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General Election
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November 5, 2002



Sheriff's Dept.
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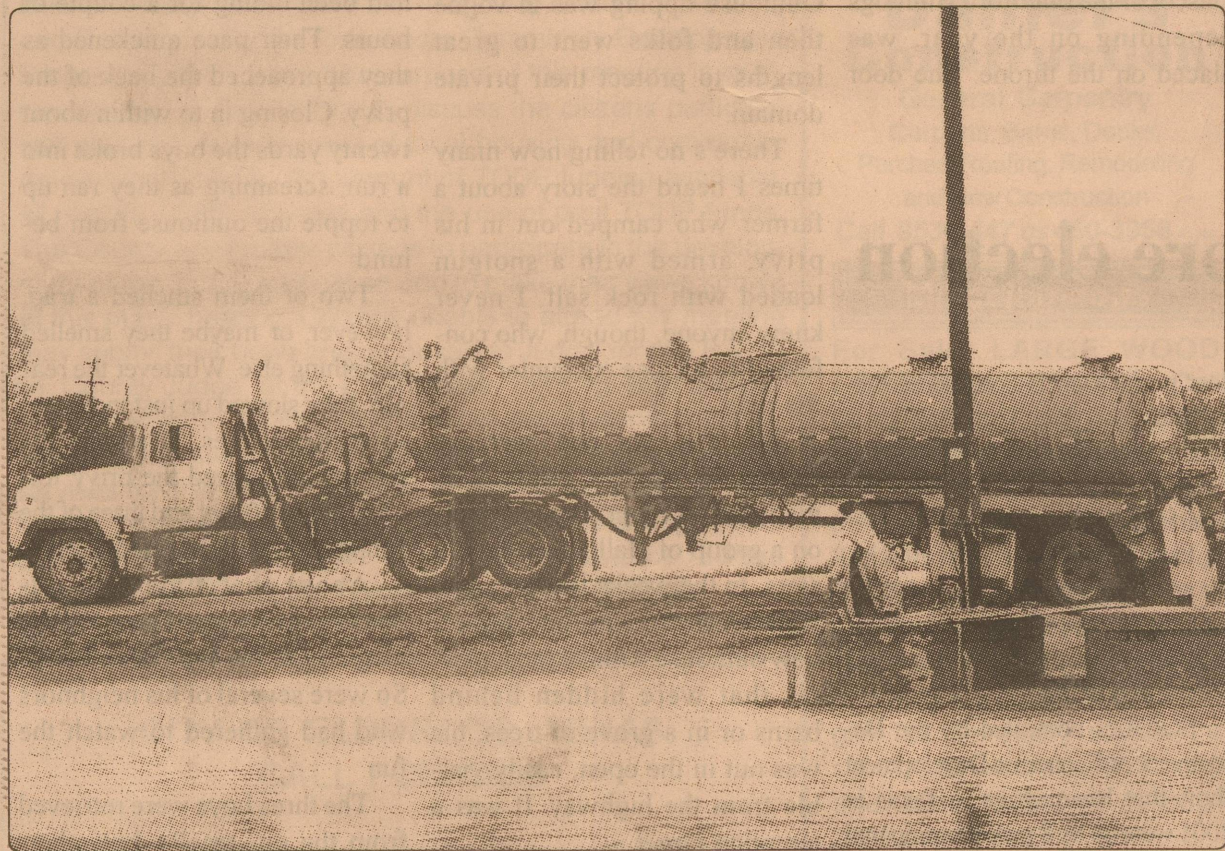


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Pumping water — Niblett's Oilfield Service donated the use of three trucks last week to assist the City of Eldorado in clearing flooded lift stations. The stations became swamped with water when heavy rains inundated the town and numerous residents removed the caps from their sewer clean outs in an effort to drain their property.

Draining yards blamed for overloading sewer system after heavy rains swamp Eldorado

The City of Eldorado's sewer system was inundated with water last week after a number of local residents removed covers from sewer clean out vents in order to drain their yards. With as much as 7 inches of rain was reported over a two-day period and more than 14 inches recorded in the past three weeks, the soggy ground could no longer absorb the moisture. When water began backing up into yards, some residents chose to use the city's sewer system to drain their property.

But that only caused more problems when the massive influx of water overloaded the city's lift

stations, submersible pumps that move sewage uphill and into lines that carry it to the wastewater treatment plants. One by one, circuit breakers tripped as the lift stations were flooded, effectively shutting down the city's entire sewer system.

City Administrator Randy Mankin said that people most likely didn't realize the havoc they were causing by draining their yards. "Our system isn't designed to serve as a storm sewer and can't handle the kind of load that it was hit with last week," Mankin said.

As city crews worked over-time pumping out and hauling

away the rain water, Niblett's Oilfield Service donated the use of three of their trucks. Most of the system was put back into operation on Friday and with the last of the stations being activated on Saturday.

Mankin expressed his appreciation to Niblett's Oilfield Service for their assistance in hauling away the water. In the meantime, Mankin is asking local citizens not to open their sewer clean outs in order to drain their property. He said that he would be bringing the matter to the Eldorado City Council for consideration at their next meeting.

Three local youths win 4-H Gold Star awards

Three local 4-H members from Schleicher County were among 34 youth honored here October 22, 2002 during the annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor.

The honorees were: Neal Brenner, son of Mike and Patsy Brenner; Ross Hodges, son of Bill and Maureen Hodges; and Emily Newman, daughter of Ken and Kathy Newman.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor given to a 4-H mem-

ber on the county level by Texas Cooperative Extension. Winners are picked by a county committee based on their personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects, and on activities and contributions made to the overall 4-H program.

This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Martha Couch, assistant director for 4-H and Youth Development at College Station. Couch has devoted 30 years of her professional life to improving the

lives of youth and families in Texas. She started her Extension career as a County Agent in Gaines County. From there, she went on to serve 19 years as the District 1 Extension Director for Family and Consumer Sciences before accepting her current position in 1997.

Her duties today include providing overall vision and leadership for the development, implementation and evaluation of statewide Extension programs in 4-H and youth development.

Couch called on her years of youth programming experience to (write a sentence or two explaining what she spoke on).

The annual "Friend of 4-H Award" was presented to Ken Cook, long-time District 7 Extension Director (emeritus). Cook was honored for his career-long support of Extension youth programs in West Texas. Cook is still very active in many areas of Extension work. He continues his support of the 4-H program today through his close association with major stock shows across the state.

The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually in the 23-county district by Texas Cooperative Extension and America's Energy Partner/West Texas Utilities.



COURTESY PHOTO BY SCOTT EDMONSON

Gold Star smiles — Three local 4-H members received Gold Star Awards on Tuesday, Oct. 22. They are (L-R) Ross Hodges and parents Bill and Maureen Hodges, Emily Newman and parents Ken and Kathy Newman and Neal Brenner and parents Mike and Patsy Brenner.

County calls for issue of Certificates of Obligation to fund Civic Center

Price tag for project approaching \$335,000

While inspecting the County Ag Barn with architect Henry Schmidt, members of the Schleicher County Commissioners court noted several large puddles in both sections of the building. Commissioner Ross Whitten then used a broom handle to prod water logged insulation in the exhibition hall and the men noted soaked paneling and other unexplained water leaks. Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin, as well as County Judge Johnny Griffin were on hand for the inspection. Commissioner Bill Clark was absent.

The trip to the building seemed to end all debate as to whether to move forward with a renovation project at the facility. Once back at the courthouse the men voted to increase the amount of a proposed Certificate of Obligation Bond from \$300,000 to \$335,000. The addition was made in order to replace the soaked insulation and the exhibit hall roof.

The remodeling project will also include replacing evaporative coolers and propane cooling and heating units, adding handicapped accessible rest rooms, a septic system, new windows and a new kitchen/concession stand. A new entry hall will be added, as well. The pole barn, currently located on the south end of the building, will be torn down and replaced with a metal building on a cement slab, surrounded with nine roll-up doors. The project is slated to begin in February, provided the bonds are approved.

Investment advisor Larry Skiles was on hand to discuss the bond issue with the court. After discussing the matter, the commissioners voted unanimously for a resolution directing the publication of notice of the county's intention to issue interest bearing certificates of obligation in the amount of \$335,000. (See public notice on Page 9). Repayment of the bonds would begin in 2004 and will represent approx. one to one and a half cents per \$100 valuation on the county tax rate.

In other business, the commissioners met with attorney Raymond Loomis in his capacity as owner of a local abstract company. Loomis noted that County Clerk Peggy Williams recently

raised the price of document copies from 20 cents to 50 cents. He then asked the commissioners to provide him a space in the County Clerk's office or in the adjacent Law Library where he could place his own copy machine.

