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STATE CHAMPS

EHS turns back Reagan County to claim title

The Eldorado Eagles team tennis squad claimed their second state championship in four years on Saturday by defeating the Reagan County Owls 11-5 on the courts at Cedar Park High School. The win was a huge one and it capped one of the biggest weeks in Coach Matt Rutherford's life.

Only a week earlier, Rutherford's Eagles were rolling through the Regional Tournament, winning over Winters, Sterling City and Wall for the right to advance to the State Tournament. Then, last Thursday afternoon, his wife Amy gave birth to the couple's daughter, Madison Leigh. The next day, Rutherford joined his team at Round Rock and the march through the tournament bracket began.

The Eagles opened with a 10-1 win over Thorndale, followed by a 19-0 thrashing of Knippa to advance to the semifinal round.

Team tennis is a relatively new sport and, as the name implies, the team aspect of the sport is paramount. The team tennis format is comprised of 3 boys doubles matches, 3 girls doubles matches, 6 boys singles matches, 6 girls sin-

gles matches, and 1 mixed doubles match. A player may play in only one doubles match and one singles match. In all, two teams compete for 19 available points. The first team to reach 10 wins. If there is time, as in quarterfinal round against Knippa, the teams may play out all 19 points.

On Saturday, the Eagles faced San Saba Armadillos, in what would be the hardest fought battle they have seen all year. The four hour long contest went down to the wire with Eldorado pulling out an 11-7 win.

One of the keys to Eldorado's success was team balance. Some teams have exceptional girls while others have very good boys. The Eagles' ability to match each team's strength and dominate their weaknesses kept EHS in a position to win.

Two examples of the team con-

cept were played out in the semifinals and finals. Against San Saba the Eagles boys had a very tough time yet they were good enough to compete with the Armadillos, tallying a few much needed victories on the boy's side. While in the girls division, the Eagles girls won the majority of their matches. The opposite would be true in the finals against Reagan County. In that round the Eagles boys won the majority of their matches while the girls notched up a few, very decisive wins. In the end, Eldorado defeated Reagan County 11-5 to claim the state title.

"When those students compete in a team tennis format in the finals and semifinals the stress level is immense," Coach Rutherford said after the victory. "Our kids rose to the occasion and played through all the stress and really

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PHOTO BY GINA SAUER

State Champions — The EHS "Team Tennis" squad won the State Team Tennis Championship last Saturday after defeating Thorndale, Knippa, San Saba and Reagan County in the State Tournament in Round Rock. Team members include (Kneeling L-R) Courtney Brown, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravey, Lindsay Beach, Courtney Sauer, (Standing L-R) Dillon Greer, Head Tennis Coach Matt Rutherford, Heath Andrew, Wesley Jones, Gentry Newman, Rikki Bosmans, Thomas Ballew, Ellabeth Montalvo, J.L. Mankin, Lacy Ragsdale, Bobby Phillips, Quisto Gonzalez, Buddy Greer, Christina Redish and Asst. Coach Teresa Baker.

County pursues construction of alcohol, drug & sex offender rehab facility

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners voted Monday to begin a process that, if successful, will lead to the construction of a treatment center for drug, alcohol and sex abusers somewhere in the county. For the second time in two weeks, the commissioners met with Tom Green County probation officer Steve Henderson who initially proposed the idea. Henderson advised that only non-violent offenders would be assigned to the facility, and then only by order of a State District Judge after a recommendation from a District Attorney.

Henderson restated his opinion that there is a need for a treatment facility to house up to sixty offenders. He further explained that individuals would be assigned to the facility for a six-month rehabilitation program and that they would have a considerable incentive to complete the program since it

would be administered under "deferred adjudication" provisions in the state law. Deferred adjudication means that an offender who violates any of the judge's terms will face revocation of their probation and immediate transport to a Texas Department of Corrections prison where the maximum sentence for the offense would be served.

Seeking input from others in the room, Judge Johnny Griffin asked for comments concerning the construction of the treatment center. The general consensus was that the facility would not pose a serious threat to the peace and welfare of the county. However, all agreed that a town hall meeting would give the citizens of the county to voice their concerns. A public meeting is in fact required by law, prior to final approval of the treatment facility.

After a motion by Bill Clark, seconded by Kirk Griffin, the court

voted to begin looking for a site for the proposed facility. That step was necessary before Henderson and District Judge Barbara Walthers can approach the State Legislature about funding the project. Henderson estimated that the project had a "fifty-fifty" chance for approval.

In other business, Sheriff David Doran reported that he had obtained a prisoner to serve as a jail cook through the cooperation of the Val Verde County Sheriff and a district judge there who issued the bench warrant transferring the prisoner from the prison system. Doran said the inmate will be assigned to the local jail for at least six months. He also noted that a second, longer term inmate is being trained to work as a cook.

That news pleased the commissioners who then chose not to contract with the hospital district to prepare food for the Meals for the Elderly Program. Instead, the meals will continue to be prepared in the jail. Mrs. Ann Fagan-Cook, Hospital Administrator was also on hand for the meeting. She informed the court that the hospital's offer to prepare food for the program, at \$3.45 per meal, would remain open through the current budget year.

Commissioners Bill Clark, Ross Whitten and Kirk Griffin were present for the meeting. Commissioner Johnny Mayo was not present but was attending a meeting in Junction as a representative of Schleicher County.

In regular business, the minutes of the Feb. 26 meeting were approved as read by Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Gonzalez.

County Agent Nancy Lester and Carrie Hill then met with the men to seek the county's participation in the "Great American Clean Up" day. The nationwide ef-

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City Council holds monthly meeting

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening March, 12 and met with natural gas customers who live along a pipeline extending three miles east of town. Gene and Vernell McCalla, Joe Charles Christian and John Edward Meador came before to discuss options for keeping the line operational. In the council's previous meeting the group had voted to abandon the line due to excessive leaks.

Speaking on behalf of the pipeline customers Meador said that the group was aware of the deteriorated state of the line and had agreed among themselves to repair the line at no cost to the city, provided the city would continue to furnish natural gas to their residences. It was explained that even with the high price of natural gas, it is more economical than propane or electricity and therefore the group was interested in preserving their access to the city's gas system. Additionally, the group noted they would be willing to pay for any gas loss above 6 percent, the amount the Texas Railroad Commission has set as a maximum for any gas system.

In recent years, the city's loss on the rural pipeline has been calculated between 27 and 40 percent. Although the council took no formal action on the request, council members seemed sympathetic to the group's request and indicated

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Lady Eagles named to 2-2A All-District team

Four Lady Eagles claimed spots on the 2-2A All-District basketball team. Senior Stacy Nicholson and Sophomore Christina Redish were named to the 1st Team All-District squad. Among the other honors Nicholson received this year was being named to the All-Tournament Team in the Ballinger Tourney. Redish was likewise named to the All-Tournament Teams in the Reagan County and

Ozona tourneys.

Junior Mitzi Sessom was named District 2-2A Newcomer of the Year while junior Leigh Ann Neal as named to the 2nd Team All-District team.

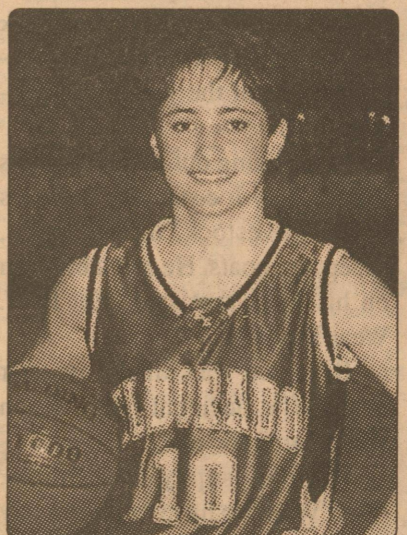
Earning spots on the Academic All-District team were Stacy Nicholson, Tabitha Lloyd, Leigh Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, Mitzi Sessom Christina Redish and Amanda Wanoreck.



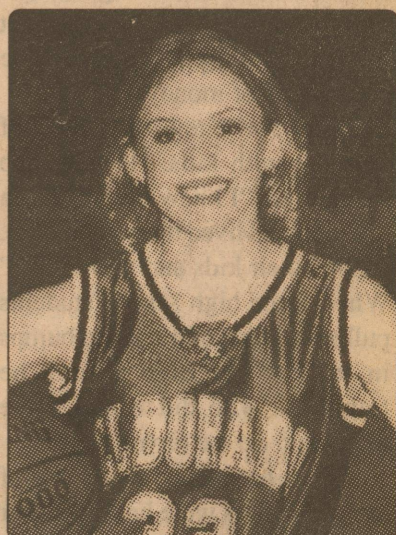
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Stacy Nicholson
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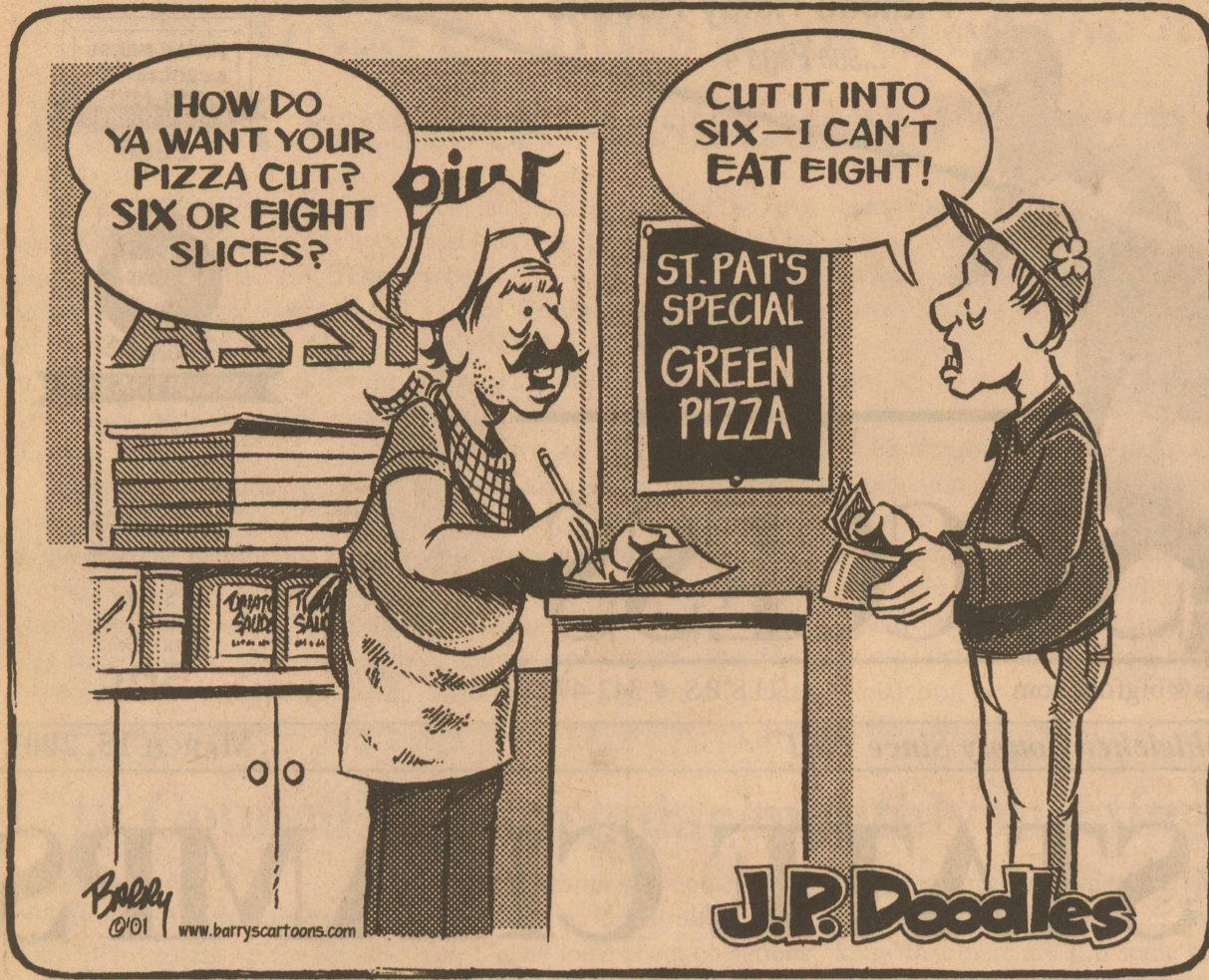


