

Eagles Look Good Against Stanton

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Varsity, JV and Middle School Football Schedules

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Eldorado Eagles				
Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
8/19	10 am	Stanton (scr)	Big Lake	2-1
8/24	6:30 pm	Rankin (scr)	Here	
9/1	8 pm	Christoval	Here	
9/8	8 pm	Bangs	Here	
9/15	8 pm	Menard	Here	
9/22	8 pm	Blanco	Here	
9/29	8 pm	Open	Here	
10/6	8 pm	Open	Here	
10/13	8 pm	Open	Here	
10/20	8 pm	Open	Here	
10/27	8 pm	Open	Here	
11/3	8 pm	Open	Here	
11/10	8 pm	Open	Here	



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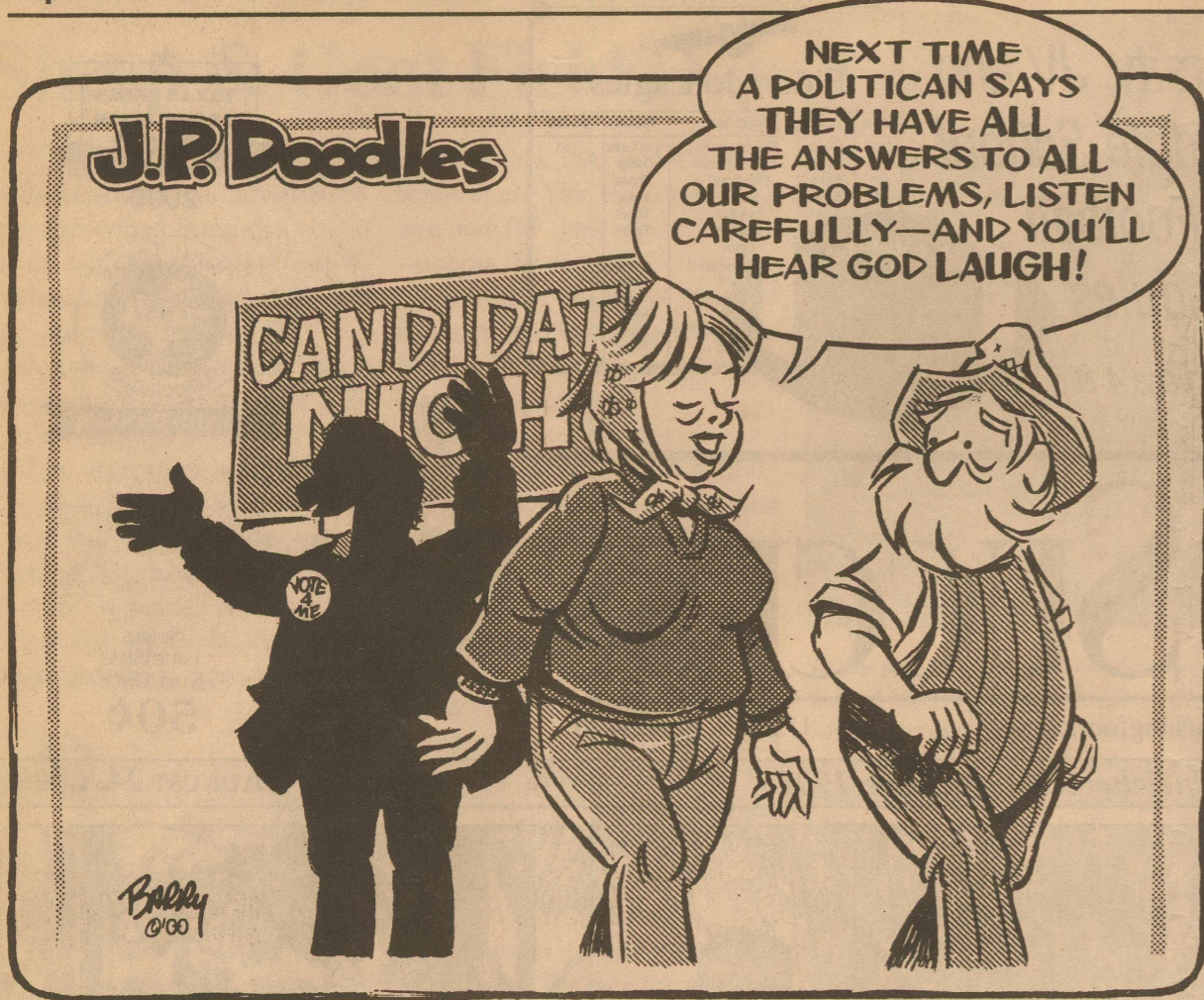
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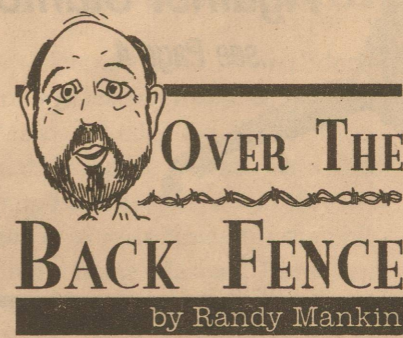
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Potato Chips, Football and Pasture Art



Some weeks this column is easy to write. On those occasions, I can usually fill this space with little effort. But, some weeks, when I don't have a particular idea in mind, it gets tougher. Take this week, for example. I have three thoughts, each of which, by itself, isn't enough on which to base a column. So, what I've done is combine them together.

Potato Chips

I like potato chips the way that bears like honey or pigs like corn. I survived on potato chips during my college years and still love them today. I especially like the dark brown ones, you know, the three or four chips in each bag that turn out darker than the others.

Most people, my wife included, don't like these brown chips. Kathy says they're burned and

won't touch them.

Actually the chips aren't burned. Many years ago in chemistry class I learned that the dark chips owe their color to the fact that they contain more sugar which caramelizes as the chip is cooked.

Most major brands of potato chips try diligently to screen these dark nuggets out since, they reckon, most consumers don't like them.

Some of the store brands aren't as picky, though. Last week, Kathy brought home a bag (store brand for course) that was filled to the brim with brown chips. I was as happy as a kid in a candy store...or a pig in a corn crib.

Please don't misunderstand me, the Eagles are in a strong district and face one of the toughest seasons in a long time, but they appear to be up for the challenge.

The San Angelo Standard-Times picked the Eagles to finish 5th in the district this year. The Eldorado Success, on the other hand, is convinced the Eagles will make it to the playoffs for the 7th straight year.

Pasture Art

After the scrimmage in Big Lake, the Mankin clan drove to Crane to visit friends. On the way there we noticed some interesting pieces of art in the pasture near the highway. One was a water tank made to look like a yellow submarine with lots of happy people waving from the top. Another was a huge pair of legs sticking up out of the ground with a nearby sign advising the importance of carefully checking the length of one's bungee cord before jumping.

There were also some shark fins and one shark's gaping jaws sticking up out of the ground along with a sign that said something about sand sharks. And, there were cartoon figures of cowboys dressed in long johns climbing a windmill.

A sign nearby said the exhibits were provided by the Upton County Society for the Preservation of Pasture Art and that it had received no funding from the National Endowment for the Arts. Be that as it may. If you're ever driving from Rankin to Crane, pay close attention. You never know what you'll see lurking behind a mesquite bush.

Football

Buy your season tickets now, because the Eldorado Eagles are going to be fun to watch this year. I traveled to Big Lake last Saturday to see the team's first scrimmage against the Stanton Buffaloes...and the Eagles did not disappoint. In fact, our varsity outscored the Buff's 2-1.

Last year's quarterback, Joey Bullard has moved to running back and Jason Brock will be under center this year. The Eagles offensive and defensive lines looked tough, too.

