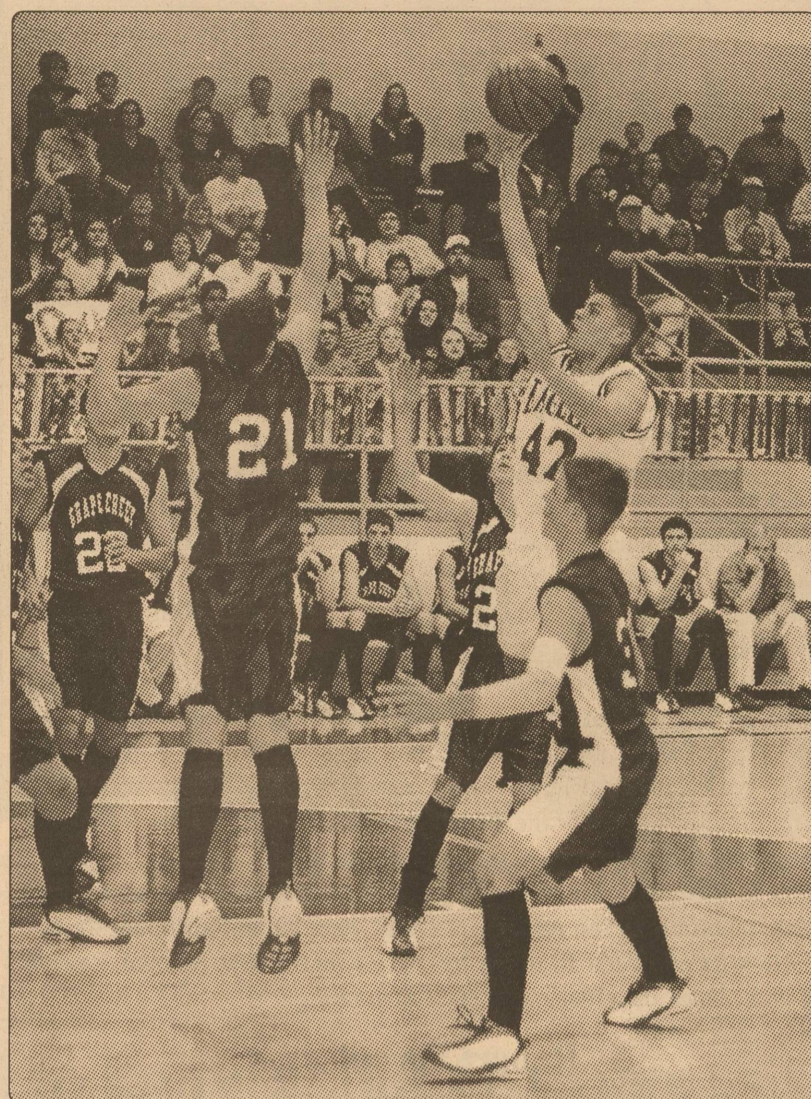


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**Pull up jump shot** — This shot by Benji Gonzalez found nothing but net as the Eldorado Eagles defeated the Grape Creek Eagles in District 2-2A action here last Friday night.

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**Tuesday, February 19**  
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**Wednesday, February 20**  
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**Thursday, February 21**  
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**Tuesday, February 19**  
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**Wednesday, February 20**  
Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Sticks

**Thursday, February 21**  
Donut, Cheese Sticks

**Friday, February 22**  
Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, February 18**  
Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato, Spice Cake w/ Icing

**Tuesday, February 19**  
Chili Crispitos w/ Cheese Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches, Strawberry Jello w/ Topping

**Wednesday, February 20**  
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Lettuce & Tomato, Orange Wedge

**Thursday, February 21**  
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January 15, 2002

Eldorado 02-09-09-06=26  
Junction 02-10-02-04=18

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 8, Betsy Green 2, Courtney Whitten 6, Lindsey Schwiening, Jessica Robertson 5, Lacy Ragsdale 3.

January 18, 2002

Eldorado 04-12-00-07=23  
Sonora 04-08-11-03=26

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 7, Betsy Green 1, Courtney Whitten 6, Lacy Ragsdale 8, Sheryl Alexander 1.

