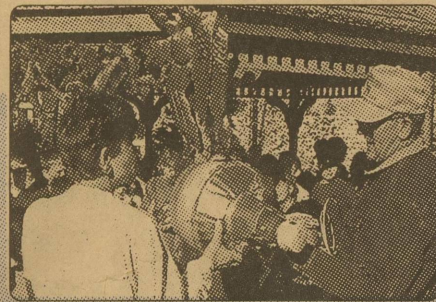
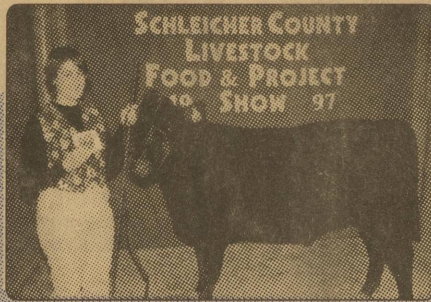


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F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Schleicher County was created by an act of the Texas Legislature on April 1, 1887. However, county government wasn't organized here until July 25, 1901.

The Eldorado Lions Club meets at 12:05 p.m. each Wednesday of the month except the 5th Wednesday, in the Lions Club Room located in the basement of the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

Eldorado's elevation is 2,410 ft. above sea level. That makes it 563 ft. above San Angelo, 290 ft. above Sonora, 450 ft. above Menard, 226 ft. above Mertzon, or 62 ft. above Ozona. Truly, the Top of the Divide.

The Schleicher County Commissioners meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month on the first floor of the Schleicher County Courthouse. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m.

In the Oct. 16, 1931 edition of the Eldorado Success, City Variety Store was advertising gray cotton blankets at \$1.00 per pair and part wool blankets for \$2.50 per pair.

The Eldorado Eagles have not always worn Green and White. In the early days, the teams' colors were Black and Gold.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. not only answers its own phone, but also dispatches for the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept., the Schleicher County EMS and the Code Blue citizen patrol. All 9-1-1 calls also ring in the Sheriff's office.

Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, said, "The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of the government in the next."

In 1954 Paul Page and Howard Derrick announced plans to start a new housing development in northwestern Eldorado. They purchased 12 acres of land from John Conner.

Traffic stop ends with arrest of three Garza County men

A routine traffic stop 5 miles south of Eldorado landed three men in the Schleicher County jail recently after Deputy Eddie Rodriguez and Sergeant George Arispe discovered several thousand dollars worth of stolen goods in two vehicles.

Rodriguez reported stopping a 1976 Ford pickup at 1:30 a.m. on Dec. 18th for failing to dim its headlights. However, when the southbound pickup pulled over, a second vehicle, a red 1989 Chevrolet sedan, also slowed and stopped in front of the pickup. At that time, Rodriguez radioed for backup and was soon joined by Sgt. George Arispe.

The two officers became suspicious when they noticed stereo speakers and other electronic equipment laying loose on Chevy's back seat. Also, the bed of the pickup and the trailer it was towing contained an assortment of stereo equipment and other goods.

Four occupants of the two vehicles were taken to the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center for questioning when they offered conflicting stories to the officers. Arispe noted that a check of the statewide database

revealed some of the property in the two vehicles was reported to have been stolen in Garza County. Later that morning, officers from the Garza County Sheriff's Department came to Eldorado and took three of the four subjects into custody.

Jesus Robledo, 32, a resident alien currently residing in Post, Texas and Salvador R. Robledo, 26, a citizen of Mexico, were charged with engaging in an organized criminal activity. They were released into the custody of Garza County officers.

Ruben Gutierrez Salas, 23, also a Mexican citizen, was released to Garza County officers pending charges in that county. The fourth subject, a resident alien, was not charged, however, and was released from custody.

Garza county officers identified much of the property and reportedly linked it to at least 13 previously unsolved burglaries in and around Post. The pickup's trailer was also found to have been stolen in June, 1997 from Lubbock.

Garza County Sheriff Kenneth Ratke expressed his appreciation to the Schleicher County officers. He noted that a string of



photo by Kathy Mankin

All because he wouldn't dim his lights — Some of the property in the bed of this pickup truck was seized by Schleicher County law enforcement officers recently when it turned up on a list of stolen property. The driver was pulled over by Deputy Eddie Rodriguez for failure to dim his lights.

burglaries in his community during recent months had been solved due to a diligent traffic patrol two hundred miles south of his county.

The property seized during

the arrest was returned to Garza county and is estimated to exceed \$15,000 in value.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said afterwards that he was happy his department had

helped to locate the stolen property. "We sort got lucky on this one," Doran said. "If Eddie hadn't stopped the pickup, it would have been across the bridge at Del Rio, and gone."

Chamber of Commerce banquet slated Jan. 19

The annual Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce banquet will be on Monday, January 19, 1998, at the Memorial Building. A barbecue dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by the program and annual meeting.

Keynote speaker for the dinner will be Mr. Jerry Larned, an executive with the Kent Oil Company of Midland and an outstand-

ing motivational speaker. Larned coached high school football at Monahans and Hamlin and was President of the Texas High School Coaches Association. Later he was superintendent of schools at Monahans, Texas, and coached at Sul Ross University in Alpine.

Earlier in their married life, Mr. and Mrs. Larned lost a child, an experience which shaped their

deep faith and commitment to community.

Barbecue dinner of ribs, sausage, beans, potato salad, tea and cobbler will be announcement of Man and Woman of the Year, and election of four new Chamber board members, for three-year terms.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10.00 each and are available from Connie Andrews at Mittel Insurance.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Confiscated trailer — This stolen trailer and some of the property pictured with it were recovered recently when Schleicher County Sheriff's Deputy Eddie Rodriguez initiated a routine traffic stop on U.S. 277 S. The pickup which pulled the trailer was stopped for failing to dim its headlights.

Filing deadline approaches

The deadline to file for a place on the March 10th primary ballot is 6:00 p.m. on Friday, January 2nd.

At press time, the following candidates have filed in the Democratic Primary: Johnny Griffin, County Judge; James C. Doyle, Justice of the Peace; Peggy Williams, County Clerk; Karen Henderson, County Treasurer Ross Whitten, County Commissioner

Pct. 2, Bill Clark; County Commissioner Pct. 4, Ross Whitten.

In the Republican Primary, the only candidate to have filed at press time is Joe Christian, County Commissioner Pct. 4.

Persons wishing to file may do so by contacting Sherry Lux, Democratic County Chairperson or Bessie Jones, Republican County Chairperson.

Rehab '98 telethon scheduled

Rehab '98, West Texas Rehabilitation Center's fundraising telethon, will be conducted Saturday, January 10...

...with a little help from a lot of friends--entertainers who champion the Center's commitment to the disabled, donors who pledge their financial support and volunteers who man San Angelo and Concho Valley area community phone banks.

Eldorado volunteers led by Mabel Freitag will conduct Schleicher County's Rehab '98 phone bank at Southwest Texas Electric Co-op. Residents are urged to call 853-2544 between 6 p.m. and midnight or go by the office, visit with volunteers and leave their donation in person.

Also, advance donations may be made to volunteers prior to the January 10 telethon. "We're encouraging everyone to participate...either in advance or during the telethon so we can send a message of support to West Texas Rehab Center which serves many of our own families and friends," Mrs. Freitag said.

Twelve television stations, including KLST-TV in San Angelo, will televise this 28th annual show which originates live from the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m.

Headliners Glen Campbell and 11-year-old singing sensation Mikaila will share the stage with Peter Marshall, Rex Allen Sr., Bill

and Susan Hayes, Anacani, Arthur Duncan and Brad Maule.

Viewers of KLST-TV will be able to see the network stage show as well as local interviews and Concho Valley phone bank reports from WTRC-San Angelo hosted by Pat Attebery, local television host and WTRC board officer. The telecast also can be viewed nation-wide via satellite.

Another popular segment of the telethon is the auction which features retail merchandise and hand-crafted items donated by businesses and in-

dividuals--ranging from boats to bridal gowns, trips to tires. Major auction items and toll-free bidding number will be publicized prior to showtime.