Attorney general sues online prescription companies

AUSTIN — Ever hear of the web sites ExpressToday.com or MedPrescribe.com?

Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week filed lawsuits against the two "online pharmacies." Cornyn alleged the web sites misled consumers and threatened their health by selling dangerous drugs and controlled substances over the Internet on the basis of an "online consultation."

The lawsuits seek to halt the sales through an injunction to prevent the defendants from advertising, selling, prescribing and dispensing prescription medications to Texas consumers without proper safeguards. Cornyn also seeks costs and civil penalties for violations of

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the Deceptive Trade Practices Act. "To just click and ship prescription drugs is bad medicine. These unlawful businesses mislead consumers about the safety of these drugs and put consumers' health at risk," Cornyn said.

"Online pharmacies offer tremendous convenience and freedom for homebound patients, rural Texans and others, but like any business, they must operate in compliance with the law."

Investigators from the attorney

general's office created an online identity of a 53-year-old man and purchased Viagra and Phentermine from the web sites with no prescription or consultation with a doctor.

The web sites advertise, sell and arrange to ship or deliver prescription drugs to Texas consumers.

Standards Revised for Schools

Texas Public schools will have to work harder to earn the labels "acceptable," "exemplary" and "recognized" in 2001, Education Commissioner Jim Nelson announced last week.

Starting next year, the state's school accountability system will have new, tougher standards for performance on both dropout rates and the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills test, the two measuring sticks on which school district and campus ratings are based.

Schools will be rated on TAAS scores and dropout rates of all students and students in each of four groups: African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged.

TAAS tests are given in reading and mathematics in third, fifth, sixth and seventh grades, and in reading, writing and mathematics in fourth, eighth and 10th grades. Eighth-graders also take TAAS tests in science and social studies.

Students must pass the 10th-grade "exit-level" exam in order to receive a diploma.

Under current accountability standards, schools that have TAAS passing rates of 90 percent and dropout rates of 1 percent or less

for all students and student groups earn the coveted "exemplary" rating.

Other changes Nelson ordered for schools in 2001:

- Elimination of attendance rates in determining district and campus ratings.
- Consideration of a district's special education compliance status.
- Changes to size requirements for student groups.

Cleanup Funding Still Needed

Across Texas, there are more than 7,900 underground petroleum storage sites in need of remediation, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission told a subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

Since 1989, 14,943 sites have been closed. Fees charged to underground petroleum storage tank owners fund closures and remediations.

TNRCC representatives said if the fees are discontinued, there will not be enough funding to continue the cleanup of the remaining 7,900 sites.

The Legislature intended the program to end, but at the current rate of remediation, it will take years to complete the cleanup, the TNRCC said.

Other Highlights

- In a meeting of the House Education subcommittee on Charter Schools, subcommittee chairman Jim Dunning, D-Waco, ex-

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

An Unusual Fireside Chat

Oscar Morgan spent a whole bunch of years in the oil patch around Odessa, then settled down on a ranch near Sipe Springs (pronounced Seep Springs) in Comanche county. He goes fishing, loves to dance and takes care of his cattle.

When he was growing up, he always had unusual pets. Once he had a pet crow. "I found his nest when he was small and took him to the house and raised him," says Oscar. "When we'd be working in the field, he'd perch on my shoulder. Every once in a while he'd fly off and get a grasshopper, then come back to my shoulder. He'd spend the whole day with me. That crow sure was a lot of company."

Oscar says the bird could practically carry on a conversation with him. They grew very close.

One time Oscar found some lice on the bird. "I decided I'd try to get rid of them. We didn't have sprays and all that stuff when I was growing up. We did have lye soap. I thought I'd give the bird a bath and try to get rid of that lice."

It was a real hot day when Oscar decided to rid his crow of lice. He got a tub, put it under a shade tree, filled it with hot water and soaped up the bird real good. He rinsed off the crow, patted it dry and put it on the ground. The bird wondered over next to the house while Oscar cleaned up the bath area.

"I noticed the bird shaking, but didn't think anything about it. First thing I knew, he had fallen over dead. Only thing I can figure is the soap took all the natural oil out of his feathers, went under his skin and drowned him, I guess. I sure

did hate that 'cause we had a good time together."

Oscar's grandparents lived in a log house with a stone fireplace. They had a pet monkey. "At night, they'd sit there by the fire and talk and visit, you know. During cold weather, they'd get sweet potatoes, roll them up in a wet cloth, stick them in the edge of the ashes, rake some of that fire up on them, coal and everything, and bake them. When they'd get them out to eat, they'd always give the monkey some. He liked those sweet potatoes."

They also had a big old tomcat that stayed pretty close to the fire most of the time. One night the cat was lying there in front of the fire about half asleep.

"The monkey decided that those potatoes should be just about done. He was looking at my grandparents, then at the fireplace, then at the cat. Nobody was paying him any attention. The monkey decided it was time for that potato to come out of the fireplace. He grabbed that tomcat's front leg, reached in there and raked that potato out of the fire with the cat's paw. The monkey got the potato and turned the cat loose.

"The cat went around and up over the furniture, back around and out the front door, squalling all the way."

Oscar says his grandparents just laughed at all that. "The cat's foot healed OK and it wasn't long before things were back to normal around my grandparents' house. But it was a while before the cat took naps in front of the fire while the monkey was around."