January 25, 2002

Eldorado 05-08-04-10=27  
Mason 02-09-07-06=24

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 14, Betsy Green 2, Heather Homer 4, Jessica Robertson 2, Lacy Ragsdale 4, Sheryl Alexander 1.

## HOOP SCORES

### 7th GRADE BOYS

**Mason Tournament**  
January 19, 2002

Eldorado 00-05-00-12=17  
Mason 05-16-14-03=38

Scoring for the Eagles: Neal Higgins 2, Russell Cathey 7, Logan Jones 4, Cash Lane 4.

**Mason Tournament**  
January 19, 2002

Eldorado 05-00-01-04=10  
Llano 23-04-08-10=45

Scoring for the Eagles: Neal Higgins 1, Russell Cathey 4, Richmond Adame 3, Cash Lane 2.

**District Game**  
January 21, 2002

Eldorado 08-02-04-06=20  
Wall 10-13-09-04=36

Scoring for Eagles: Russel Cathey 6, Logan Jones 2, Richmond Adame 2, Drew Bosmans 8, Cash Lane 2.

**District Game**  
January 28, 2002

Eldorado 10-08-03-06=27  
Grape Creek 04-10-05-12=31

Scoring for Eagles: Neal Higgins 6, Russell Cathey 10, Able Montalvo 7, Drew Bosmans 2, Cash Lane 2.

**District Game**  
February 4, 2002

Eldorado 02-05-05-08=20  
Sonora 18-05-06-12=41

Scoring for Eagles: Russell Cathey 8, Abel Montalvo 4, Drew Bosmans 8.

### 8th GRADE BOYS

**Mason Tournament**  
January 19, 2002

Eldorado 06-05-04-08=24  
Llano 17-17-03-09=50

Scoring for Eagles: Nestor Hernandez 2, Caleb Nixon 2, Michael Ballew 5, Frank Edmiston 6, Andrew Mejia 6, Michael Hill 2.

**Mason Tournament**  
January 019, 2002

Eldorado 08-10-05-11=34  
Mason 10-11-04-10=35

Scoring for Eagles: Nestor Hernandez 5, Caleb Nixon 2, Michael Ballew 6, Frank Edmiston 15, Andrew Mejia 4, Diego Barrera 2. 3 Point Goals: Ballew (2) and Edmiston (1).

January 21, 2002

Eldorado 04-03-02-13=22  
Wall 10-09-11-06=35

Scoring for Eagles: Nestor Hernandez 1, Caleb Nixon 3, Michael Ballew 10, Frank Edmiston 2, Andrew Mejia 2, Diego Barrera 6. 3 Point Goals: Ballew (1).

**District Game**  
January 28, 2002

Eldorado 00-09-11-09-03=32  
Grape Creek 17-17-03-09-02=31

The Eldorado Eagles defeated Grape Creek 32 to 31 in overtime. The winning shot was done by Nestor Hernandez, but he missed and luckily Kyle Taylor was there to get the rebound and put it back in. The Eagles had a hard time scoring the first half, but they managed to pull out with a win. Michael Ballew had 10 points, Frank Edmiston 7, Andrew Mejia 2, Kyle Taylor 4 and Frank Wipff had 9. by Coach Dave Lewis

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## Local scholars compete in Speech and Academic Practice Meet in Sonora

Sonora High School sponsored its annual Speech/Academic practice meet on Saturday, February 9th. Eldorado High School participated, along with thirty other schools from in Class 1A —5A divisions.

The EHS Calculator team consisting of Mayci Schwiening, Dest Sudduth and Josh Trejo placed 2nd overall with a score of 457 points. Senior Dest Sudduth medaled, scoring 2nd overall in the individual score. Sophomore Josh Trejo also received a 2nd place medal in the 10th grade division.

In the tenth grade division in Mathematics: Travis Joiner received a 2nd place medal and Josh Trejo placed 6th. In Number Sense

Trejo placed 1st and Joiner placed 6th.

The science team placed 2nd overall at the Sonora meet, losing to the team from Crane High School by a mere 18 points.

