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County Commissioners meet

Inmate work program discussed with Sheriff & City

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners Court met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Monday, December 13. The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners present were: Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Ross Whitten and Steve Minor. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved after one minor change related to a date having been entered in error.

The court met with Gary Kelton representing Drug Screen Compliance, a company specializing in employee drug and alcohol compliance testing. Mr. Kelton presented an offer to perform random and incident screening for eight employees for an annual fee of approximately \$290.00 plus an additional \$30.00 charge for incident screening after hours. A motion to accept the proposal was made by Johnny Mayo and seconded by Steve Minor. The motion was approved.

Sheriff David Doran and Chief Deputy George Arispe then met with the court and Doran gave a detailed report related to county owned vehicles being serviced by

the inmate work program operated by the Sheriff's Department. Doran reviewed the Texas Criminal Code related to his work program and shared the law as it related to the use of inmates in maintenance and repair work. Judge Griffin told Doran that operation of the jail and its programs were in the Sheriff's area of responsibility and that he could operate the program any way he saw fit as long as the operations were within the law regulating such programs.

Commissioner Bill Clark expressed his concern that tire repair being done by inmates could jeopardize the continued operation of local businesses. Clark repeatedly expressed his support for the Sheriff's inmate work program and stated that he didn't want to "micro-manage" the Sheriff's business, however, Clark reiterated his position concerning tire repairs.

Doran indicated he was receiving "mixed messages" from the court, saying that he had initiated the program last year when the county's budget numbers were "looking bad." Doran noted that this was done in response to the

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Where's Rudolph? Baylee Griffin was the first of many wide-eyed youngsters who hurried to greet Santa at the Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Festival last Sunday. The event was held inside the Eldorado Middle School gymnasium.

School trustees frustrated by delays in launching "Distance Learning" program

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Independent School District Board meeting was held on Monday, December 13, 1999, beginning at 6:05 P.M. Board President Ilse Williams called the Board to order. Present were School Board Members Steve Sessom, Berta Nicholson, Phil McCormick and Eddie Albin. Absent were Board Members Roxanne Adame and Jo Helen Kotsch.

Mrs. Jo Parker and Mrs. Terry Green brought the High School Chorus to the meeting where they delighted those present by singing three Christmas tunes.

Appreciation on behalf of the board was extended by Ilse Williams to the teachers and especially to the students for their dedication to the development of a choral music program in Eldorado. It was noted that students participating in the Varsity Chorus must arrive at school at 7:30 each morning. Mrs. Parker stated that the students were very responsible in arriving at school early each morning and understanding that the success of the choir program depends upon their dedication to the task.

Minutes of the Called Board Meeting of December 6, 1999,

City gas rates on the rise

City Administrator Randy Mankin announced this week that price increases by Conoco, the company which provides natural gas to the City of Eldorado, will prompt an increase in the amount local customers pay. Mankin noted the rate the city bills its customers is tied directly to the amount Conoco charges. A hefty increase in Conoco's price this month will push the rate local customers pay \$7.50 per thousand cubic feet. City customers should be receiving bills in the next few days.

were approved upon a motion by Berta Nicholson, seconded by Eddie Albin. Voting Aye: Williams, Nicholson, McCormick and Albin. Steve Sessom abstained due to not having been present at the December 6 meeting.

Financial reports were distributed and reviewed by Financial Director Loretta Edmiston. A motion to approve the report as amended was made by Berta Nicholson, seconded by Eddie Albin. The motion was adopted.

Reports of the Campus Improvement Plans 1999 - 2000 were adopted upon a motion by Eddie Albin, seconded by Steve Sessoms. Mr. Brian Brownlow reviewed the plan for the Elementary School. He stated that the priority goal for this school was obtain a greater ability to read. He stated that there was a need to integrate social studies and science with the reading improvement program.

Maintenance Supervisor John Kotsch reported on updates to thermostats and that teachers were being trained how to use the new controls. He also stated that coaxial

cable had been run related to the use of satellite TV receivers. Kotsch told the board that he had attended an Asbestos Abatement Seminar on December 2. He also reported that two school vehicles were involved in collisions with deer recently. One of these collisions occurred on a regular scheduled bus route and the other collision was related to a collision with a school owned automobile. He reported that he had visited with Supt. Porter regarding the possibility of installing grille guards on certain school vehicles.

Elementary Principal Brian Brownlow then gave his administrative and program director report. He restated that his first priority was reading skill improvement and reported on a program to aid dyslexic students. Brownlow further announced that U.I.L. programs were in the process of being developed on the statewide level for elementary schools and that the local school was scheduled to act as host for a U.I.L. meet on February 24 and on March 7.

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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Marquee Monsters

New multiplex movie theaters are springing up all over Texas. and, like many of the movies they show, the theaters are big and getting bigger. On average, each theater has 14 to 16 screens and thousands of seats.

There are currently more than 2,200 movie screens in Texas, including more than 400 in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and nearly 400 in the Houston metropolitan area. The biggest are 30-screen theaters being built by AMC Entertainment, Inc. in Grapevine, Mesquite and Houston.

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On This Date

In 1732 Benjamin Franklin began publication of "Poor Richard's Almanack". It was an instant success, selling an average of 10,000 copies per year. In 1777 George Washington's Continental Army entered winter camp at Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. In 1950, U.S. General Dwight D. Eisenhower was named supreme commander of all NATO's troops. In 1972, the last manned mission to the moon ended when Apollo 17 splashed down in the Pacific Ocean. In 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives.

Birthdays of note include: 1888 conductor Fritz Reiner; 1894 major league baseball commissioner Ford Frick; 1920 TV producer David Susskind; 1925 country singer Little Jimmy Dickens; 1934 baseball player Al Kaline; 1939 actress Cicely Tyson; 1946 actor Robert Urich; 1952 country singer Janie Fricke.

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Growth In Health Care Jobs

Positions for personal and home-care aides as well as home health aides in the U.S. are expected to more than double from 1994 to 2005, according to numbers from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Computer engineer and systems analyst positions should nearly double in the same period.

Other job sectors experiencing phenomenal growth include: electronic commerce specialist; Internet development specialist; Webmaster; Videoserver technician; Laser electro-optical technician; Surgical technologist; and Digital Image technologist.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Employee of the Year — Marion Porter (R) was honored by Schleicher County Medical Center last week as its "Employee of the Year." Here she is shown receiving a plaque denoting the honor from Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook during the SCMC employee Christmas party.

Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates to City, County

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$222.9 million in monthly sales tax payments last week to 1,105 Texas cities and 119 counties this week. That was up 26.4 percent from the same period last year and is an increase of 7.1 percent over the year to date figures for 1998.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$8,180.96 up 98.65 percent from the December payment last year of \$4,118.21. The city's year to date total is \$73,885.78, down 3.91 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date total was \$76,895.05.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$5,903.81, down 4.13 percent from December, 1998's total \$5,669.21. The year-

to-date total for Schleicher County is \$61,448.49. That is down 51.87 percent from the \$127,686.90 received in 1998.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for December was \$5,743.53, up 10.17 percent from last December, 1998's total of \$5,213.25. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$56,799.31, down 23.79 percent from the \$74,535.71 delivered in 1998.