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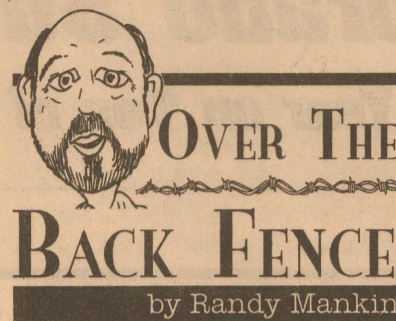
PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Junior Showmanship Award — Allison Reynolds, a member of the Schleicher County 4-H Club and a seventh grader at Eldorado Middle School, displays the Junior Showmanship Buckle she received at the Junior Wether Goat Show during the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo last week. Allison is the daughter of Sidney and Melonie Reynolds of Eldorado.



Einstein Award winners announced

After two weeks of finalists, this week I present my 2001 Einstein Award winners.



higher than the last. Finally, the offers became so large that the man began to wonder if maybe there really was something of value on the land.

As it turned out, there was...a large vein of silver coursed through the rock just a few feet away from the creek. It was discovered just a few weeks after the man went to prison for real estate fraud.

1st Runner Up Leave It to Beaver

A New Hampshire man built a lovely cabin in the woods. It was a great getaway and he enjoyed spending holidays and weekends there. The cozy cabin had all the comforts of home yet it afforded the man a quiet place to relax, well away from the hustle and bustle of his busy life. There was only one thing about the set up that bothered him, a large tree which, when he was seated on the cabin's front porch, blocked the view of a beautiful pond. So, one weekend the man decided to cut down the tree.

Always a cautious sort, the fellow decided he had better remove some of the tree's upper branches before felling it, so as not to damage any of the surrounding trees. This he did over the course of a

month. When the big day came, he sawed a large notch on one side of the tree then began working on the other. When the tree finally fell, it went down exactly where the man had planned...except it was taller than he had thought and the top of it crashed down on the beaver dam which had been the only reason the pond existed in the first place.

Now, the man can sit on the porch and enjoy the view of where the pond used to be while he contemplates the legal action brought against him by the state's natural resource conservation agency.

Einstein Award Winner A Fool and Her Money...

An elderly Virginia woman notified police that her apartment had been burglarized. The cops arrived to find the prowler had dropped something...a small white purse. Unfortunately, the purse didn't contain a driver's license or any other type of ID that might direct them to the culprit. What the purse did hold was just over \$27,000 in cash, hidden away in a secret compartment.

Believing that the burglar might not realize where the purse had been dropped, the cops placed a lost & found ad in the local newspaper. When a woman called to claim the purse, a police officer, posing as the man who found it, invited her to come over and identify it. The woman showed up a few minutes later and claimed the purse. Before she was arrested the woman told the undercover officer that she couldn't offer a reward because she was broke.

State employee numbers up compared to last year

AUSTIN—Public relations practitioners and lobby groups continue to spin issues de jour, but the 77th Legislature continues to be primarily about passing a state budget.

A big part of that is figuring a way to pay for Medicare increases, giving teachers state-paid insurance and funding existing programs.

A sub issue is privacy, which is getting a fair amount of attention.

As soon as census data is released, lawmakers will be spending more and more of their time on redistricting.

No layoffs in state government

How big is your state government? The latest quarterly report

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



from the State Auditor's Office on what government and business types refer to as FTEs (Full Time Equivalents) shows 273,231 FTEs on the state payroll.

Of course, an FTE may not be a real person. One FTE might be two real people, each of them working half-time on a 40-hour job.

The real numbers, then, are 244,944 full-time workers and 74,706 part-time state employees.

For every 14 and slightly less than a half employee, there is one manager.

These numbers are up 3.37 percent from the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2000.

The auditor's office based its numbers on reports submitted by 212 state agencies and institutions of higher learning.

Lights, camera, action

One very small state agency, the Texas Film Commission, has had a very big impact on the state's economy during the last nine years.

The commission says 442 movie and television projects completed in Texas since 1991 stimulated the state's economy to the extent of \$2.2 billion.

For the trivia buff, more than 1,000 projects have been filmed in Texas since 1910.

The state has 10 permanent sets available to Hollywood, from the venerable Alamo Village near Brackettville to The Grove, a typical Texas town in Bell County.

At the Indian Cliffs Ranch near El Paso, where the movie "Courage Under Fire" was filmed, helicopters, tanks and army trucks are available to film producers.

Clean those boots

Cattle raisers and wildlife biologists say an outbreak of hoof and mouth disease in Texas would be disastrous.

So far, there is no indication that the epidemic raging in Great Britain has made it across the

ocean, but animal experts say Texans need to be careful.

"If you've traveled internationally," said Dr. Linda Logan of the Texas Animal Health Commission, "don't risk carrying the disease home to your herd. Disinfect your boots before working with your livestock."

Those who feed waste food to swine should be careful to see that all scraps are well cooked, she said.

Logan also suggested that producers limit traffic and visitors onto their property and keep new livestock isolated for several days before turning them out into the rest of the herd.

An outbreak in the U.S., something that has not happened since 1929, could cost millions. It could kill deer and other cloven-hoofed animals as well livestock.

"An outbreak costs a country millions of dollars to fight, and thousands of animals can be lost," Logan said. "Additionally, livestock markets must be closed to prevent spread of infection, dairies may not be able to operate, and transportation of livestock must cease."

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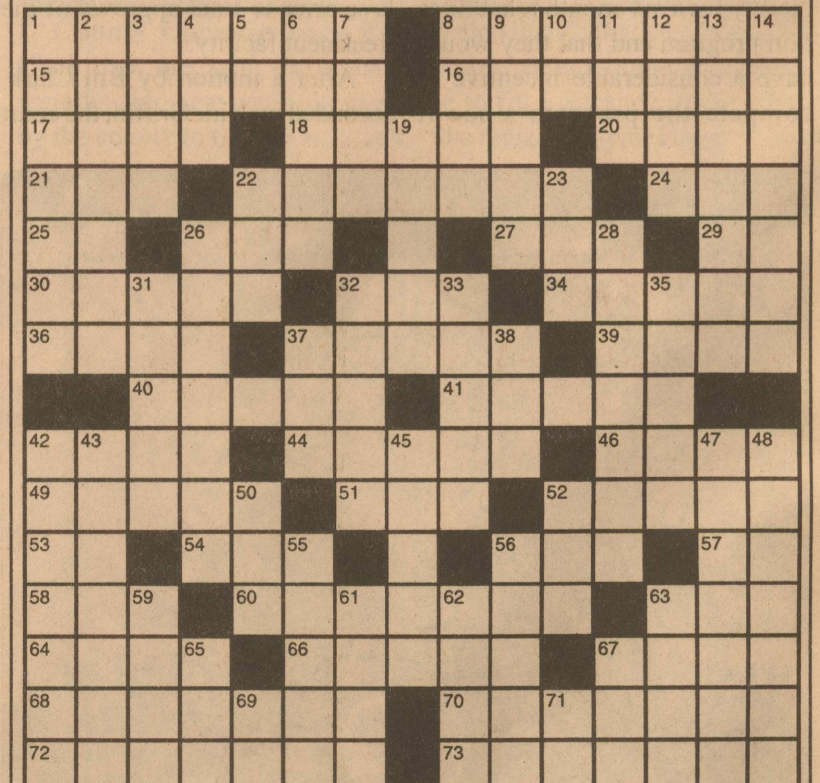
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Billy Joe Haney's Life Adventures

Billy Joe Haney was sheriff of Menard county from 1961 until 1985. He had only one opponent during his tenure. His roots are deep in Menard county. Five generations of his grandparents are buried in the Menard cemetery. The earliest birthdate on one of their grave stones is 1797.

When he went to law enforcement conventions, he drew a crowd as he told about some of his adventures before, during and after his years in the sheriff's office. He had one of the most compelling voices I ever heard. It was a cross between Andy Griffith and Paul Harvey. The stories he told were equal to the quality of his voice.

He had only one jail break. A prisoner busted out but was caught a couple of hours later when he tried to hitch a ride on a highway. The car that stopped to pick him up was driven by a deputy.

He had only two jury trials while he was sheriff. "I never filed a case until I had the goods on 'em," said Billy Joe. "Then I'd get them to plead guilty. Saved the county lots of money."

Billy Joe knew the value of working with kids. He talked to them often. "I knew everybody in town, since I lived there all my life. I knew their kids and their dogs." When some high school students pulled up some of the speed bumps in front of the high school, he found out who did it and made them help do the repair work.

When he learned that some of the youngsters were having a beer party, he went there and broke it up. On the way, he saw his daughter coming back from the party site.

The person who furnished the two kegs of beer was fined one hundred dollars. Billy Joe went to all the kids who were at the party and had them pay five dollars toward the fine. "I told them my daughter paid, and they had to, too."

