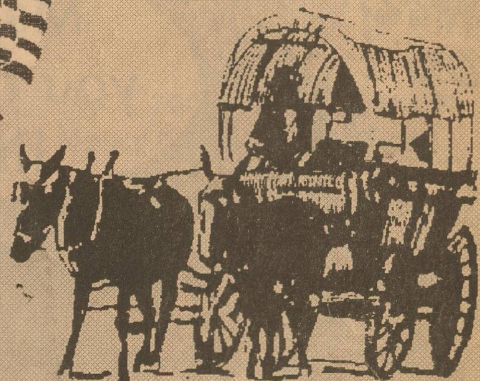


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Headlines From Around the World

Arafat, Netanyahu Make Deal

Israel and the PLO concluded an agreement on the extension of Palestinian rule to Hebron in the West Bank. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and Palestinian President Yasser Arafat sealed the deal at a summit at the border between Israel and the Gaza Strip. Palestinian officials say the agreement stipulates Israeli redeployment from 80 percent of Hebron within 10 days. The redeployment was supposed to take place 10 months ago, but violence, security concerns and Israel's change of government delayed the pullback. Israel's cabinet and the Palestinian Authority are expected to approve the deal. A formal signing ceremony is expected Friday.

Space Shuttle Docks with Mir

The crew of Russia's Mir space station welcomed a U.S. shuttle crew to their orbiting home yesterday with handshakes, hugs and cheers. The space shuttle Atlantis docked with the station last night to bring home current Mir resident John Blaha and drop off his replacement, Jerry Linenger. The hatches between Atlantis and Mir swung open to cheers from both crews. It's the fifth time Atlantis has visited the station.

Scandal Hits Hong Kong

A scandal over the resignation last July of Hong Kong's immigration chief grew this week as the government linked his departure to a graft probe that uncovered misconduct. The government's personnel chief, Lam Woon-kwong, appeared at a Legislative Council inquiry to say the government had lost confidence in Immigration Director Laurence Leung's integrity and discipline before he stepped down. Lam says the probe failed to substantiate suspicions of criminal offenses but raised questions about Leung's integrity. He says Hong Kong's security is not affected.

Simpson Defense Rests Case

The plaintiff's rebuttal case continues in Santa Monica, Calif., in O.J. Simpson's civil wrongful death trial. The defense rested its case Tuesday and lawyers for the families of Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman began a last effort to rebut defense testimony. Again, the plaintiffs are focusing on photos showing O.J. Simpson in designer Italian shoes. Imprints from that style of shoe were found at the scene where Nicole Simpson and Goldman were killed. A photo expert testified that despite defense claims to the contrary, the photo wasn't doctored.

Police Charge Cowboys' Accuser

Dallas police yesterday ordered a 23-year-old woman to turn herself over to authorities or face arrest. Tuesday, police charged Nina Shahravan with filing a false police report in her claim that she was sexually assaulted by Dallas Cowboys stars Michael Irvin and Erik Williams. Police say Shahravan made "malicious allegations" and recanted her story after being presented with evidence from an 11-day police investigation. Irvin's lawyer called Shahravan a "pathological liar."



photo by Kathy Mankin

Wayne Geer shows his Lightweight Swine at the 62nd annual Junior Livestock Show held at the Ag Barn last Saturday.

City considers cable TV rates and sewer plant construction

The Eldorado City Council discussed Classic Cable's announced rate hike at their regular meeting Monday night. Mayor John Nikolauk told council members that the telecommunications bill, signed into law by President Clinton last year, removed the city's power to regulate cable TV rates. However, the council didn't appear to be willing to take "No" for an answer.

At the request of councilmember Mike Sproul, a letter will be sent to Classic Cable expressing the city's "extreme displeasure" with the company's 13% rate increase. Only last year, Classic Cable raised basic cable rates 5%. Meanwhile, city administrator John Callison was asked to explore other options for the city to pursue.

Councilmembers present for the meeting were: Tommy Minor, George Gower, Mike Sproul, Dora Bosmans and Richard Mendez. Jeri Whitten was absent.

First on the agenda for meeting was Rev. Hawley Wolfe who appeared to ask for a property tax

exemption for the Old Eldorado Woolen Mill Foundation. Wolfe told the group that since the foundation is a non-profit organization and since the mill is a designated historical site, other taxing entities including Schleicher County, the hospital district and the water district had agreed to exempt the mill from property taxes. He said the city was the fourth taxing jurisdiction he had asked. After a brief discussion with Wolfe, the council unanimously agreed to his request.

Next the council approved the minutes of the previous meeting and looked over the city's financial reports. Councilmembers discussed ways of paying for construction at the city's sewer plant. It was noted that a grant the city had received would not cover the entire cost of the project and that the council would be forced to dip into the city's reserves to cover the tab.

Mike Sproul suggested that one way of getting the money would be to raise water rates. He pointed out that a survey by the Texas

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62nd annual Livestock Show held

Even bitterly cold weather didn't dampen the spirits of contestants at the annual Livestock, Food and Project show held at the county exhibit barn last Saturday. The yearly event, directed by county agents Mike Harbour and Nancy Lester gave local youths a chance to show off their 4-H and FFA projects.

Following the stock show, judge Ed Miller commended all the participants. He noted that an unusual level of cooperation was evident all during the show as contestants helped one another with their animals.

Showmanship awards went to Lindsey Griffin and Dest Sudduth.

Lindsey Griffin showed the Grand Champion Steer and the Grand Champion Heifer. Catherine Lloyd had the Grand Champion Range Ewe while Levona Lloyd showed the Grand Champion Angora Goat.

Winning in the Rabbit Division was Amanda Wanoreck who captured the Grand Champion banner. Kimberly Zant-Edmiston had the Grand Champion Market Lamb.

Kayla Kohls showed the Grand Champion Meat Goat while Kaci Kohls had the Grand Champion Swine.

In the Food Show, Overall Best of Show honors for the Sub-Junior Division went to Lauren Brown. Best of Show Junior was Kayla McCravez and Best of Show Senior was Kristal Nelson.

Complete show results are as follows:

RABBITS

Grand Champion: (California) Amanda Wanoreck
Reserve Champion: (California) Chandra Wanoreck

ANGORA GOATS

Grand Champion: Levona Lloyd
Reserve Champion: Levona Lloyd
1. Levona Lloyd 2. Levona Lloyd
3. Cory Lloyd

RANGE EWES

Grand Champion: Catherine Lloyd
Reserve Champion: Tabitha Lloyd

HEIFERS

Grand Champion Heifer: Lindsey Griffin
Reserve Champion Heifer: Levona Lloyd
Heifers under 1 Year of Age 1. Levona Lloyd 2. Meg Griffin
Heifers over 1 Year of Age 1. Lindsey Griffin 2. Levona Lloyd

MARKET STEERS

Grand Champion Steer: Lindsey Griffin
Reserve Champion Steer: Will Griffin
Market Steers 1. Lindsey Griffin 2. Will Griffin 3. Matt McCormick 4. Russell Clark

MARKET LAMBS

Grand Champion Finewool Lamb: Kimberly Zant-Edmiston.
Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb: Kimberly Zant-Edmiston.

FINEWOOL

Champion Finewool: Kimberly Zant-Edmiston. **Reserve Champion Finewool:** Kimberly Zant-Edmiston.
Light Weight Finewool: 1. Kimberly Zant-Edmiston 2. Lindsay Beach 3. Clay Whitten 4. Joseph Wink 5. Clay Whitten 6. Ridgean Sudduth 7. McKenzie Paxton

Middle Weight Finewool: 1. Kimberly Zant-Edmiston 2. Scott Cawley 3. Madolyn Joy 4. Ridgean Sudduth 5. Madolyn Joy 6. Lindsay Beach 7. Madolyn Joy 8. McKenzie Paxton
Heavy Weight Finewool: 1. Kimberly Zant-Edmiston 2. Madolyn Joy 3. Madolyn Joy 4. Kimberly Beach 5. Scott Cawley 6. Dest Sudduth 7. Dest Sudduth 8. Nancy Cawley

CROSSBRED

Champion Finewool Cross: Madolyn Joy
Reserve Champion Finewool Cross: Kimberly Beach
Light Weight Finewool Cross: 1. Kimberly Beach 2. Logan Jones 3. Whitney Jones 4. Brittany Key 5. Scott Cawley 6. Whitney Jones 7. Brittany Key 8. McKenzie Paxton
Middle Weight Finewool Cross: 1.

Kimberly Beach 2. Madolyn Joy 3. Lindsay Beach 4. Nancy Cawley 5. Madolyn Joy 6. Logan Jones 7. Logan Jones 8. Whitney Jones 9. Brittany Key
Heavy Weight Finewool Cross: 1. Madolyn Joy 2. Dest Sudduth 3. Kimberly Zant-Edmiston 4. Jennah Richters 5. Scott Cawley 6. Nancy Cawley 7. McKenzie Paxton 8. Jason Richters 9. Scott Cawley
Champion Medium Wool: Dest Sudduth **Reserve Champion Medium Wool:** Thomas Ballew

Light Weight Medium Wool: 1. Cody Sedden 2. Jennah Richters 3. Tamara Sedden 4. Michael Ballew 5. Jason Richters 6. Michael Ballew
Heavy Weight Medium Wool: 1. Dest Sudduth 2. Thomas Ballew 3. Thomas Ballew 4. Thomas Ballew.

MEAT GOATS

Grand Champion Meat Goat: Kayla Kohls
Reserve Champion Meat Goat: Kaci Kohls
Class 1 Meat Goats: 1. Holly Ford 2. Levona Lloyd 3. Taylor Baker 4. Ginger Reynolds 5. Taylor Baker 6. Bailey Logan 7. Bailey Logan 8. Layna Murr 9. Cody Sedden 10. Alan Dykstra 11. Alan Dykstra 12. Haley Higgins 13. Kevin Dykstra

Class 2 Meat Goats: 1. Hillary Hodges 2. Lauren Brown 3. Bailey Logan 4. Kaleb Murr 5. Alan Dykstra 6. Neal Higgins 7. Ashton Murr 8. Ross Hodges 9. Holly Ford 10. Gary Gibson.
Class 3 Meat Goats: 1. Lauren Brown 2. Frank Edmiston 3. Ben Edmiston 4. Courtney Brown 5. Neal Higgins 6.

