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 the year that was
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For Your Information

A Century of Weather

According to the U.S. Weather Service the top U.S. weather/ climate events of the century include: Galveston Hurricane, 1900; Tri-state Tornado, 1925; The Great Okeechobee Hurricane & Flood, 1928; Dust Bowl, 1930s; Florida Keys Hurricane, 1935; New England Hurricane, 1938; The Storm of the Century, 1950; Hurricane Camille, 1969; Super Tornado Outbreak, 1974; New England Blizzard, 1978; El Nino Episodes, 1982-83; Hurricane Andrew, 1992; The Great Midwest Flood, 1993; Superstorm, 1993; El Nino Episodes, 1997-98; Okla./Kan. Tornado Outbreak, 1999.

On This Date

On this date in 1853 the southern border of the United States was established when James Gadsden, the U.S. minister to Mexico, and General Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna, the president of Mexico, signed the Gadsden Purchase Treaty in Mexico City. In 1922 the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (U.S.S.R.) was established, comprising a confederation of Russia, Byelorussia, the Ukraine, and the Transcaucasian Federation. Also known as the Soviet Union, the new republic was the successor to the Russian Empire and the first state in the world to be based on Marxist communism.

Birthdays of note include: 1865 novelist Rudyard Kipling; 1873 former governor of New York Al Smith; 1914 radio/TV host Bert Parks; 1928 singer Bo Diddley; 1935 baseball Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax; 1939 singer Del Shannon; 1941 former Dallas Cowboy; 1957 news anchor Matt Lauer.

The Face of Texas in 2020

While Texans aged 25-44 will continue to make up the largest portion of the state's population from 2000 to 2020, the number of Texans age 65 and older will grow 81 percent over the next twenty years.

There will also be more Texans overall in 2020. The population is predicted to grow by 36 percent over the next 20 years, reaching 28 million two decades into the new millennium.

By then, most of the state's population will be in its urban crescent covering Dallas, San Antonio, Austin and Houston; the Hill Country, because of growth in the retiree population; and the porters, particularly Laredo to Brownsville, because of birth rates, immigration and economic development.

Source: Fiscal Notes published monthly by Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander

Hospital board holds final meeting of the year

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees held its final meeting of 1999 on Monday evening, December 27. Present for the meeting were board members Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska.

After reviewing and approving the minutes of two previous meetings, the board looked over the district's financial reports. Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor explained that revenue from private pay nursing home residents had increased substantially since new rates were implemented recently. She further noted that hospital revenue had also increased in several categories including inpatient room and board, and ancillary services. Minor attributed the increase to the fact that Dr. Sloan is utilizing the hospital more than previous physicians.

One concern expressed by the board was the amount of outstanding debt the hospital has been unable to collect. In the first 11 months of 1999 that debt totaled \$76,720.30. Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that an increased emphasis would be placed on collecting "bad debt" in the coming months. Before approving the financial reports the board discussed strategies for handling some of the district's certificates of deposit which will be maturing in coming months.

Fagan-Cook then told the board that work is progressing on "Phase III" of the asbestos abatement program at the hospital. She said that the business office had been moved into a suite of offices in the clinic and explained that she is

considering leaving the offices there once the work is completed. That would allow the current business office to be used as a board meeting and conference room.

Fagan-Cook also informed the board that a survey of the hospital is slated for next month which will determine if the facility will be accepted into the "Critical Access" program. She noted that the hospital was ready for the survey and expressed optimism that hospital's application would be approved.

In new business, the board re-appointed Dr. Rico Forlano to medical staff and adopted a medical staff bylaw amendment necessary to satisfy requirements of the Critical Access program.

Additionally, changes in transfer policy and procedures and the "Swing Bed" policy and procedures were approved. Those changes were also consistent with requirements of the Critical Access program. Under the Critical Access program, Schleicher County Medical Center would be reimbursed for Medicare expenses at a much higher rate. However, stays in the facility will be limited to 96 hours. At that time a transfer to another facility, or into the Swing Bed program must be made.

Discussion then turned to the possibility of hiring a management firm to take over administration of the hospital and a proposed contract with Preferred Management Corporation of Shawnee, Oklahoma was reviewed. Under the proposal SCMC would pay Preferred Management \$180,000.00 per year. In return, the company would furnish a hospital administration. *CONTINUED ON PAGE 3*

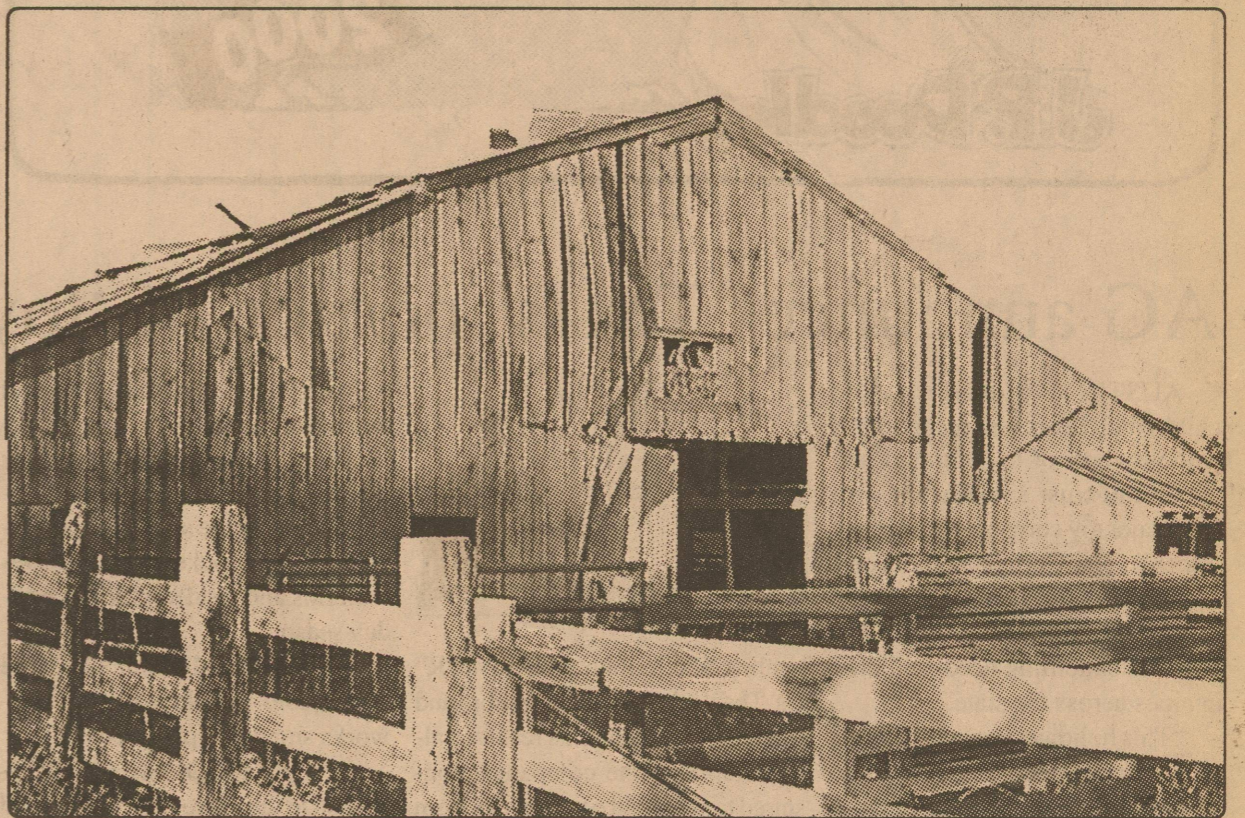


photo by Kathy Mankin

Passing of a landmark — This barn, built 8-miles west of Eldorado in 1927 by Ira McDonald, and long believed to be the largest barn in Schleicher County, is being torn down to preserve the lumber. McDonald moved to the county in 1907. By 1915 other farmers had moved into the area. Over the next few years, McDonald built a cotton gin, a general store and a "filling station" near where the barn is currently located. McDonald married Myra Myrtle Spencer. Their daughter, Etta Ruth Dannheim still lives on the property.

