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Irion Co. Hornets
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at 10 a.m.

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Game Warden
Marco Alvizo
issues update
on hunting laws

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SCISD trustees okay redistricting plan

Lupe Sanchez appointed to fill vacant seat

Schleicher County ISD trustees voted unanimously Monday night to adopt a new redistricting plan. The plan includes six single-member districts (SMD) and one at-large district.

Present when the meeting began were trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Phil McCormick, John Paul Joiner, Kurtis Homer and Berta Nicholson. Trustee Eddie Albin joined the meeting later, but was not present at the time of the vote of the redistricting plan.

The meeting began with a public hearing on the redistricting plan. Only one member of the public, Albert Torres, was present for the hearing. It was explained that the plan would replace a 5 SMD - 2 at-large plan adopted last year. The school decided to abandon the 5-2 plan after a lawsuit was brought against the district by Torres, his wife, and Victor Belman. The suit alleged that the 5-2 plan was retrogressive and served to dilute minority voting strength.

Ultimately, SCISD chose to settle the suit and to cooperate with Torres and Belman in drawing up a new 6-1 plan. The vote Monday

night effectively closes the book on the issue. One or two steps do remain, however. First, the U.S. Justice Department has to agree to the plan. Secondly, the district must agree to a sum they will pay Torres and Belman's attorney, Jose Garza of San Antonio. It is believed that Garza is seeking \$10,000.00 for his part in the lawsuit. The school has already spent \$22,000.00 on the process.

In other business the trustees voted to appoint Lupe Sanchez to the board of trustees. She will hold the seat vacated by the resignation of Sam Whitten Jr.

Next, the trustees voted to set a proposed tax rate of \$1.4226 and named August 28 as the date for the public meeting on the budget and proposed tax rate.

It was noted that property values have increased in Schleicher County by more than \$12 million. With that increase comes a reduction in the amount of money the school receives from the state. That means the school must increase its tax rate slightly in order to receive the same amount of money as last year.

The trustees then voted to accept the certification of the 2002 tax appraisal roll. The board also voted to accept County Extension Agents Nancy Lester and Scott Edmonson as adjunct faculty members for the 2002-2003 school year.

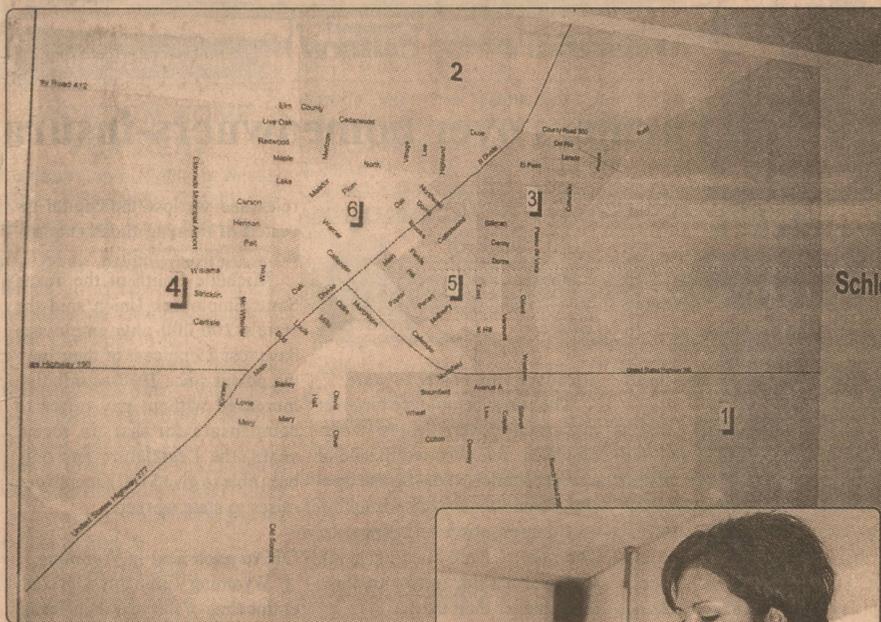
Next, the trustees took up the discussion of student transfers and they approved a transfer into the district for a second grade student. The student's parent is employed by the district.

The trustees then turned their attention to property and casualty insurance. Only one bid was submitted for the coverage, and it represented an \$8,400.00 increase over last year. The bid came from a self-funded insurance cooperative in which SCISD participates as a member. The increase means that this year's premium will total \$50,083.00. Finance Director Loretta Edmiston told the board that she sought bids from several companies but received only one.

Superintendent George Blanch then updated the board on the District's 2002 Accountability Rating as well as the rating for all three campuses. Elementary received a Acceptable Rating, the Middle School received an Exemplary Rating and the High School received a Recognized Rating. Overall, the Schleicher County ISD received an Exemplary Rating.

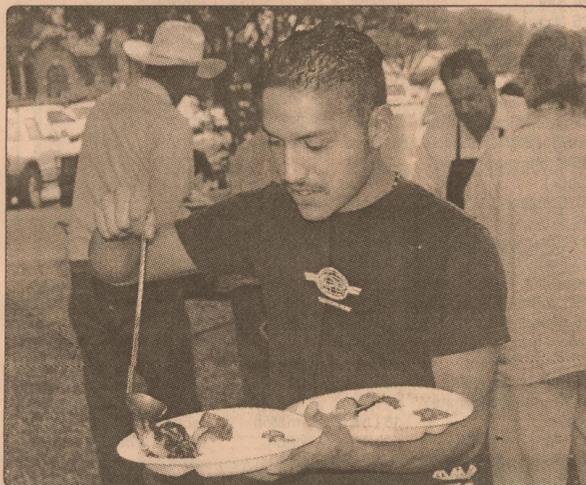
The board then went into a budget work shop where Financial Director Loretta Edmiston explained the cost involved with the school's new health insurance plan, known as "TR Active Care (Blue Cross/Blue Shield)." The district will pay \$191.00 per month, per employee and the State of Texas will pay an additional \$75. Each employee will also receive \$1,000.00 from the state and may elect to use the funds to upgrade their insurance or to take the money as income.

Before the meeting adjourned, Supt. Blanch advised the trustees that the budget is still slim but that he hopes for better days ahead.



Out with the old, in with the new — SCISD trustees approved a new redistricting map (above) Monday night that includes six single-member districts (SMD), and one at-large district. The move to re-district came after three local citizens sued the school district when it scrapped a seven SMD scheme and adopted a plan with five SMD and 2 at-large seats. Also, Lupe Sanchez (at right) was appointed to fill the seat left vacant when Sam Whitten, Jr. resigned recently. She took the oath of office during the meeting.

