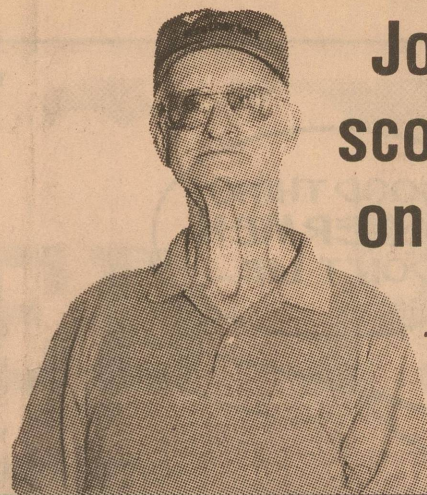




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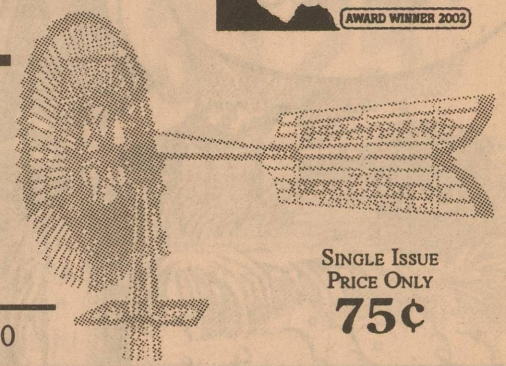
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Back to school — Emily Nixon stored her backpack along with those of her classmates Tuesday as students at Eldorado Head Start returned to class. The facility closed for a week after its sponsor agency, the Tom Green County Community Action Council, was suspended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, after spending practices at the agency came under question.

Eldorado Head Start closed for a week after Feds suspend Community Action Council

The Eldorado Head Start campus, located at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, was closed for more than a week, but opened for class again on Tuesday, after the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) suspended the Tom Green County Community Action Council (CAC) as operator of the program.

Community Development Institute-Head Start (CDI), a Denver-based company, took over as temporary administrator of the program, allowing 20 Schleicher County children to return to the classroom.

A report released Friday, Aug. 30, by the HHS claimed nearly \$1 million in questionable spending by CAC employees. The department notified CAC in writing last Friday that it was being suspended as operator of the Head Start program for an eleven-county area of West Texas, including Schleicher County. Other counties affected by the suspension include: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green.

The letter states that a recent investigation determined the CAC "improperly used Head Start funds" totaling some \$237,976. It also says the investigation found another \$689,152 in questionable expenditures of Head Start funds for purchases and payroll during 2001 and 2002.

Some of the money in question, totaling just over \$34,000, was paid to Henry's Diner in San Angelo. Henry's is owned by CAC executive director J.D. Cortez. Agency investigators said they found no proof that the expenditures were approved by the CAC board. Payment vouchers listed a directors meeting, staff appreciation, and in one case, simply "J.D.'S party."

Other expenditures being questioned include \$27,999 used to purchase a pickup truck and \$34,103 that went to buy a Ford Expedition. Neither of the purchases were authorized by the CAC board, investigators said.

The HHC report also pointed to salaries for Head Start officials that, "appear high for the San An-

gelo area." Among those salaries was \$116,906 for Cortez, plus more than \$19,000 in bonuses. Comptroller Luli Martinez reportedly received \$64,332 plus \$10,000 in bonuses while Head Start director Tanya Leifest received \$64,993 plus \$11,000 in bonuses.

As part of the investigation, the FBI seized records on June 20 from the CAC's offices and Henry's Diner. Additional records were taken from the CAC office on Aug. 8.

The programs once administered by the CAC served 726 children and 122 pregnant women in the Concho Valley.

No local expenditures have been questioned, however, purchases for other campuses are being challenged, including playground equipment that never made it to the intended Head Start centers.

Local Head Start teacher Suzie Ramirez spent much of the day Monday waiting for a new management company to take over the

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County adopts \$2.28 million budget for 2003

Commissioners set tax rate at 71¢ per \$100 valuation

Schleicher County Commissioners met Tuesday, Sept. 9, and voted to adopt a \$2.28 million dollar budget for the 2003 fiscal year. Before the vote, a hearing was held so that comments from the public could be received, however, no one appeared to express an opinion. Once the budget was adopted, the commissioners moved to

set a tax rate of 71 cents per \$100 valuation.

Included in the new county budget are \$100 per month raises for county employees and a 3 percent raise for elected officials. Commissioners exempted themselves from the raises, however.

Last year, each of the commissioners earned \$16,382.85 a year.

That amount includes employment taxes, medical insurance, travel, retirement, dues, bonds and training. The 2003 budget includes \$18,307.50 for each commissioner. Most of that increase was caused by the increased cost of health insurance, added life insurance and increased retirement benefits.

One item of note, the position of Constable was not funded in the 2003 budget.

In other business, Fire Chief Jerry Jones and Paramedic Tim Vasquez met with the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday and asked that the EMS and Fire Department be allowed to use a surplus 1996 Ford Crown Victoria patrol car for official use by both departments. The commissioners went one better and gave

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Martinez charged with Kidnapping his girlfriend

Timothy Ross Martinez, 17, of Eldorado was arrested Sept. 6, 2002, and charged with kidnapping and burglary of a building, after he reportedly broke into his pregnant girlfriend's apartment at the Eldorado Place Apts. and took her from there against her will. The

girl's roommate reported the incident by 9-1-1 call at 2:54 a.m.

Martinez was quickly located and arrested by Deputy Kevin Herbert. Martinez was booked into the Schleicher County Jail where he remains in custody at press time.

City council meets, tours animal shelter

Utility Supt Jack Dean reveals his intention to retire

City Utility Superintendent Jack Dean announced Monday night that he will be retiring from his position with the City of Eldorado effective Dec. 31, 2002. Dean has worked for the city since August of 1988. He informed the City Council of his intentions during the group's regular monthly meeting.

Mayor John Nikolauk called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. On hand for the meeting were council members Richard Mendez, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth, Robert Bybee and Juquin Rojas. Council woman Dora Bosman was absent.

Among other business, the council heard from Jessica Harper, representing Concho Valley Council of Governments. Harper updated the group on an Auto Theft Prevention Program sponsored by the Texas Dept. of Transportation through which vehicle identification numbers (VINs) can be chemically etched onto a car's windows. Harper explained that the program has already met with success in other areas and asked for the city's help in making the service available here. The fee for the service will be a mere \$1 per vehicle. It was agreed that Harper would coordinate with City Administrator Randy Mankin in finding a good day and time to offer the VIN etching here in Eldorado.

The council then recessed briefly and went to tour the animal shelter near the city's wastewater treatment plant where Randy Mankin Jack Dean led the

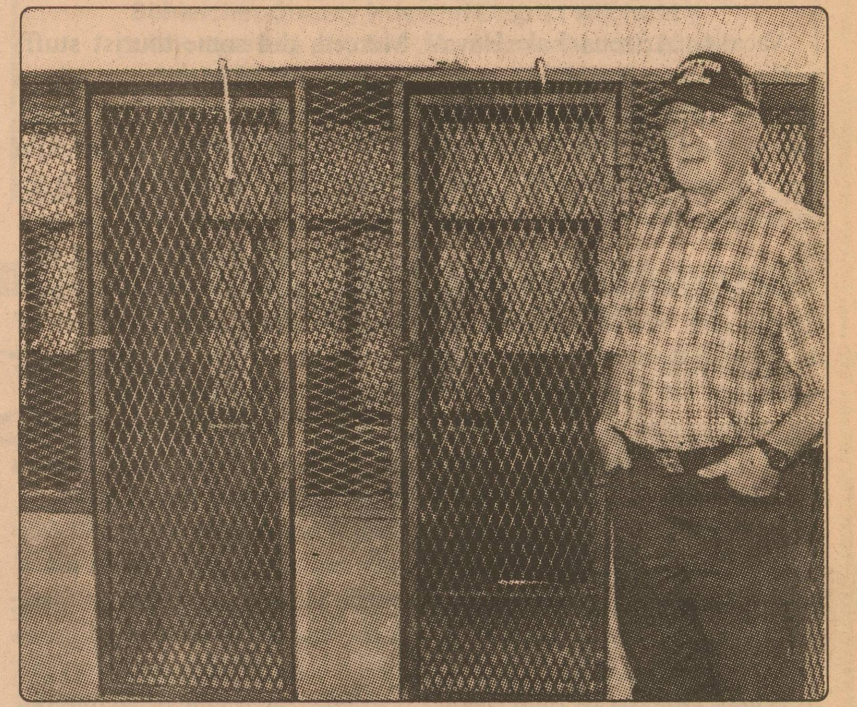


PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

In the doghouse — Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk looked over the inside of the city animal shelter Monday evening as the city council toured the facility. The shelter has six indoor runs, connected by sliding doors to six outdoor runs. Cat cages are also being installed and an area where animals can be humanely euthanized is under construction. The facility will become operational as soon as an inspection by the Texas Dept. of Health is complete.

group on a brief tour. Work at the facility is nearly complete. Following an inspection by the Texas Dept. of Health, the animal shelter will be placed into service and the city's animal control ordinance will be enforced, Mankin said.