Commissioners end year with called meeting

by Kathy Mankin

Schleicher County Commissioners met Thursday, December 23, 1999 in a called meeting. Present were Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Steve Minor, Ross Whitten and County Judge Johnny Griffin.

Eddie Albin representing the Rodeo Club was present to discuss a bill in the amount of \$98.07 from the City of Eldorado for water and garbage at the Rodeo arena. Albin explained to the commissioners that club only used the arena once

a year and did not feel the bill should be paid by the club. After discussing the matter, the men voted unanimously for the county to pay the bill.

Treasurer Karen Henderson then presented the commissioners with money transfers as follows: \$137,215.42 from the General Fund checking account for operating expenses; \$35,584.58 from the Farm-to-Market money market account to the Farm-to-Market checking account for operating expenses; \$2,200 from the Airport money market account to the Airport checking account for operating expenses; \$2,835.64 from the General Fund checking account to the Farm-to-Market

checking account to reimburse for fuel used by Sheriff's Department; \$727.87 from the General Fund checking account to the Farm-to-Market checking account to reimburse for fuel used by Fire Department; and \$73.17 from the General Fund checking account to the Farm-to-Market checking account for fuel used by the Golf Club.

A motion to pay all bills was offered by Johnny Mayo and seconded by Steve Minor. The motion passed unanimously.

Before adjourning the men discussed the county's liability and health insurance. Judge Griffin reported that Menard County had dropped out of the West Texas Rural Counties Association's insurance pool.

Lamar Smith seeks reelection

Congressman Lamar Smith will seek reelection. Lamar Smith filed with the Secretary of State to have his name placed on the March, 2000, Republican primary election ballot.

In recent elections, Smith has received the most votes or the largest winning-margin percentage among Texas' 30 members of Congress with major party opposition.

"There is more to do before we achieve our goal of real reform of our government," Smith said.

"Citizens continue to want to restore common sense values to their government. They want a government that works and serves them. Government should be responsive and effective."

"Our government must keep its commitments to all its citizens," Smith said. "Supporting the efforts of local citizens to achieve their goals is one of my great privileges."

This year Smith played key roles in a number of areas:

- building bipartisan support in Congress for a record increase in funding for veterans' health care,
- working with local officials to obtain a federal assistance of-

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Fuessel announces as candidate for Commissioner in Precinct 1

I, Ricky Fuessel, hereby announce my candidacy for Schleicher County Commissioner, Precinct 1, pursuant to the March 14, 2000 Republican Primary.

Jan and I moved to Schleicher County from Wall in 1973. We raised two daughters here, both having graduated from Eldorado High School. Whitney is now an architect and Lindsay will graduate from the University of North Texas in May.

I have lived most of my life in Precinct 1 and have farmed and ranched in Schleicher County for 27 years. In that time I have come to know and understand the concerns of Schleicher County citizens.

I have served on the board of trustees of the Schleicher County Hospital District from 1992 until present and have been board president since 1995. The hospital has faced many changes and challenges through the years. Serving on the hospital board has given me a great respect for our community, its citizens and their needs.

I would now like to further serve the community as Commis-



photo by Kathy Mankin
 Ricky Fuessel

sioner in Precinct 1. If elected, I will do my utmost to insure good government and will work hard to see that it is fair to all the citizens of Schleicher County.

I will try to visit with each citizen of Precinct 1 in the coming weeks and look forward to upcoming campaign.

Thank you for your support and consideration

Sincerely,
 Ricky Fuessel

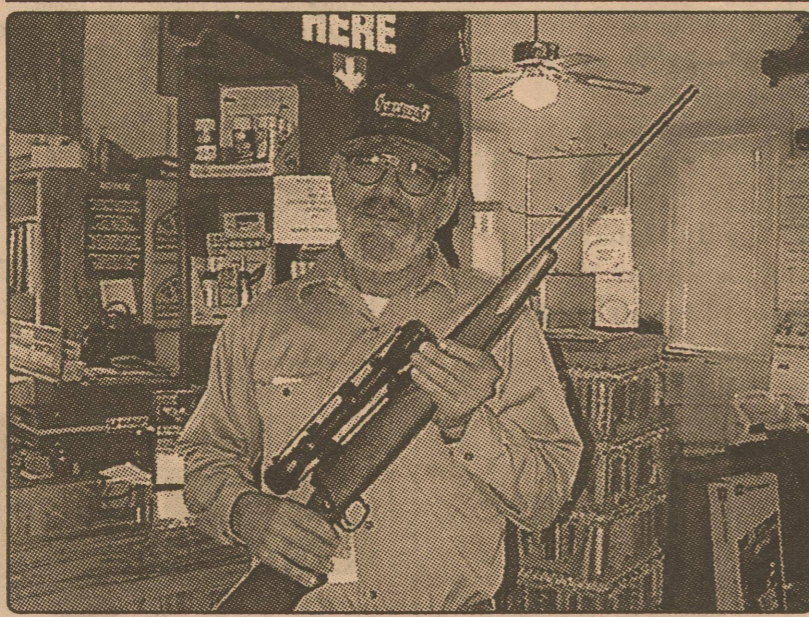


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Big winner — Charles Pfluger of Eldorado shows off the 25-06 deer rifle and scope he won recently in a raffle sponsored by the Bev. McCormick American Legion Post 257.

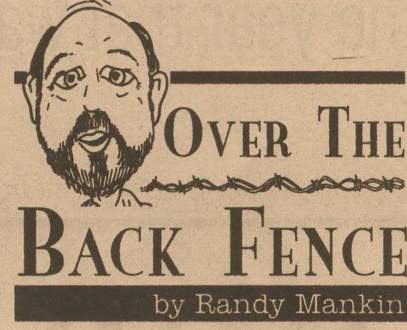
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You want to know the name of the next decade? Who do I look like, Einstein?



OVER THE
BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

I was born in the fifties, grew up in the sixties, got married in the seventies, started a family in the eighties and bought a newspaper in the nineties. And...I never really thought about it until now, but each of those decades were easily identified with a single word. So, now my question is, what will be the name of the decade that starts on Saturday?

Surely nobody will ever want to hear the phrase Y2K again. So, that means we will have to come up with another name.

We can't call it the "twenties," since there are plenty of people left who remember the 1920s. That would be too way confusing. Plus, the 2020s are just a few

short years down the road.

And, I doubt very much it will be called the "two thousands." That name is just too cumbersome.

Neither does the term "zero" seem very attractive. I can't imagine anyone claiming to have been born in the "zeros."

It seems likely to me that we will call the decade by the name most commonly used for each of the years. For example, will the average person refer to the year 2007 as "two thousand seven," or will it be called "two thousand and seven?" I figure "twenty oh seven" will be the more likely.

That's pretty much the terminology used the last time anyone faced this question. There was "nineteen oh three" and "nineteen oh four."

