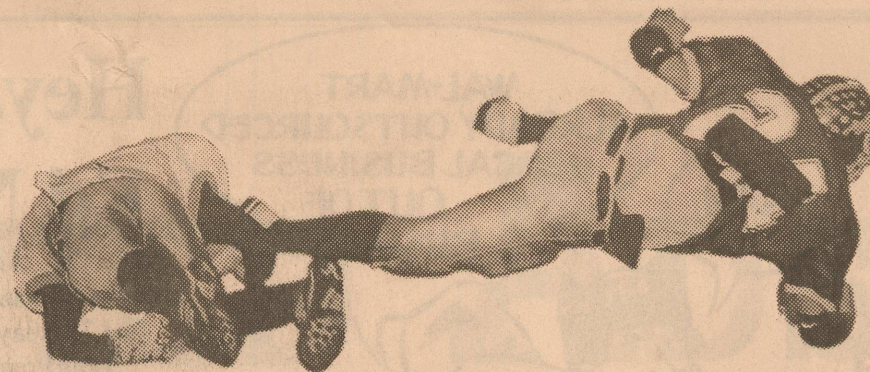


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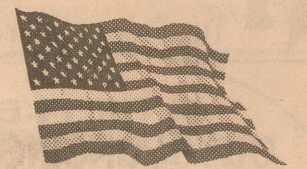
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Show of support — Family and friends surrounded EHS student Drew Bosmans as he awaited a ruling from the SCISD board of trustees regarding a 20-day on-campus suspension he received after he found a marijuana cigarette at school and gave it to a friend. The board ultimately decided to deny a grievance brought by Bosmans' family.

Commissioners move to abolish office of Constable

Schleicher County Commissioners have moved to abolish the office of Constable within the county. The first, and perhaps most important step came Monday when the Commissioners voted unanimously to declare the office dormant. The vote came after Attorney James Kosub offered his legal opinion that the office has remained vacant since 1994 when then Constable George Arispe resigned the post to accept a deputy position in the Sheriff's Dept.

Kosub explained that although Tommy Hunley was elected to the Constable's office in 1996, and again in 2000, he never became a certified peace officer and never activated the office. Kosub further explained that a constitutional amendment, passed by Texas voters in 2002, gives the county the right to do away with the office under such circumstances.

The news was welcomed by all four commissioners. After checking the dates closely to be certain the office has been vacant for the seven years required under the amendment, the men then voted unanimously to declare the office dormant, thereby prohibiting anyone from activating the office.

The action came during the commissioners' first regular meeting of November. It was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Also

present were Road Supt. Clay Burleson, County Clerk Peggy Williams, Treasurer Karen Henderson, and Sheriff David Doran.

Among other business the commissioners agreed to allow the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce to reserve the county rodeo arena so that participants in a trail ride from Sonora to San Angelo could spend the night at the facility. The trail ride has been scheduled in conjunction with the San Angelo Stock Show.

Discussion then turned to the need for paving the portion of Mary Street that lies outside the Eldorado City Limit as well as County Road 100. After considering several options, the men decided to combine the projects, with others to be decided later, into a paving package. The hope is that by combining the project they could get a better bid from a paving contractor.

Judge Griffin the advised the commissioners that an estimate construction costs on the cemetery chapel was submitted by architect Gary Donaldson. The estimated price tag came in at \$82,375 with some \$26,000 of that being for the installation of native rock. After discussing the matter, the men decided to have Donaldson draw up a set of blueprints so that the county can contract for the construction in hopes of saving on the cost.

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School trustees deny grievances, support administration ruling on student suspensions

Marijuana cigarette sends two EHS students to AEP for 20 days

Editor's note: The Success routinely withholds from publication the names of juveniles (youths under the age of 17) who have been accused of wrongdoing or who may be facing disciplinary action in the school system. However, in the story below, the name of one of the juvenile students, Drew Bosmans, was made public by his family and friends both before and during an open public meeting of the SCISD trustees. The names of two other juvenile students, reportedly connected with the story, are known to the Success but will be withheld in accordance with our policy.

A group of about thirty people, many of them wearing buttons emblazoned with the words "Justice for Drew," gathered Monday night for the monthly meeting of the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees. Some of those in attendance addressed the board during the public comment section of the meeting, expressing their support for Drew Bosmans, a 15-year old EHS freshman, who was given a 20-day in-school suspension at the school's Alternative Education Program (AEP) campus after reportedly finding a marijuana cigarette hidden inside an ink pen, and then passing it on to another student. Others in the audience who chose not to speak publicly told the Success that they had heard about the incident and came to show their support for the school administration and the school trustees.

Events leading up to the public debate of the young Bosman's punishment, as well as that of a second EHS student, began on Wednesday, October 29, 2003, when a third student was called out of class by Sheriff's Dept. officers and arrested in connection with a burglary of a bus owned by Crane ISD. At that time, the youth allegedly placed an ink pen on Bosmans' desk. Later, Bosmans reportedly opened the pen up and found it contained a marijuana cigarette.

At that point, Bosmans reportedly took the marijuana cigarette to the High School office but found that Principal Tim Seymore was out of the office, a claim that school officials would neither confirm nor deny. Later, Bosmans passed the joint off to a third student, who reportedly took it home and smoked it.

