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Holly Ford
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SCRA Rodeo
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Hangin' on — Cody Munlin managed to hang on to this bareback bronc for only 7.2 seconds last Saturday night. That was .8 seconds shy of a full ride, however, and he finished out of the money at the 33rd Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

SCISD earns Exemplary Rating from Texas Education Agency

SCISD Superintendent George Blanch said he was pleased, if not somewhat surprised, by the Exemplary rating his district received last Thursday from the Texas Education Agency (TEA).

Faced with significantly higher accountability standards, only 143 school districts received Exemplary ratings this year. That number compares to the 178 districts that earned the distinction only one year ago.

The Elementary campus rating slipped from a Recognized rating last year to an Acceptable rating this year. The High School campus earned a Recognized rating again this year and, for the third year in a row, Eldorado Middle School received an Exemplary rating.

Blanch noted that the performance of one student on last year's Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test drove the Ele-

mentary score down.

Students in the 3rd, 8th and 10th grades were required to take the test last year. The results are tracked by the TEA and are broken down into several ethnic and economic groups and sub-groups. One such sub-group contained only four children. Three of those children passed the TAAS test, however, the one who did not brought the passing percentage down to 75 percent in that particular sub-group. "That made the difference," Blanch stated. "In a school our size every child counts and there is very little margin for error."

SCISD still managed an overall Exemplary rating, despite the slip in ratings on the Elementary campus.

"I was really pleased with the news," said Blanch. "It is always good to be honored for accom-

plishment, but more importantly, the report shows us areas where we can improve."

This marks the final year that the TAAS test will be used to determine accountability ratings. Next year the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS) test will take its place. TAKS is supposed to be a more rigorous test, including more subjects as well as grade levels.

Texas Education Commissioner Felipe Alanis predicts that next year the state can expect to see a decline in the number of passing grades, based on the more stringent test.

Then, a year later, a new accountability system will in 2004 that is based on the TAKS and high school completion rates, rather than the TAAS and annual drop-out rates. That new system is being developed now.

Enthusiastic fans welcome performers to 33rd annual Eldorado Open Rodeo

Cowboys and cowgirls from across the area competed for prize money and trophy buckles at the annual Eldorado Open Rodeo held here last weekend.

Fast becoming a crowd favorite, Mutton Bustin' again allowed the little buckaroos and buckarettas to have a go in the ring. Saturday nights Mutton Bustin' was won by Tres Whitten of Eldorado. Tres is the son of Steven and Mondece Whitten.

Koda Hernandez and Leo Ro-

driquez took home the trophy buckles for the Tri County Roping. The Tri County Team Roping was sponsored by John Rae Powell, Johnny Powell, Johnny Mayo, Jr Livestock and Eldorado Animal Clinic. Hernandez and Rodriquez took first place during Friday's night performance with a time of 9.14.

Robert Fisher of Austin won the Bareback Bronc Riding with a score of 77. He claimed a beautiful trophy buckle, presented by

Niblett's Oilfield Services and a cash prize of \$252. Spot Stoeber of Elgin placed 2nd with a score of 76. He took home \$168.

Juan Flores of Iraan won the Calf Roping event with a time of 8.19 seconds. That won him \$678.60 in prize money and a trophy buckle presented by Kosub and Griffin, Lawyers. Other winners were as follows: 2) Ty Billings 8.63, \$561.60; 3) Todd Whitewood 9.22, \$444.60; 4) Clint

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Williams & McAngus "Splash Into Fashion" during annual District 7 4-H fashion show

Hot temperatures led to cool fashions July 23 as 68 area youth modeled their creations to the theme "Splash into Fashion" during the annual Texas Cooperative Extension District 7 4-H Fashion Show in Southland Baptist Church. Winning entries from Schleicher County included Corie Williams and Carli McAngus. Corie, daughter of Dean and Vicki Williams, won Champion hon-

ors in the Junior Dress Division while Carli, daughter of Tim and Nancy McAngus, won 6th place in the Junior Sportswear Division.

The show hosts 4-H members from across the district's 23 counties. America's Energy Partner/West Texas Utilities (AEP/WTU) and Extension have sponsored the event for 47 years.

Participants had to first win their division in their home county

show before they could compete on the district level. Junior and intermediates competed in five separate categories in Construction and Buying. Another division, Non-apparel, featured such sewing creations as pillows, throws, and toys.

First-through-sixth place winners in the garment category of Construction and Buying divisions earned rosettes and ribbons from AEP/WTU. In the Non-Apparel division, winners earned first-through-sixth place ribbons.

Cotton garment winners in the Construction Buying Division won cash awards from the Rolling Plains Cotton Compress. Winners in the Buying Division won cash prizes from Gruben Farms in Fisher County. The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers's Association Women's Auxiliary donated cash prizes awarded to the wool and mohair garment winners.

Support for the local 4-H clothing projects is provided by Mrs. Chris McCravey and the Schleicher County ISD who provided the facility for the County Sewing Camp.



COURTESY PHOTOS

Fashionable young ladies — Corie Williams (L) and Carli McAngus (R) competed in the District 7 4-H Fashion Show recently. Corie won Champion honors in the Junior Dress Division while Carli placed 6th in the Junior Sportswear Division.

School registration schedules set

School registration will begin today with EHS Seniors. The seniors can pick up schedules and registration packets today, Thursday, August 8th, after taking their senior pictures.

Other high school registration will be as follows: Freshmen, Friday, August 9th, 8:30-10:30; Sophomores, Friday August 9th, 10:30-12:30; and Juniors, Friday, August 9th, 1:00-3:00. It should be noted that schedule changes will be made at that time only for scheduling in or out of athletics, band, or distance learning.

Middle school registration will be on Tuesday, August 13, 2002, at the following times: 5th Grade at 9:00 a.m.; 6th Grade at 10:00 a.m.; and 7th & 8th Grade at 11:00 a.m.

At Eldorado Elementary, parents are encouraged to attend one of several 30-minute sessions on Thursday, August 15, 2002. The sessions, designed to let the parents meet their child's teacher are scheduled as follows: 5:00 p.m. Pre K, 2nd & 4th grades; 5:30 p.m. Kinder, 1st & 3rd grades; 6:00 p.m. Pre K, 2nd & 4th grades; 6:30 p.m. Kinder, 1st & 3rd grades.

Everyone who will have a child attending Eldorado Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school year is invited to come to the appropriate session. Among the topics to be discussed are: schedules, procedures, expectations, goals, objectives and TAKS Test (No More TAAS Test).

A list of teachers and their classroom students for the 2002-2003 school year will be posted.

For more information please contact Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck at 853-2770 ext. 522.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Gathering evidence — Chief Deputy George Arispe dusted for fingerprints last Thursday morning, after a burglary was discovered at the Middle School. The break-in is still under investigation and persons with information about the case are encouraged to call the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. at 853-2737.