PHOTOS BY KATHY MANKIN



Mmmm, Mmmmm, Good — Jesse Guadarrama loaded up two plates of barbecue Tuesday night during the annual Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative barbecue and membership meeting, held on the courthouse square.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Commissioners opt to borrow funds in order to complete Civic Center project

After a long discussion about how to fund a renovation project that will transform the county AG Barn into a Civic Center, the Schleicher County Commissioners voted unanimously to move forward with a process to issue Certificates of Obligation. While no final amount was decided upon, dollar amounts as high as \$365,000.00 were discussed.

The decision came after a meeting with Architect Henry Schmidt and building contractor Micky McCrea. Financial advisor Larry Skiles also discussed the project with the commissioners.

During the lengthy discussion it was decided that the facility would need to be upgraded sooner or later and the prospect of borrowing the money while interest rates are low appealed to the commissioners.

Skiles advised the men that certificates of obligation could be issued, in much the same way as general obligation bonds, except there would be no need to put the question to a vote of the people. Instead, the commissioners could schedule a public hearing then vote on issuing the certificates.

Skiles said the county could

easily schedule a 15-year payback on the certificates at 5 percent interest. At one point the commissioners discussed using \$100,000.00 of the county's General Fund reserves to help fund the project, thereby limiting the amount of debt that would be incurred.

The meeting was called to order by Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Ross Whitten were in attendance.

While considering the con-

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Health insurance dominates City agenda

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening, August 12, and spent much of its time choosing a health insurance plan for city employees. Bobby Zesch, representing Zesch Insurance, met with the council and reviewed several options. He noted that the premium for the city's current plan is increasing by 22 percent and offered a list of alternate plans for the council to consider.

Ultimately, the council opted to increase the plan's deductible from \$250 to \$500. The move will save the city more than \$4,600.00 per year. Still, the city's annual premium will increase by more than \$9,000.00 over last year's premium.

The city currently pays for health insurance for each of its 17 employees. Last year, that came to \$307.93 per employee, per month.

The new plan see the city paying \$352.40 per employee each month. City employees must pay for the insurance for their families. Under the new plan, an employee will pay \$379.17 per month to cover his or her spouse, \$259.79 to cover children or \$638.94 per month to cover their family.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 6:05 p.m. Council members present included Juakin Rojas, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor, Dora Bosman and Richard Mendez. Councilman Robert Bybee was absent. Also on hand for the meeting were City Administrator Randy Mankin, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo and Utility Superintendent Jack Dean.

Among other items of business, the council met with Judy Christian representing the Eldorado

Woolen Mill foundation. She asked the council to consider waiving the Mill's deposit on its water account. It was explained that the foundation recently took over payment of monthly water and sewer fees after those services were disconnected for nonpayment. Christian said that the foundation would continue to pay the fees and that Natural Fibers of Texas, the business currently operating in the mill, would be paying the sanitation, or garbage, fees. After much discussion the council chose to return the Woolen Mill Foundation's deposit, but only after a deposit for sanitation services was paid.

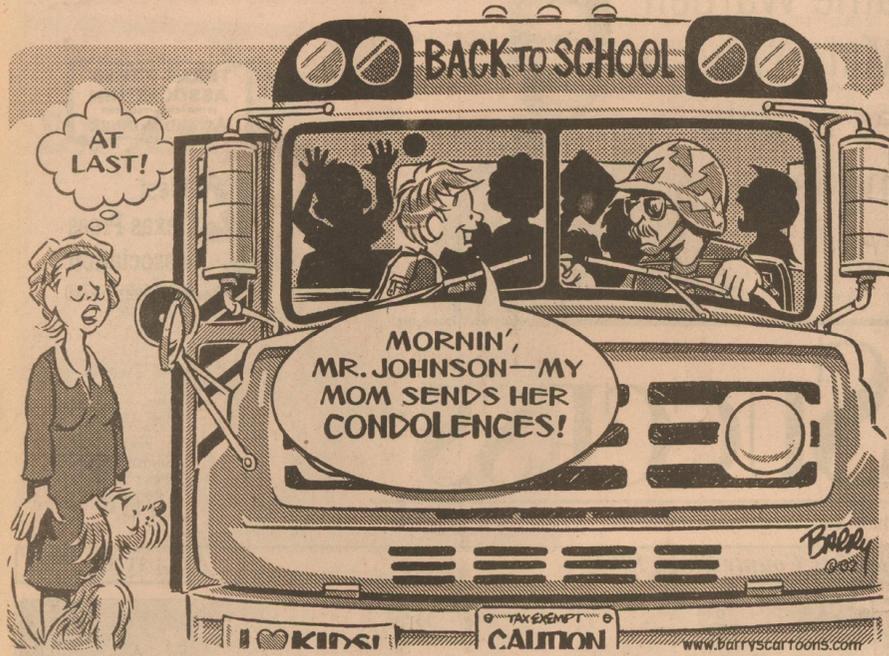
Next, the council heard from Utility Supt. Jack Dean, who offered updates on progress in the city's various departments. He ad-

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PHOTO BY LORI STRICKLAN

Close Encounters — Four space aliens (L-R) Jeremy Dyer (R2D2), LiAna Danford (ALIAS), Josh Jurecek (COPO3) and Josh Taylor (KPAX), greeted members of the Eldorado Lions Club last week as they toured the 1907 Bank Building where Jim Runge has established the Eldorado Hall of Fame. Also housed in the building is Runge's Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee. The four young aliens are graduates of Runge's Circus 101 Class. After leaving the bank the group traveled to visit patients at the Schleicher County Family Clinic and residents in the Nursing Home.



AG sues Farmers over homeowners-insurance practices

AUSTIN —Alleging that Farmer Group, Inc. has "hit Texas consumers...in their pocket books and in their homes," Attorney General John Cornyn has sued the insurance company and several others for "deceptive, misleading, and discriminatory homeowners-insurance practices."

Cornyn said Farmers' alleged illegal practices were found during an investigation by his office's Consumer Protection Division. Also named in the lawsuit are Farmers Underwriters Association, Fire Underwriters Association, Farmers Insurance Exchange and Fire Insurance Exchange.

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



Turnover rate costly to state

The current employee turnover rate in state government is 18 percent, Sen. Jeff Wentworth said at a recent hearing of the Senate Special Committee on State Employee Compensation and Benefits. The rate in some state agencies, Wentworth said, is two to three times higher than that.

"When turnover rates are this high, the taxpayers of Texas lose," the senator said. "We lose the younger employees who would one day assume the leadership

roles and we lose the capital invested in training those employees."

Michelle Smith of the Texas State Employees Union said the state's 200,000-plus employees have lost 25 percent of their buying power since 1987 as inflation increased without pay raises to compensate for that. In recent years, the Legislature has only been able to give \$100 a month pay raises to state workers.

