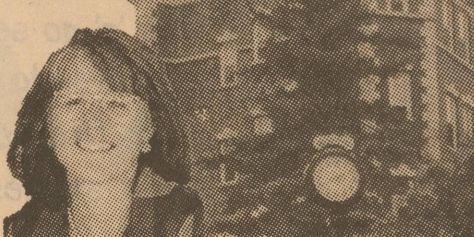


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For Your Information

Rodeo Queen Candidates

Five candidates will be vying for the title of Schleicher County Rodeo Queen this year. They are Nancy Cawley, Cory Williams, Whitney Edmiston, Britney Sellers and Chelsi Sellers. The young ladies will be out in the community in coming days, meeting people and selling lots of rodeo tickets.



Taxes Go On Summer Holiday

Just in time for back-to-school shopping, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced that many clothing and shoe purchases will be exempt from state, county and city school tax during the weekend of August 6, 7 and 8, 1999. The tax break is expected to save Texas consumers \$69.2 million in state sales tax and up to another \$15.5 million in city and county sales taxes over the next two years.

Not eligible for the tax break are clothing and footwear used primarily for athletic activities. Also ineligible are jewelry, watches and handbags.



On This Date

On this date in 1926 Babe Ruth caught a baseball dropped from an airplane flying 100 miles per hour at 250 and 250 above the ground. In 1933 aviator Wiley Post, completed the first around-the-world flight. He flew 15,596 miles in 7 days, 18 hours and 45 minutes. In 1934 FBI agents gunned down bank robber John Dillinger at the Biograph Theatre in Chicago. In 1975 the U.S. Congress restored the citizenship of Confederate General Robert E. Lee.

Birthdays of note include: 1890 Rose Kennedy; 1898 poet Stephen Vincent Benet; 1923 U.S. Senator Bob Dole; 1928 comedian Orson Bean; 1932 fashion designer Oscar De La Renta; 1940 game show host Alex Trebek; 1947 actor Danny Glover; 1947 singer and drummer Don Henley.



Texas Spaceport?

The Texas counties of Brazoria, Kenedy and Pecos have offered some of their wide open spaces for use as the nation's future spaceport. All three counties say they can meet NASA's requirements, including: 1) 8,000 acres with buffer zone; 2) Safe launch routes; 3) Clear landing approaches; 4) Limited competition for air space; 5) Moderate climate; 6) Stable geology; 7) Adequate infrastructure, including roads and utilities; 8) Available workforce; and 8) Quality of life for Spaceport workers.

Commissioners meet, discuss county's declining tax base

by J. Pat Ragsdale

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met in regular session on Monday, July 12 with Judge Johnny Griffin and Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark and Steve Minor in attendance. Commissioner Ross Whitten was absent.

Judge Griffin called the meeting to order at 9:25 a.m. at which time the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The commissioners then heard a request by County Clerk Peggy Williams for an expenditure of \$2,172.00 to be used to condense public records. Williams explained that the contents of six older, large books could be condensed into three of the smaller, new style books. Noting that funds had been

budgeted for the project, the commissioners voted unanimously to approve the request.

Next, County Treasurer Karen Henderson sought approval for the transfer of funds within the county's bookkeeping system. Judge Griffin then shared with the court a letter from the West Texas Rural County Association with which the county currently carries health and hospitalization insurance for its employees. The letter indicated that collectively, those counties participating had experienced claims amounting to 137 percent of premiums collected. According to the Judge, the program was originally planned for claims not to exceed 75 percent of premiums paid. The men took no action but the letter was reviewed and dis-

cussed at length. All present were aware that the report would probably result in a request for an increase in premiums from participants.

Chief Appraiser Ray Lewis Ballew submitted the Appraisal District's budget for review. Ballew reported that the budget called for an increase in the cost of the county's participation in the amount of approx. \$3,000.00. Appraised net value of assessed property in the county for 1999 was listed at \$161,882,418.00, down from the 1998 appraisal of \$176,986,142.00. It was explained that the decrease in valuation will lead to a shortfall of approximately \$115,000.00 county tax revenue.

Judge Griffin noted that Schleicher County taxes have increased an average of 1.3 percent per year over the past eighteen years. This increase was reported to be lower than that of all the surrounding counties except Irion.

Next, Commissioner Johnny Mayo expressed concern regarding the possible need to relocate power lines near the north end of the planned new runway at the airport. Judge Griffin explained that engineers from the Federal Aviation Administration had reviewed the situation and had determined that no problem exists. Griffin went on to state that a plane would have to be in a glide pattern that was too low in order to strike the power lines. Griffin explained that in such an event, the plane would crash short of the runway, anyway. He further stated that the only thing the county needed to do was to ensure the installation of red plastic balls attached to the high line to warn pilots of the hazard in the approach to the airport.