"We're hopeful to top the \$1 million mark on Rehab '98," said WTRC President Jim Pethis, "because more than 17,000 children and adults with physical disabilities and communication difficulties are counting on all of us. With the help of supporters and volunteers, I'm confident we'll be successful on January 10 and all year long."



photo by Kathy Mankin

Emergency personnel responded to a two vehicle accident on North Street Monday afternoon. A '91 Nissan Sentra driven by Jennifer Nixon and a '96 Chevy pickup driven by Wilson Page collided sending Nixon to the Schleicher County Hospital where she was treated. At press time, the accident is under investigation by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept.

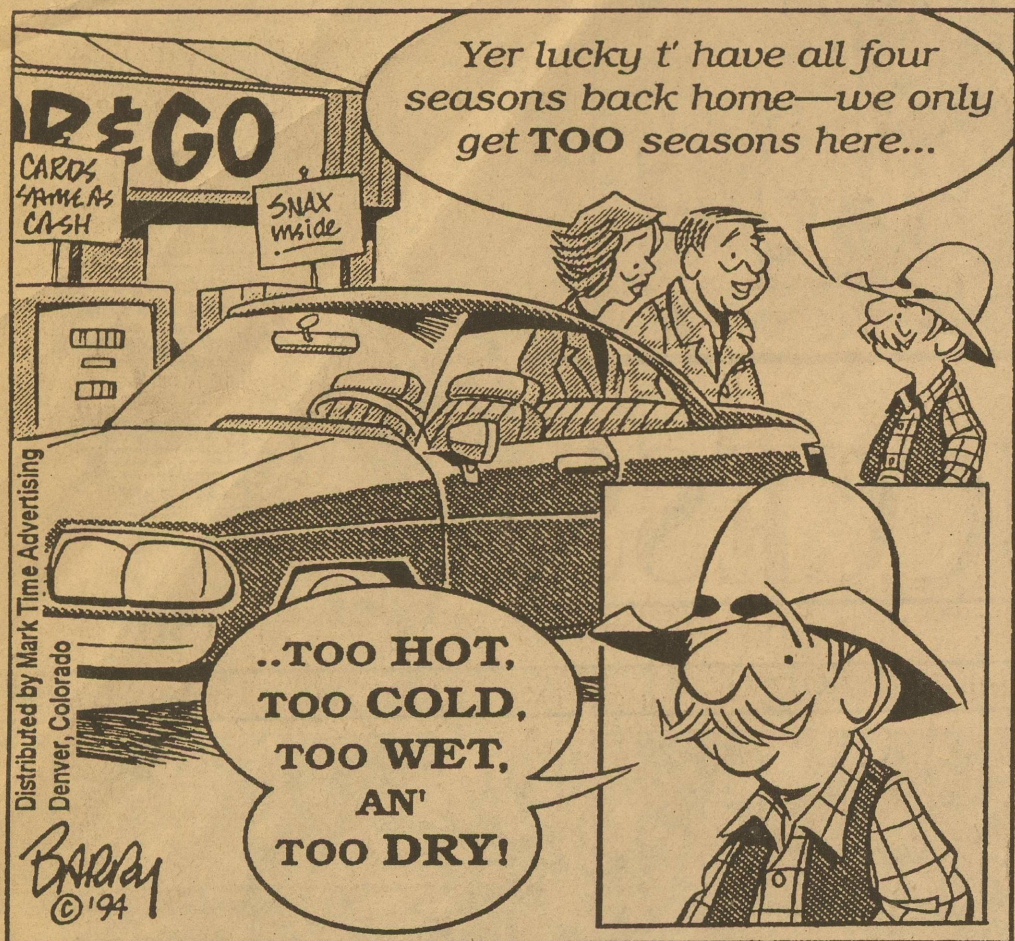
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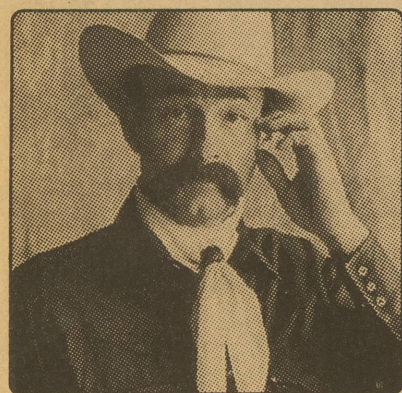
BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Branded Prime Beef

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Opinions are like those painful little acid blisters you get on the end of your tongue that smart like a pimple on the side of your nostril... Everybody's had one, so here is mine.

Branded beef is the right way to go, it's just goin' in the wrong direction.

The lesson of the 1980's was 'too much fat' in beef. We changed the cattle we breed and feed, we changed the grading system we used but beef's market share hasn't changed.

If people want lean meat they can buy supermarket no-roll.

Steak is the most popular beef cut served in American homes. But from your own vast experience, how often is that steak you eat really tender?

I believe those consumers who continue to buy steak in the grocery store should be catered to. A branded package of prime beef. Yes, heavily marbled, but trimmed. Vacuum packed, two 8 or 10 ounce filets or rib eye or NY strips, priced at the high end. Fifteen to twenty dollars per package, unseasoned, marinated in terriaki, BBQ sauced, rollin' in Jim's special salt mix, or what-

ever. And available in the meat counter locally.

This product would be designated for people who think, "I want to serve something special tonight, but I wanna make sure it's good."

We've all seen, and maybe ordered, those magnificent frozen steak packages from Kansas City or Omaha that are advertised for fifty to sixty dollars in Fortune magazine and the airline magazines. We expect them to deliver flavor and tenderness, and they do.

It's not that we don't know how to produce tender beef. But we've wound up aiming for a lean product to be healthy, i.e. compete with chicken. But chicken is aiming at the low price buyer.

Chicken competes with hamburger, not steak. Chicken does not advertise itself as tender or flavorful. Do we really think we can compete with an animal that converts at three to one?

The pork industry is doing a credible job of competing by promoting franchise rib joints, not to mention ham (sandwiches), sausage (pizza) and bacon (salad garnish, BLT's, and bacon burgers).

They are not trying to market pork chops as a substitute for cheap chicken.

Logically, one of the major packers should start marketing a branded consistent top o-the-line prime steak package that is recognizable, by name, to the supermarket customer. They already service five star restaurants with that quality of steak. Why not offer it to the regular consumer as well.

I think some innovative packer will seek out the market, demand prime beef from feeders and become successful. And it may not be one of the big three meat packers of today. But twenty years from now, the big three may not be the same big three.

And that's my little acid blister.

I've never put a lot of stock in New Year's resolutions. The way I figure it, if I could simply resolve to lose weight or otherwise change my behavior, why would I wait until January 1st?

But not everyone feels the same about resolutions. One such person is my old friend D.W. who stopped by the Success office last week for a visit.

One of his resolutions is to be a better money manager. "I'm really gonna do it this year," D.W. said. "If I can't pay cash for something then I don't need it."

I don't think he heard when I tried to remind him that he offered the very same resolution last year.

"And, I'm gonna spend more time with the wife," he continued. "She's been after me for years now to stay at home more...so that's what I'm gonna do!"

I told D.W. that I thought he was on the right track since he never seemed to get into trouble when his wife was around.

"And another thing, I'm gonna

OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

get more involved in the community...maybe even run for office."

Now you must understand that D.W. has never been concerned with politics --- local, state or national --- so I found it odd that he should express an interest now.

"D.W. are you a Republican or a Democrat?" I asked.

"Neither one," he replied. "I'm a Contrarian...what ever is goin' on in the government, I'm against it!"

Deflecting my attempt to change the subject, he went on to say that 1998 was going to find him eating less, exercising more, attending church more often and being a better person overall.

"I'm really lookin' forward to the new year," he said. "It's gonna

be great."

I have to admit that D.W.'s optimism was a bit infectious. After a few minutes of listening to him, I found myself believing that he was really committed to bettering himself. Of course, he fooled me last year, too.

While I may not place a lot of faith in resolutions, I do believe in new beginnings. Here at the Success, we're in the process of changing a few things to coincide with the New Year. The first one you'll notice is the new masthead on the front page of the paper.