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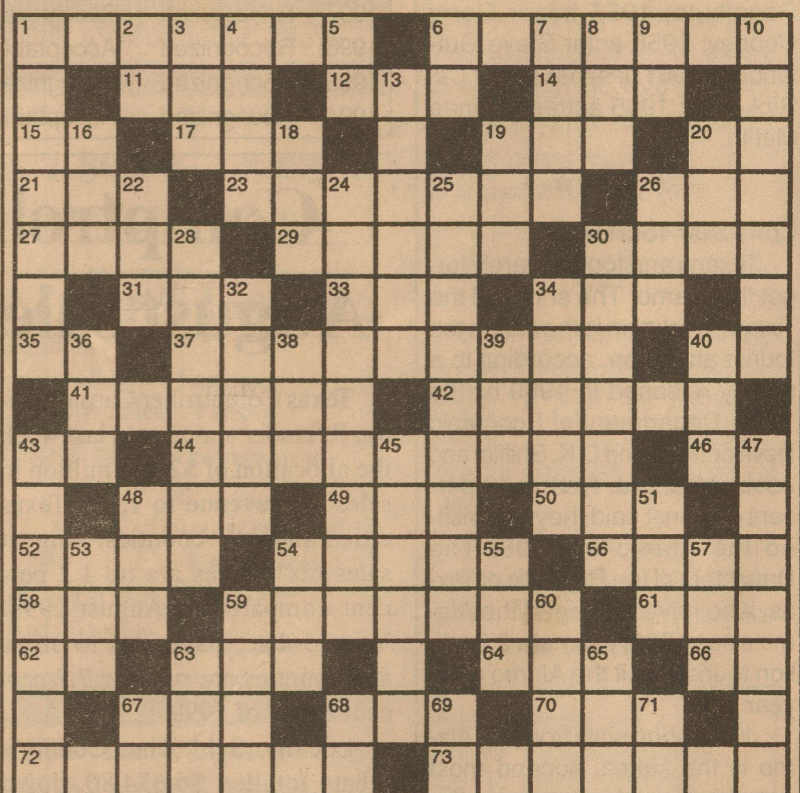
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| 1 Tub for cleaning plates | 52 Break down | 19 Crony |
| 6 Greatest or most complete | 54 Compere | 20 Astronomical time measurement (abbr.) |
| 11 Belonging to us | 56 Form of address once used for a king | 22 Campfire residue |
| 12 Historical time span | 58 Small drink | 24 Portable weapons |
| 14 Border Patrol agency | 59 Company officer with access to private information | 25 Dropped sharply |
| 15 Chicago's famous railway | 61 Local area network (abbr.) | 26 Mother of ancient Celtic gods |
| 17 One way to get an apple | 62 Badge or card identifying bearer | 28 Barber's tonic |
| 19 Roman god of fields and flocks | 63 North Atlantic food fish | 30 Bears witness |
| 20 Lubbock school's initials | 64 _____ Cruces, N.M. | 32 Mental alertness |
| 21 Legume | 66 Ma's mate | 34 Merge |
| 23 Broom accessory | 67 Clever | 36 Roman triad |
| 26 Pituitary hormone (abbr.) | 68 Doctrine | 38 Compose |
| 27 Angle for a bite | 70 Zilch | 39 Longest division of geological time |
| 29 Limited in size or scope | 72 Seasonal worker | 40 Yes vote |
| 30 Against | 73 Building | 43 Gray tetraivalent metallic element |
| 31 Possesses | | 45 Nitrogenous mucous lubricant |
| 33 Nigerian dialect | DOWN | 47 Small bomb |
| 34 Sand lizard | 1 Cook by immersing in fat | 48 Pelvic joint |
| 35 Loloish language | 2 Ineed | 51 Be afflicted |
| 37 Farm equipment | 3 Wheel center | 53 Assistance |
| 40 Exist as an individual | 4 Goad | 54 Goal |
| 41 Jewish republic | 5 Neon, periodically speaking | 55 Snake fish |
| 42 Social group representing half of a tribe | 6 Informal term for a mother | 57 Reproach for some lapse or misdeed |
| 43 Hello | 7 Capital of ancient Chinese empire | 59 Scintilla |
| 44 Decorations | 8 Hotel for travelers | 60 Hindu princess |
| 46 For instance (abbr.) | 9 Miss or Mrs. | 63 Cardiopulmonary resuscitation (abbr.) |
| 48 Collide with | 10 Lightest known metal | 65 Wife of Thor in Norse mythology |
| 49 Furrow | 13 Capture again | 67 Silver, periodically |
| | 16 Hilo garland | 68 The thing in question |
| | | 69 Objective form of "I" |
| | | 71 10+1 in ancient Rome |

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OBITUARIES

Oscar Neff

ELDORADO — Clemmit Oscar Neff, 87, of Eldorado passed away Tuesday, Aug. 15, 2000.

Service was held Friday, Aug. 18, at the Mertzon Highway Church of Christ. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

He served in the armed forces in Berlin during World War II. He married Mary Opal Neff on April 30, 1936, in Baird. They lived in Eldorado after their marriage where they raised their two children, Nell and Ronnie. Oscar retired from the state highway department after 30 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion and a member of the Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife in 1984; and also by three

brothers and one sister.

Survivors include his daughter and son-in-law, Nell and Roger Sanders of Burnet; son, Ronnie Neff of Eldorado; a brother, Ray Neff of Mesa, Ariz.; his grandchildren, Leland Al Craig of Burnet, Mary Watson and husband, David, of Gunter, Wayne Craig and wife, Monica, of Burnet, Mary Patricia Neff and Ryan Marie Neff, both of New York; his six great-grandchildren, Cortney, Wesley, Casey, Jathan, Jeston and Jayci; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were be Roger Dale Sanders, Climmet Wayne Craig, Leland Al Craig III, Edgar Lee Craig Jr., Leland Al Craig Jr. and Gene McCalla.

The family requests memorials be made to Seton Hospital in Burnet.



Mr. and Mrs. Cody Christopher Wheeler

Nolen/Wheeler exchange vows

Stephanie Dawn Nolen and Cody Christopher Wheeler were married on July 29, 2000 in Albuquerque, New Mexico on the Sandia Peak Mountain. Rev. Jon Warren Pastor of Hoffman town Baptist Church officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Nolen of Eldorado Texas. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. Larry Wheeler of San Antonio, Texas and Mrs. Rose Wheeler of Eagle Pass, Texas

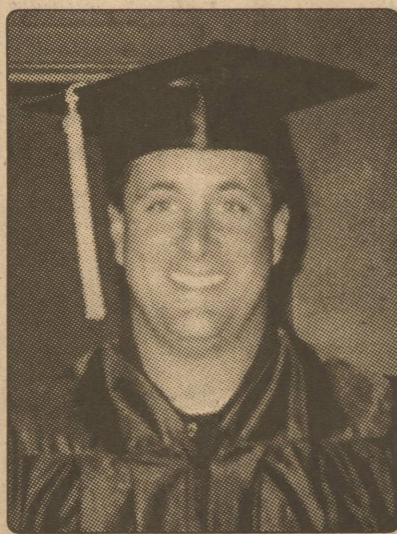
Matron of honor was Brandi

Nolen of Albuquerque, New Mexico Best Man was Clint Wheeler of Eagle Pass, Texas.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Eldorado High School. She received her BBS in Interdisciplinary Studies and Music from Hardin Simmons University. She is employed by the Sabinal I.S.D. in Sabinal, Texas where she is a fifth grade teacher and the assistant Band Director.

The bridegroom is a 1991 graduate of Eagle Pass High School and attended Southwest Texas Jr. College. He is employed by the Eagle Pass I.S.D. Police Dept.

After a honeymoon to Port Aransas, Texas the couple will live in Uvalde, Texas.



Russel Dacy

Dacy earns Masters from ASU

Russel Dacy graduated from Angelo State University on Friday, August 11th with a Master of Education Degree in School Administration.

Russ, a former Eldorado student, graduated from EHS in 1987 and went on to attend Sul Ross and Angelo State Universities.

He graduated from ASU in December of 1994 with a degree in Kinesology and minor in History. He has been employed with the Wall ISD since 1995 as a teacher and coach in the football, basketball, and track programs.

Russ lives in San Angelo with his wife, Missey, and their two children: Like, age 4 and Kylee, age 3.

He is the son of Monroe and Dorothy Dacy and grandson of August and Mary Roden of Eldorado and Mary Charles Dacy of

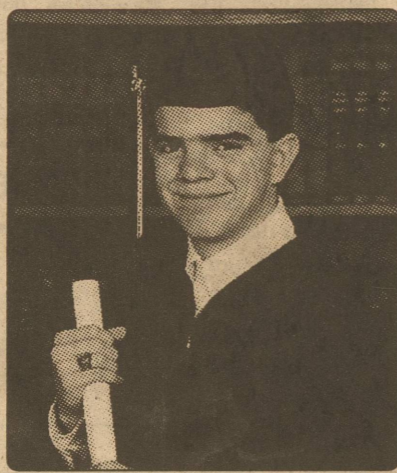
Fredericksburg. Russ also has a younger sister, Tina Smaling, who resides in Mansfield Texas.

Proud family and friends were on hand to congratulate him on his accomplishments and share in the joyful festivities.

Andrew Mercer earns degree from Texas A&M University

Andrew Mercer, son of Dr. Jim and Carolyn Mercer of Brownwood Texas, received his degree in Biology and Chemistry from Texas A&M University in a commencement exercise held on August 12, 2000 Mercer completed an extra semester in research in a Sydney, Australia university this spring and returned to A&M for final work before graduation.

Mercer is grandson of Vida Mercer of Eldorado, and Pat O'Harrow of San Angelo.



Andrew Mercer

MILITARY NEWS

Msgt. Michael C. Sharp

Master Sergeant Michael C. Sharp, 1983 graduate of Eldorado High School recently was in Eldorado for a very short visit with his mother, Marie Sharp.

