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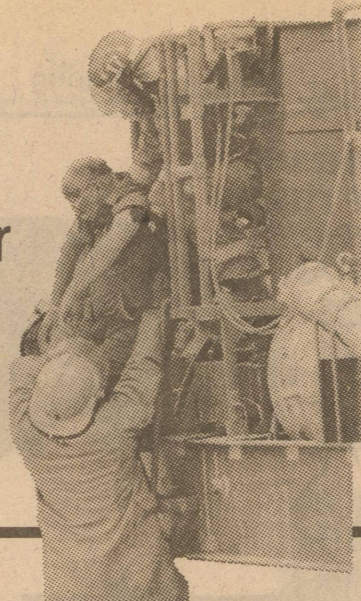
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'Critical Access' program important to hospital's future

SCMC to pursue CAH designation

Like other rural hospitals, Schleicher County Medical Center (SCMC) has suffered in recent years from declining Medicare reimbursements. The Balanced Budget Act of 1997 compounded that problem as Medicare payments to the hospital district were further reduced.

With rural hospitals across the nation closing their doors, SCMC trustees have steadfastly refused to consider that option. Instead, alternative solutions have been sought. Now, a new program called the Medicare Rural Hospital Flexibility Program is offering a way for remote hospitals such as SCMC to increase their Medicare reimbursements.

The program calls for facilities, designated as 'Critical Access Hospitals' to receive increased reimbursement for expenses that qualify under the Medicare pro-

gram. SCMC trustees met Monday evening and voted unanimously to pursue 'Critical Access' designation for the local hospital.

Before the vote trustees Ricky Fuessel, Delia Pina, Judy Christian, Randy Mankin, Tom Enochs, Brian Edmiston and Lanis Mikeska heard a presentation from Andy Freeman of Preferred Management Corporation. Freeman explained that his company operates a small hospital in Tishomingo, Oklahoma which has recently received the 'Critical Access' designation. That facility, Freeman explained, is benefiting greatly from the program.

To qualify for the 'Critical Access' designation, a hospital must be located in a rural area, have fewer than 25 beds and limit inpatient stays to no longer than 96 hours. It was explained that the average in-

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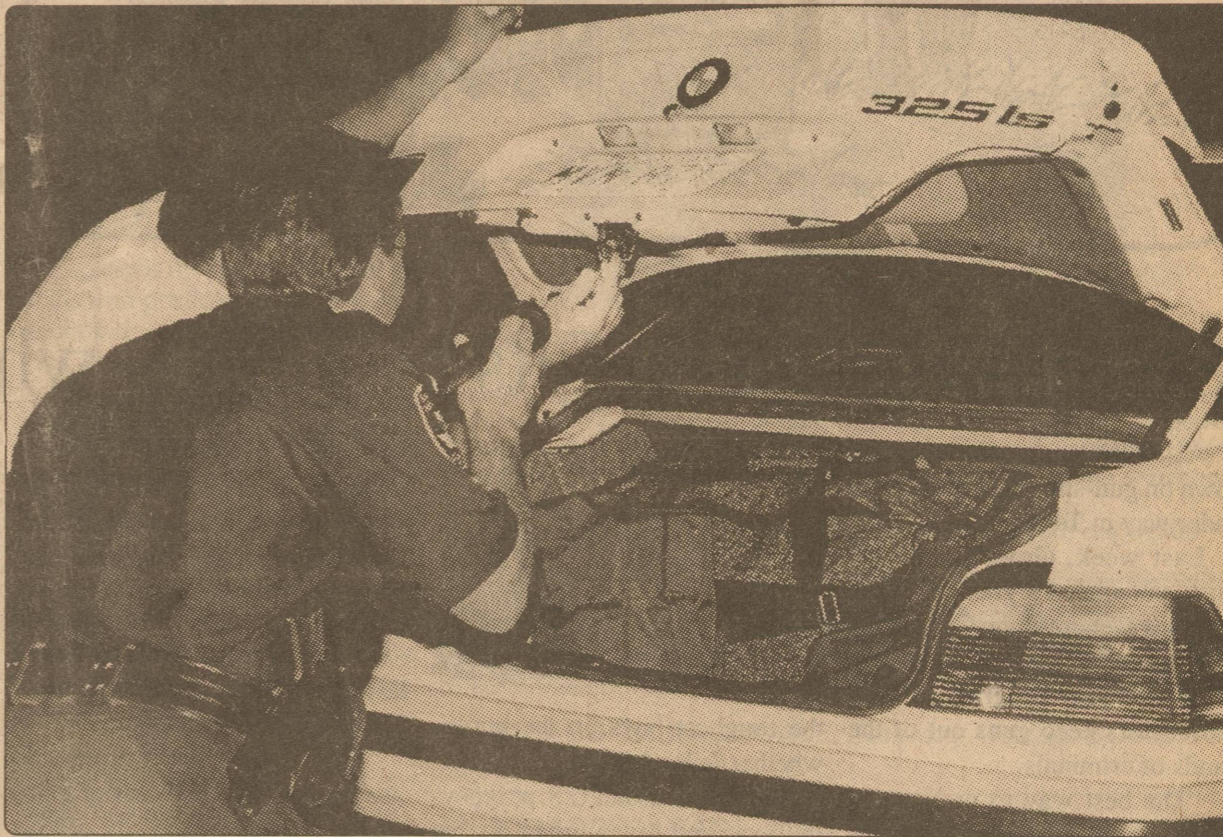


