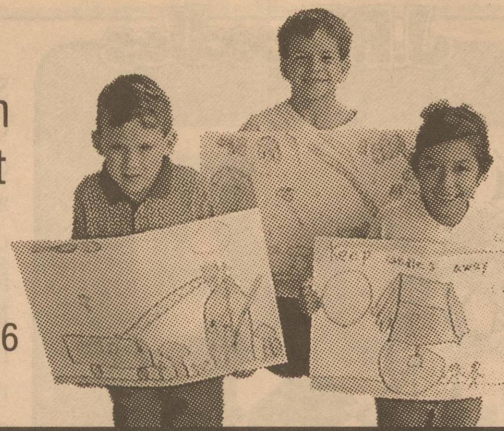


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photo by Randy Mankin

Looking over the plans — SCMC administrator Ann Fagan-Cook reviewed preliminary plans for a new nursing home wing at the hospital board meeting Monday evening.

## U. S. Department of Justice drops enforcement action against SCMC

The United States Department of Justice recently dropped an investigation and enforcement action against hospitals across the United States, including Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC), for alleged overbilling of outpatient laboratory services. The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees learned the news Monday night at their monthly board meeting.

Originally, the Department of Justice had claimed that SCMC overcharged Medicare approximately \$11,000.00 for lab tests. The U.S. Attorney's office notified SCMC earlier this year that it would seek triple damages under the False Claims Act, a move which is allowed when overcharging is proved to have been done knowingly.

The investigation, announced by the Department of Justice earlier in the year, targeted hospitals which charged Medicare for individual laboratory tests usually included or bundled, with other tests. SCMC disputed the allegation that it had knowingly overbilled or submitted false claims. The local hospital also offered to repay any overbilling which might have occurred.

It was reported that some hospitals had settled the claims against them and had already paid damages to the government. Those hospitals will now be allowed to rescind the settlement agreements and will receive a refund. It is unclear, however, if SCMC will be required to repay the \$11,000.00 it allegedly overcharged.

Hospital trustees were delighted with the news and offered their thanks to their attorney, James Kosub, for his efforts on the hospital's behalf.

Present for the meeting were trustees Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska. Trustee Tom Enochs was absent. Also present for the meeting was SCMC's new administrator Ann Fagan-Cook. The trustees welcomed her to the hospital district.

The meeting began at 6:00 p.m. with the trustees meeting in executive session with attorney Clint Griffin. The purposes listed on the agenda for the closed door session were: Consultation With Attorney - Computer Use Policy; Workers' Comp; Self Insurance vs. ERISA;

Drug Testing Policy; Employee of the Year; and Health Insurance for Administrator.

The trustees emerged into open session and voted to table discussion of the computer use policy until a revised copy could be presented. They also voted to update the hospital district's drug testing policy and directed Administrator Fagan-Cook to present a new policy at a future meeting.

In other business the board met with Bobby Zesch concerning employee health insurance but took no action on the matter. Instead, they asked Zesch to work with Fagan-Cook to find a plan which might meet the district's needs and present it to the board at a future meeting.

Next, the trustees learned from Fagan-Cook that surveyors from the Texas Department of Health will be inspecting the hospital soon. She said that recertification for Medicare will depend in large part on how that inspection goes.

Fagan-Cook displayed a preliminary drawing of the district's proposed nursing home expansion and suggested changes in the plan,

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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Fall Sports Reception

The High School Fall Sports Reception to honor the High School Cross Country runners, Football team I, and Cheerleaders will be held in the High School Auditorium at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, December 6, 1998.

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#### News from Yesteryear

The July 1, 1932 edition of the Eldorado Success reported:

The Presbyterians have recently built a nice brick building which is a credit to Eldorado and the church. Those who have been instrumental in bringing this organization to the county were Mr. and Mrs. S.W. Holland, first organized a church on the Holland ranch. They were later assisted by Sam Jones, Tom Jones, Bert Page, F.M. Bradley, Will Isaacs and many others in building the present building.

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#### Deer population holds steady

According to a survey recently completed by the Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept. deer populations across the State have remained steady despite the drought of 1998. The Edwards Plateau area held the most deer with 1,439,093 while the population in the Texas high plains numbered a mere 167. The Piney Woods of East Texas tallied 484,699 deer while the South Texas Plains had 465,846. The Trans-Pecos region had 13,659.

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#### On This Date

On this date in 1716 the first lion exhibited in America was seen in Boston. In 1832 the first streetcar railway in America opened in New York City...the fare was only 12 1/2. In 1864 Charles L. Dodgson, wrote "Alice in Wonderland" under the pen name of Lewis Carroll. In 1896 the University of Chicago defeated the University of Michigan 7-6 at the Chicago Coliseum. It was the first major college football game played indoors. In 1922 the tomb of Egyptian Pharaoh King Tutankhamen was discovered by Howard Carter.

Birthdays of note include: 1832 Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, the only woman to receive the Congressional Medal of Honor; 1912 television commentator Eric Sevareid; 1922 cartoonist Charles Schulz; 1933 singer Robert Goulet; 1938 comedian and impressionist Rich Little; 1938 singer Tina Turner; 1942 football kicker Jan Stenerud.

## County ponders employee's health insurance plan

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, November 23 with Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Kerry Joy, Johnny Mayo and Ross Whitten in attendance. Commissioner Steve Minor was absent.

Concerns about the county's employee health insurance plan dominated discussion at the meeting after Judge Griffin informed the men that an emergency meeting of the West Texas Rural Counties Association's (WTRCA) board of directors had been called for that afternoon in San Angelo. Currently, Schleicher County purchases its liability insurance and employee health insurance from WTRCA, which is in essence an insurance pool, or cooperative, consisting of West Texas counties, municipalities and other governmental bodies.

Griffin told the court that he has heard complaints about WTRCA and the time required for insurance claims to be paid since Schleicher County joined the group almost four years ago. Other complaints arose when Shannon Hospital in San Angelo withdrew from WTRCA's preferred provider network.

Recently, dissatisfaction with WTRCA's record of paying insurance claims was expressed at the Concho Valley Council of Governments' (CVCOG) board meeting. CVCOG is one of the larger members of the group, and is now considering withdrawing from the pool, Griffin explained.

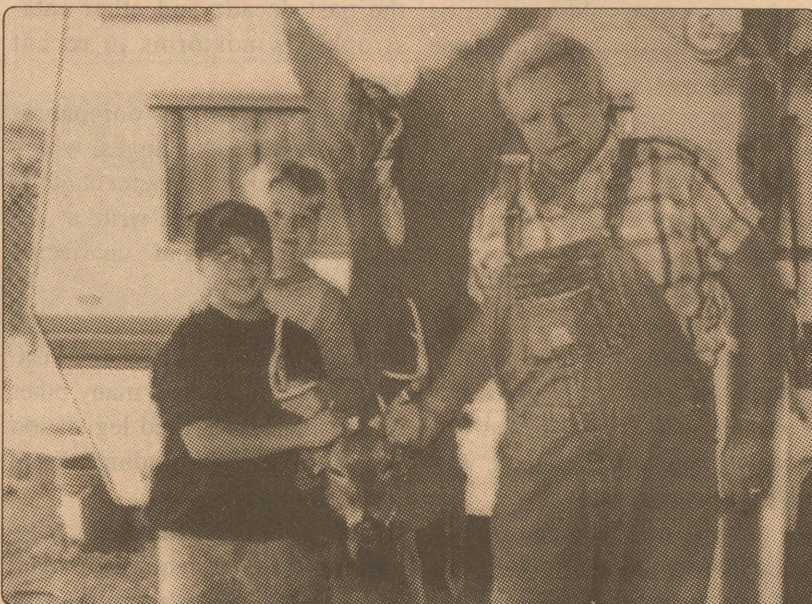
"I'd say there's trouble in paradise," Griffin said.

Judge Griffin encouraged the commissioners to attend the emergency board meeting with him that afternoon.

Next, the commissioners met with Cindy Cawley of the Plateau Underground Water District. Cawley updated the men on recent meetings held by the Region F Water Planning Board. Consisting of 32 counties including Schleicher, Region F, is the second largest water planning region in the state. The water planning regions were established by the State Water Development Board ostensibly to provide greater local input into the State's water planning for the next fifty years, it was explained.

Cawley told the men that the Region F planning board was mandated by the State to collect it's administrative expenses from within the region. She said that Schleicher County's share of the expenses totalled \$784.00 for a two year period. Cawley suggested that Schleicher County, the City of Eldorado and the Plateau Underground Water District consider sharing the expense. However, she noted that the Region F board had no authority to compel any local government to cooperate, except that those failing to participate in the program wouldn't be eligible for grants through the Water Development Board, nor would they be allowed to develop a water project in the next half century.