Individual medalists included: 10th grade - Travis Joiner, 1st place medalist, Mayci Schwiening placed 6th; 11th grade - Lori Loomis, 3rd place medalist; 12th grade - Tana Williams, 3rd place medal-

ist, Dest Sudduth placed 4th.

Brittany Key and Leigh Ann Neal competed in Accounting; Maria Hernandez in Ready Writing and Laurie Almazan and Emily Newman competed in Spelling and Lori Loomis competed in Prose.

Sponsors attending the Sonora meet included Tom Gray, Robert Jay, Amy Rutherford, Linda Thomas, Marilyn Whitten and Teresa Vasquez.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

**Take up your cross** — Shawn Rice passed through Eldorado last week, carrying a 10-foot tall cross and greeting passing motorists with a smile and a wave. He passed out Christian tracts to everyone who would stop and visit.

## Rice takes up his cross to follow Jesus

by Kathy Mankin

Shawn Rice has decided to take up his cross and follow Jesus, literally. Rice passed through Eldorado last week on his way from El Paso to Brady. Resting on his shoulder was a 10-foot tall cross. A small wheel at the base of the cross was Rice's only concession to modern technology.

Rice, an unemployed boiler-maker from the shipyards along the Oregon coast, makes his home nowadays at the Good Shepherd Campground in Utopia, Texas. At least, that's where Rice calls home when he's not trudging across Texas with his cross. He was happy to pause for a few moments to visit

but urged me to write a story that placed more emphasis on Jesus and less on him.

"Reporters always want to focus on me," Rice said. "This is not about me. It's about Jesus."

Rice said that he first began carrying the cross four years ago. But things became more serious for him after the Sept. 11 attack on the World Trade Center. That's when Rice said the Lord spoke to him and challenged him to be just as fanatical in serving God as the terrorists were in serving their gods.

While passing through Eldorado,

Rice took time to crisscross town, along U.S. 277 and U.S. 190. His goal: "To make people think about Jesus."

Christian tracts that he hands out to people he meets don't bear the name of any church or denomination. Instead, they offer the Christian plan of salvation.

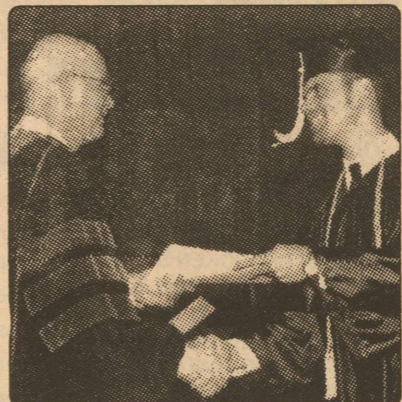
As we spoke, Rice punctuated the conversation with a big smile and a wave, each time a vehicle passed by.

Rice was quick to explain that he doesn't work alone. He said that a team of two or three people take turns carrying the cross while the others follow nearby in a truck. Three other such teams also carry on the work in other parts of the state. Rice said that his son carries a cross on one of those teams.

"So far, the Lord has kept the gas tanks full and has provided for our needs," Rice said.

As he picked up his cross and walked away, Rice paused only to smile and wave at the next passing car.

"Remember, it's not about me," Rice yelled back. "It's all about Jesus!"



Courtesy Photo

**B.A. degree** — Kirk Curtis accepted his diploma recently as he graduated from Angelo State University.

## Kirk Curtis graduates ASU

Kirk Allen Curtis recently graduated cum laude from Angelo State University. Curtis earned his Bachelor of Arts in Communications on Friday, December 14, 2001. He is currently employed by the Public Safety Communications Department of the City of San Angelo.

Curtis is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School and is the son of Danny and Janet Curtis. He is planning to move to New York where he hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Theatrical Public Relations.

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## Commissioner's Court meets

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for bids for a new 2002 half-ton super cab pickup truck or a new 2002 half-ton crew cab pickup truck for use by the Sheriff's Department. A minimum of a 5.3 liter engine was also called for in the bids. It was noted that Sheriff Doran's goal is to have a fleet of two pickups and three cars.

A letter from State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander was then read. Rylander informed the court that Schleicher County had received an overpayment of \$8,234.20 in sales tax rebates. The men agreed to accept a play by which the money would be repaid to the state over a six-month period.