There will be other changes in the near future as we add new features. One thing, however, won't change...we at the Success are steadfastly committed to publishing a good newspaper. The way we do that isn't as simple as making cosmetic changes to the front page. It takes long hours and a dedication to reporting the news of Eldorado and Schleicher County.

Maybe that should be my New Year's resolution.

Sen. wants insurance companies to disclose sales areas

AUSTIN --- Texas House Speaker James E. "Pete" Laney said last week that despite the shrinking number of Democratic officeholders, the Democratic majority in the House is likely to remain in place.

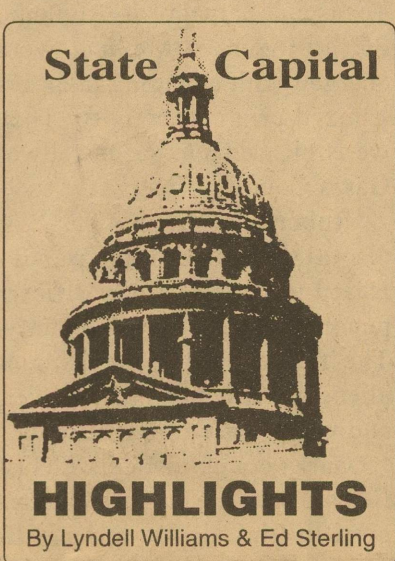
Laney told the Associated Press he had collected enough pledges from current House members in both parties to remain speaker even if Republicans keep their seats and add eight others for a 76-74 majority.

"They predicted last time it was going to turn, and it didn't, and I don't think anything has changed," Laney told the AP. Laney, D-Hale Center, has served in the House for 24 years, and has been elected speaker three times.

Key Democratic House members who are not seeking re-election include Mark Stiles of Beaumont, chairman of the Calendars Committee; Allen Place of Gatesville, chairman of the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; Allen Hightower of Huntsville, chairman of the Corrections Committee; Hugo Berlanga of Corpus Christi, chairman of the Public Health Committee; and Keith Oakley of Terrell, chairman of the Public Safety Committee.

As chairman of the Calendars Committee, Stiles scheduled hearings for legislative bills. He had the power to put bills on the back burner or the fast track.

Susan Weddington, chairwoman of the Republican Party of Texas said Stiles' retirement was a



By Lyndell Williams & Ed Sterling

"huge blow to the Democratic establishment of Texas."

Mattox to announce for AG

Democrat Jim Mattox of Austin said he will file as a candidate for Texas attorney general --- seeking to return to the office he held from 1983 to 1991.

Since then, Mattox, 54, has lost in Democratic primaries for two statewide offices. In 1990, Ann Richards beat Mattox in a runoff for governor, and in 1944, Dallas businessman Richard Fisher beat him in a runoff for U.S. Senate.

"Both friend and foe alike have agreed that I was a decisive administrator. Everyone always knew where I stood," Mattox told the *Austin American-Statesman*. "Our office issued thousands of legal opinions. Few were challenged and even fewer were overturned. I attracted the highest quality of personnel in the office."

In the 1998 Democratic primary, Mattox will face Court of Criminal Appeals Justice Morris Overstreet of Amarillo and Gene Kelly, a Universal City lawyer.

Liability rates reduced

The state insurance commission last week lowered automobile liability insurance rates for high-risk drivers in the Texas Automobile Insurance Plan.

The association, known as TAIPA, insures drivers who have been turned down for coverage in the standard market.

Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer said the reduction --- an average of 3.9 percent --- is similar to that recommended by administrative law judges who heard testimony concerning the rate. TAIPA had requested a 22 percent increase.

The association assigns drivers to various insurance companies, which can charge rates set by the insurance commissioner.

About three-fourths of the drivers assigned to TAIPA carry only mandatory liability coverage.

The new insurance rates take effect March 1.

More gun licensees charged

Statistics compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety show that criminal charges filed against Texans with concealed handgun permits rose sharply in 1997.

Last week the *Dallas Morning News* reported felony and misde-

meanor cases involving permit holders rose from 431 in 1996 to 666 so far in 1997 --- a 54.5 percent increase.

Despite the statistics, state Sen. Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, the chief author of the right-to-carry law, said, "The preponderance of the evidence suggests that a vast majority of permit holders act responsibly."

Patterson pointed out that no Texas permit holder has been convicted of a homicide since the law took effect Jan. 1, 1996.

According to DPS statistics, the number of permit holders increased from 114,500 in 1996 to 161,702 through mid-December, a 41.2 percent increase.

Fewer than 1 percent of Texans have concealed handgun permits. So far, the state has revoked 377 permits.

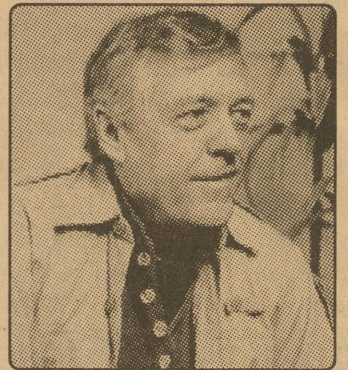
Other Capitol Highlights

- The number of nonfatal work-related injuries and illnesses fell to a historic low for the state in 1996, according to the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission. The agency said the rate fell to 6.3 incidents per 100 full-time workers in 1996, down from a rate of 7.2 per 100 in 1995.

- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets in Texas feedlots with capacity of 1,000 head or more totaled a record 2.94 million head on Dec. 1, up 11 percent from a year ago, according to a report by the Texas Agriculture Statistics Service.

The Reinsteer

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

Jimmy Stone lives just outside of Emory, near Sulphur Springs. He has a longhorn steer he rides as a specialty act in rodeos. The steer's name is Gambler.

Around Christmas time, he puts on a Santa Claus suit and takes his steer to shopping malls where kids have their picture made with the Texas Santa Claus and his reindeer.

Once Jimmy's steer was featured in a commercial walking around in a store that sold fine china and crystal.

A preacher in San Antonio hired Jimmy and Gambler to come be a part of the church's Christmas pageant. When he arrived, Jimmy was told the pageant was to be inside the church. He noticed the small temporary stage and became a little worried. Really, he was plenty scared.

He had to take the steer up a ramp, through two or three rooms, then across the stage. The first

on his Santa suit. They gave him one of those giant foam rubber hats to wear. When the steer saw the strange costumed creature coming toward him, he nearly busted loose. Jimmy calmed him down and told Gambler "it's just me."

Jimmy looked over the men acting as shepherds in the pageant to see if he could find one to lead the steer across the stage. He saw one man who looked like he could handle it, but he turned Jimmy down, saying he didn't have enough experience with cattle.

The female director of the pageant told Jimmy just before the performance started that a group of five and six year old girls would go in front of the steer to act as reindeer. Jimmy was stunned. He looked down at that steer and told him "Son, if you've ever been a Christian steer, be one tonight."

Jimmy climbed on the steer. He had to remove his hat because it was touching the ceiling. The cur-

tain was pulled back and the announcer said, "This is what we've all been waiting for. The Texas Santa Claus."

Jimmy rode that steer out on the stage. The steer's eyes were big. The stage was so narrow choir members extended their hands to shake hands with Jimmy as he passed in front of them.

Below the stage was an orchestra pit.

Jimmy was hollering "Merry Christmas" to the crowd while his foot was shaking in the stirrup. He could see the steer plowing into the orchestra below. The preacher motioned for Jimmy to turn the steer toward the crowd. Jimmy eased the longhorn around and noticed a little trumpet player with his horn about two inches off his mouth and a fearful expression on his face.

The steer eased on across the stage without a hitch. Jimmy was proud.

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OBITUARIES

Paul D. Haley



DEL RIO - Paul Dayton "P.D." Haley, 91, of Del Rio, died Friday, Dec. 26, 1997, at his residence. Mr. Haley was born to John Wesley Haley and Annie May Crider Haley on March 23, 1906, in Del Rio, Texas, which is 10 miles north of Johnson City in Blanco County. In his early days he attended various schools in Blanco and Gillespie counties. In 1922, he started his wage-earning days by plowing and picking cotton for one dollar a day.