That afternoon, Bosmans told his mother, Thelma Bosmans, about the incident and she reported it to school officials, who in turn notified the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. Sheriff's

Deputy Jason Chatham questioned Bosmans as well as the student who ended up with the marijuana cigarette.

At first, the juvenile told the deputy that he had disposed of the marijuana at a local convenience store. However, when Chatham suggested the young man accompany him to the store to search through the trash cans and dumpster, he admitted to smoking the cigarette. He also told Chatham that he had taken the ink pen to his home. At that point, Deputy Chatham and EHS Principal Tim Seymore accompanied the juvenile to his home where Seymore recovered the ink pen.

Chatham conferred with Sheriff David Doran about the case and determined not to bring criminal charges. "Technically, the law was broken," Sheriff Doran commented afterward. "We took several factors into account and chose to let the school handle things."

That duty fell to Principal Tim Seymore who opted to punish both boys with a 20-day in-school suspension in the AEP building.

The 20-day stint in AEP didn't sit well with many of Bosmans' family and

friends. Soon, messages proclaiming his innocence were displayed on car windows and on flyers distributed in town. Bosmans' family then appealed Mr. Seymore's decision by filing a grievance with SCISD Supt. Mark Gesch. That grievance, and a second one brought by Rosie Moreno, whose son allegedly received the cigarette from Bosmans, were denied by Gesch. Both parties then brought their grievances to the SCISD trustees.

Before going into executive session to review the grievances, the trustees heard from several of Drew Bosmans' supporters during the public comment portion of the meeting. Bosmans' pastor, Rev. Walt Griggs of Agape Assembly of God, told the board that a controlled substance was placed into Bosmans' possession without his consent. "He may have kept it because he didn't know what to do with it," Rev. Griggs stated. "Did he make a poor decision? Yes! But does the punishment fit the offense?"

Others speaking on Bosmans' behalf were Jo Callison, John Callison, and Josie Night.

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Grand Jury hands up indictments

The Schleicher County Grand Jury met Friday, November 7, 2003 and handed up 15 indictments. A number of the indictments were not made public by authorities and will be held from the public until the subjects involved are arrested or are served with papers. Among the indictments released were:

- Gabriel Alvarado, 50, Sonora. possession of a controlled substance.
- Gabriel Alvarado, 50, Sonora. Possession of a material compound, mixture or preparation containing cocaine of four(4) grams or more but less than 200 grams.
- Otis Layne Babb, 20, Eldorado. Count 1 - Theft of ten or more head of cattle with value of less than \$100,000. Count 2 - Theft of less than ten head of cattle with value of less than \$20,000.
- Otis Layne Babb, 20, Eldorado. Theft of a trailer with value of \$1,500

or more but less than \$20,000.

• Otis Layne Babb, 20, Eldorado. Theft of a trailer with the value of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

• Walter Odell Wagner, 25, Eldorado. Theft of a trailer with the value of \$1,500 or more but less than \$20,000.

Two indictments handed up by Schleicher County Grand Jurors on Friday, August 8, 2003, were not made public until Wednesday, Nov. 12, 2003. They include:

- Christopher Daniel Barrandey, 33, Odessa. Possession of an immediate precursor, pseudoephedrine, with intent to unlawfully manufacture a controlled substance, to wit: methamphetamine.
- Christopher Daniel Barrandey, 33, Odessa. Possession of a controlled substance to wit: methamphetamine in the amount of less than one gram.

Court disposes of six criminal cases

Judge Barbara Walther's court disposed of six criminal cases Friday, November 7, 2003. Among those cases were:

- Sonya Gunn Whiddon, 40, plead guilty to Motion To Revoke Felony DWI and Assault. She was sentenced to 5 years in jail and ordered to pay \$1,750.00 in fines.
- Roberto Valadez, Jr., 24, plead guilty to possessing a usable quantity of marijuana in the amount of 2000 pounds or less but more than 50 pounds. He received 8 years probation and fined \$750.00.
- Efrain Garcia Mendoza, 35, plead guilty to a Felony DWI. He was sentenced to 6 years probation, Driver License Suspended for 2 years and a fine of \$1,000. Also, he must serve 10 days

in county jail.

• Jose Enrigues Arispe, Jr. AKA Joe Arispe, 46, plead guilty to Felony DWI. He was sentenced to 10 years probation and a \$1,500 fine. He must also serve 12 months in a Substance Abuse Felony Facility and his driver's license was suspended for two years.

• Mary Sylvia Rodriguez, 42, plead guilty to a felony charge of forgery. She received probation of 3 years with a fine of \$750.00. She also has to make \$100.00 restitution.

• Samantha Ann Buretz Freeman, 19, She received 3 years deferred adjudication on a charge of knowingly possessing pseudoephedrine with the intent to unlawfully manufacture methamphetamine. She also received a fine of \$1,500.

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Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that his office is offering a reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for a recent rash of automobile and residential burglaries. Persons with information about these crimes are asked to contact the Sheriff's Dept. at 853-2737. Sheriff Doran explained that anyone providing information in these cases can remain anonymous.