The council then returned to City Hall where the meeting continued and Jack Dean brought information on two used bulldozers he had collected in recent days. One of the dozers, a 1994 Caterpillar, located near Uvalde, was priced at \$176,000.00. The other, a 1996 Kubota, located near Turlock, Calif., was priced at \$159,500.00. Dean explained that the price on the Kubota dozer included trucking to the Eldorado landfill. He said that had request-

ed maintenance records on the two dozers and that he would continue to search for a dozer.

Randy Mankin then updated the council on the status of the wastewater treatment plant as well as the ongoing street paving project and work at the city landfill. Mankin also advised that new rules from the Texas Railroad Commission will require the city to mail each city gas customer a letter stating that the city is not responsible for maintaining the customer's buried gas lines. He told the council that the mailing is not included in the city's new budget. Mankin said the requirement is another example of the State of Texas mandating expenditures for

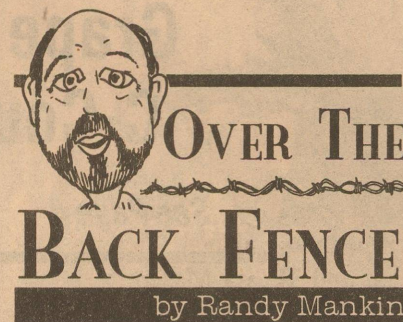
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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

In memory of our fallen heroes — Eldorado Elementary made their feelings known as a fire truck approached during dual 9-11 ceremonies held Wednesday morning at the school and at the Fire Hall/EMS building.

What can we expect from the children if even the grown-ups can't play nice



There have been so many financial scandals in recent years that we run the risk of becoming jaded. That's exactly what the scoundrels who plundered WorldCom and Enron would like to see happen.

As if the misdeeds of the corporate fat cats at Arthur Andersen, ImClone and Global Crossing weren't enough, now Martha Stewart, that most quintessential of modern women, has elbowed her way into the action.

Maybe it's too much to ask for corporate tycoons and self-serving politicians to avoid the feeding frenzy when there's plenty of cash laying around. Yet, I worry that when we begin to expect greed in everyone, then we will all too soon come to accept it in ourselves.

Maybe the scandal at the CAC is a small drop in a very large bucket. But it should sound alarms that none of us can ignore.

Here is an agency, originally conceived as a conduit through which funding from state and fed-

eral sources would be passed to worthwhile programs on the local level. By all indications the thing worked well for a while. Then something went awry. Could it be that there was too much money laying around?

I worry that the CAC inquiry will get worse before it gets better. You see, the Head Start isn't the only program the agency oversees. There's the Comprehensive Energy Assistance Program that helps senior citizens and the underprivileged pay their utility bills. That program was a godsend two years ago when soaring gas prices hammered everyone in Eldorado.

And, there are other social programs that operate under the auspices of the CAC, all of which involve thousands, if not millions of dollars. I will wager that those dollars were every bit as tempting as the ones assigned to Head Start.

I hope the investigators get to the bottom of this and that they do it quickly. If this turns out to be nothing more than shoddy book-keeping, then that, too, is worth knowing. But, if wrongdoing is confirmed then the culprits should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The children served by Head Start deserve nothing less than for the adults in their tiny world to play nice together.

Invariably, when grown-ups can't behave like grown-ups, it's the children who pay the price. Sadly, that seems to be the case with the Tom Green County Community Action Council. If even a tenth of the allegations swirling around the agency are true, then someone should go to jail.

The CAC oversees a number of government funded programs, including the Head Start Program here in Eldorado as well as Head Start programs in ten other counties. According to a report released by the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, a major portion of the \$5.1 million the CAC handles for the Head Start Program was misused.

eran, has been named as the agency's new chief of traffic law enforcement. Elliston replaces Charles Graham, who retired Aug. 31 after 39 years.

As head of the DPS' Traffic Law Enforcement Division, Elliston will supervise 2,187 uniformed commission officers and more than 1,100 civilian employees.

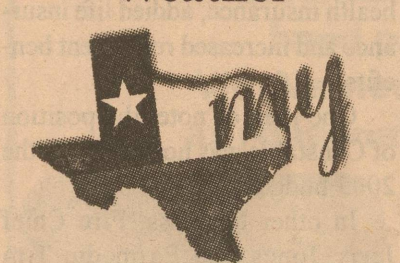
Kids: Remember those ABCs

A state agency is reminding Texas schoolchildren to remember their ABCs, as in Alcoholic Beverage Commission and the laws it enforces.

"It is illegal for a person under 21 to purchase, attempt to purchase, possess, or consume alcoholic beverages," cautions TABC Enforcement Chief Greg Hamilton.

Minors caught driving with any detectable amount of alcohol in their blood can face a fine of up to \$500, attendance at an alcohol awareness course, 20-40 hours of community service, a 60-day driver license suspension and 30 days of ineligibility for an occupational license, he said.

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State in better fiscal shape than once believed

AUSTIN — Happy New Year! But sorry, no bowl games on the tube or bowls of black-eyed peas on the table.

It's the beginning of fiscal 2003 for state government, not quite time for champagne and silly hats.

In closing the books at the end of August for fiscal 2002, Comptroller Carol Keeton Rylander said some of the state budget shortfall numbers that have been the focus of considerable hand wringing are not as bad as some projected.

"There has been recent speculation of \$7 billion, \$10 billion and

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even \$12 billion shortfall," she said. "These numbers are based on 'wish lists' of various agencies and ... are manufactured from faulty fabric that ignores natural revenue growth during 2004-2005, which will help offset spending needs."

The shortfall — it's not a deficit, merely an estimate of the amount of money the state will need to spend versus the amount

available — remains at \$5 billion in the comptroller's opinion.

Still, that is a larger shortfall than lawmakers have ever faced.

And, despite the events of last Sept. 11, the stock market decline, a 6 percent unemployment rate and widespread layoffs, Rylander said Texas is not even experiencing a recession.

"I'm proud of my staff and hardworking, confident, resilient Texans who have seen to it that we have no recession in Texas," she said. "Our state budget is balanced. That sets us apart from a majority of states drowning in red ink."

Important to remember: Rylander was a high school and university cheerleader.

9/11 memorial finalists picked

A committee appointed by the governor has selected three finalists in the design competition for a planned Sept. 11, 2001 memorial to be placed in the Texas State Cemetery.

The memorial, to be constructed with material salvaged from the wreckage of the World Trade Center in New York, will honor Texans killed in the terrorist attacks or during the subsequent war in Afghanistan.

From 39 proposals submitted, designs selected as finalists came from two Austin architectural firms, O'Connell Robertson & Associates and Pfluger Associates and from one Rockwall firm, Seitz Architects.

The governor will unveil a scale model of the winning design at the State Cemetery Sept. 11.

DPS names new chief

Randall K. Elliston, a 24-year Department of Public Safety vet-



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Tall trees, the London Bridge and the best meal ever

Vacation. Arizona. Lake Havasu City. Boiling Hot. Slap-you-in-the-face hot! Over 120 degrees, no breeze. Don't go there in the summer. Go there in the winter when the temperature is between 40 and 80.

We didn't stay long at Lake Havasu City. We went there to see the London Bridge which was dismantled at the Thames in London and transported to the Arizona desert. London Bridge was falling down in 1962, so the British government decided to sell it. An American, Robert McCulloch bid \$2,460,000 and got it. Shipping and reconstruction cost an additional 5 million dollars.

When you drive over it, it seems like just a plain old bridge. And you say "Is that all there is to it?" But if you get out and look underneath, you see the huge granite stones and the graceful arches planted deep into lake water. The majesty of the bridge is under the traffic lanes.

We drank some iced tea near the bridge and continued our journey. The purpose of the trip was to deliver our son BZ's Star Wars collection which we had been keeping since he was in high school. It filled our Explorer.

Our son lives in San Francisco. We visited cities on Highway 1 on the way: Cambria, Big Sur, Carmel and Monterey. At Big Sur we ran across the most expensive gasoline I've ever bought: \$2.62 per gallon (87 octane). We didn't buy much.

BZ and his wife Margaret took us to a Sushi bar. We pleased ourselves for just about as long as I could take it. We hung around their place for a couple of days, rode bicycles around Lake

Merced, did some tourist stuff, then headed to Mendocino where we had reservations at a spa resort.