Discussion then turned to interpretation of state law with Loomis citing several court rulings and Attorney General opinions concerning the relationship of county governments to abstract companies in their capacity as agents of the public. He stated that abstract

companies are supposed to have free access to public documents. Loomis also noted that neighboring counties like Sutton and Crockett provide office space for abstract companies so that they can keep computers, desks and copy machines in the courthouse.

Judge Johnny Griffin asked Loomis who would be liable if his property were to be damaged while located in the courthouse. The commissioners also raised question about guaranteeing the

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

No, he's mine — It may have appeared that the Fairy Godmother was stealing Prince Charming away from Cinderella, but actually, it was nothing more than a Halloween Dance sponsored by Beta Sigma Phi. The youngsters were among several who took part in the costume dance in the Memorial Building on Tuesday night. They are (L-R) Ashley Bullard, Edward Hernandez and Chastity Willis.

Election slated for Tuesday

An election to determine several statewide races, as well as those on the district and local level will be held Tuesday, November 5, 2002. Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open until 7:00 p.m.

County Clerk Peggy Williams advises that turnout has been very heavy in the early voting period that ends on Friday.

The only locally contested race is between Matt Brown and Mike Lux who are vying for the County Commissioner seat in Pct. #4. That seat is being vacated by Commissioner Ross Whitten, who chose not to seek reelection.

On Tuesday, voters may cast

ballots at the following places:

- Precinct 1 - First United Methodist Church Education Building
- Precinct 2 - Schleicher County Memorial Building
- Precinct 3 - Schleicher County Annex Building
- Precinct 4 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church Education Building

Voters are encouraged to have their voters registration card with them when they go to vote. As usual, the Eldorado Success will post election results in the newspaper office window as soon as they become available. Local results will also be posted on the newspaper's website at www.myeldorado.net.

Annual Game Dinner offers great food and over \$20,000 in door prizes

The Schleicher County Game Association will hold its annual Game Dinner Saturday, November 2 on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. Over \$20,000 in numerous guns and prizes will be raffled away during the event.

A delicious barbecue lunch catered by Steven Nelson and Billy

Joe Pina will be offered with the serving line opening at 11:00 a.m. Meal tickets are a mere \$5 and raffle tickets are still \$1 each.

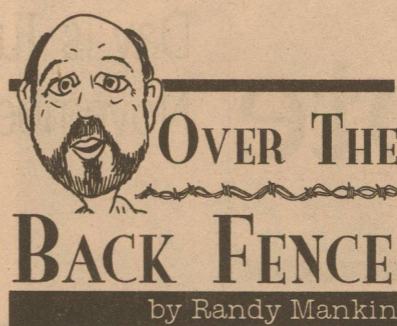
As a special draw for hunters, a Raptor 4-wheel drive utility vehicle will be raffled away as will a "Potbelly" deer blind. More than 40 guns and various other prizes will also be raffled away.

Game Dinner Association President Brian Edmiston says that the dinner is held each year as a way of welcoming the hundreds of deer hunters who return each year to the county.

A giant tent will be set up on the Courthouse Square and the Memorial Building will also be used for the event.



Occasionally, Halloween pranks will backfire



was left open, of course, so that the cheering crowd could watch the flames devour the enemy.

Lest you think we were cruel, the other teams burned our mascot in effigy, too. It was all great fun!

The little shack out back also became a target at Halloween. Outhouse tipping was in vogue then and folks went to great lengths to protect their private domain.

There's no telling how many times I heard the story about a farmer who camped out in his privy, armed with a shotgun loaded with rock salt. I never knew anyone, though, who confessed to a close encounter with the man.

But, there was one ingenious fellow in Jones County who managed to exact some revenge on a group of Halloween pranksters. In the weeks leading up to Halloween he carefully built a new outhouse. Unlike most privies that were hidden behind barns or in a grove of trees, his was out in the open, easily visible from the highway. It was a tempting target.

So, two nights before Halloween, a group of mischievous kids

tipped the outhouse over. Maybe they thought that by striking a couple of days early they could avoid being caught.

The next day, the farmer lifted the shed upright and painted it bright red. It was more than the teenagers could resist. That evening they struck again.

The following day, Halloween Day, the man set the outhouse back up and hung a sign on it, STAY AWAY! It was the final bit of bait for his trap.

Naturally, the pranksters did not disappoint.

Just after dark five teenagers crept from a tree line where they had been hiding for a couple of hours. Their pace quickened as they approached the back of the privy. Closing in to within about twenty yards the boys broke into a run, screaming as they ran up to topple the outhouse from behind.

Two of them smelled a trap, however, or maybe they smelled something else. Whatever the reason, they slowed up just in time to save themselves. It seems the farmer had moved the privy forward about 10 feet and three of the youngsters plunged into the pit.

About that time the outhouse's owner came running up, laughing at the top of his lungs. So were several of his neighbors who had gathered to watch the fun.

The three boys were retrieved from the pit, smelly, but otherwise unharmed. The other two? Well...we got away!

State workers play waiting game before election

AUSTIN — 'Twas a only a few nights before the general election, and all through the state house, not a creature was stirring...

With the exception of political speculation, and football talk, no one in local or state government is doing much more than keeping the system running until the election results are in.

Anyone who thinks government is too much a part of their lives must enjoy the quiet period that precedes any major election. In Austin, normally high-profile news makers at the Capitol and other state offices are hunkered down, not wanting to do anything that might become last-minute election fodder.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

Work goes on, but proposals, initiatives, new programs, reports, even press releases, are virtually non-existent.

Farmers legal battle continues

About the only thing that has been going on is continued legal wrangling over the lawsuit involving the Attorney General's office and Farmers Insurance.

The state has information it maintains will show that the company's pricing policies are not legal. The company has maintained

that information is proprietary and wants to keep it secret.

Last week both sides were awaiting a ruling on the matter from a Travis County district judge.

In September, Farmers announced it would abandon the Texas homeowner insurance market and cease policy renewals effective Nov. 11. The company still offers other types of insurance in Texas.

Early voting begins

The polls don't open for nearly another week, but thousands of Texans have already voted. As of late last week, 169,657 people have voted in the early balloting that started earlier this month. Of 7.8 million registered voters in 15 of the state's metropolitan counties, 2.17 percent have voted early so far either in person or by mail.

The highest turnout is in Nueces County where 3.68 percent of the registered voters have already made their decisions. Lower turnout was recorded in Fort Bend County, with 1.16 percent voting early.

Another big day coming

For another half-million or so Texans, another important date on the calendar is Saturday, Nov. 2.

That's the opening day of deer season this year. Hunting continues through Jan. 5 in the North Zone, and for two weeks longer in the South Zone.

The Parks and Wildlife Department said that though deer census figures are not yet in, this year's

deer population is considered better than last year. That number is somewhere around 3.5 million deer.

Tourists still traveling

Even with the terrorist attacks, the sputtering economy and a drop in tourist spending nationally, folks are still coming to Texas just for the fun of it.

Statistics compiled by the Department of Economic Development show that leisure trips to Texas in 2001 were up by 8 percent compared with 2000. That is five points higher than the national average.

Texas also passed Florida to become the second-most visited state with 6.9 percent of the market share of all U.S. leisure travel. California remains the top destination with 11.8 percent of all tourist travel.

High-lites...

The deadline for accepting applications for the Family Land Heritage program has been extended to Nov. 15, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The program recognizes farms and ranches that have been in the same family for 100, 150 and 200 years. For more information, check the agency's Web site at www.agr.state.tx.us.

With \$36.6 million in funding from last year's Proposition 8, a bond package approved by Texas voters, major repairs are scheduled soon for Caprock Canyons, Goliad, Indian Lodge (at Davis Mountains State Park), Mustang Island and Tyler State Parks.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Fenoglios of Montague County

Antonio, Jack and Barney Fenoglio arrived in the US from Italy in 1872 and worked in coal mines in Illinois, Kansas and Oklahoma before saving enough money to come to Texas and buy land in Montague county.

"They had a rough time," says Robert Fenoglio, a former justice of the peace and now a city councilman in Nocona. "When they went into the town of Montague, they always went two at a time. They were not well received because they were Italian and Catholic, both rare species in Montague county at the time."

The Fenoglios couldn't speak English when they first arrived in America. "My grandfather quit school in the third grade," says Robert. "His name was Andrew Jackson Fenoglio. He quit school because one of the teachers whipped him because he couldn't speak English. He swore at that time that his children would never learn the Italian language because they were Americans. That was a disgrace."

The Fenoglios farmed, bought more land, got into the oil business and now there are about 200 Fenoglios in Montague county involved in all facets of the community. Several hold political office both locally and statewide. Some made names for themselves on football teams in high school and college.