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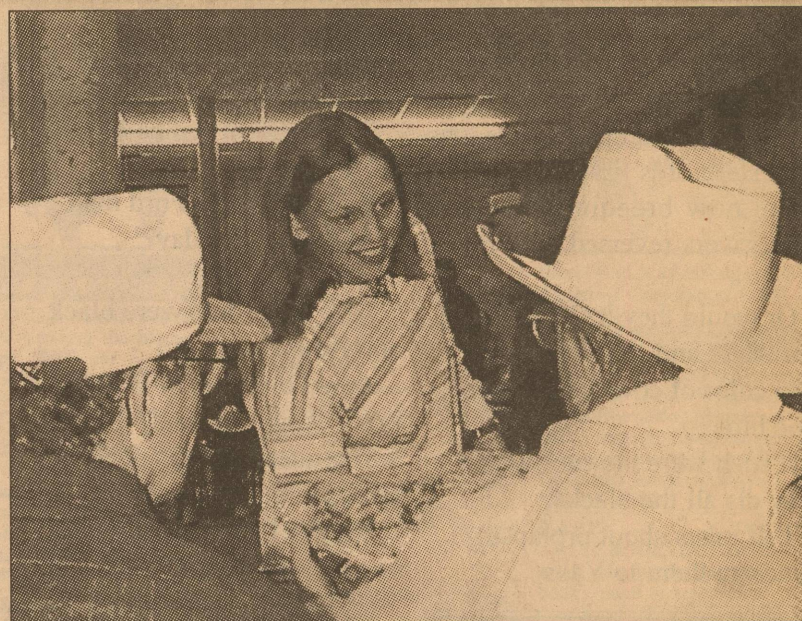


photo by Kathy Mankin

Mmm, mmm good — Best of Show winner Kristal Nelson hands over a tray of sweet rolls to Sidney Reynolds after he out-bid the competition during the auction following the Livestock, Food and Project show last Saturday.

Sheriff cautions citizens

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran reported this week that phone solicitors are calling local citizens and representing themselves as being affiliated with various law enforcement organizations. Doran went on to say that the solicitors are seeking donations and claiming to be endorsed by his department.

"That's just not true," said Doran. "Neither I nor my department endorse any of these fund

raising efforts." Doran noted that claims to the contrary are fraudulent and asks citizens to report any such calls they receive to his office.

"There is only one group I support," said Doran. "That's the Sheriff's Association. When you receive something from them it will actually have my signature on it. Otherwise...avoid it," Doran concluded.

Drawing for 4-Wheeler slated

The Eldorado Game Association will have its drawing for the ATV, 4-wheeler Saturday, January 18, 1997 at 5:00 p.m. The drawing will be held at West Texas Lumber and Trading Post.

The purpose of the drawing is to begin a fund for a new Eldorado community center. The existing facilities, the Memorial Building and the Ag Barn, are too small for many community activities. A new facility may be used for many activities, such additional school

functions, Meals-On-Wheels (which now comes from Junction), annual game dinner, annual electric coop barbecue, craft shows, livestock shows, etc.

At the present we are well short of paying for 4-wheeler much less starting a fund for the community center project. The game association would appreciate your help in this project. Tickets may purchased at the West Texas Lumber and Trading Post.



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It's a winter wonderland — the trees and pampas grass in this yard on S. Oak Street attest to the fact that Old Man Winter spent the week in Schleicher County.

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



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Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

"It's been cold long enough!" Those were D.W.'s words as he came in the newspaper office Tuesday morning. "I been chippin' ice outta water troughs for three days now an' I'm gettin' tired of it."

He backed up to the heater and rubbed his hands behind him as steam swirled up from his insulated coveralls.

"Don't set yourself on fire." I cautioned him. "That's the last thing I need."

After he poured himself a cup of coffee he pulled a chair up near my desk. But he didn't stay seated long when he discovered the back side of his coveralls were hotter than he thought.

"Told you so," I said.

"Now don't get smart with me,"

he answered as he lowered himself slowly back into the chair. "I ain't in the mood for it."

I had reached a stopping point in the story I was typing and pushed back from the keyboard. "What are you in the mood for?" I asked.

"I'm ready to hang the *#%! that invented bump gates." he replied.

"What's the matter with bump gates?" I questioned.

"Don't ask," he said then pointed out the window at his pickup.

The bed of the truck on the drivers side was mashed in with rear bumper barely hanging on. "Bump gates and icy roads don't mix." he said.

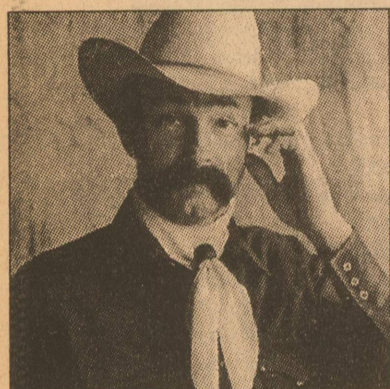
I tried to cheer him up by pointing out that many folks had suffered far worse damage to their vehicles during the cold snap but he was having none of it. Instead, he changed course with the conversation.

"What ever happened to all that talk about global warming?" he asked. "I'd like to get my hands on the yahoo that dreamed that one up, too!"

I tried to tell him that regardless of how hard a particular winter might be, some scientists were convinced that the earth was indeed getting warmer. "I think it's got something to do with the hole in the ozone," I said.

"Hole in the ozone, my aunt Gertie..." he answered. "Anybody that thinks it's gettin' warmer has holes in the head."

If Herefords Were Black



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The question begs deep philosophical thought

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And efforts to change them would just be in vain

And not 'cause they think other cattle are bad

"I'm stickin' with this one, 'cause that's what Dad had."

When I visited with Grover Dye in Woodville, he was popping a whip. The loud explosions from the tip of the whip echoed through the forest. His daddy had a bull skinner's whip.

"Now a bull skinner's whip is about ten feet long with a double stock," says Grover. "That's a piece of hickory wood made into a good stock about three feet long."

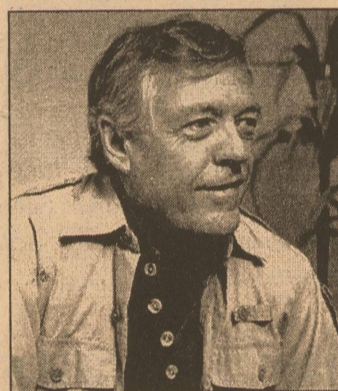
His daddy was a logger.

"One day when I was a little boy, my dad used a team of oxen that consisted of five yokes. That's ten head to an eight-wheel log wagon. Once he was logging way back up in the woods close to a boggy branch. My mother told me to take lunch to him, that he wasn't coming in for lunch that day.

"When I got up there close to where he was working, I could hear him just a hollerin' and poppin' that whip. As I got on up to him, I saw he was standing there on the bank of that boggy branch poppin' that whip and there wasn't a single thing in sight. No wagon, no oxen or anything.

Oxen in the Pine Woods

Rolling Across Texas



Tumbleweed Smith

"So I sat down there beside him for a little bit. I noticed him becoming more excited, more rushed. It seemed like he was trying to hurry up. He would yell out, 'whoa, whoa, Ball.'

"The head ox was named Ball. Others were named Rock and Jerry. If they can hear you, they're supposed to come to you, if they're trained. And my dad's oxen were

sure trained, cause they got lots of work out there in the woods,

"He kept hollerin' 'Whoa, Ball, Whoa Jerry!' That means come here. He kept shoutin' 'Whoa, Rock, come on outa there.'

"Finally I got his attention and asked him what he was doin'. I thought he was crazy standing there poppin' that whip and yellin' down into the mud like that.

"He said, 'Son, I was going back to the woods empty while ago with these oxen and Ball was so thirsty when they crossed that boggy branch bridge they just fell off the end of it and headed down to the water to get a drink. The lead pair went in the water, then the next and the next. After awhile they were all down there, buried in that mud.'

"I said, Papa, you're not serious. He said he was. 'But if they ever hear me, they'll be coming out of there. But they've got to do it within a few minutes or they'll suffocate down there.'

"So he took in a long breath, a real deep one, crawled up on a big-

ger stump and he popped that whip and hollered just as loud as he could. The voice was so loud the echo just showered the acorns off those trees all around that forest.

"After awhile I noticed two horns coming out of that mud. Then came two more, and the next and the next. Pretty soon all five yoke of oxen were out on that bank and we were wiping the mud and slush out of their nostrils and eyes so they could breathe and see.

"I told Papa I thought he had told me the wagon was empty when it went into the water. He said it was and then asked, 'What's that on it?'

"We pulled it out there on the bank and there was a catfish lodged on that log wagon. It had apparently been down in that mud for a long time. It was sixty-six feet and thirteen inches long.

"And we gave a big catfish fry for all the residents of Polk and Tyler counties. We didn't eat over half that fish. It was some kinda big."

Legislature may revisit 'Robin Hood' plan

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock said the state Legislature, which convened Jan. 14, may change the law that requires wealthy school districts to share their tax revenue with poor districts.

Bullock said that because Gov. George W. Bush is urging legislators to reform the school property tax system, it would be appropriate to address the 1993 "Robin Hood" school finance law.

"It has always offended me somewhat to take money away from a wealthier district and give it to a poor district because I have always felt it was really the obligation of the state to bring the (education) system up instead of leveling it out," he was quoted by the Houston Chronicle.

About 100 of the state's 1,000 school districts have to share their local revenue.

Bullock had said it would be hard to lower school taxes without opening the debate on how education dollars are spent and thus endanger the school finance system's delicate balance.

But last week, in a meeting with reporters, he said the system may be repealed because "a number of senators and House members have been extremely critical of the school finance system we have today, specifically Robin Hood, and this will be their opportunity."

Bullock, a Democrat who presides over the Senate, said that if the new (16-14) Republican majority in the Senate wants to change

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HIGHLIGHTS
By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling
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the system, "they're going to have the opportunity to do it with no roadblock, certainly, from me."

Senate rules require a two-thirds vote to pass legislation.

Lottery Director Is Fired

The Texas Lottery Commission last week fired Nora Linares, who has been director of the Texas Lottery since its founding in 1991.

The commission voted 3-0 to dismiss Linares, without stating an official reason, after an ethics investigation revealed that her close friend, Mike Moeller, earned \$30,000 in 1992-93 from a contract with GTECH Corp., the company that runs the lottery.

Moeller is serving a federal prison sentence on bribery allegations that accused him of trading state and federal contracts for campaign contributions while he was a deputy commissioner of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Last spring the lottery commission voted to renew GTECH's contract to run the lottery for five years without taking bids.

After the vote, Linares said, "I've done nothing that justifies the actions taken by this commission today. When the dust settles and the air is cleared and everything comes out in the open, I will be cleared."

Linares' lawyer, Buck Wood, said there is no evidence that Linares ever gave GTECH any favorable treatment or benefits because of Moeller's contract.

Wood also accused Texas Lottery Commission Chairwoman Harriet Miers, a Republican, of stirring up the ethics controversy to get rid of Linares, a Democratic activist, the Chronicle reported.

The commission named Zoann Attwood, the lottery's deputy director since 1992, to serve as interim acting director. Attwood is former director of the Montana Lottery.

Special Elections to Fill Seats

Two vacancies in the Texas Legislature will be filled by special elections to be held Jan. 28, two weeks after the 75th Texas Legislature convenes.