Concern was then expressed, and a lengthy discussion followed, concerning a situation that had

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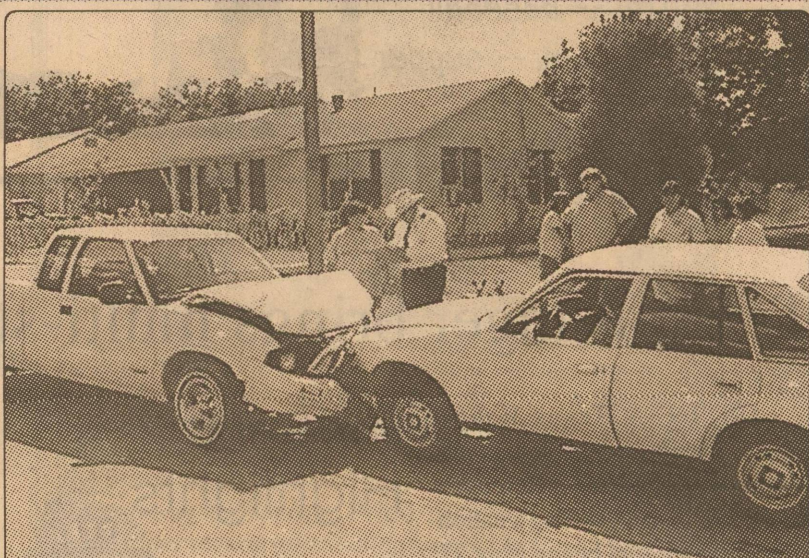


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Head-on crash — This collision happened on Thursday, July 8th on North Divide in Eldorado. The '86 Ford automobile driven by Linda Cumpian, 63, of Sonora slammed into a parked 1995 Chevrolet pickup owned by Lydia Perez of Eldorado. Cumpian was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated and released. She was cited for driving while license suspended, and having no liability insurance. Chief Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the accident, also learned that Cumpian was wanted on a Johnson County warrant for passing worthless checks.

School board opts not to fill vacant teaching post

Schleicher County ISD trustees met two times in last ten days, both times discussing a vacant teaching position in the elementary school. The vacancy occurred with the resignation of Shari Wink from her post as a Pre-Kindergarten teacher.

At the first meeting on Monday, July 12th, Supt. Hal Porter suggested to the board that the vacancy in Pre-K could be filled by reassigning a current elementary teacher. He pointed out that an additional teacher had been hired two years ago. In the last school year there were three teachers in each of the 1st, 3rd and 4th grades with four teachers in 2nd grade. The board took no action on the matter

at that time. However, in a called emergency meeting on Friday, July 16th the board again addressed the topic with discussion centering on two points: 1) the district's declining tax base and the resulting need to reduce expenses; and 2) the board's stated desire to focus teaching resources on the first two grade levels in order to ensure all students are reading "on grade level" by the third grade.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion by Ilse Williams, seconded by Steve Sessom, to direct Supt. Porter to fill the vacant position failed by on a 3-2 vote with trust-

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photo by Randy Mankin

Community Builder — Master of the Lodge Raymond Loomis presented Nancy Lester with the annual Community Builder Award on behalf of the Eldorado Masonic Lodge #890 at a ceremony in the Lodge last Monday evening.

Masons present Lester with Community Builder Award

Eldorado Masonic Lodge #890 presented its Community Builders Award to Nancy Lester on Monday evening, July 19th. The award is presented annually to a person or organization, not affiliated with the Lodge, to recognize exemplary effort and contribution to the community. Lester was selected as this year's recipient in recognition of her work with the youth in Schleicher County and Eldorado, work with the 4-H and her efforts in obtaining numerous 4-H college scholarships for local high school graduates.

During the same meeting, the Lodge installed new officers for

the coming year. Outgoing Master of the Lodge Raymond Loomis was replaced by the incoming Master of the Lodge Brian Edmiston. The Installing Officer was Miton Caviness of Sonora. Installing Marshall was Danny Crowder of Eldorado.

Other newly installed officers were: Sr. Warden David Smith, Jr. Warden Bob Bland, Treasurer Orval Edmiston, Secretary Bill Clark, Sr. Deacon John Mitchell, Jr. Deacon Alan Kuykendall, Chaplain Elton McGinnes, Sr. Steward Phil Edmiston, Jr. Steward Joe Dombroski, Tiler, Dean Williams,

Russian visitors due here next week

Prior to the upcoming national and local elections in Russia, the Library of Congress is sponsoring visits to the U.S. by 3,000 emerging Russian leaders. Three of these leaders are scheduled to visit Eldorado next week.

Olga Sandoviknova, chief editor of the independent TV station "Novokuibyshevskoye TV", Igor Borisovich Abakumov, editor of the newspaper "Krestyanskie Vedomosti" and Aleksander Molchun, a physician at the

Karelia Republic Skin and Venerology Dispenser will be joined by translator Vera Kondratieva for a 10-day visit to Eldorado.