Having received a promotion to the rank of Master Sergeant in the USMC while serving in the EOD in Okinawa, Japan, Michael also was notified that he would be transferred to a different duty station. He is now stationed at Indianhead, Maryland, and will be there for at least 2 years.

While finding suitable living

quarters, Michael has left 2 family members with his mother, and so will return to Eldorado sometime in the near future to pick up the Bear and Ginger (4 legged family embers) to rejoin his wife Ayumi and their 2 children, Kiko Marie and Michael Lee (Mickey).

Michael has enjoyed his time in Okinawa and plans to return there before finishing his career with the Marine Corps. He will be eligible for retirement in 2003, but plans to remain on duty for an additional three years.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- AUGUST**
 24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith
 25th Marcy Glidden, Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bently Kennedy, Chris Phillips
 26th Jewell Millers, Bob Bailey, Monica Nicole Estrada, J. Lynn Barajas, Ramiro Barajas Sr., Donice Jarrett, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Gregoria Lozano, Scott McCutcheon
 27th Tiffany Case, Dena Lloyd, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Lupe Fuentes, W.F. Edmiston, Mary Lou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe
 28th Curtis Short, Norman Kohls, Cleva Koenig, Beau Sallee, Russ Dacy, Shalena Allen, Kelsey Tutt, Robin Beach, Rick Sterling
 29th Ernesto Ruiz, Eddie Albin, Tracey Richards, Mandy Daniels, Brandy Nixon, Andrew Sauer, Lynn Long, Paige Franklin
 30th Lucille McWhorter, Debbie Pina, Chance Tinney, Gary Warnock, John Himrod, Larry Sanchez, Justin Estrada, Alisha Wink

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Cooperatives honor State Reps.

On Monday, August 21, the Texas Rural Electric Coalition held an appreciation luncheon in San Angelo for State Representatives David Counts, Pete Gallego, Robert Junell, Tracy King and Bob Turner. Over 100 people attended the luncheon. The State Representatives were honored for their hard work and continued support for rural Texas and the rural Texas lifestyle.

An Appreciation Award was given to each State Representative by the electric cooperatives in their legislative district. In making the presentation, all of the electric cooperatives noted their appreciation for the continued interest of these

legislators in lower electric costs for their cooperative's members.

The Texas Rural Electric Coalition is composed of 16 Rural Electric Cooperatives. The Coalition, as a group, operates and maintains approximately 67,145 miles of line and 151,675 meters in rural Texas. Members of the Coalition are: Big Country Electric, Coleman County Electric, Comanche Electric, Concho Valley, DeWitt Electric, Gate City Electric, Greenbelt Electric, Karnes Electric, Lighthouse Electric, Medina Electric, North Plains Electric, Rio Grande Electric.

For more information contact: Buff Whitten, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative 915-853-2544

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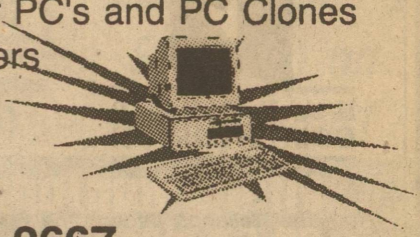
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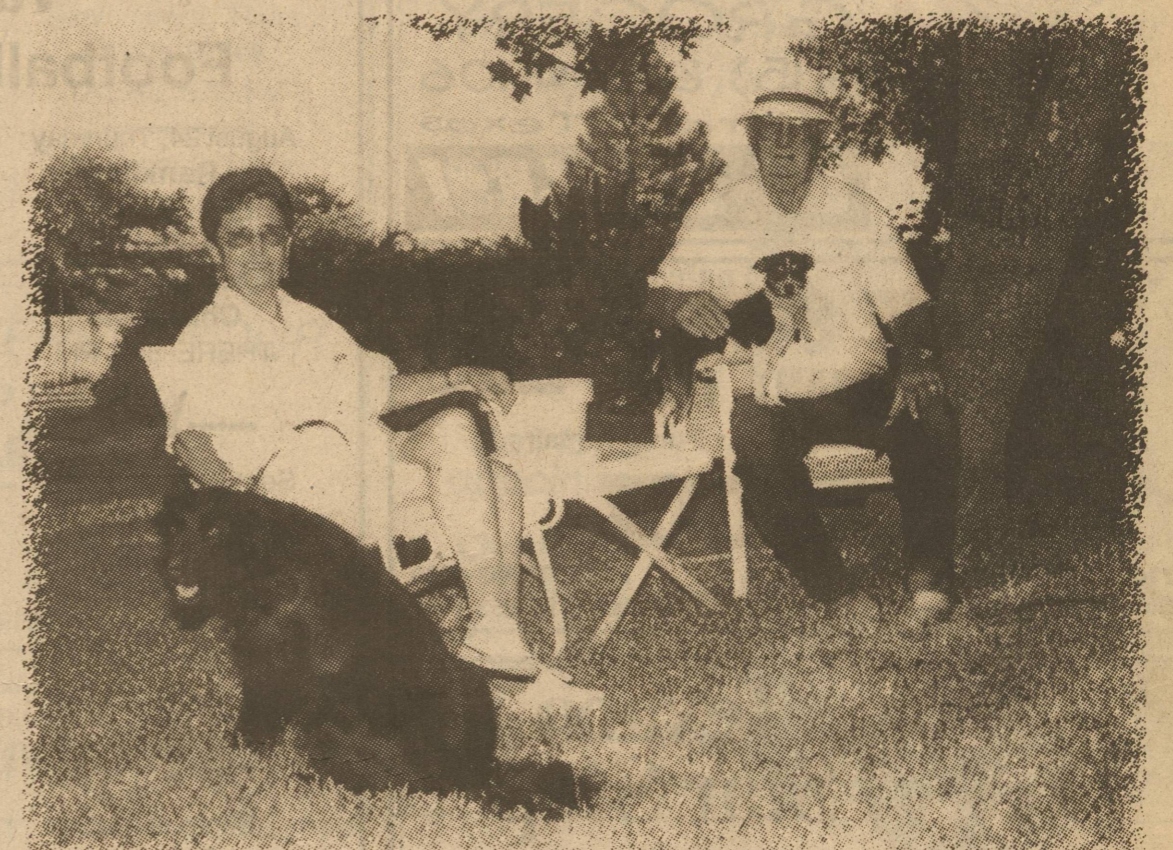
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Ranchin' and Golfin'



For well over 20 years, Bill and Mabel Freitag have called Eldorado home. Some might wonder if that place they call home is out on the ranch or out on the golf course!

Well, that home is both places. They have been members of the Eldorado Golf Club since 1980, and they have been breeding Brangus cattle since the 1970's.

Mabel has been an active member of the Schleicher County Historical Society and was the 1998 Woman Citizen of the Year, as well as the first woman elected to the ASCS board.

Bill has received a number of special awards from the Soil and Water Conservation Service on range management. Together, the couple has worked the West Texas Rehab Telethon for 10 years.

Bill and Mabel have given freely and often for the betterment of our community. The First National Bank of Eldorado thanks them for that dedication.