Judge Walther awards seized money to Sheriff's Department

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department was awarded the lion's share of \$10,000 in cash seized by Deputy Jason Chatham during a traffic stop on March 27, 2002. District Judge Barbara Walther ruled last week that the money be awarded to the Sheriff's office when no one appeared in her court to claim the money.

Chatham seized the money after stopping a 1995 Toyota for speeding. At that time the two occupants of the vehicle, Marco Antonio Henderson and Marco Antonio Calderon, reportedly gave Chatham permission to search the car. A quick pat down of the two subject revealed a large wad of cash in the pockets of each of the men.

Although a search of the car

failed to turn up any illicit drugs, a drug dog belonging to the Rio Concho Multi-Agency Drug Task Force alerted on the money.

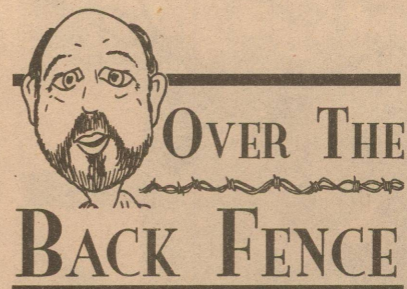
Chatham reports that he next contacted 51st District Attorney Stephen Lupton and advised him of the situation. At that time Chatham received permission to seize the cash. The two men were then released, but only after the Toyota's driver was ticketed for speeding. They were also advised that Lupton would schedule a forfeiture hearing so that the ownership of the cash could be ruled upon by the court.

Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe notes that he and Deputy Chatham heard a number of conflicting stories concern-

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Memory loss? blame it on trivia overload!



by Randy Mankin

Is your memory slipping? Mine certainly is and at an alarming rate. I read somewhere (don't ask me where, I can't remember) that, as a person ages, his or her memory fades in direct proportion to the amount of new knowledge that is being acquired. Hmmm?

The writer went on to note that our minds are increasingly cluttered with useless information and that such information often times gets in the way when we try to recall other, more important things.

Once upon a time, I prided myself on my knowledge of trivia, now I learn that the very tidbits of information that used to dazzle my friends just might be conspiring to sabotage my long term memory.

Maybe it's important for someone to know that rubber bands last longer when refrigerated, but do I need to clutter my mind with such nonsense — especially if it means that I won't be able to remember my phone number?

Or, what about the fact that

month, orange, silver, or purple. Or how about the word "dreamt," it is the only English word that ends in the letters m-t. Then there is "screched," the longest one-syllable word in the English language.

If you actually knew those things then just image what truly important things you had to forget in the process.

Or, what about the characters Bert and Ernie on Sesame Street, did you know that they were named after Bert the cop and Ernie the taxi driver in Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life." There was a time when I thought knowing all of these things was important and, maybe, in some far away corner of the globe it still is, just not here, not when I can't remember what color socks I put on this morning.

Yes, almonds are a member of the peach family and yes, there are more chickens in the world than people. And did you realize that cats have 32 muscles in each ear? Or, how about sneezing? Are you aware that it is impossible to sneeze with your eyes open?

And, did you know that a dragonfly has a life span of a mere 24 hours? Then there's the goldfish, its memory is only 3 seconds long...hey, finally a bit of trivia I can relate to.

Political war breaks out among candidates

AUSTIN — War has broken out in Texas. Fortunately, no guns or bombs are involved — at least yet. The gubernatorial race has been far from a love-in, but last week it really got dirty.

Republican Gov. Rick Perry's campaign started using ads suggesting that a Laredo savings and loan owned by Democratic contender Tony Sanchez had been involved in drug money laundering back in the 1980s.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Even some Republicans have said that allegation is out of line based on the known facts, and Sanchez' campaign quickly countered with an ad that Perry's camp has been lying in its ads. But, practicing good PR, the Sanchez ad did not repeat the allegation.

The political ads may do better in the ratings this fall than some of the new shows.

Sept. 11 monument planned

A monument honoring Texans killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks or in the war that followed is being planned for the State Cemetery in Austin.

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed a design committee to review proposals from Texas artists, architects or engineers. Only Texans are eligible to enter the competition. The winning design will be unveiled at a memorial service on the anniversary of the attack.

The design entry must incorporate two steel beams recovered from the World Trade Center wreckage. The monument is expected to cost about \$100,000 and will be paid for with private funds, the governor's office said.

Four Texans were killed in the attack — three in the World Trade Center and one at the Pentagon. Three Texas soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

Comptroller offers upbeat news

With the possible exception of anti-acid manufacturers, the stock market hasn't benefitted many Texans of late, but the comptroller's office has come up with a little good news: The state actually gained jobs during the first half of the year.

According to the comptroller, Texas had a net gain of 27,300 jobs. Among the 10 largest states only Texas and California saw an increase in jobs, and Texas had eight times as many new jobs as the Golden State.

Another cheery piece of news is that for the first time since last December, sales tax collections grew by 1 percent in June.

Meanwhile, down on the farm...

The Texas Department of Agriculture is looking for farms and ranches that have been in the same family for a century or more. And now, no one's trying to buy them.

The department is taking applications for the 2002 Family Land Heritage Program, which honors longtime owners of agricultural land. Since 1974, when the program began, nearly 3,700 farms and ranches in 219 counties have been recognized.

Applications and more information on the program can be found on the agency's Web site, www.agr.state.tx.us or by contacting the department or local county judge.

High-lites...

Jeff Saitas, executive director of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, resigned July 26. The 42-year-old administrator had held the job four years. He said he wanted to spend more time with his family.



ROLLING ALONG

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The Choctaw Code Talkers

Tim Tingle of Canyon Lake is one-quarter Choctaw Indian. He makes his living by entertaining audiences with Indian stories and songs. He gradually phased into that line of work after realizing he wanted to learn more about his family's background. He got so involved with performing he sold his company, New Canaan Foods, to devote full time to his newly discovered passion.

"The business was doing great," says Tim. "In fact, I sold it to my accountant, who certainly wouldn't buy anything unless he thought it could make him money. But this is just something I had to do."

He has been doing his Indian shows full-time for six years. His family has roots in Oklahoma and he is finishing work on a Master's Degree in Indian Culture at the University of Oklahoma. He interviews Choctaws about their stories and legends and passes those along to audiences all over the country. He spends a good deal of time in Oklahoma doing research.

"Oklahoma is a Choctaw word. Okla means people and homa means red. Mississippi is also a Choctaw word. Missi is a Choctaw word for place and sippi means old. So Mississippi is the old homeland of the Choctaw people."

Tim's grandparents moved to Pasadena, Texas in 1912. "My dad and his seven brothers and sisters could speak Choctaw around the house but since they were in Pasadena, Texas there wasn't much opportunity to use the language outside the house. They were absolutely forbidden to teach us any Choctaw at all and never allowed us to go out with anyone who had any kind of Indian blood. My

grandmother was real specific about that.