Alcohol kept Billy Joe busy since Menard was the only wet county around. Three beer joints were in the county. One, called the Lily Pad, was owned by his mother. Once somebody got hold of a tear gas canister and set it off in a local pool hall. The perpetrator didn't get in any trouble. "It was just a prank. Nobody got hurt. In fact, the people in the pool hall thought it was kinda funny. Today if that happened, the person who did it would probably go to prison."

He loves to ride motorcycles. Once he and his daughter took a motorcycle trip to Canada. A motel owner told them they should take a thousand mile trip through the most beautiful part of Canada. So they did. Then they came back down Highway One along the pacific coast all the way to San Diego.

Since being out of the sheriff's office, Billy Joe started a business to haul livestock, mostly cattle, sheep and goats. He had a big sign on his truck that said "Eat Beef. Wear Mohair."

Billy Joe was killed last year in a traffic accident near Mason while hauling cattle.

His philosophy was simple. "You've got to have fun every day or you'll go sour," he said. He lived his life that way and said he had a most enjoyable time.

OBITUARIES

Maudie Bassinger

ELDORADO — Modenia "Maudie" Elliott Bassinger, 81, of Eldorado and formerly of Andrews, went to be with our Lord on Sunday, March 11, 2001.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 13, at the First Baptist Church in Eldorado with the Rev. Andy Anderson officiating, assisted by the Rev. Jim Broome. Burial followed in Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Bassinger was born Feb. 29, 1920, in Mitchell County to Jesse and Lula Witt Elliott. She married Robert Leslie Bassinger on Nov. 16, 1940, in Colorado City. She was a homemaker and had worked in the Westbrook and Eldorado libraries. She had been a volunteer in the Meals on Wheels program. She was a faithful mem-

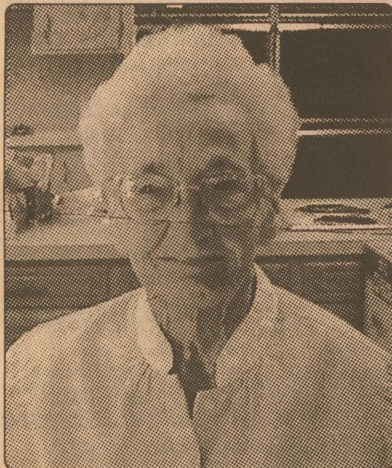
ber of the First Baptist Church in Eldorado. She was a 1938 graduate of Westbrook High School.

She is survived by her husband, Leslie of Eldorado; one daughter and son-in-law, Neta and Patrick Halton of Holton, Kan.; three grandsons, Garrett Leslie Halton and wife, Nury, of Lawrence, Kan., Seth Patrick Halton of Emporia, Kan., and Micah Elliott Halton of Holton, Kan.; a sister, Lillian Justice, and one brother, Wesley Elliott, both of Colorado City; and by many, many friends whom she dearly loved.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Dollie Parker and Elnora Phillips; and a brother, Darrell Elliott.

Memorials may be made to any of the funds at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

Pauline Hudson Thompson



ELDORADO — Beatrice Pauline Thompson went to be with the Lord on March 9, 2001, while in Schleicher County Nursing Home, following a lengthy illness. Funeral Services were held at First Baptist Church of Eldorado on Monday, March 12 with Rev. Andy Anderson officiating. Interment was in the Eldorado Cemetery with arrangements entrusted to Kerbow Funeral Home.

Born in Mt. Lebanon, Louisiana on May 3, 1907 to Sarah Elliot and John Samuel Hudson, she was the youngest of three children. Her family moved from Louisiana by covered wagon to Granbury, Texas, Hugo, Oklahoma and back to Texas following various jobs across the state. In 1924 the family moved to the Riley Alexander Ranch in Schleicher County.

Pauline worked in Long's Variety Store where she met and three weeks later married Jerry Thompson during the only blackout Eldorado had during World War II, on December 23, 1941. She jokingly said that Jerry caught her during a blackout.

Those who knew Pauline know her captivating sense of humor, love and ability to tell jokes, and with her positive attitude could change the cloudy day into one of sunshine and happiness. Her faithful dedication to God, her church and the love of family and friends made her a very special lady. She was a member of First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday School and was a loyal member of WMU and a prayer partner for several.

After her marriage she and Jerry moved to the undeveloped Big Bend Country where he worked as a government water gauger up and down the Rio Grande River. She told of living in an abandoned house built earlier by W.P.A. work-

ers when the United States was expecting trouble with Mexico. It had no windows or doors and was in the center of the Chihuahuan desert and the closest neighbors was a Mexican family across the river. Later the government brought in two prefabricated houses which were joined to make a two room house. Because it was so hot the government brought in a squirrel cage air-conditioner, motor and generator for electricity. She then got a cook stove with butane gas.

She told of seeing panthers, wolves, coyotes, wild horses and many other animals - even made a pet of a skunk.

After several years they moved to a fishing camp on Lake Buchanan helping the Halberts and while there met some people who owned a ranch at Cuero and became employed by them. After 16 years there Jerry died. Her brother Ira Hudson and sister Ruth Finnigan moved her back to Eldorado where they could be near and enjoy each other. They both preceded her in death.

The First Baptist Church was her Eldorado family after Ruth's death and she was faithful in all activities of the church until her health prohibited her attendance. Pauline saw many changes in her lifetime. From the horse and buggy to automobiles television and moon walk, and computers were things she had seen and enjoyed without understanding some of them as well as new medications that have taken the place of old home remedies.

Some friends loved her many stories so much that with her help compiled a little booklet, "A Brief history of the Life and Times of Pauline Thompson". We will miss her with fond thoughts and assurance that she is swapping stories with Bible Characters and continuing serving and basking in God's love.

She is survived by her sister-in-law Vivian Hudson of Lubbock, nieces Linda Rogers of Albuquerque, N.M., Carrie Waldrop of Lubbock, Tx., and Iva Nell Haggard of Ridgeway, S.C. and numerous great nieces and nephews and great, great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Mittel, Herman Walker, Jim Broome, John Kotsch, Don Richters and Rick Sterling.

Nola Shannon Draper Carter Spivey

SAN ANGELO — Nola Shannon Draper Carter Spivey passed away Thursday, March 8, 2001. Service was Saturday, March 10, at Robert Massie Funeral Home with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

She was born March 26, 1916, in Pontotoc, to Lee Draper and Nicolena Calloway Draper. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Sam E. Carter and more recently by her second husband, James R. Spivey. She was a beau-

tiful and cosmetology instructor. She is survived by her brother, George Draper and wife, Corinne, of Eldorado; sisters, Helen Terry and husband, Merle, of San Saba, and Ardelia Rutherford of Abilene; children, Nora Godin and husband, Ray, of Salt Lake City, Sam D. Carter and wife, Cathy, of Miles, Craig Carter of Irving and Bill Spivey and wife, Ruth, of Bainbridge, Ga.; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Merrifield inducted into Tarleton's Delta Mu Delta

Melissa Burleson Merrifield, a Tarleton State University student from Eldorado, was inducted into the Delta Mu Delta National Honor Society for Business Administration during the spring 2001 semester.

Tarleton's Zeta Lambda chapter was chartered in 1993 and is one of over 195 student chapters across the country. During the recent initiation ceremonies, national officers from Delta Mu Delta presented Tarleton with the Anthony J. Jablonsky Outstanding Chapter award, ranking it top among all chapters.

Merrifield was one of 25 Tarleton students added to the honor society this spring. Melissa is a senior majoring in Business Occupations at the University.

Delta Mu Delta was founded in 1913 to recognize and reward superior scholastic achievements for Business Administration students.

Candidates for membership in Delta Mu Delta must have a 3.25 or better grade point average and they must be enrolled in a college or university accredited by the Association of Collegiate Business Schools and Programs.

School board candidate workshop slated March 29

Area school board candidates and interested citizens can learn more about the demands and rewards of school board service at a candidate workshop, Thursday, March 29, at 7 p.m. at the Region 15 Education Service Center (612 S. Irene Street, San Angelo).

The workshop will provide interested community members and individuals thinking about running for the board with a bet-

ter understanding of what is involved in being elected and serving as a trustee. Experienced school board members will explain board members' key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary for effective service.

Topics to be covered include the school board's duties and responsibilities, important ethical practices during board service, how board members are accountable for the education of students, and keys to responsible campaigns. Participants will also view "A Call to Service," a Texas Association of School Boards' video highlighting many aspects of board service and featuring several experienced school trustees.

The workshop is open to anyone. Admission is free. For more information about the workshop call Brenda Canul at TASB, 512-67-0222 or 800-580-8272, extension 6104, or check the TASB Web site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

OBITUARIES

Pedro Mejia

GREELY, CO. — Pedro Mejia, 82, of Greeley, formerly of Eldorado, Texas, died Tuesday, Feb. 27, at Centennial Health Care Center.

He was born June 29, 1918, in Del Rio, Texas, to Juan and Prageres (Montez) Mejia.

On Jan. 6, 1940, he married Dolores Adame in Eldorado. They moved to Greeley in 1998.

Survivors are his wife, Dolores Mejia of Greeley; 12 children, Juan Mejia, May Terrazas, Felis Ibarra and Connie Mejia, all of Greeley, and Daniel Mejia, Fernando Mejia, Pete Mejia, Lydia Chavez, Geneva Arispe and Mary Ramirez, all of Texas, Steve Mejia of Denver and Maria Mejia of Fort Collins; 52 grandchildren; and 67 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother, Isidro Mejia of Fresno, Calif.

His parents, a daughter, Prageres Mejia, and a son, Juan Luis Mejia are deceased.

BIRTHDAY LIST

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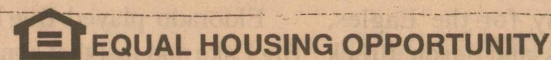
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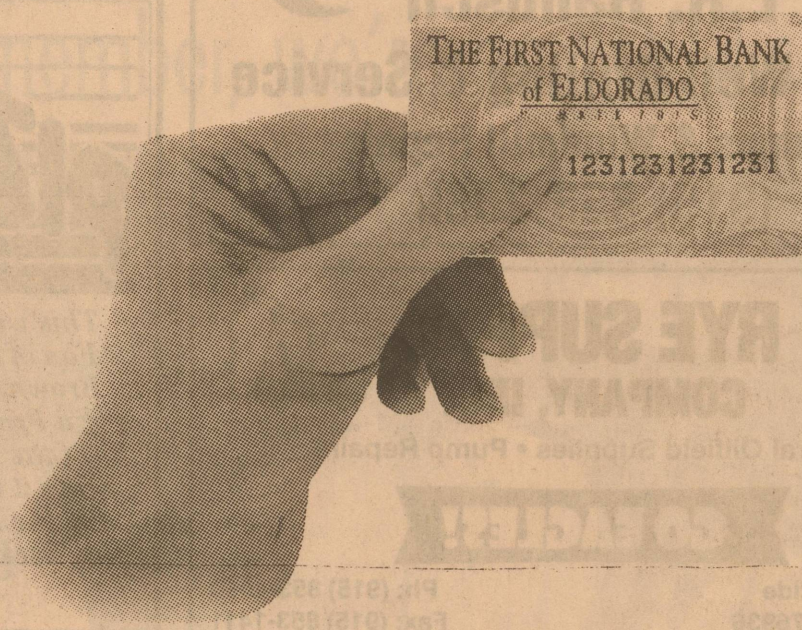
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Making tracks — Coach Ronnie Molina signaled frantically as John Ray Espinosa approached third base last week during the Eagles 8-1 win over the Colorado City Wolves at Eagle Field.