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Hot car — Schleicher County Sheriff's Deputies Jason Chatham (foreground) and Eddie Rodriguez (background) searched the trunk of a stolen 1993 BMW, recovered 6 miles north of Eldorado on US 277.

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.

Chatham began questioning the car's driver, Cesar S. Talavera-Meyer, 22, of Ciudad Acuna, Mexico. When the driver became uncooperative, Chatham called for backup and deputy Eddie Rodriguez responded to the scene.

A check of the BMW's vehicle identification number (VIN) indi-

cated the car was registered to Karen Bishop of Dallas and had been reported stolen. Talavera-Meyer was immediately taken into custody. A search of the auto revealed a dealer's license plate belonging to yet another vehicle in Tyler.

Chief Deputy George Arispe, who questioned the suspect later that morning, said that Talavera-Meyer was an undocumented alien who had been living in Abilene.

Arispe noted that a phone call to the vehicle's owner, Karen Bishop, in Dallas, revealed that she had recently hired a contractor to work on her home. While the work was underway, her home was burglarized. Among the items taken was the original title to the 1983 BMW. Bishop told Arispe that a friend of hers had also hired the same contractor and that the friend's home had been burglarized, as well.

Arispe said that during a search of Talavera-Meyer, the original title to the stolen vehicle was found in the suspect's underwear. Further questioning reportedly revealed that Talavera-Meyer is related to a family which owns a used car dealership in Ciudad Acuna.

Talavera-Meyer was then booked into the Schleicher County Jail, charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle. He was arraigned on Tuesday before County Judge Johnny Griffin who set bond at \$25,000.00. However, a hold issued by the U.S. Border Patrol has kept the man in jail.

Deputy Arispe told the Success that he had been in contact with the Dallas Police Department and the Department of Public Safety's auto theft investigation unit. But, at press time it was unclear whether Talavera-Meyer would be transferred back to Dallas to face other charges.