Before adjourning, the commissioners voted to have Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative install a new electric meter at the Sheriff's Department's shooting range, located adjacent to the Eldorado Cemetery. Installation costs were reported to be \$289.74 with \$26.33 monthly estimated for electrical usage and meter rental. It was further explained that the electrical service at the Sheriff's Field Operations Unit on FM 915 has been disconnected since that building is being vacated. The commissioners also learned that the U.S. Justice Department had okayed the county's redistricting plan. The meeting ended with several county officials looking over a map of the new commissioner's precincts.

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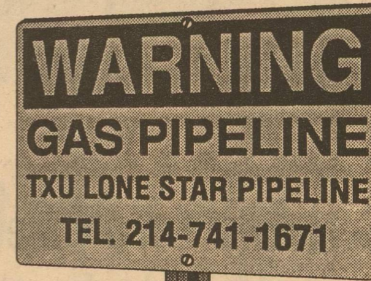
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## School board meeting held

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reviewing contracts of administrators and program directors. When the group returned to open session Superintendent George Blanch recommended renewing the contracts of Principals Ken Newman, Julie Griffin and Bob Wanoreck, Finance Director Loretta Edmiston, Athletic Director Karl McCormack and Band Director Gina Muela for one year. All trustees except voted in favor of the measure except Berta Nicholson who because she had been called out of the executive session briefly.

Supt. Blanch recommended continued use of the district's two Eagle buses, especially during cooler weather. He urged the board to consider purchasing new activity buses in the future in order to replace the Eagle buses. It was explained that the school district has invested a total of \$83,000 in the two buses, which currently suffer from air conditioner problems. At that point trustee Eddie Albin spoke up, acknowledging the need allocate funds in the future for the replacement of the buses.

The board then reviewed updated legal policies that reflect recent legislative action as well as rules adopted by the State Board of Education and the Commissioner of Education. Also presented were local policies found in TASB localized

policy manual "Update 67." One piece of legislation pointed out by Supt. Blanch was House Bill 1449 which prohibits school district from entering into tax abatement agreements. He also noted that new guidelines will require all teachers to receive training related to working with students with disabilities. The replacement of the TAAS (Texas Assessment of Academic Skills) test with the TAKS (Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills) test was then discussed as was the elimination of the 10th grade exit-level exam in favor of a broader-based 11th grade exam.

It was noted that, beginning with the 2004-2005 school year, students entering the 9th grade must complete the recommended or advanced high school program. Also, trustees learned that, under the newly enacted Senate Bill 108, the earliest possible starting week for the school year can not fall prior to the week that includes August 21, unless the school district receives a waiver. Blanch also noted that Senate Bill 233 makes parents liable for property damage caused by the willful and malicious conduct of a child who is at least 10 years of age.

School enrollment as of February 12 was reported at 632. Supt. Blanch noted a steady decline in student enrollment during the last 10 years. In 1991 enrollment stood at 767 while at the end of October, 2001 the enrollment was 616. Blanch said that fluctuations in student population is main the reason the district will have to repay \$107,000 in district funds to the Texas Education Agency for an overpayment the district received in previous years. At one point the repayment had been projected to be as high as \$448,000.00.

## Baylee Griffin gives books to Public Library

Schleicher County Public Library received two new books, a gift from Baylee Griffin on her Birthday. "Click, Clack, Moo Cows That Type" by Doreen Cronin and illustrated by Betsy Lewin is a Caldecott Award Book for 2002. The other book is "Clarice Bean That's Me" by Lauren Child. Both books are for Pre school age children to 2nd grade.

Baylee hopes her friends will love these books as she does when she visits the library. Baylee is the daughter of Debbie & Red Griffin.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

2002 Players in Progress-Front (L-R) Bailey Espinosa, Cameron Capps, Michael Billbey, McKenzie McAngus, Conley Niblett, Jackson O'Harrow; Middle (L-R) Austin Barajas, Brian Parsley, Carl McAngus, Brianda Torres, Marylou Martinez Miranda Arispe, Brianah Creek, Shasha Rodriguez; Back (L-R) Lane Griffin, Jonathan Espinosa, LiAna Danford, Kirsten Stubbs, Lynley Glass, Meg Griffin, Ashley Paulson, Dylan Dombroski, Anthony Mata, Mason Baker, Jamie O'Harrow.