Robert's father married a red haired Irish lady who was vivacious and well loved. "That kind of broke the ice between the Italians and the rest of the community. We're very well accepted now

and we're proud of our heritage."

Robert demonstrates the Italian lawn game of Bocci at fairs and festivals around the state. He says Bocci is now played mostly in back yards.

Robert likens the Fenoglios to Johnson grass. "They tried to kill us out, but we persevered and now we're here to stay."

The people of Montague are known for their tenacity. "My uncle Tony, the ex-state representative, says you could build a twelve foot fence around Montague county and not let anybody else in and the people would survive better than any place on earth."

The Fenoglios left Italy because of poor living conditions. "In 1860 all of northern Italy was controlled by Austria. They had a civil war and won their independence. Then they had a depression. My grandfather told me about his father's family sleeping five in a bed sideways and no job and no land to buy. So they decided to come to the new country."

One brother stayed in Italy and lives in a small town at the base of the Alps near the Swiss and French borders. Robert went over there in 1997 and says it's the most beautiful place in the world.

"My great grandfather died when he was fifty-eight years old. When I came back from Italy I told my dad that I thought I understood why his grandfather died at such an early age. After he came to Texas from that beautiful place in Italy, he must have thought he was in hell and he just couldn't stand it any longer."

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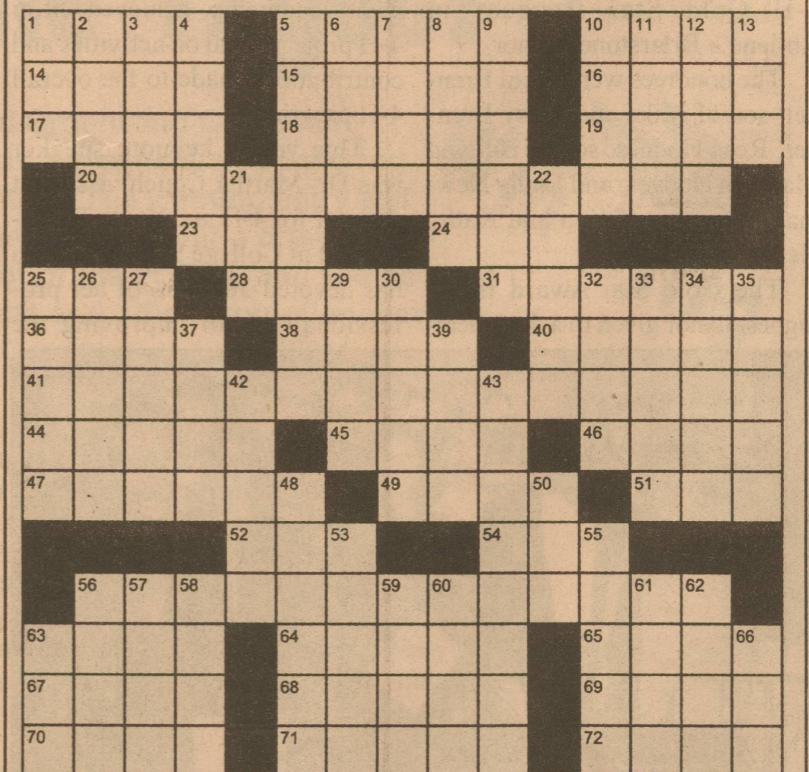
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 - Madonna role
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 - Nintendo rival
 - Partner of anon
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 - Hammer, anvil and stirrup
 - Furriers' wares
 - Knight's title
 - Winter hazard
 - Beyond plump
 - Run into
 - Out of town
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OBITUARIES

Erin Michelle Mills

Erin Michelle Mills, 15, of San Angelo went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 23, in a Dallas hospital.

Service was Monday, Oct. 28 at Paul Ann Baptist Church with Pastors Kirt Dauphin and Skip Hill officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Erin was born Nov. 14, 1986, in San Angelo. She was a former student at Lincoln Junior High School and San Angelo Lake View High School. Erin was attending high school in Mesquite. Erin was a vibrant young lady. She was a member of Paul Ann Baptist Church, active in ROTC and orchestra. She always was sharing the gospel of Jesus with her friends and looked forward to "See You at the Pole."

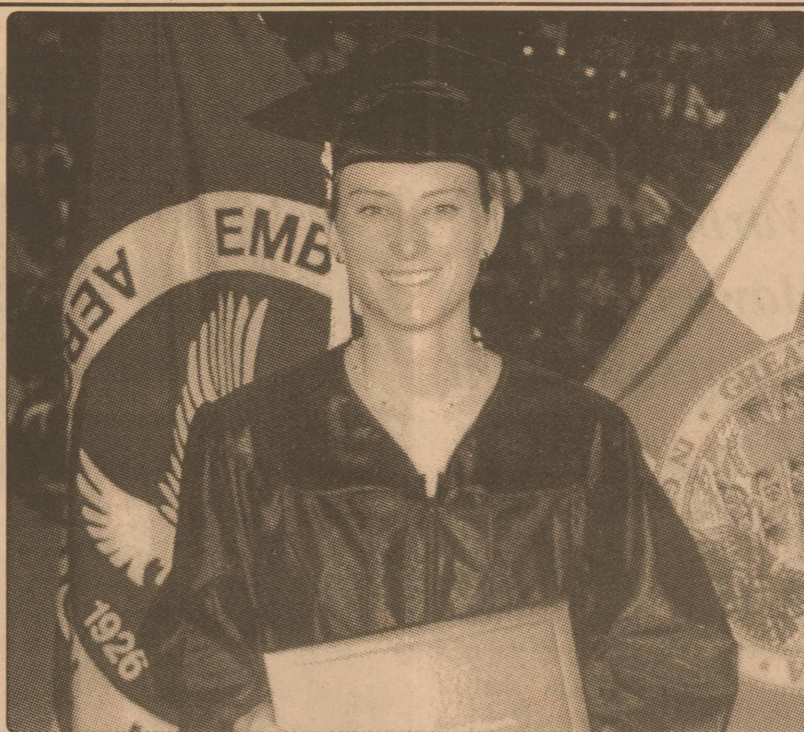
Erin loved the outdoors, swimming, music and animals. She collected porcelain dolls and always was eager to make new friends. She loved watching the Outlaws and hockey in general.

Erin was preceded in death by her maternal grandparents, Wayne and Thresa Gary.

She is survived by her parents Michael A. "Mike" and Denise L. Mills of San Angelo; one sister, Danelle Nicole "Nicci" Mills of

Colorado Springs, Colo.; paternal grandparents, Thomas "Tommy" and Doris Mills; great-grandmother, Ruth Daughtery; aunts and uncles: Tommy Wayne and Karla Mills, Roy and Barbara Mills, Sherri and Johnny Carney, all of San Angelo, Pam and Allen Lasater of Mesquite, Jan and Bobby Bailey of Eldorado, and William and Mary Gary of El Paso; two great-aunts, Kay Wade of San Angelo and Karen Porter of Houston; fiancé, Michael Bromfield; special cousins: Crystal Yungman and Jason Lasater; best friends, Dusty Kingsberry and Jessica Storts; and several cousins. Pallbearers will be Crystal Yungman, Miranda and Caycie Carney, Jason Lasater, Thomas "Hayden" and Roy "Bubba" Mills. Honorary pallbearers will be Cortney Yungman, David Moon, Dusty Kingsberry and Jessica Storts.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council Prevention Program, P.O. Box 3805, San Angelo, TX 76902, Lake View High School ROTC or orchestra programs. Erin will be sincerely missed and remembered for all the lives she so deeply touched.



Recent graduate — Air Force SSgt. Melanie Stricklan graduated recently from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics. Stricklan is currently stationed at Robins Air Force Base at Warner-Robins, Georgia. She is a 1993 graduate of Eldorado High School and the daughter of Rick and Lori Stricklan of Eldorado.

Judge Doyle attends seminar

Judge James C. Doyle was certified at the recent twenty-hour Justice of the Peace seminar held October 22 - 25, 2002 in Amarillo, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Southwest Texas State University, with offices in Austin, Texas.

The seminar is one of four held for elected Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their continuing judicial education requirements as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code.

The seminar addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Juvenile law, Small claims, traffic laws, parks and wildlife laws, legal research, magistrate duties, probable cause and search warrants, landlord tenant issues, contract for deed, J.P. office procedure, miscellaneous hearings and financial management.

Community praise team still growing

About a dozen folks showed up for the first rehearsal of the Eldorado Community Praise Team last Sunday. We had a great time and will be meeting again SUNDAY at 7:00 PM in the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome. Call Leonard for details at 853-2828.