We ended up staying at Little River, just a couple of miles from Mendocino. One evening we went to the Little River Inn and met some people who wanted to know what we were doing in that part of the world. We told them we wanted to see some redwoods.

It just so happens one of those guys was a forester and he directed us to the two tallest trees on earth. They stand nearly 350 feet high and are in an obscure place called Montgomery Woods State Park. Awesome. Groves of giant trees welcome the few guests who walk the trail a mile or so into the forest to see them.

For our last night in California, we chose the restaurant at Stevenswood for dinner. I can hardly talk about the experience without getting mushy. It was just the best. Susan had pine nut crusted salmon, I had tuna...seared on the outside, purple in the middle. The first bite sent shivers through my taste buds. So did the last bite. Impeccable service, the perfect wine, an apricot desert that looked like fireworks on a plate...it all just sent me! Unforgettable.

On the way home we stopped in Winslow, Arizona and ate supper at the restored Harvey House. At a Winslow gas station, I asked a cashier where the nicest restaurant in town was located. She told me about a Mexican Food place. Enroute, we noticed the Harvey House. It was so inviting we ate there. We would have spent the night there, but it was full. Maybe next time.

The news on arrival at home: BZ and Margaret are expecting!

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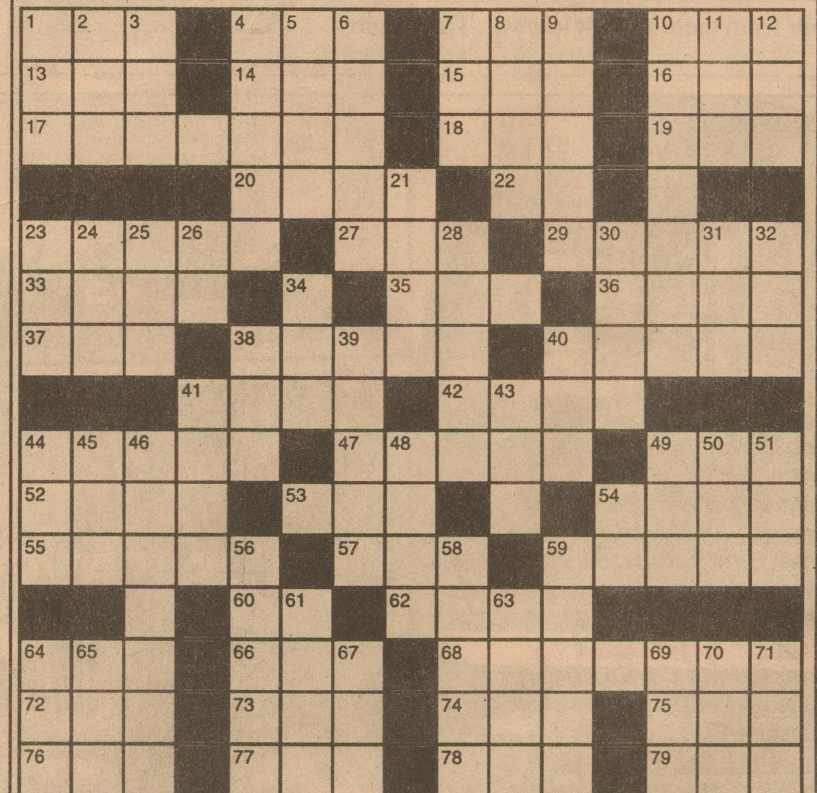
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OBITUARIES

Felipa A. Gomez

SAN ANGELO — Felipa A. Gomez, 57, died Monday, Sept. 9, 2002, at her residence. Service was Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2002, in Robert Massie Funeral Home Chapel.

Survivors include her husband, Jesus Gomez, daughter, Elizabeth Contreras and parents, Juan and

Rita Aguilar, all of San Angelo; brothers, Gonzalo Aguilar and Diego Aguilar, both of San Angelo, and Jesus Aguilar and Fernando Aguilar, both of Eldorado; and sisters, Maria Saldival, Victoria Roman and Teresa Mascorro, all of San Angelo, and Cecilia Mascorro and Rosa Romo, both of Eldorado.

Doyle Gleghorn

Doyle Gleghorn passed from this life on Sept. 3, 2002, after a short hospitalization.

He was born in Grapevine, Texas, to Ollie and T.G. Gleghorn on Dec. 10, 1913. He was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Billie Gleghorn, earlier this year, and by a daughter, Billie Doyle, in 1949. He also was preceded in death by his parents; his brothers, Buster and Howard; and his sister, Lois Hedges.

He is survived by his daughter, Ollie McCown and her husband, Chester, of Miles; and his son, Gary Gleghorn of San Angelo. He is also survived by a granddaughter, Amy Rutherford of Eldorado and her husband, Matt; his grandson, Brett McCown of Lubbock and his wife, Liz; one great-granddaughter, Madison Rutherford of Eldorado; and one sister, Ruth Moore of California.

Eleanor Maurine Bradford Werst

BIG LAKE — Eleanor Maurine (Bradford) Werst, was born July 20, 1915, at the family farm in Nolan Valley, Texas. She died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at 3:35 p.m. in Big Lake. She was 87.

Maurine married James Lee "Mike" Werst Jr. in 1932. She and Mike lived in several towns as a young married couple while he worked for various newspapers. They moved to Big Lake in the spring of 1948 and joined other young couples as town builders.

An energetic and outgoing woman, Maurine knew no strangers. She was a true trailblazer. In addition to her society column for The Big Lake Wildcat, she wrote a very humorous, often-puzzling column of observations of local life.

She and Mike, along with other couples, were moving forces in the local Presbyterian church, Stiles dance club and Big Lake Golf Association, of which they were charter members. Maurine was the last surviving charter member of Reagan Garden Club and counted its members as among her very best friends.

She was never shy about prodding local participation for community improvements. She also worked as a volunteer in local politics as an election judge for many years. A big part of Maurine's life revolved around Reagan Garden Club. She campaigned to pull together resources for the downtown

He worked as a carpenter in the Miles area for many years and was known for his agility in walking on rafters and two-by-fours. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and making and collecting knives. He especially enjoyed teaching his son and grandson to hunt and fish. He was baptized in the Baptist Church and practiced his faith in the Foursquare Church in Ballinger as long as his health would permit.

Graveside funeral service was Thursday, Sept. 5, 2002, in Miles Cemetery with the Rev. Eddie Tingle of First Baptist Church in Miles officiating.

Pallbearers were Everett Dodson, E.M. Stegall Jr., Clayton McCown, Matt Rutherford, Brett McCown and Mike Tounget.

Memorials may be made to the Senior Citizens Center in Miles, Texas.

park to replace the rubble of the old Big Lake Hotel. She continued to enjoy her flowers and vegetable gardens in her later years.

Maurine was an avid and passionate bridge player. Social activities would not be complete without mention of Maurine's dedication to become a Life Master at Duplicate Bridge, a goal she achieved in the early 1990s.

One of Maurine's frequent sayings was that she thought of life as a grand and glorious adventure. She certainly had many.

Maurine was preceded in death by her son Michael Lee Werst in 1943 and by her daughter, Eleanor Beth Werst McMillan, in 1988.

Survivors include her husband of nearly 70 years, J.L. "Mike" Werst, Jr.; sons John Werst of Austin and David Werst of Big Lake; and a sister, Mrs. Fay Noble of Houston. She also had six grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Service was held Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Big Lake, with the Rev. J.B. Bitner Jr. and the Rev. Roger Sidener officiating. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

PRAY FOR RAIN



Ghost skyline — Petty Officer 2nd Class Randy Adame posed on the deck of the U.S.S. De Wert in March, 2001, as it entered New York Harbor. Looming in the background was the skyline of Manhattan, including the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

Navy offers Adame brothers unique view of national events

Seven short years ago, Randy Adame was catching touchdown passes for the Eldorado Eagles. Now, he serves as an investigator for the U.S. Navy.

In March of 2001, Randy was aboard the U.S.S. De Wert, a guided missile frigate, as it steamed into New York Harbor. He posed for a picture that day. In the photo, looming eerily through the distant haze was the skyline of Manhattan, and the familiar silhouette of the World Trade Center's twin towers. Six months later, both of those towers, and several buildings around them collapsed after two hijacked jet liners were crashed

into the buildings. On that tragic day, Randy's older brother, Roy, also in the Navy was stationed at Bolling Air Force Base in Washington, D.C. He was mere miles away when a third jet liner crashed into the Pentagon.

Since that day Roy Adame has been reassigned. He is now part of an elite Navy Special Forces team that inspects foreign ports for explosives before U.S. Navy ships are allowed to enter them. The move to form the team was made following the bombing of the USS Cole in Yemen on Oct. 12, 2000.

Roy Adame is a 1994 graduate of Eldorado High School. Randy Adame graduated from EHS in 1996. Their parents are Richard and Yolanda Adame of Eldorado.

