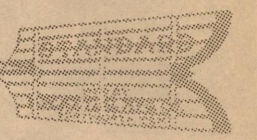
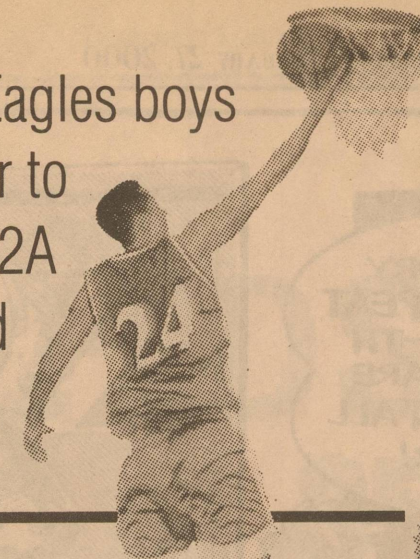


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Arson investigation nets three arrests

Burglary, arson charges result from inquiry

Three people were jailed last week in connection with an arson case which had been under investigation since the early morning hours of January 1, when a fire swept through an Eldorado Housing Authority apartment located at 811 East Street.

Pedro Wayne Barker, 18, his sister Amy Barker, 20, and John Ayala, 22, all of Eldorado were arrested Thursday, January 20 by Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe. The younger Barker was charged with arson while Ayala was charged with burglary

of a habitation. Amy Barker was charged with giving false information to a peace officer. All three are currently free on bail. Mr. Barker and Mr. Ayala were released on \$2,000.00 bond while Ms. Barker was freed after posting a \$1,000.00 surety bond.

Fire investigators first suspected foul play in the blaze when, only moments after the flames were extinguished, they located an empty fuel container laying in the floor of the apartment. Also, the fact that the apartment was supposed to be vacant, yet the

kitchen stove was on with a bracket cooking in the oven, added more questions.

City Fire Marshal Oscar Martinez and Chief Deputy George Arispe carried out the initial investigation. However, arson investigator Steve Kenley of Ozona was called in to probe the cause of the fire.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department received numerous tips in the case and one suspect was cleared of any connection to the fire.

Two firefighters and several neighbors were treated for smoke inhalation the night of the blaze. The family in the neighboring apartment was asleep at the time of the fire but escaped without serious injury.

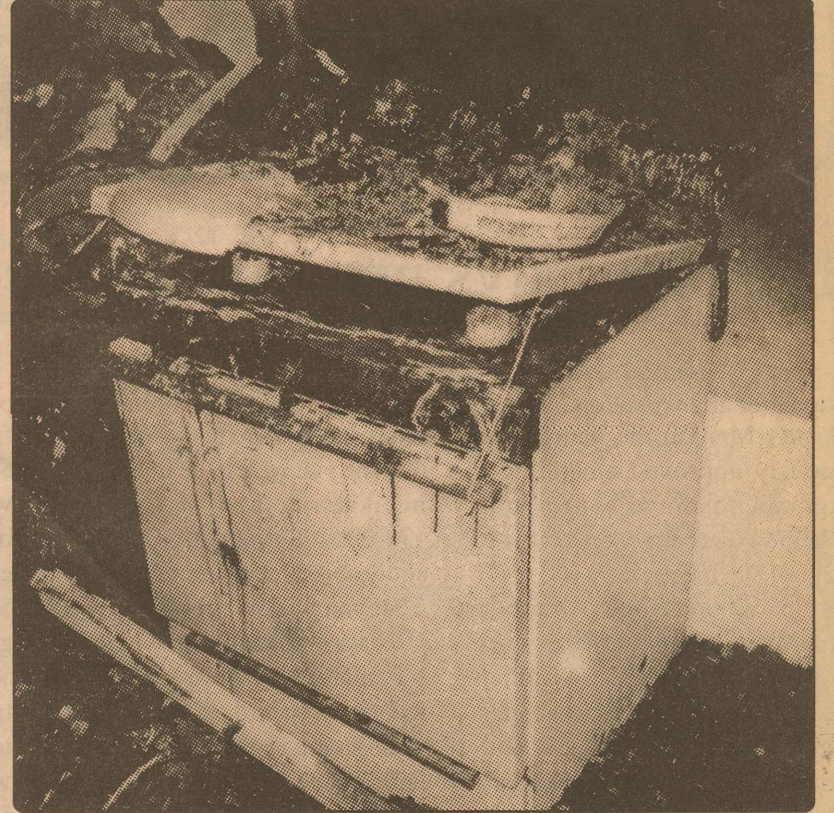


photo by Oscar Martinez
Cooked stove — A cook stove sat amid the ruins of a charred kitchen following an apartment fire during the early morning hours of January 1, 2000. An arson investigation has subsequently led to three arrests in the case.

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For Your Information

Then and Now

Since the turn of the last century, population trends and demographics have changed drastically in Texas. In 1900 the median age for males in the state was 19.3 years. In 1998 the median age had risen to 31.8 years. The state's females have seen an even greater increase in median age, jumping from 18.2 years in 1900 to 34.0 years in 1998.

In 1900 51.8 percent, or 1.6 million, of the state's population was male while females numbered 1.5 million, or 48.2 percent. By 1998 the numbers had evened out with 10 million males and 10 million females.

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On This Date

On this date in 1710 Czar Peter the Great sets the first Russian state budget. In 1880 Thomas Edison patented the electric incandescent lamp. In 1888 the National Geographic Society was organized in Washington, D.C. In 1927 the Harlem Globetrotters played their first game. In 1945 Russian soldiers liberated the Auschwitz & Birkenau concentration camps in Poland. In 1967 the Apollo 1 fire killed astronauts Grissom, White & Chaffee. In 1977 President Carter pardoned more than 10,000 Vietnam War draft evaders.

Birthdays of note include: 1832 author Lewis Carroll; 1834 chemist Dmitri Mendeleev; 1850 labor leader Samuel Gompers; 1859 German Kaiser Wilhelm II; 1918 orchestra leader Skitch Henderson; 1948 ballet dancer Mikhail Baryshnikov; 1959 sportscaster Keith Olbermann.

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PC Transformation

The Computer Recovery Room, operating in the Wynne unit of the Texas prison system, cleans up used computers and parts and makes workable systems for Texas schools. The process begins when state agencies and universities ship computers and parts to the prison. About 50 tons of equipment arrived by October. Prisoners inventory the equipment, keeping the good and throwing away the rest. Other prisoners then gain skills in computer repair by refurbishing PCs in the prison's computer workshop. Those who complete the program become certified computer technicians.

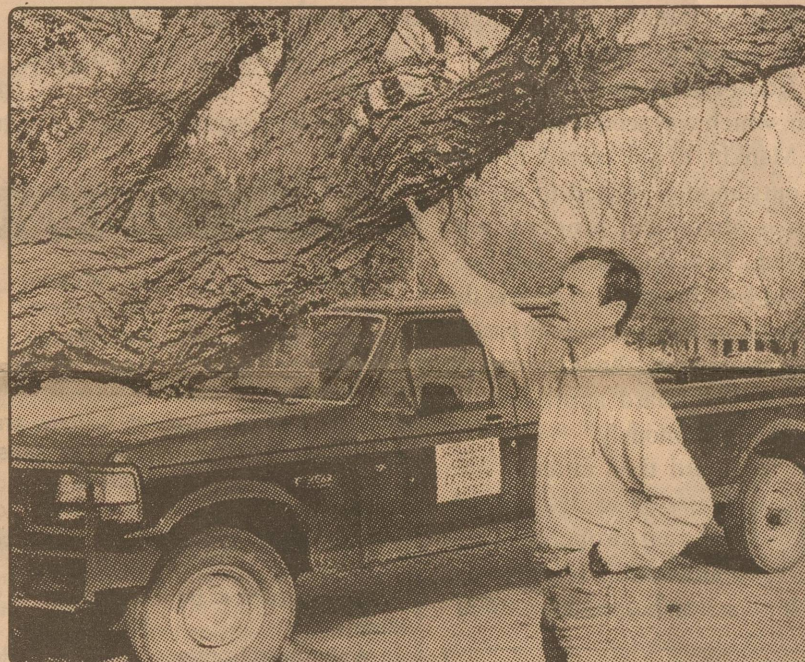


photo by Kathy Mankin

This one's gotta go — Tom Green County Extension Service Horticulturist John Begnaud inspected an Elm tree near the old hotel lot on Main Street this week. Begnaud recommended pruning several limbs in order to save the landmark tree. He and Schleicher County Agent Scott Edmonson are planning to prune the tree next week.

Hospital trustees opt for management contract

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Medical Center may be under new management soon, provided the district's board of directors and representatives of an Oklahoma based company can hammer out a contract in the coming weeks. Andy Freeman and Jerry Hulin, representing Preferred Management of Shawnee, Oklahoma, met with the local hospital board on Monday evening, January 24, 2000. The company, which successfully licensed the first hospital in Texas under new Medicare guidelines known as "Critical Access," proposes to operate Schleicher County Medical Center under those same new rules.

