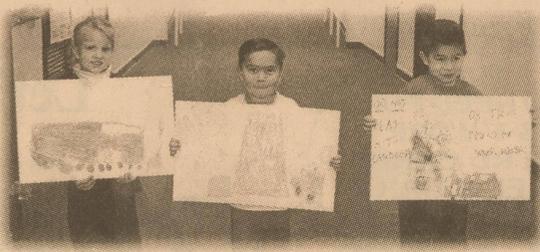


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68th annual Junior Livestock, Project and Food Show held

The 68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show came off without a hitch last weekend as local youngsters paraded in a large show arena in the county ag barn. Near perfect weather greeted those who ventured out to the ag barn where livestock, art and projects were presented and judged. Kyle Eckert, Extension Assistant/Sheep and Goat Specialist, who judged the show last year returned to judge the livestock show and dog show this year.

The show, held on January 9, 10 & 11, saw numerous entries in

Meat Goat, Steer, Heifer, Swine, Finewool Lamb, Crossbred Lamb and Medium Wool Lamb divisions. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged. Jaymie O'Harrow won the overall Showmanship Award and received a leather briefcase in recognition of the honor. Winning showmanship in the various age divisions (regardless of animal) were: Sub-Junior Showman John Cody Brenner, McKenzie McAngus, Jackson O'Harrow, Tres Whitten, Kyle Spinks, Dalton Buchholz; Junior Showman Carli McAngus; and Senior Showman

Will Griffin.

Species showmanship awards were given to: Jaymie O'Harrow - Sheep; Will Griffin - Cattle; Mason Baker - Swine and Courtney Brown - Goats.

The Dog Show was a huge success again this year. In the Best Groomed Division, Eric Luna won with the overall Best Groomed dog. The Best Groomed Dog in the Junior division was shown by Ashley Paulson. Brooke Oliver had the Overall Best Dressed dog. The Best Dressed dog in the Junior division was shown by Tracy Brenner.

Following the show on Saturday, a delicious barbecue dinner was enjoyed by all. The meal was sponsored by First National Bank of Eldorado.

Individual placings in the Livestock Show, Food Show and Art Show were as follows:

LIVESTOCK SHOW

LAMBS

Grand Champion - Jaymie O'Harrow
Reserve Grand - Champion Ridge Ann Sudduth
Showmanship - Jaymie O'Harrow

Finewools

Class #1 (Light Wt) Ridge Ann Sudduth (1), Haley Higgins (2 & 5), Neal Higgins (3 & 4)

Class #2 (Heavy Wt) Neal Higgins (1), Haley Higgins (2)

Finewool Crosses

Champion - Logan Jones
Reserve Champion -Dest Sudduth
Class #3 (Light Wt) Ridge Ann Sudduth (1), Haley Higgins (2), Hannah Robledo (3)
Class #4 (Heavy Wt) Neal Higgins

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Mmm mmm good — Lauren Brown (center) won Overall Best of Show honors in this year's Food Show with her "Blue Ribbon Carrot Cake." Carli McAngus (L) won Best of Show in the Junior division with her "Chocolate Caramel Candy." Kyle Spinks (R) claimed Best of Show in the Sub Junior division with his "Rainbow Cake."

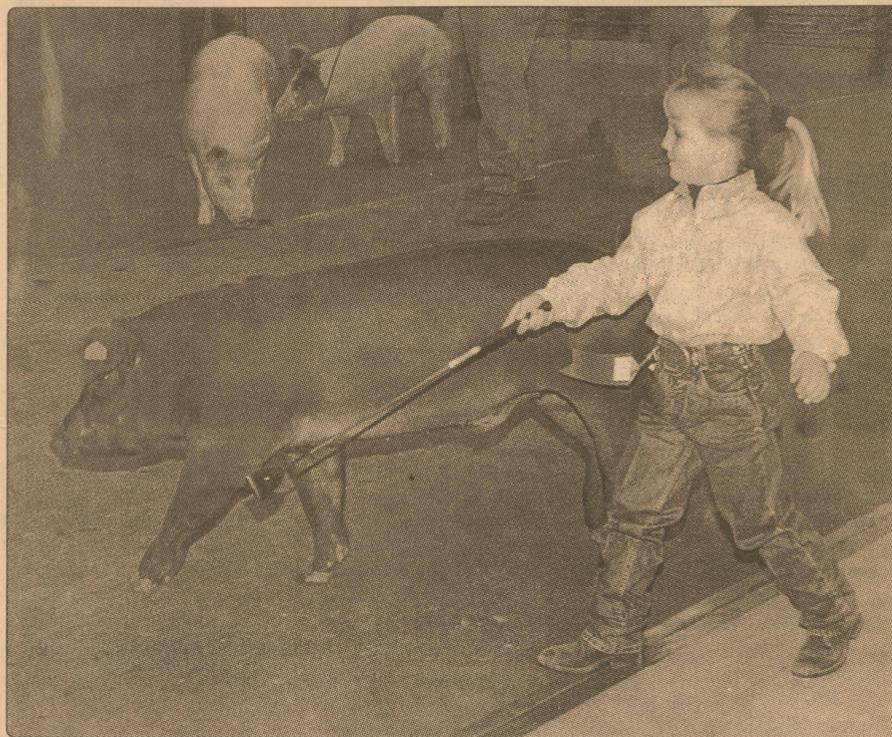


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Okay, keep it movin' — McKenzie McAngus moved her barrow around the show ring last week during the 68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show. She won First Place in the Heavy Weight Swine Division.

Grand Jury indicts Hill on two counts of misappropriation of funds

David Edward Hill, 41, of Eldorado was indicted by a Schleicher County Grand Jury last week on two counts of misappropriation of funds. He was arrested by Deputy Kevin Herbert on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, and booked into the Schleicher County Jail. Hill was released the following day on a \$10,000.00 cash bond.

The indictment stems from a lengthy investigation that began when newly elected officers of the Eldorado Youth Baseball League contacted the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department last summer to report that they suspected money was missing from the league checking account. Hill had served as the league president but reportedly resigned the post shortly before the inquiry began.

As the investigation moved forward, it grew to include premiums paid to Hill's AFLAC insurance agency by Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora and Niblett's Oilfield Service.

The first count of the indictment alleges that Hill misappropriated funds, totaling more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000, from the baseball league during February, March and April of 2000. The second count of the indictment alleges that Hill misappropriated funds, totaling more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000 from Hudspeth Hospital and Niblett's Oilfield Service during June and August of 2000.

Each of the charges qualify as a State Jail Felony and carries a penalty that includes a fine of up to \$10,000 and as much as two years in prison.

Sheriff David Doran explains that the investigation into the missing funds was long and complicated, involving multiple bank accounts and the subpoena of numerous bank records. He credits the

work of Chief Deputy George Arispe, who acted as lead investigator in the case, as well as Texas Ranger Brooks Long, who was called in to assist.

As the officers began digging into the case they found other questionable transactions involving baseball league funds. Shanna Roberts was arrested on Nov. 19, 2002 and charged with theft. That case involved purchases made with the league's credit card. Restitution of \$415 was reportedly made in that case.

Other evidence in the case reportedly pointed to a connection between the league's missing funds and Hill's AFLAC insurance agency. That evidence opened other doors for investigators and resulted in the second count of the indictment. Officers say, however, that an inquiry into the insurance agency's financial records is far from over.

Hill was convicted in Federal Court in 1995 for misapplying more than \$66,000 while employed as an officer of First National Bank of Eldorado. At that time U.S. District Judge Sam Cummins fined Hill \$3,000 and sentenced him to a one-year sentence in a halfway house.

After completing his sentence, Hill returned to Eldorado where he opened an AFLAC insurance office. He spearheaded efforts to improve youth baseball facilities and was instrumental in the league's growth. He was active in the community and routinely submitted sports stories to the Eldorado Success.

Nine other indictments were handed down by Schleicher County grand jurors on Wednesday, January 8, 2003. However, warrants in those cases have not been served and the names are being withheld by authorities.

Rehab telethon slated for Saturday

Schleicher County volunteer Mabel Freitag will be among friends of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center manning telephones for the Rehab phone bank during the Rehab Center's 33rd annual telethon on Saturday, January 18.

Located at the Southwest Cop offices, the Eldorado phone bank will operate from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Donors may call 853-2544 to make a pledge during the telethon or make an advance donation

prior to January 18. The telethon will originate from Abilene Civic Center and will be carried live, via satellite, by 11 television stations across Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

County music singer Tanya Tucker will be the telethon's featured entertainer. Peter Marshall and Charlie Chase will emcee the show, which will also include entertainment by Florence LaRue of the 5th Dimension, Jay Michaels and long-time Rehab telethon reg-

ulars Bill and Susan Hayes, Anacani and Brad Maule.

In addition to entertainment, the telethon includes an auction of about 300 items ranging from agriculture items to travel packages, a pickup truck, an all-terrain vehicle, paintings, shopping sprees and many more. Bidders can call 1-888-219-7013 from 6 p.m. to midnight during the telethon or check out the items on the internet at:

www.westtexasrehab.org.

SCISD hires Ballew as business manager

Twenty-two years ago, almost to the day, Ray Ballew gave up his job as business manager at Schleicher County ISD to take the newly created post of chief appraiser at the Schleicher County Appraisal District (SCAD). Now, Ballew is headed back to the school district, and back to his old job.

The SCISD board of trustees met Monday night and voted unanimously to hire Ballew. He told the Success the following day that he has accepted the position. Ballew will fill the position vacated recently by the resignation of Loreto Edmiston.

Interestingly, two SCISD board members, Eddie Albin and Phil McCormick, serve on the SCAD

board of directors. Now as one position is filled, they and their fellow board members will faced with replacing the only chief appraiser the district has ever had.

The meeting was the school board's regular monthly session. It was chaired by Jo Helen Kotsch. Trustees in attendance included Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, John Paul Joiner, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez. Trustee Phil McCormick was absent.