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School Lunch Menu

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Cafeteria Line
Monday, August 28
 No School, Parent Conference
Tuesday, August 29
 Lasagna, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Spice Cake/Icing
Wednesday, August 30th
 Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Combread, Chilled Fruit/Topping
Thursday, August 31st
 Hamburger Steak/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Orange Jello
Friday, September 1
 Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding
Breakfast
 ½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast.
Monday, August 28th
 No School, Parent/Conference
Tuesday, August 29th
 Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly
Wednesday, August 30th
 Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup
Thursday, August 31st
 Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast
Friday, September 1st
 Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal
Fast Food Line
Monday, August 28th
 No School, Parent/Teacher Conference
Tuesday, August 29th
 Fish Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Spice Cake/Icing
Wednesday, August 30th
 Sausage and Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Chilled Fruit/Topping
Thursday, August 31st
 Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Mixed Fruit, Orange Jello
Friday, September 1st
 Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding



Warmin' up — Coach Jim Fryar looked on as his Eldorado Eagles went through a series of stretching drills in Big Lake last Saturday. A few minutes later the team took the field against Stanton. It was the first scrimmage of the season for both teams.

Eagles look tough in scrimmage with Stanton

by David E. Hill
 The Eldorado Eagles traveled to Big Lake last Saturday to take on perennial power Stanton in the first scrimmage of the season. Before the varsity squads took the field, the junior varsity teams saw action. Stanton's JV may have won the scoring battle 1-0 but the Eagles JV played well, giving their coaches plenty of insight into the team's ability.
 Varsity action saw the Eagles out-score the Buffaloes 2-1. Eagles Head Coach Jim Fryar was all smiles after the scrimmage saying, "The guys did real well for where we are in the season. This group showed they will not back down from anyone's challenge."
 Offensively, the Eagles found the endzone twice, once when Blake Leggett caught a TD pass from Jason Brock, and another when Quisto Gonzales punched in a run from a few yards out.
 Eldorado's backs all ran hard and the line did a good job moving the defense around. The offense showed plenty of spark and will no doubt continue to get better as the

season progresses.
 Defensively, Eldorado looked very tough, stuffing Stanton's ground game most of the day. The corners and linebackers had a good day as did the defensive line. Defenses are usually ahead of the offensive units at this time of year and the Eagles defense didn't disappoint the Eldorado faithful who made the 70 mile trip to see the scrimmage.
 All in all the scrimmage should serve as a good measuring stick for

the Eagles coaches as the team returned home to work on those areas that needing improvement.
 The Eagles are on a short string this year as they open the season a week earlier than normal, so they must continue their hard work to prepare.
 Eldorado will host the Rankin Red Devils tonight at Eagle Stadium for the final scrimmage of the year. The JV will get underway at 5:00 p.m., and the varsity will begin at 6:30 p.m.



Brock to Leggett — The Eagles aerial attack appears promising this year. At left, Quarterback Jason Brock launched a pass last Saturday that connected with Wide Receiver Blake Leggett, some 40 yards down field, for the Eagles first score in a scrimmage with the Stanton Buffaloes.
 photos by Randy Mankin


2000 Eldorado Eagles Varsity Football Schedule

August 24, Thursday Rankin HERE 6:30 P.M.	October 6, Friday Rocksprings THERE, 7:30 PM
September 1, Friday Christoval THERE 8:00 PM	October 13, Friday Mason HERE, 8:00 PM
September 8, Friday Bangs HERE, 8:00 PM	October 20, Friday Junction THERE, 8:00 PM
Friday, September 15 Menard THERE, 8:00 PM	October 27, Friday Wall HERE, 8:00 PM
September 22 Blanco THERE, 8:00 PM	November 3, Friday Grape Creek THERE, 8:00 PM
September 29 OPEN	November 10, Friday Sonora HERE, 8:00 PM

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2000 Eldorado Eagles Junior Varsity Football Schedule

August 24, Thursday Rankin HERE 5:00 P.M.	October 5, Thurs. Rocksprings HERE, 7:00 PM
August 31, Thurs. Christoval THERE TBA	October 12, Thurs. Mason HERE, 8:00 PM
September 7, Thurs. Bangs THERE, 6:30 PM	October 19, Thurs. Junction HERE, 6:30 PM
September 14, Thurs. Menard HERE, 6:30 PM	October 26, Thurs. Wall HERE, 6:30 PM
September 21 Ozona THERE, 7:00 PM	November 2, Thurs Grape Creek HERE, 8:00 PM
September 28 OPEN	November 9, Thurs. Sonora HERE, 8:00 PM

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Mighty Eagle Fan of the Week

 Who will be the first Mighty Eagle Fan of the week for the 2000 football season. Watch this space and find out! Do you want to be the fan of the week? It's easy, just attend an Eagles game, yell loud and smile for the camera!



All smiles — EHS freshman Lori Loomis displays the award she received recently as the top French I student at the summer school she attended in Switzerland.

Loomis receives academic award in Switzerland

Lori Nicole Loomis, a freshman at Eldorado High School, received the LAS Theatre Scholarship and attended school in Switzerland this summer.

Lori performed in three play productions: Red, White and Tuna (ironically, a depiction of life in a small, West Texas town), The Actor's Nightmare, and she performed the leading role in 'Dentistry

Crisis. In addition to performing Lori was directly involved in costume and set design for the productions. Lori also studied in an intensive French program and was awarded the top French I Award for the summer school. She was one of approximately 120 students representing 30 countries worldwide. She is the daughter of Raymond and Gina Loomis.

Attention local singers!

Mrs. Jo Parker and the E.H.S. Varsity Chorus invites adults and high school students who love to sing to come and "Sing and Swing" with them on Sunday evenings in the Elementary School Music Room.

The sessions begin around 7:00 p.m., however, Parker says if your church services run a little late, come anyway. The sessions should

conclude by 8:45 p.m.

The group will be singing a variety of music, so, music reading skills are needed, however, if you only sing "by ear" the group can still use you.

Everyone is encouraged to make plans to attend this Sunday evening and enjoy the "Gift of Music!"

SCISD earns 4 Exemplary ratings from TEA

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from all over the country with this kind of performance," Nelson said. This year, 167 districts earned an exemplary rating, 435 earned a recognized rating, 434 earned the academically acceptable label and five earned an academically unacceptable label. By comparison, in 1999, 122 districts earned the exemplary rating, 383 earned the recognized rating, 523 were academically acceptable and seven were academically unacceptable. Four districts received the unacceptable: data quality rating in 1999 and three districts received the academically unacceptable: special accreditation investigation label last year. No district received either of these two rating labels this year.

Performance during the 1999-2000 school year earned 1,291 schools an exemplary rating, 2,003 schools a recognized rating, 2,924 schools an acceptable rating and 157 schools a low-performing rating. That compares to 1999 results when 120 campuses were exemplary, 1,843 were recognized, 3,147 were acceptable and 96 were low-performing. In addition, 36 campuses received the acceptable: data issues rating in 1999 because they had unreliable dropout data. No campus received that rating this year.

The standards increased this year for districts and campuses that achieved the acceptable rating. This year, 50 percent of all students and each student group had to pass the TAAS test to get this rating. That is up from 45 percent last year. A dropout rate of 6 percent or less for the total student population and each of the four student groups and an attendance rate of 94 percent or better were also needed to achieve this rating. A campus received a low-performing rating or a district received the academically unacceptable rating

when at least one student group or the total students in a district or campus had a TAAS passing rate of less than 50 percent or a dropout rate of more than 6 percent. The campus or district may also have an attendance rate below 94 percent. Failure to reach the 50 percent passing rate on either the math or writing sections of the TAAS test were the two most common reasons that a campus received a low-performing rating.

"We want all our children to succeed. We must try to both reduce the dropout rate and continue to raise the academic performance of our students. I am confident that we will continue to make progress towards these important goals," Nelson said.

Additional ratings information can be found on the TEA's website at: <http://www.tea.state.tx.us/perfreport/account/2000/>.