Forts Trail Fall Festival brings visitors to Eldorado

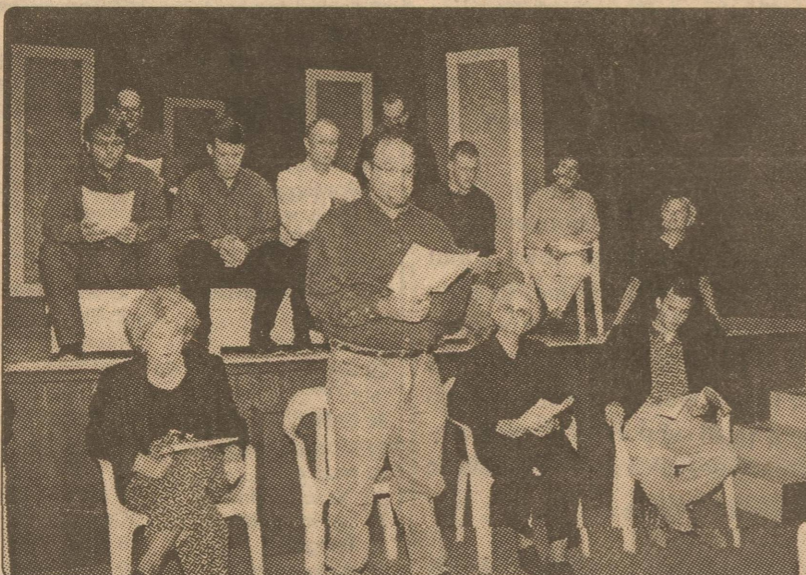


photo by Randy Mankin

Voices from the past — Matt Rutherford narrated a Readers Theater in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theatre last Saturday as part of the Texas Forts Trail Fall Festival.

Texas' past and present blended together Saturday as the first ever Texas Forts Trail Fall Festival was held in Eldorado. Living history exhibits from Ft. Concho, Ft. McKavett, Ft. Lancaster, and Ft. Chadbourne were set up in the Memorial building along with other booths which focused on the rich history and culture of the Texas Forts Trail region.

Event organizer Mark Marshall noted some difficulty in scheduling historical reenactors for the event. "Since this was our first year we ran into scheduling problems. The group at Ft. Concho were already booked at an event in New Mexico," Marshall said. "But, there were other things that were very positive, like the reading at

the theater."

'Voices from the Frontier', a readers theater was held in the Tom Ratliff Civic Theatre. Excerpts from letters, dispatches and other frontier day correspondence were read by several volunteers. Taking part in the program were: Matt Rutherford, John Paul Joiner, Brian Brownlow, J. Lynn Williams, Rick Singleton, Bill Clark, Ben Edmiston, Andy Anderson, Jim Martin, Katrina Gonzales, Mark Marshall, Jo Ann Sproul, Charlie Bradley, Tana Williams, Mary Robinson and Nancy Lester.

Saturday evening, the focus shifted to a street stage, on Main Street where the NDC Mystery Band warmed up the crowd. Then,

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John Callison wins Gold, Silver & Bronze medals at State Senior Games in Temple

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.

The Texas Senior Games are a week-long event sponsored by Scott & White Hospital with the purpose of encouraging senior citizens to maintain an active and healthy life-style.

Callison said it was amazing to see how many people attended the games. According to the Temple Daily Telegram, more than 4,000 people were in Temple to watch and/or participate in the Senior Games.



photo by Kathy Mankin

State Champion — John Callison brought home Gold, Silver and Bronze medals last week after competing in the Texas Senior Games State Championship in Temple. The 73-year old Eldoradoan won the Basketball Free Throw competition. He placed second in the Basketball Around-the-World (3-point) Shooting competition and was third in the Horseshoes competition.

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Jim "Elvis" Runge

Jim Runge, formerly of Eldorado, has been selected as one of a number of Elvis impersonators to perform during halftime activities at Sunday's Dallas Cowboys game. The Elvis lookalikes will perform a routine with the Cowboy Cheerleaders on the floor of Texas Stadium. Kickoff is slated for 12:00 noon on Sunday, Oct. 3rd.

Runge operates an entertainment business from the Texas Hill Country.

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Texas Is Wired!

Texas has the second highest number of Internet users in the U.S., according to a recent survey. With 4.6 million Internet users, Texas follows only California and has about a million more users than New York state. Still, Texas ranks only 19th in the percentage of users.

Austin leads the nation in percentage of Internet-wired residents. Dallas ranks 8th, Houston is 24th and San Antonio is 44th in the U.S.

Texas' Internet users come in all ages. The over-50 crowd is the only group in the state that didn't reach the million-user mark.

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On This Date

On this date in 1630, John Billington, one of the signers of the Mayflower Compact, became the first criminal executed in the American colonies when he is hanged for murder at Plymouth in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In 1949 the Berlin Airlift, a massive campaign by Britain and the U.S. to keep West Berlin supplied against a Soviet blockade, came to an end after the Red Army relented and lifted the blockade. In 1962 James H. Meredith, an African-American, was escorted onto the University of Mississippi campus by U.S. Marshals, setting off a riot which claimed two lives. Meredith successfully enrolled the following day, ending the school's pro-segregation policy.