My great-grandmother used the word "aught" when referring to those years. She was a young girl in "nineteen aught two." I thought it sounded old-fashioned when she spoke that way but I never stopped to think what else

she could have called those years.

I read this week that Time Magazine had named Albert Einstein as its Man of the Century. One writer even called him the smartest man that ever lived. I doubt that very much...I seem to recall something about a king named Solomon.

Anyway, it started me thinking, if Einstein was smart enough to dream up the Theory of Relativity, surely he would have known what to call the coming decade.

So, I got on the internet and did a little research. Sure enough, in a speech given shortly before his death Einstein predicted that, if world leaders could manage not to vaporize the human race with nuclear weapons (a point that was very much in question at that time), then he thought nuclear energy would be very beneficial. He predicted its widespread use by the year "two thousand five."

Hmmm, not even tiny little word like "and" or "oh" for the decade. If that's right then there may not be a name for the approaching decade either. Nothing at all. Zip. Nada.

Wait a minute! How's that for an idea? We could call the decade the "Nadas." As for the few folks who won't like it...hey, blame it all on Einstein.

AG announces Texas' portion of 'toy' settlement

AUSTIN — Underprivileged children in Texas will receive \$2.8 million worth of toys through national anti-trust settlements with four major toy companies, Attorney General John Cornyn announced.

The toys are being distributed by the U.S. Marines Toys for Tots program benefiting needy children in cities across the state.

"This holiday season thousands of underprivileged Texas children will receive toys as a result of these settlements. My office will continue to enforce the law for companies who seek to get around the rules of the marketplace," said Cornyn.

"I want to applaud the Marines who are helping distribute these toys. I hope our efforts will bring additional cheer this year."

The distribution of toys resulted from national anti-trust settlements

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

totaling \$56 million with Toys "R" Us, The Little Tykes Co., Hasbro and Mattel. The settlements resolved allegations that the companies conspired to withhold popular toys from low-margin warehouse clubs and forced the manufacturers to sell the toys in multi-toy packaging.

These practices ensured that consumers could not easily compare the retail prices charged by the clubs to those charged by Toys "R" Us.

State Limits Fireworks Sales

Sales of fireworks (legal only twice a year in Texas) began Dec. 20 and will end Jan. 1 at midnight.

Fireworks can be sold for two

weeks before Independence Day and two weeks before New Year's Day.

Dec. 15 was the deadline for county commissioners to implement a ban on the sale of aerial fireworks (stick rockets and missiles with fins and rudders) for this holiday season.

State Fire Marshal G. Mike Davis said people who use fireworks should be prepared.

"People should pay special attention to the prevention of fires and be ready to take quick action to douse a fire if one does ignite," Davis said.

Each holiday season emergency rooms receive people with face, eye and hand injuries from improper use of fireworks.

The State Fire Marshal's Office recommends that Texans choose a public fireworks display operating under a state permit as a much safer alternative to the private use of fireworks.

1st Online Auction Succeeds

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander declared the state's first online auction of unclaimed property a success.

She said the Dec. 10 through Dec. 16 sale of jewelry and collectibles from abandoned safe deposit boxes attracted worldwide bidders.

The 81 auction items sold for \$12,265. Their appraised value was just under \$10,000. The state paid about \$282 to sell the items online, using the online auction web sites eBay, Yahoo, and Amazon.com.

AG Halts 'Payday Lending'

Attorney General Cornyn announced the filing of a permanent injunction and compromise settl

ment with lender Cash Today.

Under the settlement, the company, which owns operations throughout the state, will pay \$1 million in restitution to Texas consumers and end its loan business known as "deferred deposit" or "payday lending." Payday loans are short-term loans made by unlicensed lenders for up to several hundred dollars at extremely high interest rates, ranging from 650 percent to over 1000 percent annually.

Texas law prohibits businesses without a license from loaning money to consumers at an interest rate higher than 10 percent.

DPS Issues Travel Caution

As many as 62 lives could be lost in traffic accidents over the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends, the Texas Department of Public Safety said.

Extra DPS units will be patrolling the Texas highways over the holidays, keeping a special lookout for speeders and drunken drivers.

Thirty-three people died in traffic accidents during the 1998 Christmas reporting period and 35 deaths were recorded over last New Year's.

Other Highlights

• Gov. George W. Bush officially filed Dec. 17 as a candidate in the Republican presidential primary in Texas set for March 14.

• The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission approved a set of proposals calling for "deep emissions reductions" to improve air quality in the state's major metropolitan areas. A public comment period for the proposed plans ends Feb. 1.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Christmas Letters

Every year's end we get long notes from our out of town friends we don't see too much of anymore. Usually they tell about achievements, babies, illnesses, trips and all kinds of family news. Some are funnier than others.

We love to hear from Jo Bird who lives in the country near Rockdale. "I set out again to lose weight and Jack wanted to grow facial hair. Both goals were accomplished. He weighs 15 pounds less and I laid in a supply of facial hair.

"Jack has given up on exercising. He goes to the mailbox in the truck. No more tricycling down there. He no longer sits 8 or 10 hours in the 'get up and down yourself' chair. He goes straight to the hydraulic job which gets him up and down at the touch of a button.

"He's intimately involved with Superman and Lois re-runs and has threatened to leave home if I don't program the VCR to operate by remote. I'm presently testing that threat.

"I've become a computer junkie. Spend long hours at it. Maybe too much time. My first clue: my housemate drove down, got the mail, brought back a letter addressed to me marked urgent. It was from him. Said he hadn't seen me in a good while and hoped I was alright.

"In the country, no amount of communication equipment convinces citizens to call before they drop in. Anybody is fair game. You drive up out here on me without warning and I'm likely to come to the door in my woolly socks and Big Bird T-shirt. No makeup, no personality, no hairdo. I've had

them jump back and say 'Jo, is that you?' Who did they expect? Liz Taylor?

"A neighbor's cat wandered onto our property, noticed I thoroughly detested it and promptly took up residence at our place. She had two litters of kittens before I found out she wasn't spayed and could deliver a batch of cats every few weeks. I can't be expected to know the habits and gestation periods of all the livestock I encounter out here in the country.

"I called the neighbor, told her she was the mother of ten cats and asked where she wanted them dumped. The neighbor seemed hurt and said she couldn't take responsibility for a cat suffering major stress from rejection by its chosen human.

"We sold all the extra beds, cleaned, painted and closed the kitchen in an attempt to avoid high grocery bills and the specter of life under a bridge if expenses didn't abate. We intend to keep up appearances, but with all we are expected to know about septic tanks, drop-ins, bush-hogs, good ole boys and avoiding road kill, we are hard pressed to manage. I can't get used to holding up my gown to keep it from dragging the floor, possibly having a scorpion hitch a ride and looking to pop me. My housemate goes blithely along, taking it all in stride while I attend stress management classes and have a one gallon Prozac dispenser.

"Send letters! I need the diversion and Jack needs the exercise of getting up and walking to the truck and driving to the mailbox!"