In 1926, he worked for the Certainteed Corp. at Acme, Texas, in Hardeman County. For a short period in 1928, he worked for Roxana Petroleum, before joining the Shell Pipe Line Corp. at the

Fredericksburg Pump Station. In 1939, Shell transferred Mr. Haley to the Eldorado Pump Station in Eldorado, Texas.

In August of 1942, Mr. Haley enlisted in the United States Marines. He was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in September of 1944 and returned to Eldorado to his job as Shell station engineer. In February 1945, he quit the Shell Corp. and organized Haley Transports, Inc., a firm that engaged in the transportation of crude oil, gasoline and jet fuel.

This business, headquartered in Eldorado, operated in oil fields in West Texas and New Mexico. Survivors include his wife, Velma Burrier Haley of Del Rio, whom he married June 8, 1929, in Kerrville; a brother, Chester Vernon Haley of San Antonio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Monday, December 28, 1997 in Eldorado Cemetery with the Rev. Bill Harris, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Del Rio, officiating. Arrangements were by G.W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Althaus, J.C. Cornelius, Joe Haley, Bill Hahn, John Haley, Delmer Jackson and Ben Isaacs.

Arturo Romero, Sr.

Arturo Romero Sr., 50, of Big Lake died Thursday, Dec. 25, 1997, in a Big Lake hospital. Services were held Saturday, Dec. 27th at St. Margaret's Catholic Church in Big Lake with the Rev. Barry McClean officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

He was born Dec. 2, 1947, in Eldorado and had been a resident of Big Lake for 10 years. He was a truck driver in the oilfield.

Survivors include his wife, Gelacia Romero, his mother,

Catarina Romero, two sons, Arturo Romero Jr. and Andrew Romero, and a daughter, Rebecca Romero, all of Big Lake; six brothers, Apolonio "Paul" Romero of Big Lake, Ignacio Romero of Sonora, Carlos Romero and Ben Romero, both of Houston, and Ray Romero and Hector Romero, both of Eldorado; four sisters, Romana Duran of Sonora, Maria Martinez of San Angelo, Rosa Lock of Houston and Luisa Cowart of Big Lake; and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Allen K. Michaels

Allen K. Michaels, 35, of San Angelo died Saturday, Dec. 20, 1997, in Shannon Medical Center. Graveside service will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, Dec. 26, in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with Lonnie Phillips officiating. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home. Allen was born Dec. 7, 1962, to James and Margaret Michaels in Syracuse, N.Y. His father preceded him in death. He was a longtime resident of San Angelo and worked as a mechanic at Century Trailer. He married Leticia Verastique on June 20, 1987, in Lamesa. Allen was an as-

sociate member of the honor guard of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is survived by his wife, Leticia Pat Michaels of San Angelo; his daughter, Rebecca Michaels of San Angelo; his mother, Margaret Michaels of McAllen; one sister, Leona Stevens of Syracuse; one brother, John Michaels of Pennsylvania; his uncles, Charlie and Aunt Doris Pharris of Eldorado and Lewis Wade and Aunt Gay of Harriet; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. The family will be receiving friends after the service at 2210 W. Twohig Ave., No. B.



Traci Paxton & Tim Ross

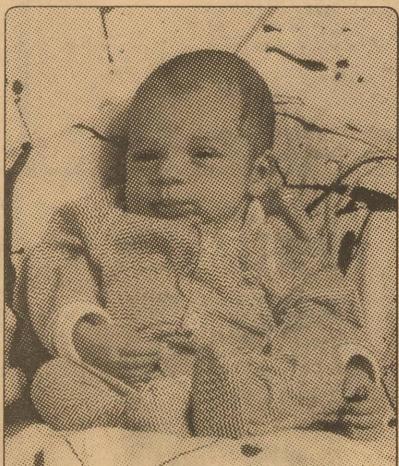
Paxton/Ross engagement announced

Mrs and Mrs. Ronnie E. Paxton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Traci Sue Paxton to Mr. Tim Ross, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Ross of San Angelo, Texas.

Traci is attending graduate school at Texas Tech for her Master's of Physical Therapy. Tim is co-owner of the Angelo Indoor Arena and is a team roper.

The couple plan a May wedding.

It's a Boy!



Skylor Jaxon Sheppard

Mac and Charissa Sheppard are happy to announce the birth of their son, Skylor Jaxon, born on November 15, 1997 at 6:07 p.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and was 19 inches long.

Proud grandparents are Danny and Allene Halbert of Eldorado and Bert and Patty Sheppard of Spearman.

Great-grandparents are Claude and Doris Ledbetter and Jack Halbert, all of Eldorado.

Great-great aunt is Lee Gates of Eldorado.

BIRTHDAYS

- January**
 1st John Mack Redish, Rosalio Rocha, Donnie Overstreet, Dexter Jay, Mack Redish, Emily Newman, Tico Robles
 2nd Nadia L. Santellano
 3rd Rebecca Martinez, Kenneth Phillips, Maribel Villavicencio, Becky Martinez, Sonia Herrera, Norma Jean Mund, Hyman Sauer, Dianna Goodrum, Joel Martinez
 4th Amber Hamilton, Dena Manning
 5th Zack Koenig, Matt McCormick, Haley Edmiston, Andrea Robles, Luis Aguilar
 6th E.H. Topliffe,
 7th Ray David Buitron Sr., Mary Leggett, Dillon Greer, Bryce Leggett, Evve Kuykendall, Steve Parker
 8th Chance Behrens, Bob Page, Delia Herrera, Candi Homer, Thelma Bosmans, Juana Rojas
 9th Tata Belman, Jennifer Sellers
 10th Micah Grelle, Selina Rojas, Richard Harris, George Scott, Billy Williams, Carisa Porter
 11th R. Byron Orand, Ricky Jones, Sharon Spinks, Carolyn Hamilton, Emmanuel Gonzales, Rosa Trevino, Larry Marshall
 12th Teresa Thomas, Allen Kuykendall, Teresa Lux, Mike Lux, Jerry Jones, Kevin Tinney, Mary Nolen
 13th Gary Hanusch Jr., April Fuentes

ANNIVERSARIES

- January**
 2nd Chris & Chris McCravey
 3rd Richard & Lewanna Hartgrove
 10th Lee & Kathy Brewer
 12th Roy & Melissa Lloyd

Rehab '98 update

by Mabel Freitag

A very special "Thank You" for all for all of your early donations to West Texas Rehab.

I just want to take a moment to thank each Schleicher County resident for their loyalty to Rehab. This is my eighth year to work as your coordinator, and every year has been wonderful. The volunteers who work with me are very special folks and I appreciate each and every one of them. When I picked my "crew" to help, I wanted "dedicated workers" and "good cooks", I got both-so come by for coffee and snacks on January 10th, Telethon '98 from 6 p.m. until midnight at Southwest Texas Electric Co-op, 853-2544.

We wish each of you a "Happy New Year".

Hodnett graduates from A&M

Lexie Jan Hodnett graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University at a ceremony held December 19, 1997. Hodnett received a bachelors degree in English with a professional writing endorsement. She plans to attend law school in the Fall of 1998.

Hodnett is the daughter of Rick & Lexie Hodnett of Mertzon. She is a 1993 graduate of Irion County High School



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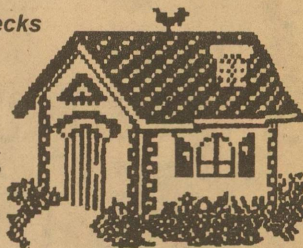
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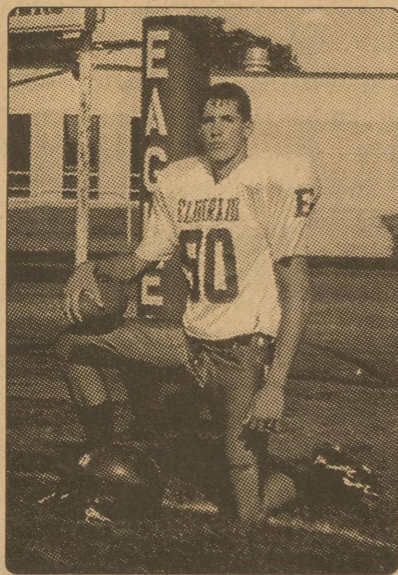
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Four Eagles named to '97 All-West Texas Team



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Garrett Bownds
1997 All-West Texas Team
1997 All West Texas Super Team



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Kyle Hunter
1997 All-West Texas Team
1997 All West Texas Super Team

Post-season honors continued to roll in for the Eldorado Eagles football team this week when four of the teams senior players were named to the San Angelo Standard-Times' All-West Texas Team.