Small Grains Workshop slated for September 29

by Scott Edmonson, CEA-Ag

There will be a small grains workshop on Tuesday, September 29th, 2000 at the Memorial Building here in Eldorado from 6-9 p.m. The topics will be based on small grain production with Dr.'s Billy Warrick, Chris Sansone and Jason Johnson.

Dr. Billy Warrick will be on hand to discuss small grain production including production practices and varieties. Dr. Sansone will dis-

cuss insects while Dr. Johnson will discuss economics.

There will be three CEU's offered for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license. Remember that there are several local producers whose license will be expiring at the end of this year. The categories will be 1/2 Laws and Regulation, 1/2 Integrated Pest Management and 2 in general. For more information, contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

2000 MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

7TH GRADE

September 14, Thurs.
Menard
THERE, 5:00 PM

September 21, Thurs.
Ozona
THERE, 5:00 PM

September 28, Thurs.
Iraan
HERE, 5:00 PM

October 5, Thurs.
Menard
TBA

October 12, Thurs.
Mason
HERE, 5:00 PM

October 19, Thurs.
Junction
THERE, 5:00 PM

October 26, Thurs.
Wall
HERE, 5:00 PM

November 2, Thurs.
Grape Creek
THERE, 5:00 PM

November 9, Thurs.
Sonora
HERE, 5:00 PM

8TH GRADE

September 14, Thurs.
Menard
THERE, 6:30 PM

September 21, Thurs.
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September 28, Thurs.
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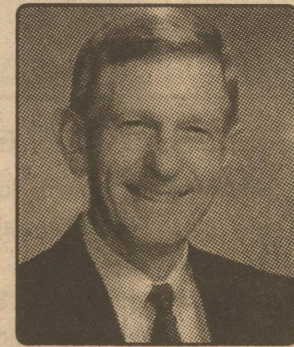
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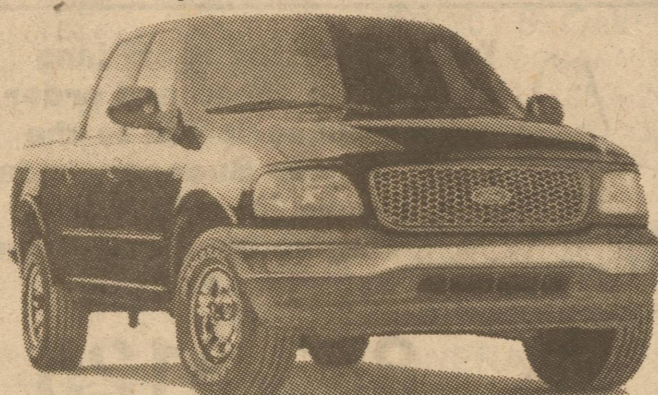
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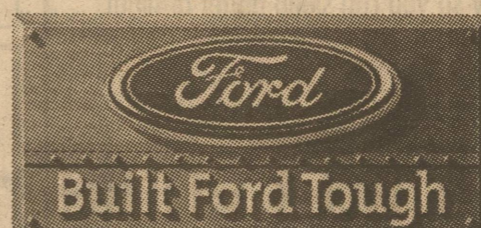
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Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 28

Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Blackeyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cornbread, Melon Salad, Milk

Tuesday, August 29

Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, August 30

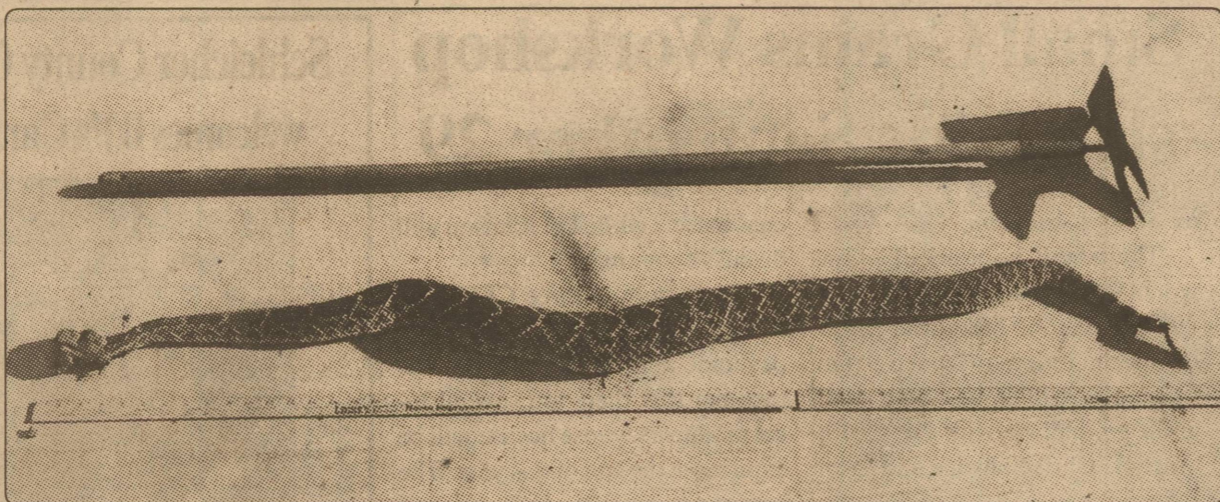
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, August 31

Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/ Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Pepper, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait

Friday, September 1

Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Okra & Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp, Milk



Big Rattler — This rattlesnake was killed near the home of Joe & Judy Christian, about a mile East of Eldorado. The snake measured 56 inches long and was more than 4 inches around.

photo by Kathy Mankin

Final hearing on Texas citizens' privacy

The Texas House of Representatives Committee on Public Safety and chairman of the committee State Representative Bob Turner will hold a hearing August 29 in Big Spring to discuss ways to ensure

that Texans' privacy is protected.

"Our personal privacy is a major interest in our communities," Turner said. "We, as legislators, need to make sure our constituent's privacy is not compromised. We will receive testimony from the Department of Public Safety, and other interested parties to determine if your personal information is safe."

Turner said, "This is the time for all interested parties to participate in the process and give their opinions. We need to hear from you, because we are not very good at reading peoples' minds." In 1999, Speaker of the House Pete Laney directed the House Committee on

Public Safety to study the personal privacy issue and report back its findings. This is the last hearing the committee will hold before making its final recommendations. In particular, the committee will discuss the Department of Public Safety's obtaining and use of social security numbers and all the information the department may collect and sell to the general public.

The House Committee on Public Safety will hold their hearing at 12:30 p.m., August 29, 2000 in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on the Howard College campus, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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ARRESTS

August 16 • Rico, Luis Arturo, male age 28, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

August 17 • Blye, Richard, male age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving License Suspended/Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces).

Jones, Paula Ann, female age 36, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.

Laurence, Joseph Randy, male age 24, hold for Irion County, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

Cowley, Steven Shane, male age

29, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxication, 2nd Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond and a \$750 Surety Bond.

August 20 • Castilleja, Milton Jr., male age 33, arrested by SC Officer, charge Out of County Warrant and Local Warrant.

Martinez, Carlos, male age 39, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

August 16 • 1:00 p.m. Landowner reported a controlled burn will be held on 8/17/00 with fire trucks on site.

• 1:29 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance at a residence on Depot Street. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 2:20 p.m. Complainant on Calender and Mulberry Street reported a small grass fire. Fire truck responded.

• 10:43 p.m. Complainant reported a 15 year old female subject missing. Officer responded.

August 18 • 4:00 p.m. Complainant reported phone harassment.

• 7:44 p.m. Report of fight in progress on El Paso Street.

• 10:00 p.m. Report of a tool box that has fallen out of a white pick up. Officer responded and tool box was brought into the Sheriff's Office. Owner came by Sheriff's Office and described tool box and box was returned.