Birthdays of note include: 1861 chewing gum tycoon William Wrigley, Jr.; 1921 actress Deborah Kerr; 1924 writer Truman Capote; 1931 actress Angie Dickinson; 1935 singer Johnny Mathis; 1944 Jody Powell, journalist and press secretary to U.S. President Jimmy Carter.

OBITUARIES

Bert Dempsey Calcote

SAN ANGELO — Bert Dempsey Calcote of San Angelo passed away Friday, Sept. 24, 1999, in Shannon Memorial Hospital after a brief illness.

A memorial service is planned for the spring of 2000. Arrangements are by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Bert was born Aug. 25, 1927, in Schleicher County. He was a retired electrician and had lived in San Angelo since 1955. He was a veteran of World War II, serving as a sergeant in the Army.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Buster Lee and Zula Paris Calcote of Eldorado.

Bert was married to La Jean Hart Nov. 17, 1953.

Survivors include his wife, Jean; a son, Jerry and wife, Angy Cook, of Pocatello, Idaho; a daughter, Carol Wike of San Angelo; grandchildren, Tobi, Jerry Jr., Beth

Ann, Jeremy and Amy Cook, Scott, Barry and Robin Wike; great-grandchildren, Sean and Harley Cook, Alyssa Wike, Jalynn, Alexia and Isaiah Wike.

He also is survived by five brothers and their wives, Sam and Leta of Waterford, Mich., Douglas and Patti of Freeport, Stanley and Joan of Gresham, Ore., Jon and Rene of Crane and Mike and Rosa of Eldorado; six sisters and their husbands, Virginia and "Mac" McIntyre of Waterford, Katherine Gillette of Christmas Valley, Ore., Dolores and Louis Chancy of Chehalis, Wash., Carolyn and Calvin Hawkins of Leander, Jeanette and David Jeffrey of Eldorado and Dale Dusek and Roy Hawkins of San Angelo; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bert will be missed by his constant companion, his poodle, Jessie.

Zoila Flores Guerrero

FORT WORTH — Zoila Flores Guerrero, 83, of New York passed away Wednesday, Sept. 22, 1999, in Fort Worth.

She was visiting in Fort Worth when she suffered a stroke. She had been living in New York with her daughter, Adia Kozarsky, for the past five years. She also lived for a few years in Eldorado with her daughter, Maxine Giovanitti.

Zoila was born March 5, 1916, in Sonora to Daniel Camunez Flores and Jesusita Reyna Flores. She attended San Angelo High School until her marriage July 10, 1933, to Maximo Guerrero. They were lifetime residents in San Angelo until they retired to live in Eldorado with their daughter, Maxine Giovanitti.

Her husband preceded her in death May 30, 1989. Mr. Guerrero was one of the early pioneers in West Texas to transmit Spanish radio programs. Zoila helped her husband with translations. She retired from Tom Green County as an expanded nutritionist. She then went to work for the next 10 years as a bilingual teaching assistant for

adult education. She retired in the mid-80s. She and her husband were charter members of the Good Neighbor Commission.

She is survived by her three daughters, Aida Kozarsky of Stony Point, N.Y., Maxine Giovanitti and husband, Thomas, of Fort Worth and Hilda Blann and husband, Clint, of Marlin; a son, Maximo Guerrero Jr. and wife, Laura, of Fort Worth; one sister, Maclovia Verdugo of El Cajon, Calif.; one brother, Alfred Flores of Chula Vista, Calif.; two brothers-in-law, Salvador Guerrero of Odessa and Jerry Guerrero of Pinole, Calif.; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Delia Guerrero Garcia; and a grandson, Ernest Garcia.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Sept. 25, at Robert Massie Funeral Home with Miguel Zuniga of the Johnson Street Church of Christ officiating. Burial followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Robert Massie Funeral Home.

Mellie Miears

FREDERICKSBURG — Mellie Miears, 96, died Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1999, in a local nursing home.

A graveside service was held Friday, Sept. 24 in Greenwood Cemetery. Arrangements were by Schaeffer Funeral Home.

She was born June 5, 1903, in Brownwood.