OK to pack heat in Wyoming

Wyoming's probably a lot cooler this time of the year than Texas, but Texans can pack heat there if they go up for a visit. Texas recently signed a reciprocal agreement with Wyoming so that Texans with valid concealed handgun licenses can now carry a pistol in Wyoming.

Other states Texas has concealed handgun reciprocity with include Arkansas, Arizona, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Tennessee.

Research probes water usage

Next time you pay your monthly water bill, imagine keeping your yard green with cheap low-quality water instead of the more expensive H2O you get from your regular provider.

The possibility of someday being able to do that is one of several interesting water-related research projects recently approved for funding through the Texas-Israel Exchange Fund Board, a project run by the Texas Department of Agriculture. In fact, preliminary research already has shown that trailing lantana, sumac, oleander, snapdragon and several

John Tatum rides again, the saga continues

A little over a year ago I included in this column the first few paragraphs of a western novel I've been working on. Several readers, including my mother, have asked that I continue it. I think that those who missed the first installment will be able to follow the story line.

John Tatum scrambled across a rocky slope as a series of six rifle shots slammed into the ground behind him. The would-be assassin, hidden somewhere at the base of the hill, narrowed in with each successive shot, and managed to clip the rowel of Tatum's right spur as he dove behind a boulder. The bullet ripped the spur free from his boot and, for a moment at least, Tatum thought it had broken his

other landscape plant varieties are tolerant of salt water.

Established in 1985, the program also will provide money for scientists to look into developing drought resistant or tolerant wheat, cotton and peppers. Other projects being funded are continuing study of land-based fish production, rice growing through drip irrigation and cut flower propagation.

For more details, visit the agricultural agency's Web site at: www.agr.state.tx.us.

Other high-lites

- Seasonally-adjusted unemployment dropped in Texas in June, from 6.2 percent the month before to 5.8 percent. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, that was the first drop since December 2000.

- Want to start a new business? Businesses, non-profits and professional organizations can now file their articles of incorporation online through the Secretary of State's Office at: www.sos.state.tx.us.

- The Nov. 5 general election is closer than you think. Early voting begins Oct. 21, though a local election official can start voting as early as Saturday, Oct. 19. Whenever you want to vote, early or at the polls, you have to be registered by Oct. 7.

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ankle. But there was no time to check...at least not yet.

Whoever was trying to kill him would surely expect him to hunker down behind the boulder, if only to catch his breath. But Tatum had learned long ago that being predictable could mean being dead and he had no intention of dying this day. So, after checking to see that his rifle was fully loaded, he tossed his hat from behind the boulder and quickly rolled out on the opposite side.

Three shots erupted from the tree line below, one sending his hat spinning along the slope. Tatum took careful aim, it was his adversary who had been predictable this time, and now he would pay. Squeezing off a shot directly at the second muzzle flash, Tatum jacked another shell into the chamber and fired again...and yet again, then rolled back behind the boulder. There he stayed nursing his wounds and waiting for darkness.

It took Tatum most of the night to make his way up and over the low hill where he had very nearly died. Then he circled around and carefully approached his enemy from behind.

As badly as he wanted to know who the assassin was, Tatum also wanted to ask the man some ques-

tions and hoped to take him alive. Those questions would go unanswered, however, for when Tatum found the man, his body was slumped face down over a fallen tree. From the look of the blood soaked jacket Tatum knew that at least one of his shots had found its mark. An outstretched arm and gloved hand, riddled by a splintered rifle stock, told the rest of the story.

Too bad, Tatum thought as he moved to roll the body over.

"Who are you, fellow?" Tatum asked as the the corpse rolled out on the ground. But what Tatum saw stopped him cold. There, gazing up at him with a fixed dead stare, was Ruth Mallon.

Tatum sank to the ground and sat there for most of an hour. As he tried to come to grips with the fact that he had just killed the daughter of Col. Henry Mallon, undoubtedly the richest and most powerful man in the territory, a million questions came to mind.

Why would Miss Ruth want to kill him? He couldn't think of a single reason.

Was it possible that Ruth didn't know who she was shooting at? Possible, but not likely. Ruth Mallon might have been the pampered daughter of a wealthy man, Tatum thought, but she was no tenderfoot.

Just then, he glimpsed movement in the nearby brush and grabbed for his rifle, but he was too slow. There, standing over John Tatum with guns drawn was Joe Wiggins, foreman of Col. Mallon's Rafter-M Ranch.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Little Graceland in Los Fresnos

Simon Vega has an Elvis Presley Museum in and around his house in Los Fresnos. He has an amazing collection of Elvis stuff: all his movies, all his records, all his t-shirts, all his plates, all his ties, a bottle of Elvis Presley shampoo, a pack of Elvis bubble gum cards, an Elvis Barbie, books about Elvis, one of Elvis's report cards, even an Elvis lottery ticket from Indiana. He calls his place Little Graceland, named for Elvis's home in Memphis.

Simon was in the Army with Elvis from 1958 to 1960. Photos of Elvis and Simon fill a showcase. "I knew him real well," says Simon. "We used to talk all the time while we were in Germany. He did everything we did. He didn't ask for favors. They wanted him to go to special services and entertain, but he said no. He wanted to serve with his buddies. He pulled guard, he pulled KP. He liked being with us because we wouldn't ask him for autographs or anything. He said his Army years were the best two years of his life because he felt so free."

Simon was an Elvis fan before meeting Elvis. "I bought some of his records here and there, and a few of his things. Then after I met him and came back, I started buying more and more."

Simon wanted to keep Elvis's name alive. He couldn't afford to buy all the Elvis paraphernalia he wanted to because he just didn't have the money. He went back to college, got his degree and started teaching. When he got a little ahead financially, he started buying more and more Elvis items and eventually opened his museum. Simon's car license plate reads ELVIS V.

He has a replica of the house where Elvis was born in Tupelo, Mississippi. A walkway around his house carries the names of some of Elvis's most popular songs. The museum is a two-story affair built in and above Simon's garage. Nothing is for sale. He bought the lot next door for two annual events held the weekends closest to Elvis's birth and death.

He's expecting a big crowd this year, the 25th anniversary of Elvis's death in Graceland (August 16, 1977). This year, an Elvis festival will be held August 17 featuring music, food and fun. The day-long celebration is topped off with an appearance by an Elvis impersonator. Simon has bleachers for the fans and they're usually full. Children come dressed like Elvis.

Simon wrote a song about Elvis called "All Hail to Elvis Presley." Once he and Elvis attended a football game on their post in Frieberg, Germany. The game was between the post at Frieberg and a post around Frankfurt. It was open to civilians. Thousands of German residents flooded the stadium. "They all came to see Elvis, not the game. So the Military Police escorted Elvis from the stands. They thought he might get hurt."