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- 5 Egg cell
- 8 With 1A this week's local celebrity
- 13 Take on color
- 14 A twisting squeeze
- 16 Narcotics agent
- 17 Misprints
- 19 Come into the possession of
- 21 Equals
- 22 Take a breath
- 23 Monster
- 24 Land of a thousand lakes (abbr.)
- 27 Copycat
- 29 Ticket remnant
- 32 Additional
- 33 Mends
- 35 Comportment
- 36 Greenish blue
- 37 Weedy vetches grown for forage
- 39 Take over
- 40 Flexible part of a whip
- 41 Island wreaths
- 44 Radiation lying in the ultraviolet range (abbr.)
- 46 Durable yellowish-brown hardwood
- 48 Begin a business
- 51 Syllable naming the

DOWN

- 1 Arab chief
- 2 Belonging to us
- 3 Celtic sea god
- 4 Owned by a UN agency
- 5 Alternatively
- 6 By way of
- 7 Indefinite article sometimes used before "h"
- 9 Erstwhile
- 10 Jolt
- 11 Starch obtained from cuckoo-pit root
- 12 Panorama
- 14 Indicates a happy dog
- 15 Joke
- 18 Jewelled headdress
- 20 Collision
- 25 Wingless
- 26 Husband of this week's local celebrity
- 27 Arrayed along the pivot point
- 28 White-tailed sea eagles
- 30 Badger
- 31 Glazes over
- 32 Title held by this week's local celebrity
- 34 Exhaust as strength
- 38 Luster
- 39 Lesion of skin or internal mucous surface
- 42 Daughter of this week's local celebrity
- 43 Temporary police force
- 45 Hindu's sacred writing
- 46 Short-necked dabbling river duck
- 47 Applied science associate degree
- 49 For each
- 50 Less than average tide occurring at the first and third quarters of the moon
- 51 Asterisk
- 53 Lower limb
- 54 Precious stone
- 56 Keyboard or command line interface for short
- 59 You and I
- 60 To the same degree

LOCAL CELEBRITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This week's solution on Page 6

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OBITUARIES

Bill Cornett

SAN ANGELO — Naymon "Bill" Quint Cornett, 67, of San Angelo died Friday, Dec. 24, 1999, in a local hospital.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Dec. 26, in Sherwood Cemetery with the Rev. Howard Jernigan pastor of Primitive Baptist Church of Brady, officiating. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Mr. Cornett was born March 25, 1932, in O'Donnell to Jessie and Eva Cornett. He was a well known oilfield supply salesman in West Texas for many years, living in McCamey and Mertz. Bill was an Air Force veteran and a former deacon of Primitive Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Fay

Cornett of San Angelo; sons, Tim Cornett and wife, Karan, of Coahoma, Mike Cornett and wife, Pam, of McCamey; a stepson, Scott Brents and a stepdaughter, Misty Gonzalez, both of Odessa; brothers, Paul and wife, Barbara, of San Angelo, A.B. and wife, Virginia, and Nolan and wife, Carol, all of Brownfield, and Wayne and wife, Bea, of Greenwood; sisters, Sylvia Pruitt of Lamesa and Doris Ledbetter and husband, C.W., of Eldorado; grandchildren, Brandi, Laci, Chelsea and Garret Cornett, Justin and Stacy Gonzalez and Shelby Brents; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to the West Texas Boys Ranch or the Sherwood Cemetery.

Lorna Ellis

MENARD — Lorna J. Ellis, 89, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 1999, in Menard. Services were held Dec. 23, 1999 in Heritage Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Eden Cemetery in Eden.

She was born May 19, 1910, in Eldorado. She was a farmer.

Survivors include a daughter, Wanda Ellis of Menard; a great-grandson; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Hospital Board meeting held

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trator and oversee over day to day operations of the facility.

Board members Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Randy Mankin questioned the need to hire an outside company to run the hospital, asking Fagan-Cook if she thought such a move was necessary.

To that Fagan-Cook replied that almost daily oversight by "someone familiar with Critical Access" would be necessary to insure that SCMC received full benefit from the program. She further explained that under the Critical Access program, as much as 75 percent of the cost of the contract would be reimbursed by Medicare. Fagan-Cook also emphasized the value of "mini-cost reports" which Preferred Management would com-

plete periodically to make sure program was working well.

Tom Enochs requested more information concerning insurance requirements in the proposed contract and Randy Mankin asked that the district's auditors be contacted to see if they could prepare the mini-cost reports. At that point, Tom Enochs offered a motion to table further discussion of the matter which passed unanimously.

In other business the board voted to renew a contract with Inca Fire Alarm for routine maintenance of the facilities alarms. They also reviewed and approved payment of several bills relating to the asbestos abatement program. Before adjourning, the board okayed payment of dues to the Texas Organization of Rural and Community Hospitals.

Buitron graduates from Tech

Jose Alberto "Albert" Buitron received a Bachelor of Science degree in Horticultural from Texas Tech University's College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources on December 19, 1999. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Family Studies from the College of Human Sciences on August 14, 1999 also from Texas Tech University.

Buitron plans to attend Texas A & M University in the fall of 2000 where he will pursue a masters degree in Horticultural Therapy.

Family members attending the graduation ceremony was his mother Juanita and aunt Mary Spears.

Buitron currently lives in Lubbock and is employed at Canyon Lakes Residential Treatment Center where he counsels and guides children and adolescents. Albert graduated from Eldorado High School in 1980.

Buitron would like to gratefully acknowledge some special friends



photo by Kathy Mankin
Albert Buitron

who have encouraged him through out the years. Bob and Pat Sykes for sharing their love of horticulture and providing him with priceless hands on gardening experience. Lucy Page for reassuring him that God would provide him with all his needs while in school and beyond and to Hester Huckaby for showing him God's sense of humor and for letting him know that we are what we are in God's eyes and nothing more.

Congressman Smith announces candidacy for reelection

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office in Seguin and bring aid directly to thousands of Guadalupe County residents,

- gaining the cooperation of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the water release rate from Canyon Lake to help speed river cleanup work,

- providing highway improvement funds for Williamson County commuters,

- supporting trade relief for lamb producers,
- securing new post offices for Kerrville and Fredericksburg and a zip code for Canyon Lake residents.

- successfully working to fund airport safety and other improvements at the San Antonio, San Angelo and Midland airports.

In Washington, Smith's leadership has been recognized in recent years by his being named one of 100 most influential people in Washington by the National Journal.

Reflecting on his past service to the district, Smith added that he was "gratified that Congress passed the landmark immigration reform legislation I wrote as Chairman of the House Immigration Subcommittee. It continues to reduce the amount of illegal drugs and the number of illegal aliens coming into out state and country. And it provides a sound foundation to continue our work to keep drugs away from our children and make our communities safer"

Besides chairing the House Immigration Subcommittee, Smith also chairs the House Ethics Committee.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- DECEMBER**
- 30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley, Chandra Wanoreck
 - 31st Christy Arendt, Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton, Douglas Ray Box