Board members questioned Freeman and Hulin at length about the proposed contract which was first presented to the board last month. The proposal calls for Schleicher County Hospital District to pay Preferred Management \$180,000.00 per year to manage the local facility. In return, the company would provide a hospital administrator, bookkeeping assistance and other management services. Most, if not all of the cost would be reimbursable to the district under the new Medicare program, it was explained. Of particular interest to the board was the prospect of having Preferred Man-

agement's assistance in implementing another Medicare program named "Periodic Interim Payment" or PIP. That program allows Medicare and Medicaid's projected income to be paid in twenty-six equal payments or, every two weeks throughout the year. The contract with Preferred Management would also include a "30-day out" provision, allowing each of the parties to terminate the contract.

It was further noted that current hospital administrator Ann Fagan-Cook would continue to oversee the hospital and nursing home. The only change in her status would be that she would become an employee of Preferred Management if a contract is finalized.

After hearing the proposal from Freeman and Hulin, the trustees voted unanimously to authorize a committee to draw up a contract for the board's review and approval. Board president Ricky Fuessel appointed himself, Judy Christian and Lanis Mikeska to the contract committee.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by board president Ricky Fuessel. In attendance were trustees Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska.

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School trustees hear from citizens supporting superintendent

by Kathy Mankin

The Multi-Purpose Room/Distance Learning Lab was filled to capacity Monday night as more than 40 concerned citizens attended a specially called meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Superintendent Hal Porter's annual evaluation, which, for the most part, was handled behind closed doors in executive session. Board members present for the meeting were Roxanne Adame, Jo Helen Kotsch, Steve Sessom, Phil McCormick, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin and Board President Ilse Williams.

Board President Ilse Williams called the meeting to order and an open public forum followed. Glenn Nix was the first to address the board saying, "As you start your evaluation process I would hope

that you not work as seven individuals with your own personal agendas but that you work through a spirit of compromise you give and take and ultimately the bottom line comes down to making this a better place for all students, not just the athletes, not just the U.I.L. participants but all kids...that means at risk kids, the kids across the street at A.E.P."

Kathy Newman, Delia Herrera, Tony Martinez, Sr., Mary Ann Gonzales, Allan Gillespe, John Kotsch, Becky Moore, Haley Edmiston, Christy Meador, Kelly Porter, Jo Helen Kotsch, Rebecca Martinez, Sylvia Rodriguez, Gina Muela, and Chris Meador each spoke in turn, addressing a number of positive attributes they have observed in Supt. Porter since he has been SCISD superintendent. A theme which seemed to run through each of the statements was that Porter has a genuine concern for his students. Several voiced a vote of confidence in the school board's ability to settle differences. Everyone who spoke expressed confidence in Porter as a superintendent.

Board president Ilse Williams then closed the public forum with a plea for the public to attend board meetings when everything is going well in their perception and not only in crisis or perceived crises. Others citizens in attendance

included Jessie Guadarrama, Darlene Edmiston, Teresa Vasquez, Bob Wanoreck, Angela Redish, Richard Mendez, Mike Moore, Chris Martinez, Lupe Guerrero, Belinda Martinez, Glenda Nix, Kathy Mankin, Tom and Jennifer Hollingworth, Lana Jones, Lynn Meador, Karan Holley, James Mack Holley, Katy Meador, Leslie Gooch, Johnny Herrera, Stan and Gloria Meador, Ashley Niblett, Lizzy Fuentes, Jimmy Saldivar.

After 30 minutes of public forum the board went into executive session at around 7:30 p.m.

After approximately 4 hours behind closed doors, the board emerged into open session taking no action. Ilse Williams spoke in behalf of the board citing their appreciation of Mr. Porter's performance in the area of student management, close relations with students, parents and the community, the public school climate and public community relations. She noted that many good things have happened in these areas.

The meeting then moved to other information items on the agenda.

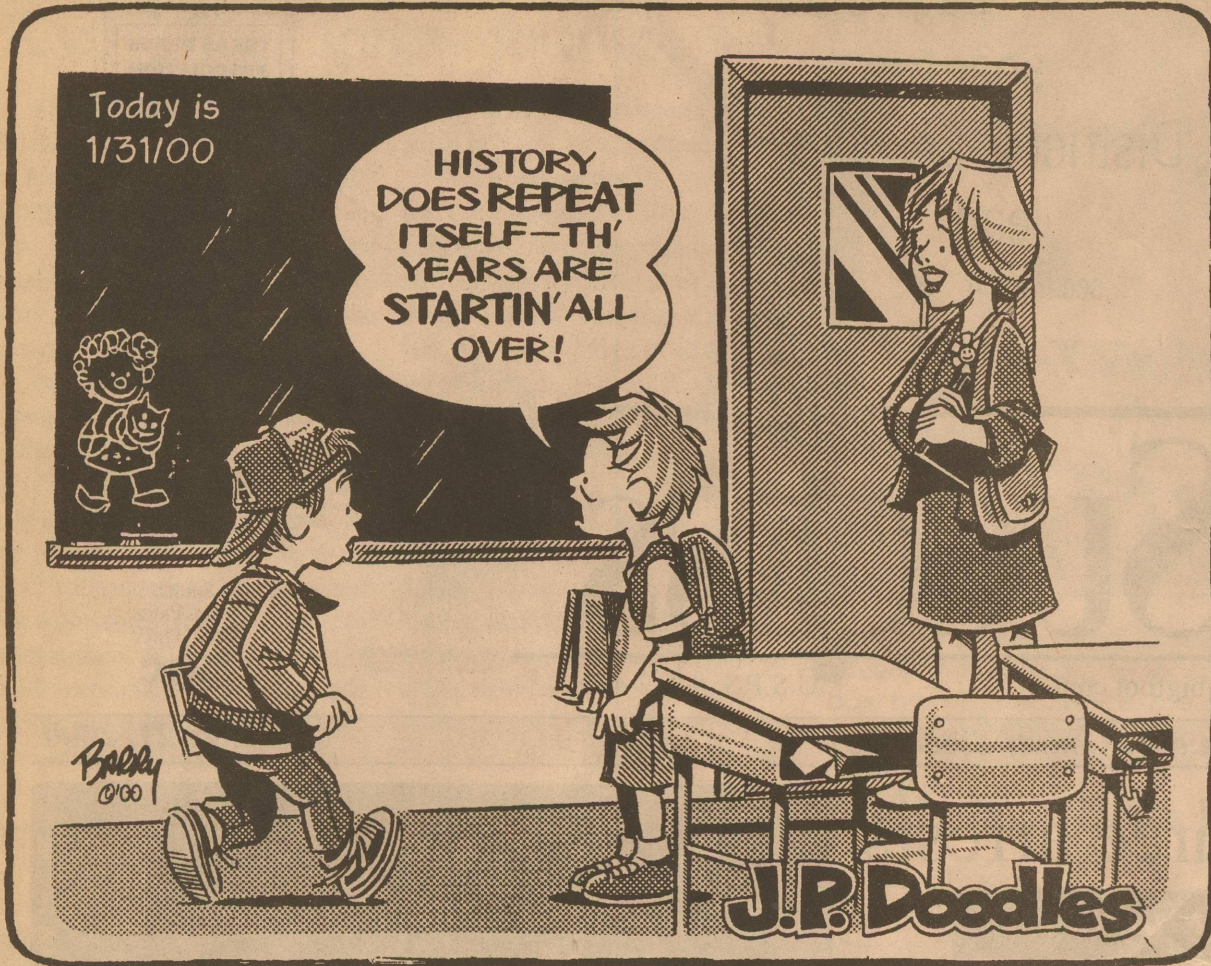
Mr. Porter reported that the draft copy of the "District Self-Evaluation Document Focused-Based Review for Special Education" has been mailed. The Texas

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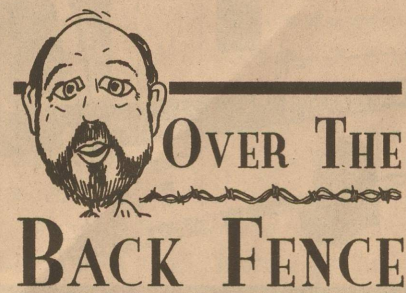
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You just thought you understood love



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

With St. Valentine's Day just around the corner I thought you might enjoy the following observations on love and marriage. I received these via e-mail and the author is unknown.

HOW DO YOU DECIDE WHO TO MARRY?

"You got to find somebody who likes the same stuff. Like, if you like sports, she should like it that you like sports, and she should keep the chips and dip coming."

--- Alan, age 10

"No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with."