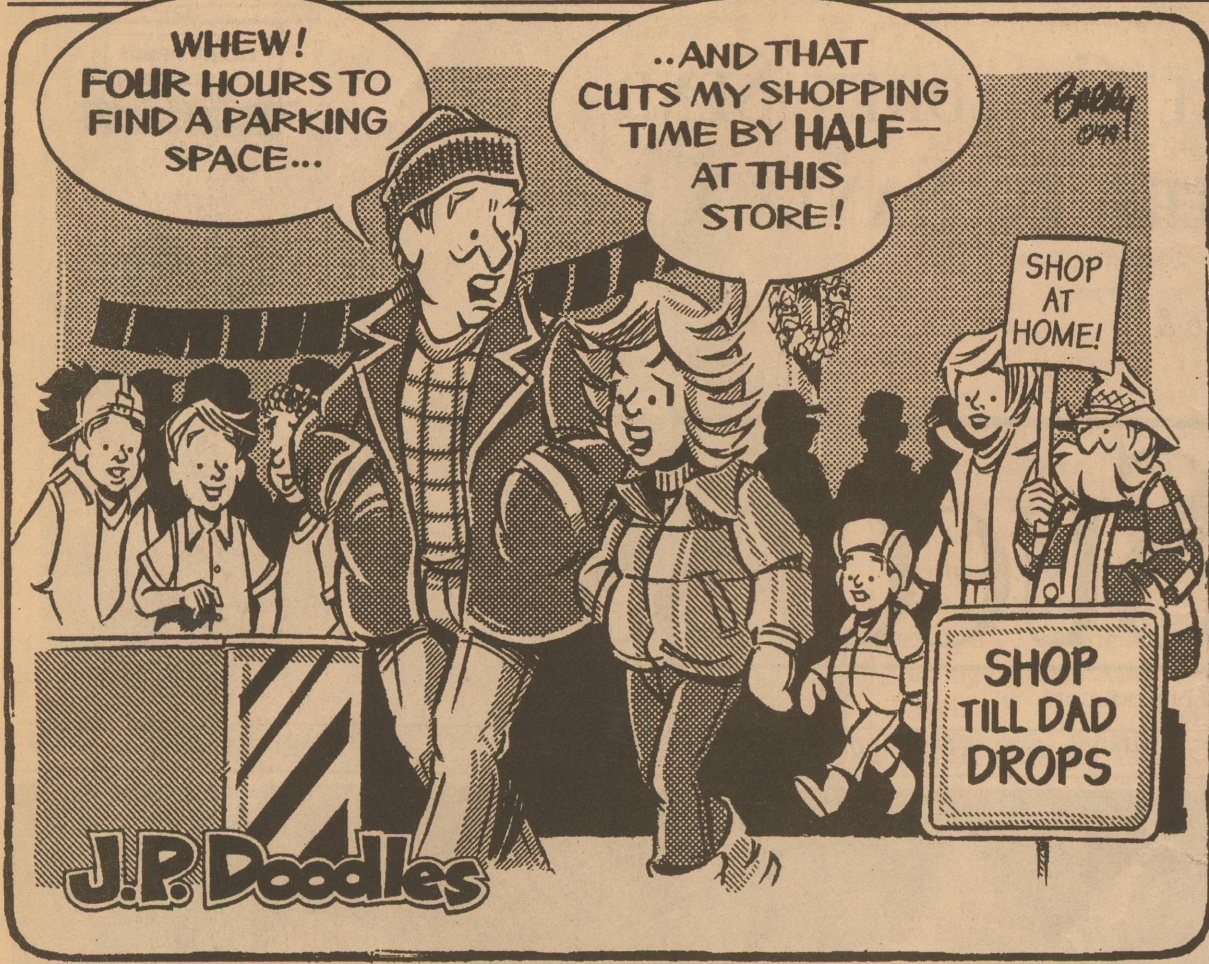
This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in November, 1999.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, January 14, 2000 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.



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All smiles — Alana Oliver was named EHS Band Sweetheart during the annual Christmas Band Concert on Sunday afternoon.



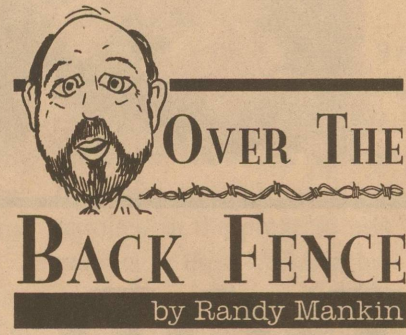
If you say it really fast, it doesn't sound like a whole lot of money

George Foreman's heavyweight boxing career may be over, but his name will live forever on hamburger grills and cooking appliances. Salton, Incorporated, a kitchen appliance maker, announced last week that it had signed a deal with the 50-year old ex-boxing champ worth \$113.75 million.

The deal gives Salton the right to use Foreman's name and likeness in perpetuity (forever) to market a line of food preparation appliances, including new products which it plans to introduce.

Kathy bought a George Foreman Grill a couple of years ago and she uses it a lot. It's great for hamburgers and chicken.

Our Foreman grill competes for



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

counter space with a half-dozen other electric gadgets which we thought we really needed. There's a blender, a toaster, a can opener and a bread machine. Then there's a coffee maker, a waffle iron...even a gizmo which vacuums air out of plastic bags and seals them. There's also a microwave oven, a crock pot and a "Fry Daddy".

I'm sure that I've overlooked something. Not to worry, though, Salton will be offering new George Foreman products in the very near future and I'm certain they will be just as appealing as the other gadgets we've already bought.

There is one problem, however. We're running out of counter space. In fact, a few years ago, when Kathy obtained a dehydrator, (she was going to use it to dry fruit...I think it was turned on twice) we had to put it in the utility room.

Having heard the same lament from others through the years, I'm beginning to think that Salton is missing a bet here. Maybe instead of more appliances they could go into the kitchen remodeling business.

I can see it now, George

Foreman's smiling face plastered all over every TV in the land as an unseen announcer hawks new cabinets and snack bars.

Since George is a big man, I'm sure he would want to do things in a big way. His cabinets would, no doubt, feature double and triple-decked counter tops. That way the homemaker would have space to store more George Foreman appliances.

And how about a center island with a built-in George Foreman Grill and, of course, a George Foreman Rotisserie. Suspended above the whole thing would be a George Foreman Vent-a-Hood.

Since George didn't spend much time on the canvas during his boxing career, he probably hasn't given a lot of thought to flooring products. I'm certain the good folks at Salton haven't overlooked the opportunity, however, and are already dreaming up several lines of floor coverings. These would be marketed in boxing terms, of course, like the George Foreman 12-Round Wood Parquet or the George Foreman TKO Seamless Vinyl Floor.

Perhaps George's success will prompt other boxers to look for dollars outside the ring. I'm sure there are plenty of investors out there who are eager to cash in on a famous name. How about Mike Tyson's Charm Schools, Leon Spinks Orthodontic Clinics, or perhaps, Muhammad Ali's Greatest Windbag Vacuum Cleaners?

Attorney General announces statewide gun initiative

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week introduced Texas Exile, a statewide initiative to get guns out of the hands of felons and keep gun-law violators in jail longer.

It is illegal under state and federal law for a felon to possess or use a firearm.

Mayors, district attorneys and U.S. attorneys will join Cornyn in introducing Texas Exile in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, Brownsville, Tyler, Beaumont and El Paso. Announcements already have been made in Dallas and Houston.

Cornyn appointed William Sessions as state chairman of Texas Exile. Sessions, a former federal judge who also served as FBI director from 1987 to 1993, will oversee eight attorneys who will prosecute felons caught possessing firearms. Violators will be prosecuted under a federal gun statute and the longest possible sentences will be sought.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

"Today we are sending a clear message to criminals: Gun crime means hard time. If you carry a firearm illegally in Texas, you will go to prison," Cornyn said Dec. 6.

The attorney general's new public awareness campaign slogan, "Gun Crime Means Hard Time," will appear on billboards and in broadcast advertising across the state.

Modeled after Project Exile, a successful initiative launched in Virginia in 1997, Texas Exile is funded by a \$1.6 million grant from the Governor's Criminal Justice Division.

Insurers to Run Y2K Checks

Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor has directed all insurance companies and groups operating in Texas to evaluate their

computer systems right after New Year's Day and report whether the year 2000 computer programming problem affected their operations and customer service.

The so-called "Y2K glitch," if uncorrected, may cause certain computers read the date "00" as the year 1900 instead of 2000.

Montemayor also told insurers to back up their financial, claims, policy administration, sales and all other mission-critical data files if they have not done so already and to continue archiving this information through the first quarter of 2000.

Y2K problems such as improperly canceled policies and billing system failures could result if company computers and software fail to handle dates properly in 2000.

According to the Department of Insurance, of 534 Texas-based "domestic" insurance companies, only eight are considered at risk of not being ready for Y2K. The rest are either considered Y2K-ready now or are on schedule to be ready before Jan. 1.

Drinking Water to Be Tested

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission has received EPA approval of its Source Water Assessment Protection Program.

By May 2003, more than 16,000 public drinking water sources in Texas will be tested under the program.

Results of the testing will be public information. Among the data will be sources and possible sources of contamination and contaminants found in the water.

Online Auction Is Under Way

Unclaimed property will be auctioned online, Dec. 10 through Dec. 16, Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander announced.

The agency will use online auctions at www.eBay.com, www.Yahoo.com and www.Amazon.com to sell 81 items including jewelry, silver flatware, stamps, coins, currency and collectibles. Items up for auction came from unclaimed safe deposit boxes turned over to the state from banks that were unable to locate the property owners.

Texas is the first state to hold an online auction to dispose of unclaimed items from safe deposit boxes, Rylander said.

Prison Guards March

State prison guards marched to the Capitol Dec. 4 to persuade Gov. George W. Bush to call a special session of the Legislature to seek pay raises.