- JANUARY**
- 1st John Mack Redish, Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Mack Redish, Emily Newman, Tico Robles
 - 2nd Nadia L. Santellano
 - 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez
 - 4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
 - 5th Zack Koenig, M'Kenna Gillespie, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- DECEMBER**
- 30th Lynn & Christy Meador, Tim & Jan Blair
 - 31st Jene and Juana Rojas, Sr.
- JANUARY**
- 2nd Chris & Chris McCravey, Pierce & Deana Holt
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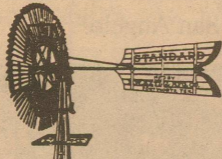
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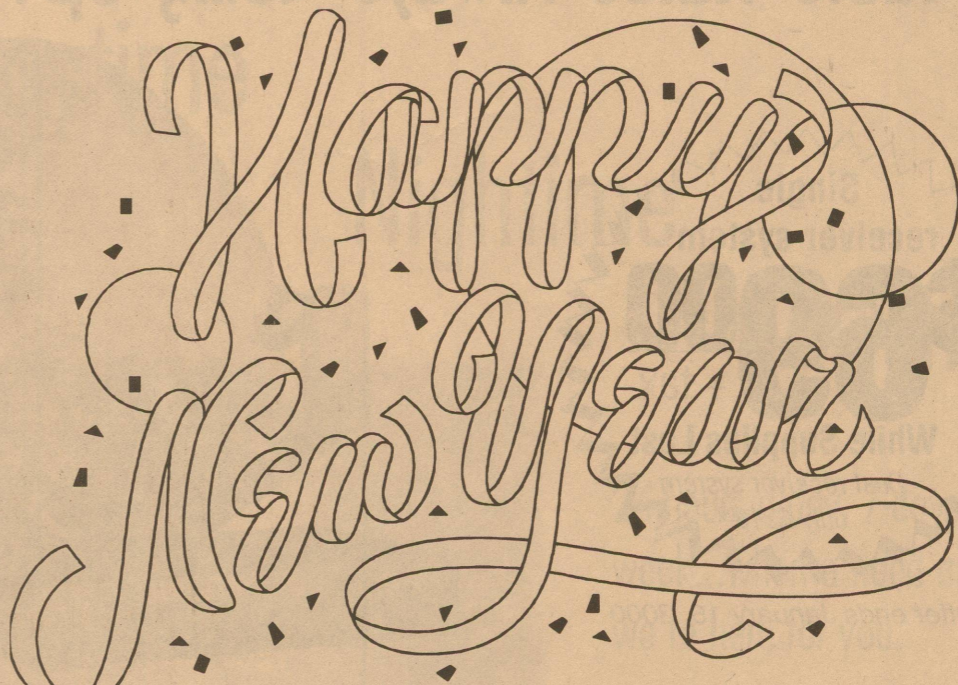


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In 1999 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in the Success during the year.

- Deborah Fritz
- Florence Standefer Moore
- R. Monroe Smith
- Mabel Roach McCain
- Thelma Marie Taylor Cerami
- Deborah Anne Fritz
- Jenella Gentry Crippin
- Lois L. Baker
- Bo V. Hunt
- Elta Redford
- RayeDean Neeill Nelson
- Trinidad Romo
- Una Headstream
- Carl Stoup
- Regina Mary Hoover
- Manuel Hernandez
- Otha Gray
- Nell Dudley
- Robert Allen Lauffer
- Luisa A. Garcia
- Jesus Martinez
- Billy Jack Carbell
- Jesusa P. Munoz
- Orland Harris
- W.R. "DUB" Taylor
- Linda Rodriguez
- Jewel Garvin Nall Lightfoot
- Reverend Father Serran R. Braun
- Welma Patrick
- Mary Etta Stricklan
- James Walter Glidden
- Robert Bybee, Sr.
- James W. Bearden
- Lucille Smith
- Janet E. Seaton
- Ernesto Rivera
- Charles Blair
- Lewis B. "Bunk" Wade
- Thomas Payne "T.P." Robinson Jr.
- E.H. "Top" Topliffe
- Eulojio "George" Rivero Garcia
- Sam Ebbon Jones, Jr.
- Athol Glynn Edmondson
- Frances Walton
- Chales
- James (Viha) Witha
- Susie Faught
- Rogelio R. Martinez

- Randy Bill Littlepage
- Otila Quintero Garcia
- Janet Foote Johnson
- Clinton C. Luedecke
- Vernon Dale Phillips
- Lewis Austin "Poochie" Stockton
- Longino Pina
- Justin Cole Behrens
- Juan Mocada
- Lavoy Stone
- Dorothy "Babe" M. Clark
- Carl Leon Patton II
- Jessie Sudduth
- Mattie Lea Jones
- Elmer "Duke" Dubuque
- Olga Marie Forlano Cavuoti
- Edmundo N. Martinez
- Harold R. "Pep" Peppard
- Bernice Ewald
- Bert Dempsey Calcote
- Zoila Flores Guerrero
- Talitha Hope Griggs
- Isabell Johnson Foley
- Harold Allen Susen
- Irene Bradshaw Blaylock
- Nellie Ruth Folley Moore
- Carmen Esparza
- Jose Garcia
- Zapopan Ramirez
- Bing Crossby
- Cleo Spurgers Deaton
- Raymond Carroll
- Edward Lawson Dyer, M.D.
- Jean Robinson Kuykendall
- Federico Rodriguez
- Cecil H. Unruh
- J.L. Cook
- Pauline Tidwell
- Louie Ashley
- Bernice Montgomery
- Manuel Reyes
- Zack Monroe
- Mary E. Christian
- "Chief" Ray Crazywof
- Joel Keith Tucker
- Bill Cornett
- Lorna Ellis



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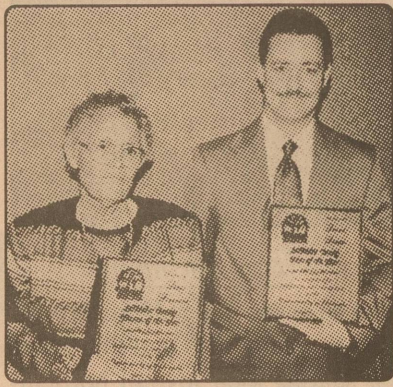


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JANUARY 14, 1999 EDITION... Bosmans & Doran named 'Citizens of the Year'

Dora Bosmans was named Schleicher County Woman of the Year while Sheriff David Doran was named Schleicher County Man of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet Monday night.

JANUARY 14, 1999 EDITION... 64th Jr. Livestock Show held

The 64th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show was held at the county exhibition building on January 7th-9th. Local youngsters competed with entries in Meat Goat, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Finewool Lambs, Crossbred Lambs and Medium Wool Lambs. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged.

JANUARY 21, 1999 EDITION... School contracts for Drug Dog

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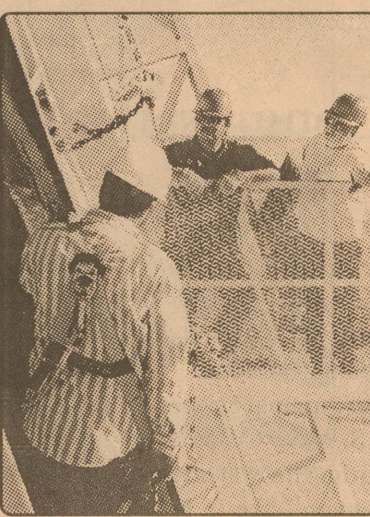


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JANUARY 28, 1999 EDITION... Salvage work at PAVE-PAWS

The outward appearance of the PAVE-PAWS radar installation north of Eldorado may not be changing much, but on the inside radar equipment and computers are being removed and prepared for shipment to Clear, Alaska.

FEBRUARY 11, 1999 EDITION... Landscape project at spotlight is proceeding quickly

Eldorado's face lift continues as crews work on a landscaping project on three corners of the intersection of U.S. 277 and U.S. 190 at the spotlight in downtown Eldorado. When completed the three corners will closely resemble the landscaping on the courthouse square.

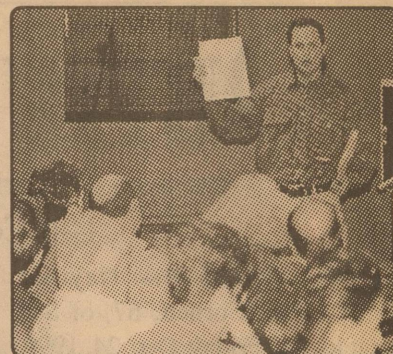


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Funding for the landscaping was won in the Keep Texas Beautiful contest last June when Eldorado received the Governor's Community Achievement Award for the second time.