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## What you need to know about Osteoporosis

Osteoporosis, a disease that gradually weakens bones until they become fragile and more likely to break; it is a silent but severely debilitating disease. It can lead to pain, height loss, "humped" back, disability and dependence. Calcium and exercise can help prevent osteoporosis. However, many women who take calcium still suffer from osteoporosis unknowingly-until a broken bone brings the disease to light. After years of steady bone loss, a minor pull or even an ordinary step off a curb can lead to a broken wrist, ankle, or worse, a hip. Women who survived a broken hip often become permanently disabled.

Menopause is the single most important cause of osteoporosis. Unfortunately, hormonal changes and their effects on the body cannot be stopped, and can only be poorly controlled in many women. Bone loss after menopause becomes more advanced with time. That is why early diagnosis is so important. Steps can then be taken to limit bone loss, and hopefully start rebuilding the bone already lost.

Besides menopause, which occurs either naturally or by surgical removal of the uterus and/or ovaries, some other factors that may add to the risk of osteoporosis include family history of osteoporosis; Caucasian or Asian descent; thin or small build; use of certain medications such as steroids and thyroid hormones; smoking; alcohol consumption; too little exercise; too little calcium; history of rheumatoid arthritis; over 45 years of age; and history of previous fracture of the hip, rib or wrist.

If you have one or more of the risk factors listed, you may want to

have bone-density screening to check for osteoporosis. Several methods for screening are available, and all are fairly accurate at indicating the level of bone loss. Screening is painless. Usually an extremity such as the heel is tested using either x-ray or ultrasound. The results will tell your doctor if you are already experiencing bone loss and steps can then be taken to help improve your health. Prevention of osteoporosis is easy and less expensive than treating the results of the disease. Talk with your doctor about your options. Here in Eldorado, Forlano Chiropractic is now offering bone-density screening. A fast, simple, and painless test, it will help indicate whether further testing and/or treatment is needed for your individual case. This test uses ultrasound on the heel of your foot. The test takes about ten seconds, is totally non-invasive and painless.

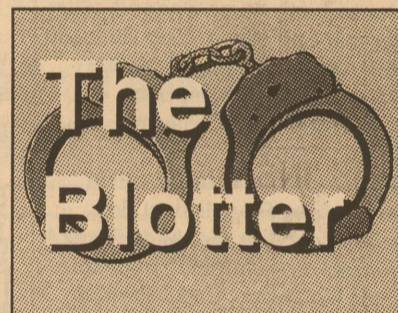
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## Farm Service Agency conservation funding

The ranking period for the 2002 Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) is scheduled to end March 29, 2002. Although applications can be made at any time, they must be filed by March 29th to be considered during this ranking period.

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For more information regarding EQIP, contact the Schleicher County Service Center at 915853-3535 or visit FSA on the World Wide Web at: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov>.



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

**February 8** • Dean, Monica, female age 26, arrested by SC Officer, charge Making Alcohol Available To Minors. Released on \$200 Surety Bond.

**February 9** • Chappell, John Philly, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended/Failure To Maintain Financial Responsibility. Served 2 days in jail and paid \$346.00 in fines.

Trujillo, Francisco E. male age 49, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

**February 10** • Santos, Irma Darlene, female age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense).

Muniz, Raquel, female age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

**February 12** • Melton, Michael Cecil, male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, charge No Driver's License.

### REPORTS

**February 5** • 11:50 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office reported a theft at a store in Sonora. Suspects were headed towards Eldorado in a green and white extended cab truck. Officers responded.

**February 7** • 11:32 p.m. Complainant reported that someone in a white car with tinted windows was throwing beer bottles at cars. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 11:36 p.m. Complainant reported that their neighbors dogs were barking. Officer responded to neigh-

borhood. • 11:39 p.m. Complainant at apartments reported neighbors being too loud. Officer responded.

**February 9** • 8:20 a.m. Complainant requested an officer to speak to a neighbor about running over a sewer line.

• 8:44 a.m. Home alarm activated. Dispatcher contacted resident by phone to check on subject's welfare and found everything OK. Security company notified.