Among other business, the trustees met with Ballew in executive session before returning to open session and voting to hire him. They also reviewed the district's financial reports and questioned several large expenditures.

Supt. George Blanch explained that \$65,000 was paid to the Education Service Center for their services to the district. Also, checks were written to the Menard Special Education Cooperative and the local appraisal district. Blanch went on to noted that an air conditioning unit was replaced at the Middle School, a large clothes dryer in the varsity dressing room was replaced and new band horns were purchased.

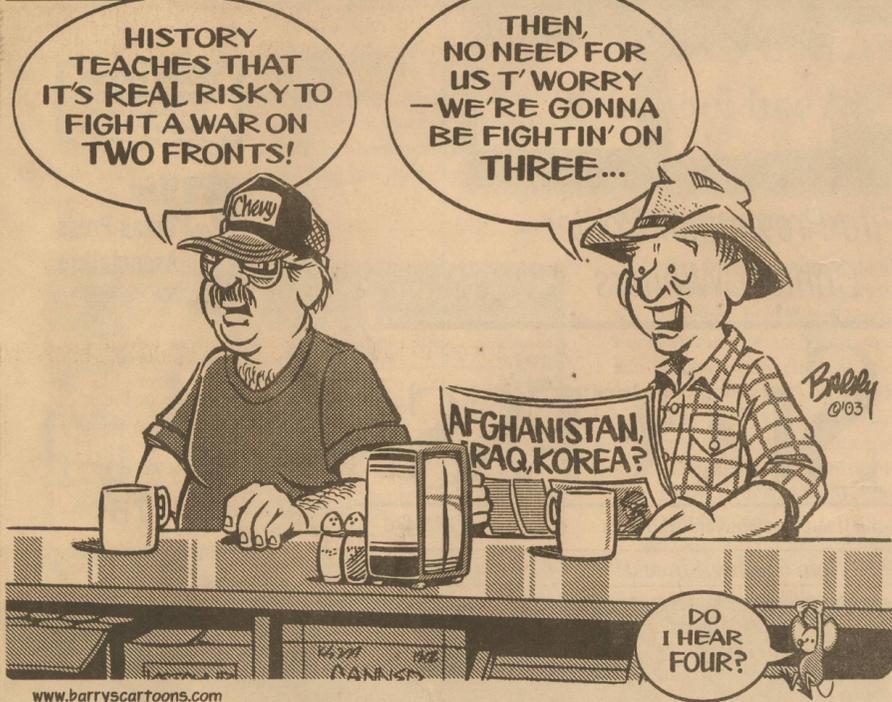
In other business, the trustees voted to extend the summer school program and approved all the requests for out-of-district field trips. Among those is a trip to Houston that band members will take be

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

It's a matter of dollars — Jerry D. Harris, a member of the Farm Service Agency State Committee, was in Eldorado Monday to visit with FSA employees and local agricultural producers. Harris praised the work that local FSA offices turn out. He noted that the agency doesn't receive nearly enough funding for the job it is expected to do.



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Governors' inaugurations share a colorful history

AUSTIN — When East Texan George T. Wood took the oath of office as Texas' second governor in 1847, he refused to wear socks for the occasion. No matter that it was December, he just didn't like socks.

So far as we know, Gov. Rick Perry will be wearing socks when he is sworn in starting at noon Jan. 21 on the south steps of the Capitol.

Following the formalities of beginning his first full term as governor, Perry and the other dignitaries and guests on hand will ease over to a barbecue on the Capitol grounds.

At 2:30 p.m. the inaugural parade rolls down Congress Avenue. The final event of the day is a 7:30

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

p.m. inaugural ball at the Austin Convention Center.

This year's events follow recent traditions, but traditions evolve.

Newspaper editor turned politician James S. Hogg was the first governor inaugurated at the present Capitol, which was dedicated in 1888. Following a 35-minute ceremony, the crowd that came to see the first native-born Texas governor sworn in was treated to a fireworks display shot from the roof of the new state house.

In 1927, Dan Moody, who at 33 still holds the distinction of being Texas' youngest chief executive, was the first governor to have an outdoor inauguration.

The most ostentatious inaugural event in Austin was the 1939 party thrown by radio entertainer turned governor W. Lee O'Daniel. His supporters filled 60,000 seats in Memorial Stadium to see him take the oath that transformed him from salesman to governor.

For more on the coming inauguration and past swearing in ceremonies, check the 2003 Texas Inauguration web site, www.texasinaugural.com.

Seeing red...

Not every matter up for consideration this session involves huge sums of money.

Back again this year is a bill that would allow municipalities to install automated cameras to catch drivers who run red lights. This is how it would work: A camera gets an image of a vehicle disregarding a stop light.

Soon, a citation goes out in the mail to the registered owner of the vehicle. The fine could be up to \$75.

A "photo finish" red light violation, unlike a ticket from a police officer, would be a civil penalty, not a criminal offense. Run a light in front of a peace officer and you'll still get a ticket that goes on your driving record as a criminal offense.

No one who has driven in a city of any size at all would question that the running of red lights is a major traffic problem in Texas, but whether cities should enforce the

Let's go back to the drawing board

This week, I dust off the file where I keep those ideas I've jotted down during the past year. Most of these have been e-mailed to me by various readers, but some of them sprang to life in my very on head. So, with your permission, I pause for a week from writing a serious column and rummage through a few random thoughts. Thoughts like:

Before drawing boards were invented, where did people go back to when they were frustrated?

We're told that the #2 pencil is the world's most popular writing instrument. If that's true, then why is it still #2.

If a synchronized swimmer



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

drowns, what happens to the rest of them? And, wouldn't you really like to be there to find out?

Why is it called tourist season if we're not allowed to shoot them? And, if we were, what would the limit be?

Who decided what order to arrange the letters in the alphabet? Was it the same guy who dreamed up the layout of the computer keyboard?

On the subject of keyboards, the Chinese alphabet consists of thousands of characters. Imagine for a minute what their keyboards must look like.

If love is truly blind, then why is lingerie so popular?

Who do you call when none of your bees wax?

On Star Trek we're taught that mixing matter and antimatter will cause a tremendous explosion. What about pasta and antipasta?

If all the world is a stage, then where is the audience sitting?

They say that most automobile accidents occur within five miles of home. I think I'll move ten

miles away. Oh, wait...that won't work.

If you try really hard to fail... and you succeed, which of the two have you really done?

Have you ever wondered if some of those trick-or-treaters dressed in sheets aren't really going as ghosts, but as mattresses?

Did you hear about the communist who converted to capitalism? He decided to give up atheism, too, since there is no prophet in it.

Is it really possible to have a civil war? And, if it is, how can you tell when someone is having one?

Here's another Star Trek question. How do they make sure a person's clothes stay on when they beam him up?

Two wrongs don't make a right, but two Wrights made an airplane!

Why do they put an expiration date on sour pickles? Has anyone ever checked to see if sour pickles go bad?

If man evolved from monkeys and apes, why do we still have monkeys and apes? I wonder if they think they got gyped in the deal?

Tell me again, where it is that we're all supposed to be going and why is it that we're all in this handbasket?



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Pictographs in Small Bottles of Sand

One of the most enjoyable and fascinating times I've had recently was in Mercedes watching JR Segrist, a retired postman, do his sand art. He has perhaps a dozen containers filled with different colors of sand in front of him. He layers the sand in a bottle then maneuvers it around with pieces of wire coat hanger. The end product is a small bottle, perhaps three inches tall, filled with colored sands that seem to have pictures painted on them.

"I do camels, longhorns, a sow with 3 little piglets, rabbits and a zoo bottle with 4 kinds of animals on it," says JR. "I use only natural colored sand that I've collected from 37 different states and 3 foreign countries. I have about 60 different colors of sand that I've picked up out of a road ditch or grader cut. We do not like to use beach sand because it's been rolled by the wind and the waves and it's like little marbles. The grains just roll easily. We don't like purchased sand because it's been washed and dyed and it does not have any fine material in it. It needs fine material to make it stick together."

The sand he uses starts out as a rock. "I just get a sledge hammer and pulverize it and sift out all the large materials and throw that away."

It's an old art dating back two thousand years. He's been doing it since 1975 when a friend showed him how to do it. "I told him I didn't like his square animals because they looked like Egyptian or Indian pictographs. He told me to go get a coat hanger, some sand and bottles and start doing it myself."

He has made nearly 25,000 bottles and sells them for \$5 each, giving the proceeds to a children's home, a school and food pantry.

"Some people have wanted me to make them 5,000 at a time. But I can't do that. I refuse to sell to stores. The maximum number anybody can buy is 25."

He can create a sand bottle in fifteen minutes. He has made as many as fifty in a day.

"What you're doing is pushing the wire against the glass and the sand will follow you. You go down along the glass then you back off and come up through the center. That way you don't tear up your design. If you came right back up along the glass you would tear it up. You can push the sand but you cannot pull it. So you have to push it to where you want it to go."

Each layer of sand is so tightly packed that the end product is hard as a rock. The picture will remain intact even when he bangs a completed bottle on the table.

He asked me what type of animal I would like, giving me a choice of mule, longhorn steer or camel. I told him a longhorn steer. He started with the steer's nose, then the legs. He got some dark sand from the top layer and pushed the sand down into the white sand.

My little bottle of sand has layers of white, tan, brown, orange and gray sand with images of four longhorn steers circling the outside of the hard-packed sand. The sand inside the bottle forms designs, too: arches, star bursts, hills and valleys of overlapping colors of sand. I keep it in a special place on a library shelf.

law by semi-stealth methods has been controversial and promises to be so again.

A similar bill died in the 77th Legislature by two tie votes in the House, 59-59 the first time, and 71-71 the second try.

This year's effort, House Bill 200, will be carried by Rep. Leo Berman, R-Tyler, who was co-sponsor of the bill two years ago.

The arguments for and against the bill boil down to safety versus Big Brother fears.

Taxes our taxes...