FEBRUARY 18, 1999 EDITION... Lady Eagles defeat Anthony 42-28, to win Bi-District championship

Eldorado's Lady Eagles were victorious Tuesday night in a Bi-District Championship game against Anthony. The game was played at Sul Ross State University in Alpine. Eldorado entered the game as the third place team from District 2-2A with Anthony as the second place team from District 1-1A. The win pits the Lady Eagles against the Hale Center Lady Owls this Friday night for the Area Championship.

by David Hill

MARCH 4, 1999 EDITION... TV or not TV, that is the question

The war between network TV affiliates and satellite TV providers spilled into Schleicher County this week, three days after a federal judge ruled against DirecTV and ordered the satellite broadcast company to stop beaming network programming into areas served by network affiliates. The battle took an unexpected turn, however, once it reached Schleicher County, with more than one unhappy satellite viewer threatening to boycott the advertisers of KIDY-TV in San Angelo.

MARCH 11, 1999 EDITION... Meeting explores Eldorado's future

The Eldorado Chamber of Commerce hosted a Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday evening, March 2nd, to seek input from the community concerning Eldorado's future. The meeting was called to order by chamber president James Kosub who told a crowd of 65 people, "This meeting is the beginning of a long road to coming up with a strategic plan for economic development in this community."

MARCH 18, 1999 EDITION... SCISD offers Distance Learning

Schleicher County ISD, in conjunction with Texas Tech University, will begin offering college level summer courses in Algebra and Political Science beginning May 31st. A high school level German language class will also be offered during the summer session.

MARCH 18, 1999 EDITION... Cotton Gin to be auctioned today

The Schleicher County Gin, its office and scales, are slated to be sold at auction by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), beginning at 10:00 a.m. today. According to auctioneer Ron Hanaway the gin, located at the intersection of US Highways 277 & 190, the three acres of land it occupies and all related equipment and machinery will be auctioned off to settle a loan foreclosure by the SBA.

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Monday, January 3
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, January 4th
Chicken Fajitas/Tortillas, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Iced Cupcakes

Wednesday, January 5th
Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday, January 6th
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Cobbler

Friday, January 7th
No School, Stockshow

Breakfast
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, January 3rd
Apple Slices, French Toast Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, January 4th
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burritos

Wednesday, January 5th
Grapoe Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast

Thursday, January 6th
Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, January 7th
No School, Stockshow

Fast Food Line

Monday, January 3rd
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, January 4th
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Pineapple Chunks, Iced Cupcakes

Wednesday, January 5th
Cheeseburgers, French fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday, January 6th
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Cobbler

Friday, January 7th
No School, Stockshow



photo by Randy Mankin

APRIL 29, 1999 EDITION...
Firefighters rescue woman from floodwaters

Heavy rains almost turned deadly Monday morning when rising flood waters swept a car driven by Lexie Hodnett of Mertzon off FM 915 and into a draw. The force of water carried the car 100 yards down stream where it lodged against trees and boulders. Fortunately for Hodnett, an S&T Roustabout crew from Eldorado saw the incident and radioed their dispatcher, who in turn notified the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept.

—★★★★—

MARCH 25, 1999 EDITION...
Four accidents test emergency personnel

by Randy Mankin

The people who move to small towns for the peace and quiet wouldn't have cared much for Eldorado last week. That's when, in the span of 28 hours, four traffic accidents involving seven vehicles sent 8 people to area hospitals. Tragically, one man, W.R. Taylor of Eldorado, died of his injuries.

—★★★★—

APRIL 8, 1999 EDITION...
Explosion and fire claim West family's historic home

An explosion and resulting fire Sunday destroyed a house belonging to Barbara West Clark, one mile west of Eldorado. The house was vacant at the time and there were no reported injuries. According to firefighters at the scene, a gas leak in the basement was the apparent cause of the explosion.



photo by Kathy Mankin

—★★★★—

APRIL 15, 1999 EDITION...
Culprit steals county pickup

A thief went to the trouble of peeling a Schleicher County decal from the door of a 1979 Ford pickup before stealing it and driving it through the fence at the county barn on U.S. Hwy. 190 East last Thursday.

—★★★★—

APRIL 29, 1999 EDITION...
Commissioners vote to end private road work

Schleicher County's long-standing policy of performing private road work for its citizens was eliminated Monday, April 26, when the Schleicher County Commissioners Court voted unanimously to discontinue the practice.

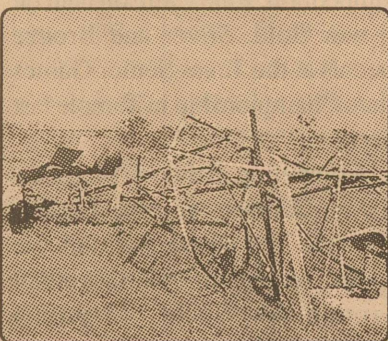


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MAY 6, 1999 EDITION...
Tuesday morning twister blamed for property damage

Damage was reported at several farms and residences northwest of Eldorado Tuesday morning following an unconfirmed tornado. Damaged barns, toppled windmills and snapped tree limbs were prominent among the damage. The National Weather Service in San Angelo issued a tornado warning for northwest Schleicher County at 2:21 a.m. Tuesday morning after doppler radar indicated a developing tornado 19 miles west of Eldorado moving east at 25 miles per hour.

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MAY 13, 1999 EDITION...
City inks deal with Duncan Disposal

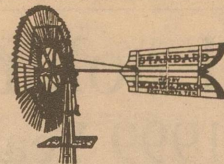
The City of Eldorado signed a 5-year deal with Duncan Disposal systems of San Angelo this week which will allow the garbage collection company to dispose of solid waste in the city's new landfill. According to the contract, Duncan Disposal will pay the City of Eldorado \$26.50 for each ton of garbage placed in the landfill. The company guarantees to place a minimum of 40 tons of garbage per week in the facility.

—★★★★—

MAY 13, 1999 EDITION...
Wolfe wins bronze in State Poetry

EHS senior Hannah Wolfe placed 3rd last Saturday to claim a bronze medal in Poetry Interpretation at the University Interscholastic League's State Academic Meet in Austin. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Hawley Wolfe of Eldorado

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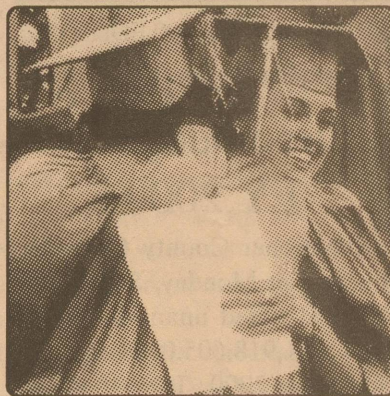


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MAY 27, 1999 EDITION...
47 EHS grads receive diplomas

Strains of "Pomp and Circumstance" filled the air Friday evening, May 21 as the Eldorado High School graduating class of 1999 filed into Eagle Stadium for the final time. Forty-seven graduates received diplomas following a valedictory address by Jennifer Stafford and a salutatory address by Juan Montalvo.

—★★★★—

JUNE 3, 1999 EDITION...
Williams wins national shot put championship

Ty Williams is no stranger to awards ceremonies...been there, done that. But, the top platform on the award stand at the NCAA Division II Track and Field Championships was the one place Williams had not expected to be...at least not this year.