Bush's spokeswoman Linda Edwards said the governor will not call a special session to consider pay raises.

Wayne Scott, executive director of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, said Texas prison employees rank 46th in the nation in pay.

Other Highlights

- Some 200,000 revelers are expected to attend Austin's downtown New Year's Eve party. At about 6 p.m. on Dec. 31, Congress Avenue will be converted into a ballroom. Name bands will be playing and admission will be free.



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WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Random Thoughts, Wonderings, Questions

Say you have your car washed at a place where the firm's employees drive your car from the washbay to the driveway. That takes about one and a half seconds. Why is it that when you get back in the car, your seat, mirror, steering wheel, air conditioner and radio settings have all been changed?

Who came up with the phrase ethnic cleansing? There is absolutely nothing cleansing about it. Why don't they just call it ethnic murder?

Why do people get sick and die? Why don't they just die?

What happened to handwriting? Today a person with beautiful handwriting is revered. Years ago, most everybody had good penmanship because it was taught in school. I've enjoyed myself many times just making lines and lines of slants and ovals. I don't ever remember ever hearing the word "cursive" before my son started mentioning it while he was in elementary school.

Why do people in the north say grammar school instead of elementary school?

What's with all this cussing in movies? I thought it was very realistic in the movie MASH because a lot of guys cuss when they put on a US military uniform. But now it seems that people on the screen can't even talk about the weather without a dozen blankety-blankety-blank-blanks.

Why are jokes so hard to re-

member?

Why didn't some car manufacturers come up with a really razzle-dazzle car for the new millennium? They all look the same.

Why did they call it the Civil War? There was nothing civil about it. And if World War One was the war to end all wars, why did they number it?

How come blackberries are red when they're green? What do you call a male lady bug? What's a natural phenomenon? I thought a phenomenon was something unnatural. Why are we on the verge of giggling at church?

Whoever thought people would pay about the same for bottled water as they do for gasoline? Aren't leaf blowers terrible! Why does stock go down right after I buy it and go up right after I sell it?

Why do they call it rush hour? Where do seedless grapes come from? Why are things that taste so good bad for you? What's the story on those thermos jugs? How do they know hot and cold?

Why don't they declare January 1, 2000 Computer-Free Day and let the party continue?

I wonder why I wonder so much. Wonder is the soul of imagination. If you have anything you've been wondering about, write me and I'll print it and ask people to send in answers. Send your questions to me at Box 95, Big Spring, Texas 79721.

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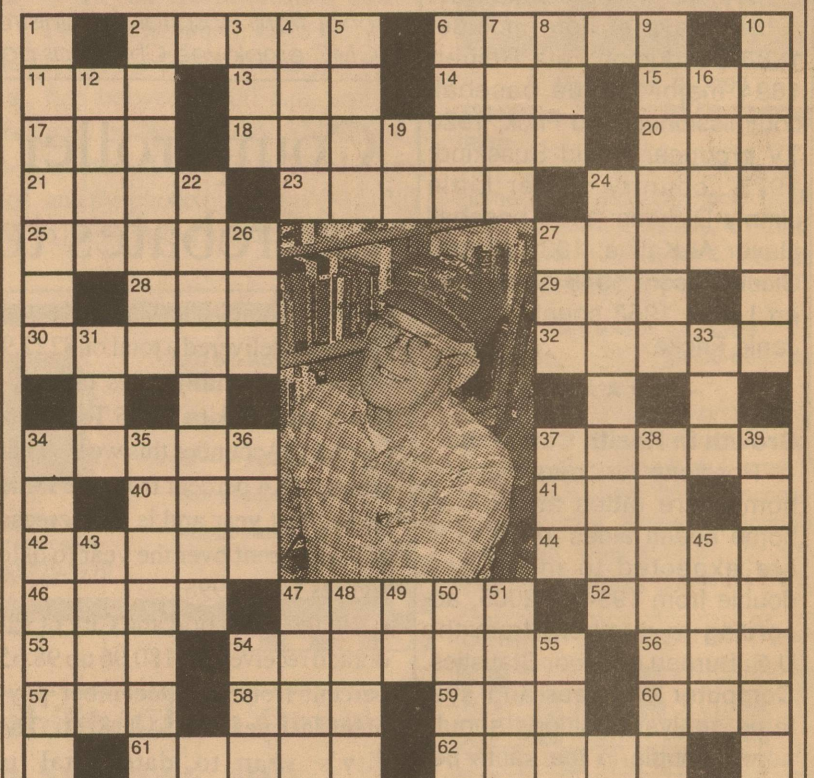


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28 Naught		38 Narrow strip of land
29 Pot for tea		39 Lacking interest
30 Vile		43 Cat speak
32 Coils of worsted yarn		45 Pause for relaxation
34 Comport with		47 Make secure against leakage
37 Epigrammatic Japanese verse		48 Taxi cab
40 Metal-bearing mineral		49 DC's alternative
41 Of a thing		50 Legal instrument
42 Master of ceremonies		51 Antidepressant drugs
44 Metric unit on the continent		54 Polyvinyl acetate, so to speak
		55 Disreputable wanderer

LOCAL CELEBRITY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

This week's solution on Page 10



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OBITUARIES

Bernice Montgomery

SAN ANGELO — Bernice Parker Montgomery, 77, of San Angelo died Monday, Dec. 13, 1999, in a local hospital.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Dec. 16, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Bernice was born Dec. 4, 1922, in Knox County, Texas. She graduated from San Angelo High School and attended San Angelo Junior College.

On Sept. 21, 1941, she married Arthur A. "Monty" Montgomery. They lived in Eldorado, Van Horn and El Paso before returning to San Angelo in 1980. She retired as a management analyst from William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso. Mrs. Montgomery was a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church where for several years she served as financial secretary and was a member of the administrative

board. She also was active in serving Meals for the Elderly.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Edna Cummings; her father, Homer Parker; and her brother, Obie Parker.

Survivors include her husband, Arthur A. Montgomery; one son, Arthur A. "Lonnie" Montgomery Jr. and wife, Kathy, of Las Cruces, N.M.; two daughters, Donna Montgomery of Los Angeles and Candy Gregg of San Angelo; one sister, Joyce Spiller, and three brothers, T.C. Parker, Robert Parker and Johnny Parker, all of Austin; five grandchildren, Shawn Montgomery and Jody Montgomery, both of San Angelo, Patrick Gregg of Albuquerque, N.M., Rhenie Fackenthal of Dallas and Randie Flower of Los Angeles; and three great-grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be made to St. Luke United Methodist Church or a favorite charity.

Manuel Reyes

ELDORADO — Manuel Reyes, 84, of Eldorado died Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held Monday, Dec. 13th at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with burial in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born Nov. 21, 1915, in Paint Rock and had been a resident of Eldorado for 30 years.

He was a retired ranch worker and a Catholic.

Survivors include a son, Ernesto Reyes of Del Rio; a stepson, Manuel Gonzalez of Eldorado; a stepdaughter, Maria Luisa Torres of Eldorado; three daughters, Maria Martha Uribe of Rocksprings and Juanita Vasquez and Rosa Reyes, both of Eldorado; 22 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Zack Monroe

CHRISTOVAL — Zack Monroe, 71, of Christoval died at 2:10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 12, 1999, at his residence.

Graveside services were held Tuesday, Dec. 14, in Ivy Cemetery with the Rev. Buddy Tull, pastor of Christoval Baptist Church, officiating.

Zack was born Nov. 10, 1928, in Rankin to Zack and Bertha Monroe. He was a resident of Christoval for 18 years. Zack graduated from Sul Ross State University in Alpine in 1951 and was a retired geologist. He was a member of Rankin Baptist Church, the Geological Society and the Christoval Chamber. Zack was

married to Celesta Marie Lee on April 11, 1947, in McCamey.

Survivors include his wife, Celesta Marie Monroe of Christoval; granddaughters, Robin Marie Watkins and Holly Monroe Watkins, both of Lafayette, La; his brother Bruce C. Monroe of San Angelo; his sister, LaVerne M. Smith of San Angelo; and numerous loving nieces and nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bud Akins, Jesse Farris, Elbert Fiveash, Jack Garner, Frank Haines, Jim Henderson, Ernie Higdon, Gordon Holder, Don Revell, J.D. Tilley, Tip Vancourt and Marty Vinson.