--- Kirsten, age 10

WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET MARRIED?

"Twenty-three is the best age because you know the person FOREVER by then."

--- Camille, age 10

"No age is good to get married at. You got to be a fool to get married."

--- Freddie, age 6

HOW CAN A STRANGER TELL IF TWO PEOPLE ARE MARRIED?

"You might have to guess, based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids."

--- Derrick, age 8

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOUR MOM AND DAD HAVE IN COMMON?

"Both don't want no more kids."

--- Lori, age 8

WHAT DO MOST PEOPLE DO ON A DATE?

"Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough."

--- Lynnette, age 8

"On the first date, they just tell each other lies, and that usually gets them interested enough to go for a second date."

--- Martin, age 10

WHAT WOULD YOU DO ON A FIRST DATE THAT WAS TURNING SOUR?

"I'd run home and play dead. The next day I would call all the newspapers and make sure they wrote about me in all the dead columns."

--- Craig, age 9

WHEN IS IT OKAY TO KISS SOMEONE?

"When they're rich."

--- Pam, age 7

The law says you have to be eighteen, so I wouldn't want to mess with that."

--- Curt, age 7

"The rule goes like this: If you kiss someone, then you should marry them and have kids with them. It's the right thing to do."

--- Howard, age 8

HOW WOULD THE WORLD BE DIFFERENT IF PEOPLE DIDN'T GET MARRIED?

"There sure would be a lot of kids to explain, wouldn't there?"

--- Kelvin, age 8

HOW WOULD YOU MAKE A MARRIAGE WORK?

"Tell your wife that she looks pretty even if she looks like a truck."

Hospital buys used ambulance, eyes managment contract

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ka. After an invocation offered by Randy Mankin the board unanimously approved amending the agenda to move a previously planned executive session to the end of the meeting.

In other business, the board approved the purchase of a used ambulance from the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS, which just this week acquired a new ambulance. The trustees agreed to pay \$8,000.00 for the service's old vehicle and authorized the van to be outfitted with a wheel chair lift and other equipment in order that it may be used to transport nursing home residents, as well as hospital patients, to and from medical appointments in San Angelo. The van will be "decommissioned" as

an emergency services vehicle, with the lights and sirens being removed. It was further explained that the van which the hospital has been using has in excess of 172,000 miles and is beginning to show some mechanical problems. That van will be sold.

Assistant administrator Beverly Minor reviewed the district's investment report with the board. Approval was given to renew a maturing \$40,000.00 certificate of deposit with the Edward Jones company at an interest rate of 6.73 percent. The district's financial report noted several favorable changes from the previous month, with the facility's nursing home actually showing a profit for the first time in a number of years. Room and board revenue in the nursing home during the month of December increased from \$11,254.00 to \$13,144.00.

In the hospital, laboratory inpatient revenue grew to \$11,062.00 from \$1,392.00, an increase of \$9,670.00. Outpatient lab revenue was listed as being \$7,275.00 over budget. Total routine-ancillary revenue for December was \$98,499.00. This exceeds the budgeted revenue number by \$27,357.00. The last time the district came close to this amount of total revenue was in October 1996, when the income amounted to \$86,173.00.

However, even with the improved monetary figures, the hospital still operates at a loss, requiring a tax subsidy. That subsidy was below budget in December, though, a fact that clearly pleased the board. It was noted that during 1999, the facility lost a total of \$381,776.00. Much of the loss was attributed to the fact that during most of the year the facility did not have a full time doctor. Administrator Fagan-Cook stated that Dr. Randall Sloan has had a significant impact on the hospital's bottom line and expressed her confidence that the trend will continue.

In other business, the board approved the reappointment of Susan Henke as the facility's dietitian. Also, Dr. Jeffery was approved to cover the hospital's emergency room on weekends.

The board agreed to end a billing agreement with Shannon regarding Lab and X-ray charges. These charges will now be billed locally. In addition, the maintenance contract with Info Lab was renewed. This item concerns a contract with the company that performs preventative routine maintenance on various laboratory equipment, used by the hospital.

nance on various laboratory equipment, used by the hospital.

Various mandated policy and procedure updates were approved by the board. Also, the board gave approval to purchase a used stove and refrigerator, to be placed in a house the district owns on Callender Street. The kitchen in the house will be used by the hospital staff for meal preparation during the time that the kitchen facility in the hospital is closed during the ongoing asbestos abatement project.

Brian Edmiston offered a motion, which was seconded by Randy Mankin, to pay certain invoices outstanding, related to the asbestos abatement program was passed. Tom Enochs moved, seconded by Christian, to renew the liability insurance coverage for the hospital district's directors and officers. The board approved the motion unanimously.

The board then entered into executive session to discuss personnel and real property. They emerged into open session and took no action before adjourning

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A Texas Hunting Story

Ken Branum of Hereford delights in making up stories and passing them along like they were true. He loves to pull practical jokes on people. He once told some California folks that brisket is most tender when it comes from the left side of a cow because in Texas cows move clockwise and the right side has all that stress on it and is tougher.

When Ken was 17 years old he and his family were visiting his granddad over New Year's. Ken was bored, so his grandfather handed him his old musket rifle, some black powder and 3 lead balls. Ken went through the woods, saw nothing, and fired all three shots into a tree. "My granddaddy would have been upset with me if he knew I did that," says Ken.

On the way back from his walk in the woods, Ken noticed a small pond. "And just beyond the pond there was this beautiful 18 point buck," says Ken. "I didn't know what to do. I had wasted all my shots and there was a perfect opportunity to get a trophy deer. I knew if I bagged it, my daddy and granddaddy would be real pleased with me.

"I looked around and saw the ramrod. I put all the powder I had left into that old gun and packed it in there real good. Then I took that ramrod, jammed it down, took careful aim, got the right trajectory and fired.

"That ramrod skimmed across the water in that pond and went right through the neck of that big deer. It dropped immediately. I had to go see that deer and retrieve the

ramrod. When I got there, I noticed the limit of bass fish was on that ramrod like a shish kabob. It apparently stabbed the fish as it was dipping into the water.

"To my surprise I also noticed the ramrod had also killed a beautiful six pound pheasant cock that happened to be flying by just at the time and place the ramrod was sailing through the air. Man, I was so happy to get fish, pheasant and deer with just one shot. I couldn't wait to get back and tell my family all about this hunting trip. My granddad was going to be so pleased.

"I picked up all the game and started walking back to my granddad's house. It was a heavy load and I was struggling to carry all of it.

"I got hot and decided to take a rest. I took off my coat and laid it on the ground and just sat there for about ten minutes. When I got ready to go, I picked up my coat and was so surprised to see that I had smothered a covey of quail with my coat.

"I started putting the quail in the pockets of my hunting jacket and it got so tight a button flew off. It went about 25 yards and hit a rabbit.

"Boy, would I have a story to tell!

"You know the sad part about all this is I drug all this stuff home and expected everybody to be happy with me and impressed with my ability in the woods.

"But my mother was mad at me because I had lost the button off my coat."

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Dale Austin Strong

ELDORADO — Dale Austin Strong 63 passed away Wednesday, January 19, 2000 at a local hospital. Dale was born February 27, 1936 in Eldon Iowa, and had lived in Eldorado the past 18 years. He was a retired C.P.A. and had worked as an accountant for the Wisconsin Highway Department.

He is survived by 3 daughters Shelly Fennern of Eldorado, Cheryl Todd and Lisa Knox both of Montana, 2 sons Dale Strong Jr., of Peoria Illinois, and Chuck Strong of Flint Michigan, and numerous grandchildren. A memorial service will be held at a later date in Wilton, Iowa.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Promoting bilingual literacy — Student members of the Nuevos Amigos service project participated last week in the dedication of the new Spanish Literacy Corner at the Schleicher County Public Library.

Nuevos Amigos aids library

by Suzanne Rojas

Nuevos Amigos is a service project group that consists of approximately 40 middle and high school students. It was created to help newcomers, particularly Spanish-speaking newcomers, learn about our community.

Back in November some members started discussing Spanish literature in Eldorado. We brought our idea up to Mrs. Gonzales, and decided to make a Spanish literacy corner in the public library. The literacy corner is to encourage children of all languages to expand their vocabularies and read. The library corner will provide literature for Spanish-speaking community members and promote bilingual literacy among all community members.

In preparation for our big idea we formed a small committee in which I was a member. We talked to Mrs. Whitten and decided how things should be done. Our more

artistic members drew posters and made decorations. Mrs. Whitten ordered books and allowed us to redecorate her library.