Newman initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta fraternity at Tech



SUCCESS FILE PHOTO
Gentry Newman

LUBBOCK — Gentry Newman was initiated into the Gamma Phi chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Texas Tech University

Sept. 29. She is a freshman fashion merchandising and early childhood development major and the daughter of Ken and Kathy Newman of Eldorado. Gentry will be presented to the chapter and to family and friends on Oct. 26 at a dinner in the United Spirit Arena on the Tech campus.

Kappa Alpha Theta is the first national Greek letter fraternity for women, founded in 1870 at Asbury University in Greencastle, Indiana. Four women sought to create a women's organization which would promote social, intellectual and moral growth. Theta now boasts 123 college chapters, 252 alumnae groups, and over 170,000 members. The Theta symbol is the kite; its flower is the pansy; and its colors are black and gold.

The Gamma Phi Chapter at Texas Tech University was founded in April of 1953. The chapter boasts 186 members. It has won the Golden Kite Award, which goes to the top chapters in the nation, every year it has been offered.

Sign up now for FREE computer classes at SCISD

The Schleicher County Community Network (SCCN) is hosting more training classes for community members during the upcoming months. Every member of the community is eligible to attend. The only requirement is that you sign up for the classes in advance because of the limited number of computers in each training room. Just remember, we will be offering computer courses through April of 2003.

A complete list of classes will be available at the Schleicher County Administration Office on Thursday, October 31, 2002. To sign up, call Mary Doran at 853-2514 ex. 226.

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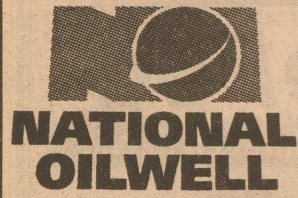
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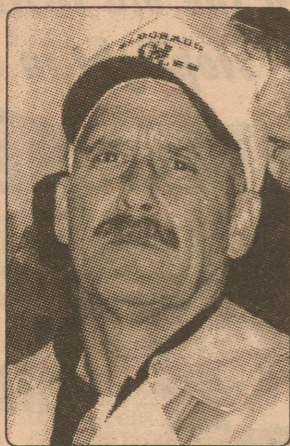
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Eagles fall 54-0 to strong Reagan County team

Warbirds face Hawks in Wall tomorrow night

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Big Lake last Friday night to take on the second place Reagan County Owls and ran into a rushing machine. The Eagles found themselves on the losing end of a 54-0 score. The day didn't start off well for the Eagles when they had to travel an additional 41 miles to make the trip due to high water. It didn't get much better after that. It was cold, windy, and wet and a long night for all involved.

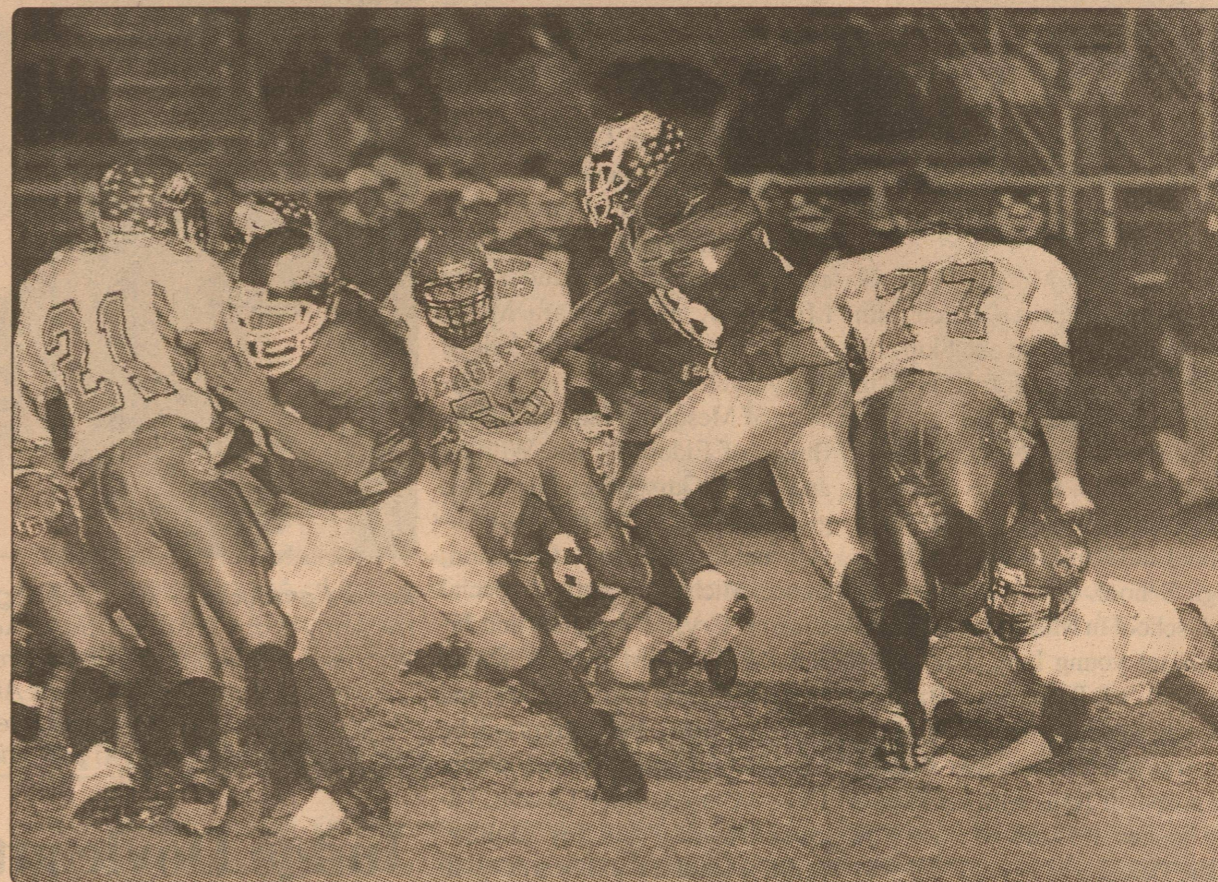
Reagan County got off to a quick start and never looked back Friday night. The Owls led 21-0 after the first quarter and pushed their advantage to 33-0 at the half. They would find the end zone three more times before time expired.

In addition to the Owls potent offensive showing, their defense held the Eagles to only 58 total yards on the night.

Coach Grubbs said after the game, "This was a very tough night on everybody. We just need to see the things we need to work on and forget the end result of the game. We've got to gather ourselves and focus on the basics. We have to play a full four quarters of football this next week from kick off to buzzer."

The game stats were as one-sided as the score. The Eagles managed only 3 first downs to Reagan County's 24. That equated to 58 yards of offense for the Eagles and 469 for the Owls.

The Eagles lost three of four fumbles and averaged 33.6 yards



Trapped in the backfield — Eagles defenders cornered Owl running back Allan Harrison Friday night as the Warbirds took on Reagan County in District 2-2A action. The Owls dominated the game from beginning to end, posting a 54-0 victory. Pictured in the action are Eagles defenders #21 Phillip Martinez, #77 Gus Figueroa, #3 Buddy Greer and #55 Seth Taylor.

on 3 punts. Reagan County's punter never touched the ball.

The game was relatively free of penalties, however, with the Eagles being flagged 4 times for 20 yards and the Owls giving up 30 yards on 3 penalties.

The Eagles will take on the Wall Hawks tomorrow night at Wall. The Hawks are coming off a 13-10 win over Sonora last week. Coach Grubbs commented on Wall

saying, "We have to play good fundamental football, plain and simple."

In other action this past week, Ozona blanked Grape Creek. The standings to this point are Ozona (3-0), Reagan County (2-1), Wall (2-1), Sonora (1-2), Eldorado (1-2), and Grape Creek (0-3). This week Grape Creek faces Reagan County, Sonora takes on Ozona, and the Eagles travel to Wall.

Kick off is scheduled for 7:30pm. Let's show our support and back our student athletes! **WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!!**

Editor's Note: In last week's edition, Ray Buitron was inadvertently left out of the story on the Sonora game. Buitron led the team in tackles with 15 and was the Eagle of the week.

8th grade Eagles swoop past Owls

by Coach Dave Lewis

Thursday evening on a muddy home field the 8th grade Eldorado Eagles beat the Big Lake Owls 6-0.

The only touchdown came from David Hernandez who returned a kick off for a 76 yard TD. The front line, consisting of Luis Almazan, Byron Hibbs, Marcos Hernandez, Marcus Hinojosa and Josue Chavez did some great blocking in order for this to happen.

Ram Buitron received his second straight deceleator.