Cherie Niblett, who will be hosting the visitors says they want to see for themselves how the free enterprise system and democracy actually work at the grassroot level.

The visitors will be touring several local businesses and making a trip to Austin where they are slated to meet Lt. Governor Rick Perry.

EHS class of '89 plans reunion

The graduating class of 1989 is planning their ten-year class reunion. Any of the 36 members, or friends or families thereof, are encouraged to contact Ashley (Johnson) Moore at 853-2489 or Stan Meador at 853-2688 (daytime). About half of the class is believed to reside in Eldorado, but that leaves the other half to be located. The whereabouts of any class member will greatly help in trying to contact everyone.

The reunion is scheduled for Saturday, August 14, 1999 to take place at 11:30 am on the courthouse lawn during Schleicher County Days. A canopy will be set up, and the class will get together for lunch that can be purchased from the food vendors present. Members are encouraged to bring their families and plan on spending the afternoon together. Additional gatherings can be planned from there.

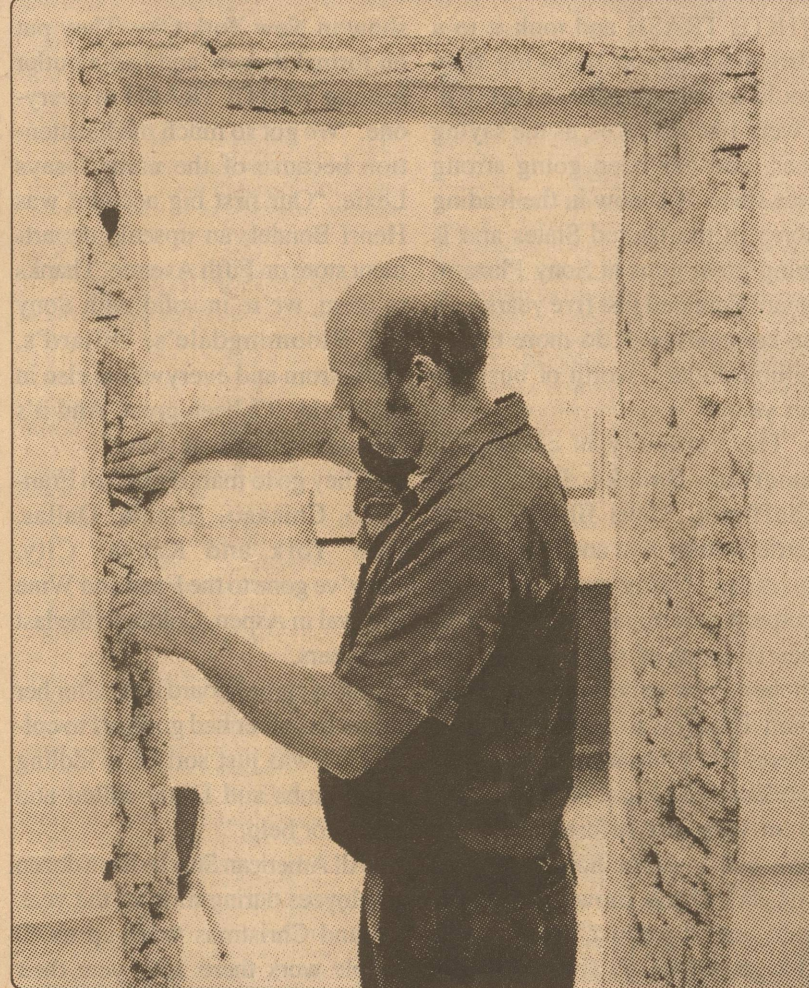


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Wider is better — County Jail inmate Joe Lee Luttrell examines the doorway into the County Clerks office after the old vault door was removed to make the office more accessible to wheelchair-bound citizens. County Commissioners had asked the inmates to carry out the work, however, once the vault door was removed it was discovered that at least a portion of the wall which was planned for destruction was solid, reinforced concrete. After some discussion as to whether the wall is "load bearing" further demolition was halted until Commissioners could discuss the project.

OBITUARIES

Otila Quintero Garcia

ELDORADO - Otila Quintero Garcia, 78, went to be with the Lord on Monday, July 12, 1999. Otila was born Sept. 24, 1920, to Casinero and Martina Quintero in Eldorado.

Rosary was Tuesday, July 13, at Kerbow Funeral Home. Services were held Wednesday, July 14, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery.

On July 14, 1935 she married Martin Garcia in Eldorado where they resided. Mrs. Garcia was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, Casimero Quintero Jr.; and one granddaughter, Josefa (Josie) Aguirre.