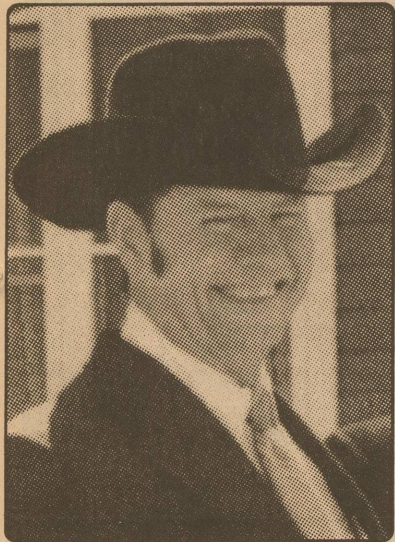
Our corner in the library is dedicated to Carmen Esparza, mother of Alfredo and Javier Esparza. Alfredo and Javier are members of Nuevos Amigos.

In the future the Spanish literacy corner intends to encourage reading for everyone. We are open to any suggestions. You may contact any of the Nuevos Amigos members.

High School Nuevos Amigos members are Hector Adame, Jackie Barrera, David Elias, Alfredo Esparza, Xochil Esparza, Benji Gonzales, Maria Guzman, Santiago Hernandez, Daniel Mata, Stephanie Mercado, Alfredo Munoz, Elisa Munoz, Juan Munoz, Luis Munoz, Evelyn Quintana, William Robledo, Sandra Rodriguez, Suzie Rojas, Miguel Segura, Sandra Torres.

Middle School Nuevos Amigos members are Javier Esparza, Blanca Huichapa, Luis Hernandez, Maria Contreras, Juanita Huichapa, Lupe Huichapa, Laurie Almazan, Selina Rojas, Judith Cardenas, Clara Herrera, Marco Escobar, Jennifer Rojas, Alvaro Moya, Felipe Martinez, Mariana Guzman, Juanita Segura, David Hernandez, Daniela Mendoza, Danny Sanchez, Homero Hernandez, Monica Estrada, Amanda Figueroa, Tony Chavez.

Jerald Young Weddle



DEL RIO — Jerald Young Weddle, 64, died Tuesday, January 18, 2000, at home in Del Rio, after a very courageous battle with cancer.

Jerald was born June 21, 1935 in Big Lake, Reagan County, to Joe and Xuma Young Weddle. He married Dorothy Robertson in 1961 in San Angelo. Jerald and Dorothy trained race horses in Ruidoso, New Mexico, until his retirement in 1978. After moving to Del Rio he pursued a hobby of rebuilding old tractors and farm equipment. His faithful friend and running

mate was Aramis, a Yorkshire terrier dog whom he referred to as "Squirrel", Aramis never missed a trip with Jerald, even during his cancer treatments in Houston.

Jerald is survived by his wife, Dorothy; a daughter and her husband, Susie and Eldon Shipman of Midland; sons, Bren Weddle and Derald Weddle and wife, Debra, all of San Angelo. Six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two brothers, Joe Weddle, Jr. and wife, Juandell, of Emory; Jon Weddle and wife, Linda, of Lubbock; a sister, Martha Holland of San Angelo and a twin sister, Jeri Whitten and her husband, Hal, of Eldorado. An Aunt Thelma Weddle; cousins Bill, Star, and Mike Weddle. Numerous nephews and nieces, including Sherri Fitts Freeman of Eldorado. Jerald's life included many friends in the Eldorado area.

Jerald was preceded in death by his parents and a nephew, Steve Fletcher. Nephews will be pallbearers with nieces as honorary pallbearers. Funeral arrangements were made through Del Rio Funeral Home.

A prayer service was held in Del Rio Friday night with graveside services Saturday, January 22, in Robert Lee, Edith's Paint Creek Cemetery.

It's A Boy!

Kade Everett Hunter arrived on January 9, 2000 at 7:59 a.m. He weighed 9 pounds and 15 1/2 ounces and was 21 3/4 inches in length.

He is welcomed home by his parents Kyle and Kaci Hunter and big sister Kaylee.

Proud grandparents are Norman and Kathy Kohls and Tommy and Melinda Hunley of Eldorado and Rodney Hunter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Eldorado,

I wanted to take time to express my heartfelt gratitude to all of those that took time last night to come to the Board Meeting, be close for support, express your thoughts or lift up a prayer. I was so very touched by the dear words spoken and so very humbled by the very kind things that were said.

Margaret and I have been deeply touched by this community and especially the wonderful children that you have allowed us to share with you. I will always count this place this experience as one of the greatest blessings in my life.

You, as a community, make such a difference in the lives of your children. I have never before experienced the deep pride you have, as a community, in all of their accomplishments. Your support for them and their endeavors is sometimes overwhelming.

The children that walk into the three campuses each morning are filled with hopes, dreams, and joy. These three things are visible in the effort they put forth to learn, and the respect they show to the other adults in their lives. Each morning, I anxiously await their arrival so that God may bless me with their smiles, their hugs, and their beautiful Christian selves.

I have been in several school districts, and I have never been associated with a better staff to work with than you have here for your children. Each and every individual here performs their task as a "labor of love" for the sake of the children. I have been humbled to serve side by side with each of them over the last three years. We are not perfect but the effort to reach perfection for your children is relentless and heartfelt by each individual employed by the Schleicher County ISD.

If, over the course of the last three years, anything has occurred that is positive and good - the credit for that accomplishment goes to the children, the staff, and you as a community. I am honored to serve you each one, but my life has been deeply touched by your precious children.

In His Love,
 Hal Porter

Dear Editor:

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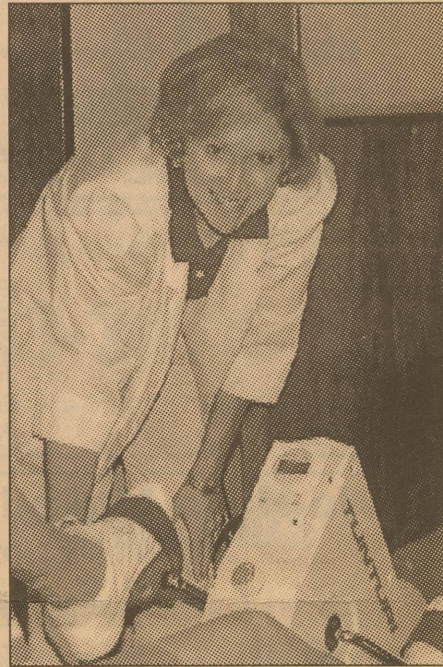
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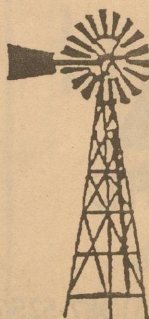


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EHS cagers split with Sonora, boys grab district lead

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Lady Eagles and Eagles traveled to Sonora last Friday for a pivotal 2-2A contest. The Eagles came away with a huge win and took control of the district race and the Lady Eagles lost a heart breaker in the last 10 seconds of the game.

10 point win against then co-leader Sonora 57 to 47. Eldorado came out very strong in the first quarter outscoring Sonora 19 to 11. The Eagles took control with a great man to man defense and very few turnovers on the offensive side of the court. EHS extended their lead to 9 at the half 33 to 24. Eldorado had a good third quarter outscoring

Sonora 12 to 8 leading 45 to 32. Eldorado sealed the victory in the fourth with excellent defensive play by the entire ball club.

The victory was a big win for Eldorado as it gives them sole possession of first place. Anthony Pina and Michael Mayo each had 18 points and Joey Bullard scored 13. Mayo had 18 rebounds, Jason Brock had 8 and Pina had 7. Will Robledo had 5 assists in the game.