The Eagles will play the Wall Hawks in Wall today.



Big play — 8th Grade defender #80 Artie Montalvo hit Reagan County's quarterback just as he released the ball last Thursday. The big hit resulted in an interception, and helped the team to a 6-0 win over the Owls on a very muddy field.



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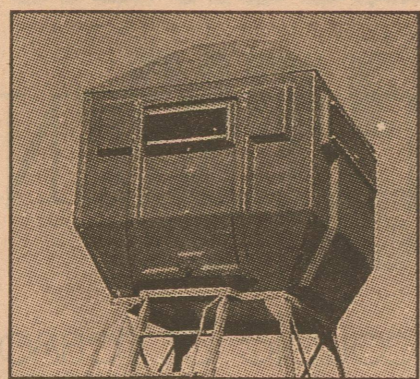


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Some of the more notable assistance giving was when a family of four traveled from New Mexico enroute to Port Lavaca to seek employment on a shrimp boat. The family was traveling to their destination on a riding lawn mower towing a small trailer.

Other recent assistance included two friends, traveling to Fort Hood from Arizona, who were involved in a one vehicle accident at the intersection of US 190 West and US 277. The Salvation Army purchased bus tickets for the friends to assist them to their final destination.

Also, as money is available, the Salvation Army contributes to the Meals for Friends program and the Ministerial Alliance.

Through generous donations from our local citizens the Salvation Army is able to provide continued support to those in need of our services.

Sheriff Doran, who serves as Chairman of the local chapter of the Salvation Army, acknowledged the receipt of donations from the following regular contributors during the 2001-2002 year: Marie Sharp, Jon Cartwright, Guy Crippin, L.D. Mund, and First National Bank Employees.

Sheriff Doran noted that the annual Christmas fund raiser is right around the corner. Anyone wishing to support the Salvation Army and its many causes is encouraged to contact Sheriff David R. Doran at (915)-853-2737 or Jo Ward at (915)-853-2544.



Wet field...hard running — It was a tangled muddy mess last Thursday as this Eagles JV player followed the blocking of his line and pounded the ball into the teeth of the Reagan Co. defense. Eldorado fell 12-6 in a hard fought contest on a very wet and slippery field.

PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Eagles JV falls 12-6 to Owls in Mud Bowl

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Reagan County Owls JV defeated the Eldorado JV 12-6 on a very wet and muddy field last Thursday night. The game was played in Eldorado after the 7th and 8th grade games. The Middle School games were switched to Eldorado so as not to tear up the Big Lake field in preparation for the varsity game on Friday

night.

Eldorado struck first on a punt return in the 1st quarter as Koda Lozano picked up a rolling kick and returned the ball 56 yards for 6 points.

Reagan County would score twice on long runs. Once in the 2nd quarter and once in the 3rd quarter. All extra points failed and the score would remain 12-6. The Eagles

threatened late but ran out of time.

QB Frank Edmiston completed passes during the game to Tony Chavez and Michael Ballew. He suffered an interception in the 2nd half.

Tony Chavez and Koda Lozano had several good runs. Punter Jorge Bustos had another stellar performance with excellent snaps from Caleb Nixon. Caleb also made a good play on punt coverage.

The Eagles will play two games on Thursday with the White team taking on the Irion County JV at 5:00 and the Green Team playing Wall JV at 6:30.

The Eagles have no major injuries. Freshman Andy Mejia will stay with the varsity while Marco Escobar, Diego Barrera, Frank Edmiston and Michael Ballew will be able to recover and play from minor sprains and bruises.

Commissioners to borrow \$335,000 for Civic Center

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safety of Mr. Loomis' equipment when he is not present. The men opted to delay a decision on the matter until their Nov. 12 meeting, allowing them time to research the matter further.

County Attorney Marian Bland Overstreet then presented the commissioners with information they had requested concerning the possibility of abolishing the constable's office.

The court then read a letter from attorney Ken Greer written on behalf of Bill Taylor. They then instructed Road Superintendent Clay Bureson to clean and repair a fence line along property owned by Bill Taylor.

The court then voted to accept a proposal from the West Texas Rural Counties Association to provide Schleicher County officials with bonds for office. Currently, bonds are being purchased from Mittel Insurance. Schleicher County is a member of the West Texas Rural Counties Association. It was explained that the organization provides its members with blanket bonds on elected officials. Employees in the clerk's office, and other employees who handle money must have separate bonds, it was explained.



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Good Luck-Regional Bound-On Saturday, November 2, the Eagles Girls Cross Country Team consisting of (L-R) Courtney Sauer, Chandra Wanoreck, Allison Reynolds, Clara Herrera, Lacy Ragsdale, Courtney Brown and Kasey Boysaw will travel to Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock and will compete in the Region I-AA Cross Country Meet. The girls will run the two mile course beginning at 11:00 a.m. Sauer and Brown first traveled to Regionals in 1999 as freshmen and as sophomores as their team placed 2nd in district. Sauer, Brown and Herrera traveled to regionals in 2001. For seniors Courtney Brown and Courtney Sauer this will be their last regional try. The girls are coached by Vicki Williams who has coached the team for two years.

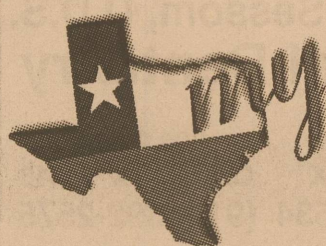


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Good Luck - Regional Bound - On Saturday, November 2, Eric Garcia will travel to Lubbock to run in the Region I-AA Cross Country Meet held at Mae Simmons Park in Lubbock at 11:30 a.m. Garcia placed 4th in district and will compete with other 2A's school by running a three mile course of sloping hills. This will be Eric's second time to travel to regionals in his high school career. Eric's coach is Vicki Williams.

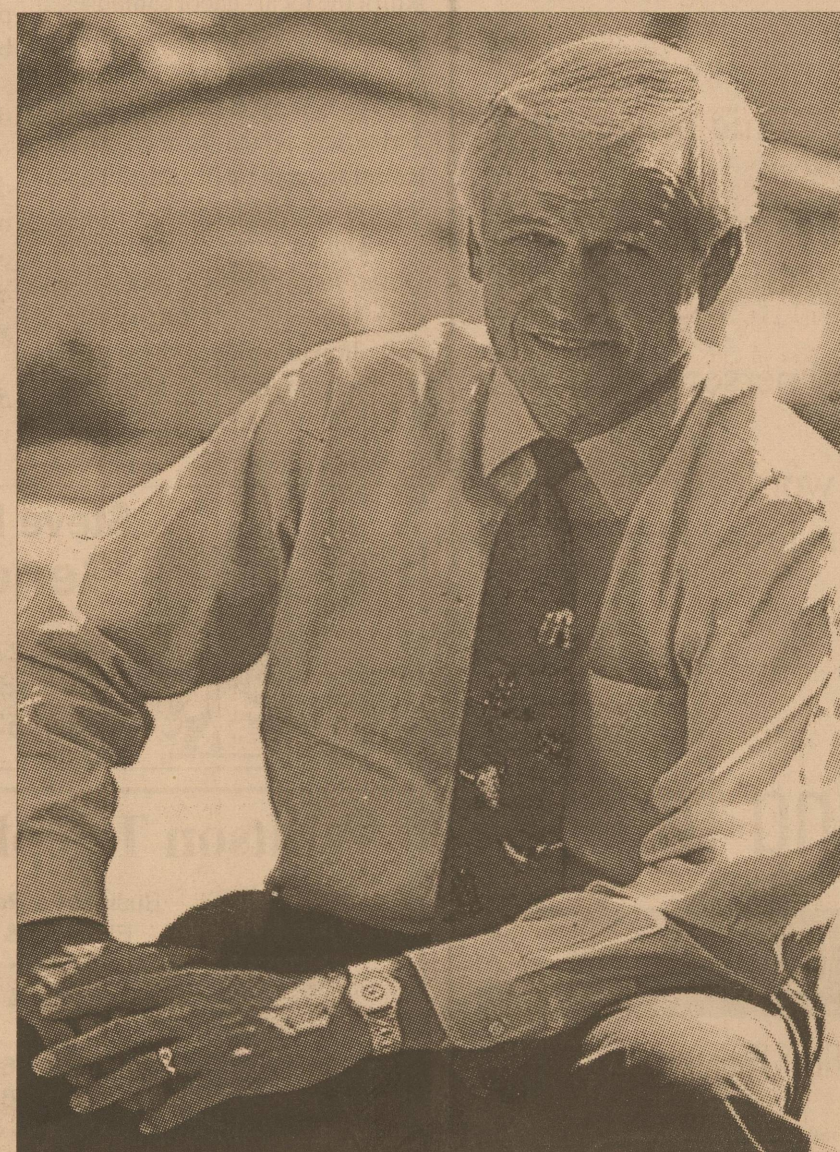
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New law dog in town — Sheriff David Doran posed Tuesday with Deputy Jason Chatham and K-9 officer Brutus. Brutus joined the department last week and will enhance the agency's drug enforcement capability.