Elvis's Dad Vernon took up residence in Frieberg while Elvis served in Germany. A BMW dealer gave Elvis a new sports car for the daily commute from the post to his Dad's house. Elvis left the service as a sergeant.

"Elvis seldom went out. A lot of girls hung around the front gate in hopes of getting a glimpse of Elvis. One of those girls was a 13 year old named Priscilla. She and Elvis later married."

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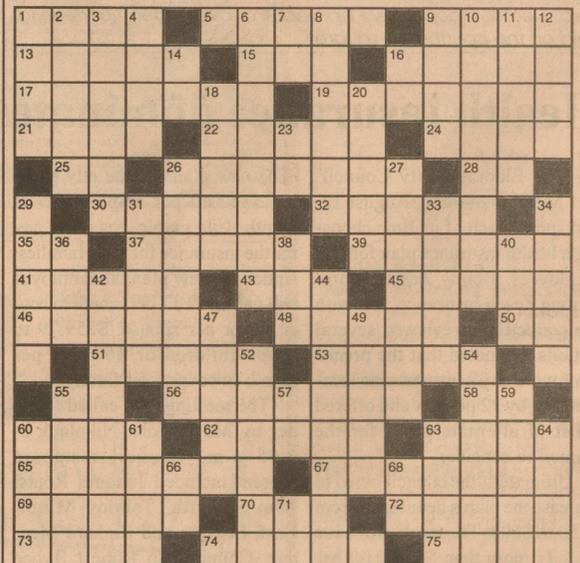
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| 46 Crescent shaped yellow fruit | 10 Shallow | 64 Small island |
| 48 Escargot | 11 Everything included | 66 Unit of luminescence (abbr.) |
| 50 Arrange as hair | 12 Sledgehammer | 68 The indefinite article used before a vowel sound |
| 51 Amoeba, alternate spelling | 14 Astir | 71 Elevated railway |
| 53 More discerning | 16 Unit of information equal to one million (1,048,576) bytes | |
| 55 Morning time (abbr.) | 18 Shabby from use like the pages of an old book | |
| 56 Boorish | | |
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OBITUARIES

Bessie Edna "Betty" Williams

ELDORADO — Betty Williams, 83, of Eldorado, Texas, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 8, 2002, in Community Hospital in San Angelo. Visitation was held at Kerbow Funeral Home from Friday, Aug. 9, until Monday, Aug. 12. Graveside service was Tuesday, Aug. 13, in Fort Worth, in Laurel Land Cemetery with the Rev. Monte Jones officiating.

Betty was born Dec. 13, 1918, to the late Henderson and Edna Knight of Tampa, Fla. She was a member of one of the first pioneer families to settle in Tampa. She was a housewife, mother and grandmother and her family is very proud of her accomplishments

throughout her life. Betty is survived by one daughter, Charline Terry of Eldorado; a grandson, Johnny Terry and his wife, Natalie Terry, of San Angelo; one brother, Albert Knight of Sun City, Fla.; two stepsons, Mike and Kim Williams of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex; and two stepdaughters, Pam Conroy and Shirley Burris of the Dallas Fort Worth Metroplex.

In addition, Betty was survived by many other friends and family that fulfilled her throughout her life. Betty had many friends and family and her family wishes to express a special thank you to all of you that have blessed Betty's life. "We love you, Mimi."



COURTESY PHOTO
James Sutton Page and Johnna Sophia Oman

Oman/Page engagement

Dr. and Mrs. John Bill Oman of Avoca have announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Johnna Sophia, to Mr. James Sutton Page, son of Rick and Nancy Gillham of Dallas and Mr. Paul Page, Jr. of Midland. Grandparents of the prospective bridegroom are Mrs. W.V. Lux of

Eldorado, the late W.V. Lux, and the late Paul and Lucy Page.

The bride-elect graduated from Stamford High School and received a bachelor of science degree in Agricultural Development from Texas A&M University. She was previously employed as Executive Vice President of Rolling Plains Cotton Growers, Inc. in Stamford. She is currently employed by Bristol-Myers Squibb.

The prospective bridegroom graduated from Eldorado High School and received a bachelor of science degree in Interdisciplinary Agriculture from Texas Tech University. He is employed by Texas Farm Bureau as a Field Representative in the San Angelo area.

The couple will wed September 28, 2002 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Ericksdahl.

It's A Girl

Neronica and Jonathan would like to welcome home their baby sister Erica Marie Belman. She was born at San Angelo Community Medical Center August 6, 2002 at 5:41 p.m. She weighed 5 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 1/3 inches long.

Erica's proud parents are Lito and Gloria Belman and her grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. Frank Barajas Sr., and Mr. & Mrs. Lolo Belman. She is also blessed by two great grandmothers Felistas Barajas and Prudencia Belman all of Eldorado.

Beverly Gene Swigart

Beverly Gene Swigart, 65, died peacefully at her home on Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002. She was born Oct. 15, 1935, in San Angelo to Billy and Gene Evans Kerr. Beverly was a 1955 graduate of San Angelo High School. After marrying James Swigart and various tours with the United States Air Force, she and her family returned to San Angelo in 1965.

Beverly was a well-known interior decorator and floral designer. Her creative talents were expressed for many years and in several businesses including Shepperson's, Olive's, Bratton's and Shirley's.

After retiring, Beverly enjoyed traveling, her Wednesday card club, Glen Meadows Baptist Church and especially her family. Her unique God-gifted talents will long be remembered in our homes, hearts and memories.

Survivors include her mother, Gene Barth; sister and brother-in-law, Sylvia and Lynn Griffin of Eldorado; son, David Swigart and Teri Turner of San Angelo; daughter and son-in-law, Ellen and Mike Godwin of San Angelo; daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Tim Acker of Gansevoort, N.Y.; grandchildren, Jeremy Swigart of Orlando, Fla., Eric, Steffany and Shauna Acker of New York, and Shane and Natalie Godwin of San Angelo; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Funeral service was Saturday, August 10, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Scooter McCurdy officiating. Burial followed in the Eldorado Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kirk Griffin, John Osborne, Josh Elder, Trent Manning, Keith Fausnault and Charlie Lowe.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or a favorite charity.