Presbyterians plan Christmas Eve candlelight communion service

The First Presbyterian Church will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service on Friday, December 24, at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Lewis Allen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Sonora will lead the service of music and worship. The public is invited to join us.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

On Monday December 13, 1999 Xi Xi Chi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi met at the home of Dorothy Clark to fill beautiful foil Christmas boxes with home-made goodies and warm socks. They then traveled to Schleicher County Medical Center where Service Chairwoman Rosemary Ridgeway had made arrangements to distribute the boxes to the thirty two residents of the home. While there they also served root beer floats, sang Christmas carols and visited. Much assistance from Annie Arispe, Rachall Ridgeway and Mary Roden helped make the event a good one.

Afterwards members returned to the home of Mrs. Clark where President Dorothy Dacy opened a short business meeting. During the business meeting it was voted to donate \$25 to the Salvation Army to help feed the hungry. Members also voted to pick two names from the angel tree sponsored by the Child Welfare Board in Eldorado. This we do to help brighten Christmas for children who might be less fortunate than ourselves.

The next meeting is a Christmas dinner at Casa Arispe. Members will met for dinner at 6:30 p.m. on December 20. After dinner they will meet at the home of Barbara Jackson for dessert and

punch served by hostesses Nancy McCray and Rose Mary Ridgeway. There will also be a secret sister gift exchange.

Members attending the December 13 event were: Mary Leigh Dunagan, Kim'et Nelson, Linda Lindsey, Flora Hubble, Barbara Jackson, Nancy McCray, Mrs. Dacy, Mrs. Ridgeway and Mrs. Clark.



BIRTHDAY LIST

- DECEMBER
- 16th Stephen Grelle, Kevin Freeman, Virgilio Escobar Jr., Stephen Whitten, Jason Clark
- 17th Dylan Ramos, Micaela Gonzalez, Anita Robles
- 18th Felipe Montalvo, Brenda Greer
- 19th Jay Ray Holley, Mario Avila, LaTasha Newton, Jill Preston, Mary Lozano
- 20th Lanese Stewart, Stormi Sessom, David Overstreet, Meredith Peaslee, Domingo Pina
- 21st Cody Bill Whitten, Edward Robinson, Ashley Mittel, Jesse Lynn Barajas, Angela Ballew, Jesse Barajas, Norman Smith,
- 22nd Marvin Clark, Todd Overstreet, Holly Rae Romero, Julian Martinez

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- DECEMBER
- 22nd Weldon & Mary Jenkins

FLORAL DESIGNS
by Liz Anderson

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It's A Boy

Catherine Lloyd announces the birth of her son, Cooper Riley Lloyd.

Cooper was born November 26, 1999 at 8:51 a.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Center. He weighed 8 pounds 5 1/2 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

Grandparents are Roy and Melissa Lloyd.

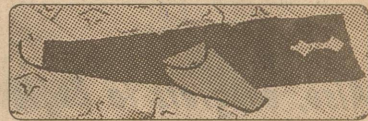
Great grandparents include Jo Ann Palmer of San Angelo, Earl and Lora Mae Lloyd of Eldorado. Cooper is also welcomed by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, other family members and friends.



Eldorado Woolen Mill Tours & Gift Shop

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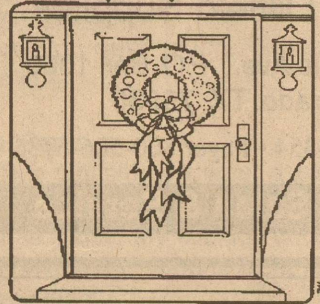
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Why does the early bird always get the worm?
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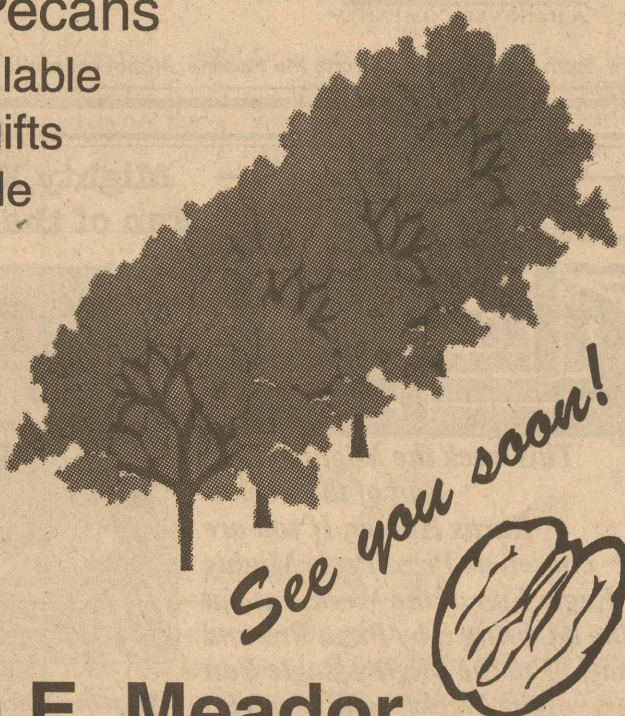
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Congratulations to both the Eldorado Eagles and Lady Eagles on their 2nd place finishes in the Mason Invitational Tournament this past weekend.

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ELDERADO SUCCESS CLASSIFIED ADS

Lady Eagles place 2nd in Mason as non-district season heats up

by David Hill, Success Sports Writer

The Eldorado Lady Eagles went 2 and 3 this last week running their record to 6 wins and 7 losses. EHS faced Irion County and Menard in non district games and placed second in the Mason Tourney.

Eldorado traveled to Mertzon last Tuesday and lost a tough one point ball game 42 to 41. Eldorado lead by 5 going into the fourth quarter but got outscored 14 to 8 in the final stanza. Stacy Nicholson lead all scorers with 17, Kim Jones had 7, and Christina Redish had 6. Nicholson played a strong inside game and the offensive numbers reflected her success. Coach Gooch commented, "Offensively we played pretty well. We had to many mental mistakes on defense to come out on top."

The Lady Eagles then had three games this past weekend in the Mason Tournament. EHS opened against Jim Ned and lost the opener 36 to 48. The Lady Eagles were outscored 15 points in the first two quarters and that

proved to be the difference in the ball game. Kayla Kohls had 12 points and Nicholson had 8. Kohls added 6 assists and 5 rebounds.

Eldorado then faced Junction in the second round of the week end and came away with a big win 55 to 27. EHS jumped out to a 25 to 2 first quarter lead and never let up. Kohls lead all scorers with 15, followed by Nicholson with 12, and Kayla McCravey had 11. Kohls and McCravey had 6 and 4 steals respectively and Nicholson had 7 boards. This was a good game for the Lady Eagles as they needed the big win.

EHS closed out the Tournament against host Mason and came out victorious 45 to 31. Again, the Lady Eagles came out strong in the first with a 16 point lead. Mason fought back and cut the margin to 8 at the half. Then EHS widened the margin to 14 in the last half. Tabitha Lloyd lead all scorers with 13 points, Nicholson and Redish each had 8, and Kim Jones added 7. Vanessa Gonzales had a good defensive game with 4 steals and Nicholson added 9 rebounds. Coach Gooch commented, "the girls really came out focused and got after Mason."

Kayla Kohls and Kayla McCravey were selected to the All Tournament team.

The Lady Eagles traveled to Menard for the third meeting this year on Monday and came out on the short end of the ball game. Stats were not yet available at press time.

The Lady Eagles will host Robert Lee tomorrow night at Eagle Gym at 6:30 p.m.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Fight for the ball — 8th grader Clara Herrera (R) went to the floor with an Ozona player Monday night battling for possession of the basketball as teammate Makinzie Holley looked on. The 8th grade Lady Eagles won the game 34 - 23.

Eagles go 4 and 2 last week

by David Hill, Success Sports Writer

The Eldorado Eagles finished this past week with 4 wins and 2 losses, extending their win-loss record to 11 and 4. The Eagles continue to play strong in the fourth quarter and are getting more and more scoring from several different players.

EHS traveled to Mertzon last Tuesday to take on the Irion County Hornets. ICHS got off to a 6 point lead after the first quarter and lead 27 to 20 at the half. The Hornets extended their lead to 12 after 3, leading 42 to 30. Eldorado closed

within 3 in the final stanza but came up on the short end of a 55 to 52 ball game. Mayo lead all scorers with 19 followed by Pina with 13. A total of 8 Eagles scored on the night. Offensively, the Eagles struggled as they shot 33% from the field and the charity stripe. Coach Gillespie commented, "we came in high after winning the Ballinger Tournament, we weren't mentally prepared for the strong play from Mertzon. I was proud of the comeback in the fourth, but, we have to put 4 quarters together."