In a legislative year when the state desperately needs money and lawmakers desperately don't want to institute any new taxes, watch out for tax increases that don't look like new taxes.

Introduced early on in the bill filing period were bills aimed at increasing the cigarette tax. But one watcher of the Legislature predicts there will be moves to eliminate some of the exemptions in the sales tax law, the sales tax being the state's revenue work horse. Nothing filed yet, however.

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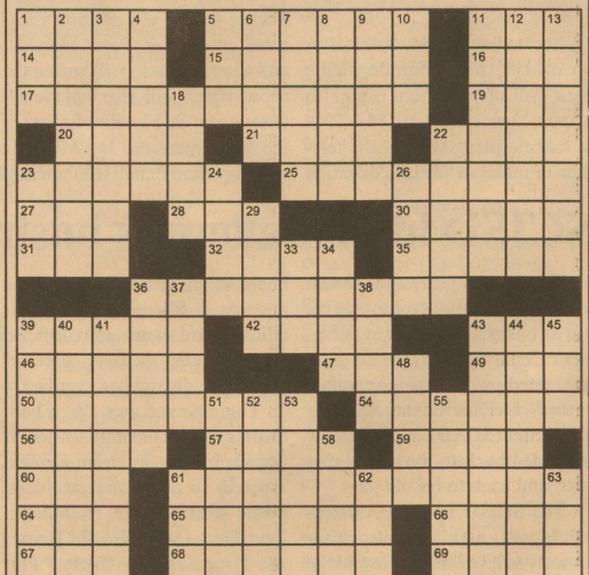
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OBITUARIES

Nell Reeves Singleton

ELDORADO — Nell Reeves Singleton, 89, of Eldorado, died Monday, January 13, 2003 at a local hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 16, 2003, at Heartland Funeral Home Chapel in Early, with the Rev. Gary Torian officiating. Interment will follow at Ebony Cemetery in Ebony.

Mrs. Singleton was born July 26, 1913 in Mills County, the daughter of the late Homer and Irene Reeves. She attended school in Snyder. She married O.B. Sin-

gleton in Brownwood in 1933. He preceded her in death.

She and her husband farmed and ranched for many years. She kept a good house and could make a mean pan of biscuits. She had lived in Eldorado since 1948.

Survivors include a brother, John R. Reeves and wife Mildred of Bangs; and several nieces and nephews, including Sherry Bailey and husband Mike of Early, Tami Rodgers and husband Alan of Zephyr, Robert Reeves and wife Janice of Stephenville, and Johnny Griffin and Martha of Early.

Eugene Allen Davis

PLAINVIEW — Eugene Allen Davis, 67, of Midland, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in a Midland hospital. Service was Monday, Jan. 13, 2003 at the 11th and Amarillo Street Church of Christ with burial in Parklawn Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Wood-Dunning

Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughter, Rhonda Markham of Odessa; stepdaughter, Melanie Young of El Paso; son, David Davis of Eldorado; stepson, John Peacock of San Antonio; and brothers, Duward Davis of Dimmitt and Clifford Davis of Lubbock.

Paul King

KERRVILLE - Paul King, 49, died Thursday, Jan. 9, 2003, in a San Antonio hospital. Service was Monday, Jan. 13, 2003 at the First Baptist Church of Kerrville. Arrangements were by Grimes Funeral Chapels.

Survivors include his wife, Mary King of Kerrville; parents, Haden and Vivian King of Kerrville; daughter, Johna Masters of Kerrville; son, Chris King of Kerrville; and brother, Joe King of Eldorado.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

As a frequent visitor to Eldorado, I have many friends and family that live there, so I would like to respond to the letter published in the Eldorado Success on Thursday, January the 9th.

To the individual who wrote about being stopped by a sheriff's deputy and his concerns about replacing "real" deputies with "traffic cops," let's look for a moment at what the deputies have accomplished in this fine West Texas town.

Even an occasional reader of The Success, such as myself, can't help but notice the number of drug busts that have been made in and around Eldorado because of routine traffic stops. Not only do those arrests take wanted felons off the street and protect the citizens of Eldorado, they also generate revenue for the county.

The individual who wrote last week's letter says that he had been stopped previously by an officer in California because of his window tinting. So, he shouldn't have been surprised to be pulled over again. It sounded more like he is upset about being inconvenienced than he is concerned about the state of law enforcement in Schleicher County.

As for the officer who made the stop, he was just doing his job. How many more complaints would there be if he, and others like him, simply looked the other way. By doing this they could certainly save themselves a lot of grief and aggravation, not to mention paperwork. But, think for a moment, do we really want officers deciding what laws they will or won't enforce? How safe would the people of Eldorado feel if that policy was put into practice?

Eldorado can be proud of its low crime rate. Sure, all towns have minor disturbances like those who disturb the peace with loud music, or kids cutting up and "doing donuts in the baseball fields." But, these are minor in comparison to the war on drugs. Eldorado lies on a main road to Mexico, a fact that places it squarely on the front lines of that war. Putting one's head in the sand and pretending it isn't so won't change the fact that drugs are streaming northward

through Eldorado. At least the officers in Schleicher County are trying to do something about it.

The writer of last week's letter noted that in his youth he and others made fun of local law enforcement officers, calling them "deputies from Mayberry." Then, he suggests that it would be better to return to the days when officers hung out in the coffee shops.

The officers who protect and serve the citizens of Eldorado are no different than any others in Texas. They are licensed by the State and are required to keep up their continuing education. That's where they learn how to block an intersection while working a traffic accident, or operate a tint meter to determine if an automobile's windows are too dark.

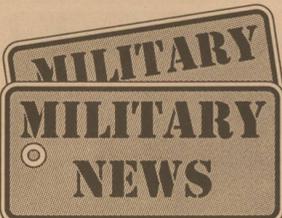
Persons who disagree with these might consider addressing the legislators in Austin who passed the laws, not the local newspaper.

As for the writer's concern about county funds, I have read in the Success about county inmates renovating the county courtroom, at considerable savings and about county inmates being used to cook meals for Sr. Citizens. I have also read that donations were sought to purchase a drug dog for the Sheriff's Department and that money garnered from drug seizures has been used to purchase law enforcement equipment, thereby saving money for the citizens. In fact, a simple phone call revealed that the window tint meter that the writer complained about was also purchased with seized drug funds.

When the writer says that some motorists might avoid Eldorado because of the local law enforcement, he is probably right. Those who are intent on breaking the law, or those who are seeking preferential treatment, will likely choose to go elsewhere.

If the people of Eldorado ever grow tired of officers who administer the law fairly and equally, then let me know. There are a few towns on the South Plains that can use them.

Sincerely,
Kelly Downey
Lubbock, Texas



Airman Jessica Letsinger

Airman Jessica Letsinger graduated from boot camp at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio on Friday, January 10, 2003. Letsinger, a 2001 graduate of Eldorado High School, is assigned to the 321 Training Squadron.

Jessica joined the Air Force on November 25, 2002.

Jessica is the daughter of Al Letsinger of Eldorado and Janice Barton of Eldorado.

She is the granddaughter of James A. Letsinger, Sr. of Eldorado.



COURTESY PHOTO
Airman Jessica Letsinger

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, January 20**
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/Fruit, Milk
- Tuesday, January 21**
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk
- Wednesday, January 22**
Meat w/Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/Caramel Icing, Juice or Milk
- Thursday, January 23**
Smothered Steak w/Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice or Milk
- Friday, January 24**
Salmon Croquettes, Macaroni and Cheese, Turnip Greens, Roll, Cabbage Slaw w/Carrots, Peach Halves, Milk

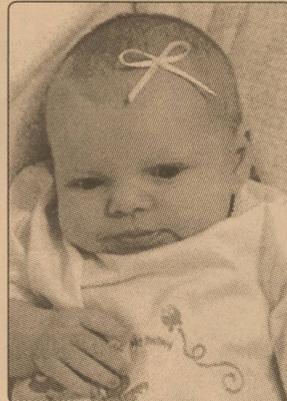
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- JANUARY**
- 16th Nancy McAngus, Opel Faulk, Loretta Edmiston
- 17th Anne Reeb, Tiffany Harris, Devan Henry
- 18th Alana Dakan, James Robinson, Corie B. Williams, Inez Tevino, Melanie Stricklan
- 19th Kim Jacobs, Wendy Daniels
- 20th Bryan Sproul, Kameron Edmiston, Keith Nolen, Wilma Logan, Alma Williams, Bob Wanoreck
- 21st Vera Bradshaw, Chad Williams, Mary Lyn Jones, David Nolen, Jessica Robertson, Tony Cheatham, Victoria Rivera, Wilma Logan
- 22nd Bill Hodges, Collier Shurley, Lori Loomis, Andrew Gonzales, Gloria Kent

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Eldorado Forecast

Thu 1/16	Fri 1/17	Sat 1/18	Sun 1/19	Mon 1/20
48/17 Windy with a few clouds from time to time. High 48F.	49/20 Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the low 20s.	59/23 Sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 20s.	61/31 Abundant sunshine. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the low 30s.	66/32 Sunshine. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the low 30s.