Hey, Ralphie Boy...tell Trixie that Ed Norton is on his way home

Comedian and actor Art Carney died Tuesday. He was 85. I can't remember a time when I wasn't aware of Art Carney. By the time I was old enough to start paying attention to what was on TV, which approximately coincided with the time that our little part of West Texas started receiving a decent TV signal, Art Carney was known as the preeminent sidekick to Jackie Gleason in "The Honeymooners" reruns. Yes, I said reruns. Even I am too young to have seen the Honeymooners during their original run. In fact, the area where I was raised just north of Abilene didn't even get TV until 1953 when KRBC first went on the air. That



was a full three years after the Honeymooners debuted on the Dumont Cavalcade of Stars. On that show, Art Carney portrayed the none-to-bright Ed Norton, a happy-go-lucky sewer worker. He was the perfect foil to Gleason's Ralph Kramden, a Brooklyn bus driver with dreams of grandeur. Norton and his wife Trixie were the Kramden's upstairs neighbors. Their perfectly timed visits to the Kramden apartment were always the highlight of the show. Gleason was the star of the show, but in name only. Sure, he had top billing and made the biggest bucks, but countless Honeymooners fans will tell you that Art Carney was the real star. He could get more laughs with a simple look at the camera than a thousand of today's so called comedians. "Hey, Ralphie..." became one of the most recognizable phrases in TV history. Before his death in 1987, Jackie Gleason, who liked to be called The Great One, acknowledged Art Carney as the true comic genius behind the Honeymooners. Like so many of TV's early performers, Carney started out on the stage. His first paying gigs came as a teenager when he would en-

tertain at Elks Clubs in and around Mt. Vernon, New York. He was an impressionist and a tap dancer, and performed on the vaudeville circuit before getting into radio as a voice-over artist. His first big break in show business came when Jimmy Stewart picked him for a small part in the movie, "Pot O' Gold." Despite the fact that he never had an acting lesson, Carney won the Oscar for Best Actor in 1975 for his starring role in "Harry and Tonto." And, he created the part of Felix Unger the first stage production of "The Odd Couple." But, it was "The Honeymooners" for which Carney will be remembered. He won six Emmy Awards in three different decades for his portrayal of Ed Norton. Carney once advised a class of aspiring actors not to try too hard at being funny. "Relax. Trust the audience. They know what's funny and they'll tell you," he told the students. In my mind Carney ranks up there with Red Skelton when it comes to comedy. He could get more laughs, with less effort than anyone before or since. And, just like Skelton, he did it without being vulgar. "Bluë humor isn't funny," he told that same class of wannabe actors. "Dirty comics embarrass their audience. I would rather be thought of as a funny man than as a hilarious embarrassment." Funny man Art Carney died Tuesday. Now, will somebody yell upstairs and tell Ralphie, Alice and Trixie that he's coming home?

Hunters add \$1.3 billion to Texas economy

AUSTIN — As political activities in Austin begin a slow slide toward the holidays, thousands of armed men and women in camouflage are moving into the rural areas of Texas. The two actions are not necessarily related, but some of those people in camo doubtless are legislators, state officials and state employees taking a little time off to go deer or turkey hunting. Deer season in all parts of the state except the Panhandle (where hunting can begin Nov. 22) opened on Nov. 1, but since that weekend was unseasonably warm, for all practical purposes the hunt began the second weekend of November with the arrival of a strong cool front. According to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, the state

has upward of 900,000 hunters. The latest survey data the agency has on its Web site reflects that those hunters contributed \$1.3 billion to the Texas economy in 1996. Given that ammunition, deer corn, hunting leases and other necessary items have not suffered any deflation since then, the amount of money hunters are pouring into Texas is probably much more — even with the super sluggish economy. Texas ranks second nationally, TPW says, in the number of people who hunt. However, when the number of hunters gets divided by category, statistics from one private Web site indicate Texas is behind Pennsylvania, Michigan,

Wisconsin and New York — in that order — in the number of deer hunters. But, Texas leads the nation in the estimated number of whitetail deer with a population of 3.7 million. In spite of the fact Texans have the most deer to shoot at, they only come in second in the annual harvest. Texas hunters bagged 442,000 deer in 1998, with hunters in Wisconsin taking 469,555. Some deer fight back... A buck is not likely to attack a hunter, but deer can be dangerous in another way. The Department of Public Safety says 15 people were killed in 2000 when their vehicle struck a deer on the roadway. Another 1,500 motorists were injured in vehicle-deer crashes. And even a non-injury collision with a deer can be expensive. One body shop owner in Llano told a writer for Insurance Journal that the average repair bill stemming from hitting a deer is \$1,500. "It's just harder for motorists to see deer at night, thus the greater chance of hitting a deer that may dart onto the roadway," said TPW wildlife enforcement director L. David Sinclair. Bottom line: Be aware that deer are on the move this time of

the year. If you see a deer in the roadway, hit the brakes and hold the wheel steady. Above all, don't swerve dramatically to miss it. That's far more likely to cause a serious crash. Another warning from the DPS... The DPS also is warning hunters to keep an eye on their all-terrain vehicles, ATVs. Theft of these vehicles, used by many hunters, is running way ahead of last year's numbers. Through the first half of this year, a time period which includes only a small portion of last hunting season, 153 ATVs were reported stolen each month. Deer season, according to the state law enforcement agency, usually means an upswing in the theft of these recreational four-wheelers. "Awareness is important this time of year, both for ATV owners and law enforcement," said David Griffith, commander of the DPS Motor Vehicle Theft Service. The DPS recommends keeping ATVs chained to a secure object when they are not in use, removing the key, locking the steering wheel, and making sure you have the vehicle's serial number and description to aid in its recovery if it is stolen.