When she first moved to Pasadena the kids in the neighborhood had thrown rocks at her just because she was an Indian. And in 1912, this was before any wars with Germany. The biggest wars people remembered were the Indian wars. So there was a huge amount of prejudice as there still is in a lot of places. Since she was rocked, she didn't want her grandkids to learn the language at all."

Tim has drums, flutes and rattles he uses to demonstrate Indian music. In schools, he gives kids rattles and the teacher a drum and together they play Indian melodies. When I visited with Tim, he was preparing to go to a ceremony honoring the Choctaw Code Talkers.

"Everyone has always heard about the Navajo Code Talkers. But the Choctaw were actually the first. They were in World War One. They were in World War Two as well. One of the interview subjects I talked with was a Choctaw Code Talker in World War Two. He would not talk about that because they promised in both wars that they wouldn't say anything about their work because if they did the military couldn't use the Choctaw people again. If you think about it, if there's another war they can't use either Choctaw or Navajo because everybody knows the languages were used to send messages. But this is the first ceremony that the government has ever honored the Choctaws for their contributions during the wars."

Tim Tingle is working on a book of ghost stories. He can be reached on the Internet at: choctawstoryteller.com.

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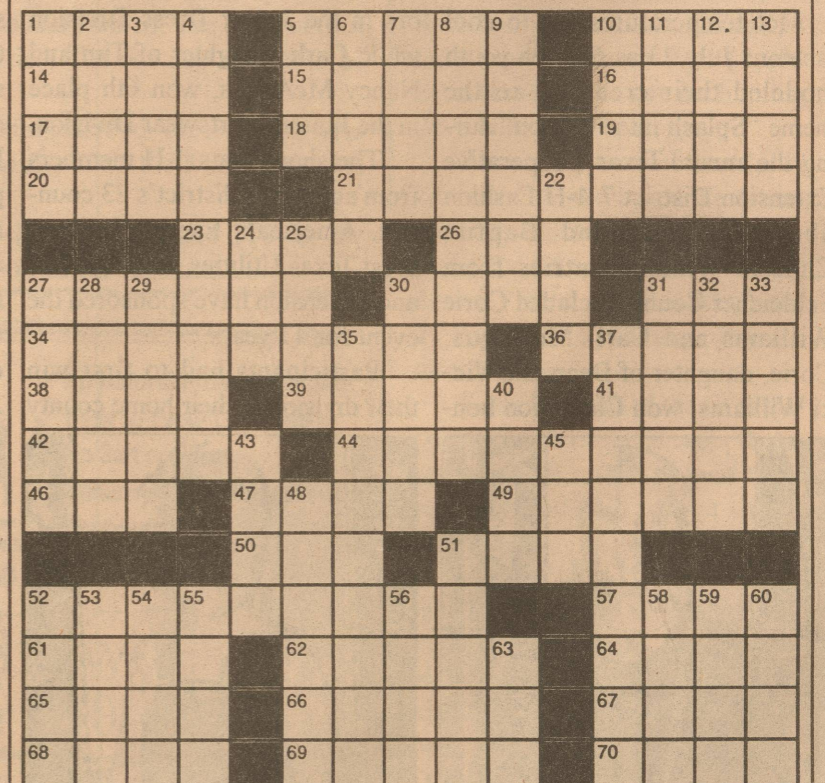
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1 Elegant and stylish	47 Make turbid by stirring up sediments	24 Nutation
5 Pushchairs	49 Doily (archaic spelling)	25 Cut short
10 Thin wedge	50 Of long duration	27 Deserves
14 Mustelidae mamma genus	51 Gnostic divine power	28 Sweetsops
15 _____ tear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

Marshall Sidney Davis

STEPHENVILLE — Marshall Sidney Davis, 84, of Stephenville, Texas, died Wednesday, July 24, 2002, in a Harris Methodist Hospital. Marshall was born Aug. 30, 1917, in Sonora, Texas. He married Rowena Clevenger on Aug. 19, 1949, in Mason County, Texas.

Mr. Davis was a member of West Side Church of Christ and lived in Stephenville for the past five years. He also lived in the Corpus Christi area for several years and in Runge, Texas, for eight years. He was a minister in Taft, Texas, for 29 years. He was a Church of Christ minister for over 60 years.

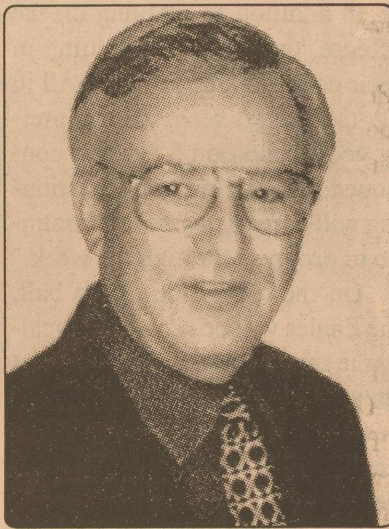
Graveside service was Satur-

day, July 27, in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado with J.F. Lilly officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Rowena Davis; three daughters, Dahlia Cade and husband, Ron, of Fort Worth, Marsha Kay Brown and husband, Scott, of Hurst and Rena Cabla and husband, Gene, of Portland; two sons, Gerald Davis and wife, Wanda of Stephenville and Eddie Davis of Aransas Pass; one brother, Clarence Davis and wife, Jeannie, of Augusta, Ark.; one brother-in-law, Richard R. Richard of Houston; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Agape Assembly plans End Times Seminar



COURTESY PHOTO
Rev. Ed Rimer

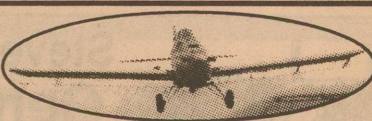
Evangelist Ed Rimer has had a wide scope of ministry since 1961. Besides having pastored for eleven of those years, Rev. Rimer was also the evangelist and bass singer with the Kings Quartet for eight years, and has been full-time as a Revelation/Prophecy evangelist for the past twelve years. With the Kings Quartet, Ed recorded eight albums and several singles under recording contract with Calvary Records of Nashville, Tennessee. He still uses his vocal talents in his meetings.

Rev. Rimer has also authored several books. "The Unveiling" is a verse by verse commentary on the book of Revelation and is published by Gilliland Publishing Company. Other books include: "Antichrist is Coming"; "God's Word on Angels"; "The Rev. Lucifer D. Satan, and Doctrines of Devils"; "The Seven Feast of Israel"; "Iraq, It's History and Prophecy"; "Your Question and My Answer"; "Touring Israel"; and "The Holy Spirit".

You may hear Ed Rimer at Agape Assembly of God. Beginning August 18 - 21, Sunday services are 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday thru Wednesday services start at 7:00 p.m. Pastor Walter Griggs extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend these meetings. The Church is located at 502 E. Warner in Eldorado.