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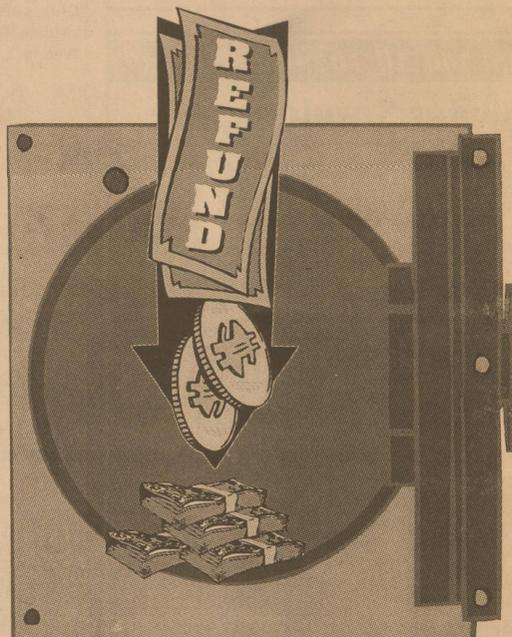
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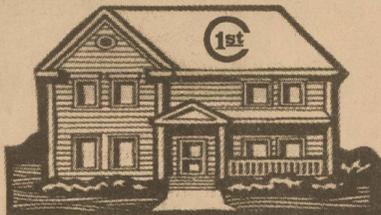
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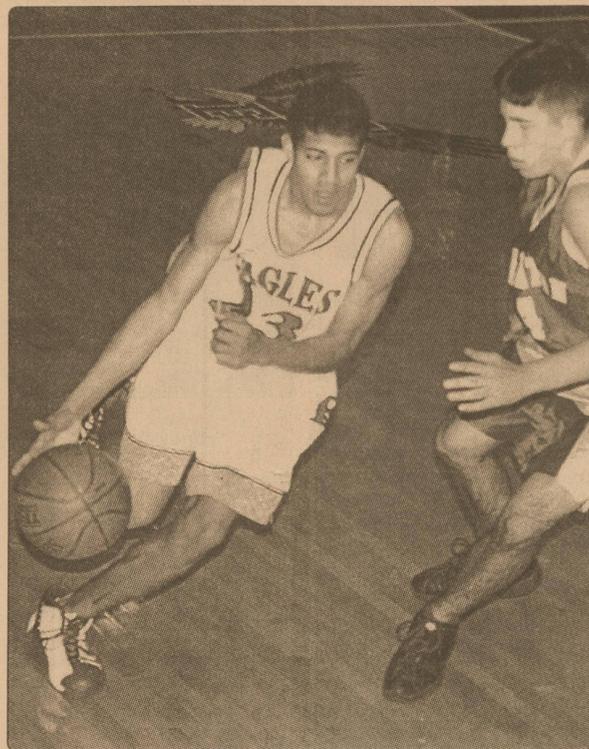
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Movin' on — Terrell Boysaw moved the ball around a Stanton defender during JV boys action here on Friday, January 3rd. The Eagles JV defeated the Buffaloes JV 43-30.

Eagles varsity boys action

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eldorado Eagles Boys Basketball team played in their last non-district game for the year and in their first district game. On Tuesday, January 7 the Eagles took a long trip to play Bangs and came up short in a very physical game

58-48. Trey Chavez led the Eagles with 18 points and Philip Martinez added 10. Leading rebounders were Chavez with 14, Bobby Phillips with 10, Martinez with 8, J.L. Mankin with 4, and Ray David Buitron with 5. Phillips also had 5 steals and Quisto Gonzalez led the team with 7 assists. Mankin was a defensive presence with 5 blocked shots. Ray David was on the floor a lot with 4 dives.

On Friday, January 10, Eldorado would travel to Big Lake to compete in their first district games against one of the pre-season top teams in the district. The Eagles would play excellent defense but come up short in the end 58-46. The game was close most of the game as the difference was 1 point at the end of the 1st quarter and 5 points at the half. Trey Chavez led all scorers with 23 with 4 of 7 three pointers and 14 rebounds. Bobby Phillips would add 15 points while Trey and Bobby both had 2 blocks. Mike Adame contributed 4 rebounds. The Eagles will next play at Wall on Tuesday and at home against Ozona on Friday. The district is tough from top to bottom and should be a real fight all the way.

School Menu



Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, January 20
Porkchopette/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli/Cheese, Dinner Roll, Orange Cake/Icing

Tuesday, January 21
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese, Cornbread, Applesauce

Wednesday, January 22
Chicken Sandwich, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomato, Lime Jello/Topping

Thursday, January 23
Burrito/Chili, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Lemon Pudding/Topping

Friday, January 24
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomato/Pickles, Orange Wedge

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, January 20
Bran Muffin, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, January 21
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Pineapple Juice

Wednesday, January 22
Biscuit/Jelly, Sausage, Apple Juice

Thursday, January 23
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

Friday, January 24
Breakfast Pizza, Orange Juice

8th grade girls take 3rd place at Wall tournament

by Coach Don Richters

The 8th grade girls won third place this past weekend at the Wall Tournament. They lost their first game on Thursday to Grape Creek. Friday, they played Wall (B) and won 17-7. Scoring for the Eagles were Alicia Corrales, Kimberly Samaniego, Sandra Garza, Holly Ford and Anna Fuentes.

On Saturday, they played Grape Creek (B) and won 25-13. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were Holly Ford, Alicia Corrales, Chelsi Sellers, Sandra Garza, Marianna Guzman, Natasha Massingill, and Rah-egyn Franke. Everyone contributed to a great defensive team effort. The girls have continued to improve each week. Congratulations ladies!

7th grade Lady Eagles place 2nd in Wall tourney

by Coach Matt Rutherford

The Seventh Grade Lady Eagles placed second at the Wall Tournament this weekend. The Lady Eagles lost their first round game to Sonora then re-qualified for the championship bracket by winning consolation. The girls defeated Sonora on Saturday morning before falling to Wall in the championship game. The girls played five games in three days. Tournament totals: Chelsey Hill lead all Eldorado scorers with 33 points. Kassie Tyler had 23 points. Lynley Glass: 16 points while only playing four games. Ashley Lozano - 13 points. Macy Chatham - 10 points. Erika Estrada - 8 points in three games. Amika Gonzalez - six points. Blake Chatham - two points. Liana Danford - two points. Great job girls.

13th, the Lady Eagles hosted the Sonora Colts making it the third time these teams had met in the last five days. The Colts jumped to an early lead but with a smothering defensive press lead by Chelsea Hill and Kassie Tyler the Lady Eagles recovered quickly and handled the Colts once again by a score of 24-20. Sonora scored a three pointer at the buzzer to account for the close margin. Leading the Eagles in scoring was Lynley Glass with 11 points. Lynley was 6 of 8 from the free throw stripe. Amika Gonzalez added five points while Ashley Lozano added four. Macy Chatham and Erika Estrada scored two each and Kassie Tyler scored 1. Blake Chatham provided great defensive help. The Lady Eagles played their best all around game of the season. Way to go girls.



HOOP SCORES

VARSITY BOYS		JV BOYS	
January 7, 2003		January 3, 2003	
Eldorado 13	10 10 15 = 48	Eldorado	12-10-01-20=43
Bangs 28	8 8 10 = 58	Stanton	13-00-08-09=30
Scoring: Buitron 5, Phillips 9, Chavez 18, Gonzalez 2, Martinez 10, Adame 4		Scoring for the Eagles: Michael Ballew 5, John Fay 9, Terrell Boysaw 7, Jared Grubbs 1, Tyler Dombroski 10, Frank Wipff 11. 3 point goals: John Fay (1) and Tyler Dombroski (2).	
January 10, 2003		January 7, 2003	
Eldorado	13 13 6 14 = 46	Eldorado	19-05-14-17=55
Reagan Cty	15 16 11 16 = 58	Bangs	14-15-06-15=50
Scoring: Phillips 15, Chavez 23, Gonzalez 4, Adame 2, Mankin 2		Scoring for the Eagles: Michael Ballew 10, John Fay 6, Ryan Cathey 4, Terrell Boysaw 18, Kolby Dombroski 10, Frank Wipff 7. 3 point goals: Kolby Dombroski (2).	
January 10, 2003		January 10, 2003	
Eldorado	08-11-12-08=39	Eldorado	22-13-12-15=62
Reagan County	22-13-12-15=62	Scoring for the Eagles: Frank Edmiston 2, Michael Ballew 7, Ryan Cathey 5, Terrell Boysaw 19, Jared Grubbs 2, Kolby Dombroski 4. 3 point goals: Ryan Cathey (1), Terrell Boysaw (1).	

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7th GRADE BOYS	
January 9, 2003 Wall Tournament First Game	
Eldorado	21-00-06-04=31
Grape Creek	12-00-05-07=24
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 4, Lalo Sanchez 2, Manny Gonzales 4, Louie Buitron 4, J. Lynn Barajas 2, Jorge Mata 2, Gabriel Vasquez 2, J.P. Joiner 11. 3 point goals: Manny Gonzales (1).	
January 10, 2003 Wall Tournament Second Game	
Eldorado	04-02-09-08=23
Wall	15-07-06-07=35
Scoring for the Eagles: Lalo Sanchez 6, Louie Buitron 4, Jorge Mata 4, Michael Redish 3, J.P. Joiner 6.3 point goals: Michael Redish (1).	
January 11, 2003 Wall Tournament Third Game	
Eldorado	13-00-00-09=22
Sonora	16-00-06-02=24
Scoring for the Eagles: Matthew Hill 7, Manny Gonzales 4, Louie Buitron 2, J. Lynn Barajas 1, Jorge Mata 2, Luis Huichapa 2 and J.P. Joiner 6.	

County weighs options on School land in Gaines Co.

Schleicher County currently administers 873 acres of land in Gaines County on behalf of Schleicher County ISD. The county commissioners met Monday and, among other business, discussed the future of the property, which is currently leased by Jerry D. Harris, who farms several parcels of land in Gaines and Dawson counties. Harris, was on hand to meet with the commissioners about the lease on the property.

The county and Harris have had a rocky relationship, stretching back several years. In 1992, the county sued Harris when it was learned that he had placed a portion of the property in the federal government's Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) without first notifying the county. That same year, a new 10-year lease was signed. Only last month, the county notified Harris that the lease would expire on Dec. 31, 2002.

During the meeting, Harris asked the commissioners to allow him to continue leasing the that part of the land that is the CRP program until the year 2007. He said that if the acreage is withdrawn from the program before then he would incur a penalty. He also offered to continue leasing the remaining portion of the land.

The discussion then turned to the price per acre Harris is willing to pay, and the amount per acre he receives from the government for the land that is in the CRP. He advised the commissioners that he is receiving \$25 per acre per year for the CRP land. That conflicted with the \$40 per acre the commissioners thought he was receiving.