State Capital Highlights
by Mike Cox



ROLLING ALONG WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Strange lights in the night time sky I had only heard of the northern lights when I was a soldier stationed at Fort Devens, Massachusetts. They were not anything I had ever seen. I seldom thought about them. They were something mysterious, way beyond my experience. I wasn't even curious about them: I thought they might have something to do with witchcraft. I considered people who talked about them to be weird. One winter night a sergeant came into our barracks around 2 AM, turned on the lights, told us to dress warmly and get in a formation behind the barracks. Among all the cussing, complaints and groans associated with young troops, we reluctantly filed outside to stand in the cold air. The sergeant didn't call us to attention and didn't say much. He just stood there shifting his feet back and forth. He was from Massachusetts and had a distinguished New England accent. We loved to hear him talk. Guys from our barracks were smoking, swearing, moaning about having to be outside when we could be sleeping. Suddenly one of the guys yelled out, "What the is that?" He was looking at the sky. We followed his gaze. There were two green chunks of color in the sky. They looked like someone had taken a giant paint brush and swiped it across the dark palette. "Gentlemen, those are the northern lights, the aurora borealis," said the sergeant. A hush set-

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10. Like two peas in
14. Swiss miss
15. Walk off with
16. Burn a bit
17. Savory jelly
18. Nation in an '80s war
19. ___ d'Azur
20. Clams for '60s British invaders?
23. Yachter's lodging
26. Sunday speeches
27. Car loan figs.
28. Tick off
31. Eminem's genre
32. President pro
33. A Ponderosa son
35. In the vicinity
39. Clear of difficulties, like '60s British invaders?
43. One of the Carpenters
44. Billing unit, for some
45. Grab a bite
46. Matterhorn, e.g.
48. Javits Center architect

DOWN
1. "Gotcha!"
2. Blockleader Brown
3. Bellboy's bonus
4. Formal decrees
5. Nouveau
6. Use a swizzle stick
7. Catherine ___ (Henry VIII's sixth)
8. Signs off on
9. Less at ease
10. Fair
11. Record player, for short
12. Like Cheerios
13. Get decked out

49. Cracker spread
50. Algonquian language
54. Pianist's exercises
56. Some frat boys for '60s British invaders?
59. Polynesian carving
60. Trig ratio
61. Lagoon's boundary
65. Author Bagnold or Blyton
66. Keynesian subj.
67. Brown tone
68. Baseball's Sandberg
69. Tear to pieces
70. Nursery purchase

21. Philanthropist Yale
22. Sprinter's milieu
23. Dyeing method
24. "Pagliacci," e.g.
25. Strong suit?
29. ___ IRA
30. Block, legally
34. Andrew of "Melrose Place"
36. Hoopster Shaq
37. Do figure eights
38. ___ Park, Colo.
40. Semimonthly ocean phenomenon
41. Dental restoration
42. IRAestablishing legislation
47. Sci-fi weapon
49. Soft hue
50. More fitting
51. Like much Seattle weather
52. Alan of "Catch-22"
53. Getting chilled
55. Envelope closer
57. Barge (interrupt)
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OBITUARIES

Felicitas Espinosa Barajas



Felicitas Espinosa Barajas, longtime Eldorado resident passed away Sunday, November 9, 2003 at SCCI hospital in San Angelo. She was 81.

Born in Victoria, Texas March 14, 1922 to Juan and Dolores Espinosa, she was one of four children. She was raised in Ft. Mc Kavett, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ramon Barajas, Sr., her parents, Juan and Dolores Espinosa, a son, Gregorio Barajas, a

brother, Juan Espinosa, and one grandchild, Mariano Fuentes, Jr.

Survivors include Frank Espinosa and wife Patsy, Erminia Mejia and husband Daniel, Ramiro Barajas and wife Lydia, Maria Hill and husband Moises, Ninfa Fuentes and husband Mariano, Ramon Barajas and wife Ellia. She is also survived by 2 brothers, Jose Guadalupe Espinosa, Sr., of San Angelo, and Arturo Espinosa, St., of Seminole; a sister, Maria Anita Gurule, of Phoenix; 29 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren, and 2 great, great, grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Felicitas was a member of Templo Getsemani Assembly of God Church in Eldorado for many years.

Funeral services were held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, November 11, 2003. Officiating was Pastor Peter Thorton. Interment in Eldorado Cemetery.

Pall bearers include grandsons, Daniel Mejia, Jr., David Mejia, Frank Barajas, Jr., Jesse Lynn Barajas, Eddie Hill, Jesse Barajas, Patrick Fuentes, and Raymond Ray Barajas.

Jewel Shelton

Jewel Shelton, a beloved and respected school teacher, went home to be with her Lord on October 24, 2003. She was blessed with a long life. She was 101 years, three months and nine days old at her passing.