This past weekend the Eagles traveled to Mason for the Puncher Tournament. The Eagles went 3 and 1 in the tournament and placed second.

The Eagles took on Llano on Thursday in the opening round. EHS only carried 5 players to the game as injuries and illness to a chunk out of the Eagle line up. Eldorado defeated the Yellowjackets 48 to 44. Mayo had 19 points, Bullard had 17, Brock had 7, and Robledo had 5. All in all the group had a good game.

EHS then took on Jim Ned in round 2 and came up short 42 to 65. The second and third quarters turned out to be the difference in the ball game. Mayo had 21 points followed by Bullard's 8, Brock's 6, Benji Gonzales' 3, and Stafford and Robledo each had 2.

Eldorado then faced Junction in the third round and came away with a 8 point win 59 to 51. The Eagles came out strong and led throughout the ball game. Mayo lead all scorers with 21, Gonzales had 12, followed by Robledo's 7. Benji Gonzales had a great ball game after being called up from the JV.

Finally, the Eagles closed out the weekend against host Mason. Eldorado outscored Mason in the first and third quarters by 15 points and finished with a 58 to 46 victory. Mayo had 23 points, Bullard added 19, and Brock, Johnny Herrera, Kenny Covarubiaz, and Gonzales each had 4. EHS's got good play from the guards.

All in all this was a good tournament for the Eagles. With the illnesses and injuries several players stepped up and played well when they were needed. Michael Mayo and Joey Bullard were selected to the all tournament team.

Eldorado traveled to Menard on Monday night and took on the Yellowjackets. The Eagles came away with a 15 point win, 66 to 51. The win runs their record to 11 wins and 4 losses on the season. Joey Bullard lead all scorers with 21, Mayo had 12 followed by Herrera and Covarubiaz with 7. A total of 8 Eagles got on the scoreboard. Jeff Stafford, Bullard and Mayo all had a good night rebounding. Will Robledo had a great defensive night on the press. Coach Gillespie commented, "it was a real team effort, we passed the ball well and ran the fast break effectively."

The Eagles will host Robert Lee tomorrow night at 8 p.m.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, December 20th

Beef Stew w/Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Crackers, Chocolate Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, December 21st

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetable, Hot Rolls, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Wednesday, December 22nd

Meatloaf, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli, Wheat Rolls, Sugar Cookies, Milk

Thursday, December 23rd

Turkey w/Giblet Gravy, Cornbread Dressing, Cranberry Sauce, Broccoli, Cabbage Salad, Hot Rolls, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday, December 24th

Holiday, Closed for Christmas Eve



Hoop Scores



8th Grade Girls

December 6, 1999
Eldorado 06-05-07-09=27
Irion 10-05-08-09=32
Courtney Whitten 8; Makinzie Holley 3; Clara Herrera 7; Monica Moreno 3; Teresa Barajas 2; Sonia Mills 2. Also playing were Heather Homer and Lacy Ragsdale.

8th Grade Girls

December 13, 1999
Eldorado 16-06-06-06=34
Ozona 08-07-02-06=23
Makinzie Holley 4; Clara Herrera 6; Heather Homer, 4; Monica Moreno 3; Teresa Barajas 6; Sonia Mills, 4; Lacy Ragsdale, 6. Also playing were Courtney Whitten. "B" Team scored 4 points. Scoring for Eldorado was Andrea Leal, 4; and Rachel, 2.

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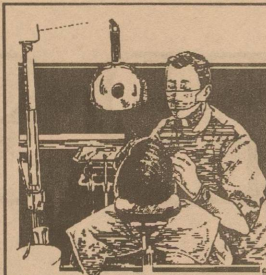
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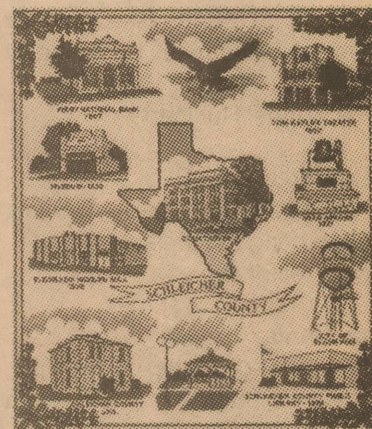
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*EMT 2903 Paramedic Completion	Tu	6:00-9:30 PM
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Longhorn Pipeline meeting rescheduled

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The previously announced Environmental Assessment comment period deadline of Friday, January 14 has not changed with the movement of the meeting date by one day.

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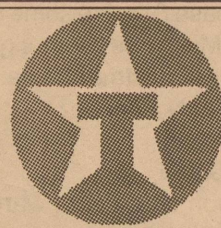
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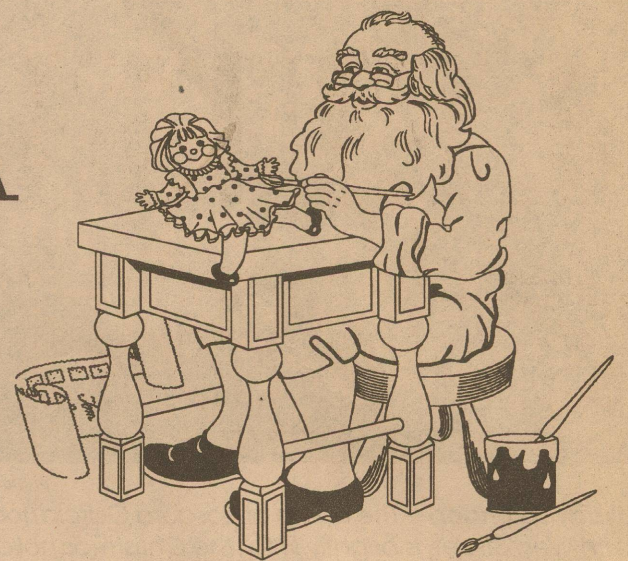
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Dear Santa,

I want a red boat for Christmas. Please bring me a plane.
Love, Hector Reyes

Dear Santa,

I want a spaceship game, a car, and some bubbles. I've been a good boy at school.
Love, Camron Capps

Dear Santa,

Please bring my mom some red keys. I would like a Super Nintendo 64 and a balloon for Christmas.
Love, Randy Martinez

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie Cash Register and a Tommy thing that talks.
Love, Brittany Galan

Dear Santa,

I want a motorcycle and some letters. Junior wants a car.
Love, Nancy Iglesias

Dear Santa,

I want a Duck Shooter Game, a monster truck, and that's all. I like your reindeer.
Love, Blaine Mitchell

Dear Santa,

I want Rudolp. My mom wnts a ring. My sister wants baby toys and my dad wants a watch.
Love, Marcus Perez

Dear Santa,

I want a Power Ranger, candy, and a star. I've been good at home.
Love, Gabriel Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want some numbers and a snowman. I want a Christmas Tree for my house.
Love, Samantha Ard

**Pre-Kindergarten
Mrs. Beach's
Morning Class**

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control car, and Santa say Hi to your reindeer and how is Mrs. Santa.
Love, Daniel Guerra

Dear Santa,

I want a gameboy and a bike. Plese bring me a remote control truck, too.
Love, Lane Griffin

Dear Santa,

I want a play gun and a toy monster truck. Hi Rudolph.
Love, Jackson O'Harrow

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie, a bar mixer, and a stroller with a baby in it.
Love, Ashley Mettlen

Dear Santa,

I want a remote control with two cars that drive. Please bring me a toy kangaroo.
Love, Edward Hernandez

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a little Christmas tree and some Santa Claus toys.
Love Rudy Montez

Dear Santa,

I want a toy monster truck and toy reindeer horns. I will leave some cookies and milk for you.
Love, Brian Parsley

Dear Santa,

I want you to bring me a Barbie and a Barbie car. I want to see Rudolph's nose.
Love, Miranda Arispe

Dear Santa,

I want a bike for Christmas and a key for my dad.
Love, Marysa Espinosa

**Pre-Kindergarten
Mrs. Droll's Class**

Dear Santa,

I want a buzz light year, from the Toy Story. I have been a good boy.
Love, Roger Gehrels

Dear Santa,

I want a toy Rudolph, and a Christmas snowman. Please bring me Skateboard Shannon bring my mom a necklace, my dad a watch, my sister wants clothes, I have been a good girl at home and school.
Love M'Kenna Gillespie

Dear Santa,

I want a car from the Movie Stewart Little, and a barbie bike, bring my brother a smiling face ball, and bring my Mom a new dress, and my Dad a computer. I have been a good girl at home.
Love, Tori Olivan