Interestingly, Harris is a member of the State Committee of the Farm Service Agency, the federal agency that oversees the CRP. While in town he met with FSA employees from several area offices as well as local agricultural pro-

ducers. Ultimately, the county commissioners reached no decision on Harris' request. Instead, they advised him that they would travel to Gaines county and inspect the land and notify him of their decision at a later date.

The meeting was the first of 2003 for the commissioners. It was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown were all in attendance.

Among routine business, the commissioners okayed the minutes of the Dec. 23, 2002 meeting. One item of note from the Dec. 23 minutes is a change in the way cemetery plots are sold. Plots sized for 4 persons will now sell for \$35. Prior to that meeting that amount would purchase a plot for 8 persons.

Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle was on hand to deliver his activity report for 2002. Doyle reported handling a total of 2,724 traffic tickets, in the amount of \$258,101.99. Of that amount, some \$228,691.91 went into county coffers. The remainder was forwarded to the State of Texas.

County Tax Assessor/Collector Lou Ann Turner then updated the commissioner on activity in her office. She noted that more than \$100,000 in tax revenue was collected during the first two days of January. Turner also explained that her office is now offering payment plans to taxpayers. She noted that her office has realized a savings by asking citizens to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope if they wanted a tax receipt by mail.

Sheriff David Doran then presented his department's 2002 statistics. He reported 178 arrests, 882 citations and 858 warning citations during 2002. Doran said that his officers responded to 1,368 calls for service. He noted that his



It's all there in black and white — Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle (standing) read his office's annual activity report as County Commissioners Court looked over the numbers during Monday's meeting of the Commissioners Court.

department seized a total of \$10,612.61 in cash through drug interdiction. \$3,000 of that amount was forwarded to District's Attorney's office and the remainder, \$7,612.61 was kept by the Sheriff's Dept. In all, \$3,464.00 was generated by selling seized or abandoned vehicles.

He noted that equipment purchased with funds from asset forfeitures included a laptop computer, digital camera, digital video camera, portable intoxilyzer, window tint meter, uniform upgrade for jail staff and a K-9 insert for a patrol car. The sheriff also explained that his office will be acquiring new video cameras for the patrol vehicles with grant funds received from the State.

In other business, the commissioners called for bids for a new patrol car for the Sheriff's office. It was noted that the purchase is included in the 2003 budget. The commissioners also approved the official bonds and oaths of office for elected officials.

Next, the men voted unanimously to charge the Gymnastic Club \$25 per month for use of the

Memorial Building.

The men then received and opened two bids for diesel fuel for the road department. The low bid, that of Regal Oil in the amount of \$1.1466 per gallon was accepted by unanimous vote.

The commissioners then directed Judge Griffin to issue two public notices. The first will be for the acceptance of bids for demolition of the animal barn at the Ag barn complex. The second notice will advise that the county is accepting applications for the operation of the county swimming pool during the summer season. See public notices page 9.

Before adjourning, the men authorized the expenditure of \$491.66 in indigent expenses for 4 individuals. They also heard from Jim Runge, who informed them of his plans to dedicate the Stephen F. Austin Oak Tree on the courthouse square on Thursday, March 6, 2003.

Schleicher County Community Network Public Access Computer Terminals

LOCATION	DAYS of the WEEK	TIMES
H.S. Library Access Lab	Mon	6 - 8 p.m.
Building Blocks Pre-School at FBC	Sun, Wed	4:30 - 6:00 p.m.
Head Start Bldg. at Catholic Church Annex	Tue	3:30 - 4:30 p.m.
Senior Citizen Center	Mon	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
First National Bank	Wed thru Fri	2:30 - 3:30 p.m.
City Hall	Mon thru Fri	9:00 - 1:00 p.m.
*Courthouse	Mon thru Fri	9:00 - 3:00 p.m.
Public Library	Mon thru Fri	9:00 - 5:00 p.m.
*Schleicher County Medical Center Lobby	Mon thru Fri	10:00 - 1:00 p.m.
*Family Clinic Lobby	Sun thru Sat	7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
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Explorers receive \$5,000 grant from Criminal Justice Dept.

Members and advisors of the Schleicher County Emergency Service Explorer Post 33 learned this week that the post will be receiving a \$5,000 grant through he Texas Criminal Justice Department. The money may be used to help the post acquire equipment and update its training.

Sheriff David Doran serves as chairman of Explorers Post 33. He and Connie Andrews, the post's treasurer, prepared the grant application and presented it before a review committee on January 7, 2003. The application ranked 2nd among those presented and was accepted for funding. Grant funds will be disbursed to the Explorer Post during September of this year.

Since the post's inception in February, 2000, membership has increased from 7 to 17 youth members and 10 adult leaders. The Explorers goal is to offer local youth the opportunity to learn about the world of emergency services, including Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services, so that they may decide if they would like to pursue a career in one of the fields.

Currently the Emergency Service Explorers is accepting applications for membership for local

youth between the ages of 14 and 18. Sheriff Doran said that he would like to see the number of Explorers increase to 25 youth members. He noted that a number of applications have already been filed and encouraged those considering the Explorers to get their application in as early as possible.

Future Explorers can expect an exciting new year, beginning with an intense three day academy in March. Doran said that with the newly acquired grant funds, new programs can be added to the post's agenda.

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Ridge Ann Sudduth (L) shows off her Reserve Grand Champion Lamb while Jaymie O'Harrow (R) displays his Grand Champion at the 2003 Jr. Livestock Show held here last weekend.

2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock, Food & Project Show



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Top Showman-Jaymie O'Harrow took Top Showmanship Award during the 68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.

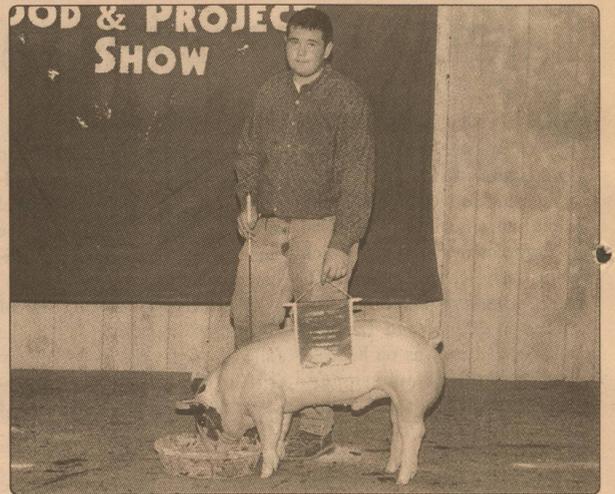


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Marcus Hinojosa shows off his Champion Swine at the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show held here last weekend.



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Briley Ledbetter (L) had the Grand Champion Meat Goat while Jaymie O'Harrow had the Reserve Champion at the 68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show last weekend.

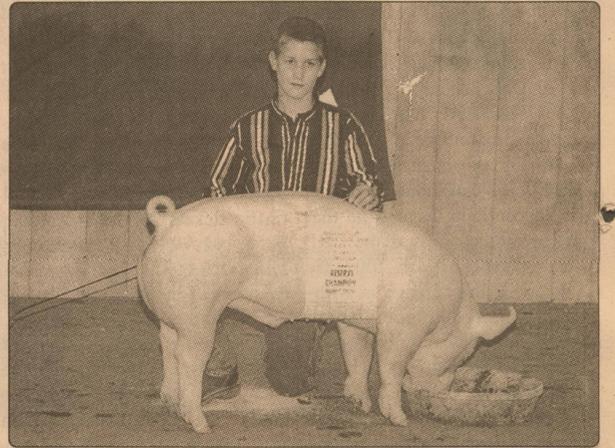


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Mark Bybee poses with his Reserve Grand Champion swine during the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.

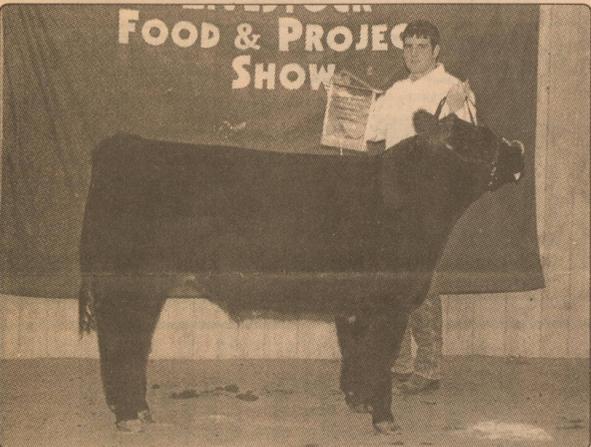


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Will Griffin exhibited the Champion Steer at the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show last weekend.



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Sub-Junior Showmen: L-R Dalton Buchholz, John Cody Brenner, McKenzie McAngus, Tres Whitten, Jackson O'Harrow and Kyle Spinks were recognized as Sub Junior Showmen at the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.

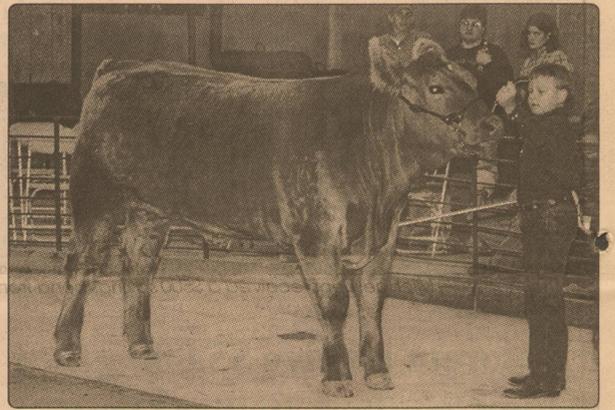


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Jaymie O'Harrow show off his showmanship skills while displaying his Reserve Champion Steer at the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Brooke Oliver and Cruiser took Overall Best Dressed Dog in the Jr. and Sub Jr. Divisions at the 2003 Jr. Livestock Show last weekend.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Dest Sudduth a freshman at Texas A&M, came back to help weigh in animals, and did other chores during the 2003 Schleicher Jr. Livestock Show.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Eric Luna and his dog Emery took Best Overall Groom Dog in the Sub and Jr. Division during the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
Claiming Showmanship Awards Junior Showman Carli McAngus and Senior Showman Will Griffin posed for the camera during the 68th Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show. Each will receive a special showmanship jacket.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
I want to see the cows! Wyatt Lloyd, year and half old son of Cory and Whitney Lloyd enjoyed the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show from this unique spot.