Eagles nine beat C-City 8-1

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles hosted the Colorado City Wolves on Tuesday, the 6th, at Eagle Field and came out on top by a score of 8 to 1. The Eagles combined with good pitching and great defense for the win.

Manuel Hernandez went all 7 innings for the Eagles allowing only 1 run (unearned) and walked only 1 batter during the contest. In addition, Hernandez struck out 7 Colorado City batters.

Offensively for the Eagles, Rocky Robles and Jason Brock pounded out 2 singles while Isaac Saldivar, Mike Adame, John Ray Espinosa, Jimmy Aguilar, Aaron Fuentes, and Benji Gonzales each had a single. Aguilar added a double as well.

Eldorado geared up for the contest, as this was truly their first good test of the season. Coach Ronnie Molina commented on the victory, "Manuel really pitched a good game, and Jimmy called a good game behind the plate as well. The infield was led by Seniors Will Robledo, Rocky Robles, and Jason Brock, who all played errorless ball. Our hitting is still behind the pitching and fielding, but with our athletes, this should come around in a hurry."

Eldorado played Big Lake in Big Lake and lost that contest. No statistics were available at press time.

The Eagles will take on Central at home and go to Coahoma for a doubleheader tomorrow afternoon.

Surprise! Windy day welcomes athletes to Plateau Relays

A few years ago, a coach from Mason was overheard saying, "If you're ever at the Plateau Relays and the wind isn't blowing...then run for cover because you're in the eye of a hurricane." More often than not, the amateur weatherman's observation is correct. This year was no exception as a blustery wind greeted participants to the Top of the Divide.

Wall won the girls division while Sonora won the boys. Eldorado's boys placed second, but it was a distant second. The Lady Eagles managed an 8th place finish. Individual results were as follows:

VARSITY GIRLS
3200 M Run 1. Villareal, Ozona 13:11.77; 2. Rodriguez, Junction 13:58.57; 3. Green, Brady 14:20.93; 4. Coats, Wall 14:54.75; 5. Preston, Wall 15:30.76; 6. Bryan, Reagan County 15:30.77
Shot Put 1. Stacy Nicholson, ELDORADO 39-3½; 2. Alvarez, Ozona 31-0; 3. Hyden, Brady 29-8; 4. Franco, Rocksprings 29-7½; 5. Trece, Wall 29-2½; 6. Meacham, Reagan County 29-½
Discus 1. Trece, Wall 107-9; 2. Stacy Nicholson, ELDORADO 104-3½; 3. Alvarez, Ozona 100-0; 4. Sienkiewicz, Junction 93-6; 5. Taylor, Ozona 85-1; 6. Hyden, Brady 83-9
Long Jump 1. Schulze, Mason 16-6; 2. Smith, Wall 16-0; 3. Elliott, Sonora 15-7½; 4. Suttie, Junction 15-4½; 5. Fisher, Reagan County 15-2; 6. Hernandez, Brady 14-11
High Jump 1. Hobbs, Sonora 5-2; 2. Smith, Wall 5-0; 3. Elliott, Sonora 5-0; 4. Wright, Brady 4-10; 5. Miller, Sonora 4-10; 6. Lively, Junction 4-8
Triple Jump 1. Schulze, Mason 34-3; 2. Gann, Sonora 33-3; 3. McIntyre, Wall 32-6; 4. Meacham, Reagan County 32-1½; 5. Suttie, Junction 31-½; 6. Hawell, Mason 31-½
800 M Run 1. McIntyre, Wall 2:33.49; 2. Van-Winkle, Junction 2:36.28; 3. Avila, Rocksprings 2:38.83; 4. Lively, Junction 2:44.55; 5. Brest, Wall 2:46.78; 6. Zapata, Reagan County 2:47.55
100 M Hurdles 1. Smith, Wall 15.81; 2. Hobbs, Sonora 16.41; 3. Tabitha Lloyd, ELDORADO 17.22; 4. Villiobos, Brady 17.57; 5. Howell, Mason 17.83; 6. Harrel, Rocksprings 18.32
100 M Dash 1. Cottle, Rocksprings 13.08; 2. Thompson, Reagan County 13.22; 3. Berry, Sonora 13.65; 4. Bird, Reagan County 13.88; 5. Samantha Smith, ELDORADO 13.9; 6. Buckahan, Ozona 14.16
400 M Dash 1. Schmidt, Mason 1:02.09; 2. Pollok, Brady 1:03.79; 3. Jimenez, Rocksprings 1:08.37; 4. Dodd, Brady 1:08.95; 5. Hughes, Sonora 1:10.19; 6. Wellman, Junction 1:14.67
300 M Hurdles 1. Suttie, Junction 50.05; 2. Harrel, Rocksprings 50.6; 3. Hobbs, Sonora 51.45; 4. Allen, Wall 51.52; 5. Schniers, Wall 56.12; 6. Solis, Brady 1:03.12
200 M Dash 1. Schulze, Mason 27.35; 2. Richardson, Ozona 27.36; 3. Johnson, Junction 28.27; 4. Hernandez, Brady 28.35; 5. Miller, Sonora 28.4; 6. Smith, Wall 29.19
1600 M Run 1. Villareal, Reagan County 6:02.32; 2. Villareal, Ozona 6:09.89; 3. Avila, Rocksprings 6:18.95; 4. Zapata, Reagan County 6:22.53; 5. Lively, Junction 6:24.81; 6. Rodriguez, Junction 6:26.78
400 M Relay 1. Mason 53.21; 2. Sonora 53.25; 3. Brady 53.58; 4. Reagan County 53.6; 5. Rocksprings 54.12; 6. ELDORADO: Samantha Smith, Kasey Boysaw, Tabitha Lloyd, Megan Poyner 55.3
800 M Run 1. Sonora 1:52.09; 2. Wall 1:52.19; 3. Ozona 1:55.62; 4. Reagan County 1:56.51; 5. ELDORADO: Megan Poyner, Courtney Whitten, Tabitha Lloyd, Kasey Boysaw 1:57.91; 6. Rocksprings 1:57.98
1600 M Relay 1. Junction 4:23.42; 2. Wall 4:26.72; 3. Mason 4:28.05; 4. Sonora 4:38.42; 5. Reagan County 4:45.36; 6. ELDORADO: Megan Poyner, Courtney Whitten, Nancy Cawely, Kasy Boysaw 4:46.24

Team Totals 1. Wall 101 pts.; 2. Sonora 92 pts.; 3. Mason 75 pts.; 4. Junction 71 pts.; 5. Reagan County, Ozona 59 pts.; 6. Brady 51 pts.; 7. Rocksprings 42 pts.; 8. ELDORADO 34 pts.

VARSITY BOYS
3200 M Run 1. Sammy Cabrera, ELDORADO 11:01.95; 2. Ainsworth, Sonora 11:21.17; 3. Daniel Mata, ELDORADO 11:24.04; 4. Ybarra, Reagan County 11:26.94; 5. McCord, Wall 11:37.77; 6. King, Brady 11:53.42
Shot Put 1. Schniers, Wall 46-6½; 2. Haschke, Junction 42-7; 3. Parks, Brady 41-8¼; 4. Cook, Wall 41-1; 5. Matt Curtis, ELDORADO 39-7½; 6. Arevelo, Sonora 39-2
Discus 1. Hall, Sonora 140-0; 2. Haschke, Junction 136-10; 3. Patino, Sonora 133-8; 4. Parks, Brady 126-8; 5. Jeff Stafford, ELDORADO 125-0; 6. Trimble, Junction 120-1½
Long Jump 1. Elliott, Sonora 21-4½; 2. Raybien, Brady 19-6¼; 3. Jimenez, Rocksprings 19-4½; 4. Joey Bullard, ELDORADO 19-2¼; 5. Letbetter, Wall 19-½; 6. Lay, Wall 18-9½
High Jump 1. Brinkley, Reagan County 6-2; 2. Matthews, Sonora 5-10; 3. Joey Bullard, ELDORADO 5-10; 4. Sissel, Junction 5-6; 5. Tony Fay, ELDORADO 5-6
Triple Jump 1. Crain, Sonora 43-10¼; 2. Joey Bullard, ELDORADO 43-7½; 3. Elliott, Sonora 41-4; 4. Harrison, Reagan County 40-5½; 5. Letbetter, Wall 38-6½; 6. Andrews, Brady 37-11
800 M Run 1. Joey Bullard, ELDORADO 2:08.38; 2. Flores, Rocksprings 2:09.60; 3. Cox, Wall 2:11.93; 4. Flores, Brady 2:12.68; 5. Eppler, Mason 2:13.24; 6. Kisko, Wall 2:14.26
110 M Hurdles 1. Holland, Junction 15.22; 2. Crain, Sonora 15.24; 3. Matthews, Sonora 15.63; 4. Warden, Mason 15.89; 5. Bartley, Reagan County 16.61; 6. Campes, Brady 18.50
100 M Dash 1. Armke, Sonora 11.11; 2. Reyes, Reagan County 11.4; 3. Bloodworth, Sonora 11.57; 4. Jones, Brady 11.74; 5. San Miguel, Mason 11.75; 6. Perez, Rocksprings 11.84
400 M Dash 1. Elliott, Sonora 50.38; 2. Everett, Sonora 56.06; 3. Airhart, Brady 56.15; 4. Johnny Lee Arispe, ELDORADO 57.86; 5. Letbetter, Wall 59.31; 6. Torres, Brady 1:01
500 M Hurdles 1. Sissel, Junction 40.40; 2. Crain, Sonora 40.71; 3. Lopez, Sonora 43.57; 4. Matthews, Sonora 43.77; 5. Eppler, Mason 44.02; 6. Cosgrove, Reagan County 44.21
200 M Dash 1. Elliott, Sonora 21.80; 2. Oliver, Junction 23.81; 3. Tony Fay, ELDORADO 23.98; 4. San Miguel, Mason 24.25; 5. Holik, Wall 24.31; 6. Warden, Wall 24.41
1600 M Run 1. Sammy Cabrera, ELDORADO 5:00.14; 2. Ainsworth, Sonora 5:00.84; 3. Ybarra, Reagan County 5:08.47; 4. Daniel Mata, ELDORADO 5:11.15; 5. Salinas, Junction 5:15.27; 6. King, Brady 5:20.47
Pole Vault 1. Eppler, Mason 11-0; 2. Hopkins, Sonora 10-6; 3. Ringener, Reagan County 10-6; 4. Wallace, Sonora 10-0; 5. Flores, Brady 10-0; 6. Joe Arispe, ELDORADO 9-6
400 M Relay 1. Reagan County 45.78; 2. Wall 45.99; 3. Brady 46.81; 4. Mason 47.49; 5. Rocksprings 47.86
1600 M Relay 1. Junction 3:34.68; 2. Wall 3:39.58; 3. Sonora 3:44.77; 4. Reagan County 3:46.72; 5. Brady 3:47.03; 6. Rocksprings 3:47.13
Team Totals 1. Sonora 167 pts.; 2. ELDORADO 75 pts.; 3. Junction 71 pts.; 4. Reagan County 69 pts.; 5. Wall 64 pts.; 6. Brady 55 pts.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Off to the races — Courtney Whitten received the baton from Megan Poyner to start the 2nd leg of the 800 Meter Relay last Saturday during the Plateau Relays. The Eldorado girls placed 5th with a time of 1:57.91.