BIRTHDAY LIST

AUGUST

- 15th Jennifer Rojas, Kali Warnock, Tony Martinez Jr., Fran Robinson, Sonja Key, Helen Sanchez, Betsy Green, Delia Pina, A.T. Turner, Tony Martinez, Jr., Lowe Irvine
- 16th Kim-et Nelson, Leon Fuentes, Michael Ballew, Ray David Buitron Jr., Kristina Prater, Rocky Robles, Kristina Fritz, Jay Blaylock, Koda Lozano, Dana Ledbetter, McKenzie McAngus, M'Lissa McKinney Schoening, J.B. Garcia, Hallie Schwiening
- 17th Lisa Brown, Frankie Short, Rick Singleton, Leigh Ann Neal, Mitzi Lux, Earl Yates, Shirley Joiner, Mike Sproul, Marty Joe Powell, Nikkita Herrera
- 18th Kimberly Griffin, Weldon Jenkins, Lana Jones, Shine Spigarelli, Elida J. Estrada, Charlie Niblett, Ray David Buitron Jr., Hugh Lindsey
- 19th Jonathan Belman, Michael Hill, Will Kessler, Justin Paxton, Trey Walker, Jerry Richards
- 20th Katey Blair, Brent Moore, Craig Gutierrez, D.J. Criswell, Keith Corley
- 21st Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar

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Tagoo calling planned Aug. 24

Dear Editor,

No wonder there has been so much discussion about the exact configuration and coloration of the Tagoo Bird. I checked with the expert and it seems there are at least 72 varieties of this anomaly. Some common to this area are the Blue Footed Tagoo, Cockatagoo, Ferruginous Tagoo, Golden Throated Tagoo, Ladder Backed Tagoo, Red Faced Tagoo, Sandhill Tagoo, Spencer's Tagoo, Whip-poor-tagoo and the Whooping

Tagoo. These are not to be confused with their cousins, the Coot Tagoot, Loony Tagooony and the Mute Tagoot. Maybe some questions will be answered on August 24 when bird watchers from throughout the world will gather at the Tagoo Bird Refuge (Hysterical District), and conduct a mass calling. At that point, we can at least ascertain which varieties are indigenous to this area.

Jim Runge

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"Meet The Teachers"

Eldorado Elementary School
Thursday, August 15
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

All parents are encouraged to attend during one of the designated 30 minute sessions.

5:00 or 6:00 PM-PreK, 2nd & 4th Grades
5:30 or 6:30 PM-Kinder, 1st & 3rd Grades

Everyone who will have a child attending Eldorado Elementary School for the 2002-2003 school is invited to come to the Elementary School.

Information, questions, procedures, expectations, goals and objectives will be discussed with teachers.

A list of teachers and their students for the 2002-2003 school year will be posted.

For more information, please call Bob Wanoreck (Principal) at 853-2770, ext. 522.

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Meet the Eagles August 17, 2002

Following the scrimmage with the Irion County Hornets you are invited to join the Eagle athletic Booster Club as the 2002 Varsity and Junior Varsity Football teams, their coaches, the cheerleaders and all their assistants are introduced. The Booster Club will serve watermelon, iced tea and Kool-Aide for those present. We hope you will come and show your support of our programs as the 2002 school year season begins.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Play hard, play smart — Coach Charles Bunch showed his linebackers how to fend off blockers last Friday as the team went through its first day of workouts in full pads. The Eagles will host the Irion Co. Hornets here Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m. for the team's first scrimmage of the year.

Coach Bunch takes over Eagles defense during 2002

Coach Charles Bunch came to Eldorado from Pecos along with EHS Head Coach Gary Grubbs. Bunch will serve as the Eagles defensive coordinator this season.

Bunch is a 1992 graduate of James Madison High School in San Antonio where he was a defensive back and wide receiver for four years. His senior year, Bunch was named to the All-District Team as a defensive back.

Bunch then attended Sul Ross

State University in Alpine, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Kinesiology in 1999. While at Sul Ross, Bunch played Free Safety on defense and was the team's punter. He earned many numerous athletic honors at Sul Ross, including Sul Ross Defensive MVP

Defensive Back of the Year, All-conference Defensive Back and Punter, Conference Defensive Player of the Year and NCAA Division 3 All-American. Bunch was selected to play in the National 11-Star Game as a defensive back in 1998. Bunch began his teaching career in Ft. Stockton where he was a student teacher in High School and Middle School in 1999.

He joined the Pecos-Bartstow-Toyah Independent School Dist. in the fall of 1999. While there he was an 8th grade Special Ed teacher and High School level Content Mastery. During that time he served as an assistant coach and took over as the team's defensive coordinator in 2000. Along with Bunch's coaching duties he will be a Special Ed teacher at SCISD.

Bunch, and his wife Christina have purchased a home in Eldorado. They say they look forward to many happy years in Schleicher County.

2002 Eldorado Eagles Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sat. Aug. 17	10:00 a.m.	Irion County(Scrimmage)	Here	
Thur. Aug. 22	6:30 p.m.	McCamey(Scrimmage)	There	
Aug. 30	7:30 p.m.	Christoval	There	
Sept. 6	7:30 p.m.	Mason	Here	
Sept. 13	7:30 p.m.	Menard	Here	
Sept. 20	8:00 p.m.	Rankin	There	
Sept. 27		Open		
Oct. 4	7:30 p.m.	Iraan	Here	
Oct. 11	7:30 p.m.	Grape Creek	There	
Oct. 18	7:30 p.m.	Sonora	Here	
Oct. 25	7:30 p.m.	Reagan County	There	
Nov. 1	7:30 p.m.	Wall	There	
Nov. 8	7:30 p.m.	Ozona	Here	

2002 Eldorado Eagles Jr. Varsity Football Schedule

Date	Time	Opponent	Place	Score
Sat. Aug. 17	9:00 a.m.	Irion County(Scrimmage)	Here	
Thur. Aug. 22	5:30 p.m.	McCamey(Scrimmage)	There	
Aug. 29	6:30 p.m.	Christoval	Here	
Sept. 5	6:30 p.m.	Mason	There	
Sept. 12	6:30 p.m.	Menard	There	
Sept. 19	6:30 p.m.	Rankin	Here	
Sept. 26		Open		
Oct. 3	6:30 p.m.	Iraan	There	
Oct. 10	6:30 p.m.	Grape Creek	Here	
Oct. 17	6:30 p.m.	Sonora	There	
Oct. 24	6:30 p.m.	Reagan County	Here	
Oct. 31	6:30 p.m.	Wall	Here	
Nov. 7	6:30 p.m.	Ozona	There	

It's time to purchase Eagles Football season tickets

Football season tickets for 2002 will be sold at the Eldorado High School office beginning Friday, August 16, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Season tickets for 2001 will be \$6.00 per seat for six (5) home games. Each season tickets will be \$30.00. No individual games sales will be made. Other ticket prices are General Admission: adults \$5.00; school age children \$3.00;

under school age children free. Listed below are the dates for home games:

September 6, Eagles vs. Mason at 7:30 p.m.; September 13, Eagles vs. Menard at 7:30 p.m.; October 4, Eagles vs. Iraan at 7:30 p.m.; October 18, Eagles vs. Sonora at 7:30 p.m. and November 8, Eagles vs. Ozona at 7:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Abbie McCormick at Eldorado High School at 853-2549 ext. 321.