Williams, a former Eldorado Eagle, now throws the shot for the Angelo State University Rams. He competed last Saturday at the national meet in Emporia, Kansas, and claimed the gold medal...plus a national title with a throw of 58-8, more than 4 feet beyond his personal record of 54-1 when the day began.

—★★★★—

JUNE 10, 1999 EDITION...
Martin retires after 43 years at SWTEC

After more than forty-three years of service to the members of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, Jim Martin has retired. He began his career with the cop in 1956 as a part-time laborer, making \$1.40 an hour. After doing linework for 22 years, Martin was promoted to head the cooperative's engineering department in 1985. In 1990, he was named General Manager of SWTEC. At a retirement party held on Friday, June 4th, Martin told well-wishers that he has many pleasant memories of his years at the cooperative. He said his life was enriched by the members, employees and board members he has come to know over the years.

JUNE 24, 1999 EDITION...
Success wins TPA Sweepstakes Award

The Eldorado Success received six awards at the Texas Press Association (TPA) convention in Galveston on Saturday, June 19th, including the prestigious Sweepstakes Award, the highest honor given by the state association in the field of journalism. The Success claimed 1st Place Awards in the Column Writing, Page Design and General Excellence categories. Also, 2nd Place awards in Photography and Editorial Writing.



photo by Tom Beesley, Frisco Enterprise

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JULY 8, 1999 EDITION...
Bobcat strolls into local home, scatters frightened family

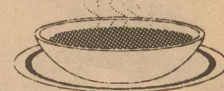
Two shots from a .22 caliber pistol ended an hour-long ordeal last Thursday evening, after a wild bobcat casually strolled into the home of Rebecca Martinez on Rudd Road, just behind Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

The incident began at approximately 9:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 1st while Martinez and several members of her family were relaxing on their patio. Martinez said she was enjoying a few moments with her family, when she noticed what she at first thought was a large house cat, round the west corner of her home. But, as the cat walked onto the patio, the family realized the animal was really a wild bobcat. At about that moment, the cat strolled through the open patio door and into Martinez's house.

AUGUST 5, 1999 EDITION...
Stolen pickup found wrecked and abandoned

A 1989 Chevrolet pickup belonging to Glenn Nix was found wrecked and abandoned near the City of Eldorado's landfill on Saturday, morning July 31. The pickup, was reported stolen earlier that morning, by the owner's son, Pepper Nix, of San Angelo. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, Pepper Nix contacted the San Angelo Police Dept. at 7:45 a.m. to report the truck missing from his home at, 110 Las Lomas St. in San Angelo. Also reported missing was a cellular phone and pager belonging to Nix's roommate, Matt Fryar.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 3
 Oven Baked Chicken, Lima Beans, Hot Rolls, Chucky Mixed Fruit, Milk
Tuesday, January 4
 Beef Tips on Rice, Cooked Carrots, Cornbread, Strawberries & Bananas, Lemon Meringue Pie, Milk
Wednesday, January 5
 Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk
Thursday, January 6
 Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
Friday, January 7
 Smothered Chicken Breast, Baked Potato, Fried Okra, Hot Rolls, Peaches, Milk

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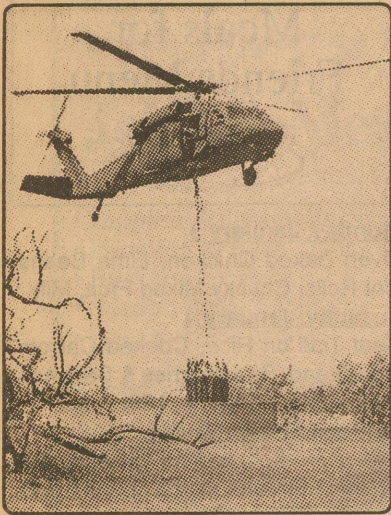


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AUGUST 19, 1999 EDITION...
**Grass fire chars
 12,000 acres**

A pickup truck's catalytic converter sparked a grass fire Saturday, August 14th which eventually claimed more than 12,000 acres of rangeland and an undetermined number of sheep and cattle. A fire truck, was also damaged in the blaze when it struck a rock and was disabled with a disconnected drive shaft. The unit's crew, narrowly escaped the flames which quickly overtook their stalled vehicle.

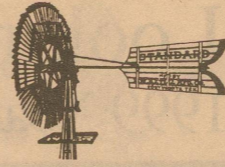
SEPTEMBER 2, 1999 EDITION...
**SCISD trustees
 adopt \$5.88
 million budget**

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday evening, August 30th and voted to adopt a \$5.88 million budget for the 1999-2000 fiscal year. One trustee, Phil McCormick, expressed reservations about the budget since the revenue and expenditure sides of the balance sheet were \$30,000 dollars apart. However, he voted in favor of the measure which passed unanimously.

SEPTEMBER 2, 1999 EDITION...
**Pre-game prayer
 out at Eagles games**

There will be no student-led pre-game prayer at Eldorado Eagles home games this season. The SCISD board of trustees Monday night heard a recommendation from Superintendent Hal Porter that the traditional prayer be replaced by a "moment of silence" and the reading of a "Wish from the Heart."

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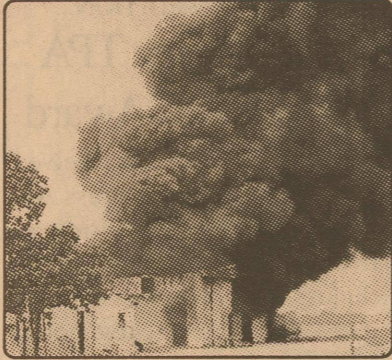


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SEPTEMBER 9, 1999 EDITION...
**G & G Mfg.
 facility termed a
 total loss after fire**

G & G Manufacturing's shop, 2 miles south of Eldorado, was destroyed by fire on Wednesday, September 1st. The blaze, reportedly sparked by a grinder, swept quickly through the metal building which housed equipment and material used in the fabrication of fiberglass tanks and deer blinds.

Doug Garvin, part owner of the business, and employee Arisdale Hernandez were the only ones present at the time of the fire and both managed to escape the building unharmed.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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SEPTEMBER 23, 1999 EDITION...
**County adopts \$1.9
 million budget for
 FY 2000**

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday, September 20th and voted unanimously to adopt a \$1,918,605.00 budget for fiscal year 2000. They then approved an 81.51¢ tax rate to fund the budget. It was noted the budget grew by approximately \$40,700.00 over the current year. However, a steep decline in property values required a 5.08¢ tax increase to raise the needed funds.



photo by Kathy Mankin

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 EDITION...
**Sheriff's officers
 recover stolen BMW**

Schleicher County deputy Jason Chatham was on patrol north of Eldorado early Monday morning, Sept. 27th, when he spotted a 1993 BMW automobile, parked on the southbound shoulder of the road. When Chatham stopped to investigate he was told by the driver that the car's engine had overheated.

Chatham, notified his dispatcher of the problem and called in the car's license plate number. Moments later he received word that the plate was registered to a 1986 Nissan, owned by a Kevin M. Prickett of Abilene.