Jewel was born in Cleburne, Texas on July 15, 1902, where her father taught school. She moved with her family to their farm in the Nolan community when she was 6 years old.

Jewel is preceded in death by her parents A.M. Shelton and Lura Reed Shelton, six brothers, Morris, Dupree, Quinton, Beauford, Lauman and Hoyat. She is survived by one nephew, Cy Shelton and his wife Peg of Colorado Springs, CO., three nieces, Sherry Shelton of Forest Hill, Calif., Robbin Tidd of Oakland, CA, Marvella Finch and husband Gene of Montgomery, sister-in-law Ruby Shelton of Montgomery, and numerous grand nephews and nieces and great grand nephews and nieces.

Jewel was a life member of Texas Women's University ex-student association, where she earned

her B.A. Degree in Education and English. She was also a life member of the University of Texas ex-students association where she received her Masters degree in Library Science.

Jewel enjoyed nature and all God's beautiful creations, from feeding the birds to looking at Texas wildflowers and sunsets.

Her greatest love was her family and her students. Her philosophy in teaching was that every student had a gift and talent and it was up to her to bring that talent out.

She devoted fifty years of her life to teaching, it was the love of her life. She taught many years at Eldorado High School, where she was loved and respected as a friend and mentor.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that contributions be made to the Eldorado High School Library, or the charity of your choice.

Please join us in remembering and celebrating Jewel's life at a Memorial service, Saturday, November 22 at 1:00 p.m. at the Nolan Community Center, Nolan, Texas.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Beta Sigma Phi met with Dorothy Dacy for a business meeting October 28. Discussed was money made at the cup cake and coke sale held at Jim Runge's Spook House October 22. A norther blew in and Flora Hubble and Barbara Jackson reported a cold night as they sat at the booth.

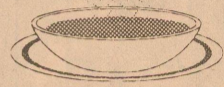
All members provided casseroles and baked goods at a Bake and Casserole sale held on Saturday, November 8. It was held at the Annual Game Association Dinner in the Memorial Building. The sale was a great success. Treasurer Kim'et Nelson reported that we made almost enough money to cover our two scholarships in May. Members also provided items to fill a decorated basket to be given as a prize after the BBQ dinner. In the past the sorority has given a gift certificate from a local business. The Game Association sells chances on numerous prizes given away at this event each year. Both the Game Association and local businesses provided prizes for this and attendance is great.

All members and guests were present for the Annual Thanksgiving Dinner held November 11, in the home of Delmer and Barbara Jackson. A traditional Thanksgiving meal was served from tables decorated with the sorority's flower, the yellow rose. Members and guest served their dinner in

Thanksgiving decorated plates. Pumpkin and Horn of Plenty decorated the cups and napkins. All members were hostesses providing dishes to compliment turkey and dressing.

Present to enjoy the meal with the host and hostess on a beautiful fall night were: Bill and Laura McCutcheon, Monroe and Dorothy Dacy, Steve and Kim'et Nelson, Billy Dock Hubble, Tammy Sheldon, Flora Hubble, Mary Leigh Dunagan and Genevea Wade.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, November 17**
Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler, Milk
- Tuesday November 18**
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato & Onions slices, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
- Wednesday, November 19**
Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Orange, Milk
- Thursday, November 20**
Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Corn Bread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, November 21**
Turkey w/ Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Corn Bread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Scripture

But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his statue, because I have rejected him: for the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance but the Lord looks on the heart." I Samuel 16:17

BIRTHDAY LIST

- NOVEMBER**
13th Jonathan Mejia, Matt Curtis, Randy Scott, Jani Mitchell, Joe Beach, Lynley Glass, Heath Andrews, Ray Wheeler
14th Mandy Burgess, Brandon Lopez, Kristen Montgomery, Ethan Droll, Mrs. Earnest Finnegan
15th Sammy Estrada, Cassandra C. Buitron, Brandon Ray Lopez, Skyler Sheppard, Adan Rodriguez, Cristine Buitron, Isis Pina, Mark Paulson, Melonie Reynolds, Earl Lloyd, Dee Williams, Riley Umphress, John Paul Fuentes
16th Cyd Manning, Austin Barajas, Andy Mejia, Charles Allen, Kayla Case, Roxanne Adame, Trey Preston, Austin Reece,
17th Andrew Anderson, Golla Pina, Beverly Minor, Billy McCravery, June Wheeler, Bradley Beach
18th Ramon Espinosa, Layna Murr, Michael Phillips, De Lux, Jimmy Aguilar Jr., Sarah Wolfe, Melinda Hunley, Verna Gene Johnson
19th Holley Martin, Jesus V. Martinez, Tracy Chancellor, Joseph Wade, Marsia A. Arispe, Victor A. Belman, Christian Martinez, Tracy Ford, Mia A. Ortiz, Veronica Fuentes

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- NOVEMBER**
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16th Tip & Janee Finley
17th James Mack & Karen Holley
19th James and Dora Mankin, Joe & Linda King