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Espinosa graduates from TSTC-WT in Brownwood

John Ray Espinosa a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School graduated from the Brownwood Campus of TSTC WT during the annual commencement ceremony for graduates of Texas State Technical College West Texas. The commencement was held on Friday, August 16 at the Abilene Civic Center Auditorium. Close to 2,000 well wishers of the graduates that included family members and friends, faculty and staff from the TSTC West Texas locations in

Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood and Sweetwater were in attendance. Vice President Mike Reeser certified and presented the graduating class to President Homer K. Taylor, who then conferred the degrees. A reception for the graduates, their family and friends and TSTC employees was held following the ceremony. Espinosa is the son of Ramon Espinosa and Anna Espinosa both of Eldorado.

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Wednesday, September 18
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The Spirit and Pride of Our Legacy

Eagles punch Mason 21-0

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles came out last Friday night on their home turf and completely shut down the Mason Punchers. The Eagles put up 21 points offensively and the defense literally held Mason punchless. The biggest change for the Eagles on the offensive side of the ball was turnovers. EHS went from 8 the week before to 3 against Mason. All in all it was a good night for the green and black.

The offense took up where it left off after the first two scrimmages. The Eagles churned out 315 total yards for the night. On the ground EHS picked up 202 yards and added another 103 through the air. The only blemish of the night were the 2 fumbles lost and the one interception.

"The line stepped up and gave Trey some time to throw the ball and opened some good holes for the running game," Coach Gary Grubbs said following the game. "They really worked hard last week and it paid off tonight. Our backs and receivers responded and put up some good numbers as well."

After a scoreless first quarter, the Eagles managed to score in each of the remaining stanzas. Quisto Gonzalez notched up the Eagles first score when he pounded the ball into the end zone with 5:23 left in the second period. Trey Chavez added the two point conversion for an 8-0 lead. Gonzalez found the end zone again with 3:53 remaining in the 3rd quarter when he sprinted in from 10 yards out. That time the extra point kick ricocheted off the upright and the

Eagles lead stood at 14-0. Ryan Adame drove the ball in from 3 yards out at 9:30 in the final period and Quisto Gonzalez added the extra point to give the Eagles a 21-0 cushion. Another long drive in the game ended with a fumble deep in Mason's end of the field.

Quisto Gonzalez had 82 yards rushing on the night, while Trey Chavez had 65 and Ryan Adame had 47. Phillip Martinez led the receiving corps. Joey Hernandez was the mainstay on the offensive line.

Defensively the Eagles smothered Mason. The Punchers managed only two first downs until the last drive of the game. In the end, Mason was held to 7 first downs, 40 yards rushing, and 57 yards passing, and most of that came on a final drive, late in the contest, when the outcome was no longer in doubt.

"We just got after it tonight," Coach Charlie Bunch said of his defensive unit. "We played our positions, made our reads, and got after them. The kids just never let up and the statistics reflect that."

Eagle fans learned Friday night that Coach Bunch is quite an athlete himself. When Ray Buitron intercepted a Mason pass and sprinted down field, he was escorted most of the way by Bunch streaking down the sideline.

Asked about the steal following the game Bunch would only say, "That was a great play by Ray!"

Seth Taylor led the defensive charge for the Eagles with 10 tackles. Buitron added 9 and Landon Nixon, Phillip Martinez, and Francisco Duran each counted for 5 tackles.

Eldorado will host on the Menard Yellowjackets tomorrow night at 7:30 pm at Eagle Stadium. This has always proven to be a good game through the years and this game shouldn't be any different. Menard has another Williamson in the backfield this year and they move the ball very well. Both teams enter the game at 1-1 on the season. The Yellowjackets are coming off a victory against Robert Lee last week.

Everyone is encouraged to come out and support the Eagles. Remember, WEAR YOUR GREEN!

The Throw.... #6 Frankie Arispe lofted this halfback option pass during 3rd quarter action against Mason last Friday evening.

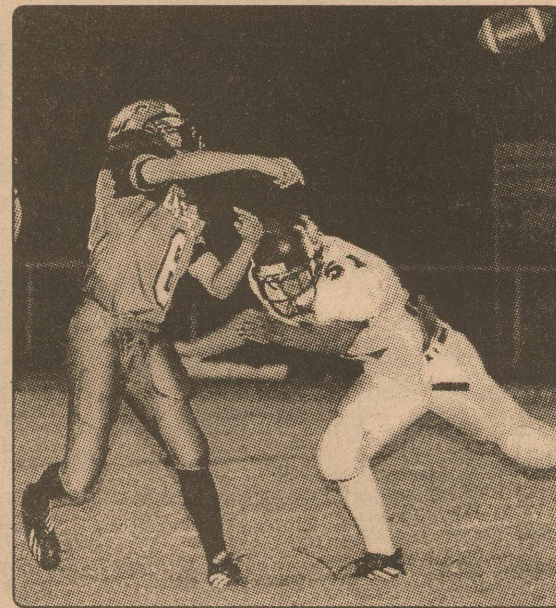


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The Catch.... #7 Ryan Adame hauled in the pass from Arispe despite tight coverage by a Mason defender. One play later, Adame pounded the ball in from 3 yards out for the Eagles second TD of the night.

PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Eagles Cross Country runners compete at Grape Creek

The EHS girls Cross Country track team placed 7th overall from among a field of 23 teams at the Grape Creek Cross Country Meet held at Carlsbad last Saturday.

Individually, the Lady Eagles placed as follows: Courtney Sauer 11th, Clara Herrera 23rd, Courtney Brown 56th, Allison Reynolds 62nd, Kasey Boysaw 70th, and Mary Ann Moreno 140th. There were a total of 227 girls in the field

of runners. The EHS boys team placed 13th with Eric Garcia finishing 5th individually. Frank Wipff finished in 48th while Terrell Boysaw and Jorge Bustos placed 88th & 89th, even after they took a fall during the race. Ryan Cathey was 90th, and Koda Lozano was 91st. In all, there were 139 boys in the race.

The EHS Cross Country team will travel next to Mason.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Test of stamina — Courtney Sauer (R) placed 11th in a field of 227 girls at the Grape Creek Cross Country Meet held in Carlsbad last Saturday. The Eagles girls team placed 7th from among 23 teams while the Eagles boys were 13th overall.

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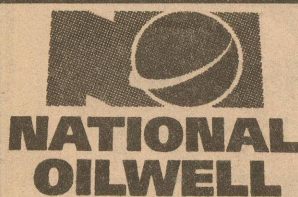


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Wednesday, September 18

Hot Dog w/ Chilli & Cheese, French Fries, Baked Beans, Onions, Pickles, Relish, Cowboy Cookies

Thursday, September 19

Pepperoni Pizza, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Fruit

Friday, September 20

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Tuesday, September 17

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Wednesday, September 18

Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Thursday, September 19

Sweet Potato Bread, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice

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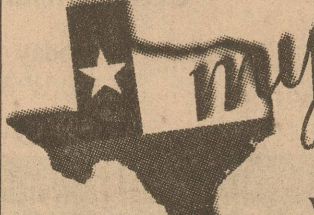


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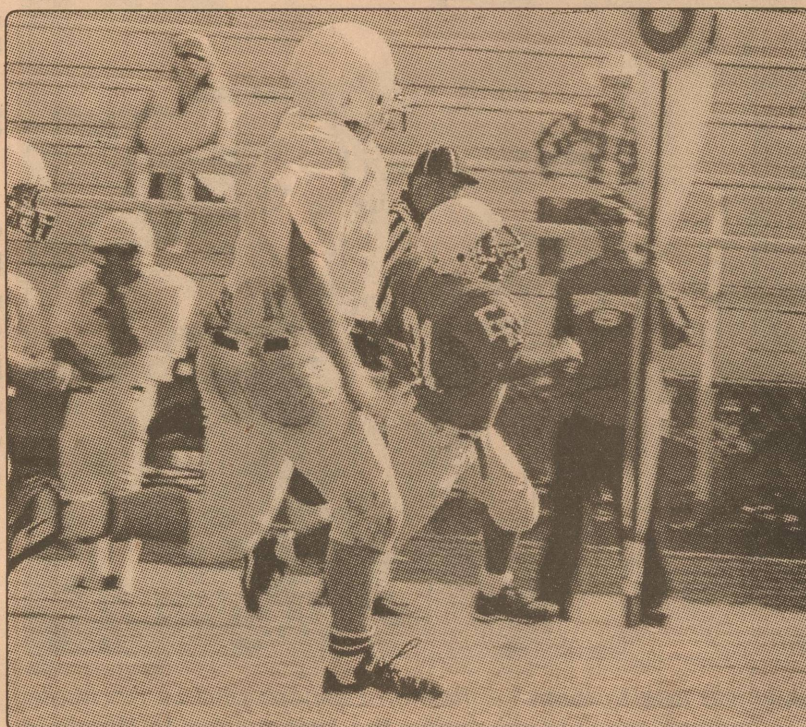
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Eagles JV falls to Mason 8-0

The Eldorado Eagles junior varsity squad traveled to Mason last week and came out on the short end on an 8-0 score. Despite the loss, the JV showed continued improvement. After the game, Coach Alan Gillespie singled out several players for mention, including Andy Mejia and Frank Edmiston, who ran well for the Eagles behind the big men up front, including: Diego Barrera, Frank Wipff, Marco Escobar, Mitchel Cole, Kolby Dombroski, Michael

Ballew, and Virgilio Escobar. Jorge Bustos hauled in a 15 yard pass to help keep an Eagle drive alive and Eric Garcia picked up 20 yards on a reverse. At one point late in the game, the Eagles managed to move the ball to the Puncher 10 yard line but failed to convert on a 4th down play.