100 M Dash 1. Haney, Wall 5-6; 2. Ramos, Wall 5-4; 3. Villegas, Brady 5-4; z1. Cole, Wall 24.02; 2. Cawley, Wall 24.14; 3. Trey Chavez, ELDORADO 25.20; 4. Castillo, Mason 25.24; 5. Hernandez, Sonora 25.61; 6. Bean, Junction 25.74
Triple Jump 1. Villegas, Brady 38-5; 2. Castillo, Mason 36-11; 3. Fuessell, Wall 35-9½; 4. Rivera, Mason 34-10½; 5. Holik, Wall 34-6; 6. Hernandez, Reagan County 32-6
800 M Run 1. Mora, Mason 2:17.58; 2. Ramos, Wall 2:19.34; 3. Artega, Brady 2:20.75; 4. Garcia, Wall 2:21.05; 5. Nichols, Wall 2:27.62; 6. Rivera, Mason 2:30.39
110 M Hurdles 1. Molesworth, Junction 16.95; 2. Holik, Wall 17.14; 3. Mills, Wall 17.79; 4. Langsetty, Brady 18.44; 5. Vargas, Reagan County 18.76; 6. Cosgrove, Reagan County 20.52
100 M Dash 1. Owens, Brady 11.88; 2. Tillman, Junction 11.90; 3. Fuessell, Wall 11.98; 4. Shields, Brady 11.99; 5. Joe Arispe, ELDORADO 12.14; 6. Marquez, Reagan County 12.23
400 M Dash 1. Barnes, Mason 55.75; 2. Haney, Wall 57.32; 3. Garcia, Sonora 58.42; 4. Villareal, Brady 58.56; 5. Ojeda, Reagan County 59.0; 6. Kaczky, Wall 1:01.58

300 M Hurdles 1. Aguirre, Brady 45.55; 2. Vargas, Reagan County 47.42; 3. Block, Wall 47.96; 4. Hanna, Brady 50.34; 5. Holik, Wall 50.44; 6. Calvert, Wall 51.48
200 M Dash 1. Cole, Wall 24.02; 2. Cawley, Wall 24.14; 3. Trey Chavez, ELDORADO 25.20; 4. Castillo, Mason 25.24; 5. Hernandez, Sonora 25.61; 6. Bean, Junction 25.74
1600 M Run 1. Lujan, Junction 5:25.98; 2. Artega, Brady 5:32.44; 3. Trece, Wall 5:33.57; 4. Mora, Mason 5:35.83; 5. White, Wall 5:39.69; 6. Thompson, Junction 5:44.40
Pole Vault 1. Cosgrove, Reagan County 10-6; 2. Garcia, Sonora 10-0; 3. Fuessell, Wall 10-0; 4. Joe Arispe, ELDORADO 9-6; 5. Means, Veribest 9-0; 6. Gore, Reagan County 8-6
400 M Relay 1. Junction 47.33; 2. Wall 47.74; 3. Brady 47.85; 4. Mason 48.57; 5. Reagan County 50.93
1600 M Relay 1. Junction 3:44.65; 2. Wall 3:50.91; 3. Brady 3:54.14; 4. Mason 3:56.36; 5. Reagan County 4:05.47
Team Totals 1. Wall 178 pts.; 2. Brady 102 pts.; 3. Junction 92 pts.; 4. Mason 63 pts.; 5. Sonora 40.33 pts.; 6. Reagan County 39.66 pts.; 7. ELDORADO 34 pts.

STATE CHAMPS! Eagles win State Team Tennis title

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showed their true colors. Every player broke at some point during the competition, but they all regained their composure and contributed to these victories. I even had some very weak moments myself. But these guys really came through and fought hard for this achievement. I am exceptionally proud."

Team tennis is sanctioned by the Texas Tennis Coaches Association. The sport is recognized by the University Interscholastic League only at the 5A and 4A levels. However, the popularity of the sport is booming and in the 2A and lower division in which Eldorado com-

petes, the strongest tennis programs in the state have staked out their territory. Chief among those are the Eldorado Eagles who have brought home the top honor in the state for the second time in four years.

Members of the 2001 State Team Tennis Champions include: Lindsay Beach, Rikki Bosmans, Ben Edmiston, Kayla McCravery, Thomas Ballew, Wesley Jones, Elibeth Montalvo, Courtney Newman, Heath Andrew, Courtney Brown, Quisto Gonzales, Buddy Greer, J.L. Mankin, Bobby Phillips, Courtney Sauer, Christina Redish, Dillon Greer and Lacy Ragsdale. The team is coached by Matt Rutherford and Teresa Baker.

Middle School Relay results

7th Grade Boys
2400 M Run 1. Lopez, Ozona 8:51.74; 2. Jereny Ussey, ELDORADO 9:05.082; 3. Rios, Grape Creek 9:37.99
Shot Put 1. Moore, Wall 33-10; 2. Kyle Taylor, ELDORADO 31-11; 3. Dutton, Sonora 31-7
Discus 1. Kyle Taylor, ELDORADO 105-1½; 2. Moore, Wall 95-2; 3. Dehoyos, Ozona 87-3
Long Jump 1. Nevin, Wall 15-4; 2. Halfman, Wall 15-1¼; 3. Bloodworth, Sonora 14-11¼
High Jump 1. Bloodworth, Sonora 5-0; 2. Weishuhn, Wall 5-0; 3. Nevin, Wall 4-8; 5. Michael Ballew, ELDORADO 4-6
Triple Jump 1. Hale, Ozona 29-10¾; 2. Weishuhn, Wall 29-5½; 3. Espinosa, Ozona 29-3¾
800 M Run 1. Gentry, Iran 2:34.99; 2. Campes, Reagan County 2:39.03; 3. Russell, Reagan County 2:45.97; 4. F. Wipff, ELDORADO 2:47.12; 5. Andrew Gonzales ELDORADO 2:51.25
110 M Hurdles 1. Esparza, Ozona 21.24; 2. Weishuhn, Wall 21.25; 3. Espino, Ozona 21.31;

5. Michael Ballew ELDORADO 21.56
100 M Dash 1. Bloodworth, Sonora 13.16; 2. Hurd, Sonora 13.26; 3. Kyle Taylor, ELDORADO; 5. Nestor Hernandez, ELDORADO 13.67; 6. Andy Mejia, ELDORADO 13.85
400 M Dash 1. Lugo, Sonora 1:03.65; 2. Perez, Sonora 1:05.91; 3. Borrego, Ozona 1:05.92
300 M Hurdles 1. Esparza, Ozona 54.62; 2. Weishuhn, Wall 55.77; 3. Michael Ballew, ELDORADO 56.51
200 M Dash 1. Polk, Wall 27.54; 2. Lugo, Sonora 27.58; 3. Nestor Hernandez, ELDORADO 28.03
1600 M Run 1. Lopez, Ozona 5:54.93; 2. Rios, Grape Creek 6:13.99; 3. Thompson, Wall 6:17.14
Pole Vault 1. Ice, Iran 7-6; 2. Coats, Ozona 7-0; 3. Maldonado, Ozona 6-6; 4. Nestor Hernandez, ELDORADO, Garcia, Reagan County 6-6 (Tie)
400 M Relay 1. Sonora 52.60; 2. Wall 53.84,

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After an "interesting" pre-season, Lady Eagles are ready for district play

by Coach Randy Mitchel

The 2001 Lady Eagles softball team has had many exciting experiences and adventures during the pre-season. Having a new head coach, an old assistant with at least twenty years of bus driving experience, some new players, some old players, lost shoes, visors, knee pads, and finally, injuries have made a very interesting first month and a half of softball. Who ever said softball is "SOFT" definitely doesn't know what they are talking about.

Let's begin with the new head coach. I have found out that there is a whole lot more to softball than hitting the ball and making outs. Did you know that it is an advantage to have the third base dugout when playing at home. After giving a coronary over this issue, I now know that fact. Please be patient Tony, we haven't even started district, yet. Now for our assistant coach and experienced bus driver of twenty years. His knowledge about the game is outstanding, and I guess even experienced drivers get stuck every once in a while, but how many experienced drivers get a CHARTER BUS stuck? Maybe, Tony just wanted everyone at the Early Softball Tournament to notice Eagle 1, and boy did we get a look, especially when not one, but two City of Early tractors came and pulled us out of the mud. Oh well, it just made the food at Underwood's taste much better!!!

We have several rookies this year. One, Martha Diaz, is a senior. She is the only senior on this team and she has been such an inspiration with her support and unselfish willingness to work. She has been laughs in time of crisis. Now I have to mention the

crisis. Martha and Jessie Calcote had some business to attend to and were late getting on the bus. She saw the Eagle 1 leaving and thought our experienced bus driver was playing another trick on her. As the bus kept rolling out of sight, she realized she and Jessie were left behind. All she could do was laugh.