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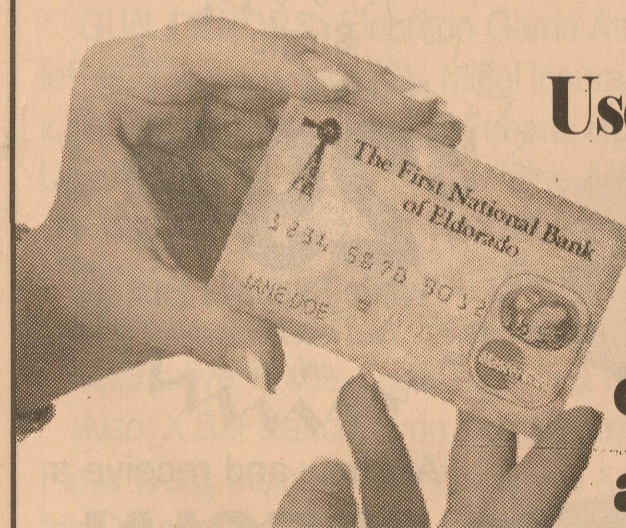
Calling All EHS senior Parents!! Planning has only now begun for Project Graduation and event organizers say that they need all the help they can get. EHS seniors will receive invitations to give to any high school student. Graduating seniors will receive great prizes, as will all who attend.

Those interested in donating money or prizes should know that it's not too early. Contributions may be sent to First National Bank c/o

Shirley Joiner Eldorado, Texas 76936. The next committee meeting is slated for December 1st at 6:00 p.m. in the Elementary kitchen. Please make plans now to attend. Remember this is a fun, safe and drug free party.

Persons interested in helping to make Project Graduation a success again this year should feel free to call, Candi Homer 853-2261, Susan Lively 853-3311 or Becky Lux 853-3646.

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Eldorado Eagles 8th Grade 2003 Cross Country Members: L-R: 32nd - Blake Chatman, 17:54.85; 40th - Desiree Valeriano, 20:26.30; 34th - Amika Gonzales, 18:17.10 and 44th - Allie Perez, 22:33.48. District results in the Half Marathon Cross Country at San Angelo State Park on October 27th.



Eldorado Eagles 7th Grade 2003 Cross Country Members: District Half Marathon Cross Country Results, San Angelo State Park: (L-R) 34th - Darci Graves, 21:40.15; 31st - Tracy Brenner, 20:56.17; 5th - Rance Cathey, 14:02.29; 19th - Bridgett Mitchell, 18:17.93; 23rd - Marcela Huerta, 19:24.64; (Back L-R) 16th - Veronica Belman, 17:43.45; 32nd - Brittany Olivarez, 21:01.01; Jessica Valero; 42nd - Meg Griffin, 24:02.65; 15th - Cassandra Buitron, 17:42.57; 36th - Deyanira Cruz, 21:44.54; and 6th - Chris Minor, 14:25.88. Eldorado's 7th Grade Girls team placed 4th with a overall score of 81. Wall's 7th Grade Girls team placed first at District with a score of 20.

Covering the many feats of Eldorado Eagles athletes at **THE SUCCESS** It's the best source around!

Eagles season ends in Lions Stadium

by J.L. Mankin

The Eldorado Eagles' ill-fated 2003 season ended Friday night on a soggy and foggy field in Ozona. Much as in weeks past, the Warbirds found themselves trailing early and were down 21-0 in the first quarter.

The Eagles offense came to life briefly, early in the second quarter, when quarterback Frank Edmiston connected with Terrell Boysaw on a 14-yard TD reception. Eldorado's PAT attempt failed making the score 21-6.

The Lions responded by posting another 26 unanswered points and boxed Eldorado out of the endzone for the remainder of the half and all of the third quarter.

Then, almost as if on cue, the Eagles offense roared to life. Edmiston connected with Rigo Arispe for a 19 yard TD, but the 2-point conversion failed. Then, a mere 60 seconds later, the Eagles again found the endzone as Trey Chavez pounded the ball in from a yard out. Edmiston ran the two-point conversion in to make the score 47-20.

The Lions would add one more TD before the game ended, making the final score 54-20.

"We just were not consistent on either side of the ball," said Head Coach Gary Grubbs. "Defensively it would of helped if we had tackled better."

The loss moves the Eagles season record to 2-8 and 0-5 in District. Wall, Ozona and Sonora will be moving on to represent District 2-2A in the State 2A playoffs.

So, the Eagles move into the off

season, ready to forget the 2003 season and begin building for 2004.

"This off-season will be a lot like last off-season," said Coach Grubbs. "We will start off with 6 weeks of weight training and after that work on our agility and speed."

"We will be losing some seniors who will be difficult to replace," Grubbs added, "but I see a lot of talent moving up, and am looking forward to putting it to use."