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Best of Show in the Industrial Arts Division-Alex Sanchez won Best of Show with this entry in the Barbecue & Smoker Division of the new Industrial Arts Division at the 2003 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show. Winners in the Barbecue & Smoker Division were: 1st Place-Alex Sanchez, 2nd Place-Travis Lively and 3rd Place- Louis Hernandez.

68th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock and Project Show results

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(1), Hannah Robledo (2)
Medium Wools
 Class #5 (Light Wt) Ridge Ann Sudduth (1), Mark Bybee (2), Jaymie O'Harrow (3)

Class #6 (Heavy Wt) Jaymie O'Harrow (1), Ridge Ann Sudduth (2), 3 & 4) Mark Bybee (5), Jackson O'Harrow (6)

SWINE

Grand Champion - Marcus Hinojosa Reserve Champion - Mark Bybee Showmanship - Mason Baker

Class #7 (Light Wt.) Marcus Hinojosa (1), Mark Bybee (2), Will Griffin (3)

Class #8 (Medium Wt.) Marcus Hinojosa (1), Mason Baker (2), Mark Bybee (3), Jorge Chavez (4), Josue Chavez (5)

Class #9 (Heavy Wt) McKenzie McAngus (1), Ridge Ann Sudduth (2), Will Griffin (3), Carli McAngus (4), Marcus Hinojosa (5)

Class #9B (Super Heavy Wt) Mark Bybee (1 & 3) Marcus Hinojosa (2)

CATTLE

Showmanship - Will Griffin

Steers

Champion - Will Griffin Reserve Champion - Jackson O'Harrow

Class #10 (Light Wt) Will Griffin (1), Jackson O'Harrow (2), Meg Griffin (3)

Class #11 (Heavy Wt) Jaymie O'Harrow (1)

MEAT GOATS

Grand Champion - Briley Ledbetter Reserve Grand Champion - Jaymie O'Harrow

Showmanship - Courtney Brown Class #12 (Light Wt.) Briley Ledbetter (1), Adrian Arispe (2), Hannah Robledo (3), Allison Reynolds (4), Taylor Baker (5), John Cody Brenner (6), Robert Buchholz (7), Ross Hodges (8), Christina Redish (9), Torey Griggs (10), Zach Taylor (11), Michael Redish (12) Josh Taylor (13)

Class #13 (Heavy Lt. Wt.) Briley Ledbetter (1 & 3), Jaymie O'Harrow (2), Kyle Spinks (4), Allison Reynolds (5 & 7), Tres Whitten (6), Alan Dykstra (8), Carli McAngus (9), Neal Brenner (10), Lauren Brown (11)

Class #14 (Medium. Wt.) Jaymie O'Harrow (1), Hannah Robledo (2), Lauren Brown (3 & 9), Allison Reynolds (4), Courtney Brown (5 & 8), Carli McAngus, Kevin Dykstra (7), Tres Whitten (10), Neal Brenner (11), Adrian Arispe (12), Tracy Brenner (13), Dalton Buchholz (14 & 15)

Class #15 (Lt. Heavy Wt.) Wes Brown (1 & 3), Carli McAngus (2), Alan Dykstra (4), Allison Reynolds (5), Seth Taylor (6 & 7), Neal Brenner (8), Miles Mikeska (9), Tracy Brenner (10), Robert Buchholz (11 & 13), Kevin Dykstra (12)

Class #16 (Heavy Wt.) Jackson O'Harrow (1 & 2), Jaymie O'Harrow

(3), Courtney Brown (4), Briley Ledbetter (5), Garrett Lux (6 & 9), Seth Taylor (7), Miles Mikeska (8 & 15), Kevin Dykstra (10), Alan Dykstra (11 & 12), Tracy Brenner (13), Ross Hodges (14)

SHOWMANSHIP

Sheep Showman - Jaymie O'Harrow; Cattle Showman - Will Griffin; Swine; Showman - Mason Baker; Goat; Showman - Courtney Brown; Sub-Junior Showman - John Cody Brenner, McKenzie McAngus, Jackson O'Harrow, Tres Whitten, Kyle Spinks, Dalton Buchholz; Junior Showman - Carli McAngus; Senior Showman - Will Griffin; Top Showman - Jaymie O'Harrow

INDUSTRIAL ARTS

Barbecue Pit Design

Show-Alex Sanchez (1) and Best of Show; Travis Lively (2) Louis Hernandez (3)

Wildlife Feeder

Ross Hodges (1)

Woodworking

Neal Higgins (1 & 2)

FOOD SHOW SENIOR DIVISION

Best of Show - Lauren Brown, Blue Ribbon Carrot Cake

Cakes

(1st Place) Lauren Brown - Blue Ribbon Carrot Cake; Allison Reynolds - Chocolate Italian Cake; Layna Murr - Poppy Seed Pound Cake; Amanda Wanoreck - Cracker Barrel Double Fudge Cake; Chandra Wanoreck - Ring of Coconut Fudge Cake; Courtney Brown - Milky Way Cake; Jeffrey Bybee - Mexican Wedding Cake

Cookies

(1st Place) Layna Murr - Oatmeal Cookies; Frank Edmiston - Butter Finger Dessert Bars; Ross Hodges - Cream Cheese Brownies; Neal Brenner - Chocolate Brownies; Frank Edmiston - Pecan Squares; Emily Newman - Neiman Marcus Cookies; Taylor Baker - Pecan Pie Squares; Will Griffin - Macadamia and White Chocolate Chunk Cookies

JUNIOR DIVISION

Junior Best of Show - Carli McAngus, Chocolate Caramel Candy

Cakes

(1st Place) Torey Griggs - Pecan Sour Cream Pound Cake; Allyson Jarrett - Fastest Cake in the West; Neal Higgins - Pineapple Upside Down Cake; Meg Griffin - Sour Cream Coffee Cake; Caleb Murr - Carrot Cake

Pies

(1st Place) Haley Higgins - Chocolate Chess Pie; Ridge Ann Sudduth - Pecan Pie

Cookies

(1st Place) Josh Jurecek - Eat Your Heart Out Cookies; Ashley Paulson - Birds' Nests; Meg Griffin - Chocolate Nut Bars; Briley Ledbetter - Apricot Bars; Wes Brown - Sugar Crunch; Garrett Lux - Butterfinger Chips; Tracy Brenner - Brownies; Brittani Romero - Cinnamon Chip Ice Box Cookies; Darci Vick - Chocolate Coconut Chews

Candy

(1st Place) Carli McAngus - Chocolate

Caramel Candy; Ashley Paulson - Cashew Macadamia Crunch Candy; Lynley Glass - Pecan Brittle; Mark Bybee - Peanut Butter Patties - Texas Style

Yeast Bread

(1st Place) Corie Williams - Italian Cheese Bread; Mason Baker - Overnight Refrigerator Cinnamon Rolls; Miles Mikeska - Bertha Lux's Tea Ring

SUB JUNIOR DIVISION

Sub Junior Best of Show - Kyle Spinks, Rainbow Cake

Cakes

(1st Place) Kyle Spinks - Rainbow Cake; Miranda Arispe - Pineapple Nut Cake; Baylee Mae Griffin - Gilded Chocolate Gift Cake; Macy Mikeska - Cream Cheese - Chocolate Chip Tube Cake

Cookies

(1st Place) McKenzie McAngus - Pecan Pie Bars; Addye Chatham - Giant Thick Oatmeal Cookies

Candy

(1st Place) Jonah Griggs - Chocolate Peanut Butter Squares; Baylee Mae Griffin - Peanut Butter Cocoa Fudge

ART SHOW

Grand Champion - Frankie Arispe Reserve Champion - J.L. Mankin

Pencil (Shading Technique)

Robbie Young (1), Joe Arispe (2), Patrick Chavez (3). Honorable Mention: Blake Snelson, Joe Arispe, Jessie Guadarrama, Samantha Rodriguez, Jessie Guadarrama.

People

Freddy Rodriguez (1), Jessie Guadarrama (2), Frankie Arispe (3); Honorable Mention: Ray David Buitron, Frankie Arispe, Joe Arispe, Jessie Guadarrama.

Figure Drawing

Jessie Guadarrama (1), Daniella Guadarrama (2), Joe Arispe (3); Honorable Mention: Heath Andrew.

Scratch Board

Juanita Huichapa (1), Tanner Robledo (2), Joe Sanchez (3); Honorable Mention: Robbie Young.

Pencil

Ray David Buitron (1), Joe Arispe (2),

Frankie Arispe (3); Honorable Mention: Rachel Joiner.

Mixed Media

Tony Chavez (1), Freddy Rodriguez (2), Daniella Guadarrama (3); Honorable Mention: Freddy Rodriguez, Robbie Young, Daniella Guadarrama.

Water Colors

Kim Contreras (1), Tony Chavez (2), Daniella Guadarrama (3); Honorable Mention: Juanita Huichapa, Michael Wedum, Loida Almazan.

Single Division

(1) Lynley Glass; Honorable Mention: Layna Murr, John Cody Brenner.

Elementary Division Kindergarten

Honorable Mention: Janee Nicole Lacy, Evelyn Martinez, McKenzie McAngus, West Ramon, Tres Whitten;

First Grade

Honorable Mention: Colton Crowder, Adriana Rios, Jose M. Aranda, Tristen Barajas, Tyler Martinez, Jackson O'Harrow;

Second Grade

Honorable Mention: M'Kenna Gillespie, Brian Parsley and Hagen Porras.