Receiving recognition were Garrett Bownds, Kyle Hunter, Mark Fryar and Randy Spears.

Bownds, a 5'10" 165 lb. running back was named to the Class 2A All-West Texas offensive team. He was also named to the

All-West Texas Super Team, which includes players from schools of all sizes, as a utility player.

Kyle Hunter, 6'4" 190 lb. defensive back was named to the Class 2-A All-West Texas defensive squad and the All-West Texas Super Team defense.

6'2" 260 lb. defensive tackle Randy Spears and 6'0" 205 lb. linebacker Mark Fryar were each named to the Class 2-A All-West Texas defensive team.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Oh, no you don't — #50 Angela Ballew guards a Rocksprings player closely during Varsity Girls action last Saturday night.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Driving down court — Vanessa Gonzalez dribbles around an Angora defender during JV action in Rocksprings last Saturday night. Lady Eagles JV defeated Rocksprings 68-22.



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Mark Fryar
1997 All-West Texas Team



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Randy Spears
1997 All-West Texas Team

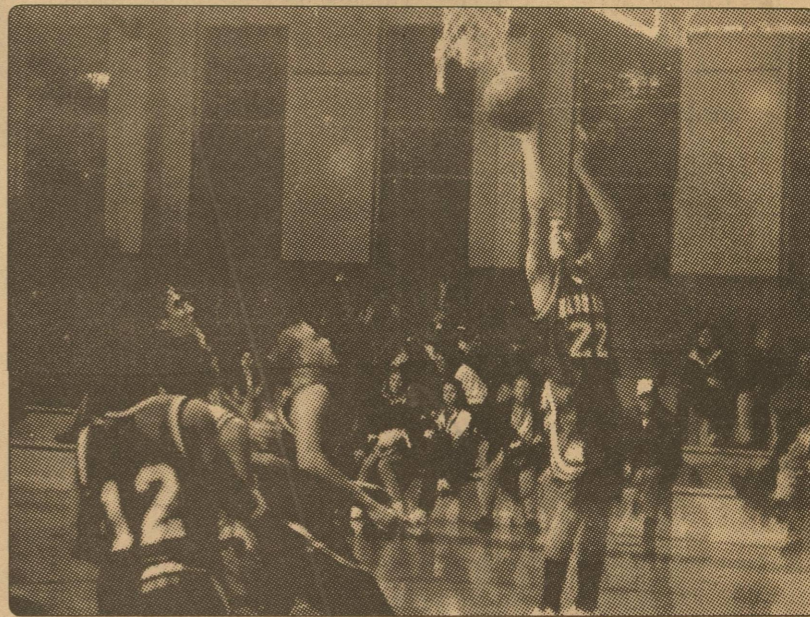


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Up and in — #22 Casey Snelson pulls up and sinks a jumper against the Rocksprings Angoras last Saturday night.



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DATE	OPPONENT	JV GIRLS	JV BOYS	Varsity GIRLS	Varsity BOYS
January 2-3	Menard Tournament				TBA
January 6	*Coahoma	5:00 H	5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
January 9	*Roscoe	5:00 H	5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
January 13	*Wall	5:00 T	5:00 T	6:30 T	8:00 T
January 16	*Forsan	5:00 H	5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
January 15-17	Miles JV Tournament		TBA		7:30 H
January 23	*Winters	5:00 H	5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
January 24	Rocksprings JV Tournament	TBA			
January 27	*Ozona	5:00 T	5:00 T	6:30 T	8:00 T
January 30	*Coahoma	5:00 T	5:00 T	6:30 T	8:00 T
February 3	*Wall	5:00 H	5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
February 6	*Roscoe	5:00 T	5:00 T	6:30 T	8:00 T
February 10	Veribest		5:00 H	6:30 H	8:00 H
February 13	*Forsan	5:00 T	5:00 T	6:30 T	8:00 T
February 17	*Ozona (Boys)		6:30 H		8:00 H
February 20	*Winters (Boys)		6:30 T		8:00 T

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School Lunch Menu

Cafeteria Line

Monday, Jan. 5th
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Chunks, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Jan. 6th
Pork Chopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, Jan 7th
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches

Thursday, Jan 8th
Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Friday, Jan 9th
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apples

Breakfast

Monday, Jan. 5th

Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

Tuesday, Jan. 6th

Pear Slices, Eggs/Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, Jan 7th

Grape Juice, Breakfast Pizza

Thursday, Jan 8th

Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy/Steak Fingers

Friday, Jan 9th

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll/Cheese Stick

Fast Food Line

Monday, Jan. 5th

Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Pineapple Chunks, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, Jan. 6th

Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Peach Cobbler

Wednesday, Jan 7th

Corn Dogs, Tater Tots, Diced Peas, Iced Cupcakes

Thursday, Jan 8th

Chili Crispos, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Veggies/Dip, Chocolate Pudding/Topping

Friday, Jan 9th

Same as Cafeteria Line

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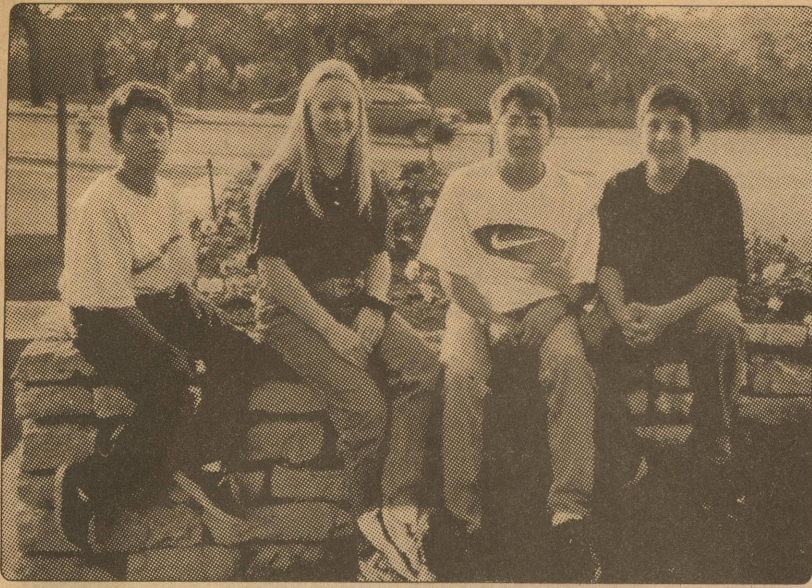


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Conference attendees — Eldorado Middle School student council members attending the Texas Assn. of Student Councils 1997 State Conference in Austin recently were (L-R) Koda Lozano, Courtney Brown, Aaron Fuentes and Quisto Gonzales.

EMS student council members attend yearly State conference

Aaron Fuentes, Quisto Gonzales, Koda Lozano and Courtney Brown, with their sponsor, Susan Parker, attended the Texas Association of Students Councils 1997 Junior High/Middle School State Annual Conference in Austin on November 21 and 22, 1997.

The theme for this year's conference was "One small step for TASC... One giant leap for leadership!"

They heard two exceptional general session speakers, Glenda Dawson from Pearland, Texas, and Andy Thibodeau from London, Ontario. And, they attended discussion group sessions presented by senior high and middle level student councils. They learned many new ideas and strategies to help them make a difference in their school and community.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Cow goes Mooooo — Andy Mayfield, 3-year old grandson of Ronnie & Sharon Mittel, delighted surrounding family and friends with impersonation of a "Moo Cow" at the Schleicher County Jr. Livestock show recently.