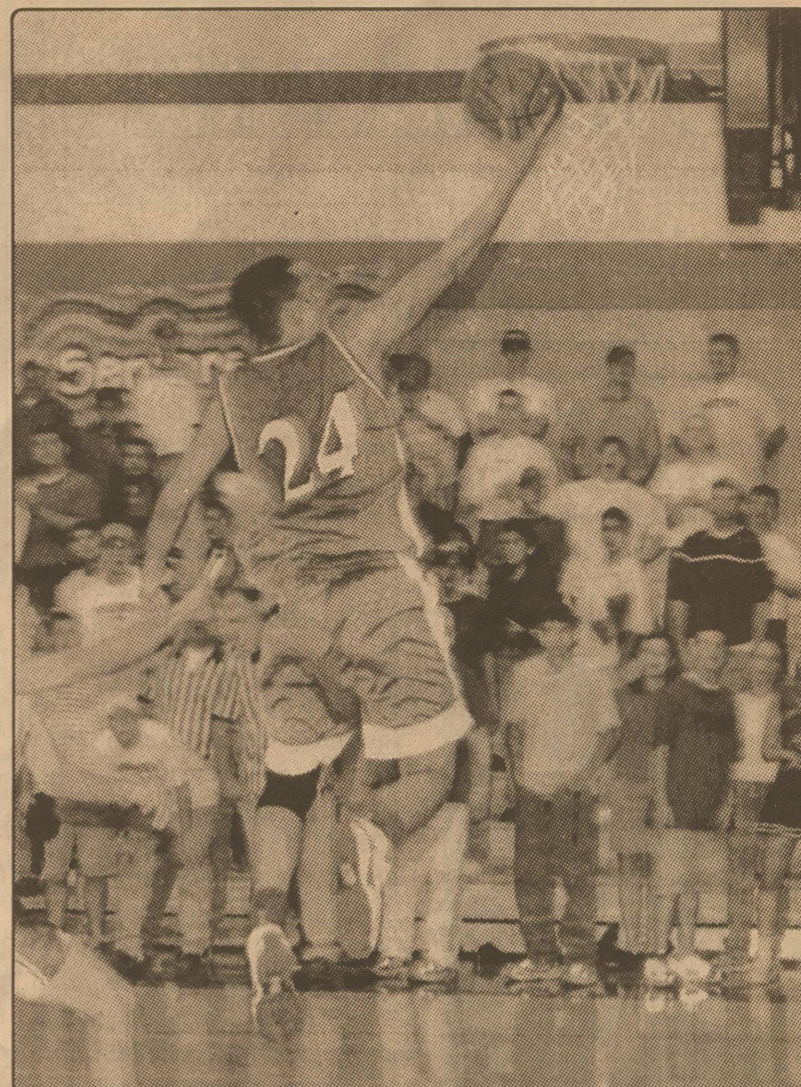
The game was a total team effort as all of the Eagles contributed to the win. Coach Gillespie commented, "the team kept mentally focused throughout the contest. I can't tell you how important the crowd support was during this game."

A side note, EHS continues to move up in the statewide polls and were number 11 prior to this game. The win runs their record to 3 and 0 in District and 20 and 3 for the season. Coach Gooch's Lady Eagles lost

a tough game in the last minute. A win would have put Eldorado in possession of third place and in control of their play off hopes. With the loss EHS must now take advantage of every opportunity in the second half of District play. Statistics were not available at press time, however, this effort was one of the best outings the Lady Eagles have had all year. Sonora made several runs late in the ball game but EHS never gave up and was in position to win the game on the last possession but came up short by 1 point.

Coach Gooch commented, "This was a tough loss for our team. We had an opportunity for the win but it got away. Every game from this point on will be very important for our chance at post season."

Both teams played Wall Tuesday and travel to Junction tomorrow night. Stories will be in next weeks Success.



Going to the hole — Anthony Pina drove to the basket during last week's 57-47 win over Sonora. He tallied 18 points on the night. The win gave the Eagles sole possession of first place in the District 2-2A standings.

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Ozona	6	0	Eldorado	4	0
Wall	5	0	Sonora	3	0
Eldorado	3	2	Ozona	3	1
Sonora	4	2	Junction	1	1
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HOOP SCORES

JV Girls
January 21, 2000
Eldorado 08-09-07-10=34
Sonora 15-16-14-10=55
Gentry Newman, 5; Marina Lozano, 2; Hannah Robledo, 14; Stephanie Luna, 4; Mitzi Sessom, 2; Samantha Smith, 7.

8th Grade Girls
January 10, 2000
Eldorado 08-06-07-08=29
Big Lake 08-12-11-03=34
Courtney Whitten, 2; Mikinzie Holley, 2; Clara Herrera, 6; Heather Homer, 5; Monica Moreno, 2; Teresa Barajas, 10.

Eldorado High School 2000 Tennis Schedule

February 11 & 12
West Texas Championships
San Angelo Central

February 18 & 19
Lake View Invitational
San Angelo Lakeview

February 25 & 26
Big 8 Meet
Mason

March 3 & 4
Regional Team Tennis
San Angelo Area

March 10 & 11 State Team
Tennis or Dual
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March 24 & 25 TBA

March 31 & April 1
Rebel Classic
Midland Lee

April 8 & 12
District Meet
Forsan

April 26 & 27
Regional Meet
Abilene Christian

May 8 & 9
State Meet
Penick-Allison Courts
Austin

8th Grade Boys

January 8, 2000
Junction Tournament
Eldorado 03-02-12-09=27
Ozona 16-14-07-06=45
Tony Chavez, 6; Cole Wilkerson, 1; Travis Lively, 4; Trey Chavez, 9; Homero Hernandez, 2; Oscar Munoz, 4.

January 17, 2000
Eldorado 09-13-06-03=31
Wall 02-07-10-07=26
Courtney Whitten, 2; Mikinzie Holley, 4; Clara Herrera, 5; Heather Homer, 2; Monica Moreno, 4; Teresa Barajas, 11; Lacy Ragsdale, 3.

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Eldorado 03-02-12-09=27
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January 10, 2000
Eldorado 05-02-08-08=23
Big Lake 13-10-13-16=52
Tony Chavez, 5; Cole Wilkerson, 3; Travis Lively 6; Trey Chavez, 4; Forrest Holt, 2; Homero Hernandez, 3.

January 10, 2000
Eldorado 05-02-08-08=23
Big Lake 13-10-13-16=52
Tony Chavez, 5; Cole Wilkerson, 3; Travis Lively 6; Trey Chavez, 4; Forrest Holt, 2; Homero Hernandez, 3.

January 17, 2000
Wall, Texas
Eldorado 04-00-06-06=16
Wall 49
Tony Chavez, 4; Travis Lively, 2; Trey Chavez, 7; Forrest Holt, 3.

School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, January 31st
Meat & Macaroni, Glazed Carrots, Pineapple Tidbits, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, February 1st
Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, February 2nd
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Corn Bread, Apple Pie

Thursday, February 3rd
Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Applesauce, Chocolate Cake/Icing

Friday, February 4th
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping

Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast



That's a foul — A Sonora player had a firm grip on Kim Jones' wrist last week as the Lady Eagles took on the Lady Broncos. Sonora won the game by 1 point.

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Local 4-Hers Shine at Hill Country Jr. Livestock Show

by Scott Edmonson

Ten Schleicher County 4-H members recently exhibited their livestock at the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville. This was the 56th annual show with participants coming from all parts of Texas.

In the market lamb show, Whitney Edmiston and Neal Higgins participated in the southdown and finewool cross lamb classes. Whitney placed 15th with her medium weight southdown lamb and 6th place with her medium weight finewool cross lamb.

In the market meat goat show, 19 goats were entered under Schleicher County 4-H. In Class 1, Ben

Edmiston placed 2nd, Haley Edmiston placed 3rd and Ben also placed 11th. In Class 2 Lauren Brown placed 13th and in Class 3, Briley Leggett placed 2nd, Haley Edmiston placed 3rd, Bryce Leggett placed 6th, Bryce also placed 9th, Neal Higgins placed 11th and Courtney Brown placed 12th. In Class 4, Lauren Brown took 1st place honors and Frank Edmiston took 5th place in Class 6 and Courtney Brown placed 4th in Class 7. Lauren Brown was also honored as top Junior Showmanship winner.

In all, Schleicher County had 22 animals entered in the show and placed 17 in the top 15 of their respective divisions.

Four-Hers are also busy getting ready for shows in El Paso, San Antonio, Houston and San Angelo.



photo by Kathy Mankin

U.I.L. participants — EHS students taking part in the Eden U.I.L. Invitational Meet last week were: (Front L-R) Suzie Rojas, Maria Hernandez, Georgina Maritz, Alana Oliver Dest Sudduth, Amy Green; (Middle L-R) Layna Murr, Brittany Key, Maria Guzman, Hillary Hodges, Sarah Mankin, Steven Valero. (Back L-R) BreeAnn Davis, Nancy Cawley, Kate Kosub, Melissa Hinojosa, Lindsay Beach, Larry Nicholson, Lance Mitchel. Not pictured Stacy Nicholson.

EHS students compete at Eden U.I.L. Invitational

On Saturday, January 22, 2000 Eldorado High School students participated in Eden's U.I.L. Invitational taking home three First Place Medals, three Second Place Medals and two 3rd Place Medals. Eldorado brought home a total of 8 medals and 10 ribbons.

The Science Team of Lindsey Beach, Hillary Hodges, Sarah Mankin, Lance Mitchel, Alana Oliver and Dest Sudduth place 1st overall in Science.

Individually Lindsey Beach placed 5th; Hillary Hodges received a 3rd place medal and score top Chemistry; Sarah Mankin received a 1st place medal and tied top Biology; Lance Mitchel received a 3rd place medal and tied top Biology; Dest Sudduth placed 6th.

BreeAnn Davis placed 1st in Spelling. Maria Guzman placed 1st in Poetry.

Calculator Applications: Larry Nicholson, 4th; Dest Sudduth, 9th. Computer Applications: Brittany Keys, 2nd (Medal) and Melissa Hinojosa.

Current Events: Sarah Mankin, 4th; Hillary Hodges, 6th; Kate Kosub and Steven Valero.