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courtesy photo

Good shooting — Austin Chanthavong (left foreground), age 9, of Eldorado bagged his first buck Saturday. Here, he and his grandfather Richard Heald (R) of Eldorado are joined by Garrett Davidson of San Angelo in showing off the 8-point buck.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Then somebody spotted an axe by the door and she asked Farmer Nuggett what it was for — Eldorado kindergarteners performed a skit Tuesday afternoon titled "Twas the night before Thanksgiving". Playing Farmer Nuggett was Miles Mikeska. Ashley Paulson played one of the children in the skit while Carl McAngus and Domingo Torres were Thanksgiving Turkeys.

## Woolen Mill hosts annual Christmas Open House

Come and join us for a tour of the historic Eldorado Woolen Mill, hot cider and Christmas Cookies while you shop! A walking tour through the mill will start every hour on the hour. Walk through the process from raw fibers to the finished product as it is still done daily! Tours are \$3.00 per person.

The Open House will be Friday, Nov. 27 (9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Saturday, Nov. 28, (8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.), Sunday, Nov. 29, (12:00 noon - 5:00 p.m.), and Monday, Nov. 30 (9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.).

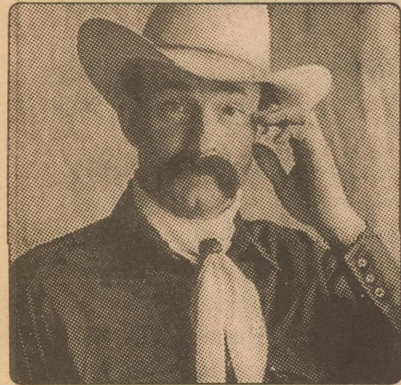
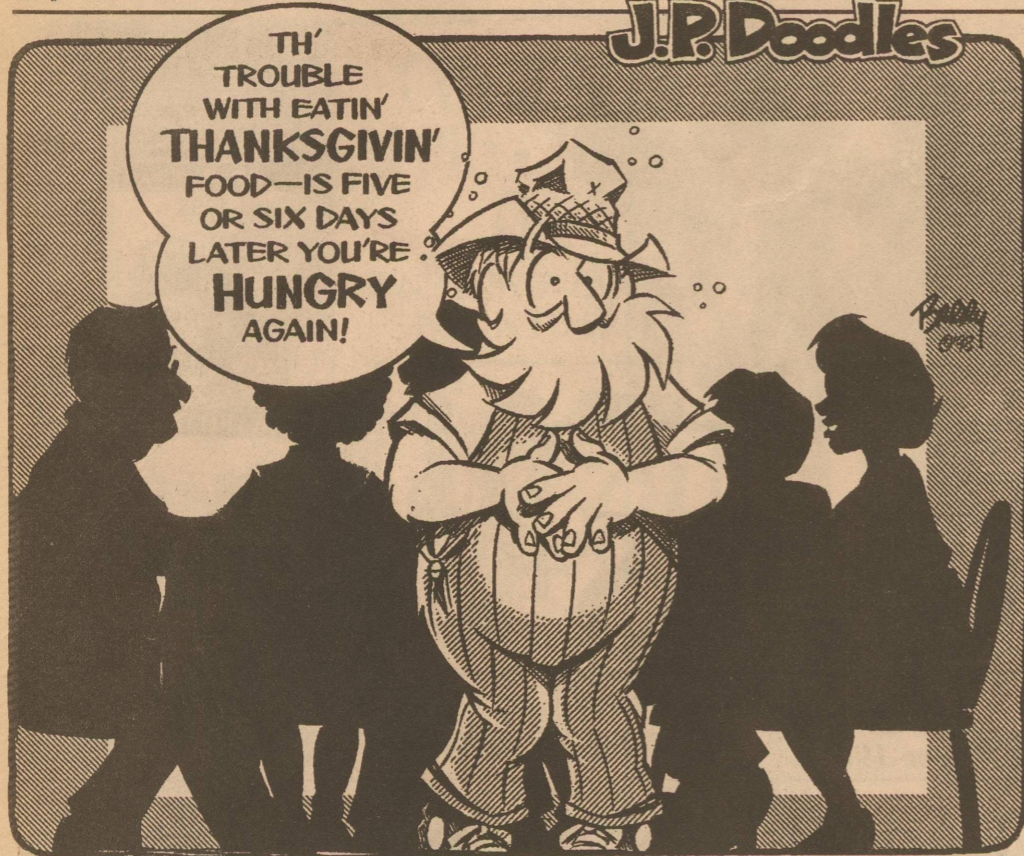
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The Woolen Mill is located at 407 South Main, Eldorado, Texas, 915-853-2541. If you can't come this weekend call us and we will send you a catalog or fax it to you immediately.

## Toys for Tots

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance will sponsor a Toys for Tots drive this Christmas season. New and used toys will be collected, cleaned and distributed to needy children of our community. Anyone wishing to donate toys are asked to drop them by the Eldorado Success office or any of the local churches. Toy collection will end Sunday, December 13th and the toys will be distributed on Wednesday, December 23rd.

Volunteers are also needed to help clean up and distribute the toys. Those wishing to volunteer and anyone needing more information are asked to contact Shannon Gillespie or Cherie Niblett at 853-2521, 853-4006 or 853-3647.



## BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

### Mud Sucker

"You reckon I kin cut across?" The brand inspector asked.  
The cowboy glanced back at the cattle pen.  
"If all you got's them overshoes, I think I'd walk around.  
That mud done swallered up a dozen men."

Wayne chuckled as he climbed the fence and walked a little ways.  
"This ain't so bad if I just pick my route."

His overshoes weren't buckled tight. He took another step.  
The left one stuck and sucked right off his boot.

He nearly went down on his face, but got an arm out front.  
He threw his clipboard ten feet in the air!  
His solitary overshoe looked like a cypress stump,  
Official papers fluttered everywhere.

He slowly pointed his left foot down in the overshoe  
Then grasped the back to try and slip it in.  
His glasses case came slidin' out the pocket of his shirt,  
He grabbed at it but only whacked his chin.

Off balance in a three point stance, he wavered back and forth  
And watched his pockets empty in a heap.  
His shiny brand inspector badge lit on a crusty chunk,  
But when he fell he drove it elbow deep!

He jerked his left arm from the mud  
which skinned his watch plum off.  
Then freed his right arm where it stuck in place.  
It gave and made a sucking sound  
like someone slurping soup.  
Came out so fast it slapped him in the face!

It nearly knocked him on his back. His hat flew off his head,  
He grabbed but never really had a chance.  
His arm was big around as Michael Jordan's thigh,  
He sighed and tried to wipe it on his pants.

He snugged the left boot, buckled it,  
then stepped out with his right.  
Uh, that should be,  
then stepped out of his right. Boot and all.  
He looked like a flamingo wearin, socks.  
He tried to hold the pose with all his might

But gravity was winnin' when the cowboy threw a rope.  
It caught him round the waist and pulled him down.

The cowboy turned his horse around  
and pulled Wayne through the muck  
Until his body flopped on solid ground.

Later standing in the truck wash, they hosed him pretty clean,  
Except he wouldn't take off all his clothes  
Insisting that his long johns stayed  
but they came off just the same,  
Don't underestimate a pressure hose.

"I know you peabrains just can't wait  
to tell the whole dang world,  
Exaggerate until it's one big lie.  
But, at least I'll get some sympathy  
from my sweet lovin' wife  
Though I'm not sure if she will laugh or cry.

She's awfully sentimental but she loves a funny tale  
So how she'll act depends upon the case  
But, I think the odds I'll ever find my wedding ring again  
Ar less than her a' keepin' a straight face!

One of the founding fathers of Schleicher County was a man named Christopher Columbus Doty. He drilled the first water well in the area and was instrumental in the early day development of Eldorado and Schleicher County. When I first read about Mr. Doty, I couldn't help wondering if his parents sensed he would be a pioneer and named him after the famous explorer. Or, did he feel compelled to live up to his famous name?

It doesn't happen so much these days, but once, parents would name their children, particularly their sons, after historical figures whom they held in high esteem. Many of the names were straight from the Bible. Names like Abraham, and Isaac were once very popular.

Others were named after more recent historical figures. For example, George Washington Carver. Did he feel pressured to live up to such an honored name?