Luckily, the Brady bus was still there so Martha and Jessie were able to visit with the girls from Brady. We only got a block away when we noticed they were gone, so we pulled in a parking lot, and had "Mamma Bear", Maggie Martinez, go to their rescue. We kept wondering what was tasking so long, but later found out that Martha and Jessie had to finish their conversations with their "new friends". Martha was still laughing when she got back on the bus, but Jessie Calcote didn't speak to either coach for quite some time. Not even a friendship ring, or an apology on our behalf from the owner of a restaurant establishment, or a song from one of the waiters whose favorite sport is softball, favorite team Lady Eagles, and favorite color green helped. Jeeessssiiiiieeee, we do love you, and promise not to leave you, again.

Another rookie this year is Heather Homer. She has definitely been around Coach Martinez tooooooo Long. She has learned to fib without smiling, and for her to do anything without smiling is nearly impossible. Hey Heather, how does an elephant get out of a swimming pool?

Samantha Smith is also a newcomer to softball this year. Her speed has definitely been an asset to this team. If we can get her on base, she definitely has the wheels

to get on home. Sam does a good job of back, seat driving and keeps Tony awake on out of town trips. Jennifer Bybee is just a freshman and has some natural ability when it comes to softball. Like Sam, Jennifer loves to make sure our experienced bus driver is taking care of business.

The last rookie just moved here a few days ago. Her name is Crystal Isaacs and we are very glad she decided to play softball. She is a sophomore and we love to listen to her talk... She came here from East Texas, but it's not going to take her long to be a real West Texan. She is very competitive and will definitely help our team.

The rest of the players are all veterans. I'm not sure if one of the veterans could keep up with her equipment last year or not, but she has misplaced everything from a shoe, to a knee pad, to a visor, to a batting glove. Thank goodness nearly all of these come in pairs, or Amanda Wanoreck would be in trouble. At least she can find her way to the mound where she pitches a mean ball. In fact, we have decided we need to jam her index finger on her pitching hand before every game.

Next, we come to Hallie Greer. She started out this season doing a great job of catching the ball with her glove and even her opposite hand. However, one day she decided to catch the ball with her two front teeth. For those of you just starting out with softball, this is not a trick to try at home, or on the field for that matter, huh Hallie?

Tana Williams is a 3 year veteran, first baseman, and such a logical thinker. She just can't seem to figure out why one doesn't place the pitching machine on home base. She never sees a problem, just a solution. She has always been very soft spoken, and uses her eyes and actions to communicate. After colliding with the catcher in the last game, I think she will be more vocal the next time she calls for a fly ball.

Mitzi Sessom has played for two years and has learned that being a catcher has its "ups", and also, it "downs". Sometimes the shin guards won't protect you from bumps and bruises, and after

catching three games in one day, those "ups" and "downs" wear on the whole body. Oh, also, you don't want to be on the opposing team when she is stressed, but we do want her in our team, stressed or not. She is a vocal leader on and off the field.

Cristie Joe Belman is the one usually out in center field who has those pearly whites shining. (I say usually, because she is another versatile player who gets moved around quite often.) She may be smiling, but she plays a mean outfield, and is kind if like E.F. Hutton. "When she speaks, she has something to say."

Liza Sanchez is known as our intimidator. No matter where we put her, she is ready, vocal, and shows no mercy for the opposing team. She has played just about every position, and even does her part from the bench of supporting the team. We are going to have to work a little more on sliding, but she is always willing to sacrifice herself for the team.

Stephanie Luna played last year and has contributed to this team by her hard work and positive attitude. She loves to play tricks on Coach Martinez, and regularly gives him a hard time.

Jennifer Rodriguez, also

known as "Black", "Jay Roe", and "Jenn", has been a steady force on the team. She has been very dependable and consistent in every position. Sometimes she tries to catch with her legs or forehead, so we are going to have to review the purpose of the glove. She does a great job from the mound, as well as second base. Hey Jenn, have you found that computer at the back of the bus yet?

Kristina Prater is the one of those veterans who leads by example. She doesn't have much to say, but her actions speak loud for her and the team. She is one of the first ones to practice, and gives her all.

She also is a tough competitor, and loves the game.

This sums up our pre-season. We have laughed together, we have cried together, we have agreed, we have disagreed, but we are the Lady Eagles, and we are a unified team. Our motto is "One for All, All for One". It has taken us a while to really mean that, but we are there. We begin district play on Friday against the Junction Eagles and they better be ready because the Eldorado Lady Eagles are for real and like never before. This will be a home game so come out and catch the action. The game begins at 4:30.

Methodist revival to feature Rogers' music ministry

For the last thirteen years Jack and Marymichael Rogers have started each day with music. Sometimes it's just a fiddle tune or two sometimes they work on something vocal but music is the focus of their lives. How they use that gift is an answer to their call. A call to share a message of love and hope to whomever is put in their lives and to deliver that message through music.

The Rogers live in Wimberley Texas, a small town they say is growing too fast for them, approximately forty miles southwest of Austin. They formed a non-profit organization six years ago to help support their efforts of serving God through music. They are members of the United Methodist Church but have played music in churches of many different denominations. "We always feel at home in our Father's house," says Jack. The Rogers are busy most Sundays sharing a message through music during morning worship. Their message is a powerful one as they share the tragedies they have survived and how God has lifted them up and blessed them with grateful hearts. Marymichael lost a daughter and much of her hearing in a fourth of July fireworks exposition years ago. "When God called me to music ministry I thought He was pretty funny," says Marymichael. "But what I like to share is that when God calls you to His purpose then He will give you the ways and means, the strength and the courage to accomplish His work."

They are most often called to give the pastor, choir and organist the day off and provide a worshipful experience that follows a traditional worship service with a folk theme. All of their music is played live with no taped music. They have played music for revivals, retreats, conferences, weddings and funerals throughout the

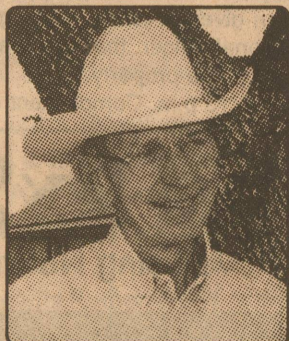
Southeast. They have been music leaders for countless Emmaus (free world), Kairos (prison), and Chrysalis (teen) retreat events serving over nine hundred pilgrims since 1988. They served on Emmaus teams in China in 1996 and 1998 and consider it to be an honor and Privilege to have made friends with so many people from around the world. Though they have played music internationally they are easy to talk to and love meeting and visiting with new people. You will often find them at a nursing home or hospital playing music just to cheer someone up.

They have two albums available at this time and their goal for two thousand and one is to release their much awaited fiddle album and produce a new vocal album.

They will be at the Eldorado United Methodist church for their revival Saturday evening at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday morning service at 11:00, the weekend of March 17th and 18th. So come to church and bring a friend and we shall all be revived!

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Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, March 19**
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Rolls, Vanilla Pudding, Milk
- Tuesday March 20**
Chicken Enchiladas, pinto Beans, Broccoli, Crackers, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday March 21**
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread,
- Thursday March 22**
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk
- Friday March 23**
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/ Carrots

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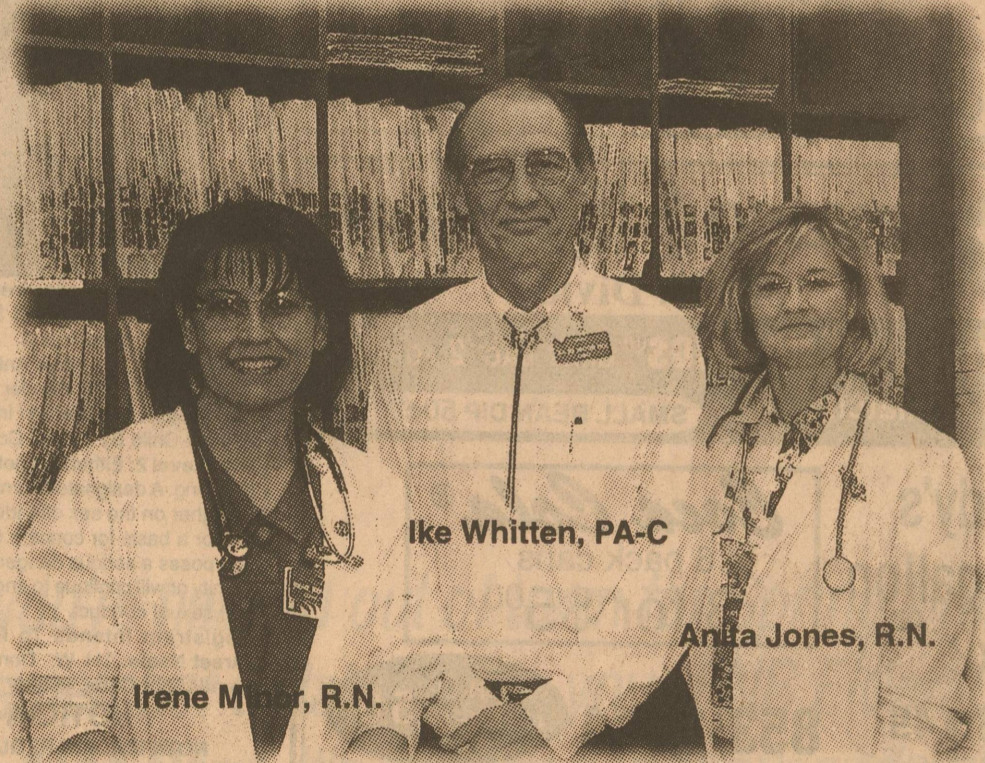
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Middle School Relay results listed

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3. ELDORADO: Nestor Hernandez, Andy Mejia, Frank Edmiston, Kyle Taylor 55.56
1600 M Relay 1. Wall 4:21.14; 2. ELDORADO: Kyle Taylor, Jeremy Ussery, Caleb Nixon, Andy Mejia 4:35.56; 3. Sonora 4:36.76

Team Totals 1. Wall 155.5 pts.; 2. Sonora 118 pts.; 3. Ozona 109 pts.; 4. ELDORADO 93.5 pts.