Editorial Writing: Nancy Cawley and Stacy Nicholson.

Feature Writing: Sarah Mankin, 2nd (Medal); Maria Hernandez, 5th; Stacy Nicholson.

Headline Writing: Susie Rojas, 2nd (Medal).

Literary Criticism: Maria Hernandez, 4th; Brittany Key, 6th. Mathematics: Hillary Hodges

News Writing: Nancy Cawley and Stacy Nicholson

Poetry: Maria Guzman, 1st (Medal); Georgina Maritz, 5th.

Prose: Amy Green

Ready Writing: Maria Hernandez.

Spelling: BreeAnn Davis, 1st (Medal); Layna Murr.

Coaches: Science (Robert Jay), Calculator Applications (Amy Rutherford), Computer Applications (Paige Ragsdale), Current Events (Teresa Baker), Ready Writing, Editorial Writing, Feature Writing, News Writing and Headline Writing (Teresa Vasquez), Literary Criticism and Spelling (Linda Thomas), Mathematics (Tom Gray), Poetry and Prose (Candice Henry)

C of C board elects officers

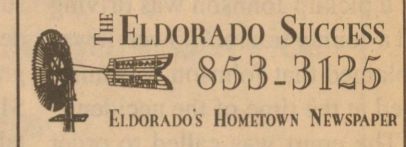
The monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce executive board of directors took place on January 20, 2000 at Eagle Dairy Mart.

After the welcome of new directors Princess Gruben, Stacy Haynes and Mark Marshall, the board reorganized by electing officers for the 2000 Chamber Year.

Your new Chamber officers are: Stan Meador, President; Mark Marshall, Secretary; and Connie Andrews, Treasurer

The Board of Directors also approved the formation of a not-for-profit corporation, Schleicher County Development Corporation

to aid in the distribution of grants to local businesses. This is another step in economic development in and for Schleicher County. Schleicher County Development Corporation will have a seven member board of directors five of which will be appointed by the Chamber Board and two by the County Judge. The directors will serve until they resign or are replaced by the appointing entity, it was explained.



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Showmanship honors — Lauren Brown displays the top Jr. Showmanship trophy she won last week at the Hill Country District Jr. Livestock show in Kerrville. Lauren is the daughter of Matt and Christy Brown.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Flora Hubble

Beta Sigma Phi Chapter Kappa Delta met on January 10, 2000 at Linda Lindsey's residence at 7:00 p.m., Monday evening. Members present were Dorothy Dacy, Mary Jenkins, Kim-et Nelson, Nancy McCray, Linda Lindsey and Flora Hubble. President Dorothy Dacy opened the meeting. Minutes were read by Mary Jenkins, Secretary.

The Sorority received a thank you note from Annie Arispe, thanking the Sorority for gifts and refreshments for the patients. A thank you was also received from David Doran. A donation of \$25.00 was made to the Rehab.

Refreshments were served by Linda, and Flora Hubble's name was drawn for the Sunshine gift.

January 23, 2000 Social was hosted by Kim-et Nelson and Flora Hubble. Six members traveled to San Angelo to see, Anna and the King. A great movie. Afterwards it was dinner at Applebee's. Members making the trip: Mary Jenkins, Dorothy Dacy, Nancy McCray, Barbara Jackson, Kim-et Nelson and Flora Hubble. It was an enjoyable evening.

January 24, 2000 Kappa Delta met at Dorothy Dacy's residence. Members present: Mary Jenkins, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Nancy McCray, Dorothy Dacy and Flora Hubble. Minutes were read and approved. Daniel Mejia and Katy Lively received their last semester amount from their scholarships.

A Valentine Supper will be held Feb. 14. Hosted by Mary Jenkins and Flora Hubble.

A discussion was held on cookbooks, state convention at Lubbock, TX. Mary Leigh Dunagan's name was drawn for the sunshine gift.

I.W. Dean's List

Juan M. Montalvo Jr., recently was named to the University of the Incarnate Word Dean's List with 3.92 G.P.A. for fall semester 1999.

Juan was recognized along with others during a special service held at University of the Incarnate Word Chapel on January 23, 2000 in San Antonio, Texas.

Juan is a 1999 graduate of Eldorado High School and is the son of Juan Sr., and Areli Montalvo of Eldorado.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 31** Beef Tips on Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Strawberries & Bananas, Milk
- Tuesday, February 1** Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, February 2** Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Chunky Mixed Fruit, Milk
- Thursday, February 3** Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Friday, February 4** Smothered Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk

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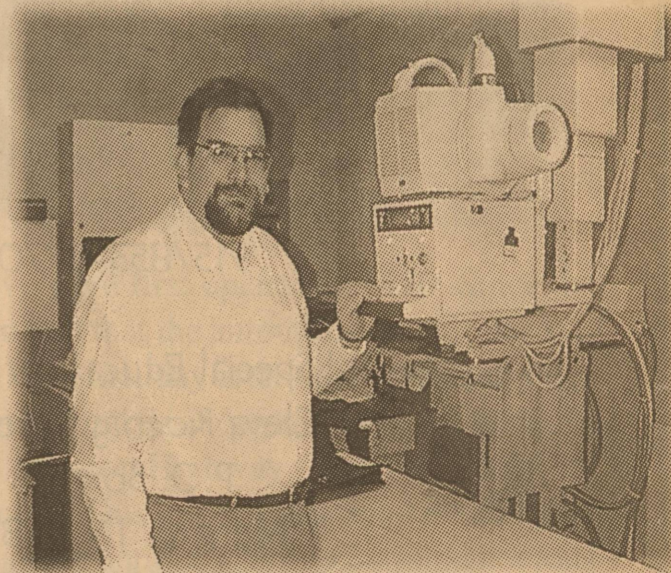
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Schleicher Co. Commissioners hold bi-monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

Monday, the Schleicher County Commissioner's Court learned that Permian Claims, the company handling the county's worker's compensation claims had petitioned the Texas Department of Public Safety to suspend the driver's license of Harlan Johnson of Sonora. The action came when Johnson failed to meet his financial responsibility for a traffic accident which occurred on Sept. 17, 1998, involving a pickup Johnson was driving and a county tractor/mower. It was explained that Johnson was uninsured at the time of the accident.

The court was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin at 9:10 a.m. Present for the regularly scheduled meeting were Commissioners Bill Clark, Ross Whitten, Johnny Mayo and Steve Minor. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. A request to secure a bond for deputy County Treasurer Angie Bownds in the amount of \$25,000.00 was approved by order of the court.

Bids were then opened regarding the purchase of a pickup truck to be used by the County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson. Only one bid was received. Jim Bass Ford of San Angelo was awarded the bid for \$21,620.00. The pickup currently driven by Edmonson was valued at \$9,000.00 trade in value. The cash difference to be paid by the county is \$12,620.00. A motion was offered by Johnny Mayo and seconded by Bill Clark to purchase the truck at the bid price. The motion passed.

Next, the county opened bids submitted by four heavy equipment dealers for the purchase of a motor grader and accepted the low bid of \$113,200.00 submitted by Continental Equipment Company of Abilene. The county will receive toward the purchase a credit of \$12,450.00 in previously agreed to rental fees. The cash balance to be paid by the county is \$100,725.00. This piece of heavy equipment has been in use for four months at the county airport.

Mrs. Marian Collins met with the court to express her concern regarding the previously reported intent of Longhorn Pipeline to use the old Rancho Pipeline which crosses Schleicher County for the

transport of gasoline and other petroleum products. She has led in an effort to get the pipeline rerouted via a more northern route. Mrs. Collins presented a quantity of supportive research materials in support of her concern. The Environmental Protection Agency has previously issued a report stating that the pipeline poses no significant impact. Mrs. Collins and her group dispute this claim and have filed a suit against the proposed usage.

In other business, the court agreed to furnish Medical Insurance for Constable Tommy Hunley, approved membership in

the Texas Association of Counties, and paid all current bills.

Mr. Mike Howard, with Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission visited with the court regarding recent legislation requiring all counties and municipalities within the state to issue a court order or ordinance governing the erection of structures within flood plains. Judge Griffin was presented with a set of guidelines and will offer a court order for the commissioner's review and adoption at the next regularly scheduled session.

There being no further business, the court adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

SCISD school board meets

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Education Agency will be inspecting the school's Special Education curriculum on Tuesday, February 2nd and giving their report on Thursday, February 3rd.

The board had requested information concerning the school district's housing policy at the last meeting. A sample policy was distributed to the board and each member was asked to read the policy and report back to Supt. Porter before the next board meeting if they wish to make any changes.

It was noted that on February 1, the semi-annual U.I.L. reclassification and realignment will be announced. It was also explained that schools may play their first football game no earlier than August 31, 2000. Beginning practice dates will remain the same for all conferences. Schools continue to be limited to no more than ten

regular season games.