One vacancy was created when state Sen. Jim Turner, D-Crockett, was elected to Congress. The second vacancy resulted when state Rep. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, notified Gov. Bush he was resigning from office to run for the seat vacated by Turner.

Also running for the seat Turner

had held since 1991 is Democrat Mary Moore of Bryan, a certified public accountant and the daughter-in-law of former state Sen. Bill Moore, D-Bryan.

Other Capital Highlights

• Attorney General Dan Morales advised several hundred state employees who work in two state office buildings to take a day off while bomb-sniffing dogs, state troopers and other investigators combed the buildings for explosives. Morales' office received a threat apparently connected with his dispute with the so-called "Republic of Texas," an anti-government group.

• Gov. Bush appointed John Hill, former chief justice of the Texas Supreme Court, to the three-member Texas Lottery Commission on Jan. 3. Hill, who formerly served as Texas attorney general, joined Lottery Commission Chairwoman Miers and commissioner Anthony Sadberry on Jan. 7 in voting to fire Linares.

• The three-member Texas Railroad Commission elected Commissioner Charles Matthews as chairman on a 3-0 vote. Matthews, a former mayor of Garland, was elected to the commission in 1994. As chairman, he succeeds Carol Keeton Rylander, who remains a commissioner. Rylander and Matthews, as well as Commissioner Barry Williamson, are Republicans. The TRC regulates the state's oil and gas production industry.

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Lindsey Griffin and her brother Will show off Lindsey's Grand Champion Steer at the stock show last weekend.



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Kimberly Zant-Edmiston (center) poses with her Grand Champion and Reserve Champion Lambs. Helping her show off the lambs and her awards are Kayla Kohls and Jed Edmiston.

Swanson-Spinks engagement

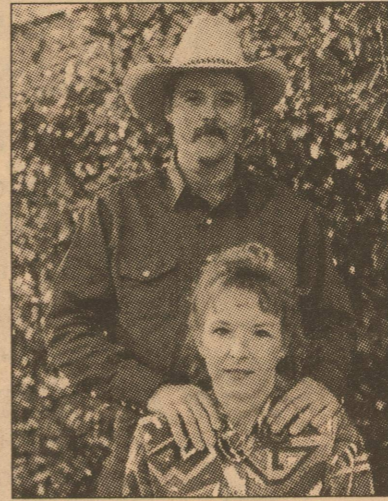
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Brown of Ft. Davis and Mr. and Mrs. George Spinks of Eldorado announce the engagement of their children, Cindy Swanson and Stanley Spinks.

Cindy is a 1985 graduate of Sanderson High School. She completed her L.V.N. in 1988 while attending Midland College, Ft. Stockton campus. Currently, she is employed by Choice Home Care in Eldorado.

Stanley is a 1987 graduate of Eldorado High School. In 1992 he obtained an Associates Degree in Automotive Mechanics from Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater and is employed by H-G Automotive in Eldorado.

Wedding vows will be exchanged January 18, 1997 at the Fire Hall in Eldorado where Rev. Byron Orand will officiate.

The maid of honor is Lori Jones of Eldorado and Skeeter Roubison



Stanley Spinks & bride-elect Cindy Swanson

of Ft. Davis is the best man. The flower girl and ring bearer are Hanna Swanson of San Angelo and Dusty Riggs of Ft. Stockton.

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WOBP annual membership meeting

The Way Off Broadway Players Annual Membership Meeting will be held Thursday, January 30, 1997 at 5:30 p.m., Tom Ratliff Civic Theater.

On the agenda will be the most recent innovations and structural changes to the theater, the election of three new directors and annual financial status of the Way Off Broadway Players.

We urge each member to attend and have a voice in the direction of this community project.

Following the membership meeting will be a short organizational meeting of the Board of Directors.

Governor proclaims January School Board Recognition month

Governor George W. Bush has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month to build awareness and understanding of the vital function an elected board of education plays in our society.

The Schleicher County Independent School District is joining with other districts throughout the state to recognize the important contributions trustees make to their communities.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a group of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elected to serve by local constituents and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Scott Barton, SCISD superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Barton said. "They represent a continuing commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education."

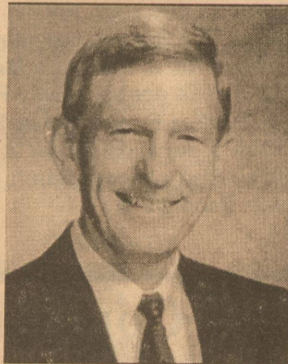
"Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round effort on their part," Barton said. "They are dedicated individuals who are committed to the

continuing success of our schools and students."

The men and women serving Schleicher County ISD are: Ilse Williams, Eddie Albin, Chris McCravey, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Felipe Pina and William Edmiston.

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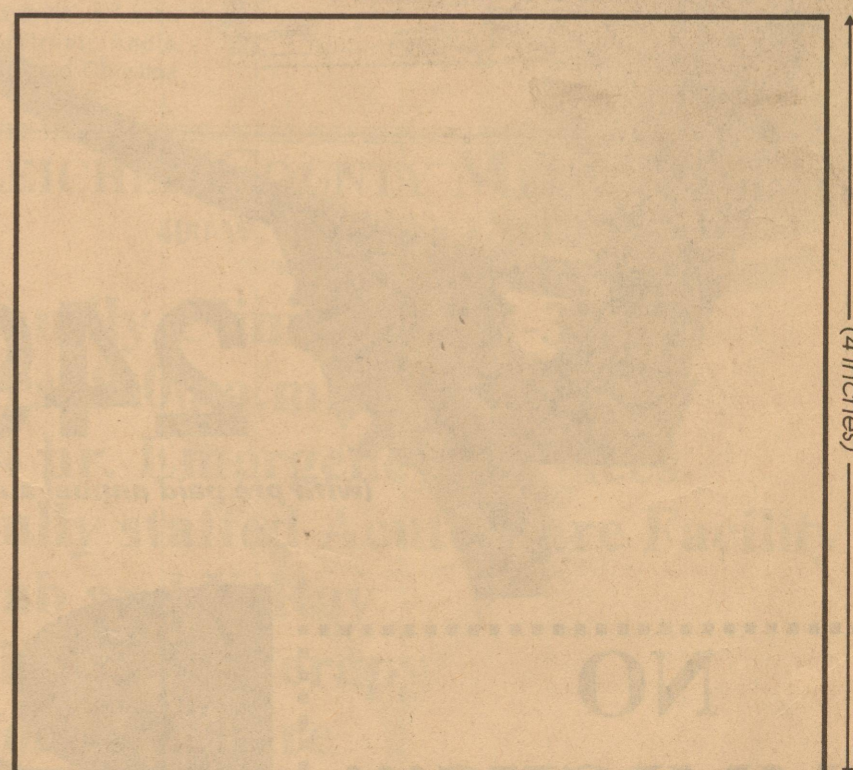
- January
16th Nancy McAngus
17th Tiffany Harris
18th Alana Dakan, James Robinson, Corie Blayne Williams, Inez Tevino, Melanie Stricklan
20th Bryon Sproul, Kameron Edmiston, Keith Nolen, Bob Wanoreck,
21st Carolyn Wake, Leslie Hunter, Chad Williams, Mary Lyn Jones, David Nolen, Jessica Robertson, Tony Cheatham
22nd Bill Hodges, Lori Loomis
23rd Justin Phillips, Dusty Barton, Wanda Edmiston
24th Jan Wanoreck, Tommy Minor
25th Mary Helen Stockton, Richard Gibson

Anniversaries

- January
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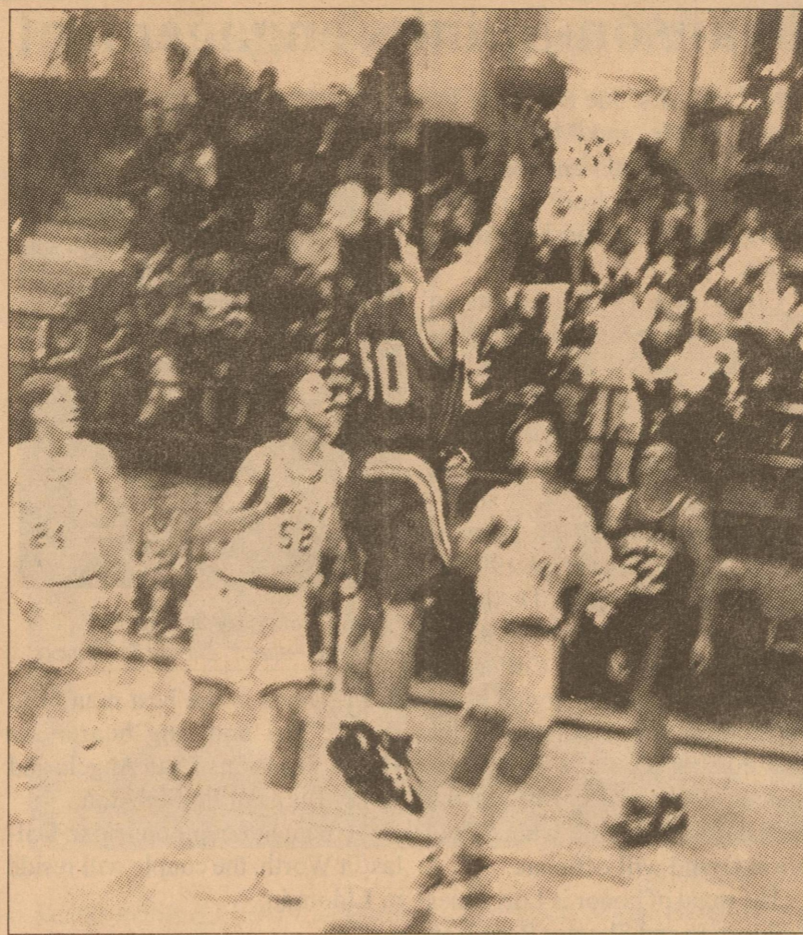
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#50 Mark Fryar lays the ball in against Forsan last Friday night.

EHS does well at UIL practice meet

Eldorado High School UIL students participated in the Ozona High School UIL practice meet on Saturday, January 11, 1997. There were 17 high schools that participated in the meet. The results of the meet are:
Jesse Crawford won 1st place in Science and won 1st place in Physics. Cameron Paulson placed 5th in Science. Justin Leggett placed 6th in Science. The Science Team of Jesse Crawford, Cameron Paulson, Justin Leggett and Beau Sallee won 1st place.
Cameron Paulson won 1st place

in Mathematics. Jesse Crawford placed 3rd in Mathematics. Sarah Mankin won 2nd place in Current Events.
Tabitha Garcia won 3rd place in Spelling and Vocabulary. The Spelling and Vocabulary Team of Tabitha Garcia, Evelyn Quintana and Melissa Andrews placed 2nd.
Hannah Nixon placed 4th in Feature Writing.
Anna Loomis advanced to the finals in Informative Speaking.
Sponsors are: Robert Jay for Science; Tom Gray for Mathematics; Teresa Baker for Current Events and Informative Speaking; Linda Thomas for Spelling and Vocabulary; and Paige Ragsdale for Journalism.