STATISTICS					
	Eagles	Lions			
First Downs	14	21			
Rushing Yards	23-117	51-424			
Passing Yards	109	39			
Comp-Alt-Int	14-34-3	2-6-0			
Total yards	226	463			
Fumbles-lost	1-1	1-1			
Punts-avg.	2-30	1-27			
Penalties-Yds	5-50	11-100			
SCORE BY QUARTERS					
Eldorado	0	6	0	14	20
Ozona	21	13	13	7	54
SCORING SUMMARY					
First Quarter					
Ozona - 4:51, Trey Collis 10 reception from Aaron Garza (Toby Pagan kick)					
Ozona - 2:48, Tyson Vordick 56 interception return (Pagan kick)					
Ozona - 0:50, Jarryd Taylor 4 run (Pagan kick)					
Second Quarter					
Eldorado - 11:05, Terrell Boysaw 14 reception from Frank Edmiston (kick fail)					
Ozona - 8:49, Brad Mayfield 60 run (Bryan Skehan kick)					
Ozona - 0:21, Mayfield 9 run (kick fail)					
Third Quarter					
Ozona - 9:14, Trey Hale 37 run (Pagan kick)					
Ozona - 6:28, Taylor 9 run (kick fail)					
Fourth Quarter					
Eldorado - 10:27, Rigo Arispe 19 reception from Edmiston (pass fail)					
Eldorado - 9:27, Trey Chavez 1 run (Edmiston run)					
Ozona - 8:40, Clay Guynes 46 run (Pagan kick)					



Converge on the ball — Eagles defenders Seth Taylor, Alan Dykstra, Trey Chavez and Frankie Arispe team up to bring down this Ozona Lions runner during the final game of the 2003 football season.

8th Grade falls to Ozona 14-6

The final game of the 2003 season ended in a 14-6 loss for the 8th grade Eagles despite the best efforts of a determined Eldorado team.

Luis Huichapa scored for the Eagles on a short run behind the blocking of Justin Garcia and Jordan Gesch, giving the Eagles their only points of the night.

"The young men played very well again this week, we had a chance to score again an just did not get it in the end zone," Coach Don Richters commented after the game. He also credited the play of J.P. Jointer, Louie Buitron, and Lalo Sanchez.

The coach then extended his appreciation to his team following the game. "I want to thank the parents of the young men I coached this season. The 8th grade boys are a joy to be around. The parents have a right to be very proud of these young men," Richters said.

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Snowflake Ball organizing committee meeting scheduled

It's time to start planning for the Snowflake Ball. Parents with children in grades 9 through 12 who would like to be a host or hostess are encouraged to join. Each member will be allowed to invite two out of town guests. The only way an Eldorado student may attend the Snowflake Ball is by being a member.

Those interested in joining are encouraged to go to the school administration office. There, they may pay a \$30 fee to Sandra Robledo or Rachael Nixon. The cost will be

prorated for each additional sibling. The group's next planning meeting is planned for November 19th at 5:00 p.m. in the Elementary kitchen. Parents whose children want to join should make every effort to attend this meeting.

For more information please contact Candi Homer 853-2261, or Debbie Griffin at 853-3204.

Organizers ask you to remember that this is a drug & alcohol FREE party!! It will be a great way for your teenagers to meet friends from surrounding communities.

Elementary school plans Christmas Fund-raiser

The Eldorado Elementary students will be conducting a catalog sale beginning on Friday, November 14th and ending on Monday, November 24th.

Individuals interested in looking at a catalog who do not know an Elementary student are asked to come to the Elementary office to view the catalogs and place an order. Items must be payed in full upon placing order. All items will

be shipped and sent out with the students before the Christmas holidays.

The funds raised will be used in purchasing library books/materials and in purchasing a new laminator for the Elementary workroom.

For more information please contact Debbie Griffin at 853-2514 ext. 230. Thanks for your continued support for our students and school.

EHS takes 3rd at UIL meet

The Eldorado High School UIL Math and Science Teams attended the UIL Math and Science Practice Meet in San Angelo on Saturday, November 8, 2003 in the Small School Division.

This meet was the first practice meet in which Eldorado students could participate in the following areas: Calculator, Mathematics, Number Sense, and Science under the direction of math teacher Tom Gray, science teacher Angela Case and physics teacher Amy Rutherford.

The Calculator team placed 4th overall. Josh Trejo: 2nd place and medal in the 12th grade division; Mitchel Cole: 3rd place medal in the 12th grade division. Tony Chavez: 7th place ribbon in the 12th grade division; The Calculator team sponsor was Mrs. Amy Rutherford.

Eldorado placed 2nd in the Mathematics Division. Team members were Josh Trejo: 1st place in the 12th grade division; Travis Joiner: tied for 2nd place Medal in the 12th grade division; Kolby Dombroski: 5th place ribbon in the 11th grade division;

Rachel Joiner: 9th place ribbon in the 10th grade division. The Mathematics team was coached by Mr. Tom Gray.

Number Sense team placed 3rd and was sponsored by Mr. Tom Gray. Team members are Josh Trejo: 1st place Medal in the 12th grade division; Travis Joiner: 4th place ribbon in the 12th grade division.

The 2nd place Science team was sponsored by teachers Mrs. Angela Case and Mrs. Amy Rutherford. Member of the science team receiving ribbons were: Tony Chavez: 9th place ribbon in the 12th grade division; Travis Joiner: 4th place ribbon in the 12th grade division; Josh Trejo: 6th place ribbon in the 12th grade division; Ashley Doran: 6th place ribbon in the 11th grade division; Jaaron Crawford: 7th place ribbon in the 10th grade division; Rachel Joiner: 5th place ribbon in the 10th grade division and Kyle Taylor: 8th place ribbon in the 10th grade division.