"Brutus" joins staff at Sheriff's Department

He's not only the newest and youngest officer in the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, he has the keenest sense of smell. Brutus, the department's new drug-detection dog went to work this week and has already been pressed into service during routine traffic stops. At one such stop on Tuesday, Brutus alerted on a car which local officers thoroughly searched. While no drugs of a commercial quantity were located, a few dried marijuana seeds and leaves were uncovered. Not enough to hold the suspects, but enough to prove that Brutus' nose knows what it's doing.

Brutus, an 18-month old chocolate-colored Labrador Retriever,

was purchased by the department with funds donated by several companies, some located here in Schleicher County, others located in and around the Concho Valley. Deputy Sheriff Jason Chatham and Brutus attended a 120-hour school in Corpus Christi recently where the pair were certified as a K-9 handler team through the National Narcotic Dog Detector Association.

The team returned to Eldorado last week where Brutus has been busy getting settled in to his new surroundings.

Sheriff David Doran said he was delighted to have Chatham and Brutus working together. "We know that drugs are passing through here," Doran stated. "We've had limited success in the past, working with Trooper Bybee's dog, Jada, and other dogs that are sometimes available to us through the task force. But often times the dogs were already busy on another case, or working in another area."

"Now, thanks to the generosity of several donors, we have Brutus available to us all the time," Doran said.

One of Brutus' duties will be to patrol the local school campuses, a task that up till now has been handled by an out of town company.

The Sheriff noted that monies and assets seized through narcotics enforcement will assist in funding the operation of the K-9 unit.

"This is a win, win situation," Doran said. "The K-9 unit will not only support itself financially, it will allow the money the school is currently paying to a contractor to stay here in the county."

Hospital Dist. trustees hold regular monthly meeting

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees met Monday evening, Oct. 28, 2002, in the hospital board room. Board President Randy Mankin called the meeting to order. Also present for the meeting were trustees Shirley Joiner, Ricky Fuessel and Jim Martin. Trustee Delia Pina was absent.

Once the meeting convened, the board entered into an executive session. The agenda for the meeting listed three reasons for the closed door session: real property - rent house contract; consultation with attorney, litigation; and personnel - employee of the year.

When the group returned to open session they took no action on two of the items, but did vote unanimously to confirm the balloting of the district's personnel for employee of the year. They were careful not to name the employee, however, since the award will be presented at the annual employee Christmas party in December.

In other business, the trustees reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting and approved them after making one minor correction. They also heard from Marion Porter and Annie Arispe, who delivered the hospital and nursing home quality assurance reports.

Next, Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz updated the trustees on the installation of teleradiology equipment and a new X-ray machine. She also advised that a Texas Dept. of Health (TDH) surveyor was in Eldorado recently, investigating a complaint that was filed against the nursing home. She noted that a nursing home resident had suffered a fractured arm and said that the TDH surveyor found no evidence of abuse or neglect.

Dietz noted that federal guidelines require the nursing home staff to report such incidents only when abuse or neglect is suspected. However, a state policy, as well as a local district policy, requires such incidents to be reported even when the cause of the injury is unknown. That policy was not followed, Dietz stated. She said she is currently working on a plan of correction to ensure that policy and procedures are followed in the future.

Dietz also advised the board that a survey of the hospital clinic by TDH had gone well and that the clinic is now designated under TDH rules as a Rural Health Clinic. The designation is important in that it will lead to higher reimbursement from Medicare. Otherwise, Dietz said, clinic patients won't notice a difference.

Dietz then updated the board on her efforts to track new clinic patients. She noted that in December, thirty-four new patients were seen in September. Nineteen of those were from Eldorado, seven were from Sonora with the remainder coming from San Angelo, Ozona, Rankin and Abilene. She reiterated that the survey only counted new patients who have not previously been treated in the clinic.

The board then reviewed the district's financial reports and were surprised to learn that

\$77,526 in depreciation expense was recorded in the hospital's books for high speed Internet servers and teleradiology equipment that was acquired under the Schleicher County Community Network Grant. It was explained that since the hospital is the fiscal agent for the grant, it actually owns most of the equipment, and therefore may take advantage of the depreciation of the equipment, even though it did not buy the equipment. Randy Mankin explained that while the depreciation is a paper entry on the district's books, it will turn into real dollars when the hospital's Medicare cost report is finalized.

Next, the trustees briefly discussed two vacant seats on the board but took no action on the matter. They also discussed the possibility of offering retention and longevity pay in an effort to keep employees on the payroll, especially certified nurses aides.

The board then authorized the expenditure of \$2,400.00 for the purchase of new tables for the nursing home dining room. They reviewed one bid for a new storage building but chose to take no action on the matter.

Discussion then turned to the need to for new computer software, especially financial software at the hospital. Randy Mankin advised the board that Andy Freeman and Jerry Hulin, consultants with Preferred Management, could not attend the meeting due to storms along the Red River. One of both of the men routinely fly to Eldorado in a small plane to attend board meetings. Mankin said that Freeman had asked him to update the board on software packages that are being considered.

Mankin noted that he, along with Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz, Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor and hospital Director of Nursing Berta Nicholson had recently attended a two-day conference in San Antonio where four hospital software packages were demonstrated. He advised that new governmental regulations, specifically the privacy components of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), will take effect in April, 2003. The hospital's current computer software is not HIPAA compliant, Mankin stated.

The price of new software seemed to catch the board by surprise. Mankin said that the four packages he saw ranged from just over \$100,000 to more than \$400,000, depending on the complexity of the system. On top of that, a ten percent per year maintenance fee would be charged.

After discussing the issue at length, the board ultimately took no action on the question, choosing instead to check with other area hospital's to see what software packages, if any, they have found that meet the constraints of HIPAA.

Before adjourning, the trustees okayed the expenditure of \$7,000.00 for the construction of a caliche and crushed rock parking lot behind the hospital. It was noted that employees are now being required to park in the back since the number of clinic patients are increasing. "The front lot are for our patients and guests," Sharon Dietz explained.

The board also authorized a change to the district's policy governing personal days off for employees.

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Little Goblins Haunt Schleicher County Nursing Home — Students of the First Baptist Church's Building Blocks Pre-School treated nursing home residents with their ghostly presence Tuesday morning. Pictured above are (Front L-R) Cade Creek, Jordan Stanford, Conley Niblett, Franklin Buchholz, Audry Nolen, Austin Albin, Wiley Martin and Preston Andrews; (Back L-R) Whitney Sullivan, Luke Wideman, Elizabeth Griffin, Riley Umphress, Meg Powell, Spiderman (Hudson Martin), Fireman (Joseph Hill), Chase Mertz, Frog (Kami Lux) and Fireman (Davis Hutto).

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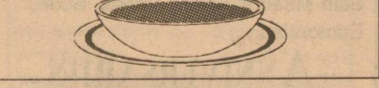
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- Tuesday, November 5**
 Chicken Noodle Soup, Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Lettuce & Tomato, Rosy Apple Sauce
- Wednesday, November 6**
 Hamburger Steak w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, English Peas, Dinner Roll, Sugar Cookies
- Thursday, November 7**
 Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Cornbread, Crushed Pineapple, Orange Jello w/ Topping
- Friday, November 8**
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- Tuesday, November 5**
 Honey Bun, Cheese, Apple Juice
- Wednesday, November 6**
 Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice
- Thursday, November 7**
 Pancake on Stick w/ Syrup, Apple Juice
- Friday, November 8**
 Muffin, Cheese, Orange Juice

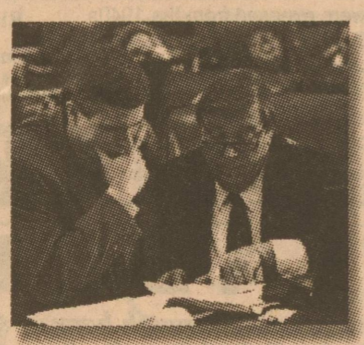
Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, November 4**
 Meatballs & Spaghetti w/ Tomato Sauce, Seasoned Spinach, French Bread, Toss Salad, Banana w/ Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday, November 5**
 Roast Pork, French Cut Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Stewed Prunes, Milk
- Wednesday, November 6**
 Turkey Tetrazzini, Broccoli, Toss Salad, Dinner Roll Raspberry Pears, Milk
- Thursday, November 7**
 Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Mashed potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
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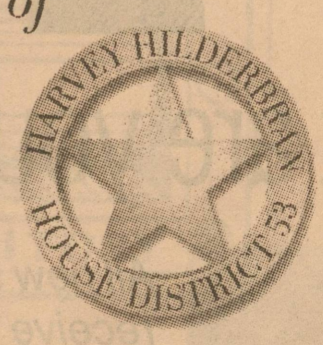
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DPS issues Halloween safety reminder

With scary ghouls and goblins on the way, the Texas Department of Public Safety is reminding Texans to be safe and responsible this coming Halloween.