Cub Scout News

by Linda Conner-Cubmaster

Last months "Scout of the Month" were Rolando Gonzalez-Tiger; Logan Jones-Wolf; Andrew Gonzales-Bear and Travis Joiner-Webelos. The Leader of the Month was Tammy Dombroski.

The Pinewood Derby race has been changed to February 1, 1997 and will be held out at the Ag building. Weigh in at 9:00 a.m., race starts

at 10:00 a.m.

Also the Blue and Gold Banquet is set for February 16, 1997 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ag building. The Cub families need to bring the following covered dishes: Webelos- meat or casserole; Bear Den- desert; Wolf Den-vegetables-side dish and Tigers-two loaves of bread.

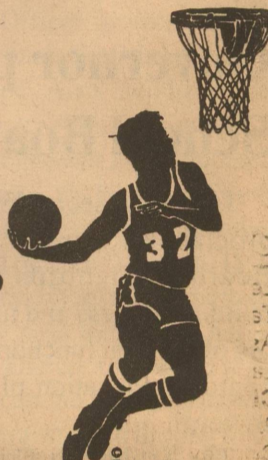
Our next pack meeting will be January 21, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scout building.



Victoria Mitchel brings the ball down court for the Lady Eagles.



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McCormick wins top speaker award

Matt McCormick and Codi Schwiening participated at the C-X Debate Meet held at Christoval High School on Saturday, January 11, 1997. Nine debate teams participated in the meet.
Matt and Codi placed 2nd in the meet, and Matt won the Top Speaker Award.
Sponsor for the C-X Debate is Paige Ragsdale.

VARSITY LADY EAGLES

Eldorado 58 - Forsan 33
Friday, January 10, 1997 in Forsan. Scoring: Top Scorer - Victoria Mitchel 20; Sundi Nix 3; Makenzie McCravy 15 (2-3 point goals); Ashley Finley 2; Toni Whitten 6; Kaci Kohls 1; Ashlie Whitten 5; Amanda Ballew 2; Angela Ballew. Also playing: Sarah Mankin. District Record 2-3

Eldorado 34 - Wall 36

Saturday, January 11, 1997 in Eldorado. Scoring: Top Scorer - Victoria Mitchel 12; Makenzie McCravy 4; Toni Whitten 4; Ashlie Whitten 4; Angela Ballew 10. Others playing: Sundi Nix; Ashlie Finley, Kaci Kohls and Sarah Mankin. District Record 2-4.

EAGLES BOYS VARSITY

Eldorado 56 - Forsan 63

Friday, January 10, 1997 in Forsan. Scoring: Zack Steele 5 (1-3 point goal); Jason Richters 4; Casey Snelson 9 (3-3 point goals); Top Scorer - Zane Bruce 21; Justin Leggett 11 (3-3 point goals); Mark Fryar 4; Kyle Hunter 2. Others playing: Andy Baker, Travis Meador, Michael Mayo, Jeremy Clark and James Morales. District Record 1-2

Eldorado 53 - Wall 63

Saturday, January 11, 1996 in Eldorado. Scoring: Zach Steele 6 (2-3 point goals); Jason Richters 7 (1-3 point goal); Casey Snelson 4; Travis Meador 2; Zane Bruce 8; Top Scorer - Justin Leggett 13 (2-3 point goals); Kyle Hunter 8; Mark Fryar 4 (1-3 point goal); Jeremy Clark 1. Others playing: Michael Mayo, James Moralez and Andy Baker.

8TH GRADE BOYS

Iraan Tournament

January 9 and 11, 1997
Eldorado 35 - Sonora 43
Scoring: Asa Nixon 2; Top Scorer - Joey Bullard 9; Kenny Covarrubiaz 8; Clay Whitten 3; William Robledo 5; Matt Curtis 5; Ben Edmiston 2; Jimmy Aguilar 1.
Eldorado 42 - McCamey 55
Scoring: Asa Nixon 6; Top Scorer - Joey Bullard 16; William Robledo 4; Ben Edmiston 6; Kenny Covarrubiaz 5; Matt Curtis 4 and Jimmy Aguilar 1.

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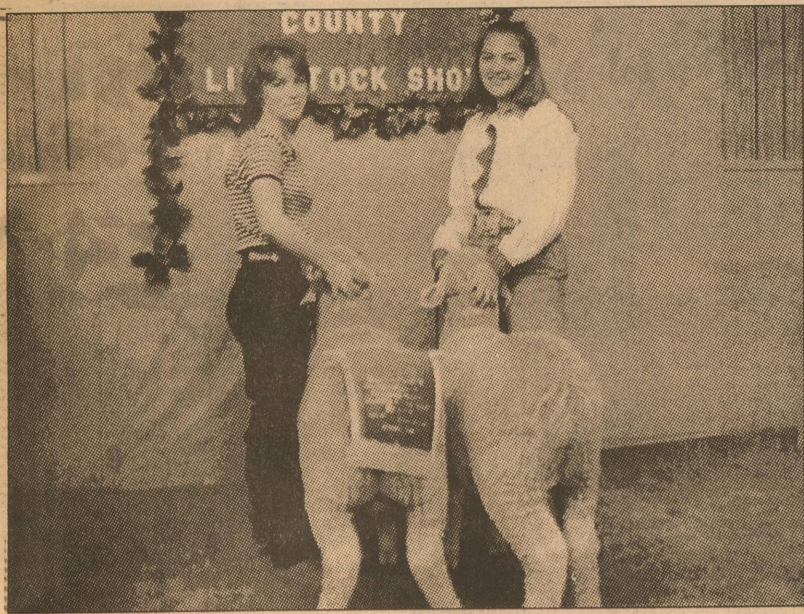


photo by Kathy Mankin
Catherine Lloyd (L) had the Grand Champion Range Ewe at the local stock show last weekend. Levona Lloyd (R) holds Tabitha Lloyd's Reserve Grand Champion Range Ewe.

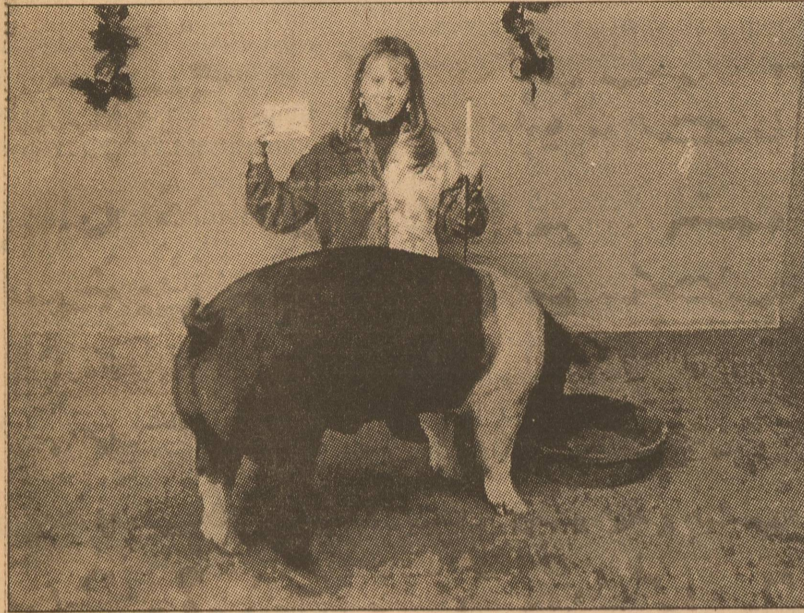


photo by Kathy Mankin
Kaci Kohls had the Grand Champion Swine at the 62nd annual Schleicher County Livestock show last weekend.

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As usual, Schleicher County folks get the job done. Again, for the seventh year you have proven your love and concern for your fellow man. Thank you so much for your donations. At the stroke of midnight on Saturday, January 11th, the Rehab total for Schleicher County was \$7,520.00

Mabel Freitag and Committee



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I wonder how well I did — An inquisitive boer goat checks out the ribbon it won at the stock show last weekend. The animal was in a pen belonging to Hillary and Ross Hodges.

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Livestock, Food and Project Show results

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Levona Lloyd 7. Courtney Brown 8. Tamara Sedden 9. Bailey Logan 10. Ashton Murr 11. Kerry Gibson 12. Layna Murr.

Class 3 Meat Goats: 1. Lauren Brown 2. Frank Edmiston 3. Ben Edmiston 4. Courtney Brown 5. Neal Higgins 6. Levona Lloyd 7. Courtney Brown 8. Tamara Sedden 9. Bailey Logan 10. Ashton Murr 11. Kerry Gibson 12. Layna Murr.

Class 4 Meat Goats: 1. Haley Edmiston 2. Courtney Brown 3. Haley Edmiston 4. Kayla Kohls 5. Levona Lloyd 6. Allison Reynolds 7. Ginger Reynolds 8. Levona Lloyd 9. Allison Reynold 10. Levona Lloyd 11. Wes Brown 12. Frank Edmiston 13. Ross Hodges 14. Hillary Hodges.

Class 5 Meat Goats: 1. Kyla Kohls 2. Kaci Kohls 3. Ben Edmiston 4. Ben Edmiston 5. Courtney Brown 6. Frank Edmiston 7. Haley Edmiston 8. Ginger Reynolds 9. Allison Reynolds 10. Taylor Baker.

MARKET SWINE

Grand Champion Swine: Kaci Kohls
Reserve Champion Swine: Forrest Holt

Light Weight: 1. Forrest Holt 2. Mark Fryar 3. Kristal Nelson 4. Wade Dakan 5. Tasha Newton 6. Wayne Greer 7. Jessica Robertson.

Middle Weight: 1. Kayla Kohls 2. Haley Edmiston 3. Mark Fryar 4. Frank Edmiston 5. Gary Hanusch 6. Alton Bybee 7. Bobby Newton.

Light Heavy Weight: 1. Forrest Holt 2. Kayla Kohls 3. Kaci Kohls 4. Alton Bybee 5. Lonnie Middleton 6. Gary Hanusch 7. Shianne Middleton.

Heavy Weight: 1. Kaci Kohls 2. Renee Edmiston 3. Jessica Freeman 4. Shianne Middleton 5. Renee Edmiston 6. Gary Hanusch.

DOG SHOW

Best Dress Dog Champion: (tie) Katey Blair and Bailey Logan
Best Groom Dog Champion: Mark Bybee

FOOD SHOW

Overall Best of Show: Sub-Junior-Lauren Brown (Candy Division);

Junior-Kayla McCravey (Cake Division); Senior-Kristal Nelson (Yeast Bread).