Rev. Rimer conducts question and answer sessions following the teaching in the evening services. The 130 full color chart on Revelation is the largest of its kind in the world, and will be used in the meeting for your enjoyment and information.

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great music, eat lots of homemade ice cream and raise funds to support charitable work in Eldorado.

Submit requests to sing/perform up to 2 songs to Syllas Politte at 853-2662. Crank out that ice cream and bring it out on the 21st! See you there!



COURTESY PHOTO

Straight Shooters — Five Eldorado youths who took part in a Hunter Education Instructor's workshop are shown here posing with their sponsors. They include (Front L-R) Sheryl Alexander, Jeffrey Bybee, David Ray Doran, Neal Brenner and Alan Dykstra.

Hunters Education Instructor course draws five local youths

Local youths participated in a Hunter Education Instructor's workshop last spring. They are currently certified as Assistant Instructors and will be participating in the classes this fall. They are: Sheryl Alexander, Jeffrey Bybee,

David Ray Doran, Adrian Arispe, Neil Brennar, and Alan Dykstra. These youth should be commended for their dedication to Safety and the preservation of our Hunting Heritage.

The workshop was made possible through the efforts of Marco Alvizo of Eldorado, Jim Witt of San Angelo, and Jimmie Caughron of Ballinger.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Mystery Structure Identified

Dear Editor,

Well, I have some good news and some bad news. First of all, I am SO embarrassed to not have recognized the structure in the middle of the Hysterical District on my own. Johnny Mayo said he thought it looked like a Tagoo Bird nest, so I checked with the resident authority on Tagoo Birds, and sure enough.

Claudie Spencer is probably the most knowledgeable person in the United States on Tagoo Birds and he said it was definitely the nest of a Giant Tagoo Bird. This puts it on the endangered nest list and therefore, it cannot be destroyed.

So, the good news is that it is now appropriately labeled and an hysterical marker erected, but the bad news is that there can be no contest to name it. I would like to thank all the entries, however, including the Mesquite Pagoda, Aggie Bonfire and Stack of Wood.

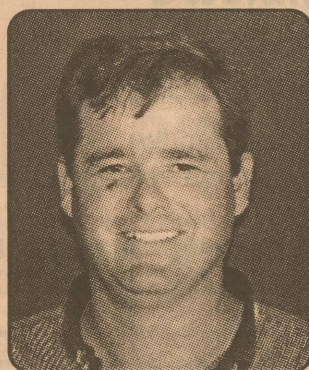
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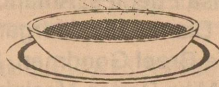
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Wednesday, August 14
Chicken Fried Steak w/ Gravy, Buttered Peas, Spinach, Cornbread, sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk

Thursday, August 15
Chicken Fajita Salad, Cheese, Tomato Wedges & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Cherry Perfection, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

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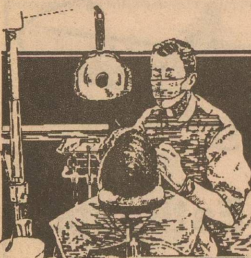
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Eagles opens 2002 campaign with two-a-days

"Camp Grubbs" is underway

by David E. Hill

Coach Gary Grubbs opened the Eldorado Eagles on Monday with over 60 players reporting. Football practices opened across the state on the 5th, and Eldorado was no exception. The Eagles are having a full 2 weeks of "2-a-days" with the school year being pushed back to August 19th. The Eagles are combining two workouts into one long evening session that starts at 6 p.m. and continues under the lights until 10 p.m. Coach Grubbs commented on the later times saying, "We have a lot of kids still working this summer and this allows them to continue working until school starts as well as getting in a full workout."

The Eagles are using the time to learn a new offense, which will feature a "Veer" attack. According to Grubbs, "We are using two-a-days as a learning experience for the kids to acclimate themselves to the new offense. I was very pleased with the first couple of days of practice, everyone was enthusiastic and very competitive." Eagle football fans should enjoy the new offense as it attacks the defense; forcing the defensive front to react rather than the offense react to the defense.

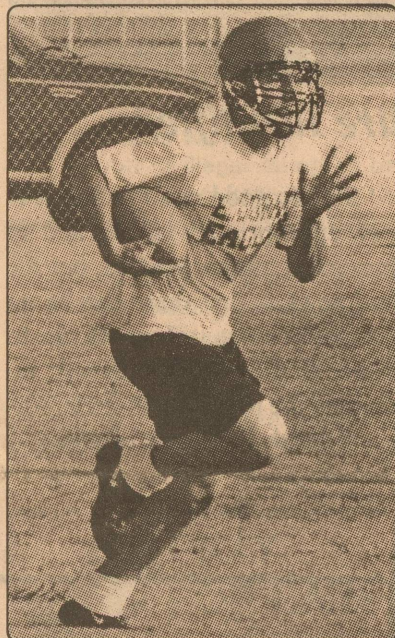


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
On the move — Eagles player Quisto Gonzales showed he knows what to do with the ball during two-a-day workouts on Tuesday.

In addition to working on the offense, the Eagles are getting in their conditioning as well. "All in all, the players seem to be in pretty good condition," Grubbs continued, "We know the conditioning will come as workouts continue to progress through the week."

On the other side of the ball, the Eagles will be running basically the same defensive scheme that they have over the past several years. The coaching staff doesn't anticipate a huge learning curve defensively.

The Eagles will strap on the pads on Friday and begin contact drills. Workouts will continue thru Saturday and begin again on Monday. Both J.V. and Varsity will have their first opportunity to see their progress as the Eagles will host the Irion County Hornets on Saturday, the 17th, at Eagle Stadium.

This years coaching staff includes Head Coach Gary Grubbs (Offensive Coordinator, Offensive Line, Defensive Tackles), Charlie Bunch (Defensive Coordinator), Jesse Garza (QB's, Outside Linebackers), Don Richters (Inside Linebackers, Offensive Line), Alan Gillespie (Defensive Ends, Receivers), Dave Lewis (8th Grade F/Ball), and Larry Mitchel (7th Grade F/Ball).

In addition to a new offense and some new faces in the coaching staff, Eagle fans will get to see the Eagles open the season this year with new uniforms. On the road, the Eagles will sport Kelly green pants and jerseys. The jerseys will have white block numbers outlined in black and have black shoulders. The home uniform will be solid white with green numbers outlined in black. The headgear will sport a Eagle's head on each side.

All in all Coach Grubbs likes what he sees early, "I was really pleased with the response we got from the kids. Having 60+ kids out the first couple of days is very positive, and I am very pleased with the work ethic we've seen thus far."

People are encouraged to come and take in the practices every afternoon at the practice field.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Gettin' Soaked — Eldorado Eagles players Will Griffin and Seth Taylor enjoyed a few moments at the sprinkler Tuesday during a pause in two-a-day action. The Eagles will spend the next two weeks getting into shape while learning new offensive and defensive schemes.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Hands on coaching — Eagles player Todd Overstreet got some one-on-one advice from EHS Head Coach Gary Grubbs Tuesday as the Warbirds team went through its second day of two-a-days.