Mrs. Garcia was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and a past member of the "Guadalupe Society." Mrs. Garcia was a special wife, sister, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother, who will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Survivors include her husband, Martin Garcia of Eldorado; one daughter, Otila Fava of Christoval; granddaughter, Rachael Cuevas and husband, Mark, and great-

grandson, Timothy Cuevas, all of Eldorado; granddaughters, Sulema Riojas and husband, Javier, of Christoval and Christi Hollis of San Angelo; four grandsons, Philip Fava and wife, Sandy, David Fava, Roy Fava and Steve Fava and wife, Griselda, all of Christoval; three sisters, Josefa Martinez of Fresno, Calif., Beatrice Aguilar and Isabell Arispe, both of Eldorado; 13 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Joe Martinez of Fresno California, Luis Aguilar, Jimmy Aguilar, Johnny Arispe, all of Eldorado, Ventura Aguilar and Narcisco Garcia of San Angelo, Gilbert Aguirre of Christoval and Rick Basquez of Lubbock.

*When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never be afraid to die,
For I am waiting for you in the sky!
...En la arena he dejado mi barca junto
a Ti buscare otro mar.*



Mr. and Mrs. Adam Leroy Sallee

Sorrells/Sallee are wed

Miss Amanda Lee Sorrells, and Adam Leroy Sallee, were married June 10, 1999. The ceremony took place at the Hidden Valley Guest Ranch, in Dillon Montana.

Parents of the bride are David Sorrells, of San Angelo, Mrs. Ann Crosser of Dillon, Montana. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Sorrells of Abilene and June Mow of Lake Coleman.

Parents of the groom are the late Allan Sallee and Vidette Sallee Kennemer of Menard. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sallee of Eldorado and Mr. and

Mrs. Charles Brown of Fayetteville, Arkansas. Great grandmother Verda Crumley of Eldorado. The couple plans to make their home in Abilene.

Hillman honored by Baylor Univ.

Kathy Robinson Hillman of Waco, associate professor and acquisitions and collection development librarian, representing University Libraries was one of the seven instructors recognized as 1999 Baylor University Outstanding Faculty during the spring commencement ceremonies at the Ferrel Center.

The recipients were nominated by fellow faculty and deans of their respective academic units. A faculty committee then selected the nominees, who were presented to Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. Hillman received a \$2,500 award.

She is the daughter of Mary B. Robinson and the late T.P. Robinson.

It's A Girl!



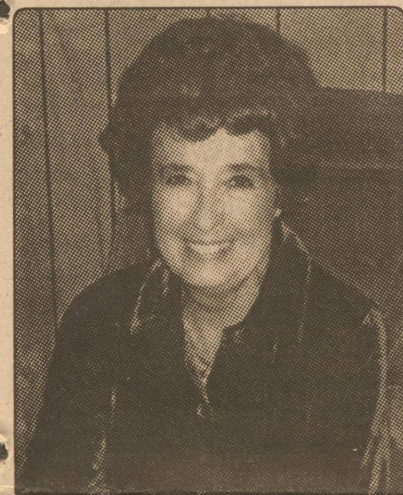
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New arrival — Ashley Anna Sullivan and her new sister, Whitney Dawn Sullivan

Ashley Anna Sullivan, age 3, is excited about the arrival of her new sister Whitney Dawn. Born at Shannon's Women's & Children Center on Wednesday, June 30, 1999 at 8:45 p.m., Whitney Dawn weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces and 18 3/4" in length.

Proud parents are Jim and Teresa Sullivan of Eldorado. Grandparents are Frank and Claryce Williams of Eldorado and S.C. and Mary Sullivan of Fort Stockton.

Janet Foote Johnson



EL PASO — Janet Foote Johnson, an El Paso resident since 1926, died suddenly July 2, 1999. She was born April 1, 1919 in New Orleans, Louisiana to Sara Baine Foote of Portage Wisconsin and Charles Henry Foote of Hannibal, Missouri, with her younger brother Charles Henry Foote III.

The family settled in El Paso in 1926. Janet attended El Paso High School and graduated from the College of Mines (UTEP) with a BA degree in English in 1941. She was employed by El Paso Natural Gas Co. where she met her husband of 55 years, John William (Jay) Johnson.

After many years as a mother devoted to her children and their activities, she returned to Texas Western College (UTEP) to earn a teaching certificate and began a 16 year teaching career at Del Norte Elementary School in Ysleta Independent School District. She completed her BSEd in 1974.

She was a remarkably talented and caring person who devoted her life to caring for her family and many friends. She was a member of El Paso Art Association; her

water colors, copper enamel pieces and sewing projects will be treasured by all who received them.

With her husband, she belonged to the Model T Club and the El Paso Horseless Carriage Club where she served as Sunshine Lady. Her carefully researched articles on period fashion and clever poems appeared in their newsletter.

She was an accomplished cook who gave generously her homemade bread, strudel and pies. She loved learning, traveling and was a prodigious reader. She was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution and of the Pro Cathedral Church of St. Clement.