Cake Division: Sub Junior-Taylor Baker, Junior-Kayla McCravey, Senior-Haley Edmiston.

Pie Division: Sub Junior-Briley Leggett; Senior-Andi Sterling.

Cookie Division: Sub Junior-Logan Neal; Junior-Courtney Sauer; Senior-Matt McCormick;

Candy Division: Sub Junior-Lauren Brown; Junior-Courtney Brown; Senior-Makenzie McCravey;

Yeast Bread: Sub Junior-Bryce Leggett; Junior-Kate Kosub; Senior-Kristal Nelson.

ELEMENTARY ART

1st Places: Allison Sproul and Emily Newman; 2nd Places: Allison Sproul and Frank Edmiston; Honorable Mention: Allison Sproul

ADULT ART

1st Place: David Charboneau; 2nd Place: David Charboneau; 3rd Place: David Charboneau.

HIGH SCHOOL ART

"MODELS" 1st Place: Jamie Jenkins;

3rd Place: Jamie Jenkins; Honorable Mention: Jamie Jenkins.

"MATTED ART" 1st Place: Summer Finley; 2nd Place: Mitzi Lux, Renee Edmiston and Dusty Nolen; 3rd Place: Ashlie Whitten and Summer Finley; Honorable Mention: Andie Sterling and Summer Finley.

"WATER COLORS" 1st Place: Shay Blackwood, Renee Edmiston and Luis Mata; 2nd Place: Shay Blackwood, Mindy Haynes and Shay Blackwood; 3rd Place: Tyler Robledo, Gloria Rojas, Ashlie Finley, Mitzi Lux and Shay Blackwood; Honorable Mention: Fonzie Corarubiaz and Dusty Nolen.

"EXTENDED PICTURES" 1st Place: Travis Meador; Honorable Mention: Mindy Haynes.

"DRAWINGS" 1st Place: Dusty Nolen; 2nd Place: Christina Gomez; Honorable Mention: Shay Blackwood.

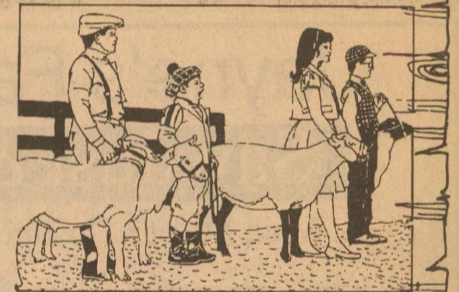
"ABSTRACT" 1st Place: Zane Bruce; 2nd Place: Christina Gamez; 3rd Place: Ashlie Whitten; Honorable Mention: Mindy Haynes.

"SCRATCH ART" 1st Place: Fonzie Covarubiaz and Arisdel Hernandez; 2nd Place: Summer Finley, Ashlie Whitten and Gene Rojas; 3rd Place: Arisdel Hernandez, Jeremy Clark and Mindy Haynes; Honorable Mention: Dusty Nolen, Maribel Villvacenito, (2) Arisdel Hernandez, Victor Pina, Travis Meador, Christina Gamez, Zane Bruce; (2) Scott Grube.

"PENCIL ART" 1st Place: Lee Overstreet, Jessie Sanchez, Ashley Holt and Micah McKinney; 2nd Place: Gloria Rojas, Jessie Sanchez, Fonzie Covarubiaz, Lance Mitchel and Dusty Nolen; 3rd Place: Andie Sterling (2), Shay Blackwood, Dusty Nolen and Gene Rojas; Honorable Mention: Jennifer Rivers (2), Kayla Kohls, Lance Mitchell, Lee Overstreet, Andie Sterling, John Johns, and Christina Gamez.

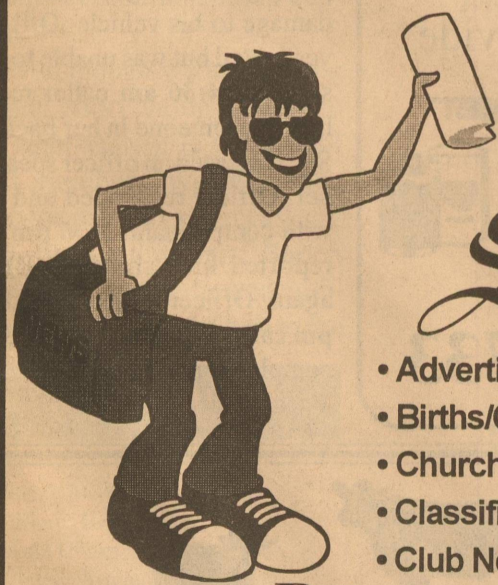
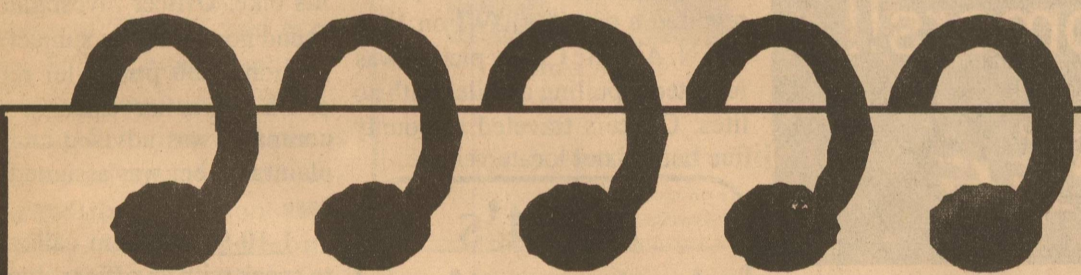
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Levona Lloyd had the Grand Champion Angora Goat at the Schleicher County Livestock Show last weekend.

SCMC flu shots reported OK

Recently it was reported that Parke Davis recently recalled several batches of its flu vaccines because they were not potent enough.

Schleicher County Medical Center received safe vaccines of adequate strength according to SCMC administrator Jim Roddie. Parke Davis flu vaccines were not used by SCMC at the Health Fair or in the Schleicher County Family Clinic.

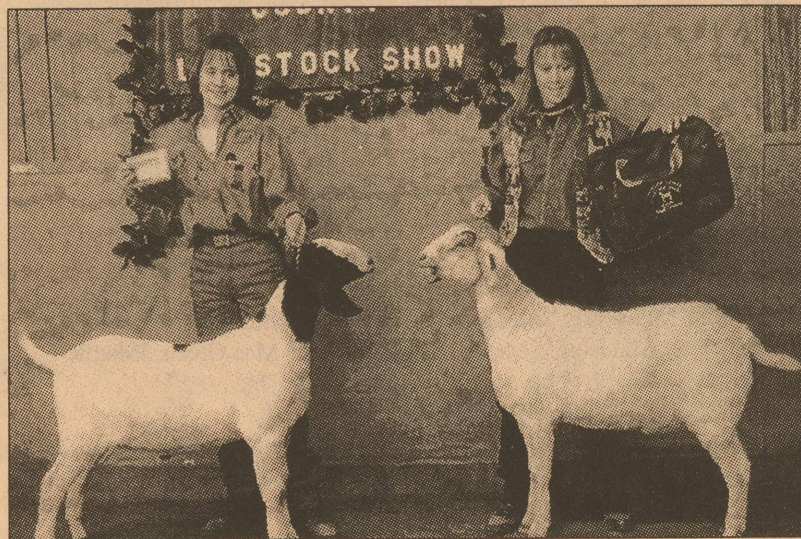
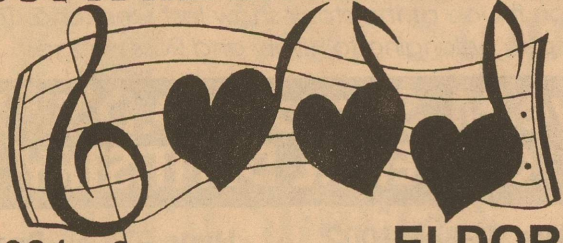


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Kayla Kohls (L) had the Grand Champion Meat Goat at the Schleicher County Livestock Show last weekend. Her sister, Kaci (R) took the Reserve Grand Champion award.

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Mohair Producers Board to meet Jan. 22

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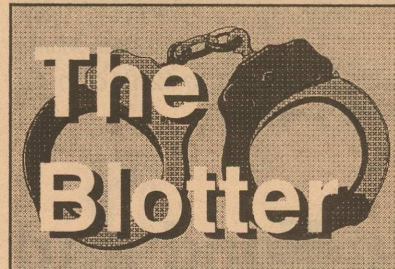
Board President James Leo Greer of Rocksprings said the session will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 22, at the Holiday Inn. The board meeting will precede the annual meeting of the Mohair Council of America which will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the same location.

Greer reports that the Mohair Board collected \$66,267.39 between June 1 and Dec. 31, 1996. This amount came from the sale of 1,539,029 pounds of mohair during the same period. The board, reorganized in early 1996 to col-

lect a voluntary checkoff in Texas, started collecting the 4 cents a pound assessment on June 1. Of the total amount collected in 1996, the board refunded \$7,101.72, or 11 percent.

In addition to its financial report, the board is expected to determine when an audit of its operations will be conducted. The board operates under authority of the Texas Commodity Referendum Act that is supervised by the Texas Department of Agriculture. Also, the board will discuss promotion, education and research opportunities and possibly hear a report from the Texas Warehouse Association.

Greer said mohair producers and others interested in the mohair industry are invited to attend the board meeting.



1-6-97 2:24 pm complainant came in S.O. and requested to leave trailer in parking lot due to bad weather.

1-7-97 8:26 am caller reported a traffic accident on Hwy 277 S. Officer was dispatched as well as EMS-1. S.O. in Sonora advised that accident was in Sutton County and all units were told to disregard.

8:47 am officer radioed in to report a vehicle in the ditch 6 miles south on Hwy 277. Everything was OK. 9:43 am caller requested an officer to unlock her car. 4:30 pm caller reported a grass fire 15 miles north on Hwy 277. Fire Units responded to find a controlled burn. 6:30 pm caller asked for an officer to deliver a message to an individual at another subject's residence. Officer attempted to deliver message but found no one home. 6:45 pm caller on cellular phone reported a possible DWI on Hwy 277 N. A white Chevy pickup was reportedly pulling a trailer with no lites. Officers traveled to county line but did not locate vehicle.

1-8-97 12:26 am caller reported a disturbance at a local apartment complex, giving an apartment number. Officer investigated and reported back that there was no disturbance. Also, neighbors had not heard anything and people in apartment number given appeared to be asleep. 11:11 am caller reported that he would be having a controlled burn on his ranch. 11:55 am Sonora ambulance reported a dog in the road that was a hazard to traffic. Officer responded to the call and with the help of a passing motorist, transported the dog to the animal clinic. 10:00 pm caller requested an officer to unlock a vehicle.