It was explained that the Texas Department of Human Services had confirmed a Summer Lunch Program for the local children in a letter to the school district. This is a required program due to the high number of students in the district categorized as "low socio-economic" by the state.

Ilse Williams then recognized the Eldorado Middle School for being named the Elmer Watson School Award winner by the Texas Middle School Association. The school will be recognized at their annual conference in Austin, February 24-27, 2000. In part, the award recognized innovations and leadership on the Middle School campus where the Carnegie Concepts program was recently implemented.

The meeting adjourned at 11:38 p.m. with no action being taken by the board.

Eldorado Woman's Club News

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met on Tuesday, January 11, 2000. The theme for this first meeting of Y2K was "Extend Your Knowledge."

Club President Bobby Sanders opened the meeting by asking Penny Bland to lead the prayer with member Dorothy Harris leading the Pledge of Alliance.

The meeting then continued with Secretary Imogene Edmiston reading the minutes from the November 9 meeting and the December 12, 1999 "Tour of Homes." Charlene Edmiston member of the Finance Committee, gave a good report on the success of the tour. All the homes were outstanding and a special treat

for those who made the tour.

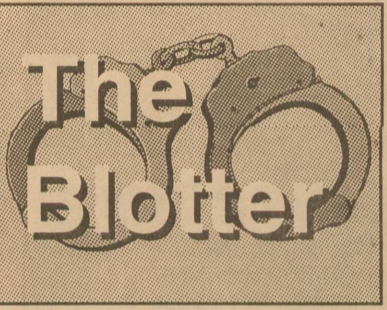
The meeting continued with Mrs. Edmiston reporting on the new production of the Way Off Broadway Players "Belles" and upcoming dinner theater in February. It is a wonderful story about six sisters who live in different places and communicate "a lot" by phone. Dates for the play will be February 4, 5, 19 and 20 with the dinner theater February 12. The Woman's Club will have their Yum Yum Shoppe open for dessert and refreshments during the regular performances of "Belles."

President Sanders next announced the Executive Committee had asked Shine Spigarelli, Penny Bland and Pauline Burkhalter to be the Nominating Committee for the upcoming new club year beginning in September, 2000. The business meeting was closed with President Sanders asking Parliamentarian Helen Blakeway to read the Club rules pertaining to serving as officers and their duties.

Program leader Noweita Briggs then presented Scott Edmonson, Schleicher County Extension Agent. Scott gave an informative talk incorporating the seven fundamentals of Xeriscaping. He gave each member a copy of "Xeriscape" a how to guide to converting traditional landscape by using the Xeriscape approach, and a copy of "Landscape Water Conservation." We learned much from his informative program.

Eighteen members answered roll call by giving a scripture verse from the book of Revelation. Believe you me this reporter had to read the entire book before she finally settled on 3:8 and only then with the help of J. Vernon McGies paperback book where he explains each verse. Some other verses were 1:3, 3:11, and 3:21.

The meeting closed with the Club Collect and refreshments were served by hostesses Charlene Edmiston, Jo Callison and Noweita Briggs. The next meeting will be 2:30 p.m. on February 8 at the Club Room.



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**
- Jan. 18 Biscoe, Larry F., male age 32, arrested by SC Officer, charge Bench Warrant.
 - Jan. 20 Pina, Domingo Lopez, male age 62, charge Sexual Assault. Released \$5,000 Cash Bond.
 - Jan. 20 Ayala, Johnny, male age 21, SC Officer, Burglary of Habitation. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
 - Jan. 20 Barker, Wayne Pedro, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Arson. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
 - Jan. 22 Tambunga, James Patrick, male age 26, hold for Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated. Released on bond.
 - Jan. 22 Barker, Amy, female age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge with False Statement to Peace Officer. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
 - Jan. 22 Sanchez, Blanca, female age 24, arrested by SC Officer, charge Motion to Revoke. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- REPORTS**
- January 14
 - 4:05 p.m. Complainant reported a possible sexual assault on an elderly person. Officer responded.
 - January 18
 - 4:32 p.m. Complainant reported

that they had found a trailer gate on their ranch.

- January 19**
- 8:51 a.m. Reported a large yellow moving van going up and down different streets. Complainant requested that an officer check on the vehicle. Vehicle first seen on the Northwest side and was last seen on the East side of town.
 - 8:58 a.m. Complainant phoned 911 to report that their father was having a possible heart attack. EMS 1 and two officers responded.
 - 10:10 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a threat. Officer responded.
- January 20**
- 4:20 a.m. Complainant phone Sheriff's Office and reported that there were some areas 10 miles North on Hwy 277 that were still burning. Complainant stated they were concerned due to the high winds. Fire Department was contacted and stated they would check.
 - 8:15 p.m. Complainant reported a man walking his dog without any clothes on at local apartment. Officer responded.

- January 21**
- 7:08 a.m. Fire Department was dispatched to a ranch on 190 West, CR 119.
 - 6:37 p.m. Complainant reported that their 6 year old daughter was missing. Officer responded to call and child was located near residence.
 - 4:54 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance. EMS 2 responded.
 - 6:50 p.m. Complainant called and reported a square bale of hay in the north bound lane on Hwy. 277. Tom Green Sheriff's Office was contacted.
 - 8:35 p.m. Complainant reported that enroute back to Eldorado. A deer was hit. Complainant requested an officer check on the deer. Officer responded.
- January 22**
- 3:14 p.m. Fire Chief requested an officer on 190 West.
 - 10:16 p.m. DPS Officer was enroute to emergency room with a subject. Subject was having trouble breathing. EMS was dispatched and then disregarded because subject was taken by private personal vehicle.
 - 10:24 p.m. Gas company will be flaring natural gas.
- January 23**
- 6:47 p.m. Subject shot a raccoon with rabies in their yard.
- January 24**
- 8:53 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer about a possible break-in. Officer responded.
 - 10:50 a.m. Dispatch contacted Nursing Home to check on smoke alarm. Dispatch contact maintenance man and it was a false alarm.
 - 11:15 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance. Transfer to San Angelo was cancelled. AirMed 1 was dispatched from San Angelo.
 - 10:20 p.m. Complainant reported a missing horse. Complainant stated they were in Sonora and drove to San Angelo and realized that the horse was missing from the back of the trailer. Surrounding counties were notified and complainant was enroute back to Sonora to try and locate the horse. Horse was found.
 - 10:40 p.m. Complainant on Field Street reported a suspicious person driving a wrecker. Officer responded.
- January 25**
- 9:10 a.m. Loose livestock, large bull reported on Old San Angelo Hwy. Owner contacted.

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Eddie Albin 4-4p

Dear Editor:

Rehab 2000, our annual telethon held on January 8, was a great success—thanks to many dear friends like those we have in Eldorado.

Phone bank coordinator Mabel Freitag, Southwest Texas Electric Coop which provided the phone bank location, and all volunteers who worked that night certainly deserve—and get—a special salute from us. We're sure, however, that each of those people would join Rehab in reserving a very special "thank you" for everyone who made a telethon donation through the local phone bank.

Eldorado's support throughout the year is deeply appreciated and is something we work hard every day to continue to deserve.

Sincerely,

Ellen Brown, Donor Relations 4-4p

On the behalf of the family of Dale Strong we would like to than everyone for all the years of support and compassion shown to our family, during Dad's long illness. Also, all the prayers, calls, cards, flowers, plants and food. What a truly wonderful community to live in.

Thanks to the Sheriff's Department and Kathy Faulk, to the EMS and Tim Vasquez, the hospital and Dr. Sloan. The Homers, Jewel Bailey, Martha Henson, The Foley's, The Christians, The Carrolls, Cindy Stuckey, Ann Schooley, Sara Rodriguez and Family, Symbol, Inc., Phill Fennern, Kerbow Funeral Home and our dear mother Barbara Strong, for all her love and support for all of her family.

God Bless you all.

Jeff, Shelly, & Farah Fennern
Dale Jr. & Kim, Trent, & Brook Strong
Chuck & Mandy Strong
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Barbara Strong 4-4p

Words are inadequate to express my deep appreciation to Dr. Sloan, Ike Whitten and the Clinic and hospital staff for their competent and considerate care during my hospital stay.

Thanks, also, to those who visited, called, set food the house and flowers to the hospital.

Jesus said, "In as much as you have done it to the least of these, my Brethren, you have done it unto me."

What a wonderful community to live in.

Elton 4-4p

Rehab Update:

Isn't it great! They keep coming in! You Schleicher County folks are the greatest.

Have received three more donations this week: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Haynes; a memorial to Dorothy E. Newlin from Logan, Kerr and Sudduth families and one anonymous gift.

This brings our Rehab donations total to \$6,575.