• 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported a opossum in their yard on the corner

of Oaks and Lewis. Officer responded to call.

• 3:58 p.m. Complainant on S Cottonwood requested an ambulance. Subject complaining of shortness of breath. EMS2 and officer responded.

• 11:06 p.m. Complainant reported a couple of horses out 1/4 mile out on FM 2696. Officer and DPS Officer responded.

• 6:51 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a Advance Cardiac Life Support transfer. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

August 19 • 9:48 a.m. Complainant on S. Cottonwood requested an ambulance because subject was complaining of shortness of breath. Two officers and EMS 1 responded.

• 11:02 a.m. Complainant on County Road 206 requested an ambulance because subject was complaining of stomach cramps and vomiting. Two officers responded and EMS 2.

• 8:57 p.m. Complainant reported someone had hit a sign at a local business on N. Divide. Officer responded.

• 10:59 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver on Hwy. 277 South. Officer responded.

August 20 • 11:40 a.m. Complainant requested assistance in locating their son driving a Tan Ford 150. Two males age 21 were coming from Del Rio to Rising Star. May have gone through Sonora-Menard-Brady cutting across 864 or coming through Eldorado. Subjects are broke down since 4:00 a.m. this date. Officer responded.

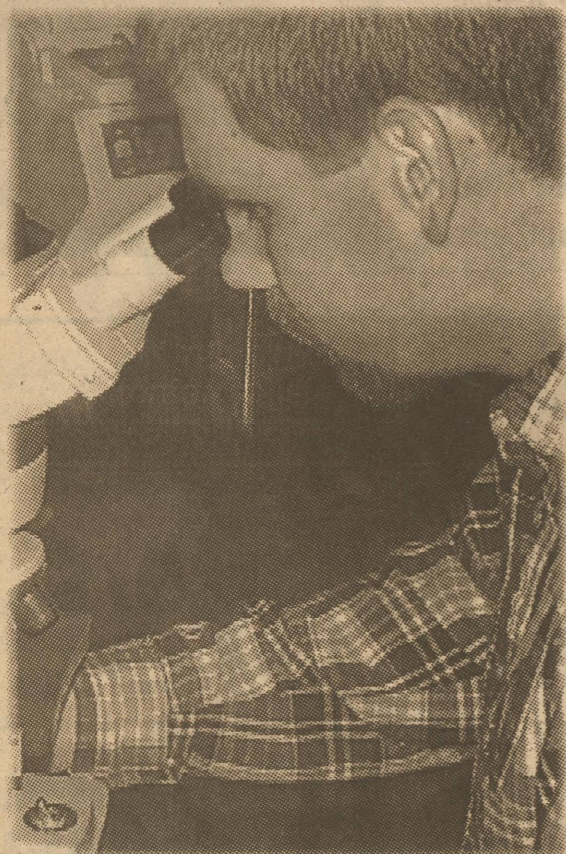
• No Time Hospital reported a dog bite.

August 21 • 6:23 p.m. Complainant reported while traveling to Menard a vehicle in front of them had fence wire fell out. Complainant reported they had run over the fence.

• 8:11 p.m. Hospital reported they will be conducting a fire drill.

August 22 • 12:30 p.m. School requested a Criminal Trespass be served on a male subject. Officer responded.

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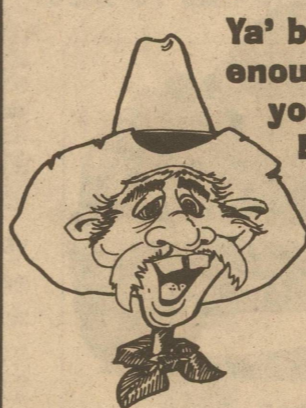
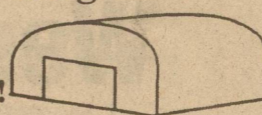
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pressed concern over the percentage of economically disadvantaged students in charter schools passing the TAAS (54 percent). The number passing the test in traditional public schools was 67 percent. "That's a real difference," Dunnam said.

• Texas Attorney General John Cornyn and the attorneys general from 29 other states and territories last week announced a lawsuit charging the nation's largest distributors of recorded music of conspiring with various retailers to fix the prices of compact discs and similar products. The lawsuit seeks millions of dollars in fines and penalties.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Schleicher County Independent School District is accepting applications from vendors for the purchase of **technology equipment and/or service** to the school at 203 Field Street for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are due to the school at 205 Field Street or PO Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936 by Wednesday, August 30, 2000. Request for copies of the application should be addressed to Loretta Edmiston, Business Manager, at 915-853-2514 extension 225. 35-36b

NOTICE TO VENDORS

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Schleicher County Independent School District is accepting applications from vendors for the purchase of **petroleum products delivered** to the school at 203 Field Street for the 2000-2001 school year. Applications are due to the school at 205 Field Street or PO Box W, Eldorado, TX 76936 by Wednesday, August 30, 2000. Request for copies of the application should be addressed to Loretta Edmiston, Business Manager, at 915-853-2514 extension 225. 35-36b

Budget Hearing

The Board of Director of the Schleicher County Hospital District will hold a public hearing August 28, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital conference room concerning the district proposed annual hospital budget. 36b

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"A Big Thank You" to the doctors, nurses and all the staff at Schleicher County Medical Center. I wish to thank each of you for being so wonderful to me while I was in the hospital for 5 days. Each of you won a spot in my heart.

I am feeling much better and hope to get out on the golf course soon!

Mabel Freitag

Words cannot express our heartfelt appreciation for all the kindness shown to our family and long years of his illness. We wish to thank everyone who touched his life.

In fear of leaving someone out, we won't list names here, but he knew each of you and we greatly appreciate your efforts.

Wenona Isaacs

Sharon & Family

Shirley & Family

To the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, The McMillan and Espy ranches in Sonora wish to express our deepest appreciation and thanks to the Eldorado Fire Department and each fire fighter who gave so freely of their time to help fight the fire at our ranches.

Thank you for responding so quickly to our call for help. Everyone keep smiling, for God truly loves you and so do we.

W.B. and Lucille & Ruth and Sister

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given of a Public Hearing on proposed Ordinance #106-00 adopting a drought contingency plan; establishing criteria for the initiation and termination of drought response stages; establishing restrictions on certain water uses, establishing penalties for the violation of and provisions for enforcement of these restrictions, establishing procedures for granting variances; and providing severability and an effective date.

Public Hearing is set for 6:30 PM on Monday, August 28, 2000, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to provide either written or verbal comments. For further information or to review the proposed Drought Contingency Plan, please contact the City Secretary or City Administrator at the City Hall.

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Sheep & Goat Field Day

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Millard Calhoun and "Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Cooperative" with Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the Sonora Research Station.

A catered "clutch treat" lunch is scheduled from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Center.

The afternoon opens in the Center auditorium with a formal presentation of Progressive Farmer Magazine's "Men of the Year in Texas Agriculture" to Drs. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist here, and Dar-

rell Ueckert, the center's range researcher. The men are being honored for their efforts in developing the popular Brush Busters brush control strategies. The recognition is being made by Karl Wolfshohl, the magazine's Lubbock-based editor.

The day's final three topics and their presenters include: "Economic Adjustment Strategies for the Sheep and Goat Industry," Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist here; "Update on Watershed Feasibility Studies and North Concho River Brush Control Project," Dr. John Walker, resident director of research here; and "Sheep and Goat Industry Update," Jule Richmond, newly-named president of the Texas Sheep and goat Raisers' Association from Blanket.

For further information call the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at (915) 653-4576.