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August 20th
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Ben Thomas
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Lee Jiminez
853-1727

School Menu

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Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, August 19
Porkchopette, Creamed Potatoes or French Fries (MS/HS), Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Blueberry Cobbler

Tuesday, August 20
Beef Tacos, Pinto Beans, Spanish Rice, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cupcake w/ Icing

Wednesday, August 21
Hot Dog, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Onions, Pickle Relish, Cowboy Cookie

Thursday, August 22
Pepperoni Pizza, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Mixed Fruit

Friday, August 23
Cheeseburger, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Vanilla Pudding w/ Topping

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

Monday, August 19
Cinnamon Roll, Cheese, Orange Juice

Tuesday, August 20
Breakfast Burrito, Sliced Peaches

Wednesday, August 21
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Fresh apple

Thursday, August 22
Sweet Potato Bread, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice

Friday, August 23
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Apple Juice

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UBS Blood Drive planned at SCMC next Thursday

United Blood Services will be in Eldorado for a blood drive on Thursday August 22nd. It will be held at Schleicher County Medical Center, from 10:00 to 2:15 p.m. Call Chris Kessler at 853-2507 for an appointment.

"Blood is needed every 3 seconds" said Sherry Morton, Community Relations Representative. "Human Blood can not be manufactured and there are no substitutes. The gift of blood is the gift of life."

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We

also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit provider. In order to supply the 12 area hospitals, United Blood Services must collect more than 300 units each week. Blood products have a shelf life of 5 to 42 days. We need your help. If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call 653-1307. Please try to make an appointment. It will help you get in and out in a timely manner.



2nd Lieutenant Kylie C. Adams



2nd Lt. Kylie C. Adams

Air Force Cadet Kylie C. Adams has graduated for the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.

The graduate received a bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering and was commissioned as a second lieutenant.

Adams is the daughter of Charles and Gay Adams of Kerrville and the granddaughter of Kenneth and Betty Richardson of Eldorado. She is a 1998 graduate

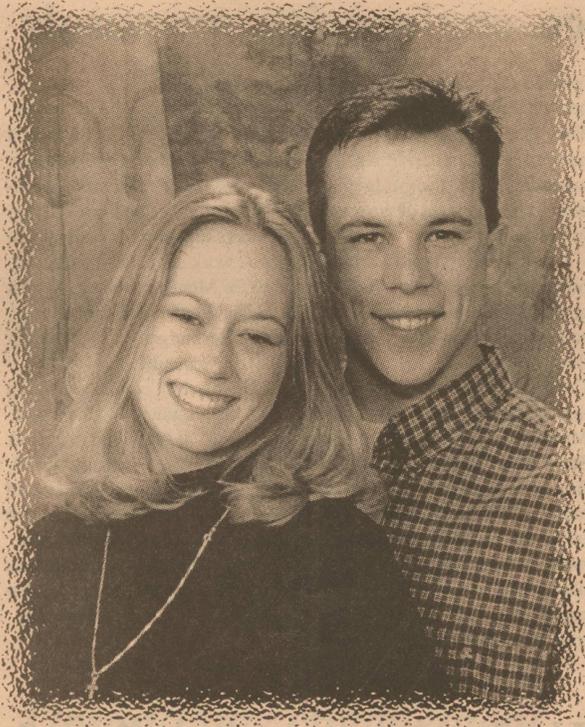
It's A Girl

Caleb Meador is excited by the arrival of his new baby sister Hailey Nicole on Saturday, July 13, 2002.

Hailey arrived at 6:52 a.m. Saturday morning at Shannon Women and Children's Hospital in San Angelo, Texas weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and 19 1/2 in length.

Hailey Nicole Meador elated parents are Rebecca Meador and Forrest Meador.

The proud maternal and paternal grandparents are Bill and Lu Hazelton of Sonora, Texas and David and Kathy Meador of Eldorado.



Sabrina Samuels and Richard Multer

Samuels/Multer engagement

Faye and Eugene Gibson of Eldorado would like to announce the engagement of their granddaughter Sabrina Lea Ann Samuels to Mr. Richard Multer the son of Mark and Lou Ann Multer of San Angelo.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Eldorado High School. Sabrina and Richard are both attending Tech in Lubbock. The wedding will take place in 2004 when they both graduate from college.

Small Grains Workshop slated for August 19th

by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent-Ag There will be a small grains workshop here in Eldorado on Monday, August 19, 2002 at the Extension office located at 203 SW main. The program will start at 1:00 p.m. and conclude around 3:00 p.m. There will be 3 CEU's available for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license.

Speakers for the program will be Dr.'s Billy Warrick, who will discuss small grain and forage production; Chris Sansone, who will discuss insects related to small grain production and ; Jason

Johnson, who will discuss marketing. If have any questions or would like additional information, please feel free to give me a call at 915-853-2132.

Please note that on the flyer that I recently sent out, I inadvertently put down Tuesday the 19th instead of Monday the 19th. Sorry for any problems this may have caused.

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City studies health insurance, engineering proposals

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advised the group that construction is nearing completion on the city's new animal shelter and that he expected to have it in operation by Labor Day, the date tentatively set for enforcement of the city's new animal control ordinance.

City Administrator Randy Mankin then told the council that treatment to kill algae in the city's wastewater treatment plant had been successful and that the plant came into compliance with state guidelines almost immediately. He noted, however, that the algae was killed in the final pond only and that it soon began spreading from

the first two ponds into the final treatment pond.

Mankin said the experiment proved "once and for all" that the only problem at the wastewater plant is algae. "The plant is operating exactly as it was designed," Mankin stated. "Now that we've identified algae as the only culprit, we can begin working on a way to defeat it."

Mankin went on to update the council on the ongoing paving project, and a recent inspection of the city's gas system by the Texas Railroad Commission.

The council then took up discussion of old business and ap-

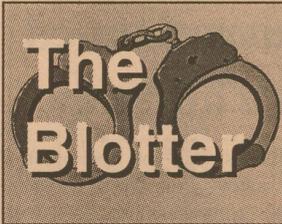
proved the minutes of meetings held on July 8 and July 22, 2002. They also approved the city's financial reports, authorized an amendment to the budget and okayed the payment of the monthly bills.

Next, the council evaluated proposals submitted by three engineering companies, each of them seeking work on future projects through the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA). During the evaluation process, Randy Mankin explained that engineer Steve Dennis, who works for the firm of Gutierrez, Smouse & Wilmut (GS&W) has been instrumental in the progress that has been made at the wastewater treatment plant. After scoring the three companies, the council voted to contract with GS&W on future ORCA

projects.