Tonight, the JV Green team will play Menard in Menard at 6:00 p.m. Following that contest, the JV White team will play Brady in Menard.



Off to the races — 7th grade Eagles runner Michael Redish turned the corner and sprinted for the end zone last Thursday as the Eagles 7th grade scrimmaged Mason.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

SCMC Nursing Home news

by Anita Jones, RN

On September 5th our Certified Nursing Aides at the SCMC Nursing Home were recognized with the following awards.

1) Dependability/Flexibility Award: Julio Galindo, Judith Sanchez, Maggie Yanez.

2) Safety and Compliance Award: Norma Sanchez, Anna Luna, Pat Aguilar.

3) "Our Achiever" Award: Anna Luna, Julio Galindo.

Sharon Dietz Administrator, Beverly Minor Asst. Administrator, Anita Jones RN, DON, Donna Aguilar RN, Asst. DON, Laura Blaylock RN, Patient Care Coordinator were all present to say "Thank you" to all our CNA's and congratulate the award winners.

7th grade squad looks sharp in scrimmage with Mason

By: Larry Mitchel

Last Thursday the 7th grade football faced the Mason 7th grade team in a controlled scrimmage in Eagle stadium. Eldorado's 7th graders found the end zone three times while holding Mason scoreless.

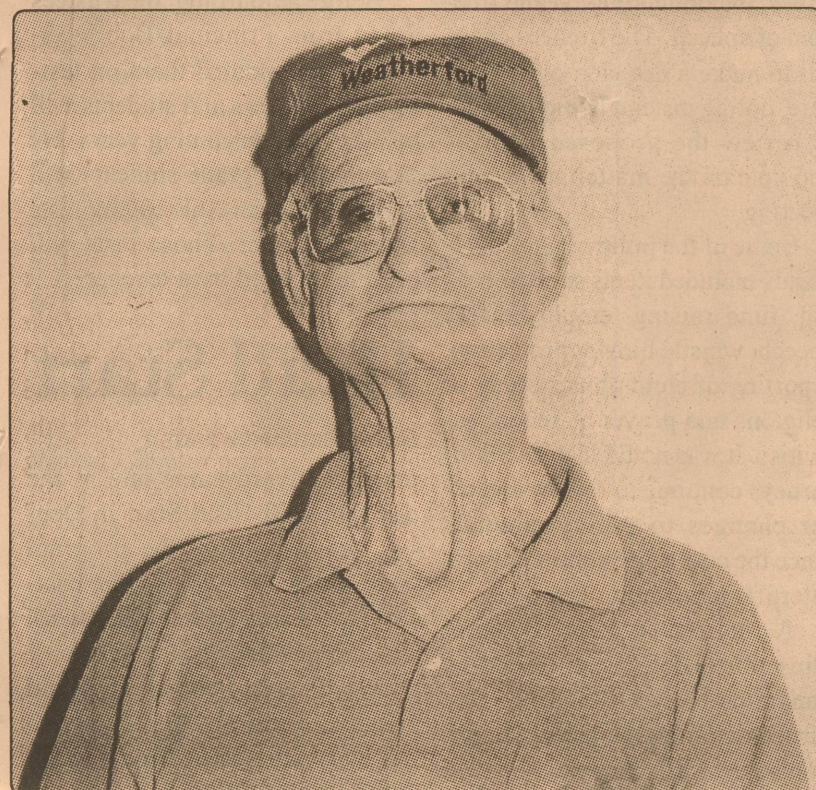
The Eagles would score TDs in the second, third, and fourth quarters. Michael Redish, Lalo Sanchez, and Luis Huichapa each carried the ball on TD runs.

Of course, with a strong running game means that there is

someone up front opening up the holes for the runners. Daniel Sanchez, Justin Garcia and Gabriel Vasquez each had a big day on the offensive line.

On defense, Matthew Hill snagged an interception while Jorge Chavez and Manny Gonzales were each instrumental in shutting down Mason's offense and holding them without a score.

The 7th grade Eagles aren't scheduled to play again until Sept. 19th when they will travel to Rankin.



Hole in one — John N. Pippen of Eldorado shot a hole-in-one at the Eldorado Golf Course on Friday, August 30, 2002. He made the shot on the 1st hole with Gene McCalla and Granvil Hext as witnesses.

PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

Mabel Freitag Lady Partnership Tournament

by Branda Grey

The second annual Mabel Freitag Lady Partnership Tournament was held Saturday, Sept. 7th. We had teams from Big Lake, San Angelo, Sonora, Bronte and several local teams participating.

Results:

- Championship Flight
- 1st Place score 60 - Lana Mott and Debbie Young
- 2nd Place score 63 - Leslie Gooch and Alyce Gooch
- 3rd Place score 63 - Branda Grey and Edie Niblett
- 4th Place score 64 - Su Scott and Paige Ragsdale
- President's Flight
- 1st Place score 70 - Kathy Newman and Chris McCravey
- 2nd Place score 71 - Julia Hines and Ebbie Sutton
- 3rd Place score 73 - Helen Turner and Barbara Hodges
- 4th Place score 74 - Cindy McGinnes and Karen Henderson

Closest to the pins were won by Debbie Young, Paige Ragsdale, Darla Lipham, Leslie Gooch, Helen Turner and Allamay Schaffer.

A special thanks to everyone

who helped make this tournament a success.

Our next tournament is Eldorado Club Championship on Sept. 21-22.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

Dear Editor:

As Hospital Chair of the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council (RAC) Trauma Service Area K (TSA), I would like to inform the public of the "Riding in Open Beds" law that changed this year. V.T.C.A. (Vernon's Texas Statutes and Codes Annotated Transportation Code), Transportation Code 5456.414. Riding in Open Beds; Offense which reads, (a) A person commits an offense if the person operates an open bed pickup truck or an open flatbed truck or draws an open flatbed trailer when a child younger than 18 years of age is occupying the bed of the truck or trailer; (b) An offense under this section is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$200; (c) It is a defense to prosecution under this section that the person was: (1) operating or towing the vehicle in a parade or in an emergency; (2) operating the vehicle to transport farmworkers from one field to another field on a farm-to-market road, ranch-to-market road, or county road outside a municipality; (3) operating the vehicle on a beach; (4) operating a vehicle that is the only vehicle owned or operated by members of the household; (5) or operating the vehicle in a hayride permitted

by the governing body of or law enforcement agency or each county or municipality in which the hayride will occur.

In my travels throughout the Concho Valley, I see children riding in open-beds of trucks and trailers. If the vehicle stops, I inform the driver that he/she is committing an offense by having children younger than 18 ride in an open-bed. In most cases, (I am thanked and people say they were not aware of the law. I agree, there has not been enough public education. At other times, some people get irate. As a trauma nurse, it is not pleasant to see these children in an Emergency room with multiple injuries. It is not easy to tell parents that their child did not survive the accident.

To all police agencies in the Concho Valley, please be aware of the recent changes on the Riding in Open Beds and enforce the law to its fullest. For more information please contact the Texas Department of Public Safety, or your local police department.