"Halloween is a fun time for both children and adults, but oftentimes people act or drive carelessly or are not aware of their surroundings," said Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of the DPS.

On Halloween of 2000, there were 546 injury accidents and 11 fatal accidents in Texas. Motorists

are urged to drive slowly in neighborhoods and to be on the lookout for trick-or-treaters.

Safety tips for pedestrians include:

- Look both ways before crossing roadways. Always walk, don't run.
- Cross the roadway at intersections and crosswalks when possible.
- Avoid toy guns and knives—they could be mistaken for the real thing.

• Wear costumes that are light in color, and short enough to avoid tripping.

- Reflective material of some kind on the costume is strongly encouraged.
- Avoid masks—use face paint instead for better visibility and peripheral vision.
- Travel in groups with adult supervision.
- Do not enter the cars and homes of strangers. Avoid homes without visible porch lights.

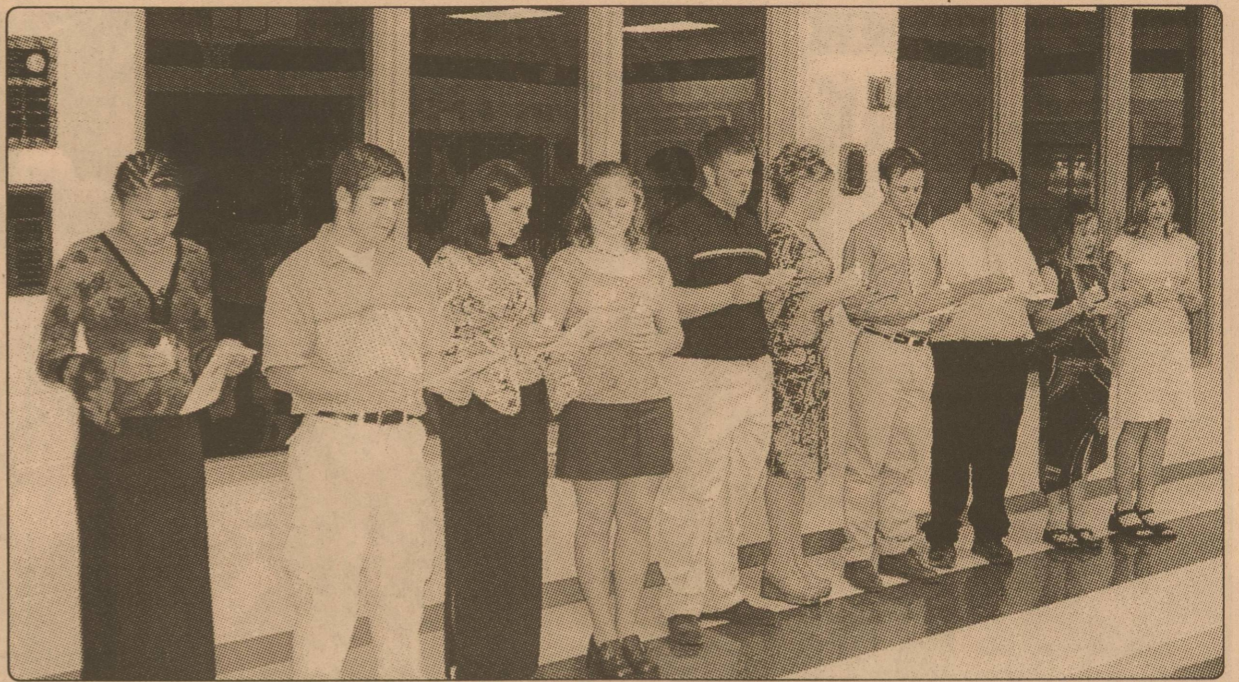


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I Pledge Myself To Uphold... Newly inducted National Honor Society Members read the National Honor Society Pledge at the closing of the special candle ceremony held on Tuesday, October 22. They are (L-R) Kasey Boysaw, Alan Dykstra, Clara Herrera, Heather Homer, Travis Joiner, Lacy Ragsdale, Seth Taylor, Josh Trejo, Courtney Whitten and Brandi Davis.

NHS inducts ten new members at EHS

On Tuesday evening, October 22nd, ten new members of the Eldorado High School chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted in a traditional candlelight ceremony. The ceremony was held in the High School Gym Foyer.

The new inductees included: Senior Brandi Davis; Juniors: Kasey Boysaw, Alan Dykstra, Clara Herrera, Heather Homer, Travis Joiner, Lacy Ragsdale, Seth Taylor, Courtney Whitten and Josh Trejo.

The Invocation was led by

Georgina Maritz and Pledge of Allegiance was led by Lori Loomis.

High School Principal Tim Seymore welcomed the parents, teachers and students.

Anne Reeb presented the new NHS Officers for the 2002-2003 school year. They are Luis Munoz, Courtney Sauer, Courtney Brown, and Christina Redish.

Membership in the National Honor Society is bestowed upon students meeting certain and very strict criteria. Selection for membership is made by a faculty coun-

cil and is based on outstanding scholarship, character, leadership, and service. To be eligible for membership a candidate must:

- be a member of the Junior or Senior class;
- have attended Eldorado High School at least one semester;
- have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90 percent;
- have demonstrated an outstanding record of conduct and behavior;
- have demonstrated leadership in both the school and community;
- have provided service to school, classmates, or community.

Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities, to attend meetings, and to perform both individual and chapter service projects during the school year. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection may be dismissed from the National Honor Society. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

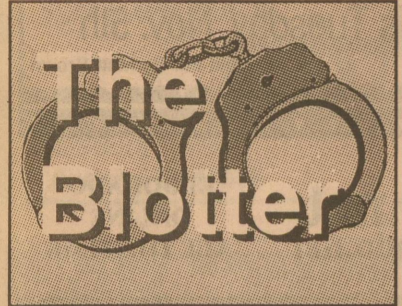
After a special candle ceremony which represented scholarship, service, leadership and character by the National Honor Society Officers the new inductees lit their own individual candle and was certified by High School Principal Tim Seymore.

The ceremony concluded with the current members and the new members reading the National Honor Society Pledge. Parents, teachers and students then enjoyed a special NHS cake made by Kim-et Nelson and punch.



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No, you can't have it back — Renowned Tagoo Bird expert Claude Spencer met secretly with Count Dracula last Thursday in an attempt to negotiate the release of the Tagoo that is being held hostage at Dracula's Haunted Fillin' Station near the spotlight. One of the Count's demands, the end of Daylight Saving Time, was met. But, negotiations hit a snag when Dracula asked for four pints of human blood.



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

October 23 • Forte, Eugene, male age 50, served 6 days and was released.

October 24 • Garcia, Hilda Rubi, female age 36, arrested by SC Officer,

charge Motion To Revoke/Probation Forgery. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

October 25 • Reza, Crystal Belia, female age 22, arrested by SC Officer Probation Revoked/Theft of Services. Released time served.

REPORTS

October 23 • 1:53 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about juveniles. Complainant stated they were having trouble with them. Officer responded.

October 24 • 2:10 p.m. Complainant on South Main stated that someone had stolen a wedding ring set valued at \$750 (white gold in color) from approximately 8 AM to 1 PM.

4:08 p.m. Complainant on Hwy. 277 10 Miles South reported a controlled burn.

October 25 • 1:15 a.m. Complainant reported a minor accident involving one car behind oil service company. Officer and EMS responded. One occupant was pregnant and was transported to emergency room to be checked out.

8:55 a.m. Complainant on W. Warner requested an officer to get a

trapped dog out from under their house. Owner was afraid dog would drown. Officers and Fire Chief responded. Cold, wet dog escaped from under house on its own after fire department went to locate a pump for the water.

7:10 p.m. Complainant on Colpitts Street reported a cat caught between the wall and their hot water heater. Officer responded and went to get a catch pole. The complainant called the Sheriff's Office and reported the cat was gone.

6:49 p.m. Male subject reported a elderly female was having trouble breathing and requested an ambulance. EMS transported female subject to emergency room.