During my youth our family doctor was named J.C. Duff...Julius Caesar Duff, to be exact. He was a good doctor but his bedside manner left a little to be desired. I think he'd have made a great emperor.

My first name, James, came from my father. I'm not sure where the name

## OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Randy came from. Neither am I certain why my parents elected to call me by my second name instead of my first...unless it was to avoid confusion with my Dad.

When my daughter Sarah came along, Kathy and I named her after Kathy's grandmother. Our son J.L. was named James Langly, after my Dad and my Granddad.

I read somewhere that the name Benedict is making a comeback. After Benedict Arnold sold out his American compatriots and joined the British during the Revolutionary War, the name Benedict fell into disfavor with Americans and, oddly enough, with British families as well. However, with the passing of two centuries the name Benedict is now considered trendy.

There are some names which may never come back into style. For example, the name Adolf. It was once a very popular name in Europe and the

United States. However, Adolf Hitler probably changed that forever. Kathy's grandfather was a Ukranian named Adolf Kirshbaum...but the name Adolf just wasn't an option when our son came along.

My great-grandfather on my Mother's side of the family was named Berry Bell. My great-great-grandfather on my Dad's side was named Jasper Mankin. Both of those names have gone out of style, too. That's probably a good thing. Otherwise I might have been stuck with the name Jasper Berry Mankin.

Actually, Berry was once a fairly common name. The outlaw, Tom "Black Jack" Ketchum, whose travels more than once brought him to this area, was the son of Green Berry Ketchum of San Saba. Black Jack's brother Green Berry Ketchum, Jr. ranched in Sutton County.

My Great-grandfather Bery Bell married Nora Ellie Tatum, her mother's maiden name was Ketchum. As yet, I can't trace my family tree directly to Black Jack Ketchum but Granny Bell told me that we were kin. She refused to elaborate, however, saying in a hushed tone, "We just don't talk about him."

What's in a name? That's up to us I suppose. Whether we're named for a hero, an apostle or an outlaw, it's what we do with the name that counts.

## STOMP

### Rolling Along With



### Tumbleweed Smith

We finally got to see STOMP. It's that show with all the rhythm stuff: banging on pipes, clapping hands and stomping feet. There is not a single word spoken during the entire one hour and forty-five minute spectacle. And there's no intermission during the unique production.

The crowd in the Abilene Civic Center was geared up for the performance. Each time a performer looked out at the crowd and clapped hands twice, the crowd echoed in unison. When the rhythms got tougher, so did the crowd. The performers applauded the audience.

We first heard about STOMP on late night television. A group of young people dressed like gang members were playing coffee cans like bongo drums. The rhythm was so strong you couldn't ignore it. After their gig, the audience game them a standing ovation. I vowed right then and there to see that show one day.

When we were in New York a

couple of years ago, I bought tickets to STOMP but didn't get to use them because of a mix-up by the box office on the date. I was extremely disappointed and ended up giving the tickets to some friends who lived in New York.

STOMP begins with a guy sweeping the floor with a push broom. You think it might be a janitor cleaning up before the performance. But it is the actual start

of the show. Seven other broom pushers, all dressed like janitors, come on stage from the giant back-drop that looks like it is made from discarded car chrome. In just a few seconds you notice the swish, swish of the brooms has a cadence to it. The sweepers bang the ends of their brooms on the floor, twirl them around and you sort of have the idea they're all going to march around like a drill team. Although they do things in unison and in perfect rhythm, there is no marching.

There are different sequences done with match boxes, cans and pieces of rubber tubing cut in different lengths. When they bang them on the floor, each tube makes a different note. One segment has three guys playing kitchen sinks, held in front of them by straps around their necks. They beat on the sinks, which are filled with varied amounts of water to make a variety of notes.

They come out with plungers and make all kinds of sounds by

plunging the floor of the stage. They use buckets, cups, mops, saws and kitchen utensils to create a percussion sensation. Some of the troupe come out with long sticks and bang on them with short sticks. More rhythm. The stage is dark and somebody lights a Zippo lighter. Then 8 lighters light up and the tops of the lighters come down and you hear them, all in rhythm.

They make rhythm sounds with newspapers, plastic bags and trash can lids. They snap their fingers. Three of them stand on top of 55 gallon oil drums, attach their feet to the giant barrels and walk around with them. The set turns out to be a big musical instrument, with a couple of kids swinging back and forth high in the air, banging on pipes that sound like giant wind chimes.

STOMP is a product of England, but it looks very American. It has been around since 1991 and now has five STOMP casts touring the world.

## Lieutenant governor hands gavel to successor

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock last week presented Lt. Gov.-elect Rick Perry with the Senate gavel he had wielded since he took office in January 1991.

The symbolic transfer of authority shows the men are aiming for a smooth transition. Bullock leaves office in January.

Out-going Agriculture Commissioner Perry, a Republican, will take over as lieutenant governor when the Legislature convenes on Jan. 12. He will preside over the 31-seat Senate with a one-seat (16-15) GOP majority.

Bullock, who plans on working for an Austin public relations and consulting firm, said he is hopeful that party politics won't come into play with Perry at the helm.

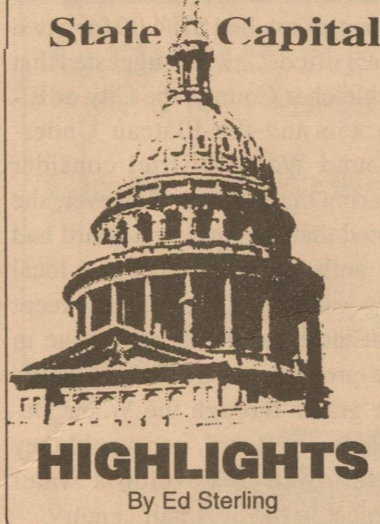
Perry, who soon will name committees and pick chairmen, said Democrats and Republicans will share leadership roles in the Senate. Perry also said he will continue to seek advice from Bullock after he leaves office.

### Judicial Appointments Bill Filed

Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, filed legislation last week proposing a constitutional amendment to have the governor appoint appellate judges.

Under Duncan's plan, the governor would appoint supreme court, court of criminal appeals and courts of appeals judges to six-year terms.

### State Capital



### HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling

Appointees would have to be confirmed by the Senate. Those seeking a second six-year term would be subject to a yes-or-no, non-partisan vote.

Duncan said he filed the proposal because "Texans are tired of the perception that big money and politics have too much influence over the judicial system."

In the 1997 legislative session, Gov. George W. Bush opposed a similar measure, arguing that voters should be able to decide who their judges will be.

### Insurance Benchmark Rates Cut

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer has cut homeowners insurance benchmark rates by a state-wide average of 6 percent.

Benchmark rates vary among Texas' 23 rating territories, but the

largest reductions occurred in the southern half of the state.

New benchmark rates for rate-regulated companies, which set their own rates within a 30-percent range above or below the benchmark, will take effect Feb. 1.

Bomer cited reduced claims compared to premiums as one reason for the benchmark rate reduction.

"Our violent weather patterns appear to have simmered down, and that's helped lower homeowners benchmark rates," Bomer said. "We can be thankful that we have dodged hurricanes for the past decade and other catastrophic windstorms in recent years."

However, Lloyds companies and reciprocal exchanges, which account for about 80 percent of the homeowners market, write at unregulated rates and are unaffected by the benchmark.

### Other Pre-filed Bills of Interest

Like Sen. Duncan, many other Texas lawmakers filed legislation early in hopes of amending current laws. Here are a few:

- Rep. G.E. "Buddy" West, R-Odessa, wants to require personal finance education as a condition for high school graduation.

- Rep. John Longoria, D-San Antonio, wants public school students to receive instruction in "basic values of the United States."

- Sen. Tom Haywood, R-Wichita Falls, wants to establish a tax credit for companies that establish and operate a day-care center for children of employees or purchase child-care services for employees.

- Rep. Norma Chavez, D-El Paso, wants to enact a hotel-motel room tax exemption for those involved in the production of a motion picture, television program or musical or video recording.

### Other Highlights

- Career criminal Kenneth Allen McDuff, 52, was put to death by lethal injection Nov. 17, after exhausting appeals for a delay of execution. McDuff was believed to be the nation's only condemned inmate ever paroled and then returned to death row for another murder.

- The American Civil Liberties Union is backing the Ethical Cultural Fellowship, an Austin group that is suing the state to have its religious tax exemption reinstated. The group does not believe in a supreme being, which disqualifies it from receiving the tax exemption under Texas law.