She is survived by her husband John (Jay) Johnson and four children: Phyllis Day, Fred Johnson, Charlotte Steele and Robin Ringland; nine grandchildren: Jason Day, John P. Johnson, Ryan Day, David Johnson, Jeremy Steele, Marie Johnson, Sara Steele, Jessica Salcedo and Zachary Steele; daughter-in-law Carmen Johnson and sons-in-law Harold Steele and Jerome Ringland. Grand daughters-in-law are Katharine Day, Jeannie Steele, Laurie Johnson and Stacy Johnson. Great-granddaughter is Rebekah Day and Great Grandson is Jordan Johnson.

A service of Christian burial was held Saturday, July 10, 1999 at the Pro Cathedral Church of St. Clement. Pallbearers were her six grandsons: Jason, John, Ryan, David, Jeremy and Zachary.

She was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother and will be profoundly missed by all who knew her.

Memorials may be made to the library at UTEP, St. Clement's Endowment Fund or to a favorite charity.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, July 26

Ham w/Pineapple Rings, Corn, Macaroni & Cheese, Dinner Rolls, Peaches, Lemon Bars, Milk

Tuesday, July 27

Barbecue Chicken, Pinto Beans, Cornbread, Potato Salad, Apricot/Banana Medley, Milk

Wednesday, July 28

Roast Beef w/Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Dinner Rolls, Sliced Strawberries, Angel Food Cake, Milk

Thursday, July 29

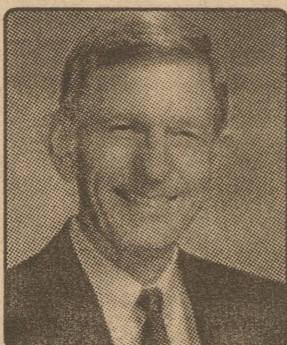
Frito Pie w/Cheese, Spinach, Wheat Bread, Tossed Salad w/Croutons & D. Cinnamon Applesauce, Milk

Friday, July 30

Tuna Stuffed Tomato, Carrot & Celery Sticks, Crackers, Fresh Fruit Cup, German Chocolate Cake, Milk

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Golf Club hosts Eddy Mae Kinser Memorial 4-Lady Tournament

by Mabel Freitag

Its a great feeling to have such wonderful ladies join us to make our Ladies Tournaments such a success. Our course was full with 13 teams, 52 ladies from Sonora, Mertzon, Bronte, Water Valley, San Angelo and Eldorado.

I know Eddy Mae was watching her niece and great nieces, Janie, Lacy, Summer and Ashley Finley when they started on #9 where she had made her hole-in-one.

In the Championship Flight the team of Becky York, Jane Archer, Melissa O'Harrow and Juanita McBride came in first with a score of 56. We had two teams with a score of 57 and was played off on the course. The team of Katie Campbell, Rose Doyle, Gidget Tate and Wannese Lykins came in 2nd and the team of Alice Gooch,

Leslie Gooch, Ken Saxton and Sandy Turner came in 3rd.

First flight, first place, Geneva McWhorter, Su Scott, Minnie Bailey and Mabel Freitag with a score of 63.

First flight, second place, Marilyn Whitten, Myrta Rathbone, Cathy Newman, and Pat Koeing with a score of 64.

First flight, third place, Ed Niblett, Jimmy Teel, Rhonda Teel and Nelva Martin with a score of 66.

Longest Drive on #3 won by Gidget Tate.

Closest to pin #1 won by Ashley Finley.

Closest to pin #2 was won by Boots Fulcher.

Closest to pin, second shot on #7 won by Katie Campbell.

Longest putt #8 by Geneva McWhorter.



photo by Kathy Mankin
"Belles" Girls Softball Team placed third in major division for the season. Front (L-R) Ashley Doran and Rachel Fuentes; Back (L-R) Coach Mickey Romero, Hope Fuentes, Jessica Robertson, Liza Sanchez, Sam Goinzalez, Brittany Meyers, Krystal Dominguez, Coach Sally Velasquez.



photo by Kathy Mankin
"Angels" Girls Softball Team placed fifth in minor division for the season. Front (L-R) Kassie Tyler, Heather Powell, April Porras, Brittany MacDonald; Back (L-R) Coach Sharon Spinks, Erika Conner, Brittani Romero, Anna Fuentes, Kirstin Stubbs, Bridgett Mitchell, Samantha Rodriguez and Coach Janie Mitchell.



courtesy photo
Winners — Lauren Brown (L) and the Jr. Reserve Champion buck and Courtney Brown (R) had the Champion doe at the Jr. National Boer Goat show held in Bay Springs, Mississippi on June 25th. Courtney also received the Jennifer Ann Sturm Memorial Hertsman Award in recognition of her dedication to the Boer Goat industry. The award is only 4 years old and was won previously by Kayla Kohls of Eldorado.