October 26 • 5:17 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer.

7:57 p.m. Hospital called and stated they had received a call from a male subject who requested an ambulance. Officer and EMS responded.

8:54 p.m. Complainant reported their charter bus had a blow out 1 mile out on Hwy. 190 East and was requesting assistance. Officer responded and tire repair service was contacted.

October 27 • 4:17 p.m. Female subject reported a suspicious person around their house. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

October 28 • 12:06 p.m. Complainant reported a silent alarm sounding at bank. Officer responded.

October 29 • Subject with OnStar requested a vehicle welfare check on a vehicle on Old Sonora Road and Mary's Street. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

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2nd T.J. Rodriguez, Marian Bland Overstreet, Joe Robert Barajas, Marina Castillo, Lupe Herrera, Tonya Robinson
3rd Alison Sproul, Cameron Paulson, Danielle Guadarrama, Rosa Herrera, Sloan Lovette, Rachel Garcia
4th Julie Holley, Brittany Jennings, Red Griffin, Claude Spencer, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Jeff Chancellor, Sonia Mills
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FSA seeks County Committee candidates

The Schleicher County Farm Service Agency (FSA) is seeking candidates for the locally led County Committee election for Local Administrative Area (LAA) #2 to be held this fall.

"It is crucial that every eligible agricultural producer take part in this election process because County Committees serve as a direct link between the agriculture community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," says Jan Wanoreck,

Schleicher/Sutton/Val Verde County Executive Director. The County Committee system needs everyone to get involved - from voters to committee candidates. Almost anyone eligible to participate in programs administered by FSA qualifies to be a candidate for the committee.

Nomination forms can be obtained from FSA County Offices. Completed nomination forms are due back to the FSA office by Oc-

tober 28, 2002. FSA will notify nominees and mail election ballots to eligible voters in mid-November. Completed ballots must be returned to FSA offices and postmarked by December 2nd. Elected members and alternates will take office January 1, 2003.

FSA County Committees provide local guidance and make decisions on issues including: commodity price support loans and payments; establishment of allotments, yields and marketing quotas; farm loans; conservation programs; incentive, indemnity, and disaster payments for some commodities; and other disaster program assistance. County Committees have served as the eyes, ears and voice of farmers and ranchers nationwide for more than 60 years.

The County Committee plays an integral role in the delivery of Farm Service Agency services. We'd like the County Committee to reflect a diverse cross-section of the local agriculture community by including representation from non-traditional farming operations, small farmers or ranchers, specialty crop producers, minority producers, spouses or business partners - anyone who would be willing to add new or different perspectives to the County Committee.

For more information contact your local USDA FSA office at 915/853-3535, ext. 2.

Pride Spot —
The Chamber Pride Committee's Residential Pride Spot for October is the home of Rudy and Shine Spigarelli at 713 Highland Avenue. The business Pride Spot was awarded to the U.S. Post Office.



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BAYCOL — Muscle Pain Rhabdomyolysis • Liver/Kidney Failure

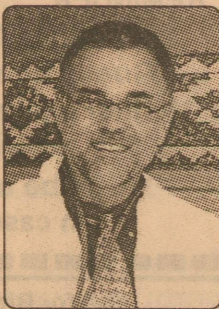
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Deer population survey for Schleicher County

Wildlife personnel with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed annual deer population surveys here in Schleicher County. The survey produced and estimate of 84 deer to every 1,000 acres of deer habitat or about 67,335 deer countywide.

The deer herd averages 2.79 does per buck and 79 fawns per 100 does. That breaks down to 17 percent bucks, 47 percent does and 36 percent fawns.

Antler quality is expected to be relatively decent this year, with better antlers in those areas that experienced better rainfall patterns through the late spring and summer months earlier this year. Much needed widespread rains have added some green-up to the pastures and should bring on some winter weeds to augment the spotty acorn crop currently falling.

This year the standard gun deer season opens on Saturday, Nov. 2, and runs through Sunday, Jan. 5, 2003. Schleicher County will also participate in the special, late, 2-week antlerless and spike season (no fork-antlered bucks allowed during the special late season) that will open Monday, January 6, and run through Sunday, January 19, 2003. This late rifle season takes the place of the previously listed muzzleloader season; however, muzzleloaders may be

used during any of the other regular firearm seasons.

The bag limit for whitetail deer will again be 5 this year, no more than 2 antlered bucks in the bag, all seasons combined. Doe permits or special doe tags will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer on the Edwards Plateau during regular seasons. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license, or a Bonus Tag where applicable, and landowner permission to bag doe or antlerless deer in Schleicher and the other 'either-sex' counties this year.

Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. personnel are recommending that Schleicher County landowners harvest deer according to the following recommendations:

For those properties located in the western half of the county, bounded by Hwy. 915 and Hwy. 2596 on the east, a harvest rate on bucks is one buck per 500 acres, and one doe per 250 acres.

For those properties located in the eastern half of the county, bounded by Hwy. 915 and Hwy. 2596 on the west, one buck per 400 acres, and one doe per 75 acres.

[These recommended rates may not be suitable for all properties located in Schleicher County. Some areas may need to vary their harvest rates from this recommen-

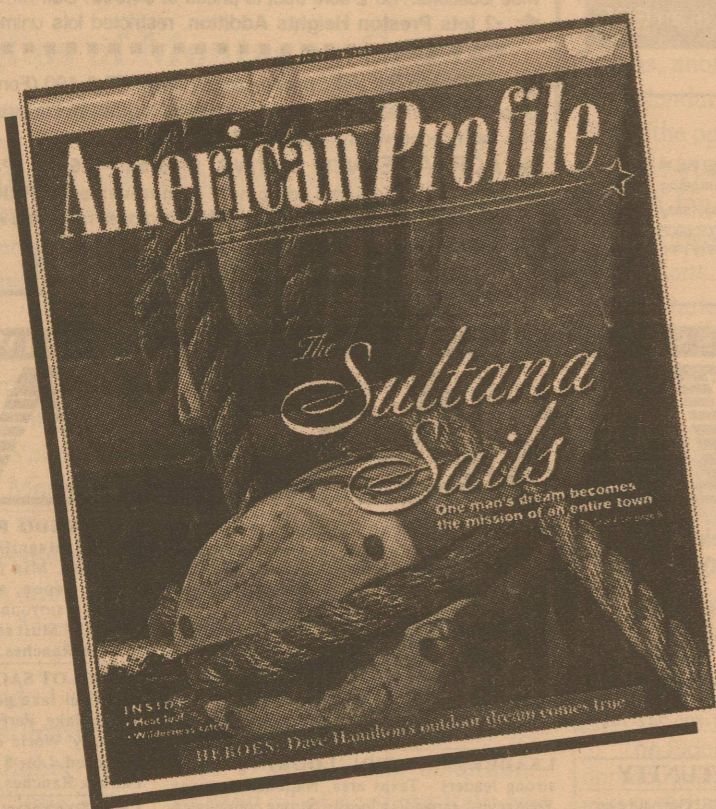
ded according to those localized deer populations and how they have survived and proliferated according to the range conditions experienced due to the drought over the past several years.]

Recommended rates result from the need to better balance the sex ratio observed in the herd and from a desire to produce a healthier deer population that is properly matched to the existing supply of deer foods in the county. The harvest rates are based on deer management compartment averages derived from survey lines located in this and several other surrounding counties.

In general, if your acreage shows signs of overpopulation (a lack of brush and weeds available at and just above ground level, less than optimal deer weights and poor quality buck antler development within each age class, low fawn survival, etc.), then you probably need to harvest your deer population at a higher rate and/or reduce livestock grazing pressure by reducing numbers or rotating your stock among your pastures. On the other hand, if you have good deer habitat and an adequate supply of quality deer foods available, but seem to be short of deer numbers, then possibly you should harvest at a lighter rate than that recommended for the county.

Landowners interested in closely managing their local deer herd need to conduct their own on-site fall population surveys, with resulting harvest recommendations that meet their specific management objectives. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife personnel are available to assist with more specific wildlife management recommendations for individual tracts of land. Please contact Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 387-5539 for more information on wildlife concerns in Schleicher, Sutton or Crockett counties.

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1. Lighthearted, but positive representation of Eldorado
2. Distinctively recognizable as the Eldorado Tagoo Bird
3. Original artwork only...no copies of other drawings
4. Entries are limited to residents of Schleicher County...past or present
5. Entrants may be any age and are encouraged to submit multiple entries
6. Officers and Directors of the EOBOC, as well as the staff of the Eldorado Success are prohibited from entering. Also ineligible are members of the American Audubon Society, Sesame Street production staff and Martha Stewart.

Entries may be dropped off or mailed to:
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