- Gov. Bush last week appointed Thomas Clowe of Waco as head of the Lottery Commission. Clowe, currently a senior vice president of Southern Union Gas Co., replaces John Hill of Houston, who resigned.

# OBITUARIES

## A. Fred Spinks

ELDORADO - A. Fred Spinks, 88, of Eldorado died Saturday, Nov. 21, 1998, in Eldorado. Graveside services were held Monday, Nov. 23, in Sonora Cemetery with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Spinks was born Nov. 21, 1910, in Valley Springs in Llano County to Mr. and Mrs. Homer G. Spinks. The family moved when he was five to Menard where they ranched in the Runge Community. Fred attended elementary school at the Runge School and graduated from Menard High School. In 1934, he was married to Marie Brown of Richland Springs. They made their home in Menard where Fred was a mail carrier on the Fort McKavett Star Route for several years before moving to Junction.

After World War II, he was employed by Humble Oil Pipeline Co. for 15 years. During retirement he worked full time as a monument

salesman. This had been part-time work for him since 1935. In 1968 he moved to Eldorado where he based his monument company. He designed and set monuments, statues and memorials for families, churches, parks and communities across west Texas. In his work he found joy in honoring his client's loved ones and through his work he established friendships which lasted him throughout his lifetime.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife, Marie; brothers, Hugh and Guy; and his mother and father. Survivors include his son, George and wife, Martha, of Eldorado; grandsons, Stanley and Andy and his wife, Sharon, great-grandson, Kyle, all of Eldorado; two brothers, Ernest Spinks and Roy Spinks and his wife, Lena, of Menard; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests memorials be made to West Texas Rehabilitation Center in San Angelo or the charity of choice.

## Beulah Joplin

PECOS - Beulah D. Joplin, 82, died Monday, Nov. 16, 1998, in a local nursing home. Services were held Friday, Nov. 20, 1998 at the First Baptist Church of Pecos with burial in Fairview Cemetery. Arrangements were by Pecos Funeral Home.

She was born June 6, 1916, in Eldorado and had been a resident of Pecos since 1938. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Frank Joplin of Pecos; a son, Tom Joplin of Burke, Va.; two daughters, Loyce Brown of Rochester, Minn., and Barbara LeBarron of Houston; two stepsons, Wayne Joplin of Winnsboro and Jerry Joplin of Odessa; three grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; and seven step-great-grandchildren.

## Livestock and project show set Jan. 8-9

by Scott Edmonson  
Schleicher CEA-Agriculture

The dates for this years show will be January 8-9 at the Schleicher County Exhibit Building. Activities will include the livestock shows, a dog show, a food show, an art show, BBQ Luncheon and premium sale. For more information, contact the Schleicher County Extension Office at 853-2132.

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## BIRTHDAYS

**November**  
26th Ashley Johnson, Jenny Wink, Victor Saldivar Jr., Chris Jenkins, Mada Gower, Paul Rebeck, Tiffany Hernandez, Christen Triplett, Gerald Huichapa, Mary Ann Gonzalez, Jenny Wink

27th Jose Venegas, Virginia Fuentes, Arch Nixon, Rosa Cardenas

28th Kimery Garcia, Dora Beach, Pat Martin

29th Jim Glidden, Charles Kellogg, Abbie McCormick, Marie Spinks, Asa Nixon

30th Mary Buchholz, Victoria Fuentes, Imogene Newport, Abbey Hartgrove

**December**  
1st Joe Sanchez, Solia Rojas, Taylor Baker, Samantha Smith

2nd Norma Butler, Vivian Sanchez, Lupe Sanchez, Rita Meador, Johnny Bownds

3rd Gus Ward, Barry Wheeler  
4th Ken Newman, Norris Sauer, Britni Meyer, Ashley Hartgrove, Marcus Scott

5th Tyler David Martinez, Tina Rocha, Denisa Estep, Allene Halbert, Chuck Fitts, Teresa Gamez

## ANNIVERSARIES

**November**  
26th David & Carrie Hill  
27th Longino & Golla Pina, Jess & Irene Blaylock  
28th Domingo & Delia Pina  
29th Mike & Nancy Sproul  
**December**  
1st Jackie & JoAnn Heffernan



courtesy photo

Jill Schultz and Mark Marshall

## Schultz/Marshall to wed

A December 5, 1998 wedding is planned at First United Methodist Chapel in San Angelo for Jennifer Jill Schultz and Mark Allyn Marshall.

The bride-elect, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Schultz, is a senior at Angelo State University, where the couple met.

The prospective bridegroom, son of Dr. and Mrs. Jerry Marshall of Rotan, graduated from Angelo State University, where he now attends graduate school. He is the Rural Challenge Director for Schleicher County I.S.D.

Following their marriage, the couple will reside in Eldorado.

## Hospital board meeting held

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including an infection control room and enlarging the rooms slightly. The trustees directed her to meet with architect Gary Donaldson and discuss the changes.

The board then voted unanimously to spend \$25,554.20 for the

purchase a new phone system for the facility. The new phone system will be provided by Lucent Technologies. The system will be digital and "Y2K" or Year 2000 compliant.

The trustees also approved a schedule for asbestos abatement in the hospital's X-Ray, Laboratory and Emergency Rooms and called for proposals from financial auditors for the district's 1998 audit.

Before adjourning, the board authorized Administrator Fagan-Cook to execute a contract with University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston for indigent medical care. A contract for organ donors was also approved. The trustees reviewed and approved the district's financial reports and heard an administrator's report before the meeting ended at midnight.

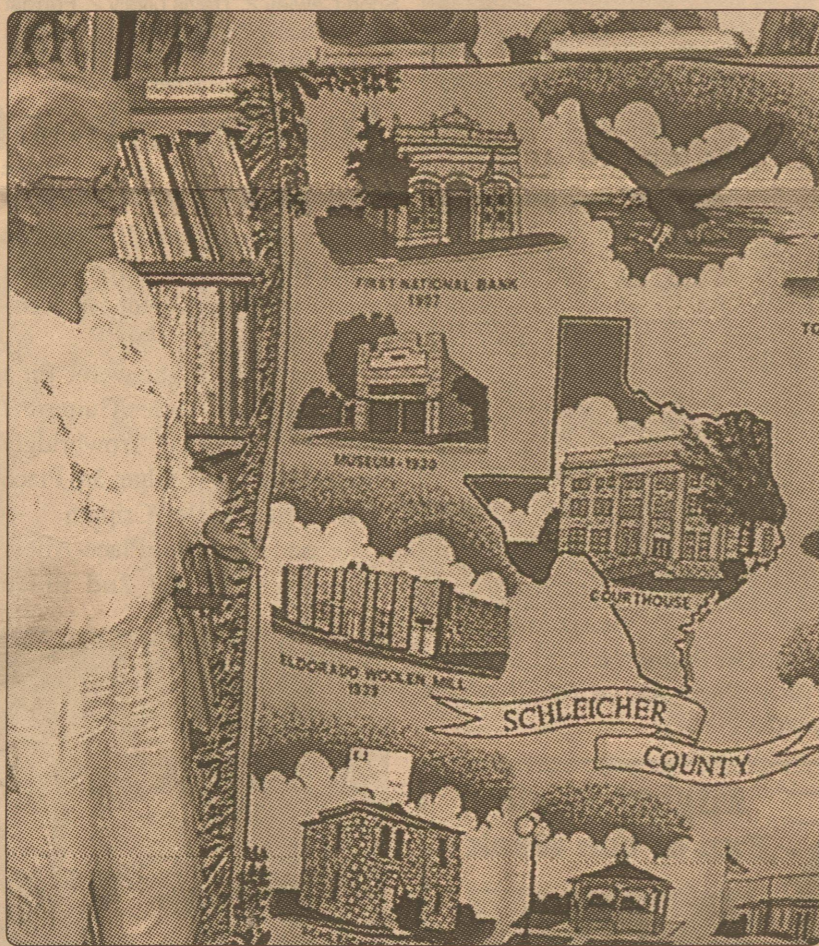


photo by Kathy Mankin

**Library fundraiser** — Vonnie Dannheim displays one of the blankets the Schleicher County Library Board will be selling to raise funds for the upcoming sidewalk project at the library. To see one of these beautiful blankets, stop by the Public Library.

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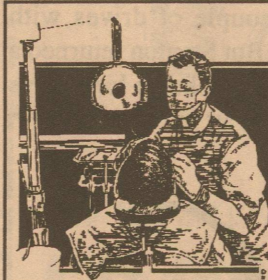
Jan Wanoreck, CED announced today that the Schleicher/Sutton County FSA Offices will hold a producer meeting at 9:00 a.m. on November 30, 1998 at the Schleicher County Ag Barn. The purpose of this meeting is to explain the Livestock Assistance Program.