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In the money — Michael Kent received a \$500 savings bond from Chamber of Commerce president Connie Andrews after he won drawing as part of the "Getting To Know You" campaign.

Does it pay to shop locally? Just ask Michael Kent!

Michael Kent of Eldorado has won a \$500 Series EE accrual saving bond by participating in the "Getting to Know You" customer satisfaction survey provided by Amigo's Dream Restaurant and Gift Shop.

Amigo's Dream Restaurant and Gift Shop, Kent's Automotive and West Texas Lumber and Trading Post provided the savings bond incentive to customers who completed a survey.

Each business in this project participated in the Texas Friendly training program, in an effort to insure the best service possible to local customers and visitors and to be well-informed, friendly ambassadors for Eldorado. Local instructors Stacy Jurecek, Nancy Lester and Vickie Williams provided the on-site training.

"Getting To Know You!" is a cooperative project of the South

West Texas Tourism Partnership; Chambers of Commerce in Ozona, Sonora, and Eldorado; Texas Tech University Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management Program; and Texas Cooperative Extension, Texas A&M University. Like Eldorado, Ozona and Sonora also awarded one savings bond provided by their community's participating businesses. The winners were Jean Shepard of Sonora and Delia Hernandez of Ozona.

The first step is to educate your local businesses and employees on how to be Texas Friendly with the 1 1/2 to 2 hour table top training program which focuses on six easy hospitality habits that all employees should adopt. Contact Vickie Williams at the Schleicher Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109 to schedule onsite training for your business, organization or school class for your Texas Friendly instructors.

School board meeting held

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ginning on June 1st.

Before adjourning, the board learned from Supt. Blanch that student enrollment has increased slightly, to 609. He also advised the board that the U.S. Dept. of Justice had issued pre-clearance for the school's redistricting plan. The word from the Dept. of Justice effectively ends a lawsuit brought against the district by local citizens over the school's previously adopted redistricting plan.

State Comptroller delivers sales tax payments

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn sent \$283.1 million in monthly sales tax payments last week to local governments. Sales tax allocations are down 1 percent compared to January 2002. Among the jurisdictions receiving payments were the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County and the Schleicher County Health Services Tax. (see chart below)

Strayhorn sent sales tax rebates of \$190.7 million to Texas cities, down 0.1 percent compared to city sales tax rebates in January 2002.

Texas counties received \$16.4 million, down 2.7 percent compared to January 2002. Seventy-five special purpose taxing districts received \$7.9 million, up 3 percent compared to one year ago, and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$68 million in sales tax revenue, down 3.4 percent.

January sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in November and reported to the Comptroller in December. The state's share of sales tax reported

during this period was \$1.1 billion, a decline of 1.3 percent compared to a year ago.

For details of January sales tax payments to individual 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/taxinfo/allocsum/compsum.html.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Feb. 14.

Local Jurisdiction	Jan '03	Jan '02	% Change	2003 YTD	2002 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$5,565.53	\$ 5,890.47	5.51% ↓	\$ 5,565.53	\$ 5,890.47	5.51% ↓
Schleicher County	\$5,193.55	\$ 5,605.08	7.34% ↓	\$ 5,193.55	\$ 5,605.08	7.34% ↓
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$5,167.90	\$ 5,608.31	7.85% ↓	\$ 5,167.90	\$ 5,608.31	7.85% ↓

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HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

5th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez;

Honor Roll: Mason Baker, Wes Brown, Ryan Castillo, Victoria Garza, Tanja Hibbs, Maureen Martinez, Marcos Medrano, Ramiro Perez, Dustin Ramos, Hugo Rios, Greg Rodriguez, Hervey Solis, Junior Trujillo, Austin Whitten.

6th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Rance Cathey, Megan Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs, Joseph Turnbull;

Honor Roll: Tracy Brenner, Deyanira Cruz, Victoria Fuentes, Austin Grubbs, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Lindsay Pridemore, Brittani Romero,

Ernesto Sanchez, Jessi Valero, Jesus Vasquez, Corie Williams.

7th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Caleb Daniels, Misti Daniels, Matthew Hill;

Honor Roll: Louie Buitron, Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Lupe Contreras, Liana Danford, Tyler Dombroski, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Lynley Glass, Amika Gonzalez, Manny Gonzalez, Nancy Hernandez, Luis Huichapa, Chelsey Hill, Michael Redish, Rigo Rivera, Lalo Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Rhapsody Swyter, Kasandra Tyler, Brandy Van Horn, Alexandria Vandensen.

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kristin Mittel, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Krista Troy;

Honor Roll: Mark Bybee, Russell Cathey, Josue Chavez, Alicia Corrales, Amy Doran, Candace Engdahl, Sammy Estrada, Anakaren Esparza, Rahegyn Franke, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Juan Garcia, Sandra Garza, Mariana Guzman, Marcos Hernandez, Tiffany Hernandez, Jileesa Hibbs, Neal Higgins, Marcus Hinojosa, Ricky Jalomo, Brittany Jennings, Logan Jones, Cash Lane, Felipe Martinez, Abel Montalvo, Raul Rios, JC Rodriguez, Kimberly Samaniego.



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2002 High School Eldorado Fire Prevention Poster Winners: (L-R) First Place Winner-Jessie Guadarrama, 2nd Place Winner-Freddy Rodriguez and 3rd Place Winner-Jasmina Gamez. These posters will advance to region level at Rowena Fireman Convention held the first Saturday in April 2003.

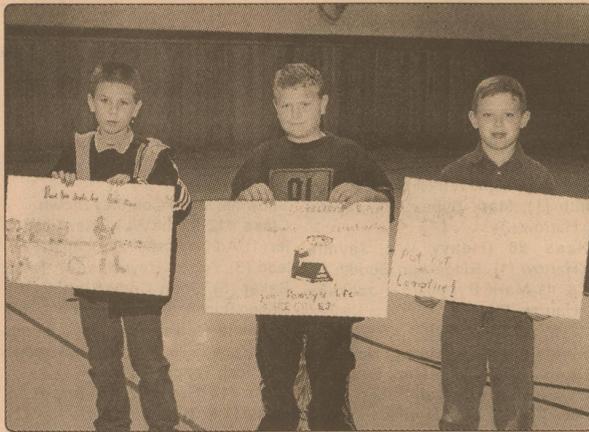


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2002 Intermediate Grades 3-4 Eldorado Fire Prevention Poster Winners: (L-R) 1st Place-Kevin Kohutek, 2nd Place-Jaymie O'Harrow and 3rd Place-Robert Buchholz. These posters will advance to region level at Rowena Fireman Convention held the first Saturday in April 2003.

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2002 Primary Grades 1-2 Eldorado Fire Prevention Poster Winners: (L-R) 1st Place-Beto Nara, 2nd Place-Rose Turner and 3rd Place-Felicity Wertman. These posters will advance to region level at Rowena Fireman Convention held the first Saturday in April.

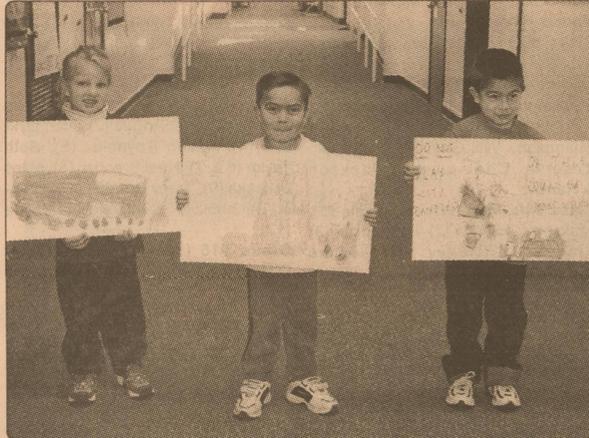


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2002 Pre K or Kindergarten Eldorado Fire Prevention Poster Winners: (L-R) 1st Place-McKenzie McAngus, 2nd Place-Jess Gonzalez, 3rd Place- West Ramon. These posters will advance to region level at Rowena Fireman Convention held the first Saturday in April 2003.

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

Ninth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Michael Hill, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck;

85 and Above: Charlotte Adame, James M. Ballew, Jaaron Crawford, Josefina Diaz, William F. Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Esperanza Fuentes, Micaela Gonzalez, Sandra Guzman, Nester Hernandez, Brence Minor, Armando Moreno, Taylor Niblett, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Kyle Taylor;

Tenth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kolby Dombroski,

William Griffin, Julie Hight, Emily Newman, Lindsey Schwiening;

85 and Above: Laurie Almazan, Brandie Cross, Ashley Doran, Betsy Joiner, Jared Grubbs, Armando Guzman, Anna Troy;

Eleventh Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Scott Cawley, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Travis Joiner, Seth Taylor, Joshua Trejo, Courtney Whitten.

85 and Above: Kasey Boysaw, Jeffrey Bybee, Felix Chavez, Juan Chavez, Mitchell Cole, William A. Dykstra, Virgilio Escobar, John Fay, Gregory Fuentes, Lidia Guzman, Heather Homer, Koda Lozano, Sonia Mills, Robert S. Parker, Lacy Ragsdale, Danny Sanchez;

Twelfth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Courtney Brown, Ross Hodges, Lori Loomis, James L. Mankin, Luis Munoz, Helen C. Redish, Hannah Robledo, Courtney Sauer, Mayci Schwiening, Amanda Wanoreck;

85 and Above: Loida Almazan, Brandi Davis, Quisto Gonzalez, Jessie Guadarrama, Georgina Maritz, Layna Murr, Landon Nixon, Bobby Phillips, Armandina Rodriguez, Blake Snelson.

The Blotter

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

January 8 • Pina, Oralia Garza, female age 27, offense Out of County Warrant. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.

January 9 • Gavirio, George Luis, male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, offense Contempt of Court/Driving While Intoxicated (1st offense).