Survivors include a sister, Jo Early of De Soto; two nephews, Wayne Odgen of Houston and Lawrence Wright of San Angelo; and a niece, Ruth Davis of Eldorado.



courtesy photo
All smiles — On September 10th Kayla Kohls won a \$1,000.00 scholarship from the Permian Basin Fair in the goat division. The educational gift was based on academic merit, 4-H, and FFA involvement, community service and a personal interview. Kayla has been an FFA member for 2 years and a 4-H member for 8 years. She plans to attend Texas A&M University in the Fall of 2000. Pictured with Kayla is Mr. Bill Austin, past-president of the fair.

Community Baptist Church launches radio ministry

Dr. R. Byron Orand, pastor of Community Baptist Church announced this week that his church will begin a radio ministry on Sunday, Oct. 3rd. Weekly broadcasts will be carried on three area radio stations. KHOS FM 92.1 in Sonora and KHOS FM 94.2 in Ozona will air a 7-minute long devotional every Sunday at 8:30 a.m., while KAGT FM 95.1 in Abilene will

broadcast the program on Wednesday mornings at 7:58 a.m.

"We are hoping to extend the ministry of our church beyond the walls of the sanctuary and past the boundaries of our town," Dr. Orand stated.

He noted that a 'Trucker's Tape Ministry' begun by the church a year ago has been extremely successful. "We record each service on audio tape and make those tapes available to truck drivers," Dr. Orand said. "It's been a big hit."

"I see the radio ministry as an extension of Community Baptist Church's mission to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our corner of the world," stated Dr. Orand. The radio spots are being sponsored each week by Choice Homecare of Eldorado.

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Mock disaster '99 tests emergency preparedness

by Keith Nolan

Phones rang all over Eldorado on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, as sirens sounded and emergency vehicles rolled from their respective locations all heading toward the local B.J. Services District facility. Not much happens in our small town so, when that many emergency vehicles are seen responding folks tend to get mighty concerned. But, much to their relief they learned that it was just a practice exercise orchestrated by B.J. Services, the local Sheriff's Dept., Fire Dept., EMS and hospital.

This was the second annual Mock Disaster performed at the Eldorado District. It is hoped that this exercise will better prepare local emergency services for any accident that may occur on the BJ facility, or BJ vehicle carrying hazardous chemicals.

The exercise began at 5:30 p.m. and centered around a fuel island explosion and a battery explosion in the shop facility. First to respond were the Sheriff's Dept. followed by the Fire Dept. Since Eldorado has an all volunteer Fire Department it was a great chance to hone some of their seldom used skills in fighting chemical fires and chemical spills. They quickly rigged their trucks, rolled out their hoses and put out the fire. The EMS arrived and prepared to receive an injured worker rescued by the Fire Department.

This year the BJ's Region accident prevention team (APT) was present to observe the drill. Since most of the local personnel were on jobs some of the APT played the part of victims.

Ken Scott and A.C. Carthel, both of Snyder, were the victims at the fuel island. Carthel was rescued from the platform of a Frac Pump and Scott suffered smoke inhalation.

Another "victim" was John Mitchell, a mechanic from Eldorado. According to the scenario, he was in the shop when the battery exploded.

The victims were all taken to the local hospital. Mitchell was selected to have suffered the worst injuries in the drill and his character "died" enroute.

This year the local Cadet/Senior Girl Scout Troop #87 also participated in the exercise by practicing their emergency action plan to correspond with the exercise at BJ. With the emergency rooms full of injuries from the "disaster" at BJ, the girls arrived, screaming, with numerous "bee stings" and "lacerations". This gave the hospital a chance to practice a multiple injury catastrophe.

The girl scout troop practiced

the Girl Scout Emergency Plan by following the course of action like this was a real event with all the proper notifications.

BJ's observers for the exercise were Sam Daniel, Permian region manager, David Winkles, region safety officer, Mike Wiggins Artesia district manager and Roger Sullivan, Hobbs district manager.

Manning the Command Center were Lynn Parker, Eldorado district manager and Kenneth Hight, Eldorado operations supervisor. Many other personnel participated in the exercise whether in planning, or in other areas such as setting smoke bombs to lend a bit of realism.