The counties have not been approved as of this date, but are waiting on a response from Washington any day. Once the county is

approved, we can start taking applications through January 8, 1999. This program is based on the number of livestock per acreage. We hope to have all the needed information at the meeting.

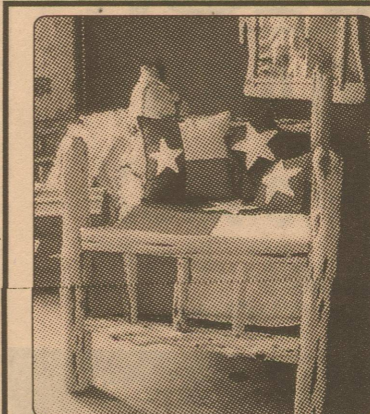
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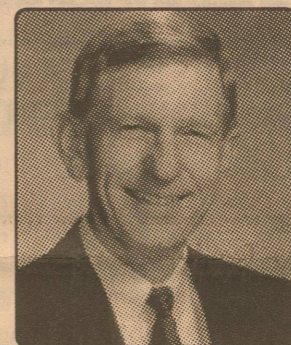
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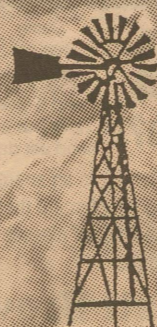
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# Eldorado Eagles bow out of State 2-A Playoffs

by David Hill

Eldorado played the defending State Class 2A champion Stanton Buffalos last Friday night and came out on the short end of the contest 58 to 0 at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater to wrap up their season. The Eagles played hard throughout the game. Coach Fryar commented, "Stanton is an excellent ball club. They showed why they are the defending state champions and look very strong to repeat again this year. We hung in there and these kids shouldn't let this defeat dampen their Bi-District

Championship. We wish the Buffalos the best of luck on their playoff run."

Eldorado won the toss and elected to put the defensive unit on the field first. The first quarter saw the Buffalos score on their first three drives they touched the ball. The Eagles could not get untracked offensively punting on each of their possessions. At the end of the first, Stanton 20 Eldorado 0. In the second quarter the Eagle defense stopped a couple of drives with good plays. But Stanton returned a 80 yard punt and had a long drive

at the end of the half to take a 34 to 0 lead at halftime. In the third quarter, Austin Nixon and Louis Santellano busted loose on several good runs, however, the Eagles could not find the end zone. Stanton had one big play for 53 yards for a touchdown. Armando Villavicencio and Corey Lloyd had big plays on defense stopping a long drive on the EHS 19. The fourth quarter saw three more Stanton scores with one set up with a 70 yard punt return. Final score SHS 58 EHS 0.

While Eldorado didn't win this contest, the Eagles again found themselves playing football after several schools had already started shooting hoops inside the gym.

After losing several key players from a District Championship team a year ago, many of the "experts" didn't think the Eagles would be playing in the post season. Yet this group of young men continued to work hard and rededicated themselves each week when sometimes it would have been easy to roll up and roll over. Congratulations Eagles for your Bi-District Championship! It's been a fun year.

A reminder to all Eagle fans. On Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, at the High School Auditorium, all high school Cross Country, Football, and Cheerleaders will be honored at the Fall Sports Awards ceremony. All fans are encouraged to attend to support these student athletes.

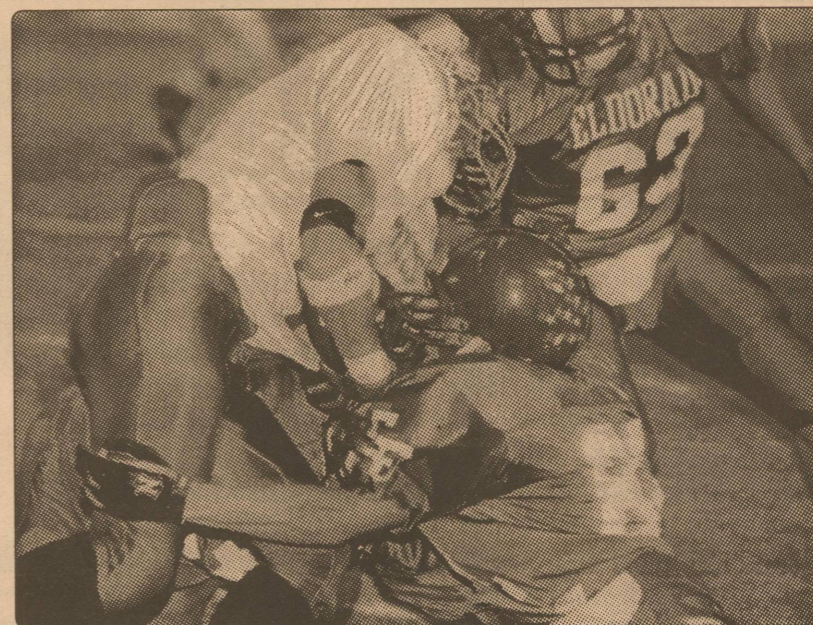


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Head in front and wrap him up — Alton Bybee #82 and Cory Lloyd #63 teamed up to stop a Stanton runner Friday night during the Area Championship game in Sweetwater. Stanton defeated the Eagles 58-0.

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Stanton 58 - Eldorado 0  
Sonora 14 - Post 7 OT

### REGIONAL GAMES

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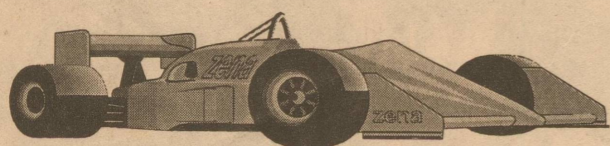
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### 8th Grade Boys

November 16, 1998	
Eldorado	27
Christoval	45
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	7 9 2 9 27
Christoval	9 26 3 7 45
Bobby Phillips 10, Phillip Martinez 2, Buddy Greer 1, David Hay Buitron 3, Quieto Gonzalez 10, Matt Greenwood 1.	

November 23, 1998	
Eldorado	36
Reagan Co.	33
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	10 8 8 10 36
Reagan Co.	12 2 6 13 33
Philip Martinez 16, David Ray Buitron, Pedro Hernandez, Quieto Gonzales, Nathanael Wolfe 2.	



### 7th Grade Boys "B"

November 23, 1998	
Eldorado	6
Reagan Co.	10
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	0 5 0 11 16
Christoval	5 6 17 0 28
Scott Cawley 3, Danny Sanchez 13.	

### 7th Grade Boys

November 16, 1998	
Eldorado	16
Christoval	28
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	0 5 0 11 16
Christoval	5 6 17 0 28
Scott Cawley 3, Danny Sanchez 13.	

November 23, 1998	
Eldorado	14
Reagan Co.	40
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	6 2 2 4 14
Reagan Co	5 0 12 14 40
Scott Cawley 2, Travis Lively 2, Forrest Holt 2, Danny Sanchez 6, #22 Reagan Co. Opponent 2.	

### 8th Grade Girls

November 16, 1998	
Eldorado	37
Reagan Co.	46
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	10 8 8 9 35
Christoval	10 4 3 10 46
Amanda Wanoreck 4, Blake Snelson 4, Christina Redish 15, Courtney Sauer 6, Jennifer Rodriguez 2, Hannah Robledo 4.	

November 23, 1998	
Eldorado	37
Reagan Co.	46
SCORE BY QUARTER	
EMS	4 13 7 13 37
Reagan Co.	12 6 12 16 46
Amanda Wanoreck 5, Blake Snelson 4, Christina Redish 6, Courtney Brown 2, Courtney Sauer 8, Martha Lively 8, Jennifer Rodriguez 4.	

### 8th Grade Girls "B"

November 23, 1998	
Eldorado	2
Reagan Co.	0
Lilly Vallejo scored the 2 points.	



photo by Kathy Mankin

Round ball season — Eldorado 7th grader Forrest Holt brought the ball around the top of the key Monday afternoon as the 7th grade Eagles took on the Big Lake 7th grade.

## Turkey Shoot tourney held

by Jim Kosub

The Eldorado Golf Club held its annual Turkey Shoot Three-Person Select Shot Tournament on Saturday, November 21, 1998.

Winners by flight were: First Flight 1st Place-Torres/Guiterrez/Guiterrez; 2nd Place-Trowbridge/Trowbridge/Trowbridge; 3rd Place - Cartwright/Hunley/Crippin.