Next, the council took up discussion of the 2002-2003 budget and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo provided the council with a worksheet that projected end-of-year numbers for the city's current budget. A work shop was then scheduled for Monday evening, August 19 and a final meeting for approval of the budget was slated for Thursday evening, August 29.

The meeting concluded with a brief discussion of council compensation. Mayor John Nikolauk noted that recent difficulty in filling a vacant council seat had prompted the discussion. No progress was made on the issue, however, and Mayor Nikolauk suggested that the matter be discussed again at a future meeting.



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

August 7 • Corona, Freddie Jr., male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, charge JP Warrants/Criminal Mischief. Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

• Martinez, Jesus Jr., male age 35, serving 4 days and released.

August 10 • Corona, Mary L., fe-

male age 46, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication/Enhanced/Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

• Rodriguez, Mary Sylvia, female age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge Criminal Trespass and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

August 11 • Martinez, Timothy Ross, male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

REPORTS

August 7 • 2:15 p.m. Sonora EMS called the Sheriff Office to advised they would be coming through Eldorado and would need an officer to assist them with the traffic lights. Officer responded.

• 10:17 p.m. Complainant reported two suspicious males walking on Wheat Street. Officer responded and found subjects had run out of gas and were walking.

• 11:24 p.m. Complainant stated they were receiving phone harassment calls. Officer responded and spoke to complainant and subject. No report taken.

August 8 • 3:36 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

• 3:45 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Officer reported a older model black Mustang driving recklessly. Two officers responded.

August 9 • 4:01 p.m. Complainant reported a older model green car driving recklessly. Two officers responded.

• 5:41 p.m. Male complainant reported a possible domestic disturbance. Two officers responded.

• 9:51 p.m. Subject reported a red dually pickup driving recklessly 7 miles out on Hwy. 915. Officer responded and Irion County Sheriff Office was also notified.

• 10:26 p.m. Complainant on Northeast Main reported a goat in their yard. Officer responded and owner contacted.

August 10 • 9:48 a.m. Subject reported someone has been tampering with their gate to their property. Gate has been left open and the owner has lost two bull elk. Owner welded the gate closed and when they returned after a week the gate had been un-welded and a chain with a padlock was in place. Owner stated there are 3 oil companies which hold leases on this property but state they are not responsible for the gate.

• 10:23 a.m. Subject on S. Divide reported a snake in a cabinet inside their office. Subject is unsure of type of snake. Officer responded and officer was unable to locate snake. Dispatch was unable to make contact with city animal control officer.

• 8:34 p.m. Complainant reported a possible fight at apartments. Two officers responded.

August 11 • 7:53 a.m. Subject reported their black dog missing. Dog is wearing a faded blue leather collar with bells.

No Time-Complainant on FM 1828 reported damage done to mail boxes and other damage. Officer responded.

• 2:10 p.m. Report of an elderly couple that had a flat tire. Officer responded.

• 9:36 p.m. Complainant reported that their son was possibly fighting with his girlfriend. Two officers responded.

• 9:40 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

August 12 • 8:53 a.m. Report of a dead dog in a back yard of a residence. Officer and animal control responded.

• 9:48 p.m. Subject on CR 429 reported damage to their gate on their property.

• 2:35 p.m. Complainant on Highland reported Criminal Mischief and requested an officer.

• 6:03 p.m. Complainant requested an officer get store keys back from a subject who was discharged. Officer responded.

• 6:05 p.m. Complainant on S. Cottonwood reported a white Dodge pickup speeding in a residential area. Officer responded.

• 10:55 p.m. Complainant reported their vehicle was broke down. Officer responded.

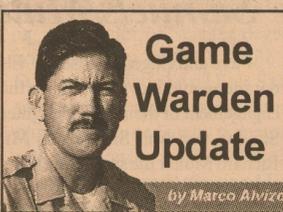
August 13 • 9:20 p.m. Complainant reported a black calf out on FM 1828. Possible owner contacted and stated that they would put the calf away.

Update on new hunting & fishing laws

Hunting and fishing licenses for 2002-03 became available August 15. Remember that the current hunting and fishing license will expire August 31st.

The new hunting license will have a new look this year that will hopefully be easier to use. Rather than the sales receipt printout license of recent years, new printing technology has enabled TPWD to provide better graphics and a more user friendly product. The new version will resemble the traditional Texas license with detachable game tags around the license.

Hunters will also note the new required game log on the back of their license this year. In addition to tagging a harvested animal, hunters will need to fill out harvest record information on their



Game Warden Update

by Marco Alvarez

license. This was done in order to simplify the tag use description on the face of the tag. In recent years the tag description had left some hunters scratching their heads as to what tag to use on that nice buck they just harvested.

Dove season begins September 1st. And just a reminder that HIP certification is required to hunt doves. The Harvest Information Program is a federal program designed to collect harvest data to better manage your wildlife re-

sources. After you answer a few simple questions your license will indicate that you are "HIP certified". I have seen quite a few white wing dove in town and in the surrounding area. It would probably be a good idea to purchase a White Wing Dove Stamp if you don't feel comfortable identifying doves in flight and will be hunting close to town.

A reminder to landowners that the hunting lease licenses will also expire August 31st. A hunting lease license is required of all land that will be leased for the hunting of any wildlife resource, that includes dove.

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THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 2002 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR SCHLEICHER CO. GENERAL. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	General Fund	Farm/Market Fund
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$1,205,196.00	\$262,902.00
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$1,205,196.00	\$262,902.00
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$195,331,538	\$194,026,358
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.6170/\$100	\$ 1.355/\$100
THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES	\$1,213,773.81	\$264,682.50
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)		
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$208,168,451	\$206,795,951
(AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)		
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.5830/\$100	\$0.1279/\$100
Total Effective Tax Rate	\$0.7109/\$100	

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES
(AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND INCLUDING TAXES FOR STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE)

	\$1,213,773.81	\$264,682.50
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$208,168,451	\$206,795,951
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.5830/\$100	\$0.1279/\$100
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+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE FOR EACH FUND	\$0.6296/\$100	\$0.1381/\$100
THIS YEAR'S TOTAL ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.7677/\$100	
- SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT RATE	\$0.0399/\$100	
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STATEMENT OF INCREASE/DECREASE
If Schleicher County adopts a 2002 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.7109 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2001 taxes by \$14,328.00.

Schedule A
Unencumbered Fund Balances
The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$460,000.00
Farm/Market	\$25,000.00

Schedule B
2002 Debt Service NONE

Schedule C
Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax
In calculating the effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$83,327.27 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue. This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at County Judge Office or County Tax Office
Name of person preparing this notice Lou Ann Turner
Title Tax Assessor-Collector
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The residence of the Independent Executrix is Cibola, Texas. The address is c/o Raymond C. Loomis, Jr., Attorney at Law, 106 W. Redwood, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and manner prescribed by law.