Seventh Grade Girls
2400 M Run 1. Malone, Iraan 9:29.43; 2. Ramos, Wall 10:22.25; 3. Riggs, Reagan County 10:46.49

Shot Put 1. Herring, Reagan County 23-7; 2. Boldt, Sonora 22-10; 3. Sanchez, Sonora 21-7

Discus 1. Quintero, Iraan 64-4½; 2. Bernal, Iraan 63-5½; 3. Fussell, Iraan 60-11

Long Jump 1. Smith, Reagan County 14-3; 2. Branch, Wall 14-2¾; 3. Micaela Gonzalez, ELDORADO 14-8; 5. Maxie Holley, ELDORADO 12-10

High Jump 1. Rachel Joiner, ELDORADO 4-8; 2. Pratt, Ozona 4-8; 3. Porter, Wall 4-4

Triple Jump 1. Pratt, Ozona 27-7½; 2. Davidson, Reagan County 27-2½; 3. Chandra Wanoreck, ELDORADO 27-¼

800 M Run 1. Gandar, Ozona 2:46.84; 2. Gonzalez, Wall 2:49.26; 3. Miller, Ozona 2:52.74

110 M Hurdles 1. Niehues, Wall 18.72; 2. To-bar, Ozona 19.23; 3. Conner, Ozona 19.33; 6. Josie Diaz, ELDORADO 20.64

100 M Dash 1. Davidson, Reagan County 14.19; 2. Rachel Joiner, ELDORADO 14.45; 3. Fuentes, Iraan 14.52

400 M Dash 1. Malone, Iraan 1:09.88; 2. Smith, Reagan County 1:12.54; 3. Gonzalez, Wall 1:14.04; 5. Micaela Gonzalez, ELDORADO 1:14.14

300 M Hurdles 1. Niecnus, Wall 54.86; 2. Gaylor, Wall 57.11; 3. Vay, Iraan 57.47

200 M Dash 1. Smith, Reagan County 29.32; 2. Pratt, Ozona 30.50; 3. Gunther, Iraan 30.59; 5. Maxie Holley, ELDORADO 31.61

1600 M Run 1. Gandar, Ozona 6:38.78; 2. Yocom, Iraan 6:53.21; 3. Riggs, Reagan County 6:54.81; 5. Melinda Hernandez, ELDORADO 7:16

400 M Relay 1. Iraan 56.32; 2. Reagan County 56.45; 3. Wall 56.45; 4. ELDORADO: Micaela Gonzalez, Kali Roberts, Allison Reynolds, Rachel Joiner 57.47

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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800 M Relay 1. Reagan County 2:01.83; 2. Wall 2:02.86; 3. Ozona 2:04.87; 6. ELDORADO: Allison Sproul, Chandra Wanoreck, Karina Sanchez, Maxie Holley 2:12.59
1600 M Relay 1. Iraan 4:49.88; 2. Wall 4:54.31; 3. Ozona 4:56.31; 4. ELDORADO: Josie Diaz, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Micaela Gonzalez 5:00.87

Team Totals 1. Wall 138 pts.; 2. Iraan 134 pts.; 3. Reagan County 115 pts.; 5. ELDORADO 57 pts.

Eighth Grade Boys
2400 M Run 1. Treto, Ozona 8:07.39; 2. Herrera, Wall 8:52.02; 3. Balderas, Iraan 9:14.53

Shot Put 1. Williams, Wall 44-1¼; 2. Pagan, Ozona 41-2¾; 3. Garza, Reagan County 37-10; 5. Manuel Arispe, ELDORADO 34-10

Discus 1. Pagan, Ozona 120-3; 2. Manuel Arispe, ELDORADO 118-2½; 3. Castro, Ozona 115-8; 5. Lance Roberts, ELDORADO 108-6

Long Jump 1. Borrego, Ozona 18-2; 2. Smith, Reagan County 17-10; 3. Castro, Ozona 17-6½

High Jump 1. Williams, Wall 5-10; 2. Neira, Wall, Priddy, Grape Creek 5-4 (Tie); 3. Castameda, Iraan 5-4

Triple Jump 1. Perez, Ozona 35-4¾; 2. Priddy, Grape Creek ¾-¼; 3. Biggrstaff, Grape Creek, Nevins, Wall 33-5½ (Tie)

800 M Run 1. Cook, Wall 2:21.49; 2. Barrera, Iraan 2:25.05; 3. Talamantez, Ozona 2:27.09

110 M Hurdles 1. Castro, Ozona 16.81; 2. Castaneda, Iraan 17.93; 3. Hall, Sonora 18.81

100 M Dash 1. Perez, Ozona 12.36; 2. Tony Garcia, ELDORADO 12.40; 3. Pagan, Ozona 12.51

400 M Dash 1. Barrego, Ozona 56.96; 2. So-lis, Iraan 58.53; 3. Bird, Ozona 58.91

300 M Hurdles 1. Carasco, Reagan County 48.10; 2. Armstrong, Reagan County 48.41; 3. Barrera, Iraan 48.99

200 M Dash 1. Smith, Reagan County 25.40; 2. Perez, Ozona 25.58; 3. Tony Garcia, ELDORADO 25.65

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Eighth Grade Girls
2400 M Run 1. McClintock, Sonora 10:33.31; 2. Lefler, Iraan 10:36.55; 3. Ledford, Iraan 10:54.16

Shot Put 1. Peschel, Iraan 27-11½; 2. Ashton Murr, ELDORADO 27-1¼; 3. Castillo, Sonora 26-4

Discus 1. Steen, Grape Creek 81-11; 2. Mar-

tinez, Sonora 78-11; 3. Castillo, Sonora 76-4
Long Jump 1. Weishuhn, Wall 14-8½; 2. Jones, Grape Creek 13-10½; 3. Huffman, Ozona 13-6

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Triple Jump 1. Kissko, Wall 29-11¼; 2. Goodloe, Reagan County 29-11¼; 3. Seaton, Sonora 28-3¼

800 M Run 1. Poynor, Reagan County 2:43.65; 2. Stum, Wall 2:44.66; 3. Ramos, Wall 2:45.97

100 M Hurdles 1. Huffman, Ozona 17.56; 2. Hartman, Wall 18.44; 3. Olgesby, Ozona 18.53

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Now that's a wide load — Eldorado's location on US 190 means that we see lots of oversized loads that have been diverted off Interstate 10. Last week, these two loads stopped on the Ccurthouse Square in order to get a flat fixed. The huge loads are actually mammoth dump truck beds destined for Arizona. They were being hauled through town by Gary Brown and Scott Schriewer of Brother's Equipment Express, Inc., a trucking company from San Antonio. Hugh Killebrew repaired the flat for the men and they were on their way the following day.

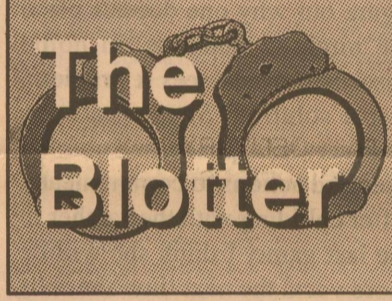
Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor:
 As someone who remembers when a subscription to the "Eldorado Success" was \$1.00 a year, it was a real treat to read the special pull-out section in celebration of the Woolen Mills Anniversary.
 Thanks,
 Betty Jo (Whitten) Broussard

Commissioners Court meeting

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1
 Joint Resolution #29 that calls for an election for the abolishment of the office of Constable in certain precincts within the state.
 After review, the court reviewed a map concerning the re-districting requirements of the four county precincts. The court found the new map to be accurate.
 Upon a motion by Ross Whitten, seconded by Bill Clark, annual dues to the County Judges and Commissioners Association in the amount of \$600.00 were approved. Accounts were reviewed and ordered paid. There being no further business the court adjourned at 12:10 p.m.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity at the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

March 7 • Gomez, Enrique Jr. male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, served 10 days, sentence ordered by Judge. Released time served.
 • Timms, Charles Ray, male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear/Possession of Control Substance.
March 9 • Garza, Leonor, female age 44, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Stop & Report Aggravated Sexual Assault To A Child. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
 • Almaguer, Yajaira Llerandy, female age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Out Of County Warrant. Released on \$1,500 Surety Bond.
 • Self, Mark Earl, male age 39, hold for Reagan County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
March 11 • Garcia, David H. male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Failure To Appear/Resisting Arrest and Assault.

REPORTS

March 6 • 5:55 p.m. Complainant on E. Murchinson reported an unattended child. Officer responded and was unable to locate.
 • 6:24 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver. Officer responded and located the vehicle and found subject to be OK.
 • 7:50 p.m. Complainant reported a fire that nobody was watching. Fire Chief responded and located owner,

was controlled burn.

• 9:32 p.m. Complainant reported a possible fight. Officers responded.

March 7 • 5:20 p.m. Complainant reported a vehicle pass other vehicles on the right hand side. Vehicle is a red new model pick-up w/red bed cover. Officer responded.

March 8 • 12:40 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 9:15 p.m. Complainant reported that they have been getting several calls, and then person would hang up. Nothing is being said. Requested a complainant be made.

March 9 • 1:43 p.m. Complainant reported 2 hitchhikers on Hwy. 277 South, near county line. Officer responded. Picked up 2 illegals, contacted Border Patrol.

• 7:03 p.m. Complainant requested that an officer speak to a subject that has been annoying them. Complainant stated that the subject follows them around town. Complainant stated that after they had entered their home the subject locked the door from the outside.

• 8:25 p.m. Report of a reckless driver traveling on Hwy. 277 traveling north passing vehicles on the right side. Dispatch contacted Tom Green with possible license plate and description of vehicle.

• 9:05 p.m. Complainant reported they had gone into their apartment and when they returned back to the vehicle the keys were no longer there. Officer responded.

• 10:02 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for wife. Air-Med Contacted.

• 3:00 p.m. Corner post of fence separating the airport from the golf course had been ran over.

March 10 • 11:48 a.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person on S. Divide.

• 5:37 p.m. Officer reported that a 72 hour sticker has been placed on an abandoned vehicle 4 miles north on Hwy. 277.

• 5:50 p.m. Request for Criminal Trespasses for one female and 2 male subjects. The female party had already been given a verbal warning by correctional officer, that she was not to go onto the property.

• 6:13 p.m. Complainant reported

an accident on Hwy. 190 East and Toenail Trail. Original called believed the location was in Tom Green County. Officer dispatch stated that it was in Schleicher County and requested one of our officers to also respond. Air-Med also enroute. Requested for Schleicher County Officer canceled.

• 7:03 p.m. Request assistance in unlocking a vehicle. Sheriff's Office contacted service to unlock vehicle. Officers no longer unlock vehicles.

• 8:42 p.m. Officer assisted motorist after trailer they were towing had a blow-out 8 miles north on Hwy. 277.

• 9:40 p.m. Complainant on Dorris reported someone trying to enter their home. When the subject went to answer the front door, there was no one there. Then the subject heard someone at the back of the residence at a window. Officer responded.

March 11 • 12:45 a.m. Complainant on Divide reported loud music next to their residence. Officer responded.

• 3:35 p.m. Hospital reported a Life Line that has gone off. Officer responded.

• 4:31 p.m. Male complainant requested to speak to an officer about a stop sign they had knocked down on N. Oaks. Officer and city employee responded.