1-9-97 8:30 am Ozona DPS reported a stranded motorist on 15 miles east on Hwy 190. Officer responded but did not locate motorist. 9:04 am caller requested an officer to unlock her vehicle. 9:34 am hospital called and requested an officer go to the home of an elderly citizen who needed help getting up off the floor. Officer responded and helped subject up. 11:43 am caller reported a male subject was drinking while riding his bike. Officer investigated but found no alcohol in subject's possession. 9:30 pm caller reported prank calls at her residence. Phone company was advised and complaint number was assigned to the case.

1-10-97 2:14 am caller asked to speak with an officer about kids playing with BB guns. He reported damage to his vehicle. Officer investigated but was unable to locate subjects. 4:36 am caller reported hearing someone in her back yard. She requested an officer speak with her. Officer responded and spoke with complainant. 3:36 pm caller reported kids shooting BB gun again. Officer was assigned. 8:58 pm caller reported shots fired near complainants address on Paseo De Vaca. Officer responded.

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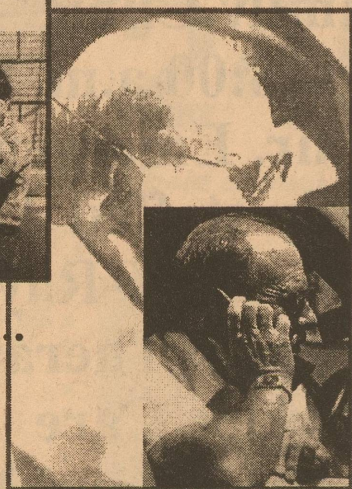
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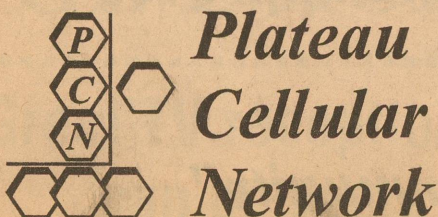


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"85 and above" Honor Roll: Seniors - Pamela Corbell, Summer Finley, Matt McCormick, Shianne Middleton, Kristal Nelson, Jon-Michael Parker, Cameron Paulson; **Juniors** - Ida Blair, Lesli Green, Maria Guzman, Lesli Green, Ida Blair; **Sophomores** - Yadira Iglesias, Catherine Lloyd, Juan Montalvo, Andrew Sauer, Collier Shurley; **Freshmen** - Jackie Barrera, Jon Calcote, Kasey Griffin, Ashley Holt, Kimberly Jones, Kayla Kohls, Lance Mitchel, Brandy Nixon, Casey Poynor and Joseph Wink.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Eighth Grade "A" Honor Roll: Lindsay Beach, Breanne Davis, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravey, Jeffrey Stafford, Clay Whitten.

"AB" Honor Roll: Joseph Bullard, Deborah Cantu, Kayla Case, Nancy Cawley, Matthew Curtis, Coby Edmiston, Cindy Gault, Amy Green, Kathryn Kosub, Daniel Mata, Alfredo Munoz, Stacy Nicholson, Jodi Ritter, Sandra Rodriguez, Suzanne Rojas, Bryan Sproul, Sarah Wolfe.

Seventh Grade: "A" Honor Roll: Whitney Jones, Tabitha Lloyd, Tana Williams.

"AB" Honor Roll: Andrew Anderson, Thomas Ballew, Jessi Calcote, Tony Fay, Hallie Greer, Gary Hanusch, Tanner Haynes, Maria Hernandez, Juan Herrera, Wesley Jones, Brittany Key, Stephanie Mercado, Mitzi Sessom, Elibeth Montalvo, Leigh Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, Daisy Porter, Kristina Prater, Dest Sudduth, William Whitten.

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Fifth Grade: "A" Honor Roll and "AB" Honor Roll - 0

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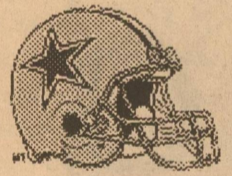
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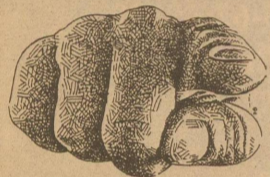
Cafeteria Line

Monday, Jan. 20th
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Tuesday, Jan. 21st
Chicken Fried Steaks/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Apple Pie
Wednesday, Jan. 22nd
Lasagna, Steamed Carrots, Sliced Peaches, Spice Cake/Icing
Thursday, Jan. 23rd
Fiestadas, Pinto Beans, Lettuce, Tomato Salad, Raisins, Gingerbread/ Glaze
Friday, Jan. 24th
Hero Sandwiches, Waffle Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping
Breakfast
Monday, Jan. 20th
No School, Staff Development
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Orange Juice, Hot Biscuits/Gravy, Steak Fingers
Wednesday, Jan. 22nd
Mixed Fruit, Cheese Toast
Thursday, Jan. 23rd
Pineapple Juice, Eggs/Toast/Jelly
Friday, Jan. 24th
Applesauce, Bran Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, Jan. 20th
No School, Staff Development
Tuesday, Jan. 21st
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Apple Pie
Wednesday, Jan. 22nd
Sausage Pizza, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Carrot Sticks, Spice Cake/ Icing
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Schleicher County Commissioners meet for first time in 1997

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday for the first time in 1997. Present for the meeting were Judge Johnny Griffin, Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Ross Whitten and Steve Minor. Commissioner Kerry Joy was absent. The meeting was the first for Minor who was elected to his first term last November.

After approving the minutes of the previous meeting, the commissioners met with representatives of the local library board. Board vice president Hawley Wolfe and treasurer Carolyn Mayo came requesting a 35¢ per hour raise for librarians.

It was noted that commissioners had recently lowered Whitten's pay by \$100 per month when she stopped booking the Memorial Building. After discussing the matter briefly, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the raise as an emergency amendment to the county's budget.

Next, the men unanimously approved a resolution creating a reserve officer program in the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. Sheriff David Doran had requested the move last month and had received the go-ahead then

from commissioners. Adoption of the resolution made it official. Doran was present and told commissioners that he had already received inquiries about the program. He said he would begin advertising the positions soon.

City utility superintendent Jack Dean met with commissioners and asked their help in obtaining a survey in the Orient Heights addition. Dean stated that the Texas Railroad Commission (RRC) was requiring the city to upgrade its gas lines in that area. Dean said that the city had run into problems when it was learned that some

structures, including some of Classic Cable's facilities, were built in dedicated alleyways. Since the addition is outside the city limits, Dean sought the commissioners assistance. Recent delays in getting a surveyor were noted and Dean was advised to find another surveyor if the work wasn't done by Feb. 1.

The men then took up the topic of booking the Memorial Building. Judge Johnny Griffin said that he would like to see a person hired to look after the building. He said that a part-time employee could work 3 or 4 hours a day, handle the booking and make sure that tables and chairs were returned to the appropriate rooms. But the commissioners rejected that idea. Finally it was decided to pay an extra \$100 per month to Lydia Vallejo for handling the booking chores.

The commissioners then met with board members of the Community Resource Center. Ilse Williams, Rev. Hawley Wolfe, Fr. Jerry McCarthy, Eddie Albin, Vemel McCalla, Barbara Jackson and Jim Roddie visited with the commissioners concerning funding for the Resource Center. Williams told the men that state funds to the center were being cut. She encouraged the county to pick up a larger portion of the tab for the center which she said receives 3,000 visits annually.

Commissioners then approved the transfer of \$10,000 from the county's general fund to the self-

insurance fund and okayed the replacement of a cattleguard in precinct 1.

A new grievance committee for the county was chosen by the commissioners who drew the names from a box. Those selected were Myrta Rathbone, David Powell and Barbara Behrens. Jimmy O'Harrow was picked as an alternate member of the committee which only meets to hear pay grievances from elected county officials.

First National Bank was approved as depository for the county's funds. Then Judge Griffin was named as agenda officer for the commissioner's court.

Next, Bob Wanoreck, Su Scott and Mike Prater met with the commissioners and asked their help in purchasing a new mower for the golf course. It was noted that no equipment had been purchased for the course in awhile and the commissioners agreed to help with the purchase when a mower is located.

Last months' plane crash on the golf course was also discussed. Judge Griffin told the group that he had been in contact with the pilot's insurance company and would be compiling an itemized list of damages to the runway and adjacent golf course.

Before adjourning, the commissioners approved paying the county's bills and learned that Peace Justice Jimmy Doyle had handled \$15,282.00 in traffic fines in December.

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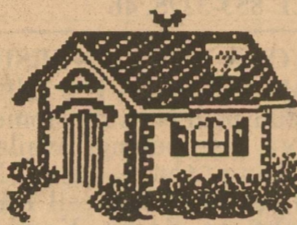
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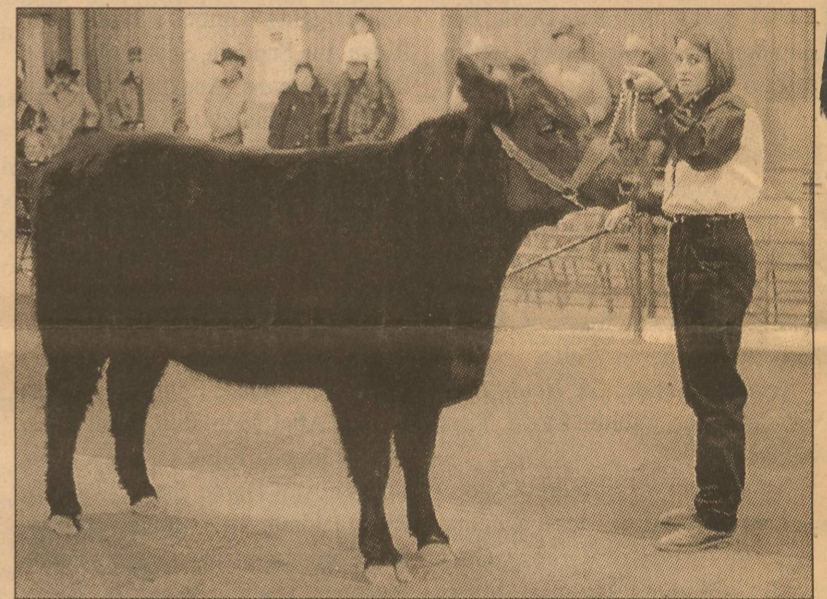


photo by Kathy Mankin
Lindsey Griffin shows her Grand Champion Helfer during the 1997 Schleicher County Livestock Show last weekend.

City council meets

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Municipal League recently showed that Eldorado's water rates were extremely low when compared to cities of comparable size. "I don't want to raise rates just to be raising them," Sproul said. "But, if our rates are at the bottom of the list, I'm suggesting that it's something we should look at."