• 11:45 a.m. Complainant reported to Sheriff Office that they had received a phone call at 1:30 p.m. on Feb. 8. A male subject asked the complainant for the numbers off his check. Complainant would not give the numbers and the subject calling became very rude. Subject spoke with a Northern accent. Complainant would like others in Schleicher County to be on the alert for phone calls like this one.

• 8:39 p.m. Female subject reported that boyfriend was drunk and was being verbally abusive. Officer responded.

• 10:15 p.m. Complainant reported people were playing loud music and being noisy. Officer responded was unable to locate subjects.

**February 10** • 5:28 a.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 6:19 p.m. Subject reported a cow loose on Rabbit Road. Officer responded.

• 6:42 p.m. Complainant at nursing home reported seeing smoke coming from vents and could smell something. Officer responded.

• 7:22 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle accident 3 miles East on Hwy. 190. Estimated damage to fence \$800-\$1,000.

Subject reported that another car had run into their daughter's car at a convenience store. Officer responded.

• 7:34 p.m. Subject wanted to know if anyone turned in a Prince tennis racket with an orange wrap.

• 10:59 p.m. Subject stated that her boyfriend had left with her daughter while she was in San Angelo, and she was unable to locate them.

**January 12** • 4:00 p.m. Convenience store requested a Criminal Trespass Notification.

• 6:43 p.m. Officer reported a window broken at the swimming pool.

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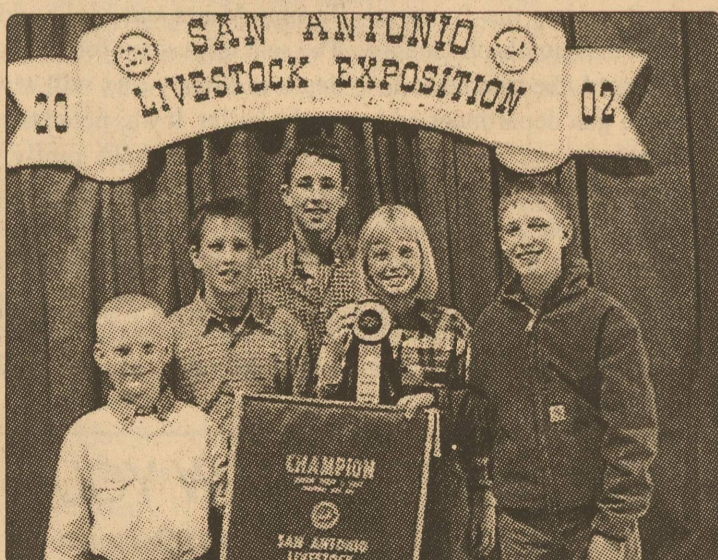


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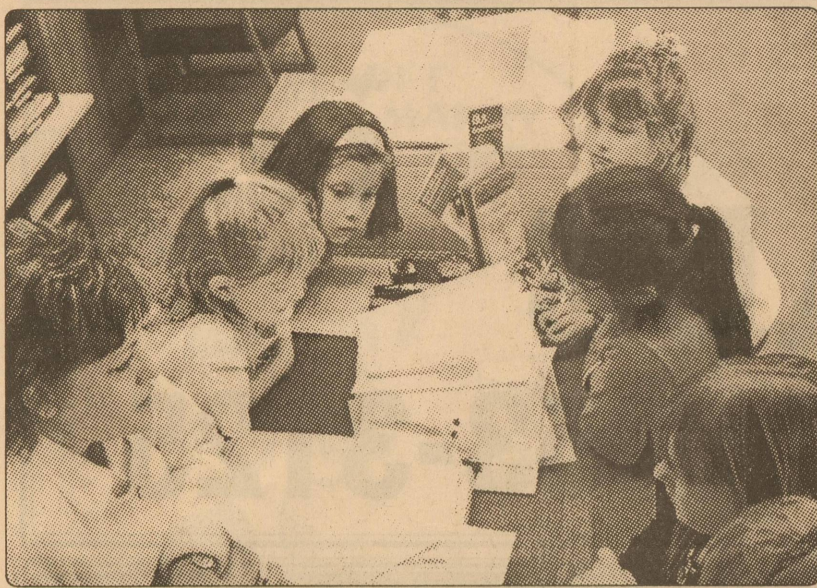


This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Marty Powell, Briley, Bryce Leggett, Haley Higgins and Neal Higgins. When the Spotlight Camera caught up with the group they were posing with some of the banners and ribbons they had won at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition.