Eldorado Cub Scout news

by Linda Conner-Cubmaster

Well, we finished selling the popcorn. We did a great job! Our top salesman for each den was: Tigers - David Tirado; Wolves - Christopher Herrinton; Bears - Neal Higgins; First Year Webelos - Kyle Taylor and 2nd Year Webelos - Glenn Conner and over all Top Seller - Tiger Cub Dustin Guana.

The Cubs that sold 25 containers each qualifying them for a trip to an Outlaws Hockey game.

At our last Pack meeting the cubs went Christmas Caroling and went back to the Scout building for a party.

Our Scouts of the month are Tigers - Christopher Whiddon; Wolves - Clark Meyers; Bears - Josh Chavez; 1 year Webelos - Kyle Taylor and 2nd Year Webelos - Nestor Hernandez.

WTU's parent company announces merger

Central & Southwest Corporation unites with American Electric Power, Inc.

American Electric Power Company, Inc. and Central and South West Corporation announced on Dec. 22, 1997 that their boards of directors have approved a definitive merger agreement for a tax-free, stock-for-stock transaction. This combination creates an electric utility company which will serve more than 4.6 million customers in 11 states and approximately 4 million customers outside the United States.

Under the agreement, each common share of CSW will be converted into 0.6 shares of AEP. Based upon AEP's closing price of \$52.00 on Friday, December 19, 1997, this represents a premium of 20% over the CSW closing price of \$26.00. AEP will issue approximately \$6.6 billion in stock to CSW stockholders to complete the transaction. CSW stockholders will own approximately 40% of the combined company. Both companies anticipate continuing their current dividend policies until the close of the transaction.

Under the merger agreement, there will be no changes required with respect to the public debt issues or the outstanding preferred stock of CSW or its subsidiaries.

Dr. E. Linn Draper Jr., chairman, president and chief executive officer of AEP, said, "We believe that together we will be a successful competitor - nationally and internationally - in the 21st century. This merger creates a company that is diverse in its fuels, its generation and its workplace - a link between the Midwest and the Southwest, reaching from Canada to Mexico. We are two companies that have historically been efficient and financially strong..."

E. R. Brooks, chairman and chief executive officer of CSW, said, "With this merger, CSW and

AEP will be doing much more than simply combining two excellent companies to create a larger one. We are creating a new standard for excellence in the emerging global energy and related services market."

The companies anticipate savings related to the merger of approximately \$2 billion over a 10-year period from the elimination of duplication in corporate and administrative programs, greater efficiencies in operations and business processes, increased purchasing efficiencies, and the combination of the two workforces.

The companies anticipate that the merger will not affect base rates. The electric systems of AEP and CSW will operate on an integrated and coordinated basis as required by the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935. Any fuel savings resulting from the coordinated operation of the combined company will be passed on to customers.

Draper, currently chairman, president and chief executive officer of AEP, will remain chairman, president and chief executive officer of the combined company. Brooks, currently chairman and chief executive officer of CSW, will become a board member of the combined company. Thomas V. Shockley III, CSW president and chief operating officer, will continue as a key senior officer of the combined company in the Southwest region.

The board of the combined company will be made up of 15 members, 10 from AEP, plus Brooks and four others from CSW. The name of the combined company will be American Electric Power Company, Inc. and will be headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, with significant operations in all 11 states.



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Grand Champion Steer — Lindsey Griffin displays her Grand Champion Steer at the Schleicher County Junior Livestock Show recently.



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Grand Champion Swine — Kayla Kohls shows off her Grand Champion hog at the Schleicher County Junior Livestock Show recently.

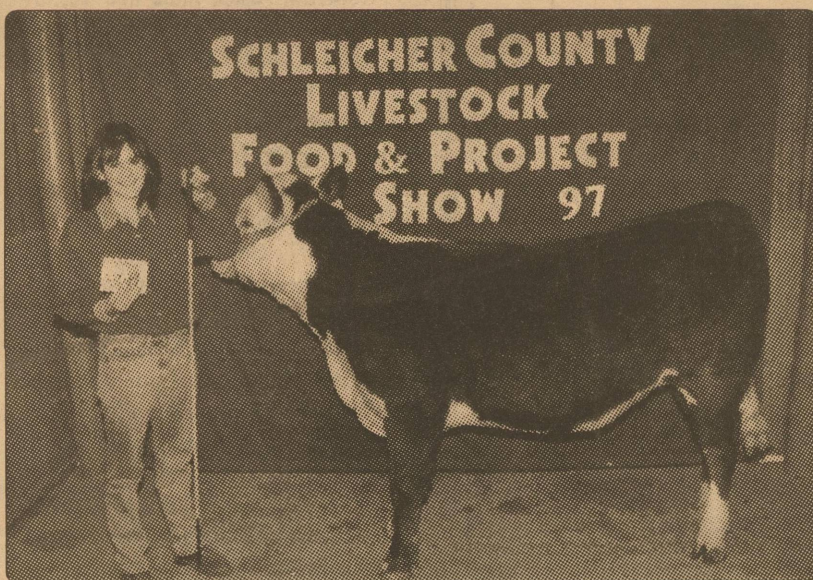
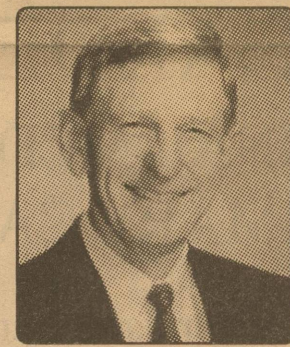


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Grand Champion Heifer — Lindsay Beach shows off her Grand Champion breeding heifer at the Schleicher County Junior Livestock Show recently.

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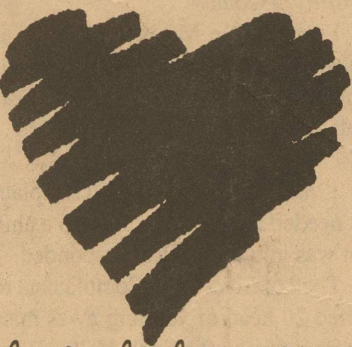
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Ho, Ho, Ho — Taking part in Eldorado Elementary's Magic Christmas Play on December 19th were 2nd Graders Front (L-R) Tyler Dombroski, Lynley Glass, Caleb Daniels (Back L-R) Linda Rios, Luis Huichapa and Tiawana Vannett.

Shannon plans scholarships

Shannon Health System will award two \$500 scholarships annually beginning in 1998.

Jo Vaughan, marketing director, said a scholarship will be awarded for the spring semester and another for the fall. "These scholarships are designed to provide educational funding for students pursuing careers in health care. They honor our benefactor, Margaret Shannon, who, with her husband, J.M., were ardent supporters of higher education and who were committed to providing health care for the citizens of this area," she said.

To qualify, students will be enrolled in one of the following educational efforts:

- as juniors or seniors in a college-level allied health science degree such as a bachelor of science in nursing or pharmacy.
- in an accredited technical or vocational school leading to certification in an allied health field such as LVN, medical records, radiography or respiratory therapy.
- in graduate studies such as medical doctor, doctor of osteopathy, physician assistant or health administration.

Students also need to be enrolled for at least nine semester hours, be residents of Shannon's 19-county service area (Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Howard, Irion, McCulloch, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Reagan, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green and Val Verde), maintain a 2.5 grade point average overall and 3.0 in major courses. Additionally, applicants will be required to provide a college or technical school transcript and

write an essay describing their perceived role in the medical field, why they chose such training and other pertinent information.

"The Shannons were a conservative pioneer family who believed in helping their neighbors," Vaughan said. "These scholarships are another way the Shannon's legacy continues to assist the citizens of our area in achieving goals and better lives."

Deadline for entry is Feb. 14, 1998. The scholarship winner will be named March 7. For more information or an application, call Shannon Marketing at 915-657-5064.



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Away in a manger — Taking part in Eldorado Elementary's Magic Christmas Play on December 19th were 2nd Graders Liana Danford (L) & Daniel Sanchez (R).