John Nikolauk replied that he would rather see sewer rates raised since it was sewer plant construction that needed to be funded. He added however that any increase in rates should be for a short time only until the city could replenish its reserve fund.

Next the council unanimously approved an amendment to the city's animal control ordinance. The amendment shortens the length of time a dog will be kept in the city pound before it is euthanized.

Utility Superintendent Jack Dean told council members that the city's application for a permit to expand the landfill was in Austin and was undergoing "technical review" at the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). Dean also updated the council on construction at the city's sewer plant.

At that point, Mike Sproul asked if the city was discharging water from the sewer plant into the draw which runs north from the facility. Dean responded that water was indeed being discharged into the draw but that the city had a permit to do so. Sproul asked if

city personnel would visit with neighboring landowners and explain to them that the city was properly discharging the water.

Dean continued by telling the council that Butch Santellano had received a 'Basic Wastewater Certificate' from TNRCC. He recommended Santellano for a 50¢ pay raise which was unanimously approved by the council. Dean then told the council that Claude Spencer will be retiring on Feb. 1st. after 29 years on the job.

A resolution of agreement between the city and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) was passed unanimously by the council. The agreement spells out the responsibilities of the city and TxDOT concerning the state's right-of-ways inside the city limits.

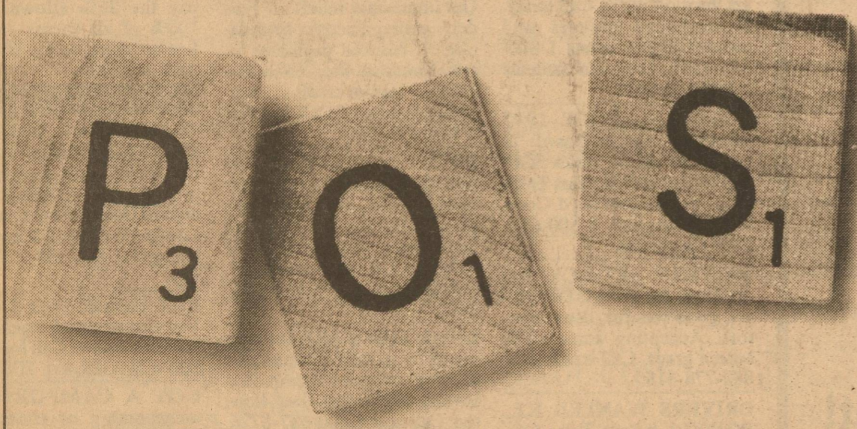
The council then heard from city administrator John Callison who told them that he had directed city secretary Carolyn Mayo and utility superintendent Jack Dean to cross-train their employees. Callison said he hoped to see to it that the city would be able to function normally if key people were off work for illness or vacation.

Before adjourning, the council looked over the city's mounting legal bills. It was noted that recent litigation brought by former employee Hector Martinez had already drained \$13,000.00 from city coffers. During the past two years, the city spent \$48,000.00 in attorney's fees in connection with a redistricting lawsuit and personnel matters.

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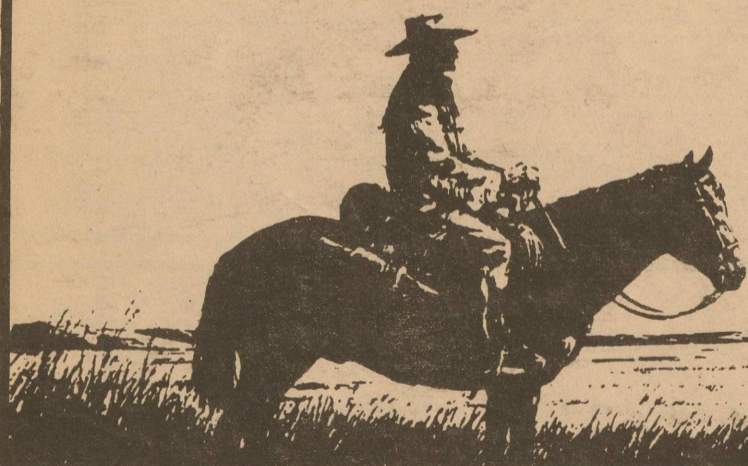
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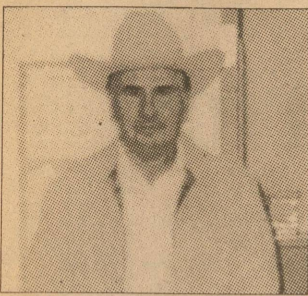
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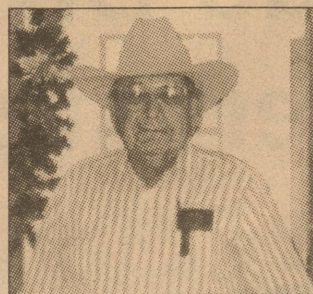
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The Eldorado-Divide Soil & Water Conservation District Board of Directors are pleased to present our 1996 annual report. We are very appreciative of the local support received this year for carrying our projects in Schleicher County.

Since the 1996 Farm Bill was passed by congress in April, USDA has been developing detailed rules governing the conservation programs created and authorized by the bill.

The district was asked to submit a list of the most critical conservation problems and indirect problems affecting our county. A public meeting was held on October 22, 1996 to get input from local individuals and groups, and then submit this to a state technical committee.

The following is the result of the local meeting.

The most critical conservation problems are:

1. Invasion of undesirable woody vegetation.
2. Decline of desirable vegetation.
3. Wildlife habitat management.
4. Soil erosion.

Indirect problems are:

1. Economics of conservation.
2. Increased restrictions on use of ag. chemicals.
3. Insufficient technical assistance.
4. Conflicting objectives of government programs.
5. Cost of maintenance.

Congress is currently reevaluating conservation programs. With input received from local individuals and groups, we are hoping we will have a stronger conservation program and will be better able to provide assistance to land users.

The district has spent much time this past year trying to secure additional staff for the local N.R.C.S. office. We realize that technical assistance to our cooperators has been reduced with only one employee, Carrol Green, available in the N.R.C.S. office. We hope to have one additional full time employee in the N.R.C.S. office after January 1.

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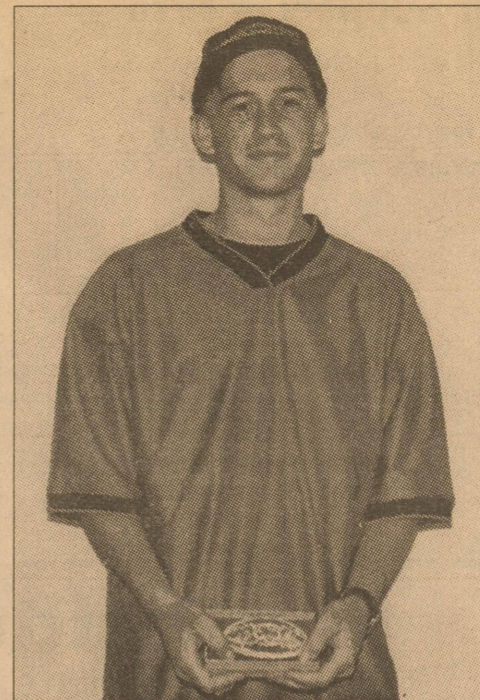
Oneth retires as State Conservationist

Harry W. (Wes) Oneth retired from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in Temple, Texas on Friday, January 3, 1997.

Oneth, who has been state conservationist for NRCS in Texas since 1987, graduated from Oklahoma State University in 1962 with a B.S. degree in Agricultural Education. In 1976, he received a M.A. in Public Administration from Syracuse University.

Oneth began his career as a student trainee in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and has held the following positions: soil conservationist and district conservationist, Oklahoma; area conservationist, Indiana; state resource conservationist, New York; assistant state conservationist, South Dakota; deputy state conservationist and state conservationist, Ohio; and state conservationist, Texas.

Oneth and his wife, Elaine, plan to continue to live in Temple.



Cody Andrews displays the belt buckle he won at the Range Judging Contest sponsored by the district this year

Windbreak Trees For Sale

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a windbreak tree sale. If properly designed and maintained, windbreaks can protect life and property for 40 years or more.

Windbreaks help reduce soil erosion and damage to crops, provide shelter for livestock and supply food and improve habitat for wildlife. They also help decrease heating costs in winter and cooling costs in the summer for home and buildings.

Evergreens - \$2.00 per individual tree, \$70.00 per groups of 40 trees All evergreen trees are potted in containers. They include: Afghan Pine; Austrian Pine; Arizona Cypress; Redcedar; Pinyon Pine

Hardwoods - \$40.00 per groups of 50 trees All hardwoods are bareroot stock seedlings. They include: Aromatic sumac; Bur Oak; Osage Orange; Catalpa; Desert Willow; Green Ash; Honeylocust; Sand Cherry; Nanking Cherry; Russian Olive;

Mulberry; Shumard Oak; Flameleaf Sumac; and Little Walnut.

Wildlife Packets: - \$60.00 per packet, \$20.00 per 25 trees. Each packet has 25 trees of each of the 4 different trees for a total of 100 trees per packet. Split packets cannot be ordered. The packets include:

Quail & Pheasant, — Russian olive; Sandcherry; Honeysuckle; and Nanking Cherry.

Deer — Bur Oak; Shumard Oak; Flameleaf Sumac; and Fourwing Saltbush.

Turkey — Mulberry (fruiting); Aromatic Sumac; Hackberry; and Shumard Oak.

Squirrel — Little Walnut; Shumard Oak; Osage Orange; and Bur Oak.

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Rules of Thumb for Deer Management

1. The most cost-effective way to increase the deer food supply is to reduce the number of animals (either livestock or deer) on the range.

2. Maintain deer densities at what they should be for the worst possible year.

3. Kill does until you scare yourself into thinking you have taken too many - then you may be close.

4. Never do brush control on more than 50% of acreage. If quality deer are a high priority, never control more than 25%. Always do brush control in a good pattern to maximize edge.

5. The best census method is the helicopter, but it always undercounts. Be cautious about recommending an increased buck harvest based on an adjusted helicopter count.

6. In a herd with good age structure, some bucks will be dying of old age each year.

7. Illegal kill is always higher than you think.

8. The first good indicator of overpopulation is a diverse in yearling weights.

9. Antler measurements and deer weights are of minimal value without corresponding ages.

10. Most losses to predation are an aid to deer management.

11. A properly managed deer is in most cases worth more in net income per acre than livestock.

12. A high fence will pay out with proper management.

13. In a supplemental feeding program, beware maintaining too many deer and their effect on preferred food plants.

14. When using food plots, plant once acre per three deer for dryland crops and one acre per two deer for irrigated crops.

15. Most individuals have higher expectations for success than is usually possible in actual practice.

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Successful control of Mesquite

When to spray...when not to spray

Traditionally, success with mesquite control has varied from less than 10 percent root kill to about 95 percent, whatever the formulation, rates and application methods. Fortunately, more and more of the variables that affect the success of treatment can be determined. Attention to these points can help ranchers achieve maximum effectiveness and the maximum cost efficiency for their mesquite control programs.