Meet the Eagles set for August 17, 2002

Following the scrimmage with the Irion County Hornets you are invited to join the Eagle athletic Booster Club as the 2002 Varsity and Junior Varsity Football teams, their coaches, the cheerleaders and all their assistants are introduced. The booster club will serve watermelon, iced tea and Kool-

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 11th Laura Garcia, Jesse Estrada, Claire Powell, Kadie Niblett, Will Henry
 12th Elisa Fuentes, Amanda Ballew, Diana Fritz, Morgan Gillespie, Creel Goodman, Sylvia Griffin, Mike Porter, Virginia Davis, Karen Robertson, Raul Estaban Trevino, Morgan Gillespie, Ann McCormick, Liza Sanchez
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Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

A great afternoon - a wonderful group of golfers and a nice shower to cool off for a few minutes and then the heat again! We had 35 adults and 2 youths, Landon Nixon and Cash Lane for our regular Sunday Play Day August 4th.

1st Place score 57 - Casey Snelson, Joe Garza, Landon Nixon, Edie Niblett and Wesley Jones.
 2nd Place score 58 - David

Daniels, Bill Wells, Tommy Hunley and Albert Torres.

3rd Place score 58 - Moses Hill, "Mr." Chris McCravey, Don Richters, Scott Edmonson and Cindy McGinness.


Score card play - off for 2nd and 3rd place.

Our Jack Hext Memorial Partnership Two Man Select Shot Tournament is filling up fast. Remember - "names in today" for August 17th and 18th.

Next Play Day will be Sunday, Sept. 1st.


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Local 4-H Club members attend Texas 4-H Congress

Schleicher 4-H Club members Emily Newman and Will Griffin, recently attended Texas 4-H Congress held in Austin, July 14th-17th. Texas 4-H Congress is a four-day, simulated legislative experience for 4-H members ages 15-18.

Texas 4-H Congress, an event that has been conducted since the early 1980's, allows 4-H youth to utilize the Texas State Capitol facilities to submit, debate, and pass legislation dealing with issues of concern to them. During the sessions, 4-H members representing the entire state assume the roles of senators, representatives, lobbyists, and members of the press.

While at 4-H Congress, 4-H members had the opportunity to be addressed by Gwyn Shea, Texas Secretary of State, as well as meet Representative Lobby Cook, Representative Talmage Heflin Representative Lois Kolkhorst and Senator Todd Staples. Also addressing the 4-H delegation from Governor Rick Perry's office were Colby

Shorter, Appointment's Manager and Wendy Wyman, Policy Director for Natural Resources.

The bills that were submitted by 4-H members and successfully negotiated in legislative debate this session, were delivered to the Governor of the Texas 4-H Congress for signature or veto. Copies of all the bills that the 4-H Governor signed into law during 4-H Congress were presented to the Texas Governor's Office for review. This year, bills concerning property rights of landowners and earned extracurricular days in school were presented to the Governor's Office for review. This year, bills concerning property rights of landowners and earned extracurricular days in school were presented to the Governor's office.

4-H is the youth development and leadership program of the Texas Cooperative Extension, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

Meador named as member of Lifetime Leadership class

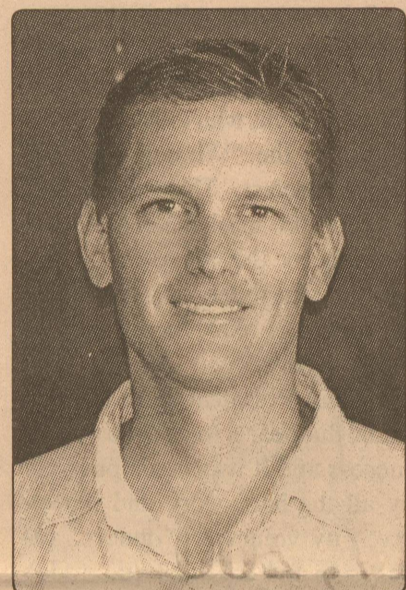


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Stan Meador

Stan Meador, founder and general manager of X Bar Nature Retreat, is one of the twenty-four members chosen for the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership (TALL) Class VIII.

TALL is a leadership development program of Texas Cooperative Extension who's goal is to increase the capacity of volunteer leaders in agriculture to deal creatively with change so they can improve the quality of life in their communities and work places.

Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, TALL

Director, said, "Given the critical issues facing agriculture today, these is a need to provide intensive leadership development experiences for a promising new generation of leaders."

Previous TALL classes have included farmers, ranchers, communicators, chemists, nursery owners, business professionals and many others.

By agreeing to participate in TALL, members agree to attend eight sessions over two years. Class destinations for TALL VIII include Texas, Mexico, Washington D.C., New York, Canada and South Africa.

The group will first visit the Texas State Legislature and see first hand how government operates.

Other area members of TALL VIII class are Clay Allison of San Angelo, Jack Baggett of Ozona, Blake Lewis of Del Rio, Brad Roeder of San Angelo and Reed Steward of Sterling City.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Rodeo Royalty — Holly Ford accepted a bouquet of roses from SCRA President Troy Daniels moments after being crowned Rodeo Sweetheart for 2002.

Holly Ford named 2002 Rodeo Sweetheart

2001 Rodeo Sweetheart Traci Brenner crowned the 2002 Rodeo Sweetheart Holly Ford during the Saturday's night performance of 33rd Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo. Holly received a silver bracelet provided by Crowder Services and a bundle of red roses and SCRA Sweetheart sash made by Wendi Daniels.

Holly, age 13, is the daughter of Tracy Sauer and Tex Ford of Kerrville. Holly and her horse Ranger also carried the Texas Flag during the Grand Entry at each performance.

1st Runner-up was Martha Lively, age 18, daughter of Lois Lively of San Angelo and Dobs Lively of Eldorado. Martha also received a bundle of red roses.

Mondee Whitten, Wendi Daniels and Melissa Stanford were

recognized during Saturday's night performance with gift bags from SCRA President Troy Daniels for their contribution to the Sweetheart contest.

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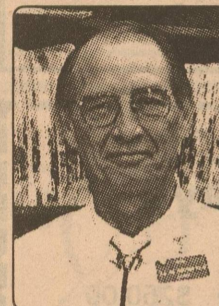
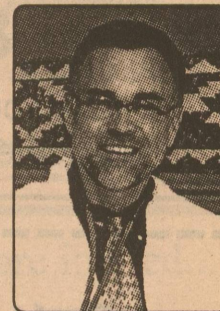
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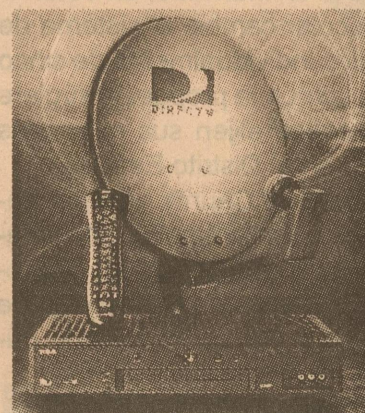
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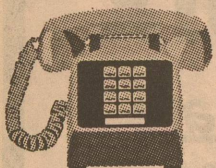
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Talent Contest will be Saturday, August 17, 2002 on the Sutton County Courthouse lawn. Please note: a preliminary competition may be necessary.