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Booster Club Update

Bill Hodges, President
Eagle Booster Club

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Hospital Auxiliary News

by Mary Roden,

Hospital Auxiliary President

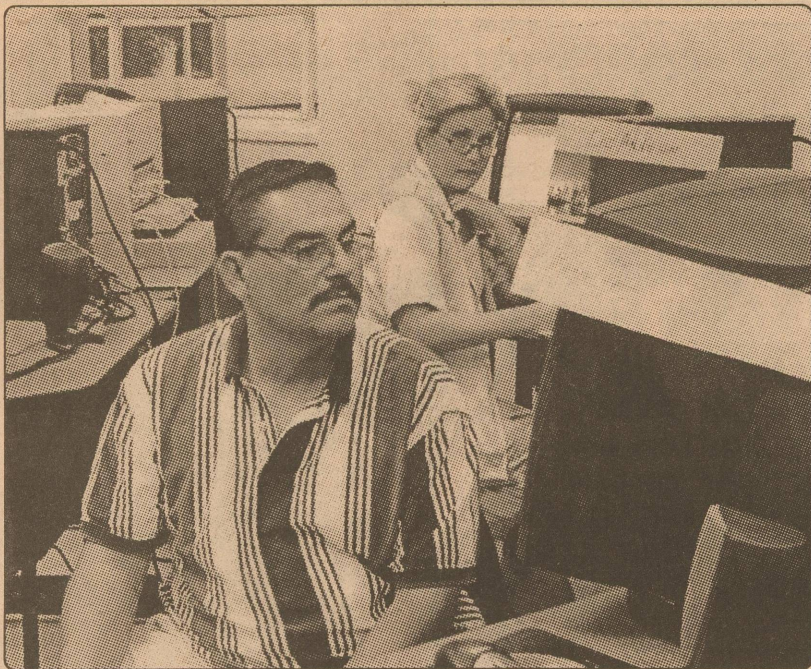
The SCMC Hospital Auxiliary met Sept. 5th with 14 members present and 2 guest. We welcomed Jim Nance as a new member. Men come on and join Jim at the next Hospital Auxiliary meeting which will be on Oct. 3rd.

The Nominating Committee met and it was agreed the same officers will remain the same. Mary Roden, president; Jan Barton, trea-

surer; Dana Owens, secretary.

We are happy to say we have two students on Nursing Scholarships.

We would love to have some new members. If anyone is interested we meet the 1st. Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital lobby. We do lots of neat things with the residents in the nursing home, and I will say you come away feeling good. Come join us!



Never too late to learn — Ramon Espinosa and Liz Anderson were among the students taking the Introduction to Windows class last week. The free class was one of many made available through the Schleicher County Community Network Grant.

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SCISD trustees get bad news about student enrollment

The regular monthly meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees, held Monday night in the Elementary kitchen, was relatively short, except for an hour and a half long executive session. The stated purpose for the closed-door session was the discussion of personnel. Joining the school trustees in the executive session were High School Principal Tim Seymore, Middle School Principal Julie Griffin and Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck. When the board returned to open session, they moved on to other agenda items and took no formal action regarding personnel.

In other business the trustees took up the discussion of legal policy updates from the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB). Supt. George Blanch told the board that several stacks of blue paper before them represented TASB Update 68. He said the updates addressed a wide array of issues, including religion and freedom of speech. The trustees chose not to make a decision on the update, opting instead to more closely review the proposed policies and vote on the matter at the next meeting.

Some of the policy update proposals included items such as hazing, fund raising, employee free speech, whistle blower protection, reporting of child abuse, study of religions and prayer at school activities. It was noted that TASB attorneys continue to review and offer changes to policy manuals since the courts are continually reinterpreting existing laws.

A request by Band Director Gina Muela for an out of district band trip to New Orleans, LA, was turned down by the board. A motion to deny the request was supported by trustees Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Phil McCormick and Kurtis Homer. Trustee John Paul Joiner voted against the measure and in favor of the trip. Trust-

ee Lupe Sanchez was absent and Board President Jo Helen Kotsch did not vote.

After the vote, Eddie Albin explained that he was not opposed to a band trip but preferred that the trip be made within the state. He asked the Ms. Muela attend the next meeting and present her request in person.

Supt. Blanch then advised the board that number of eligible students enrolled (that number for which the state provides funding) now stands at 590. Blanch noted that a student enrollment of 600 was used to calculate the budget. The decline will adversely affect state funding.

Blanch went on to note that there are also 20 "ineligible" students enrolled. Those are students for which the school does not receive money from the state. The local school district must pick up the full cost of educating those 20 students.

Before adjourning, the trustees heard from Principal Bob Wanoreck who updated them on testing that teachers and students will be facing in the coming years. He said that first grade students will be subject to several reading tests during the year. Those tests will be administered by a teacher.

Head Start

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program. Word came late in the day that CDI-Head Start in Denver would manage the program temporarily. Contracts were hastily signed and other paperwork was completed.

On Tuesday morning, local Head Start students filed back into the classroom and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, got back into the routine.

Other employees at the local Head Start are Sara Rodriguez and Maria Adame.

Kid's Kup bike race slated at X Bar Ranch on Sept. 14

The Texas Mountain Bike Race Association (TMBRA) is proud to announce a complimentary Kids Expo area from noon to 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the X Bar Ranch, near Eldorado. Youngsters from 6 to 14 will be invited to this "hands-on" area designed just for them. The goal is to expose children to everything Mountain Biking has to offer.

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All registration for the Saturday races will take place in the Kid's Kup Expo area starting at noon, there are no fees involved.

Bring your bike and a helmet and be at the Live Oak Lodge on the X Bar Ranch anytime after noon on Saturday September 14, 2002. All kids coming must have a signed liability waiver by parent or guardian.

Southwest Texas ACA presents scholarships

The Southwest Texas Agricultural Credit Association - Sonora Branch held their Annual Informational Meeting, Wednesday, August 14, 2002 at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station located on Hwy. 55, 22 miles South of Sonora. A hamburger dinner with all the trimmings was served by the Sutton County Steakhouse. Following the meal was a short program presented to the group by Mark Hiler showing the growth of our association during the past year. Recipients of the A. E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship for 2002 were awarded by Mrs. A. E. Prugel to students who graduated in the following Counties:

Crockett County - Wesley W. Bishop, son of Ricky and Karen Bishop

Edwards County - Brandon Wilson, son of Todd and Mary Wilson.

Schleicher County - Will Whitten, son of Steve Whitten.

Sutton County - Byron Williams, son of Reggie and June Williams.

After the scholarships were awarded, programs were given by Butch Taylor of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and Gary Roberson, owner of Burnham Brothers in Menard, Texas. Linda Johnson was also recognized for her help with the meeting.

Officers and Directors present at the meeting included: Mark Hiler - President and Chief Operating Officer, Roy West - Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer, Doug Wadsworth - Vice President-Lending, Donna Heath - Vice President-Corporate Affairs, Elbert Butt - Vice President-Commercial Lending, Shelby Henke - Chairman of the Board and wife, Beverly, Louis F. Woodard - Director and wife, Eddie Mae, Jane Crittendon - Director and husband Lynn, Jack Kingsbery - Director, Glen Richardson - Director and wife Rosalie, Bill Savell - Director, De Lux - Director, Jack B. Smith, Jr. - Vice President/Branch Manager and wife, Lauri, Pat Gillit - Loan Administrator.



Battling for position — Terrell Boysaw (L) and Jorge Bustos (R) battled for position Saturday at the Grape Creek Cross Country Meet held at Carlsbad. Boysaw finished the race in 88th place and Bustos came in 89th in a field of 139 runners.

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Webb AFB reunion slated Oct. 11 & 12 in Big Spring

Big Spring, Texas will host the first All Webb Air Force Base Reunion on Friday, October 11 and Saturday, October 12. It is open to those who had any connection to the base, either in a civilian or military capacity.

Scheduled events include an aerobatic performance Friday afternoon by Jan Collmer, pilot of the Fina stunt plane.

A Mexican Fiesta and casino night will take place Friday evening. Saturday activities include a golf tournament, tours, a reception and silent auction. The evening will end with a reunion dinner and dance.

Webb Air Force Base opened in 1951 to train pilots for the Korean conflict. More than 10,000 pilots graduated during the Webb

Years, including Governor Rick Perry. The base closed in 1978.

The base was located on the grounds of the former Big Spring Bombardier School which opened in 1942 and closed at the end of World War Two.

In addition to training pilots, Webb was also home to the 331st Fighter Interceptor Squadron, which was deployed to Florida during the Cuban crisis.

Webb trained American pilots, as well as pilots from several European, South American, Asian and Middle Eastern countries.

Neighbors and friends of base personnel are invited to attend. Big Spring and Webb established excellent base-community relations. To get more information on the reunion, contact Hangar 25 at 264-1999.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Oh, no you don't — Eagles 8th grade players Russell Cathey, Artie Montalvo and Cash Lane teamed up to bring down this Mason runner last Thursday during a scrimmage in Eagle Stadium.

Octoberfest 2002... Christmas-in-October planned

Experience Fall and nature at it's best this year "Deep in the Heart of Texas". That's what folks 50 and over will be doing at the Texas 4-H Center on Lake Brownwood.

Sponsored by the Texas Cooperative Extension Service, "Octoberfest 2002... Christmas-In-October" is offered for men and women alike to enjoy the wonderful activities offered during the week of October 21-24, 2002.

Opportunities include "hands-on" learning centers where one can learn seasonal crafts, gardening, candle making, ball room dancing, wood crafting, and many other exciting projects. Educational programs on topics such as horticulture, photography, wood working, nutrition, finances, seasonal crafts and other current interests are a popular highlight.