Local players win 7-on-7 football tournament

Eldorado hosted a round-robin style 7-on-7 football tournament on Saturday, June 17th and the hometown boys were undefeated in the field of five teams.

Playing for Eldorado were: Wesley Jones, John Ray Espinosa, Jason Brock, Cory Lloyd, Joey Bullard, Will Robledo, Casey Poynor, Lance Mitchel, Mitch Wilkerson and Rocky Robles.

Eldorado drew a bye in the 1st round of the tourney, then defeated Rankin 24-18 in the 2nd round. In the 3rd round, Eldorado defeated Ballinger 36-26 then upended Christoval 39-6 in the 4th round. In the 5th and final round, the Eldorado boys put their undefeated record on the line against Sonora and came away with a 42-15 victory to claim the championship.

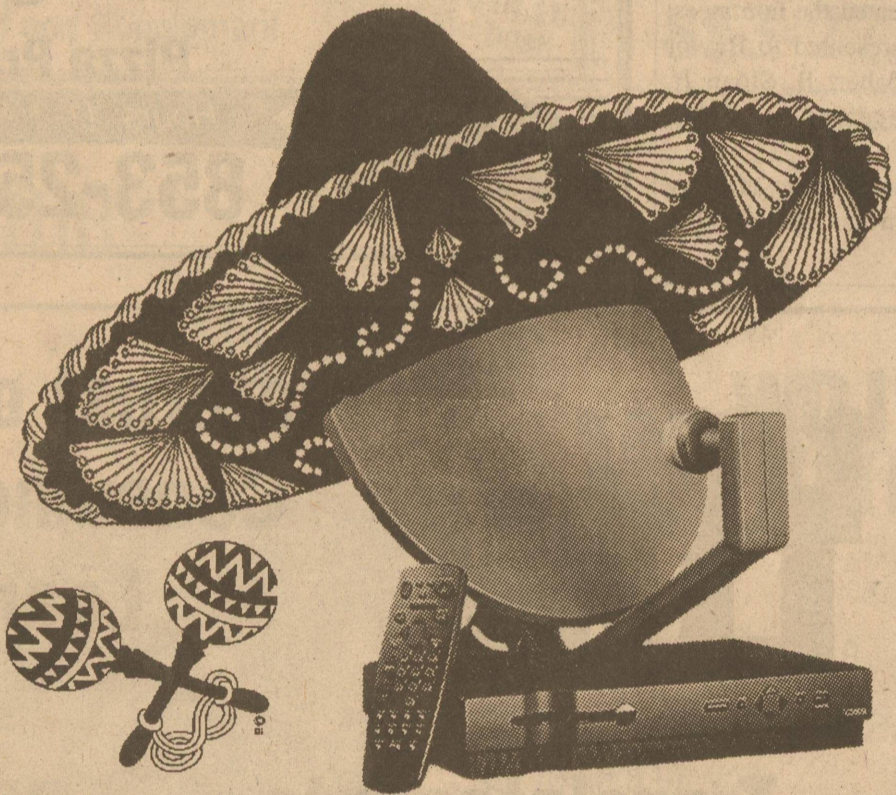
7-on-7 football is a "pass-tag" format of play which allows play-

ers to hone their passing, receiving and pass defense skills during the off season.

Complete scores were as follows and tournament standings were as follows:

- Round 1 — Ballinger 21 - Rankin 14; Sonora 22 - Christoval 18; Eldorado - bye
 - Round 2 — Ballinger 32 - Sonora 26; Eldorado 24 - Rankin 18; Christoval - bye
 - Round 3 — Eldorado 36 - Ballinger 26; Christoval 6 - Rankin 0; Sonora - bye
 - Round 4 — Eldorado 39 - Christoval 6; Rankin 20 - Sonora 14; Ballinger - bye
 - Round 5 — Eldorado 42 - Sonora 15; Ballinger 20 - Christoval 12; Rankin - bye
- Tournament Standings — Eldorado 4-0; Ballinger 3-1; Sonora 1-3; Christoval 1-3; Rankin 1-3

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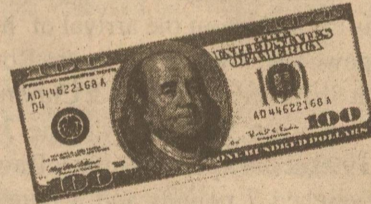
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2 Golfers tally Holes-in-One

Two golfers, Leroy Reeves and Robert Wills each scored a hole-in-one on the Eldorado Golf Course recently. Leroy Reeves aced the 2nd hole with a 9 iron. His shot was witnessed by Gus Hinojosa and Charlie Bradley. Robert Wills' shot was on the 6th hole with a 7 iron. His hole-in-one was witnessed by Joany Wills and Jim Nance.