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Show me the money — Kindergarten teacher Candi Homer (L) won \$133.07 during SCISD's "Staff Orientation Day" on Aug. 8th when she guessed nearest the amount contained in a piggy bank provided by First National Bank of Eldorado. Stacy Haynes (R) presented her with the piggy bank and the money on behalf of FNB.

USDA announces procedures for Pork Checkoff referendum

ELDORADO — Jan F. Woreck, County Executive Director, today announced final procedures and dates for the upcoming referendum on continuation of the pork checkoff program. Secretary Dan Glickman authorized a vote on continuation of the checkoff program in February.

The congressionally mandated pork checkoff program is funded by assessments collected from producers when hogs are sold. The funds are used for pork promotion, research, and consumer information. Program funds cannot be used to affect the outcome of the referendum vote.

The final referendum rules provide for in-person voting September 19-21, 2000, at Schleicher County FSA Office 510 S Divide Eldorado, Texas.

Absentee ballots may be requested beginning August 1. However, absentee ballots for producers will become available from the Schleicher County FSA Office from August 18, 2000, through Sept. 10.

The public is invited to observe the counting of the ballots at Schleicher County FSA Office on November 29, 2000, at 9:00 a.m.

Producers who have owned and sold one or more pigs or hogs at any time from August 18, 1999, through August 17, 2000, are eligible to vote. Producers are to vote in the County Office where the producer's form records are administratively located or, for other producers, in the county where the producer owns hogs or pigs.

Masons raising funds for Masonic Home and School

Eldorado resident Brian Edmiston will lead members of Eldorado Masonic Lodge No. 890 in a special, barbecue chicken sale. The purpose of the special sale of chickens is to raise funds for the children's home Masonic Home and School of Texas, located in Fort Worth, Texas. All proceeds will be generously donated to the home.

In the upcoming weeks, volunteer lodge members will be barbecuing these birds. For just \$5, community members can order a whole barbecue chicken. To place an order, call Loretta or Brian Edmiston at 915-853-2372 by 8 p.m., Sept. 1, 2000.

On Saturday, Sept. 9, 2000, at 11 a.m., community members can pick up their purchases at Eldorado Masonic Lodge No. 890, 5 West Warner Avenue. If traveling

to the lodge is a problem and you live within the city limits of Eldorado, Edmiston will hand deliver your chicken purchases to you. Please let him know you need this special service.

Located at 3600 Wichita Street in southeast Fort Worth, Masonic Home and School is an exemplary educational program offered within a safe and caring home environment. Admission to the home is open to all Texas children ages 4-18, based solely on need, with no cost to the children or their families. Current enrollment stands at more than 140 students and includes more than 20 sibling groups... one of the largest sibling programs in the state. For more information about Masonic Home and School call toll-free 877-531-9300.

Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program

Farm Service Agency personnel attended training in Fredericksburg on August 8th concerning the Lamb Meat Adjustment Assistance Program (LMAAP).

This LMAAP program application for Year 1, covering a period from July 22, 1999 through September 30, 2000, has three types of payments. This application may benefit sheep producers who have purchased a ram, made an improvement on a facility that benefited their sheep and lamb operation or have their sheep enrolled in a sheep improvement program. Deadline for application for Year 1 is October 13, 2000.

The LMAAP for Year 2 and 3 will apply to producers who raise feeder or slaughter lambs. It will pay producers \$3.00 per head for certain feeder lambs owned at least 30 days and sold after August 1, 2000 through July 31, 2002. Important: Producers who plan to sell feeder lambs must either self certify their lambs 3 working days prior to the sale or request ear tags for their lambs. Your local FSA Office has the forms that are used for the self-certification of these lambs. This form must be faxed to USDA 48 hours before the 24-hour period that the lambs could be inspected by an USDA representative. The 48-hour notification only includes the Monday through Friday schedule. Or the normal working week. If a producer chooses to use an ear tag to identify their animals. They must request the program ear tags from USDA from:

Ms. Kim Smith
Meat Grading and Certification Branch
AMS/USDA
4701 Marion Street
Suite 400
Denver, Colorado 80216
Phone (915) 294-7676 x 49.

The LMAAP for Year 2 and 3 will pay producers \$5.00 per head for certain slaughter lambs owned at least 30 days and sold after August 1, 2000 thru July 31, 2002. Slaughter lambs must meet certain USDA standards. Slaughter facilities will provide USDA inspectors on site that will certify your application.

Please contact the USDA Schleicher County Service Center located at 510 S Divide, Eldorado, or call (915) 853-3535 extension 2 for more information or if you have any questions.

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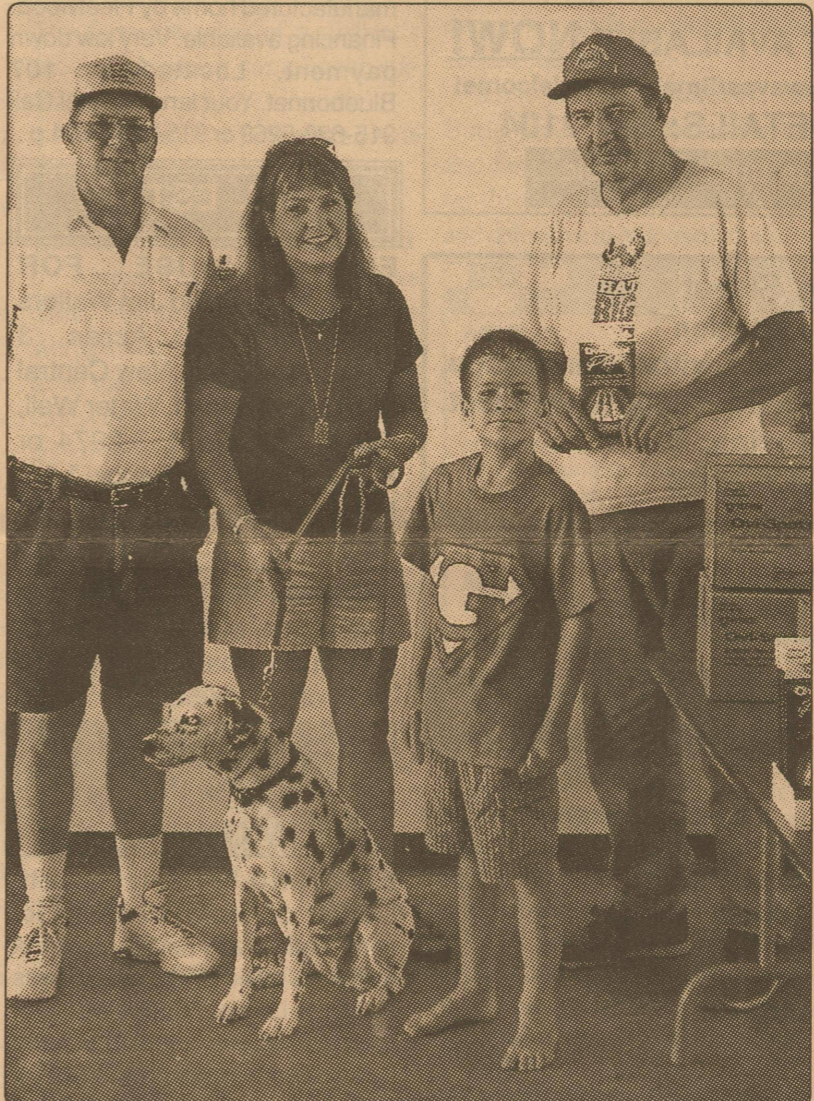


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Dog's best friend — The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. gave away flea & control product at the Fire Hall on Saturday, August 19th. Here, John David Meador, his wife Sheryl and their son Shane are shown with their Dalmatian Bonnie as they pick up some of the product from volunteer firefighter Jerry Felver.

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