Second Flight 1st Place-Alley/Truner/Whitworth; 2nd Place

Edmiston/Hill/Hill; 3rd Place Freitag/Bailey/Bailey.

Third Flight 1st Place-Hill/Scott/Scott, 2nd Place-Halbert/Halbert/Thomas; 3rd Place Wanoreck/Fryar/Richters.

The final tournament of the year will be a 18 hole Two Person Select Shot scheduled for Saturday, December 5th, 1:30 tee-off. Sign up by calling 853-3669 from 8:00 to 5:00, Monday-Friday.



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Pretty girls with lot of spirit — The 1998-99 EHS cheerleaders and mascot are (Front L-R) Kim Jones, Kayla Kohls (Back L-R) Meg Anderson, Ashley Holt, sponsor Tiffany Harris, Jennah Richters, Haley Edmiston and Dee Martinez.

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# Eldorado's second grade students give thanks

*Editor's note: This week, second graders at Eldorado Elementary school took time to write down some of the things for which they are thankful. We include them here for your consideration.*

**Mrs. Sessom's Class**  
I am thankful for God because he died for me and he loves me and I Love him. Another thing I am thankful for is my teacher because I Love her.  
-- Jonathon Belman

I am thankful for my dog because he died. Another thing I am thankful for is my teacher Mrs. Sessom.  
-- Mary Alice Aguirre

I am thankful for Jesus because I love him. Another thing I am thankful for is Mrs. Sessom because she is nice to me. I am thankful for is everybody because I love them.  
-- Josh Taylor

I am thankful for my family because they were always there for me. Another thing I am thankful for is my cat and dog because they protect my family. And another thing I am thankful for is my lovely Teacher.  
-- Deyaniro Cruz

I am thankful for God because he died on the cross so he could save us. Another thing I am thankful for is the earth because I live on the earth. I'm thankful for my family because they love me and give me food and for my clothes and rids to school.  
-- Clinton Payne

I am thankful for God because he died on the cross. Another thing I am thankful for is my family because they are nice to me.  
-- Juan Carlos Escobar

I am thankful for Mrs. Sessom. I love her because she's my Teacher. Another thing I am thankful for is the people that fought in war two. I am thankful for my family.  
-- Tim Maskill

I am thankful for my family because they are nice to me. Another thing I am thankful for is Jesus because he died for us. I'm thankful for my friends.  
-- Emilio Vallejo

I am thankful for my family because they buy me toys. Another thing I am thankful for is to have Christmas because we get presents.  
-- Bridgett Mitchell

I am thankful for my family because I love them and they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is God because God loves me.  
-- Corie Williams

I am thankful for God because he made us. Another thing I am thankful for is my families because your mom bot us food.  
-- Jorge Sanchez

I am thankful for my family because when I am sick they watch over me. Another thing I am thankful for is my brothers because they take care of me. I'm thankful to my teacher because she helps me learn.  
-- Cassandra Buitron

**Mrs. O'Harrow Class**  
I am thankful for my family because they feed me. Another thing I am thankful for is God because he gives me my family and friends.  
-- Mark Garcia

I am thankful for my sisters because I am happy. Another thing I am thankful for is Grandma because my Grandma is sick.  
-- Alicia Hernandez

I am thankful for mom and dad because they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is Mrs. O'Harrow because she is nice.  
-- Stevie Gonzales

I am thankful for my Mom and Dad because they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is my pets because I love them.  
-- Haley Higgins

I am thankful for my family because they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is God, Jesus, and Church those things are good.  
-- Kaleb Murr

I am thankful for my family because they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is my sega because I'm good at it.  
-- Chris Whiddon

I am thankful for My family because they love me. Another thing I am thankful for is My teachers because they teach me.  
-- April Porras

I am thankful for my family because they buy my clothes. Another thing I am thankful for is my teachers because they

love me.  
-- Gabriel Gomez

I am thankful for My Mom and Dad because They Take Care me. Another thing I am thankful for is my God because he made us.  
-- Isidro Granados

I am thankful for my Mom and Dad because They take care of me. Another thing I am Thankful for is Mrs. O'Harrow because She is The nicest Teacher.  
-- Chris Minor

I am Thankful for Mrs O'Harrow because I have never had a teacher like Mrs. O'Harrow. Another thing I am Thankful for is my Family because they like me and I like them.  
-- Brent Martinez

I am thankful for my mother because she luv's me and she buys me clothes. Another thing I am thankful for is Jesus because he is good.  
-- Jesus Vasquez

I am thankful for my sister because I love her and she plays with me. Another thing I am thankful for is my family because they love me and they buy me what I need.  
-- Marcela Hueita

**Mrs. Beach's Class**  
This Thanksgiving I am Thankful for my cat and Dog because I like them. I am also thankful for my mom and dad because I love them.  
-- Landy Alfaro

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my uncle because I like him. I am also thankful for my friends because they are by best friends.  
-- Uriel Barrientos

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my friends because I like them. I am also thankful for my family because I love them.  
-- Jose Vasquez

This Thanksgiving I am Thankful for my mom and my dad because I love them very much. I am also thank for my sister because they take care of me.  
-- Nicole Smith

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my ranch because it is fun to ride my horse at my ranch. I am also thankful for my

horse because I can ride him.  
-- Victor Cardenas

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my mom because I love her very much. I am also thankful for my dad because I love him very much.  
-- Kevin Dykstra

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my dog because I Love him. I am also thankful for my mom and my dad because I Love them.  
-- Justin Gonzales

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for dessert because it very good. I am also thankful for god because he is powerful.  
-- Daniel Lumpkin

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my mom because I love her very much. I am also thankful for my sister because she is cute and cuddly and I love her very very very very much.  
-- Brittani Romero

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my dog because I love them very very much. I am also thankful for my friends because they are ver fun to play with.  
-- Marc Rodriguez

This Thanksgiving I am Thankful for my dog because my aunt gave him to me. I am also Thankful for my family because they are very nice to me a fot.  
-- Victoria Fuentes

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my family because they are there for me when I need them. I am also thankful for god because my family wouldn't be here right now if it wasn't for him. P.S. I love my family.  
-- Darci Vick

This Thanksgiving I am thankful for my friends because I play and have fun with them. I am also thankful for my family because I have a great time with them.  
-- Lauren Holt

**Mrs. Mikeska's Class**  
One thing I am thankful for is family because some times they help me on my homework. Another thing I am thankful for is God because he makes me feel better.  
-- Rolando Gonzalez

On thing I'm thankful for is Christmas. I'm thanful for Christmas because

I get lot of toys. Another thing I'm thankful for is my cousin. I'm thankful for cousins because thier part of my family. Another thing I'm thankful for is my birthday. I'm thankful for my birthday because I was born then.  
-- Meg Griffin

One thing I am thankful for is my family becaus tha love me. Another thing I am thankful for is God becaus he gave us a family.  
-- Yardira Garcia

I am thankful for my brothers beuse they play with me some tims but my brother Jasen is nice to me some tims. When I was in ther hospotel he was nice to me  
-- Brittany Olivarez

One thing I am thankful for is my baby sister because she is part of the family. Another thing I am thankful for is food because it is good for you.  
-- David Tirado

One thing I am thankful for is Chistmas. I like Chistmas because I wan presents and a basketball. Another thing I am thankful is my house. If I didn't have a house I would be living on the street.  
-- Rance Cathey

I am thankful for my sister She is little and She is so little. I am thankful for my Dad and mom because they are nice to me and my brother.  
-- Paul Martinez

One thing I an thankful for is my family. Another thing I am thankful for is by brother.  
-- Jonathan Mejia

One thing I am Thankful for is Christmas because you get cool toys. Another thing I am thankful for is my cousins because they are cool  
-- Kirste Stubbs

On thing I am thankful for is Christmas because you get cool toys. Another thing I am thankful for is my pets because they are cool.  
-- Corey Roberts

One thing I am thankful for is a horse. Another thing I am thankful for is a baby sister.  
-- Ivany Sanchez

One thing I am thankful for is cousins because they help me do my homework. Another thing I am Thankful for is my family because they buy me some pants and T-shirts.  
-- Veronica Belman

One thing I am thankful for is my brother. He takes care of me. Another thing I am thankful for is my room. I can sleep in it.  
-- Dustin Ramirez



photo by Kathy Mankin

**Outstanding musicians** — EHS band members named to the All-District Band include (Front L-R) Sarah Mankin, BreeAnne Davis, Kasey Griffin, Brittany Key, Samantha Smith, Hannah Wolfe, (Back L-R) Andrea Robles, Kate Kosub, Alana Oliver and Tabitha Lloyd.