Condition Of The Brush

Reclaim and Grazon herbicides enter the plant through the foliage during broadcast treatment. Damaged leaves prevent maximum intake of the herbicide. For this reason, plant leaves should be in good condition and not damaged by frost, hail, insects or other environmental problems. If leaf damage is significant, delay treatment until

the plants have healthy regrowth.

Retreatment should be allowed for three or four growing seasons to delay plants not previously killed to regrow to about 4 ft. in height. This will provide adequate foliage for absorption of an adequate amount of chemical for root kill. In addition, regrowth of this size is large enough to hinder normal working of livestock.

Soil Temperature

Optimum soil temperature is 78° F (25° C) to 83° F (28° C) at a depth of 12 to 18 in. Heavily-textured, shaded, low-lying (bottomland) or very damp soils will take longer to become warm enough for optimum treatment effectiveness. If these soils make up a majority of the area to be sprayed, delay application until they have reached 75° F (24° C).

Soil Moisture

Mesquite has a deep taproot that provides the plant moisture and nutrients during long periods of dry weather, so plants can still be quite healthy even though soil is dry. Even so, soil moisture should be adequate for good growth. Delay treatment if plants are under drought stress.

It is also recommended that you avoid spraying immediately after a heavy rainfall (3 in. plus) that follows a dry period because this will often stimulate new growth. New terminal growth means the carbohydrates are moving from the root system to the new foliage. Herbicides move with food products (CHO) manufactured in the foliage to the root system. Production of new growth will reduce herbicide movement to the roots, where good control is achieved.

Color Of Foliage

For best results, treat mesquite when the foliage is a healthy dark green, as opposed to the light green color of the initial, succulent new growth.

Patterns Of Carbohydrate Movement

Carbohydrates, which nourish the growing mesquite plant, follow a definite pattern

and schedule as they are distributed throughout the plant. Since herbicides move in the same way as carbohydrates, these patterns can be exploited for maximum distribution of herbicide and, therefore, the most effective results.

Maximum root kill results when herbicides reach the root and basal bud zone. B.E. Dahl and R.E. Sosebee of Texas Tech University, in research done in West Texas, have pinpointed two time periods when the mesquite plant transports carbohydrates to these areas. They occur 42 to 63 days after budbreak and 72 to 84 days after budbreak. These two periods are the best times to apply herbicides. For the two weeks in between, carbohydrates are not being translocated to the roots, and herbicide treatment would not be as effective.

In general, herbicide effectiveness is highly dependent on plant condition at the time of treatment. Environmental conditions, such as soil temperature and soil moisture have a definite effect on plant mechanisms that affect the movement of both food supplies and herbicide to the root zone.

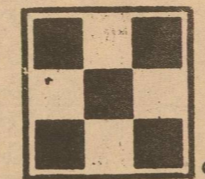


Mandi Daniels (L) and Tiffany Case (R) display the plaques they received at the area Soil & Water Conservation District Awards Banquet on March 21, 1996 in San Angelo. Mandi is the daughter of Mark and Pam Daniels of Eldorado. She won 1st Place in the Poster Contest. Tiffany is the daughter of Pete and Angela Case. She won 1st Place in the Essay Contest.

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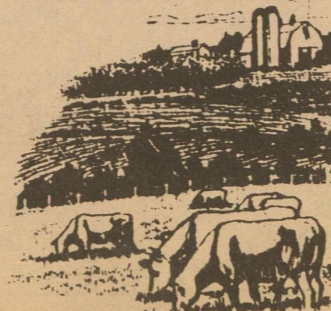
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Control Cedar and Pricklypear --- Cheaper

It's going to be good year for a fire. A controlled fire, that is. If you are interested in doing a prescribed burn this year and would like assistance from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, contact us now. There are several already planned and we are needing to work these into a schedule now.

Rainfall this fall has produced an abundant amount of grass over most of our rangeland. Ranchers use fire as a tool to control pricklypear and suppress other undesirable brush species. Fire has been found to be very effective when used in combination with chaining to control cedar and with picloram to control pricklypear. This treatment can be applied for about \$8.00 — \$15.00 per acre.

Many people are still afraid of starting a fire for any reason and rightly so. Fire demands fear and respect. However, by following a prescribed method for using fire as tool, known as prescribed burning, fire can be less dangerous and still accomplish its purpose.

It is recommended that this type of burning be done under the following conditions:

- a) when air temperature is 40 - 70 degrees F.
- b) when humidity is 25 - 45 percent
- c) when wind velocity is 8 - 12 mph

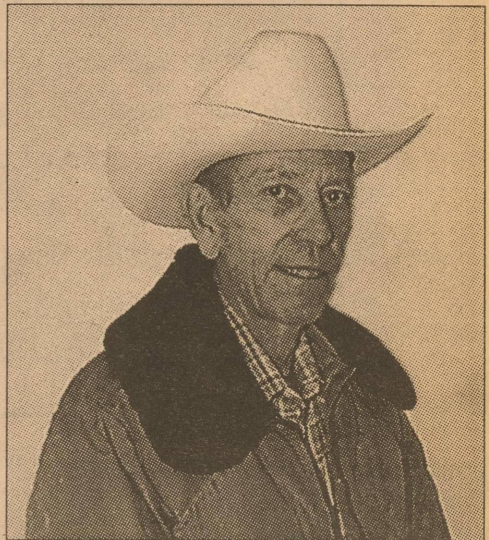
The optimum time of the year to burn is from January to early March prior to spring green-up. The exact time depends on the year. The key is to be ready when the grass and climatic conditions are right.

Effective planning is absolutely necessary to achieve beneficial effects with prescribed burning. For example, firelanes must be built prior to the burn. To allow desirable forage plants to regrow, maximum benefit will be gained from a burn if the pasture is deferred from grazing following the burn until June or July.

A checklist has been developed for planning a prescribed burn and is available at the Natural Resources Conservation Service (Soil Conservation Service). For more information and assistance contact the local NRCS office at 853-2720.



Tom Enochs served 11 years as District Director from Zone 4 before stepping down this year. He was succeeded by Norman Kohls. The District extends its sincere thanks to Tom for his dedicated service throughout the years.



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Activities

1. Co-sponsored deer herd management program for Schleicher County.
2. Provided conservation education material to Eldorado Schools.
3. Sponsored poster and essay contest.
4. Sponsored windbreak tree sales.
5. Co-sponsored range and plant judging contest.
6. Co-sponsored wool and mohair judging contest.
7. Distributed Soil Stewardship material to local churches.
8. Participated in San Angelo Area Awards Banquet.
9. Provided public information material to local newspaper.
10. Attended regular monthly meetings.
11. Assisted with maintenance work on flood prevention site.
12. Attended State Convention in Ft. Worth.
13. Co-sponsored Schleicher County RC&D program.

Conservation Practices

Applied by District Cooperators with District Assistance in 1996

Brush Management	1,126 acres
Terraces	90,601 feet
Cross Fencing	9,309 feet
Conservation Cropping Sequence	5,938 feet
Crop Residue Management	2,643 acres
Contour Farming	5,725 acres
Proper Grazing Use	94,216 acres
Deferred Grazing	20,163 acres
Planned Grazing Systems	31,299 acres
Prescribed Burning	1,060 acres

The District has entered into a cooperative agreement with 320 land users in Schleicher County on 635,772 acres. Conservation planning was completed on 25,080 acres this year for a total of 399,607 acres under conservation plan. The District is able to provide conservation assistance to Schleicher County through these cooperative agreements. Direct assistance was provided to 95 cooperators with 44 completing practices this year.

Eldorado-Divide

Soil & Water Conservation District #247

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Fund Balances
For the Year Ended August 31, 1996

REVENUE	STATE FUND	TRUST FUND
State Receipts		
Matching Funds	\$5,030.00	-0-
Technical Assistance	3,581.14	-0-
Subchapter H Tech Ass.	-0-	-0-
Other State Receipts	-0-	-0-
Donations	-0-	\$7,422.50
Federal Grants/Receipts	-0-	-0-
Sale of Materials	1,106.62	279.39
Equipment Rental	-0-	-0-
Building Rental	-0-	-0-
Advertising	-0-	-0-
Interest Earned	-0-	-0-
Other Receipts	56.87	56.87
Game Banquet	-0-	16,227.75
TOTAL REVENUE	9,774.63	23,929.64
 EXPENDITURES		
Salaries		
State Tech. Assistance	3,919.87	-0-
Subchapter H Tech Ass.	-0-	-0-
Clerical	-0-	-0-
Federal Programs	-0-	-0-
Other	-0-	-0-
Payroll Taxes	843.40	-0-
Employee Travel	267.05	-0-
Director Travel	-0-	509.08
Maintenance and Repair	34.05	-0-
Utilities	-0-	-0-
Liability Insurance	-0-	267.00
Bonds/Other Insurance	50.00	-0-
Consumable Supplies	22.86	25.00
Printing	114.81	22.48
Awards Program	-0-	193.50
Educational Program	204.36	1,879.84
Postage	426.97	64.00
NACD Dues	-0-	275.00
State Awards Quota	-0-	250.00
Other Dues and Quotas	55.00	155.00
Materials Purchased for Resale	1,106.62	205.00
Furniture Equipment Purchases	203.51	113.18
Audit/Accounting Fees	-0-	-0-
Game Banquet	-0-	15,206.75
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$7,248.50	\$19,165.83
GAIN OR LOSS	2,526.13	4,763.81
 FUND BALANCE 9/1/95	 1,938.25	 9,342.20
FUND BALANCE 9/1/96	4,464.38	14,106.01

Agricultural Conservation Program

Conservation Practices Applied in 1996 with District assistance

Conservation Cropping Sequence	457 acres
Crop Residue Management	457 acres
Contour Farming	457 acres
Terraces	35,143 feet
Cross Fencing	19,309 acres
Brush Management	886 acres
Proper Grazing Use	3,805 acres
Deferred Grazing	1,445 acres
Prescribed Burning	320 acres

The District provided technical assistance to 3 FSA mini-Long Term Agreements on 4,262 acres. The District also serviced 9 referrals from the FSA office.

Great Plains Conservation Program

Conservation Practices Applied in 1996 with District assistance

Brush Management	240 acres
Proper Grazing Use	10,735 acres
Deferred Grazing	3,272 acres
Planned Grazing System	6,831 acres
Conservation Cropping Sequence	2,129 acres
Crop Residue Management	1,465 acres
Contour Farming	1,129 acres
Terraces	55,458 acres
Troughs or Tanks	1 number
Prescribed Burning	740 acres

The District provided technical assistance to 10 GPCP contracts on 14,657 acres. Four applications were received and approved by the district on 30,680 acres