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Sutton County Days Talent Contest Registration

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Mail registration to: Sonora Chamber of Commerce
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The Blotter

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

ARRESTS

August 2 • Garcia, Ruben Adam, Jr., male age 19, charge Motion To Revoke, Deferred Adjudication, Burglary of Building. Released on \$15,000 Surety Bond.

Armstrong, Mandi Jo, female age 18, charge Motion To Revoke, Theft. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

July 30 • 9:45 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

July 31 • 3:42 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a subject whose lifeline had gone off. Officer and EMS 1 responded. At 3:46 p.m. officer advised subject did not need an ambulance.

• 6:58 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had broken into their residence. Complainant stated they were unsure of any missing items. Officer responded.

August 1 • 7:35 a.m. Complainant reported that there had been a break in at the Middle School. Officers responded.

• 7:50 a.m. Subject reported a gate to a business had been ran into. No entry into business, no items missing from yard. Estimated amount of damage to gate \$250.00.

• Report of illegal dumping on County Road 312 of trash. Officer responded and matter under investigation.

• 5:47 p.m. Complainant requested to file a missing person report. Missing person found, everything OK.

• 10:10 Complainant reported a suspicious older model Chevy pickup that may be carrying illegals or narcotics. Officer notified.

August 2 • 6:29 p.m. Complain-



ant requested an officer check on the welfare of their daughter. Subject stated that they had been unable to make contact with daughter in about 3 weeks. Officer responded.

• 6:39 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about the welfare of granddaughter. Officer responded.

• 7:26 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office requested an officer locate a white Dodge dually pickup pulling a aluminum horse trailer. This subject did not pay for their gas in Sonora. Total amount taken was \$35.02. Officer responded and located vehicle.

August 3 • 1:57 a.m. Complainant reported a green and white Chevy pickup spinning out and almost hitting the gas tanks at a fuel lock. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 6:05 a.m. Subject stated that someone attempted to break into their vehicle and the alarm was set off.

• 9:47 a.m. Complainant reported that a male subject was missing. Subject was last heard from at 1:30 a.m. this date. Complainant reported that subject's vehicle had been found wrecked and that the subject was missing. Location was found not to be in this county. Information was relayed to Menard County Sheriff Office. Complainant called back and stated that the subject was found and was OK.

• 7:54 p.m. Complainant reported some male subjects that possibly may start causing trouble at the softball games. Officer responded.

• 9:25 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a red Dodge pickup on Old Sonora Road. Officer responded.

• 9:25 p.m. Complainant reported a black calf out on the Hwy. 277 North. Officer responded.

• 9:38 p.m. Subject called 911 and reported seeing smoke. Officer and fire chief responded.

August 4 • 5:34 a.m. Complainant stated that his wife was having chest pain for the past hour. Subject refused ambulance, and stated they would transport subject by personal vehicle. Hospital notified.

• 8:54 a.m. Subject reported a black steer on the county line on North Hwy. 277. Dispatcher unable to make contact with possible owner.

• 12:05 p.m. Complainant reported their mother had fallen and had possibly broken nose and arm. Officer and EMS 2 responded. Patient transported to emergency room.

• 1:31 p.m. Convenience store employee requested to speak with an officer about a Criminal Trespass Notice. Officer responded.

• 9:40 p.m. Complainant reported 3 skunks in their yard. Officer responded.

August 5 • 1:12 a.m. Complainant advised that there were two cars parked outside in front of restaurant. Officer had already responded and found everything OK.

• 5:43 p.m. Complainant on Louis Ave. reported juveniles at the neighbors house with spray cans with them. Officer responded.

• 9:50 p.m. Complainant requested an house watch because of Criminal Mischief. Officer notified.

• 6:13 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had taken their Winchester 22 Mag Lever Action from their vehicle at the Post Office. Last seen on Wednesday of last week. Officer notified.

August 6 • 6:43 p.m. Complainant called 9-1-1 and reported a 82 year old female who was unresponsive. Officer and EMS 2 responded and subject was AirMed.

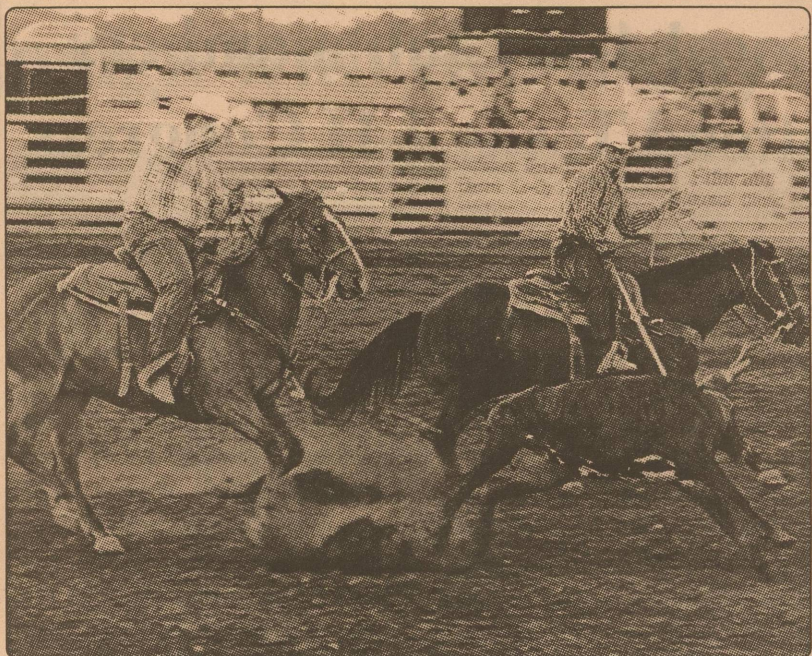


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I've got the head, you get the heels — Glyn Hutto and Johnny Powell turned a time of 11.91 seconds in the finals of the Tri-County Team Roping, held during the Saturday evening performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo.

SCRA Rodeo results listed

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Singleton 9.32, \$327.60; 5) John Wall 9.62, \$210.60; 6) Keith Hudson 9.71, \$117.00.

During a brief pause in the action at Saturday night's performance, Holly Ford was crowned as the 2002 Rodeo Sweetheart. (see related story on Page 5)

In the Ladies Breakaway Roping Melissa Hawkins of Helotes placed 1st with a time of 3.46. She won \$285 and a trophy buckle donated by D L Automotive. Other winners included: 2) Debby Chick 4.40, \$171.00; 3) Mindy Wright 4.53, \$114.00.