Thanks, Mabel Freitag 4-4p

We would like to send sincere thanks to all of our family and very dear friends for all the phone calls, flowers, food, and the many prayers. We would also like to thank Father George Varakukala for the mass, and the people of the church for the dinner after the funeral of Bob E. Peña. We are grateful for all your thoughtfulness in our recent loss. Thank you all very much and may God Bless you all always. Pall Bearers: Arthur Estrada, Jonathon Fisher, Pascual Martinez, Honorio Tovar, Mario Galindo, Cleo Lozano.

The Peña, Tovar and Galindo Families

Autumn Rain

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there; I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond's glist on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn's rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush.
I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there, I did not die. Author Unknown 4-4p

Mittel Insurance Agency Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on the family of Carmen Esparza. The family received a memorial plaque from the members of the Nuevos Amigos club last week at the dedication of the Spanish Literacy Corner in the Schleicher County Public Library. Family members are (L-R) Antonio Esparza, Leticia Esparza, Alfredo Esparza and Javier Esparza.

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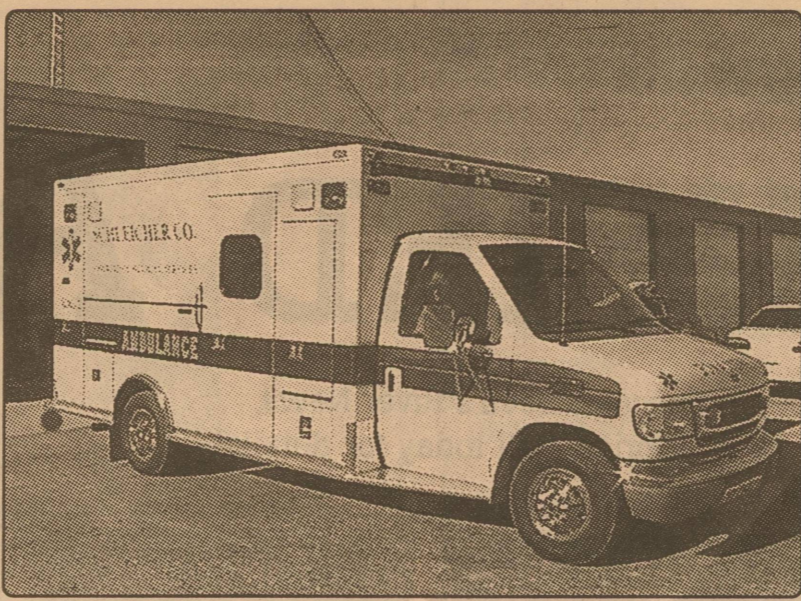
K of C free throw tourney set

All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2000 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held February 6, 2000 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Middle School Gym.

The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions. All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (determine age as of January 1, 2000). Last year more than 218,000 sharpshooters participated in 3,453 local competitions.

All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact Rojelio Adame at 853-3629 or Jimmy Aguilar at 853-3098.

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Brand new wheels — the Schleicher County Volunteer EMS took delivery of its new ambulance last week. It makes the second "box type" ambulance the service has. The service's old ambulance was purchased by Schleicher County Hospital District.

EMS receives new ambulance

by Timothy Vasquez

In April 1999 Schleicher Co. Volunteer EMS applied to Local Project Grant by Texas Dept. of Health, in the amount of \$35,000. This would be a matching grant to fund the purchase of a new ambulance. The EMS service had received this grant funding in the past for an ambulance in 1994 and a Cardiac Defibrillator in 1996. EMS Office Manager Melissa Stanford would take this project on.

After many months of waiting to hear back, a phone call from the Regional TDH Representative, in October 1999, notifying the EMS they had been awarded \$35,000 to help purchase a new ambulance.

Staff Paramedic Timothy Vasquez took the task of customizing and ordering the ambulance from the dealers of San Antonio Ambulance sales, Inc.

On January 19, 2000 the new ambulance was delivered, after 3 months of placing the order.

The new ambulance took the place of the 1989 Ford Van Ambulance (EMS2), but became the primary EMS unit to practice at Paramedic Level Care, meaning the Ambulance would run first for

911 calls and higher level emergency transfers to San Angelo. This Ambulance when compared to the other current ambulance (EMS1) may look the same, but the comparison ends there. The new ambulance is a 1999 Ford diesel powerstroke. The cargo area is wider, taller, and longer in size, giving the crew more room to work in and the patient a sense of comfort. Also added were greater emergency response lighting (for greater safety), electric oxygen control system, and when the ambulance is not in use, a Federal mandated AC/Heater thermostat system to keep the emergency medications at a regulated temperature.

With the added ambulance, the service will be able to continue to provide and enhance the care our community receives for many years to come.



Lots of headroom — Paramedic Tim Vasquez and EMT Melissa Stanford demonstrate that they can stand comfortably inside the EMS' newest ambulance. The service took delivery of the vehicle last week and it is already in service.

JV girls win Rocksprings tourney

The Junior Varsity Girls traveled to Rocksprings this past weekend to winning dual championships in the Rocksprings tournament. Since another team had dropped out, the Lady Eagles JV split into two teams.

Eldorado's team one defeated Junction 41 to 29. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Mitzi Sessom, 14; Amanda Wanoreck, 2; Martha Lively, 4; Hannah Robledo, 11; Samantha Smith, 7; Marina Lozano, 3. Also playing Mayci Schwiening. The girls went on to defeat Bracketville 55 to 21. Team One won their pool in their tournament and received a Championship plaque.

Team two defeated Rocksprings 26 to 21. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Courtney Brown, 2; Courtney Sauer, 9; Stephanie Luna, 2; Jessie Calcote, 5; Blake Snelson, 8. Also playing were Toni Martin and Marina Lozano.

Eldorado's team two went on to defeat Nueces Canyon 37 to 30. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Courtney Sauer, 12; Stephanie Luna, 1; Jessie Calcote, 3; Blake Snelson, 11; Marina Lozano, 6.

Team Two won this pool in the tournament and were also awarded a championship plaque.

Marina Lozano played one game with each team.

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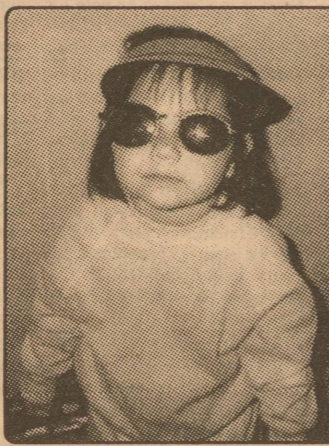
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Area Agency on Aging honors seven Eldorado volunteers

The Area Agency on Aging will acknowledge the selfless service of seven local citizens of Eldorado at their Recognition Banquet on 26th of January at the Cactus Hotel in San Angelo.

The seven being recognized are Cindy Stuckey-Title Three vendor, Pat Gentry and Rosetta Lozano-Senior Companions, Vernel McCalla, Jesse Guadarrama and Mary Roden - Nursing Home Ombudsmen, and Ann Schooley, member of the Regional Advisory Council.

Through various programs administered by the agency, these volunteers have provided nearly 100,000 hours of service to our community. If these hours were paid at the minimum wage rate of \$5.15 an hour, it would represent in excess of \$500,000 of service provided to our area.

These volunteers spend considerable personal time gaining skills necessary to be an effective advocate for people in the Concho Valley. Training programs vary in

length from 20 hours of preserve training to a 36 hour intensive advocacy course for Ombudsmen. The skills learned enable the volunteer to obtain assistance for our aging population through the labyrinth of agencies of Social Health Services. Through their sacrifices of time and energy, these persons are moving forward and facing the challenge of our exploding senior population.

Regardless of which program the person serves with, through their assistance and friendship each volunteer helps our Concho Valley become a more self sufficient community of neighbors helping one another. The simple act of providing a reassuring "I understand" keeps our community strong and provides us with the West Texas spirit of "we can do this."

To become a volunteer or for more information on any of the above programs or services of the Area Agency on Aging, you are encouraged to call 1-915-944-9666.

Scrapbooking demo planned by Genealogical and Historical Society

The San Angelo Genealogical and Historical Society will have its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, in the Fellowship Hall of the Church of Christ at 901 N. Main in San Angelo.

Jana Lee, a consultant with Creative Memories, will give a program and demonstration on scrapbooking, with special emphasis on heritage photographs.

The Beginning Genealogy class, taught by Bob Parks, will meet from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

classes are free. Those who wish to purchase printed teaching aides may do so for a \$5.00 fee. For more information call 949-2308.

CEUs offered in San Angelo

Any producers who have a pesticide applicators license can pick up 5 CEU's on February 21, 2000 at the Texas A&M Research and Extension Center. The course will start at 3:00 p.m. and conclude at 9:00 p.m. The CEU's will be as follows: 1 L&R, 1 IPM and 3 general. There will be a \$10 charge and a meal will be served.

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