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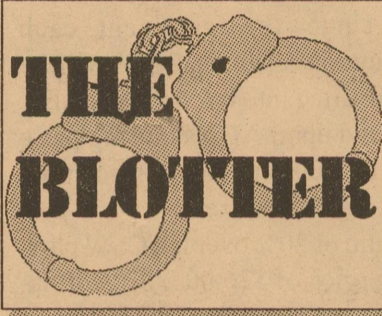
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Arrests

12/14/97 - Juarez, Enriqueta M., female age 40, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for Class "A" Assault. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

12/15/97 - Garcia, Feliciano Perez, Jr., male age 42, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for Motion to Revoke Probation.

Sparks, Jesse Lee, male age 37, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for injury to a child. Release on \$3,000 Bond.

12/18/97 - Salas, Ruben Gutierrez, male age 23, arrested by Schleicher County Officer. Released to Garza County officer. Charges pending in Garza County.

Robledo, Salvador R., male age 26, arrested by Schleicher County Officer. Released to Garza County Officer. Organized Crime.

Robledo, Jesus, male age 32, arrested by Schleicher County Officer. Released to Garza County Officer. Organized Crime.

Galindo, Victor L. male age 42, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more offense. Released on \$20,000 Bond.

12/20/97 - Contreras, Jose L., male age 31, turned self in to serve sentence. Released.

12/21/97 - Pollock, Russell G., male age 46, arrested by Irion County Officer, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd time or more offense. Released on \$10,000 Bond.

12/22/97 - Shipp, Lara M., female age 32, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$1,000 Bond.

12/25/97 - Torres, Pedro, male age 36, arrested by Schleicher County Officer for Public Intoxication. Released on citation.

12/28/87 - Martinez, Ray M., male age 29, arrested by Irion County Officer for Public Intoxication. Released to Irion County Deputy and then returned to Schleicher County Jail on a Blue Warrant for Texas Dept. of Corrections.

Munoz, Joseph M., male age 25, arrested by Irion County Officer for Public Intoxication. Released back to Sheriff of Irion County.

Evans, Gene M., male age 32, arrested by DPS Trooper for DPS warrants and Schleicher County JP warrants.

Reports

12/08/97 - Child Abuse - Complainant needed an officer to pick up a child that was injured. Officer responded.

Theft of Livestock - Complainant reported 20 head of yearling ewes missing from ranch off Middle Valley Road. Value \$1,800.

12/10/97 - Complainant reported a wounded deer on 2596, Game Warden was contacted.

Assist Motorist - Unlock Vehicle. 12/11/97 - Requesting an ambulance and an officer.

12/12/97 - Complainant phoned and requested an officer to check out an animal that is laying down in the pasture to

the right of road. Officer responded and was unable to locate the animal.

Complainant requested an officer to Village Lane to try and locate a possible prowler that disconnected the electricity at the breaker box behind house. Officer responded and found nothing.

Complainant requested an officer to the laundry mat on Divide. Two officers responded.

12/13/97 - Complainant phoned in to the office to report juveniles throwing objects at their house. Officer responded to call and unable to locate any juvenile subjects.

Complainant phoned and reported a vehicle driving at a high rate of speed headed South on Hwy 277 out of Tom Green Co. towards Eldorado. Officer responded and stopped the vehicle approximately 5 miles out of town.

Caller came in person to report a possible prowler at a hunters cabin on Rudd Rd. Two officers took the call and responded along with another officer upon arrival. All unites investigated and found no one at the location.

12/14/97 - Report of a fight in progress on Del Rio St. Officers responded.

Complainant called to request an officer. Officer responded and made a report of an aggravated assault. Officer took statements and 2 arrests were made.

Criminal Mischief - Complainant reported damage done to their vehicle a 1988 Dodge. Damage was done on the left side of vehicles trunk.

Complainant walked into Sheriff's Office and reported a possible drunk driver. Officer responded and was able to locate the vehicle.

Complainant called in and reported a suspicious person. Officer responded and found no one.

Complainant reported a green jacket was taken. Jacket was marked. Officer recovered the jacket and returned it to the subject.

12/15/97 - Hospital requested a crew to transport a patient to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 1 responded to call.

12/16/97 - Loose Livestock was reported on 915 down in draw. Unable to contact possible owner.

Complainant reported smoke coming from the lot between grocery store and auto shop. Sheriff's Office phoned auto shop to see if they were burning anything. The reply was yes. Sheriff Office cancelled officer responding to call.

Complainant came into the Sheriff's office to report a person harassing them at home and by phone. Officer placed a trespass notification on this person.

12/18/97 - Criminal Mischief - Caller reported that during the night of 12/17/97 while their vehicle was parked at the school, someone had broke their windshield. Complainant reported incident after they had arrived at work the following morning. Officer responded to call.

Caller requested an ambulance to take parent to the hospital. EMS 1 responded to call.

Larceny Theft - Subject reported to officer that a wallet had been stolen from their shopping cart. Wallet had tan material on both sides. Wallet contained ID, Driver License, Credit Card and \$30 cash. Incident was reported to the cashier on duty.

Caller reported that a person had called the Ozona office to report that they were out North of Eldorado and could smell very strong gas. Fire Dept. Unit 37 responded to call.

12/19/97 - Disturbance - Complainant phoned and reported that some juveniles had been harassing their children. Officer took the call and spoke directly with the complainant and responded shortly after to find and speak with the juveniles and warn the subjects of the consequences.

Complainant phoned and reported

that they were speaking with subject that was on the phone with a possible stroke victim. Three units responded an found all to be OK with male subject.

Dispatch from Tom Green County phone and stated that a caller had reported a power line down on Hwy 277 North. Office responded to call and also a crew from the Coop.

Complainant requested Sheriff's Office to contact Houston PD to deliver a death message. Houston was contacted by teletype with this message. Also contacted complainant to let them know that the message was sent to Houston.

12/20/97 - Caller phoned in and reported a minor vehicle accident. Complainant reported that they hit a stop sign. Officers responded to take a report.

Criminal Mischief - Caller reported to Sheriff's Office that someone had cut their tires on the right side of their trailer. Est. value of each tire \$150. Complainant phoned Sheriff's Office and stated that 3 tires, another trailer that had a tire cut.

12/21/97 - Complainant called from 911 and stated that his wife was fighting and he needed an officer to come to the house. Officer responded.

Complainant reported to Sheriff's Office that there was a windshield and a few beer cans in the parking lot of local convenient store. Wanted to speak to an officer.

Vehicle Theft - Caller reported items stolen from their vehicle. Items were taken sometime between 12:00 AM - 12:00 PM 12/20/97. Vehicle was unlocked. Approx. 25 CD's were taken. CD case was black notebook type. Case is warped in middle. Rap, Mastor P, Mr. Cool were some of the titles on the CD's.

Female subject requested an officer to her residence. Subject stated that her husband was coming to the house. One officer told the husband not to return if he has been drinking and the other officer went to speak to complainant.

Caller phoned Sheriff's Office and reported vehicle parked and pedestrians crossing the road improperly and not allowing drivers to drive on the road. Officer responded and found all to be OK.

Criminal Mischief - Complainant came to Sheriff's Office to report that there were several juveniles that had spray paint on the wall by the pay telephone of local convenience store. Officer took information and names of juveniles.

12/22/97 - Caller called on 911 to request an officer at NE Main St. Caller reported that their cat was stuck in a tree and needed help. Officer took call and reported that the cat was removed from the tree and one was injured.

Complainant reported an attempted burglary of local convenience store. Officer responded.

12/23/97 - Complainant reported that on the lease next to theirs someone was using a spotlight around 6:40 AM and heard two shots fired at 6:50 AM and 6:55 AM.

Complainant came into the Sheriff's Office to report that on US 277 North they had lost two pieces of luggage wrapped in yellow plastic bags. If located please hold them.

Loose Livestock - reported on FM 2129. Possible owner notified along with Sheriff's Deputy.

Complainant phoned and reported a gas drive off for the amount of \$5.00. Officer was notified and reported that he would make contact with subject because their phone was unlisted.

12/25/97 - Sonora dispatch reported a possible intoxicated driver. Officer responded.

Complainant phoned in and requested a possible prowler. Officer responded and reported that at this time at this call he was on the same street at the same location and did not find anyone near the resident.