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- 23rd Bertha Luz, Coty Tidwell, Corinna Belman, Pam Engdahl
- Blakeny
- 24th Sheila Prater, Derek Engdahl, Samantha Santellano
- 25th Sharon Fitts, Thomas Martinez, Ima Jean Bruce, Kaleb Murr, Colby Niblett, Penny Bland, Jessica Freeman, Fernando Cardenas, Candace Engdahl
- 26th Johnny Powell, Helen Fay, Susie Richters, Rosa A. Martinez, Bill Samuels,
- 27th Adam Dominguez, Drew Graham, Gina Muela, Rebecca Graham, Dora Lynn Fay, Adam Dominguez, Mark Daniel Garcia, Theresa Beach, Bobby Adame
- 28th Seth Taylor, Charlene Harris, Courtney Sauer, Damien Beach, Tommy Hunley, Elton McGinness, Mary Jenkins, Charlene Harris, Walter Wagner

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Extended year program expands horizons of EMS students

by Glenda Nix

Twenty one fifth through eighth grade students successfully completed the extended year program offered by Eldorado Middle School. This year the program's theme was environmental awareness with an emphasis on real life experiences. Native plants, native wildlife, and the responsible use of water offered many areas of investigation.

Students were given academic instruction in the classroom, focusing on vocabulary and reading and then given the opportunity to apply this learning with first hand experiences. The following are the field trips and experiences in which the students participated:

1. Students investigated the aquatic plant and animal life in the South Concho River with the help of Steve Nelle, a San Angelo biologist;

2. Students experienced scuba diving with the help of J.D. Doyle, a licensed scuba instructor;

3. Water safety with Kayla McCravey;

4. X-Bar Ranch - Stan Meador and Chris Meador allowed students to see a working ranch, sheep pens, working sheep dogs and saddle horses;

5. Carrol Green of the ASCS office taught the students about soil conservation and to recognize many native plants;

6. A trip to Native Ornamental Plants in Mertzon;

7. An instructional tour of Eldorado's Water Treatment Plant with Floyd Fay;

8. Students learned the parts of a rode and reel, learn to cast, and then applied their learning on a fishing trip to Lake Nasworthy.

9. Cindy Cawley and Virgil Polocek taught the students about flood control and responsible use of water. Students visited a flood control dam, measured the depth of a water well, collected and tested water in a lab, viewed a model of water wells, and the effect of polluted water;

10. Students painted and learned to pot plants (plants donated by San Angelo Nursery);

11. After lessons on manners and table etiquette, students experienced a buffet at San Angelo Chinese restaurant.

12. A tour of Angelo State University.

In addition, students read the novel, *Midnight Fox*, learned to play Scrabble, Dominos, Checkers, read the newspaper, worked on computer skills and TAAS skills with an end of course mastery test.

Teachers teaching this summer session were: Christy Meador, Glenda Nix, Delia Herrera and Angela Ballew.

Students participating were: Ram Buitron, Melinda Hernandez, Latosha Bailey, Stacey Ferguson, Krystal Dominquez, Mary Ann Moreno, Sandra Guzman,

Armando Moreno, Tony Vasquez, Luis Marquez, Norberto Moya, Blanca Huichapa, Edward Martinez, Lupe Huichapa, Marcelo Romo, Juanita Huichapa, Tony Garcia, Alvaro Moya, Stephen Arispe, J.R. Arispe, Anna McCann.

The teachers extend their appreciation to Oscar Martinez for having the bus ready and waiting; Margaret Gutierrez for refreshments; to all of the guest instructors, businesses, and services for providing the learning experiences; to Glen Nix for gathering and transporting equipment; to Ross Whitten, William Edmiston, Bob Wanoreck, and Jerry Edmiston for lending their rods and reels; and to the parents for allowing their children to participate in this program.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Prepared for anything — Ram Buitron learned how to make his own flotation device with a pair of blue jeans during a water safety instruction at the Eldorado Swimming Pool. Ram removed the jeans while in the water, tied the ends of the legs and inflated them to create a makeshift life vest.

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Charlotte Steele to attend Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y.

by Randy Mankin

Ask any of her customers and they will tell you...Charlotte Steele can really cook. For nearly 9 years she has operated the Bluebonnet Cafe and Catering Service in Eldorado. Before that, she was in the catering business in Marfa for 12 years. But now, Charlotte has closed her business and is going back to school to pursue an Associate of Occupational Studies (AOS) degree in Culinary Arts. In other words, she's studying to become a chef.

Charlotte was accepted recently to the Culinary Institute of America (CIA) in Hyde Park, New York, the country's foremost school of gourmet cuisine. She and her husband, Harold, have purchased a home in Hyde Park, just 5-minutes from the school and they are currently in the process of moving their household.