Fishing on Lake Brownwood adds popularity to your stay on our lighted boathouse. Or enjoy the beautiful fall foliage on our nature trail and take in some birding activities. Lighted tennis courts, horseshoes, billiards, volleyball, shuffleboard, dominoes, and card or table games are all popular activities. Nightly entertainment is also a part of the program. Fun and

educational tours are also an option for those who prefer this type of fun!

"Octoberfest...Christmas-In-October" will be the featured theme for the week. A costume contest and other activities will be held to add to the festive atmosphere. The last evening will showcase a closing banquet.

If you are 50 or older then "Octoberfest...Christmas-In-October" '2002 is for you. Call you county Extension office today or the Texas 4-H Center at 1-800-432-8342 for more information.

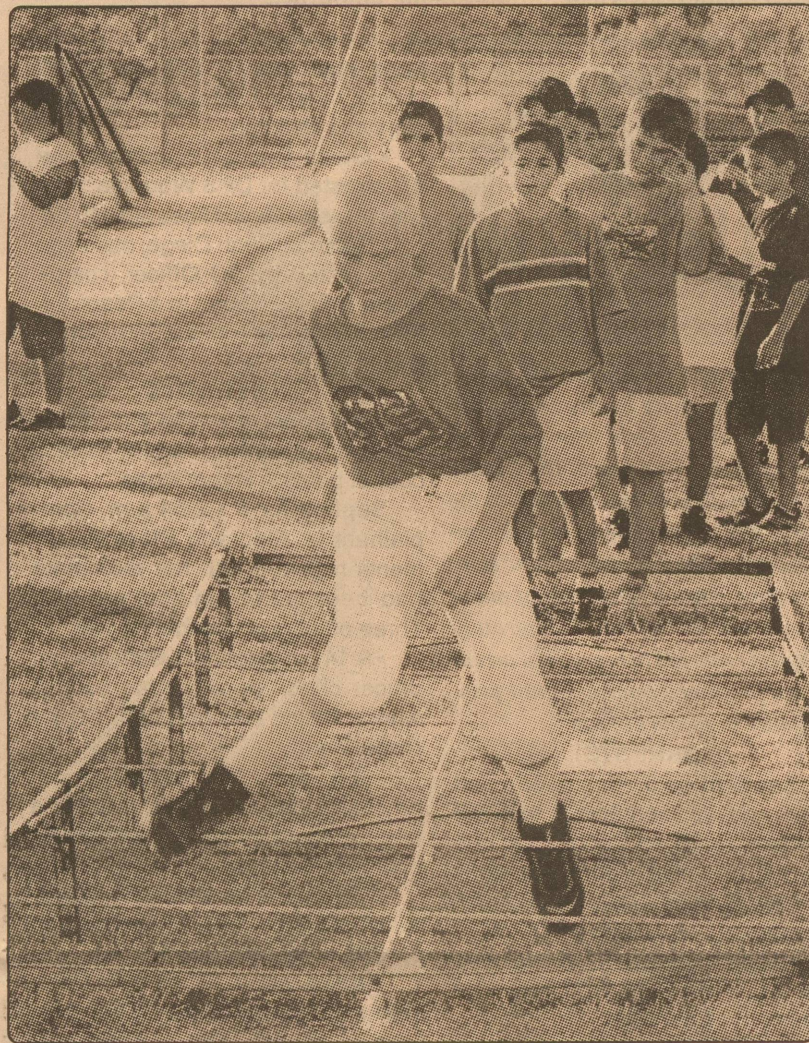


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

High stepping — Marty Powell concentrated on his foot work last Thursday as Eldorado's YMCA football players went through workouts on the high school practice field.

City Council meeting held

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the city without providing funds to pick up the tab.

Mankin also discussed the need to paint crosswalks on city streets around the school and briefly reviewed damages to the water system incurred when a plumbing contractor snagged a customers lines with a backhoe.

The council then took up a request from the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce to close Main Street on the night of Saturday, Oct. 4, 2002, so that a street dance could be held. After reviewing several concerns the council voted unanimously to honor the request, but only if several conditions are met. Among those conditions is a prohibition of glass beverage containers, a need for law enforcement officers to be present, and an assumption of all liability by the Chamber of Commerce.

The council then reviewed and approved the minutes of two meetings held on Aug. 12 and Aug. 29, 2002. They also reviewed the city financial statements and authorized the payment of all bills.

Council members then passed a resolution allowing for an application to be made for \$47,000.00 planning grant. If the grant is received the city will be required to pay 10 percent, or \$4,700.00 as its part of the project. A resolution for a \$175,000.00 water system grant for Orient Heights addition was postponed for one week while the city's grant writer, Kay Howard, and its engineer, Steve Dennis, work out a few more details of the project.

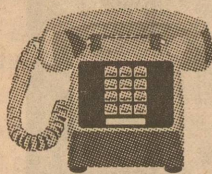
If that grant is successful, the

city will be able to install newer and larger water mains in much of the Orient Height's neighborhood. It was noted that the neighborhood lies outside the city limits and that the city has taken up the project after the county twice failed to win grant funding for it.

An executive session for the discussion of personnel matters followed. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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John Callison invited to compete in World Sr. Games

John Callison of Eldorado will attend the World Senior Games in mid-October in St. George, Utah. Callison, is a perennial winner at the District and State Senior Games and has brought home numerous Gold, Silver and Bronze medals.

The games in Utah will bring

the best of the best together from around the world to compete in more than fifty events ranging from Bowling and Horseshoes to Basketball and Triathlon.

While in Utah, Callison will be competing in Basketball Free Throw and Basketball 3 Point Shooting.

High School sets dates for Parent/Teacher Conferences

Eldorado High School will host a two day Parent/Teacher Conference in order to visit with all of the students parents.

The conferences are scheduled for:

• Monday, September 30, 2002 from 7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

• Monday, October 7, 2002 from 1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work schedules to meet with the teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will be present to answer questions and to make available various material including information about financial aid for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and a 4-Year Plan for freshman and sophomores.

Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High School hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.



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Lest we forget — Fireman Robert Parker and DPS Trooper Robert Bybee placed a memorial wreath at the Elementary school flagpole Wednesday morning as part of joint 9-11 memorial services at the school and at the Fire Hall/EMS building.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Amendment lets county close Constable office

Only one constitutional amendment will be on the ballot for the November 5, 2002 General Election. The amendment could have a direct impact on Schleicher County since, if passed, it would allow local commissioners courts to declare the office of Constable dormant under certain conditions including the follow-

- 1) the office has remained vacant for at least seven years; or
- 2) if during that period of time a person was elected to the office but failed to meet the qualifications of that office or failed to assume the duties of the office.

The Schleicher County Constable position is currently held by

Tommy Hunley, who is not a certified peace officer. Hunley does not draw a salary, but does receive county health insurance.

The new budget adopted by Schleicher County Commissioners on Tuesday contains no money for a constable's salary or insurance benefits. The budget will take effect on January 1, 2003.

County adopts budget, sets tax rate

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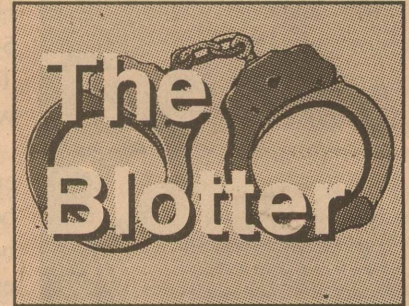
Road Superintendent Clay Burleson advised the county needed to take bids on diesel fuel. Although the item was not on the agenda, the men voted to call for diesel fuel bid to be opened at the court's Sept. 23 meeting.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo then updated the court on work at the baseball park rest rooms. He noted that work on the facility is complete and that the womens rest room had been painted a lighter shade of gray. Mayo then offered suggestions as to ways to remodel the concession stand, which is attached to the rest rooms. The other commissioners agreed and authorized Mayo to supervise the remodeling and hire contractor Lee Dacy with the stipulation he provide a estimated bid.

Ross Whitten then offered a motion that the golf club take over maintenance of the rest rooms since the building also serves the golf course. Whitten included in his motion a provision that would allow the golf course to collect a deposit for cleaning when the rest rooms are open for public events. Mayo seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

A resolution, submitted by the National Association of Counties, concerning September 11, 2002, was passed by the court.

Matt Brown, the Republican candidate for Commissioner in Pct. #4, attended the meeting at the invitation of Johnny Mayo. Brown arrived just after the budget discussions and stayed until the meeting adjourned.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, 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

September 5 • Harrison, Cort, male age 33, sentenced to SAFF (Substance Abuse Center). On February 5, 2002 Harrison was arrested on charges of Possession of Control Substance.

• Bara, Santiago Dominic, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer. Released, time served.