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Scouting is fun — Kim-et Nelson took time last Friday to visit with a group of Eldorado Girl Scouts. The young scouts were touring 1st Community Federal Credit Union where they learned about managing money along with things like savings accounts.

Photo by Kathy Mankin

## New sheep and goat scrapie regulations take effect April 1

by Steve Byrns  
Communications Specialist  
Texas A&M Extension Service

Sheep and goat industry folks owning one head or thousands, need to remember that on April 1, 2002, all sheep and goats must be in compliance with the new USDA state and federal scrapie management regulations.

"These new regulations require sheep and goats to be wearing a premise identification ear tag before they are removed from your premises," said Dr. Frank Craddock, Texas Cooperative Extension state sheep and goat specialist here. "It makes no difference if that premise is a ranch or someone's back yard, if the animals fall within the required regulation guidelines, they must be tagged."

Craddock described the five sheep and goat classes that require tagging as follows: (1.) All sheep 18 months of age or older, (2.) All breeding sheep regardless of age, (3.) Sexually intact show or exhibition sheep and goats, (4.) All goats 18 months of age or older that are or have been commingled

with sheep, (5.) All breeding goats that are or have been commingled with sheep.

Whether from either species and commercial goats that have never had contact with sheep are the only two exemptions to the tagging rule.

"To be absolutely safe and to cut down on confusion, my recommendation is to tag all female sheep and goats regardless of age and all intact males over 18 months-old when they leave your place," said Craddock. "After April 1, if you take animals to an auction without tags, the auction will tag them with their premises tags - for a fee."

Craddock added that sales transactions must be kept and recorded for fine years. This can be as easy as writing the date of sale, the premise number and the sold animals' individual numbers on the side of the tag box. The premise number should also appear on all sales documents including auction check-in slips, vouchers, canceled checks and bills-of-sale.

The ear tags will carry the own-

er's premise number on one side along with a sequential number on the reverse side that owners may use for maintaining individual animal records.

"To get your premise identification number and order your free ear-tags, call toll-free 1-866-873-2824," said Craddock. "White metal or white plastic tags along with a free pair of tag-pliers will be provided at no cost to the producer. It is important to remember that turnaround time on tag orders is slow, from four to eight weeks, so to meet the April 1 deadline place your order as soon as possible."

"It is very important to realize that these new regulations have been put in place for the benefit of the U.S. sheep and goat producer. Industry leaders have been wholeheartedly behind this effort from the outset. We want to wipe this disease out of the U.S. With a scrapie-free designation, our producers can freely sell breeding stock on the world market with minimal restrictions as Australia and New Zealand now do."

Information from the Texas

Animal Health Commission, the USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Veterinary Services from Texas, explain scrapie as a fatal degenerative brain disease affecting sheep and goats. It was accidentally introduced into the U.S. in 1947. Lambs and kids are most susceptible to the disease. The malady develops slowly and infected animals usually don't show symptoms until they are at least 18 month-old. Symptoms include weight loss, tremors, coordination loss, swaying and wool pulling.

Past eradication efforts haven't been successful. The new premise identification system will allow diseased animals to be traced back to their point of origin. Knowing the origination point is a key element in the successful eradication of the disease.

Officials predict the program will help eliminate scrapie from the U.S. by 2010.

For further information contact these two web sites: [www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie](http://www.animalagriculture.org/scrapie) or [www.tahe.state.tx.us](http://www.tahe.state.tx.us)

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## City Council awards bids on repairs at wastewater plant

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want one."

Evans said that some towns along the route, including Sonora, Big Spring and Lamesa, have already petitioned for funding for a studies about potential bypasses, or reliever routes. He predicted that traffic will continue to increase in Eldorado during the coming years. "The traffic will dictate your need for a reliever route," Evans said. "If the traffic continues to increase, you'll want one."