• 9:28 p.m. Several complainants reported a fire on Hwy. 915, Hwy. 1

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LOST-REWARD: Male, red and white, one year old Pomeranian dog. "Pistol" is his name. Last seen on Honeysuckle Street. Call 853-2894. 11b

For Sale: 3 Piece Living Room Set; Fairly New, Used Only a Few Months. For More Information: Call 853-4348 or come by 211 S. West Street. 11p

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Again, thank you, to my family, relatives, friends and others for your support. Special thanks to all of you who have supported my wife and family, (including our parents) during the first day and all through this hard and drastic change. Your calls, encouragement, support and prayers have been very uplifting. This has made us realize how many caring friends have been by our side and those that we have made during my career here in Eldorado. I plan to continue to serve you the Citizens of Schleicher County again as the opportunity presents itself at another time. Until then, may God Bless You!

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Eldorado Spotlight

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239 Texas counties approved for USDA Livestock Assistance Program

Austin- Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs reminds livestock producers that 239 Texas counties have been approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency for the Livestock Assistance Program (LAP).

LAP, administrated by FSA, provides direct payments to eligible livestock producers in approved counties who suffered grazing losses due to natural disasters during 2000. Nationwide, \$430 million have been allocated for livestock producers for weather-

er-related losses as part of the farm assistance package passed last October.

For drought-related losses, LAP benefits are available in approved counties where precipitation was 40 percent or more below normal for at least four months and where there was at least a 40 percent loss of available grazing during a 90-day period due to drought during the 2000-crop year.

Eligible producers must have suffered a 40 percent or greater loss of grazing for three or more

consecutive months during 2000 due to a natural disaster. Eligible livestock include beef and dairy cattle, buffalo or beefalo when maintained on the same basis as beef cattle, sheep, goats, swine and equine animals used commercially for human food or kept for the production of food or fiber on the owner's farm or ranch.

For more information on LAP, visit the USDA-Farm Service Agency website at www.fsa.usda.gov/pas/publications/facts.html/lap01.htm or contact the local USDA Service Center.

City Council holds regular monthly meeting

by David E. Hill

Eldorado Youth Baseball and Softball is gearing up for the upcoming season. Eldorado Youth Baseball, Inc. will be overseeing both boys baseball and girls softball for the first time this year. Board member Bill Dykstra commented on the merger, "It just made since for the youth as well as the

two organizations to come under one umbrella. It will allow us to consolidate some of our operations which will be good for both organizations financially as well as from a volunteer standpoint."

Improvements have been or in the process of being made to the fields, as play will begin the second week of April. Registration was held last week and a total of 146 boys and girls between the ages of 6 and 16 signed up for play. Late registration will be held Tuesday, March 20th, 5:30pm to 7 pm, at Legion Field. Dykstra comment-

ed on registration saying, "we had a good turn out in all leagues. We know that there are still some out there that didn't get by the other night and we encourage them to be there Tuesday."

Draft schedules will be as follows: PeeWee's, Tuesday, March 20th, 6 pm, Legion Field; Girls Softball, Thursday, March 22nd, 6 pm, Volunteer Field; Minor and Major League's were originally scheduled for the 22nd, however, a scheduling conflict will likely move those to Friday, March 23rd, 6 pm, Legion Field.

FSA wool and mohair assistance program

The Schleicher County Farm Service Agency is now accepting applications for the 2000 wool and mohair Market Loss Assistance Program (WAMLAP II). This program is available to wool and mohair producers who shorn wool or mohair from January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. Producers must have owned the livestock at least 30 days prior to shearing.

Sign up began March 5, 2001 and will continue until April 13, 2001. Funding is limited and final rate cannot be determined until a nationwide upload and rate calculations are completed. Payment rates are estimated at \$0.40 per pound for wool and mohair. Producers need to submit documentation such a warehouse weight sheets, confirming the amount of wool and mohair shorn in 2000.

Producers should file applications for payment at the headquarter County Office where the producer's FSA records are maintained.

Applications submitted after April 13, 2001 will not be accepted, since late file procedures do not apply to this program.

For more information, contact the Schleicher County Service Center at 510 S. Divide in Eldorado, or (915) 853-3535.

City Council hold regular monthly meeting

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to the group's request and indicated a willingness to have the line tested during the summer.

In a related matter, City Administrator Randy Mankin advised the council that he had been in contact with Conoco, the city's gas supplier, in an effort to get relief from the high cost of gas. He reported that after negotiations the company had offered the city a new contract which would provide a small amount of relief.

Under the proposed contract, Conoco would charge the city 25 cents above the weighted price for natural gas as published monthly in the Northern Natural Index. Currently the city pays 110 percent of the index price. Mankin noted the new deal would benefit the city when gas prices are above \$2.50 per thousand cubic feet (MCF). However, if the price dips below the \$2.50 level, the new contract would benefit Conoco slightly.

Using an index price of At \$10 per MCF as an example, Mankin explained that Conoco currently bills the city \$11, under the 110 percent provision of the existing contract. However, under the proposed contract, the price the city would pay would be \$10.25. However, if the index price drops to \$2 per MCF the city would pay \$2.20 under its existing contract. That amount would be \$2.25 under the proposed agreement.

In addition, Conoco has offered to make the deal retroactive to January 1, 2000, and has offered the city a one-time payment of \$54,756.00 if they take the deal. Mankin said the cash would help offset some of the losses the city has experienced in the gas department in recent months. He told the council that he believed it was in the city's best interest to accept the contract offer. The council agreed and voted unanimously to approve the contract and authorized Mayor John Nikolauk to sign the deal on behalf of the city.

The meeting was the council's regular monthly session. It was called to order by Mayor Nikolauk and was attended by council members Robert Bybee, Sherry Lux, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Richard Mendez. Council member Eddie Rodriguez was absent.

Minutes of the February 12, 2001 meeting were approved as amended and the city's tax report and financial report were reviewed and approved. Amendment #4 to the 2000-2001 budget was approved. It was noted that it was the second time in two months, and only the second time in recent memory, that the city had amended the revenue side of its budget to account for the soaring price of natural gas. The move was necessary to offset the money the city is paying out of the expense side of the budget to purchase the gas.

Randy Mankin then updated the council on work being carried out by city crews. He noted that recent rains had caused some minor problems with operations at the landfill but that the facility was being kept open for business, despite the muddy conditions. Mankin noted the landfill received an average of 18.64 tons of waste per day during February, with 77 percent of that coming in from area towns and producing revenue for the city. Mankin also noted that crews continue patch potholes, even during cold weather, however, wet conditions have been hard on the city's badly deteriorated streets.

City Secretary, Carolyn Mayo reported to the council that Classic Cable, the franchised provider of cable TV service in the city, has failed to make payments to the city for the past four months. The company has the right to use the city's alleys in return for a monthly payment of \$250. That amount is amended once a year when the company calculates its annual revenues and forwards a percentage of that amount to the city. However, the money has stopped coming in recent months and attempts by the city to collect have proven futile. Several members of the council expressed concern that Classic Cable's fees continue to rise. It was agreed that efforts to collect the franchise fee should be redoubled.

County Commissioner Bill Clark then met with the council regarding indigent payments made by the county to the city in behalf of needy citizens. Clark said he realized that the county is the gov-

ernmental entity that is required by state law to help indigent citizens. Clark further noted that the city is under no such requirement, however, he expressed concern that county funds would run out if something doesn't change.

A review of the accounts revealed that Schleicher County has assisted five citizens with city utility bills in the past 12 months in an amount totalling \$517.00. Randy Mankin explained that the city has had numerous customers leave town in recent months owing personal bills far in excess of that amount and well above the amount of any deposits they had posted. The consensus of the council was that these cases amounted to indigent assistance, since the city most likely will never collect on the accounts.

It was noted that the Community Action Council, Adult Protective Services, the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance and Schleicher County had all helped pay utility bills for indigent citizens in the past. In an effort to help the agencies that are assisting city customers, the council voted unanimously to accept partial payments, within certain guidelines, from the agencies seeking to assist the customers. The guidelines will be in place during winter months only (November through March) and will mirror the city's long-standing policy of allowing partial payment of gas bills during those months.

Next, the council voted unanimously to pay \$100 dues to the Association of Rural Communities in Texas, a group formed to lobby the state government for funding in rural communities like Eldorado.

Discussion then turned to an estimate to repair one of the city's tractors. It was explained that the tractor had been borrowed by school personnel for use at the Ag. barn during the recent demolition and construction there. When the tractor was returned, the engine had a hole in the block. Randy Mankin reported that he had received an estimate of repairs in the \$6,000 to \$10,000 range. The council directed Mankin to have the tractor repaired and to forward the bill to the school.

Before adjourning, a brief discussion of personnel items revealed that Cathy Kuykendall has been hired as a temporary employee to fill a vacancy in the office. She replaces Elaine Hinojosa who has taken a job with Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

School Lunch Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, March 19

Meat and Macaroni Casserole, Glazed Carrots, Diced Pears, Cornbread, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 20

Chalupas, Spanish Rice, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, March 21

Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Dill Pickle Spears, Crushed Pineapple, Cornbread, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, March 22

Fish Strips/Tartar Sauce, Macaroni and Cheese, Early June Peas, Rosy Apple Sauce, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, March 23

Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Breakfast

½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, March 19

Mixed Fruit, French Toast/Syrup

Tuesday, March 20

Crushed Pineapple, Cream of Wheat, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, March 21

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, March 22

Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Friday, March 23

Grape Juice, Buttered Rice, Toast/Jelly

Fast Food Line

Monday, March 19

Pepperoni, Pizza, Tossed Salad, Diced Pears, Harvest Cake/Icing

Tuesday, March 20

Chili Crisпитos/Cheese Sauce, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Cowboy Cookies

Wednesday, March 21

Corn Chip Pie, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Crushed Pineapple, Orange Cake/Icing

Thursday, March 22

Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chocolate Cake/Choc. Icing

Friday, March 23

Chicken Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Lemon Pudding

Rep. Lamar Smith presents Korean War service pins

Congressman Lamar Smith has obtained a limited number of Korean War Service Lapel Pins for his constituents who served in the Korean War.

The commemorative pins, made available through the Department of Defense's 50th Anniversary of the Korean War Commemorative committee, will be distributed to eligible veterans who reside in the 21st Congressional District.

"It is an honor for me to recognize those men and women who

served a half century ago in the Korean War," Smith said. "The 50th anniversary of that conflict provides us all an opportunity to pause and reflect on the service and sacrifices of our veterans. And it also provides us all another opportunity to express our thanks for what they did to assure our peace and security."

The Korean War Service Lapel Pin is available to eligible veterans from all branches of the armed services who served in Korea, the territorial waters of Korea or in aerial flight over Korea between June 25, 1950, and July 27, 1953.

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