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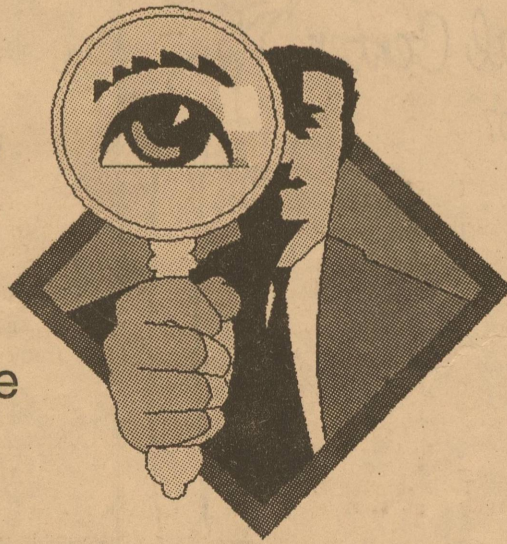
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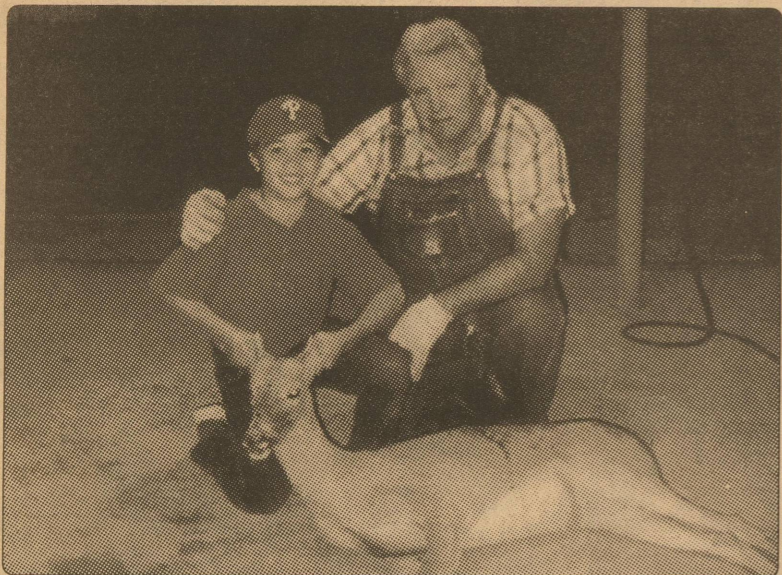
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All written and verbal comments are welcome. 2b

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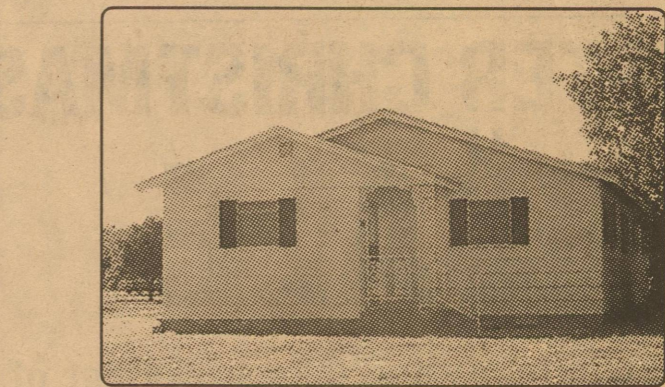
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Jan. 2 deadline set for director nominations in regional boll weevil eradication zone

Cotton producers in the Southern Rolling Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the 9-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until Jan. 2 to officially place their name into nomination.

The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners with cotton production get set to decide in a Feb. 2 referendum whether a boll weevil eradica-

tion program should continue in Southern Rolling Plains zone as well as electing a board member.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the Feb. 2 ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form and have it postmarked by Jan. 2 to the

Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, Texas, 78711 or fax the form to (512) 463-1104.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices; the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at 800-835-5832 or 512 463-7593; and the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation office in Abilene at 800-687-1212 or 915-672-2800.

Changes in the law made by the 75th Legislature required a retention referendum be held allowing eligible voters to confirm they want to continue a boll weevil program in the zone. In addition, voters will elect a board member from the zone to serve on the statewide board of directors for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc.

Growers in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in 1994 and a maximum assessment to fund it. If producers vote to continue the program in the zone, the current assessment rate will not be affected.

Unlike establishment referenda where two-thirds of all voters must approve a proposition, a majority of those returning ballots will determine whether an eradication program will continue. The Texas Department of Agriculture will mail ballots to tall eligible voters in the zone in mid-January.

Counties in the Southern Rolling Plains Eradication Zone are Coke, Coleman, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Runnels, Schleicher, Tom Green and the southern part of Taylor.

Medicare cost increase for '98

The 1998 increases in the hospital costs payable by Medicare beneficiaries --the Part A hospital insurance deductible and the Part B medical insurance premium-- were announced recently. The deductible and the premium are recalculated each year to reflect changes in the costs of health care of changes in Medicare law.

The Part A deductible for beneficiaries admitted to hospitals in 1998 will be \$764, an increase of \$4 over this year's \$760. The monthly Part B premium will remain at \$43.80. These relatively modest increases for 1998 reflect increases in Medicare spending lower than previously projected.

The Part A deductible is a beneficiary's only cost for up to 60 days of covered inpatient hospital services during a benefit period. A benefit period begins when the beneficiary enters the hospital and ends when he or she has been out of the hospital or skilled nursing facility for 60 consecutive days.

The Part A deductible is based on the rates that Medicare pays hospital for inpatient care.

For hospital stays longer than 60 days, a beneficiary will be responsible for \$191 per day for the 61st through 90th days, and \$382 per day for the 91st through 150th days.

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Part B Medicare helps beneficiaries pay for the services of doctors and other medical practitioners, hospital outpatient services, independent clinical work, and durable medical equipment and supplies. The premium is determined by a formula, set in law, to cover 25 percent of current estimated costs.



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One brick at a time — Eldorado Elementary 3rd & 4th grade students chipped in to buy a paver brick for the sidewalk at the Schleicher County Museum. Here, class representatives present the brick to Harris and Jackie Napier.

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WHAT: Carbon monoxide (CO) is a poisonous gas that you cannot smell, see, or taste. It can be produced by fires or heaters that burn gas, oil, wood, kerosene, propane, butane or charcoal. Other common sources are house fires, blocked chimneys, or car exhaust. Some early signs of CO poisoning are headaches or dizziness. Later signs are weakness, nausea or drowsiness as the CO replaces more oxygen in your blood stream. If you or anyone else in your house suspects CO poisoning, go outside right away. Then, call the poison center or 911.

WHO: Everyone is at risk for CO poisoning. But babies, pregnant women, the elderly or people with heart or lung problems are in the most danger.

WHY: During cold weather, most families shut their windows and doors tightly. This keeps fresh air out of the house and can make you more susceptible to carbon monoxide poisoning.

WHERE: In our area, many families use space heaters, stoves or fires to stay warm during the winter. In Texas, many people get sick or die every year from carbon monoxide poisoning.

HOW: Some ways to prevent carbon monoxide poisoning are to:

- Put a carbon monoxide detector in your house near the bedrooms.

- Have you heaters checked every year to make sure they are working properly

- Have your chimney checked and cleaned every year.
- Never leave your car other gas-powered equipment running in your closed garage.

If you cannot afford a carbon monoxide detector and a heating inspection, make sure you sleep with some windows slightly opened.

For Carbon Monoxide or any other poisoning emergencies, call The Poison Center 24 hours a day at 1-800-794-7661 (1-800-POISON-1).

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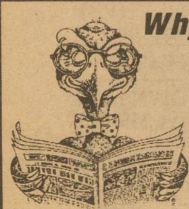
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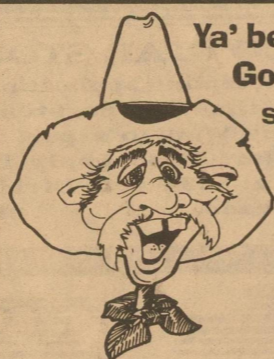
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