Matt Petrus and Dee Rampey won the Team Roping with a time of 4.96 seconds. That won them \$1,589.28 and a pair of trophy buckles donated by McCormick Real Estate and Moore Ranches. Other winners included: 2) Micky Gomez and Tooter Flack 5.15, \$1,248.72; 3) Mike Urban and Dee Rampey 5.45 \$908.16; 4) Shawn Adams and Mickey Davidson 6.37, \$737.88; 5) Trey Hale and Dean Salyer 6.76, \$510.84; 6) Houston Powers and Sterling Price 7.48, \$397.32; 7) Thomas Braman and Johnny Purcell 7.76, \$283.80.

Clint Schofner of Jasper won the Steer Wrestling with a time of 4.77 seconds. That won him \$189.00 and a trophy buckle donated by First National Bank of Eldorado. Other winners included: 2) Chance Greene 5.03, \$126.00.

Shana Price won the 1st go around in the Barrels with a time of 19.51. That won her \$264.00 Other winners in the 2nd go around were: 2) Cassidy Boyles 19.53, \$158.40; 3) Shelly Selmor 19.56, \$105.60.

Lisa Anderson of Laredo won the 2nd go around in Barrel Racing with a time of 19.49. That won her \$217.80. Other winners in the 1st go around were: 2) Mecca Mc-

Mullan of Iraan 19.86, \$145.20.

John E. Meador Construction donated the trophy buckles for the Barrel Racing.

Chris Osborn won the Bullriding with a score of 83. That earned him \$470.40 and a trophy buckle donated by Mertz Ranches. Other winners in the Bullriding were: 2) Marshall Schlessinger 79, \$352.80 3) Kevin Morgan 78, \$235.20; 4) Diamond Elmore 75 points \$117.60.

Other winners, albeit in a non-rodeo category, but winners nonetheless, included Bill Clark and Walter Powell, who took 1st Place honors in the "Winner Take All Brisket Contest." This was the first year for the brisket contest, and judging by the reception it received from rodeo fans and competitors, it is likely to continue at future rodeos.

SCRA President Troy Daniels stated this year's rodeo was a great success and it was made possible by all the hard work and money given by volunteers, donors, advertisers and especially the rodeo fans!



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Holdin' on — Tres Whitten, son of Steven and Mondee Whitten won the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Saturday night performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The members of the Board of Trustees for Schleicher County Independent School District are currently elected from five single member and two at-large districts. According to a federal court order, no elections may take place to fill the five single member district positions. It is therefore the desire of the District to redraw trustee district lines, in compliance with the "one person, one vote" principle established by the United States Constitution.

Additionally, the Texas Education Code permits a public school district to change the number of single member and at large districts, and the Board of Trustees is considering a proposed change from five single member and two at-large districts six single member and one and at large trustee districts.

The Schleicher County ISD Board of Trustees is considering new boundaries for its trustee districts, including a change in the number of single member trustee district positions, and wants to hear from you. **Your opinion is crucial.** Please tell us what you think about preliminary trustee election district plans at the public hearing described below:

PUBLIC HEARING ON REDISTRICTING PROPOSAL
12th of August, 2002
ELEMENTARY KITCHEN, SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD
205 WEST FIELDS AVE.
6:00 P.M.

The preliminary plan(s) will be available at the hearing and will be available for public inspection during normal business hours at the school district administrative offices. For more information you may also call 853-2514 if you have any questions.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Los miembros de la Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County ISD son elegidos actualmente por los ciudadanos que residen en cada uno de los cinco distritos disenados por el Distrito Escolar. Según un orden del corte federal, el Distrito Escolar no puede seguir con elecciones bajo este sistema. Es, entonces, el deseo de la Mesa Directiva de considerar el re-diseño de los distritos escolares y a cumplir con el principio establecido por la Constitución de los Estados Unidos-- "un individuo, un voto."

El código de educacion de Tejas permite que un Distrito Escolar cambie el sistema de elección de sus miembros. Actualmente, los miembros son elegidos individualmente de cinco distritos particulares, con dos miembros elegidos a nivel general. La nueva propuesta sugiere cambiar a un sistema de elección combinado; donde seis distritos elijen sus miembros entre cada distrito y un distrito elije su miembro a nivel general en el Distrito Escolar.

La Mesa Directiva del Distrito Escolar Independiente de Schleicher County está por delinear los nuevos limites de sus distritos y por considerar la propuesta de cambiar el número de sus distritos representativos. **Su opinión es crucial para la Mesa Directiva.** Queremos que nos dé su opinión acerca de las propuestas de cambiar la sistema de elección de la mesa Directiva y la nueva limitación de los distritos electorales. Ud. podrá hacerlo durante la audiencia pública anunciada a continuación:

AUDIENCIA PUBLICA ACERCA DE LAS PROPUESTAS DE CAMBIO DEL SISTEMA ELECTORAL DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR Y DE SUS NUEVOS LIMITES GEOGRAFICOS
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Sheep & goat validation deadline August 21

by Scott Edmonson

Once again this year, we will be validating all sheep and goat projects that will be entering the major livestock shows. This is not optional and anyone who wants to participate in the major livestock projects must have their animals validated through the statewide validation program. Please note that this is for major livestock shows only.

However, there is also a validation for those animals that will show at the county only. Therefore, if you are intending on showing at the Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show or any of the major livestock shows with a lamb or goat, you must turn in your orders for validation tags no later than August 21, 2002. All you need to do is call the Extension office and place your order. Please have an accurate count as possible.

Validation will take place during the month of October and the exact dates will be announced later. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call at 853-2132.

West Texas Rehab holds 12th annual Silver Spur Ball

The recent 12th annual Silver Spur Ball attracted 500 attendees, raised \$23,850 for West Texas Rehabilitation Center ... and pushed cumulative revenues from the event past the \$191,000 mark.

"Ticket sales and proceeds from the silent auction were significant factors in achieving the successful results," said Spur Ball committee chairman Dottie Frerich. "However, the biggest factor," she added, "was our generous underwriters who make it possible for 100 percent of the revenues to go directly to Rehab." Those underwriters were led by event sponsor Reece

Albert Inc., which was joined by Citizens State Bank of Miles and San Angelo and SKML Ranch of Eldorado.

Approximately 200 auction items were donated to the event by San Angelo and Concho Valley businesses and individuals. Edgar and Alice Glass of Carlsbad donated a hand-pieced quilt which was won by Adele Meza of Miles.

Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, the Silver Spur Ball is hosted by Benny and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock, Jay and Bobbye Lindley of Mertzon, J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad, Bill and Mabel Freitag of Eldorado and by San Angeloans Al Waters, Mark and Lou Ann Multer, Pat and Ruby McDonald, Velma Jo McCully, Steven and Jennifer Hoelscher, Norman and Linda Dierschke, Doodle Dankworth and Floyd and Dottie Frerich.