Dear Santa,

I want a little Thomas Train with Clairabelle and James trains, and train underwear, and the smallest Christmas tree for my room. I have been a very good boy.
Love, Ryan Espinosa

Dear Santa,

I want a doll house and a doll, My brother want's a gameboy. Bring my Mom a Christmas tree. I have been a good girl.
Love, Nikki Herrera

Dear Santa,

I want a Power Ranger toy, and a coloring book and crayons and bring my sister a pink Power Ranger. I have been a very good boy.
Love, Mark Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want some barbie shoes, and some dress up clothes to play in, and a big Christmas tree. I have been a good girl.
Love, Kasey Gonzalez

Dear Santa,

I want a barbie for my airplane, and a computer to play games, I have been a very good girl at school and at home. I want make-up, clothes and a camera.
Love, Ashley Bullard

Dear Santa,

I want an airplane, toy gun. I have been a very good boy.
Love, Connor Blair

Dear Santa,

I want a yellow boat, and skateboard, bring my sister a barbie, I have been good at school and at home.
Love, Aaron Conn

Dear Santa,

I want a bike and a helmet, for Christmas, bring my brother a bike and helmet also, bring my Mom some perfume.
Love, Crystal Trujillo

**First Grade
Mrs. Curtis' Class**

Dear Santa,

I would like a pair of roller blades and a skateboard. I deserve it because I bring my homework back to school.
Love, Holly Romero

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie because I been a good girl.
Love Trina Gayler

Der Santa,

I can't wate for my presents. I have been good. I wot a bike. Love, Robert Chavez

Dear Santa,

I want a Bike a Walki talkie and a fun by and a flokee walkie and a little dog. I deserve it becuse I Minde. My Dad and My Mom.
Love, Cruzita Trujillo

Dear Santa,

I wish for a real brother with a happy face and I have Been good.
Love, Brenda Galan

Dear Santa,

I want a Santa Claus hat for Christmas and a real frog and a fish and a Gode fish and a jump rope. I deserve it because I have bin good.
Kymberlin Conn

Dear Santa,

I wot a remote control motorcycle. I deserve it because I doo my scooll work.
Love, Domingo Torres

Dear Santa,

I would like anything for Christmas. you know why?

I have been good because I knew that you would be coming to my house. If you do that for Me, I will put out some cookies and milk and by the way I live in Egypt. Thank you Santa.
love, Allyson Jarrett

Dear Santa,

I wont a skate board becace I had been good.
Love, Eloy Bustos

Dear Santa,

I would like, a BB gun. I would like it because my dad wonts me to go to target pracktig.
Love, Robert Buchholz

Dear Santa,

I would like a Buzz light Year acchin figer, and a bow and arrow with a target also a hunting nife and a bike and a lap top. I think I need them because I have ben good and I have never got in truble this month.
love Miles Mikeska

Dear Santa,

I would like a lot of presents. I think I deserve it because I have been nice to my brother a lot!
Love, Torey Griggs

Dear Santa,

I would like a new Bike because I have ben good!
Love, Adran Parsley

Dear Santa,

I whant a jet and a fire hat and a kite. I dezerve it because I am good.
Love, Tate Evens

Dear Santa Claus,

I want a motorcycle. Please Santa Claus bring me a motorcyle because I help my dad work at the shop.
Love, Briley Ledbetter.

**First Grade
Mrs. Gray's Class**

Dear Santa,

I want a shop Barbie And please bring My Mother shoes And a pretty dress. And, please bring My dad shoes And pans And a belt. And bring me a picture of you And bring My Teacher a pretty dress And dring And a klok. And bring me a ring And My mom.
Merry christmas
Love, Deisy Aranda

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbi Doll and Barbi Go Cart and a ring for mom and I also want a bike.
Merry Christmas
love, Sami Brown

Dear Santa,

Want a ring for mom. I wot a Barbie
Love; Rosa Hernaundez

Dear Santa,

I had been a good boy we will mite leave you Milk and Cookies like every Christmas. I want nee pads and elbow pads. Merry Christmas
Love Trevor Harrington

Dear Santa,

I want a bicycle and a Go Cart. Please bring my dad a train and my mom a vaccumc leaner. Merry Christmas
Zachary Taylor

Dear Santa,

I have been a good boy. I hope that you do not get stuck in my chimney. I wish I could have a new bike and a new football helmet and the football and suit and pals.
Merry Christmas
Love, Joshua Grange

Dear Santa, Merry Christmas

Santa I want a new Barbie Jeep and and Baby doll that feells real and Little chalkboard and cd player and Little trampoline and Barbie and I won't forget to give you cookies and a Baby dog. Merry Christmas
Love, Ashley Paulson

Dear Santa,

I will leave milk and cookies. want a toy want cin po Wheslies. want a football suit hielmete.
Merry Christmas
Love, Tyler Farmer

Dear Santa

Please Give me some Star wars Micro Machines with a skywaker in it. Merry Christmas santa.
Love Rudy Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I won crog Cart I want Shoes.
Merry Christmas
Love Chris Mejia

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas Santa.
Santa I am leaving cookies carrots and drink for you. Santa can you give my mom a droom and a mop. And I want a bike. Santa how are the Reindeer: and I wnt a barbie jeep and a barb doll. and I don't want a big bike. Merry Christmas
Love, Marci Minor

dear Santa,

I have been good. This is The first Time I have gottn a go car. Thin I want a BB gun I want a Pellet gun. Thin I want a ninetendo 604. Thin I want a Whistling bo Thin I want a Shot gun. Meery christmas
Christal Sanchez

Dear Santa,

I want a Play Station on new Shoes and a game. Merry Chrigtmas
Love, frank Gandar

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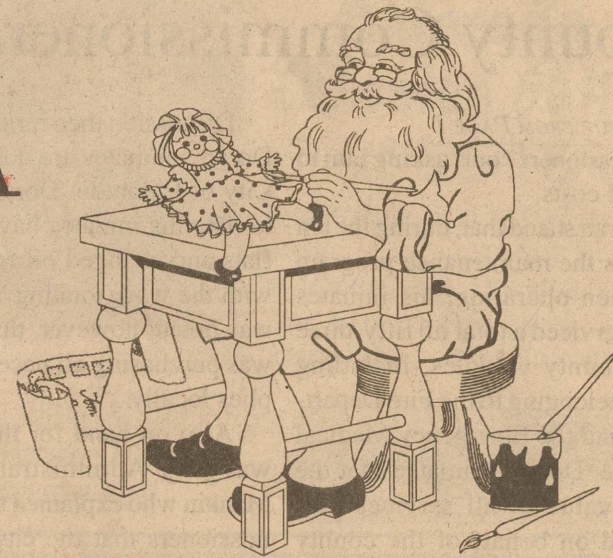
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LETTERS TO SANTA



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Dear Santa,
I hope you do not get stuck in the chimney. I want a 4 wheel and a play station gam that is a britt bike game. I want a game boy caler and trane.
Colten Daniels

**First Grade
Mrs. Halbert's Class**

Dear Santa,
I wish I can go with you. I want roller blade a helmet a BB gun Shoulder pads, and a dog. I help mi grama clean her house.
love, Nathan Jimenez

Dear Santa,
I with I could go too the North Pole with You. I want a ring for Christmas. My Dad wants a bike. My mom wants a ring for Christmas. I deserve this because I help Dad with the dishes. Tell Rudolph hi for me.
Love, Jessica Sellers

Dear Santa,
I want a Nutcracker for Christmas. I deserve it becose I cleaned my room. P.S. I will give you some cookies and milk.
Love Kyle Holub

**First Grade
Mrs. Halbert's Class**

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a race track and I been good and help Mom clean house. I will put cholate cookie for you and the deer.
I Love you, C.J.Knutson

Dear Santa claus,
I want a bike and race car. I have mot wint to the prinaoble of office becose I have been so good. I too have worked for my Grandma when she broke her arm. My Mom needs a jackit. Dab work clothes, Grandppaa new wheelchair and Grandma a helper. Merry Christmas and please bring some snowe
love J,R. Martinez

Dear Santa,
I would like a baby pupy for Christm and a skate board SCannon. I always do my hom work and help Mom at hom I will leev a bol of milk for Rudolph.
Love, Rosy Iglesias

Dear Santa
We have allbeen good. I help Making feen Blue and when Daddy hurt his leg I got him drinks. Please bring a babe bune for me and a choochoo train. bring Grandma Nane a candle. Blue need a Santa haat. I will bake you cookies and for the deer popcorn. Santa Mouse gets cheez
I Love you, Carli McAngus