Charlotte said one big difference between Hyde Park and Eldorado was quickly apparent... the price of real estate. "Harold said we bought half the house for twice the money," she explained. "It's a big leap of faith for us," Charlotte explained.

Charlotte's class, totaling 72 culinary students, will be one of 16 classes which enter the institute this year. The campus, located on the banks of the Hudson River, 90 miles north of New York City, is housed in the former Jesuit Monastery, St. Andrews on the Hudson.

"It's just beautiful there," Charlotte explained.

She first visited the campus 5 years ago when she and her son, Jeremy, traveled to New York to visit Cornell University Law School.

"I had dreamed of attending the institute for years," Charlotte said. "But when I visited there five years ago, I knew that someday I had to study there."

Charlotte and her husband, Harold, had agreed to wait until their three children were through high school. That happened last year when their youngest son, Zach, graduated from Eldorado High

School. Harold Steele, resigned his position on the faculty at Eldorado High School effective at the end of the Spring semester. Since that time he has been working toward obtaining a license to teach in New York and applying for various teaching positions in the Hyde Park vicinity.

"Harold has been just great about this," Charlotte explained. "I know a lot of men wouldn't have been this supportive."

Charlotte opened the Bluebonnet Cafe and Catering Service in 1991 in a rock house on Bluebonnet Drive in the Glendale addition. Since that time, Harold has renovated the interior of the house. During the years that followed, Charlotte has served countless meals and hosted numerous parties, receptions and various other gatherings.

"It was difficult to close down the Bluebonnet," Charlotte said. "We've gotten to know so many people... I'm going to miss it very much."

Charlotte expressed her appreciation to her friends and neighbors who have been her customers through the years. "I am thankful to the people of Eldorado who have been faithful supporters. They have always been open to trying new dishes. That allowed me to try many new things," Charlotte said.

Charlotte noted that much of the restaurant fare in West Texas consists of fried foods. "I am grateful that I could serve dishes which you don't normally find in most restaurants," she stated. "It's been very re-

warding."

Charlotte says she has received lots of calls through the years asking how to prepare gourmet meals. "Lots of people have the idea that I know more than I really do," she said. "Many times I would have to tell them that I simply didn't know."

Charlotte says she is excited about starting her studies. "Yes, it's exciting, but it's humbling at the same time," she said. "I know that I'm fixing to spend a lot of money to find out just how much I don't know."

Charlotte will complete her course of study in 2 years. After that, she has no definite plans. "I can see myself as the head chef in a restaurant, or working for the Food Network," Charlotte said. "I've always enjoyed writing, maybe I could be a food critic. In two years I will have a better idea what I want to do with that degree."

The Steeles will be in Eldorado until next Tuesday. That's when they, and all their worldly possessions, will leave town in a rental truck. Behind them will be friends, family and a business they loved. Before them will lay a new chapter of their lives.

"I've always dreamed of this," Charlotte Steele said of the decision to move to New York. "The hard part will be saying goodbye to all of our friends."

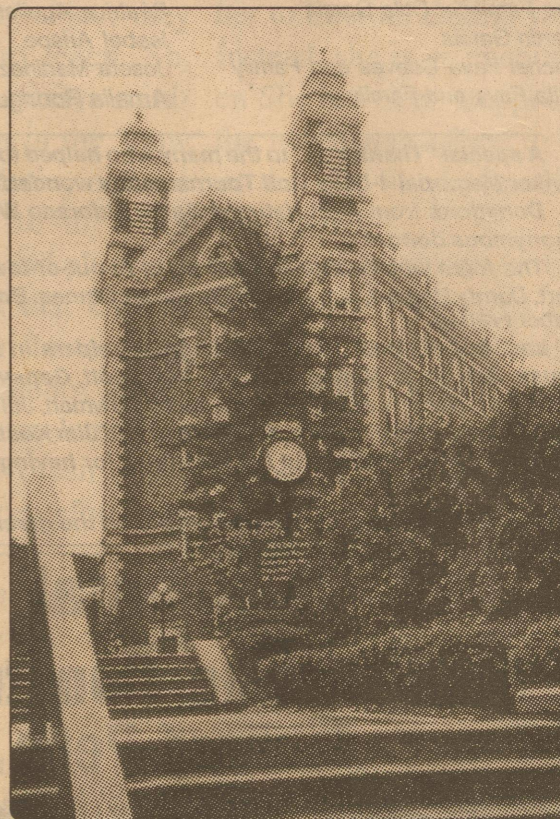
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It's a long, long way from the Bluebonnet Cafe in Eldorado (L) to the world renowned Culinary Institute of America (below) in Hyde Park, New York. But that's exactly where Charlotte Steele is going in pursuit of her dream of becoming a chef. Charlotte is enrolled in the Institute in where she will begin classes this Fall. The course of study will take 2-years to complete. Charlotte and her husband, Harold Steele (below left) have lived in Eldorado since 1990.

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