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## Powell hosts descendants of "Old Three Hundred"

Mrs. Eleanor Maddox Jeffrey Powell hosted a barbecue lunch Saturday, October 31, 1998 for two special visitors she had located through the third annual Newman/Rabb Reunion held September 19, 1998 in La Grange, Texas. Mrs. Powell recently learned that her family was part of the family tree belonging to "The Old Three Hundred" the first settlers in Texas.

Powell's mother Rachel Wells Maddox was named for her great grandmother Rachel Rabb Newman. Rachel Rabb married Joseph Newman on February 4, 1840 in Colorado County, Texas. Joseph served in the War of 1812. The family moved to the south side of the Red River to Jonesborough in 1820, then moved to the west side of the Colorado near present day LaGrange, Fayette County, Texas in December 1823. He was one of the original colonist... "The Old Three Hundred" as they are called today.

Visiting Mrs. Powell were Robin Sheen of San Angelo and Frankie Lewis of Del Rio. In all, 15 attended this special barbecue.

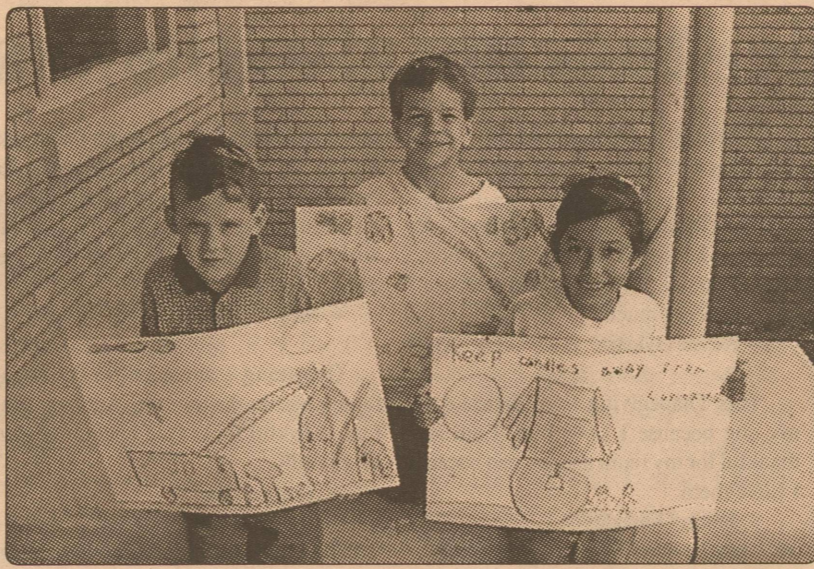


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**Primary Fire Prevention Poster Winners** are (Top) 1st Place Shane Young, (Front L-R) 2nd Place Wes Brown, 3rd Place Clarissa Hernandez. All the winners were from the 1st Grade. Each winner was presented a check from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.



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**Intermediate Fire Prevention Poster Winners** are (Top) 1st Place Adrian Ortega, (Front) 2nd Place Lalo Sanchez, 3rd Place Nancy Hernandez. These were all 3rd grade students. Each winner was presented a check from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.



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**Junior High Fire Prevention Poster Winners** are (Top) 1st Place Juan Contreras; (Front L-R) 2nd Place Monica Estrada and 3rd Place Ryan Cathey. Each winner was presented a check from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.



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**High School Fire Prevention Poster Winners** are 1st Place Megan Poyner, 2nd Place Jessica Gamez (Not Pictured) and 3rd Place Haley Edmiston. Each winner was presented a check from the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department.

## It's a Family Thing...

by Glen R. MacDonald MFT

Most of the problems individuals have either begin or end in the family. As a result, families today are encountering endless challenges and frustrations that both threaten their current structures and strain their available resources. To complicate their problems, society gives only lip service to the importance of families and comes to their rescue only when they are under intense stress and are unable to cope effectively.

Only recently have there been conferences, community workshops, and books which focus exclusively upon family strengths. The majority of studies have focused upon families that have difficulty coping with a variety of issues, such as drug abuse, spouse abuse, sexual abuse, and with a range of emotional and physical problems. "Normal" families have primarily been used as a control group and have not been the focus of research in their own right. As a result, we know a great deal about the characteristics of problem families and can only assume that normal families simply lack those characteristics. What many do not understand are the positive aspects of families that help them cope and deal effectively with stress over the family life cycle.

Unlike all other organizations, families incorporate new members only by birth, adoption, or marriage, and members can leave only through death, if then. The various stages that occur between these two points (birth and death) are known as the family life cycle.

The Family Life Cycle: Stage 1: Leaving home (single young adults); Stage 2: The joining of families through marriage (the new couple); Stage 3: Families with young children; Stage 4: Families with adolescents; Stage 5: The launching of the children and moving on; Stage 6: Families in later life (empty-nest).

The focus of this and subsequent articles will be upon the strengths and attributes that assist families in dealing more effectively with stresses and strains. Specifically, I will be examining what is "normal" for families at the various stages of the family life cycle. This will include how family types differ, what families have as strengths, the kinds of stresses they encounter, and how they cope with stress. One need only listen to the voices around them to hear accounts of how families are failing...it is my aim to examine and explore that which is presently working within numerous families across our country. It is one thing to be constantly reminded why something does not work, it is quite another to consider the question: "How can this family use the strengths it already possesses to become the family it wants to be?"

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## Concho Valley pecan show set

by Scott Edmonson

Schleicher CEA-Agriculture

Anyone wishing to participate in the Concho Valley Pecan Show will need to take their entries by the Tom Green County Extension office by 12 Noon on December 2 or by the Schleicher County Extension Office by 5:00 p.m. on December 1.

The show will start with the processing on December 3 at 3:00 p.m. in front of Penny's at Sunset Mall. The West Texas Regional Pecan Show will be held in Abilene on December 7 & 8. For more information, please call the Schleicher County Extension Office at 853-2132.

## Commissioners court meeting

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The commissioners thanked Cawley for efforts on behalf of Schleicher County and told her that they would discuss with the City and the Water District how best to share the expense.

In other business, the men met with Fire Chief Jerry Jones who told them that the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department had ordered a new pumper truck. He said delivery of the truck is expected in mid-January, 1999.

Jones requested \$32,000.00 which the commissioners had previously agreed to spend on the fire truck. The remainder of the money will come from the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County Hospital District and Schleicher County I.S.D.

"It took some doing, and I wasn't sure everybody was going to go along with it, but we finally managed to get it done," Jones told the men.

The hospital agreed to fund

\$30,000 of the truck's purchase price in one lump sum. The City of Eldorado will make yearly payments to the fire department to fund its portion of the purchase price while Schleicher County I.S.D. contracted with the Fire Department to provide "educational services". Those services will include such things as fire prevention programs, fire drills and a master plan for dealing with disasters and other emergency situations at the school. In return for those services the school will pay the Fire Department \$6,000.00 in 1999. The contract must be renewed annually.

For their part the County Commissioners agreed to Jones' request but instructed County Treasurer Karen Henderson to keep the money in the bank until it was needed, so as to earn as much interest as possible.

Jones asked the county to assume ownership of the truck and the commissioners agreed. The vehicle will be placed on the county's insurance as soon as it arrives.

Before adjourning, the commissioners voted unanimously to withdraw their application for a county-wide Colonias Planning Grant. It was noted that the grant application submitted by Tom Nance had been returned by the State marked with several deficiencies. Rather than resubmitting the application the men opted to drop it entirely. The commissioners also reviewed the county's bills and authorized payment before the meeting concluded.