• Davis, Daniel Shane, male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, hold, sentenced to Texas Department of Criminal Justice for 3 years. Note: On July 9, 2002 Davis was arrested for unlawful carrying of a weapon by a felon and June 2nd arrested on a District/Grand Jury warrant for Driving While Intoxicated.

September 6 • Martinez, Timothy

Ross, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Kidnapping and Burglary of a Building.

• Garza Sylvia Kay, female age 27, arrested for DPS Warrants, Kerrville. Released paid fines of \$440.00.

• Guzman, Juan Diego, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Warrant/False Report to a Peace Officer. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

September 4 • 7:46 p.m. Complainant stated they would have a control burn on Depot Road.

September 6 • 2:54 a.m. Complainant at Eldorado Place Apartments reported that her roommate had been taken against her will. Three officers responded to call.

• 9:14 a.m. Hospital requested an officer check on a female subject whose lifeline had gone off. Officer responded.

• 9:00 a.m. Complainant reported that a customer was missing a large amount of money. Officer responded to store.

3:46 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to collect found property. Officer responded.

September 7 • 7:40 p.m. Complainant came to Sheriff Office to report an assault. Officer took complainant.

September 8 • 11:52 a.m. Complainant on Hwy. 915 reported his father had been bitten by a dog. Subject took father to the hospital in San Angelo. Officer responded and veterinarian was notified and picked up the dog.

• 8:25 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for her mother-in-law. EMS and officers responded.

• 8:04 p.m. Vehicle has been on side of road since Thursday. Owner was contacted and stated that the vehicle will be moved on Monday.

September 9 • 12:20 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm going off at a residence. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 6:32 p.m. Officer reported a bull out on Hwy. 190 E. Owner contacted.

September 10 • 9:37 a.m. Complainant reported a gas line had been hit by a work crew. Officer and Fire Chief responded. Gas line possibly in Sutton County. Sutton County notified.

• 2:07 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm sounding at a residence. Officer responded and found everything OK.

• 7:55 p.m. Complainant reported someone had hit and dented their Jeep Cherokee bumper on Main Street in front of the library and did not report incident to owner.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BRIEF EXPLANATORY STATEMENT OF PROPOSED
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT
Special Election
NOVEMBER 5, 2002

Explanatory Brief for HJR 2

HJR 2 would amend the constitution to allow the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable dormant if that office has been vacant for at least seven consecutive years. The records of a constable office that is declared dormant will be transferred to the county clerk. If the office is declared dormant, the previous officeholder does not continue to hold the office. The office may not be filled by election or appointment unless the commissioners court votes to reinstate the office or a majority of votes cast in an election held on the issue favor reinstatement. The reinstatement election may be held if the commissioners court on its own motion orders such an election, or the reinstatement election must be held if the commissioners court receives a petition signed by 10% of the registered voters of the constable precinct.

The proposition will appear on the ballot as follows:

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the commissioners court of a county to declare the office of constable in a precinct to be dormant if the office has not been filled by election or appointment for a lengthy period and providing a procedure for the reinstatement of the office."

Este es el informe explicatorio sobre la enmienda propuesta a la constitucion que aparecera en la boleta el 5 de noviembre de 2002. Si usted no ha recibido una copia de los informes en español, podrá obtener una gratis por llamar al 1/800/252/8683 o por escribir al Secretario de Estado, P.O. Box 12060, Austin, TX 78711.

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The Schleicher County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2003 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 23, 2002, at 1:00 p.m. in the Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follow:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$112,566.00

The total amount of decrease over the current year's budget is \$480.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments form the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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The Commissioners Court reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS

SCHLEICHER COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 2003 BUDGET AND TAX RATE

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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on youths from the Methodist Church. When the Spotlight camera caught up with the young people they were washing a pickup on the courthouse square as part of a fundraiser. Included in the group are Ross Hodges, Macy Chatham, Tracy Brenner. Jason Chatham supervised the car wash.

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State Park entry fees waived Oct. 19-20

AUSTIN — Anyone interested in discovering the state's natural and cultural treasures while raising funds to support conservation and historical preservation should visit one of the more than 120 state parks and historic sites during Lone Star Legacy Weekend Oct. 19-20.

Lone Star Legacy Weekend activities will include everything from fishing contests to car shows and concerts to living history demonstrations, nature tours and wild game dinners. Also participating in the third annual weekend celebration will be Sea Center Texas in Lake Jackson, the Texas Freshwater Fisheries Center in Athens, Lighthouse Lakes Trails and a handful of wildlife management areas (WMA). The previous two Lone Star Legacy Weekends have raised \$145,000.

Lone Star Legacy was launched in 1998 by the nonprofit Parks and Wildlife Foundation of Texas to boost public conservation efforts, create greater awareness of the state's top natural and cultural re-

sources and raise private funds to support TPWD sites statewide. Since its inception, the campaign has raised approximately \$9 million in cash and pledges for TPWD sites.

This is the third year in a row for the statewide celebration and fundraiser marked by special events and activities at state parks, fisheries centers and participating WMAs throughout Texas. Those making a donation to their favorite state park, the Texas State Park system or other TPWD site will receive a complimentary packet of wildflower seeds.

"Lone Star Legacy Weekend represents an ideal opportunity for Texans to get out and enjoy the incredible state park system, fisheries centers and wildlife preserves that belong to them," said Robert L. Cook, TPWD's executive director. "There are still millions of Texans who don't realize what they're missing. We encourage them to join us in celebrating the outdoors and our unique heritage at dozens of

special events taking place from the Panhandle to the Gulf Coast."

The foundation's fundraising initiative was launched on the heels of the first of several reports noting that TPWD faced considerable financial challenges in maintaining and operating more than 200 state parks, historic sites, WMAs, fish hatcheries and other facilities. The entire amount of each Legacy donation goes into an endowment fund. Once a facility's endowment account reaches a certain amount, the interest generated can be used for operations, equipment and other needs.

Walt Dabney, TPWD's state parks director, says it's important that people understand just what state parks represent in order to garner public support in times of tight state budgets.

"Our parks and other facilities are bare-bones operations," Dabney said. "If we're going to be able to offer anything beyond just keeping them open and clean, we need to have additional resources. Lone Star Legacy donations and our dedicated volunteers represent the difference between just being there and staying open to actually being able to offer educational and interpretive programs that enhance the visitor experience."

While no entrance fees will be charged at participating Texas Parks and Wildlife Department sites, donations will be accepted to benefit the Lone Star Legacy campaign. Overnight camping, some historic home tour fees and various activity fees, such as tickets to ride on the Texas State Railroad, will still apply. Toyota and its Texas dealers are underwriting state park admission fees to make Lone Star Legacy Weekend possible. For more information about Lone Star Legacy events, visit (www.tpwd.state.tx.us) or call 800-792-1112.



Tribute to 9-11 heroes — Members of the Eldorado Explorer Post 33 gathered around Wednesday morning as EMT Connie Andrews addressed a crowd of about 100 people, gathered to pay their respects to the fallen heroes of Sept. 11, 2001. Among the other dignitaries to speak were Mayor John Nikolauk, Justice-of-the Peace Jimmy Doyle, Fire Chief Jerry Jones, Sheriff David Doran and American Legion Post 257 adjutant Buff Whitten. Similar ceremonies were held across the nation on a day that some are calling the first annual Patriot's Day.

Restrictions on moving cotton harvesting equipment into boll weevil eradicated counties

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Agriculture said today that cotton harvesting and hauling equipment moving into or through 31 Texas counties that have been functionally eradicated of boll weevils must be free and clean of all cotton - lint and plant material - and boll weevils. This reulation helps reduce the risk of reinfestation in counties that have eliminated the boll weevil.

"Texas cotton farmers are beginning to win the war against boll

weevils, which currently cause more than \$200 million in crop losses and crop protection treatment costs in Texas each year," Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said. "The restriction on moving equipment will help protect cotton farmers who have devoted their time and effort over the past six to seven years to eradicate the boll weevil."

Anyone moving or transporting cotton equipment or vehicles into or through the functionally

eradicated counties must clean their equipment either by high pressure air, high pressure water, fumigation, or they can remove lint and plant material by hand.

They may also contact a TDA regional office and schedule an inspection. A TDA inspector will check the equipment or vehicle and, if clean, issue a phytosanitary certificate declaring "boll weevil free status."

A violation of this regulation could result in administrative penalties of up to \$5,000 per violation per day.

The 31 functionally eradicated counties are: Baylor, Brown, Callahan, Coke, Coleman, Comanche, Concho, Eastland, Erath, Fisher, Haskell, Irion, Jones, Knox, Mason, McCulloch, Mitchell, Nolan, Palo Pinto, Runtells, Schleicher, Scurry, Shackelford, Stephens, Stonewall, Taylor, Throckmorton, Tom Green, Young and parts of Archer and Borden.

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