Among other business, the council met with the city's engineer, Steve Dennis, representing the firm of Gutierrez, Wilmut and Smouse, concerning an upcoming improvement project at the wastewater treatment plant. The group then opened sealed bids for various components of that project. In all, three bids were received, one

for each of the components. Therma Fab, Inc. of Lexington, S.C., bid \$8,200.00 for a fabric curtain that will be installed between the shallow end and the deep end of the facultative lagoon, the sewer plant's first holding pond.

Next, Airmaster Aerator, L.L.C., of Deridder LA. bid \$14,674.00 for an aerator pump to install in the shallow end of the lagoon. Then, La Fer & Associates, Inc. of Dallas bid \$1,950.00 for baffle plates to be installed on the discharge boxes between the various ponds at the wastewater plant. The council voted unanimously to accept each of the bids as they were received.

Discussion then turned to a proposal by Broadwing Communication to run a fiber-optic cable through the southern portion of town. The route the company is proposing will cross only about 2,800 feet of the city's streets. It was noted that Broadwing is currently negotiating with the City of Mason for a similar route through their town. One notable difference between the route through Mason and the one proposed through Eldorado involves natural gas distribution lines. The City of Eldorado owns and operates a gas system while the City of Mason does not.

That fact clearly troubles City Administrator Randy Mankin. "Frankly, I'm a lot more concerned about the gas lines than I am about

the water," Mankin told the council. "If they break a water line, we lose a little water and some people get wet repairing it. But, if they break a gas line, well that could be a very different matter."

Mankin went on to note that on several occasions in the past, contractors working in town have caused havoc by cutting through the city's underground utilities. In the end the council authorized Mankin to review any deal that Broadwing reaches with the City of Mason and to attempt to negotiate a contract with Broadwing that protects the city's interests.

Another subject that took considerable time was the topic of animal control. The problem being at this point, is that there isn't any. Mankin explained that while the City does have an animal control officer, there currently isn't any place to impound animals. He noted that work is underway to construct an animal shelter near the wastewater treatment plant. However, work is often delayed when city crews are assigned to more pressing projects.

Also discussed was a draft version of a new animal control ordinance. After a lengthy discussion of the matter in which Mayor Nikolauk proposed some changes to the draft ordinance, Mankin asked for and received the council's permission to have the ordinance reviewed by an attorney. He said he would bring it back for the council's consideration at a later meeting. If at that time the council decides to enact the ordinance, they must schedule a hearing and seek input from the public before voting on the matter.

And of course, the financial reports for the month of January were discussed, the best news being that the gas department budget currently enjoys a surplus of about \$102,000.00. Mankin explained that the extra cash resulted from adopting a "worst-case" budget due to the extremely high price of gas last year. He said the city prepared for the worst and so far hasn't had to use the money.

The landfill was also discussed during the meeting. Mankin told the council that he and Mayor Nikolauk had toured the site earlier in the day with engineer Steve Dennis. He explained that a proposal for a Supplemental Environmental Program (SEP), will be voted on this week by the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). If approved, the city will drill a water well and install a drip irrigation system to supply trees that will be planted in and around the perimeter of the landfill. If approved, Steve Dennis will ask TNRCC to modify the landfill's site operating plan so that the water well may be drilled on an unused portion of the landfill.

A second concern is that soil excavated from the pit at the landfill is beginning to stack up. Mankin suggested that the council consider authorizing an "aerial fill" modification to the landfill permit that would allow the soil, along with some waste to be stacked atop the pits as they are filled. He said the plan would result in less digging, thereby conserving manpower and equipment. It would also allow the excess soil and rock to be incorporated back into the design of the landfill. After discussing the matter briefly, the council agreed to consider it again at a future meeting.

In other business, a request to install a handicapped accessible ramp at Westside Church of Christ was agreed to by consensus. The council also voted to call for a city council election on May 4. Seats to be decided this year include that of Mayor and the council seats currently held by Tommy Minor and Toni Sudduth. The seat left vacant following the death of Sherry Lux will also be on the ballot. It was noted that the election will be held jointly with the school district, hospital district and the water district. And with that, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting of the Eldorado City Council is slated for Monday, March 11, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

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