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#### Cafeteria Line

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**Tuesday, Dec. 1st**  
Lasagna, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, Dec. 2nd**  
Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Candied Sweet Potatoes, Cornbread, Iced Cupcakes

**Thursday, Dec. 3rd**  
Hamburger Steaks/Brown Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Apricot Cobblew

**Friday, Dec. 4th**  
Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding.

#### Breakfast

½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

**Monday, Nov. 30rd**  
Sliced Peaches, Waffle Stix/Syrup

**Tuesday, Dec. 1st**  
Mixed Fruit, Hot Oatmeal/Toast

**Wednesday, Dec. 2nd**  
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Toast, Cream of Wheat

**Thursday, Dec. 3rd**  
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Sausage/Jelly

**Friday, Dec. 4th**  
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

#### Fast Food Line

**Monday, Nov. 30rd**  
Fiestadas, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Spice Cake/Icing

**Tuesday, Dec. 1st**  
Ham & Cheese Pizza Pockets, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves, Cowboy Cookies

**Wednesday, Dec. 2nd**  
McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Iced Cupcakes

**Thursday, Dec. 3rd**  
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Apricot Cobbler

**Friday, Dec. 4th**  
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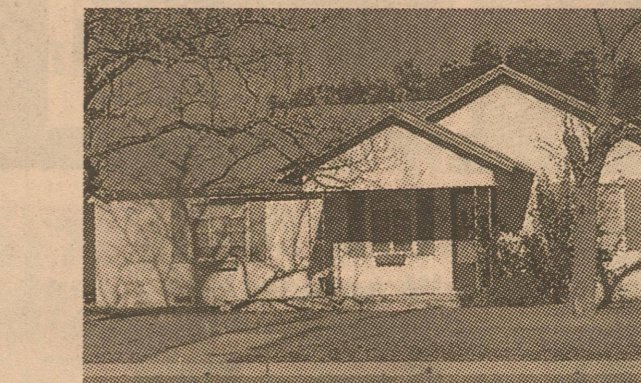
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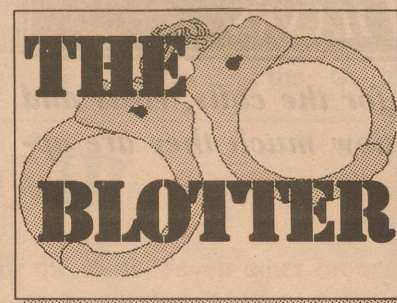
**Christmas Band Concert**  
 The Middle School Bands and High School Band under the direction of Gina Muela and Thomas Hollingsworth will present their annual holiday music in the High School Auditorium at 3:00 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 13, 1998.

**MILITARY NEWS**

**Airman Cody Whitten**  
 Navy Airman Cody Whitten, son of buff and June Whitten of Eldorado, is currently on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the aircraft carrier USS Dwight D. Eisenhower.

While deployed, Whitten's ship earned the Allen G. Ogden Award for being the best afloat crash and salvage aircraft carrier. The award culminated an arduous training cycle in 1998 in which 618 crash, fire and mishap drills were conducted. Whitten and fellow crew members were trained to combat emergencies while reducing casualties, ensuring pilots the greatest chance of survival during a mishap.

During the deployment, Whitten's ship has conducted strike warfare exercises in the Adriatic Sea, launching 294 sorties in two days as well as participating in Matador Livex '98, a combined forces exercise.



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

- ARRESTS**
- 11/19/98** Gonzalez, Jesus Auden, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Motion To Revoke Probation. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
  - 11/20/98** Mendoza, Weinda Machuca, male age 26, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Motion To Revoke Probation. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
  - 11/25/98** Simpson, Jon Clark, male age 24, hold for Irion County, charged with Motion To Revoke/Fail to Identify.

- REPORTS**
- 11/17/98** Welfare Concern - Complainant requested an officer to check on a male subject. Officer responded and found subject OK. Report of Smoke. Officer responded to report.

Complainant called and said a man was bothering them and their Mom, and the man was hiding behind local convenience store in some weeds. Officer responded.

Ambulance dispatched out to West Ave. EMS-1 responded and officer responded.

Complainant called and advised Sheriff Office that there was an 18 wheeler parked beside the gym. They were not sure if 18 wheeler's were allowed in a residential area.

**11/18/98** Complainant stated that someone was trying to get in through the sliding door behind the recreation room and no one is suppose to be in that part of the area. Only way anyone can get in is by climbing the fence behind the nursing home.

Complainant called and advised Sheriff's Office that there was a red Chevy pickup and brown suburban traveling at a high rate of speed on South Main and Cottonwood. Officer responded.

**Disturbance - Child** called on 911 to request an officer. Stated that their Mother and her boy friend were outside of the house fighting. Two officers took the call and officer called back and reported that everything was alright and the couple had worked things out.

**11/19/98** Complainant stated that there were some girls about to fight at a local convenience store.

Complainant reported sheep out on County Road 107.

Complainant state that there were two Basset hounds in their back yard.

**11/20/98** Traffic hazard, barrel in roadway.

Complainant called in for her friend, requesting an ambulance

**11/21/98** Criminal Mischief - Complainant requested an officer at his place of business. Damage was done to a coke machine. Officer responded to call. Machine was knocked over.

**Harassment - Complainant** stated that every time they walked by a certain apartment a certain person would throw a beer can at them.

Complainant stated that someone had stolen their credit card and had already charged \$900. Complainant had already called the credit card company and reported it stolen.

Complainant stated that her husband had called her to report a maroon extend cab pickup spot lighting out between the Schleicher County Line and Irion County Line. Turned in Texas license plate.

**11/22/98** Disturbance on West Ave.- Officer arrived at scene and did not observe any problem.

**11/23/98** Sheep in roadway by ag barn.

**Welfare Concern - Complainant** advises their Father is not home and they are worried. Subject may have left with a male subject in an older model brown Chevy pickup. Complainant advised they would have their Mother come in to the Sheriff's Office later in the day.

Complainant reported a vehicle had been on County Road 242 for about 2 weeks. Vehicle had been sold 6 months ago.

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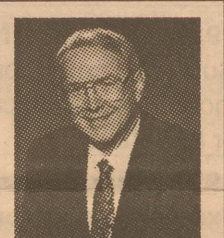
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**Focus on the Family**  
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**Physicians are accountable to parents first of all**

**QUESTION: Our family physician wants to examine my 13-year-old son without my being in the room. That's OK with me, but I expect him to tell me what my boy says and what his medical condition is. That's where we disagree. He says he must keep their conversation confidential. Am I right to expect to be informed and involved?**

**DR. DOBSON:** Teen-agers are typically sensitive and modest about their bodies — especially when their parents are around — so I can understand the need for privacy during a physical exam. The larger issue here, however, is the physician's accountability to you as the mother, and at this point, I agree entirely with the position you have taken. Other parents have expressed similar concerns to me.

I'm reminded of a mother who told me that she took her 14-year-old daughter to their pediatrician for a routine physical exam. The mother was aware that her daughter was beginning to develop physically and might be sensitive to her being in the examining room with her. She offered to remain in the waiting room, but the girl objected.

"I don't want to go in there by myself," she said. "Please come with me." After arguing with her daughter for a moment, the mother agreed to accompany her to the examining room.

When the exam was over, the doctor turned to the mother and criticized her for intruding. He said in front of the girl, "You know, you really had no business being in the examining room. It is time I related directly to your daughter. You should not even be aware of the care that I give her or the medication I prescribe. Nor should you know the things that are said between us. My care of your daughter should now be a private matter between her and me."

The girl had been going through a period of rebellion, and the mother felt her authority was weakened by the doctor's comments. It was as though he were saying, "Your day of supervision of your daughter has now passed. She should now make her own decisions." Fortunately, that mother was unwilling to do as she was told, and promptly found a new doctor. Good for her!

I have discussed this conversation with several pediatricians, and they have each agreed with the doctor in this case. They emphasized the importance of a youngster having someone to talk with in private. Perhaps. But I object to the autonomy demanded by the physician. Fourteen-year-old boys and girls are not grown, and their parents are still the best people to care for them and oversee their development. It is appropriate for a physician to have some private moments with a young patient, but he or she should never forget to whom accountability is owed.

Furthermore, if greater authority is to be granted to the doctor, the parent had better find out just what he or she believes about contraceptives for minors, premarital sex, spiritual matters and the like. Be careful whom you choose to trust with the body and the soul of your child. The pace of living is so frantic today that we have become dangerously willing to accept surrogate parenting from a variety of professionals who meander through our lives. Educators, youth ministers, athletic coaches, music instructors, psychologists, counselors and physicians are there to assist parents in raising their kids — but never to replace them.

**QUESTION: Since almost every couple fights from time to time, what distinguishes a healthy marriage from one that is in serious trouble? How can a husband and wife know when their conflicts are within normal limits and when they are symptoms of more serious problems?**

**DR. DOBSON:** It is true that conflict occurs in virtually all marriages. That is how resentment and frustration are ventilated. The difference between stable marriages and those in serious trouble is evidenced by what happens after a fight. In healthy relationships, a period of confrontation ends in forgiveness — in drawing together, in deeper respect and understanding, and sometimes in sexual satisfaction. But in unstable marriages a period of conflict produces greater pain and anger that persists until the next fight. When that occurs, one unresolved issue is compounded by another, and another. That accumulation of resentment is an ominous circumstance in any marriage.

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