Through its facilities in San Angelo, Abilene and Ozona, West Texas Rehab provides outpatient rehab care each year to more than 21,000 children and adults who've experienced disabling illnesses or injuries. Events like the Silver Spur Ball make it possible for WTRC to treat all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstances.

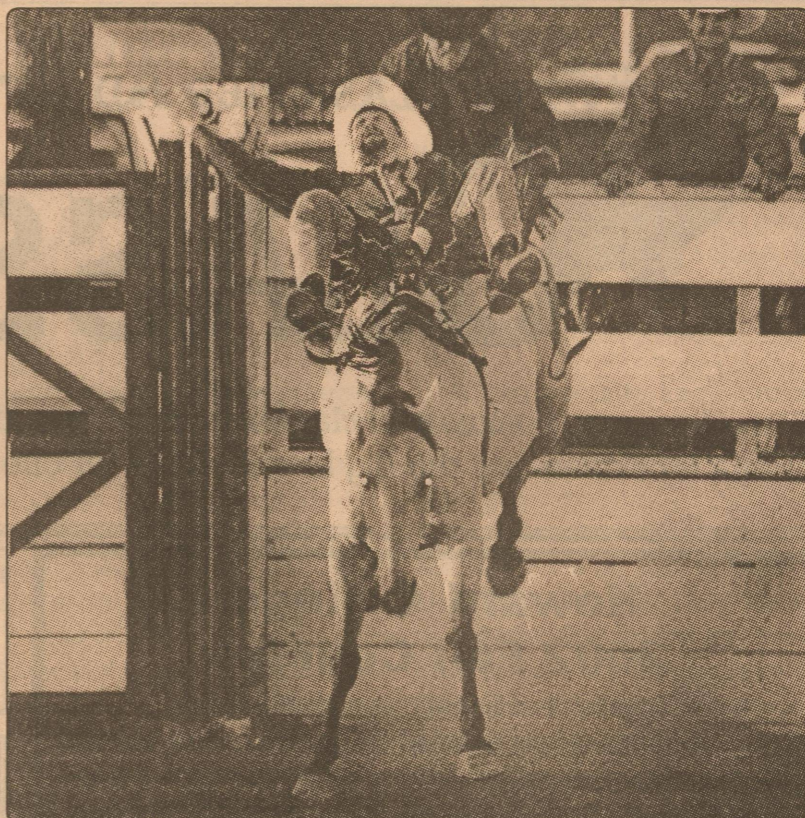


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In the money — The first jump out of the chute and Robert Fisher of Austin had a firm grip as he rode this bareback bronc last Saturday night for the full 8 seconds. Fisher's 77 points was enough to claim 1st Place, a Skyline trophy buckle and a check for \$272.00 during the 33rd annual Eldorado Open Rodeo.

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THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2002 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR THE CITY OF ELDORADO. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW, THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAX	\$120,818.32
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 79,577.11
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$200,395.43
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$22,358,095
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.8963/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)	\$22,823,315
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.8775/\$100
THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.5290/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.5713/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.3362/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.9075/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease
If the City of Eldorado adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective rate of \$0.8775 per \$100 of value, the total levy for the City of Eldorado would increase compared to the 2001 tax levy by \$2,509.20.

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operating	\$51,553.00
Interest & Sinking (I&S)	-0-

Schedule B
2002 Debt Service
The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1994 Certificate of Obligation	\$10,000.00	\$ 4,896.25	\$-0-	\$ 14,896.25
1999 Tax Anticipation Notes	\$50,000.00	\$ 9,750.00	\$-0-	\$ 59,750.00
Total required for 2002 debt service			\$74,646.25	
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A			\$-0-	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$-0-	
- Excess collections last year			\$-0-	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2002			\$74,646.25	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only .96% of its taxes in 2002			\$ 3,110.00	
= Total Debt Levy			\$77,756.25	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Schleicher County Appraisal District or The City Hall.
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Hunter Education Certification can now be obtained by a home study method. A video is purchased and studied. The student then attends a one day class to be certified. The one day class will be offered on August 11, 2002.

The home study method is recommended for older youths over the age of 15 and adults. Under the age of 15 the 3 day method is recommended.

The cost of the course is \$25 for the video and \$10 for the class. Contact Susan Lloyd at 450-8603 for registration.

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6th annual Sutton County Days talent show planned

Sutton County Days is right around the corner. Over the last five years the Sutton County Days Talent Show has become a very popular and entertaining part of the Sutton County Days festivities. Each year the contest attracts acts from all over the state. The talent show always features unique entertainment with something for everyone.

The Sutton County Days Talent Show has played host to singers, dancers, and guitar pickers of all kinds and this year's contest should be no exception. Winners will receive \$250 in Division One and \$100 in Division Two. Call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for more details at 915-387-2880. The deadline for entry is August 14th.

Seized cash awarded to local Sheriff's Department

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ing the money. One of the subjects reportedly told the officers that the cash was part of an income tax return. The other said that he had gotten the money from his mother. In the end, no one showed up to claim the money. In fact, the mother of one of the men signed a sworn statement in which she denied any knowledge of the money.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran notes that his department will receive 70 percent of the money, plus the interest it has accrued since being seized. The remainder of the money will go to District Attorney Stephen Lupton's office.

Doran notes that seizures of cash and property in drug cases are allowed under the law, but only after a forfeiture hearing in which persons may come forward and state their claim to the cash or

property. A judge makes the final ruling, Doran said.

The sheriff went on to note that the proceeds from seizures help law enforcement officials hold down the cost of their departments. "We are allowed to use the money to purchase equipment that would otherwise have to be paid for with tax dollars," Doran said. "I think its a pretty good deal when we can take the profits from the drug trade and turn them against the drug dealers."

Public Dove areas offer prime hunting

AUSTIN, Texas — If you want to get in on the dove hunting action this year, but don't have a place to hunt, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's public hunting program may be the answer.

For a \$40 Annual Public Hunting Permit, hunters can access more than one million acres of public hunting lands including 158 units covering more than 61,000 acres leased primarily for hunting dove and other small game.

"Nearly one third of the 44,779 hunters who purchased the Annual Public Hunting Permit last year said they did so primarily to hunt doves," said Herb Kothmann, TPWD public hunting program director.

Kothmann added that it is important that hunters consider themselves guests on the property and treat the land with respect by not littering.

Annual Public Hunting permits may be purchased wherever hunting licenses are sold. Hunters are also reminded to renew their hunting licenses, which expire Aug. 31, before heading out on opening day. Dove hunters must answer Harvest Information Program questions while buying their license. HIP certification will be printed on the license at the time of purchase after a brief series of questions have been answered. Lifetime license holders must also be HIP-certified in order to hunt migratory birds.