Dear Santa,
I want a big big motor csicle. We will give you sum cookies.
Love, Johnathon Espinosa

Dear Santa,
I want Buzz from toy story. I will leave you some cookies
Love, Eric Loomis

Dear Santa,
I want a nutcraker and a little cat. I helped my granma water the Flowers. I will give Santa Claus Christmas cookies.
Love Laura Garcia

Dear Santa,
I want for Christmas a skate board Shanin a whole compoter set and a printer and a printer and a pretty doll. I have been good. I will leace you cooze and milk.
Love, Morgan Blair Gillespie

Dear Santa,
I want Skat bard Shanen. I've been good to my grandma bring grandma a dimovd ring and Grandpa a Dallas cowBoy shirt. I Love you Santa
Love Ashley Rojas

Dear Santa,
I will leev you some cookies and milk I want lego I was good because I take out the trash for Mother I love you. Jorge Medrano

Dear Santa,
My Mom is happy and proud of me because I didn't get in trouble in church. I want a Airplane barbie and a computer
Love, Abigail Ussery

Dear Santa,
I have ban good. I have helped my Daddy worked in the pasture. I want roller blades a new bike , a real pocket watch and I think that's all,
Love, Jaymie O'Harrow

Dear Santa,
I want a hot Weels caar and a Kror Krash race trak I work with my Dad and Grandpa in The leeves. A hot wheels shop too please bring my ya Snowman.
Love, Robby Saldivar

**Second Grade
Mrs. Mikeska's Class**

Dear Santa,
what I want is a football and a new backpack to play with my freinds and my mom.
Love, Ramiro Perez

Dear Santa,
The first thing I want is a game boy color. The secant thing I want is a bike. The therd I want is a laptop.
love Dylan Wilson

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I would like a new bike because my old one is too small. The next I would a Pok'emon Yellow because the blue one is not to fun. The last thing I would like is a laptalk computer because I don't have one a computer
Your Friend, Timothy Cuevas

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a princess doll so it can make best friend's whith my other dolls. The second thing I want to is a Barbie for my colection of Barbie's. The next is a puppy so I can play whith him my yard. The fourth thing I want is a balerina doll so I can play whith her.
Love Santa, Adriana Hernandez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I wanta dolly. Next I want block's and a dog. Doyou want chocolate cookies and Milk!
love, clarissa Hernandez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a rug that has sum roads on it and with houses. The next thing I want is a Nintindo game. The name is Toy story 2. The next thing I want is a Game Boy Color.
I love you very much, Gregory Rodriguez

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bike. My old bike is flat. The next thing I want is a doll. My old doll is dirty The next thing I want is a cat , My old cat died.
Love Leslie Arispe

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a monkey. The second thing I want is a laptop.
Love, Jacey Sellers

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want is a wolf toy with a Pilot. The second Thing I want for Christmas is a pet pupy, and a new solder toy.
Love, Junior Trujillo

Dear Santa,
This Christmas I want a bike So I can ride with my friends. The second thing I want is a Nintedo game. So I can play it.
from Wes Brown

Dear Santa,
I want a Nintindo game to go with my other ones. The Second thing I want is a Game Boy COler. The third thing I want is a dirt bike. The last thing I want to give to my little Brother is a Blues Clues clay Maker. P.S I have bin good this year. I will leave milk, cookies, and carots for the rain deer.
Love Austin Whitten

**Second Grade
Mrs. O'Harrow's Class**

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skate board, helmet, and roller blades for Christmas this year Say to Rudcph!
Love, Maureen Martinez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a computer, a dog and a moutain bike for Christmas this year. Have a great Christmas!
Love Dylan Dombroski

Dear Santa,
Please bring me snow motor-cycle bike, a chihuahua, and a puppy for Christmas this year. How are your Elves?
Love Anthony Mata

Dear Santa,
Please bring me an airplane, toy car, pet dog, and fishingline for Christmas this year. Say hi to Rudolph for me.
Love Juan Medrano

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a cat, a kitten, a dog and a puppy for Christmas this year. How is Mrs. Claus?
Love Victoria Ann Garza

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a model airplane, a cinoyter a poke'mon backpack, and a game boy color with a poke'mon game to go with the game boy color for Christmas this year. Say to Mrs. Claus for me
Love, Kevin Freeman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a light brown bear, doll house with the Barbie, cloths, and a pup for Christmas this year. Tell Rudolph I said Hi.
Love, Alex Guzman

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy Woody Buzz and a nintindo sixty four game monster Trucks. for Christmas this year. Say Hi to Rudolph for me.
Love Bailey Minor

Dear Santa,
Please bring me roeler blades, a puppy my own computer, and a trampoline for christmas this year. Say Hi to Rudolph!
Love, Samantha Dominguez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nintendo game, Puppy, bell, and a hug for Christmas this year. Have a Merry Christmas!
Love Shane Young

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a robot a beast wars, a laser gun and a super batman for Christmas this year.
Love, Marcos Medrano

**Second Grade
Mrs. Sessom's Class:**

Dear Santa,
Please bring me go cart, G.I. Joe, remote control man, foot ball. How is Rudolph? I have milk and cookies.
Love, Marty Powell

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Barbie doll, and a Puppy dog, for my pet and a Nintendo, and the movie Toy Story 2.
Love, Alicia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a 10 speed bike in Eldorado. In Sonora I want a coboodle with something In It. Merry Christmas.
Love Kadie Niblett

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a Computer, puppy, basketball goal, and a game. How is Blitzen, Dasher, Prancer, Comic, Vixen, Donder, Cupid, Dancer, and Rudolph? Merry Christmas
Love, Emily Espinosa

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a toy cap gun shot gun. have a Happy New Year. And haave a safe trip.
Love, Garrett Lux

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a skate bord, a bb rifle a, bb pistol, a computer with a 95 screen or higher. Be careful on your sleigh ride. How is Rudolph doing? Merry Christmas
Love Mason Baker

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a motor cycle, Game boy color play rifle, Lazer chaleng p.s Be carefull on your sleigh to night how is Rudolph? I will leave milk and coolies, my friend Santa. Merry Christmas and A happy New Year's
Love Hervey Solisar

Dear Santa,
Please bring me Remote car, and a WWF, and WcW, Wrestlers, and a bitz 2000 n 64 Game.
Love, Petey Fuentes

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a nintendo sixty for and a foot ball, and a robot toy, and a racing car. Merry Christmas, Santa.
Love, Andy Sanchez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me 8 Bugs Life folders, a box of twenty four crayons. I will leave you a snack.
Love Kori Ann Holub

Dear Santa,
Please bring me a furry doll coat 2 queen Barbies. 1 computer. How is Rudolph? Merry Christmas.
Love, Patricia Hernandez

Dear Santa,
Please bring me new Born Jennifer and read and Play Tommy pickles. Barbe skates I'm bieng good in school
from Shelsea Rojas

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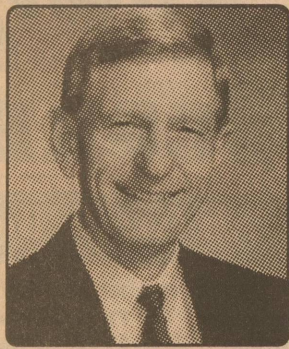
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Young Eagles take flight-Boy and Girl Scouts recently participated in the EAA Aviation Foundation Young Eagle Program with pilots Joe Christian of Eldorado and Don Tidwell of San Angelo. Scouts participating were: Front (L-R) Erika Conner, Kassandra Tyler, Joy Martinez, Chelsey Hill, Troop #153 Leader Velma Tyler; Center (L-R) Glen Conner, Nathan MacDonald, Jaaron Crawford, Jesse Mendoza, Jeffrey Bybee, Frank Ortega; Troop 18 Leader Linda Conner, Travis Joinder, Reese Schwiening, Pilot Joe Christian, Scout Leaders Norman Smith and Melvin Conner and Pilot Don Tidwell.

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Mmmm Mmmm Good — Gladys Faull (foreground) and Bernell O'Conner were two of the community's senior citizens who dined at the school last week. That's when SCISD hosted its annual Senior Citizen Christmas Meal in the school cafeteria.