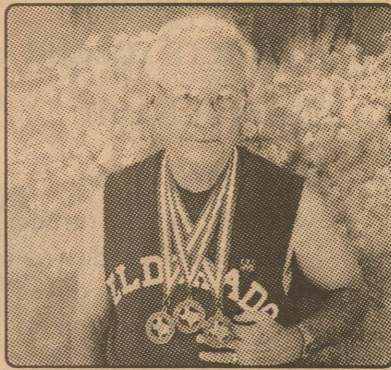


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SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 EDITION...
**Callison wins Gold,
 Silver, Bronze at
 State Senior Games**

In spite of a pulled Achilles tendon and in the face of daunting competition, John Callison held on to win Gold, Silver and Bronze medals at the Texas Senior Games State Championship in Temple last week.

Competing in the 70-74 age division, Callison won the Basketball Free Throw competition. He placed second in the Basketball Around-the-World (3-point) Shooting competition and was third in the double-elimination Horseshoes competition.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 EDITION...
**Albin elected to
 TASB board**

AUSTIN — The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has elected Schleicher County ISD board member Eddie L. Albin to the TASB Board of Trustees. He will serve a three-year term.

Albin has served on the SCISD board for six years and currently serves as vice-president. A graduate of Leadership TASB, Albin is a consumer services manager for the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

SEPTEMBER 30, 1999 EDITION...
**City Council hires
 Mankin as new
 administrator**

At a called session of the Eldorado City Council on Monday, October 18, 1999 the Eldorado City Council voted to hire Randy Mankin, former city councilman and owner of the Eldorado Success as part-time City Administrator. Mankin will begin his duties on November 1st.

NOVEMBER 4, 1999 EDITION...
**Eagle Band places
 3rd at State
 marching contest**

The Mighty Eagle Marching Band did something Monday night that no other Eldorado band has ever done...it earned a 3rd Place bronze medal at the Class 2-A State Marching Band Contest in Mesquite. That's the highest achievement in the Eagle Band's long history. The band from Holliday finished 1st in the contest while Howe placed 2nd.



photo by Kathy Mankin

NOVEMBER 11, 1999 EDITION...
**County expects
 state help on
 airport project**

Schleicher County Commissioners learned Monday that assistance with the ongoing airport project could be coming as early as the Spring of 2000. Judge Johnny Griffin explained to the commissioners at their bi-monthly meeting that the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is now willing to pave and stripe the new runway, if the work could be done in conjunction with a paving project already planned in the county.

"They would require a 10 percent match on our part," Griffin said, "But the project could total as much as \$250,000.00, maybe more."



photo by Randy Mankin

NOVEMBER 18, 1999 EDITION...
**Freedom is brief
 for escaped DPS
 prisoner**

A few minutes of freedom last Saturday resulted in a felony escape charge against Philip Franzoni, 32, of El Paso, of El Paso, after he briefly escaped from the back seat of a patrol car, two miles west of Eldorado on US 190.

After Franzoni was re-apprehended, it was learned that he is connected with the theft of a Schleicher County pickup from the County yard on April 9th of this year. According to authorities, Franzoni has an extensive criminal record and is wanted on several outstanding warrants including: burglary of a habitation, unlawful carry of a firearm, possession of marijuana and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Locally charges of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, felony escape and failure to identify himself to a police officer are pending against the man.

DECEMBER 9, 1999 EDITION...
**City receives nod
 from State to open
 new landfill**

The regular monthly meeting of the Eldorado City Council was held on Monday, December 6, 1999. During the meeting, City Administrator Randy Mankin announced that a "pre-opening inspection" of the city's new landfill had been conducted by a representative of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). He said the inspection went well and that final approval was given for the city to begin placing garbage in the facility.

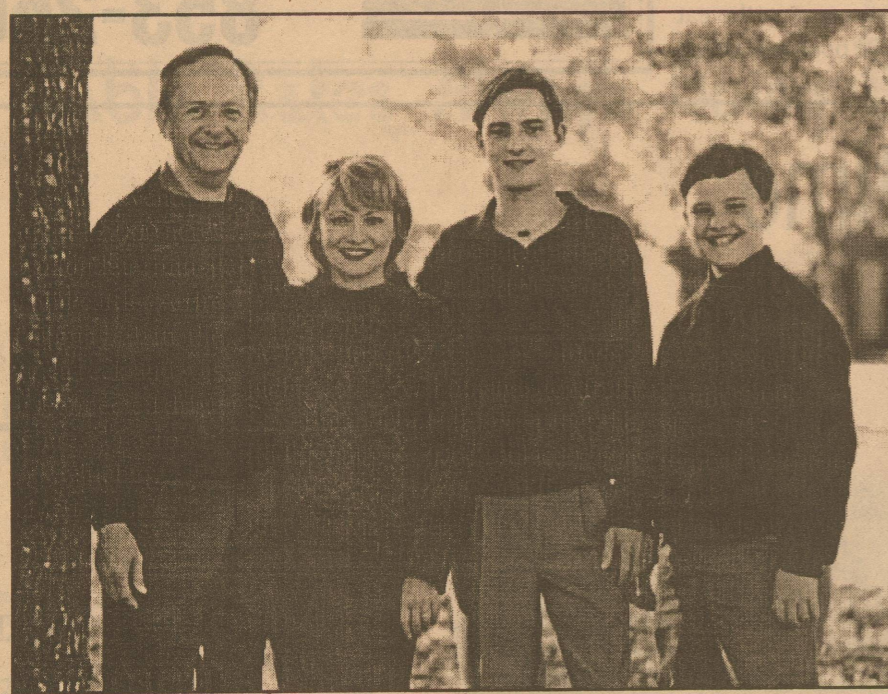
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The Blotter

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...

ARRESTS
Dec. 24 Eaton, Earl Omar, male age 25, arrested by DPS Officer...

ARRESTS
Dec. 24 Edmonson, Debra Bird, female age 36, hold for Irion County...

REPORTS
December 21
11:49 p.m. Complainant requested that an officer look for their 16-year old son...

REPORTS
December 22
12:00 p.m. Complainant reported an abandoned dog.

abandoned dog.
6:00 p.m. Complainant reported that they had been away from their residence and found that their Palomino horse was missing.

December 23
10:00 a.m. Complainant reported a grass fire on South Cottonwood. Complainant reported over the radio that the fire was on North Cottonwood...

December 23
3:43 p.m. Controlled burn on Del Rio Street.

December 24
2:27 p.m. Complainant called 911 and reported a vehicle that he believed has been following him. Complainant has made several stops and the other vehicle has made the same stops.

December 24
5:11 p.m. Officer assisted DPS Trooper with a prisoner in custody on Hwy. 277 South.

December 25
10:27 p.m. Complainant called in loud music on East Brooks.

December 26
8:29 a.m. Complainant reported finding a lamb 3 miles out on Hwy. 915. Message was left with possible owner.

December 26
9:39 a.m. Complainant requested an officer help. Complainant stated that her husband had missed his wheelchair and that she was unable to help him by herself.

December 26
12:09 a.m. Complainant Del Rio Street reported loud music and gun shots coming from 2 blocks away.

December 26
1:20 p.m. Subject phoned the Sheriff's Office to say that there will be a controlled burn on County Road 425.

December 26
3:57 a.m. Complainant on E. Fields reported subjects having a party, and being very loud. Officer responded.

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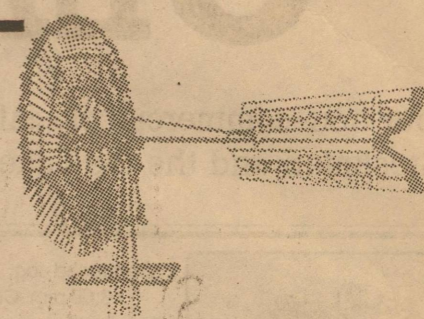
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