• Hill, David Edward, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, offense (2) counts Felony/Theft. Released on (2) \$5,000.00 Cash Bonds.

January 10 • Robles, Javier Trevino, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Motion To Revoke Driving While Intoxicated. Released on \$2,500 PR Bond.

• Miranda, Alicia, female age 24, hold for Sutton County. Released on \$6,000 and \$2,000 Surety Bond.

January 14 • Diaz, Noe Eloy, male age 38, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.)

• Cayetano, Calzonci Jr., male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ozs.)

INCIDENT REPORTS

January 7 • 3:30 p.m. Deputy was contacted by complainant in reference to a stolen rifle taken from a residence in Eldorado. Officer responded.

• 10:37 p.m. Complainant on San Antonio Street requested an officer to ask a male subject to leave the residence. Officer responded.

January 8 • 6:55 p.m. Complainant on Village Lane stated that their neighbors dog had attacked her husband. No injuries made by dog. Officers and Animal Control responded.

January 9 • no time Complainant on Hwy. 915 stated two trucks were blocking the entrance to their water station. Officer responded.

January 10 • 9:01 a.m. Complainant on County Road 339 reported that someone had broke into their residence between January 4 and January 10. Items taken \$40.00 in cash and two rifles.

January 11 • 3:30 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for his wife who was having trouble breathing. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 11:50 a.m. Complainant on Hwy. 190 West requested to speak with an officer about neighbors dogs getting into their livestock. Officer responded.

• 3:51 p.m. Complainant reported that a 17 year old female was traveling on the Ozona school bus and was having chest pains and difficulty breathing. Two officers and EMS responded.

January 13 • 4:13 p.m. Subject reported harassing phone calls to their residence. Subject states that they have been receiving these calls for about three months. Officer advised subject.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Eldorado will receive bids for 2002 TCDP - Water System Improvements until 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2003, at City Hall, Eldorado, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 3, 2003.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:
Furnish and install 2" DR21 Class 200, 4" DR18 C900 PVC water line, pavement replacement, 3/4" service re-connections, fire hydrant assemblies, gate valves, steel encasement, 6" and 2" line re-connections, cutting and plugging of existing water lines, tapping sleeves, flush valves, altitude valve assembly, trench and excavation safety system, electrical controls and project sign.

Bid/Contract Documents including Drawings and Technical Specifications are on file at Hibbs & Todd, Inc., 2500 S. Willis, Ste. 202, Abilene, Texas 76905.

Copies of the Bid/Contract Documents may be obtained by depositing \$60.00 with Hibbs & Todd, Inc. for each set of documents obtained. The deposit is not refundable.

A bid bond in the amount of 5% of the bid issued by an acceptable surety shall be submitted with each bid. A certified check or bank draft payable to the City of Eldorado or negotiable U.S. Government Bonds (as par value) may be submitted in lieu of the Bid Bond.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Office of Rural Community Affairs and contained in the contract documents, must be paid on this project. In addition, the successful bidder must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

The City of Eldorado reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities in the bidding.

Bids may be held by the City of Eldorado for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigating the bidders qualifications prior to the contract award.

City of Eldorado
John Nikolauk, Mayor

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Card of Thanks

Our family would like to say thank you for the many kindnesses shown us since our recent loss. The visits, prayers and food were deeply appreciated. We would especially like to thank Rev. Leonard Wideman for presiding at the graveside service, Bill and Laura McCutcheon for their assistance with so many details during these past few days, and Goodfellow Airforce Base for helping make the service so memorable.
Linda, Kaitlyn and Christine Lindsey

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

This is my 13th year to work as your coordinator and, every year has been great. The volunteers who work with me are very "special folks."

The same crew with a few "extras" will be on duty this Saturday night, January 18th from 6:00 p.m. until midnight for our Telethon at Southwest Texas Electric Coop. We will greatly miss Elton McGinnes who passed away in 2002, and we will be thinking of Mary McGinnes who is in Shannon Hospital and hopefully will be released on January 17th. Come by and say "Hello" and have a cup of coffee and snacks.

Mabel Freitag and Committee

Donations from Schleicher County residents from 12-28-02 thru 1-13-03

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12-28-02 thru 1-13-03

From: Bill and Mabel Freitag; For: Pete "Freitag" Dudley, Babe "Freitag" Griffin and Johnnie Freitag

From: Mr & Mrs. Edwin M. Jackson, Jr.; For: Cramer (Doc) Sofgee

**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

Schleicher County Commissioners Court is taking sealed bids on demolition of livestock barn. Contact Judge Johnny Griffin for bid specifications. All sealed bids will be open at 10:00 a.m. in the Schleicher County Commissioner Courtroom on Monday, January 27, 2003.

NOTICE

Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be accepting applications for a **Swimming Pool Operator** who will lease, maintain and operate the Schleicher County Swimming Pool for the Summer of 2003. Applications submitted to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court will be received until 10:00 a.m. January 27, 2003. Contact Schleicher Co. Judge Johnny Griffin, for more information at (915) 853-2766, EOE

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Clarification

In last week's Success the Angelo State University Dean's List did not include Alana Oliver's name. Oliver was named to the Dean's List. She is a physics major at ASU. Her name was not in the university's original press release to the Success since she lists her home address as San Angelo.

SCISD honors school board members for their service

Before Monday evening regular scheduled board meeting, trustees President Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez, and John Paul Joiner enjoyed a steak bits supper provided by Schleicher County I.S.D. in recognition of their service as school board members. Board member Phil McCormick was absent.

January is School Board Recognition Month and each board member was presented with a plaque of appreciation during the meeting. Schleicher County I.S.D. Board of Trustees come from all walks of life and wear many hats in the workday world, who come together to put on their collective hat to serve their school district during board meetings, seminars, and training sessions that keep them abreast of the latest trends in educational leadership.

Their love of learning and concern for students, staff and the community drive board members to lead so students can achieve. Make a special effort to tell each Schleicher County I.S.D. school board member that his or her hard work has been noticed and is truly appreciated.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Journalistic Quintet

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Job well done — SCISD trustees show off certificates of appreciation they received as part of School Board Appreciation month. The trustees were also treated to a meal of Steak Bits... a very small return on the countless hours they spend serving the community. Pictured (L-R) are: Kurtis Homer, Berta Nicholson, Lupe Sanchez, Eddie Albin, Jo Helen Kotsch and John Paul Joiner. Trustee Phil McCormick was not present for the photo.

Local citizens utilized as computer trainers

Computer classes have been given free of charge to all people since September of 2002. These classes will continue through the end of April 2003. In September, a company out of San Angelo was contracted with to offer computer classes to our community members. This was highly successful, however, there are many local people who are qualified to teach others how to use computers. To that end, Schleicher County Community Network will now use local people to teach community members about how to use computers. Some classes will be for people who don't know anything about computers, but who want to learn. Some classes will be for people

who know a little bit but want to learn some more. Some classes will be designed for very experienced computer users.

How do you find which classes are offered? Schedules will be printed in this newspaper, will be available at various businesses around town and will be available at the administration office of the school. If you have a computer, you can find the schedule and register for classes by accessing the following website: www.sccn2.net and click on the Learning Center. You can then sign up for the class. Remember, these computer lessons are free of charge. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity by attend-

ing a class, enjoying yourself, and learning about computers! If you have any questions or want to sign up for classes by telephone, please call Mary Doran at 853-2514 x226.

Look for interesting biographies of the local trainers in next weeks newspaper.



VARSITY GIRLS

December 26, 2002
Iran Tournament
First Game

Eldorado 12-22-17-17=68
Ft. Hancock 13-13-04-14=44
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 4, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Christina Redish 24, Clara Herrera 12, Lacy Ragsdale 7, Amanda Wanoreck 6, and Martha Lively 11.

Coach Rene Valeriano comments: Christina Redish had 17 rebounds. After a tough lost to tournament champions Stanton the Lady Eagles regrouped and came back strong.

Iran Tournament
December 27, 2002
Second Game

Eldorado 16-15-15-16=62
Irion County 09-11-02-14=36
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 2, Chandra Wanoreck 3, Christina Redish 29, Clara Herrera 18, Lacy Ragsdale 3, Amanda Wanoreck 3 and Martha Lively 2.

Coach Rene Valeriano comments: Martha Lively was 75% from the free throw line and Christina Redish had a double-double.

Iran Tournament
December 28, 2002
Third Game

Eldorado 24-04-10-12=50
Wink 13-09-15-04=41
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Chandra Wanoreck 5, Christina Redish 24, Clara Herrera 6, Lacy Ragsdale 2, Amanda Wanoreck 8 and Martha Lively 5.

Coach Rene Valeriano comments: After losing to Wink 56-38 at the Stanton Tournament the Lady Eagles came back strong and won consolation at the Irion Co. Tournament!

December 28, 2002
District Game

Eldorado 10-14-11-14=49
Grape Creek 22-17-07-16=62
Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 3, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Hannah Robledo 4, Christina Redish 16, Clara Herrera 13, Amanda Wanoreck 3 and Martha Lively 8.

Coach Rene Valeriano comments: We had trouble with their press at first. We made some adjustments and started coming back. At one point we were 7 points behind but never could get over the hump.

January 7, 2003
District Game

Eldorado 06-18-12-18=54
Sonora 05-15-17-14=51

Scoring for the Lady Eagles: Kasey Boysaw 6, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Christina Redish 27, Clara Herrera 11, Teresa Barajas 1, Amanda Wanoreck 5 and Martha Lively 2.

Coach Rene Valeriano comments: As a team from the free throw line the Lady Eagles shot 87% making 33 of 38 free throws helping them win their first district game of the season.

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COURTESY PHOTO

A family of hunters — Douglas Buchholz is shown here with three of his grandsons as they display a couple of trophy deer they shot during the Christmas holidays in Eastern Schleicher County. The youngsters are (Front L-R) Dalton Buchholz (6), with his 7 point buck, and Robert Buchholz (10), showing off his 10 point buck. Franklin Buchholz (4) poses beside his grandfather.

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