All departments agreed that these exercises help us to contend with worst case scenarios. The Eldorado District realized several discrepancies as a result and has made the appropriate changes. This, after all, is what our Emergency Response Plan is for, to inform BJ personnel and proper emergency agencies of how to respond to different situations. Everyone agrees that a

lot was learned from this exercise and future exercises will reveal other shortcomings. So, now we start planning for next Year. Other than the numerous volunteer firefighters, emergency medical technicians and law enforcement officers participating in the drill, the following people also took part:

BJ personnel - A. C. Carthel, Ken Scott, John Mitchell, Lynn Parker, Kenneth Hight, Sam Daniel, David Winkles, Roger Sullivan, Mike Wiggins, Austin Jeane, Susan Lloyd, and every BJ employee on the yard at the time of the drill.

Girl Scouts - Crystal Alexander, Ashley Doran, Jessica Robertson, Jennifer Bybee, Sheryl Alexander and Amy Doran.

Moulage (makeup) - Tim Vasquez, Berta Nicholson Mary Doran and Susan Lloyd.

Schleicher Co. Hospital - Berta Nicholson, Billie Jean Mendoza, Vickie Farmer, Cheryl Forlano, Melinda Hunley, Vera Bradshaw, Annie Arispe, Sean Wallen, Carolyn Porter, Beverly Minor, Luz Valero, Mary Martinez, Luci Guajardo, Marion Porter, Marie Sharp, Dr. DeLa Cruz, Rosemarie Hernandez and Jessie Guadarrama



photo by Kathy Mankin
It was only a drill — BJ Services Employee A. J. Carthel of Snyder was removed from a Frac Pump Truck by Eldorado Volunteer Firefighters during a mock disaster drill held on Tuesday, Sept. 21st. The drill was designed to test the emergency preparedness of BJ personnel, Sheriff's Dept., Fire Dept., EMS and Hospital personnel.

Duckwall's 'Cute Baby' contest

Duckwall's will sponsor their 14th annual Cute Baby Contest starting October 1st through October 31st. The store will award a \$25 gift certificate to the winner.

Bring a photo of your baby, now. The picture needs to be a 5x7 or smaller. Children 2 years of age and younger are eligible. All pictures are property of Duckwall's unless requested back by participant.

Customer may vote for any baby by contributing a penny a vote or more. Child receiving the highest number of votes will be the winner and will win the \$25 Gift Certificate from Duckwall's.

Funds raised by the Cute Baby Contest will be donated to the Schleicher County Child Welfare Board. The contest will end on October 31st.

Lloyd graduates from Texas Tech

Dee Ann Lloyd, daughter of Rita Meador and David Lloyd, was among the 870 students at Texas Tech University to receive degrees during 1999 summer commencement exercises. Lloyd, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Family & Consumer Science.

Free GED and English as 2nd language classes

Schleicher County ISD will start GED and English as a Second Language classes on Monday, October 4th, 1999. Everyone is invited to attend. The classes are free and childcare will be provided. The classes will be in the Eldorado Middle School. The children can be dropped off at the Elementary kitchen.

The Registration for each class will be October 4th and you must attend this first meeting. Those students who were enrolled in the classes last year will need to attend the Registration also. Invite someone to attend with you!

Medical team seeking used eyeglasses

A medical team including Delia Pina, a retired RN from Eldorado and Dr. Kirkland, a doctor of Ophthalmology will make a trip to Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, Wednesday, October 6 through Saturday, October 9 to perform eye examinations and provide donated eyewear for those in need. Pina's expenses will be paid by our local Lion's Club. The trip is a combined effort of the Lion's Club of Mexico and the United States.

If you have glasses that you no longer need, please contact Delia Pina before Wednesday, October 6th. Her phone number is 853-2873.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Winning team — The EHS boys cross country team won the Spring Creek Invitational Meet last week. Team members include: (Front L-R) Pascual Esparza, Johnny Arispe, Josh Taylor, Sammy Cabrera, Buddy Greer (Back L-R) Bobby Phillips, Frank Martinez, Edward Elias, and Daniel Mata.