DATED: August 15, 2002.

Raymond C. Loomis, Jr.
Attorney for the Estate
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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

State Comptroller delivers sales tax payments

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered \$378.8 million in monthly sales tax payments last week to Texas cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose taxing districts.

So far this year, sales tax collections in Texas counties and special purpose taxing districts are higher than they were at this time last year, while cities and transit systems are seeing somewhat lower sales tax revenue.

Sales tax allocations of \$10.2 million to 71 special purpose tax-

ing districts are up 6.1 percent compared to August 2001, and up 9.1 percent for the year to date. Sales tax rebates of \$21 million went to Texas cities, down 4 percent compared to one year ago. However, counties' year-to-date rebates are up 2.6 percent compared 2001.

Comptroller Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$257.5 million to Texas cities, down 4.7 percent compared to August 2001. Year-to-date, city sales tax rebates are down 1.3 percent compared to 2001.

Sales tax payments for the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County

and Schleicher County Health Services Tax are listed below.

For details of August sales tax payments to other cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at:

www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, September 13 and will be reported the following week in the Success.

August 2002 Sales Tax Rebates

Taxing Entity	Aug '02	Aug '01	% Change	2002 YTD	2001 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$12,109.78	\$9,427.07	28.45% ↑	\$59,231.94	\$60,623.62	2.29% ↓
Schleicher County	\$8,646.11	\$9,037.30	4.32% ↓	\$48,834.02	\$62,108.95	21.37% ↓
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$5,230.29	\$7,194.32	27.29% ↓	\$45,550.47	\$56,158.70	18.88% ↓

County Commissioners move forward on Civic Center renovation project

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struction project at the Ag Barn, the men heard from Architect Henry Schmidt and contractor Micky McCrea regarding a number of optional approaches to carrying out the work. The first option, referred to as Alternate Bid #1, calls for adding a new addition to the existing building at a cost of about \$92,893.00. Alternate Bid #2 would involve replacing the green metal siding on the north portion of the existing building with a new material at a cost of \$8,775. Alternate Bid #3 included adding a 25 foot by 75 foot open sided bay on the end of the new addition, including a structural frame, metal roof, wire insulation, concrete slab, plugs and lights. Estimated labor and material for that option came to \$31,000.00.

The original plan involves remodeling the existing building and upgrading the sewer system. The price tag for that project came in at \$282,968.00. But the total comes to \$322,743.00, if the three options are included in the project.

It was explained that county crews would carry out as much of the work as possible in hopes of keeping costs down. McCrea was advised to be ready to start on the building sometime after the third week in January, 2003. He estimated the job would take 90 days to complete.

In other business the commissioners voted to 4.4 acres of land, located on F.M. 2129, from Mr. W.F. Edmiston for a caliche pit. The county will pay \$800.00 an acre for the property.

Next, Melissa Stanford, representing the Volunteer EMS, submitted a proposed 2002-2003 bud-

get for the service. She noted that the EMS will continue to request \$5,000 per month from the county, with that money being generated by the half-cent health services sales tax.

Stanford further advised that the ambulance service has two employees, herself and Paramedic Tim Vasquez. All other personnel are volunteers. Stanford also noted that the service receives other income by processing claims for Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance.

The men then moved to discussion of the West Texas Rural Counties Association insurance risk pool. The commissioners opted to continue participating in the pool for another year, despite the fact that the agency has experienced financial difficulties in recent months. It was noted that much of the cause for the problems are counties that pull out of the pool while leaving the remainder to foot the bills for the entire group.

Next, the commissioners saw a demonstration by Guardian Security Service of Lubbock. The company presented several different devices that can be used to enhance courthouse security. Included in the demonstration was a mobile walk-through scanner. Guardian personnel advised that the equipment is capable of detecting guns, knives, and other metal objects. It includes a panic system along with digital security cameras. The price tag for the system is \$21,500.00.

Judge Griffin noted that the county currently has \$32,000.00 that has been designated for security systems. The commissioners directed Griffin to consult with

State District Judge Barbara Walther to see which security system she prefers.

James Kosub, representing the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce, then met with the court and asked that the county consider installing more electrical outlets around the courthouse square. He noted that there weren't enough outlets available during the most recent Schleicher County Day festival. Mr. Kosub was asked to get an estimate from an electrician for the upgrade and to report back to the court.

Several complaints about operations at the county swimming pool were then discussed. The major complainant dealt with lack of supervision at the pool by lifeguards and improper language used by children. The commissioners considered the possibility not having a contract operator next year. If that happens, the county would operate the pool itself, or close the facility.

The commissioners ended the session by reviewing a budget projection submitted by County Treasurer Karen Henderson. It was noted that the county's budget is likely to increase by \$140,000.00 next year due to the rising cost of health insurance and other increases in the cost of doing business.

Henderson told the commissioners that her forecast did not include the monies generated from fees and fines collected from the Justice of the Peace and the Sheriff's Department. Last year, the county operated on taxes totaling just over \$1.2 million. The county's tax base grew by \$12.8 million, however, meaning that the effective tax rate will decline. Each year the effective tax rate is calculated by figuring the rate necessary to raise the same amount of tax revenue as the year before. Last year's total effective tax rate stood at 75.25 cents per \$100 valuation. This year a rate of 71.09 cents will raise the same amount of revenue.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m. on 8-28-02 in Schleicher County ISD Elementary Kitchen. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited. The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund*	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.3344	\$-0*	\$1.3344	\$3592	\$3672
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debts Service	\$1.3626	\$-0*	\$1.3626	\$4181	\$3188
Proposed Rate	\$1.4226	\$-0*	\$1.4226	\$4244	\$3164

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$26,860	\$27,210
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$9,737	\$9,839
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$1.3344	\$1.4226
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$129.89	\$139.97
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$10.08

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.4226. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.4226.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$1,041,510
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$-0-

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Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, August 19
Meatloaf w/ Tomato Gravy, Black-eyed Peas, Honey Glazed, Carrots, Cornbread, Melon Salad, Milk

Tuesday, August 20
Polynesian Chicken Salad, Sweet Peas, Wheat Bread, Golden Salad, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, August 21
Steak Fingers w/ Cream Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk

Thursday, August 22
Oven Baked Pork Chops, Zucchini/ Yellow Squash Medley, Corn w/ Red Peppers, Wheat Roll, Tossed Salad, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

Friday, August 23
Fried Catfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Okra and Tomato Gumbo, Dinner Rolls Apple Crisp, Milk