Fire Dept. elects new officers

The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department elected officers for the year 2000 at a meeting held December 7. Those officers will be as follows:
 Chief - Jerry J. Jones
 1st Asst. Chief - Joey Jones
 2nd Asst. Chief - Michael Faull
 President - Robert Parker
 V. President - Allen Corbell
 Secretary - Jerry E. Felver
 Treasurer - Josh Hastings
 Sheriff - Tim McAngus
 Deputy - T.J. Rodriguez
 Training Officer - Allen Corbell
 Fire Marshall - Oscar Martinez
 Chaplin - Jesse Guadarrama
 Fire Mother - Bessie Jones
 Sweetheart - Carly McAngus
 Mascot - Colt Jones.

WINDBREAK TREES FOR SALE

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District is sponsoring a windbreak tree sale. If properly designed and maintained, windbreaks can reduce soil erosion and property for 40 years or more. The also help decrease heating costs in winter and cooling costs in the summer for home and buildings.

EVERGREEN TREES available are Afghan Pine, Austrian Pine, Red Cedar and Pinyon Pine.
HARDWOODS available are Shumack Oak, Honeylocust, Sand Plum, Osage Orange, Sandcherry, Fourwing Saltbush, Nanking Cherry, Flameleaf Sumac, Catalpa, Green Ash, Russian Olive, Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry, and Lacebark Elm.
WILDLIFE PACKETS for **QUAIL & PHEASANT** (Russian Olive, Plum, Aromatic Sumac, Nanking Cherry), **DEER** (Bur Oak, Hackberry, Fourwing Saltbush, Flameleaf Sumac), **TURKEY** (Honeysuckle, Aromatic Sumac, Hackberry, Bur Oak) and **SQUIRREL** (Little Walnut, Shumard Oak, Osage Orange, Bur Oak) are also available.

School board holds regular monthly meeting

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Personnel items were then addressed with two resignations being received. Melissa Murr resigned effective December 7 and Elida J. Estrada effective January 14, 2000. Mr. Porter announced that these positions were funded by Title I and that advertisements seeking qualified replacements were being prepared.

The final reading of the mandated Policy Development 62 Update was made and was passed upon a motion by Steve Sessoms and seconded by Berta Nicholson.

Out of district field trips for several student groups were approved upon a motion by Steve Sessom and seconded by Eddie Albin.

Supt. Porter announced that the seventh grade class of this school year will be the first class to be required to take the eleventh grade exit level examination. This project is designed to ensure quality education to all students and require that they achieve certain abilities in order to graduate from

the public school. When asked if this would make it harder on the students and teachers Mr. Porter affirmed that it would.

Eddie Albin asked Brian Brownlow about the after school care program recently started by the school. Brownlow reported that there were currently seven students enrolled in the program and that parents of these children had expressed appreciation for the program. There are two workers assigned to this program which operates at the school 3:00 p.m. through 5:30 p.m. each week, Monday through Friday.

Responding to a question from Phil McCormick about a delay in beginning the district's Distance Learning Program, Supt. Porter said that colleges designated in this L.A.T.A. (an area defined by the State Board of Education) were not yet providing the necessary programs. This prompted several board members to express concerns about the repeated delays.

Supt. Porter informed the Board that all the School Districts

within Region 15 that had gone to the expense of providing the necessary equipment were experiencing the same problems as was S.C.I.S.D. He promised that he would prepare a list of options available for the district.

Porter said he had previously attempted to get the district affiliated with Texas Tech's Distance Learning Program but had failed in his attempt due to the fact that the two institutions of higher learning which are designated to serve this L.A.T.A., Angelo State University and Howard College have not begun participating in the program. The board unanimously spoke in favor of doing what was necessary to overcome the inertia. McCormick reported that much smaller schools at Del City and at Sanderson were participating in a working program and expressed displeasure with being unable to get the two San Angelo Schools up and running with the project.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

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Minutes of monthly EMS meeting held Dec. 6th

Members present- Tim Vasquez, TJ Rodriguez, Michael Faull, Sheila Prater, Melissa

Standford, Bobby Andrews, Connie Andrews, Brenda Greer, Juquin Rojas, Soila Rodjas, Dr. Dorie, Joey Jones, Velma Tyler, Sylvia Belman, Susie Richters.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

I. Minutes from previous meeting read and approved- Susie Richters, 2nd Tim Vasquez.

II. Fire Dept/EMS Christmas party on 12/14/99 at 7:00 p.m. Sign up sheet at the Fire Hall.

III. Lee Barajas is now an EMT-Intermediate, Luiz Martinez is working for Shannon in the Med-Com center.

IV. Billing, Insurance and release forms, Melissa discussed the implementation of new billing forms. They are put into effect immediately. They are located in the clipboard on the trucks. We are also beginning electronic billing. Passed around example.

V. New city and county maps-Ray Ballew has put together these maps they have been placed on the trucks. Discussion of specifics of the maps.

VI. QA/QI- run totals Nov. 12. We have passed 200 calls.

VII. Shirt Logos- Charlie came up with a few logos for us to look at. He can put this on file and we can have them made up any time we want to, he can do this on hats, shirts etc... Passed out for everyone to look at and vote on.

VIII. DNR's- we will honor a DNR if it is presented to us.

IX. Operation prom night: Tim discussed program which he saw at the EMS conference in Austin. This is a very moving program. Tim asked that if any one could commit to help it would be appreciated. All members present approved of the program. Tim will begin work. Brenda suggested a breakfast after prom as well, all members present in agreement.

X. The new ambulance will be ready the week of Jan. 17th.

XI. Total call hours for month of November. Melissa has this if you would like to know your total hours on call. Reiteration of by-law change regarding Soila Rodjas questions regarding meetings and 50% compliance. Melissa stated that all members were, and any one

whom had not made 50%, were excused due to work, school etc.. Bylaw change made regarding reasons for missing meetings to add: excused for school activities for immediate family.

XI. Meeting date/time change- discussion of changing meeting time and date. Approved per members present, monthly meeting will still be first Monday of the month. And will now be at 5:15 p.m.

XII. Other business- 25th anniversary of Schleicher County EMS. We are hoping to hold a open house to honor those whom have been on the service over the years.

HOOP SCORES

7th Grade Boys

November 29, 1999
 Eldorado 11-04-08-09=32
 Ozona 17-08-13-14=52
 Eric Garza, 2; Ryan Cathey, 2; Bryce Leggett, 2; Kolby Dombroski, 2; Lance Roberts, 9; Joey Hernandez, 3; Logan Neal, 13. Also playing were Justin Phillips, BJ Dacy, Tico Robles, and Manuel Arispe.

December 6, 1999

Eldorado 00-07-03-10=20
 Iraan 23
 BJ Dacy, 2; Justin Phillips, 2; Lance Roberts, (1) 3 point goal, 10; Joey Hernandez, 4; Logan Neal, 2. Also playing were Tico Robles, Eric Garza, Ryan Cathey, Bryce Leggett, Kolby Dombroski, Manuel Arispe, Simon Duran, Luis Hernandez, Marcelo Romo and Norberto Moya.

8th Grade Boys

December 6, 1999
 Eldorado 02-05-02-20=29
 Iraan 41
 Trey Chavez, (3) 3 point goals, 15; Homer Hernandez, (2) 3 point goals, 6; Chris Sanchez, 2; Arispe, 6. Also playing Wilkerson and Munoz. Scoring for the "B" team was Travis Lively, 4.

December 13, 1999

Eldorado 06-06-06-01=19
 Ozona 51
 Travis Lively, 5; Trey Chavez, 6; Danny Sanchez, 6; Tony Chavez. Also playing were: Cole Wilkerson, Forrest Holt, Homer Hernandez, Chris Sanchez. "B" Team Score 9, Ozona 20. Scoring for Eldorado Shay Parker, 2; Jeffrey Bybee, 2; Escobar, 2; Joshua Trejo, 2.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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EMT course offered in Sonora

An Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) course will be offered in Sonora beginning January 11, 2000 through May 18, 2000. Classes will be held at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

The course provides emergency medical training in such areas as bleeding and shock, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, emergency childbirth, pediatric care, and other emergency illnesses and trauma.

While attending the course, the student will be required to spend twenty four (24) hours in the emergency room at San Angelo Community Medical Center. It is also necessary to make five ambulance

runs with a certified ambulance service. Upon completion of the course, a student will be trained to work for public or private ambulance firms, and in some hospital emergency departments.

EMT courses normally cost approximately \$300.00 to \$500.00 per person, but Sutton County EMS will make this class available at \$75.00 plus of the text book.

If you are interested, contact Patrick Campbell, EMS Coordinator, at the Sutton County EMS Office between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday. The office is located at 211 East Third Street, and the phone number is (915) 387-5132. Pre-registration is required.

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