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S.C. Day & Rodeo slated for June, 2000

The Schleicher County Rodeo Association and the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce are pleased to announce that the rodeo and Schleicher County Days will be held in June of the year 2000. The rodeo performances will be June 9 and 10, and Schleicher County Days will take place on June 10, 2000.

The Chamber of Commerce and the Schleicher County Rodeo Association are making every effort to make this a big, fun weekend. A two day washer pitching tournament, a co-ed softball tournament, a golf tournament and other fun events are planned.

Additionally, Cowboy Worship Services are planned for Sunday morning on the Courthouse lawn with events taking place on Sunday to round out the weekend.

Please watch for further announcement as to the activities planned for Schleicher County Days 2000.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Blending into the crowd — Deputy Eddie Rodriguez patrols the school campus during his off-duty hours. He is also the EHS cheerleader sponsor and school officials say his presence in uniform has been very beneficial this year.

School patrol brings friendly law enforcement presence to S.C.I.S.D.'s three campuses

When a firearm turned up on the school campus last year, SCISD officials and Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran sat down to plan a strategy for the 1999-2000 school year. What they came up with is a program called "School Patrol."

Deputy Eddie Rodriguez was hired by the school to patrol on campus during his off-duty hours. That happens to coincide with a major portion of the school day. He is also the EHS cheerleader sponsor which puts him in contact with even more students.

The idea behind the original plan was simple. Have a uniformed officer on campus on a regular basis, so the students could get to know him. So far, at least, the idea seems to be working.

"It's an awesome experience," said Rodriguez. "It's great because I really enjoy working with the kids."

Rodriguez said the students and teachers seem to be enjoying

the arrangement, too. "They think it's neat," Rodriguez stated. "With so many other schools having problems, I think it puts them more at ease."

Sheriff David Doran thinks the fact that Rodriguez is in uniform is very important. "Technically, he is off-duty, as far as our department is concerned," Doran said.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Hi there — Deputy Eddie Rodriguez is greeted by an EHS student as he patrols the high school campus.

"But his is in uniform and if there is ever a problem, he instantly goes on-duty."

For his part, SCISD superintendent Hal Porter thinks the program is a success. "I think the added visibility of having an officer present provides some extra assurance to us that our kids are safe," Porter said. "After all, nothing is more important to us as teachers and administrators than the safety of the kids."

Porter went on to thank Sheriff Doran for his willingness to pursue the program. "We couldn't have done this without Sheriff Doran allowing Eddie to work in uniform," Porter stated. "The Sheriff and DPS Trooper Bybee have been absolutely great to work with and I appreciate all they do on our behalf."

Rodriguez, who was on patrol Tuesday, told the Success that one of the best things to come from the program is that he has gotten to know the students and they have gotten to know him. "They know there is a person behind the badge," Rodriguez said. "And I've come to understand them better, too."

Quilt Connection provides for needy with Love Quilt Project

Join the Quilt Connection in San Angelo Oct. 12th through 14th for fun and sewing. This will be the second annual Love Quilt Project.

The Love Quilt Project is designed to provide quilts for those in need. These quilts are meant to be used, thrown into the washer and dryer, cuddled with, sat on, wrapped up in, and enjoyed. The quilts made will be given to the police department, for the officers to carry in their patrol cars.

The quilts will be given to children as the need arises. Learn how to make these fun and fast quilts by volunteering to cut, sew and bind these quilts.

Donations of 100% cotton fabric will be accepted at the Quilt Connection, 3332 W. Loop 306 in College Park Shopping Center. All fabrics must be at least 6" x 40". Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. To volunteer, please call the Quilt Connection at 223-8334.

Texas Forts Trail Festival

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at about 9:30 p.m. Pat Green took the stage and wowed the crowd with his mix of Texas-based country music.

While estimates of the crowd varied, Mark Marshall noted that 600 tickets were sold. Marshall credited the work of the Eldorado High School REAL (Rural Education through Action Learning) students who sponsored the event.

"They really got out and hustled," Marshall said. "The whole point of this was for it to be a learning experience for the students...I think they learned a lot."

Marshall extended his thanks to everyone who assisted with the day-long event. "If I tried to name everyone, I'm sure I'd leave someone out," he said. "But we had lots of help from many people and really appreciate everyone's efforts."

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