Results provided by Teresa Vasquez UIL Director.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN
It was an EASY WIN with Apple Muffins! Claire Wideman was the Sub-Junior Grand Champion Winner at the 2003 4-H Food Show held Tuesday, November 4 at First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.

Young cooks impress judges at County 4-H Food Show

The Schleicher County 4-H Food Show was held on November 4 with 33 outstanding young cooks showing off the skills that they learned in Foods and Nutrition classes. A wide variety of foods were prepared and served. Judges for the show were 4-H leaders and junior leaders from Menard. Judges interviewed each contestant giving a total of 75 points for knowledge about the nutritional value of their recipe and up to 25 points for presentation.

Winners in the show included: Sub Junior Grand Champion - Claire Wideman; Sub Junior Reserve Champion - Arden Mertz.

Winners in the Junior, Intermediate and Senior Divisions will advance to the District Show in Abilene on November 22.

Junior Division: Junior Grand Champion - Ashley Paulson; Junior Reserve Champion - Ashby Ragsdale; 1st Place - Fruits and Vegetables - Allyson Jarrett; 1st Place - Snacks and Desserts - Morgan Gillespie

Intermediate Division: Intermediate Grand Champion - Corie Williams; Intermediate Reserve Champion - Maygen Eubanks; 1st Place - Fruits and Vegetables - Macy Chatham.

Senior Division: Senior Grand Champion - Will Griffin; Senior Reserve Champion - Allison Reynolds; 1st Place - Fruits and Vegetables - Emily Newman; 1st Place - Breads and Cereals - Chandra Wanoreck

Other Blue Ribbon Winners included: John Cody Brenner, McKenzie McAngus, Baylee Griffin, Kyle Spinks, Addye Chatham, Abigail Spradley, Madison Albin,

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The Concho Cattlewomen awarded cash prizes in each of the age divisions for recipes including beef and the winners included: Sub - Junior Addye Chatham, Sloppy Joe Biscuit Cups; Junior - Ashley Paulson, "Gone all Day" Stew; Intermediate - Tracy Brenner, Beef and Bean Burritos; Senior - Taylor Niblett, Mexican Lasanga.

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Woman's Club meeting held

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, October 14, 2003 in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room at 2:30 p.m. President Myrt Williams opened the meeting which was attended by twelve members and one guest. Dorothy Harris followed with a prayer and Myrt Williams led in the pledge to the flag.

The meeting continued with Secretary Dorothy Harris and Treasurer Nelva Martin giving their reports. Roll call was given with members telling who is your favorite sports person. Rusty Greer, David Robinson, Coach Purcell, Tiger Woods, Tom Landry, Lance Armstrong were some mentioned as well as one member who said her baseball playing grandchildren were her favorites. Sports persons mentioned were men who not only excelled in their chosen field but also exemplified a true Christian spirit in giving so much of their selves to worthy causes.

Program leader Nelva Martin next welcomed former club member Esther Bunton as our guest

speaker. Esther chose for her book review "Esthers' Gift" by Jan Carson. Esther, a masterful story teller, led us through the enchanting tales pressed between the pages of this delightful book. The relationship involving Esther and her husband and some other people of Mitford, NC sometimes had us wondering if there would be a happy ending. The author was able to weave together a moving story about the true meaning of gift giving which involved some serious thoughts before the real reason was at last reached. A special bonus was the recipe for Esthers Marmalade Cake. We thank Esther Bunton for delighting us with a review of this moving little book. Author Carson also wrote a seven series book that would be equally good reading.

Reciting our club collect closed our meeting. Refreshment time was hosted by Chairman Charlene Edmiston, Myrt Williams, and Noweita Briggs. Fall colors were used in the table appointments and delicious food was enjoyed by all.

Science students compete in EMS Create a Gadget contest

The "Create a Gadget" contest was held in the Middle School courtyard Tuesday morning, Oct. 4, 2003, by Mrs. Sharon Spink's science class. The contest was an engineering project to develop equipment to retrieve basketballs that would wind up on the roof of the covered walkway in the courtyard where the students often play basketball.

The contest was set up similar to a project bid for engineering firms. Each firm, or group of students, was required to design a project and write a prospectus. The prospectus could be turned in on paper or in electronic format. The students then had to build their prototype. The various prototypes then competed against one another with judging being provided by shop teacher Jim Wyatt, Principal

Kara Garlitz, science teacher Sharon Spinks and Rev. Leonard Wideman.

First place winners were Chelsi Stone and Lupe Contreras. Their design consisted of a "teepee of wire" that served to prevent basketballs from even landing on the walkway roof.

Second place winners were Tyler Dombroski and Blake Chatham with their long arm and basket, accessorized with a mirror, of course, so that the operator could see the basketball.

Third place winners were Alexandria Vandensen and Diana Hernandez with their long extension pole with loop.

Many other projects were entered in the contest. Entries ranged from long L-shaped poles with baskets to radio controlled trucks that were driven onto the roof with a ramp.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

No, it's not a chicken coop — Lupe Contreras (L) and Chelsi Stone (R) won First Place winners in the Middle School Science "Create a Gadget" Contest. A simple teepee of mesh and PVC pipe will keep the basketballs from roosting above the walkway roof in the Middle School courtyard.

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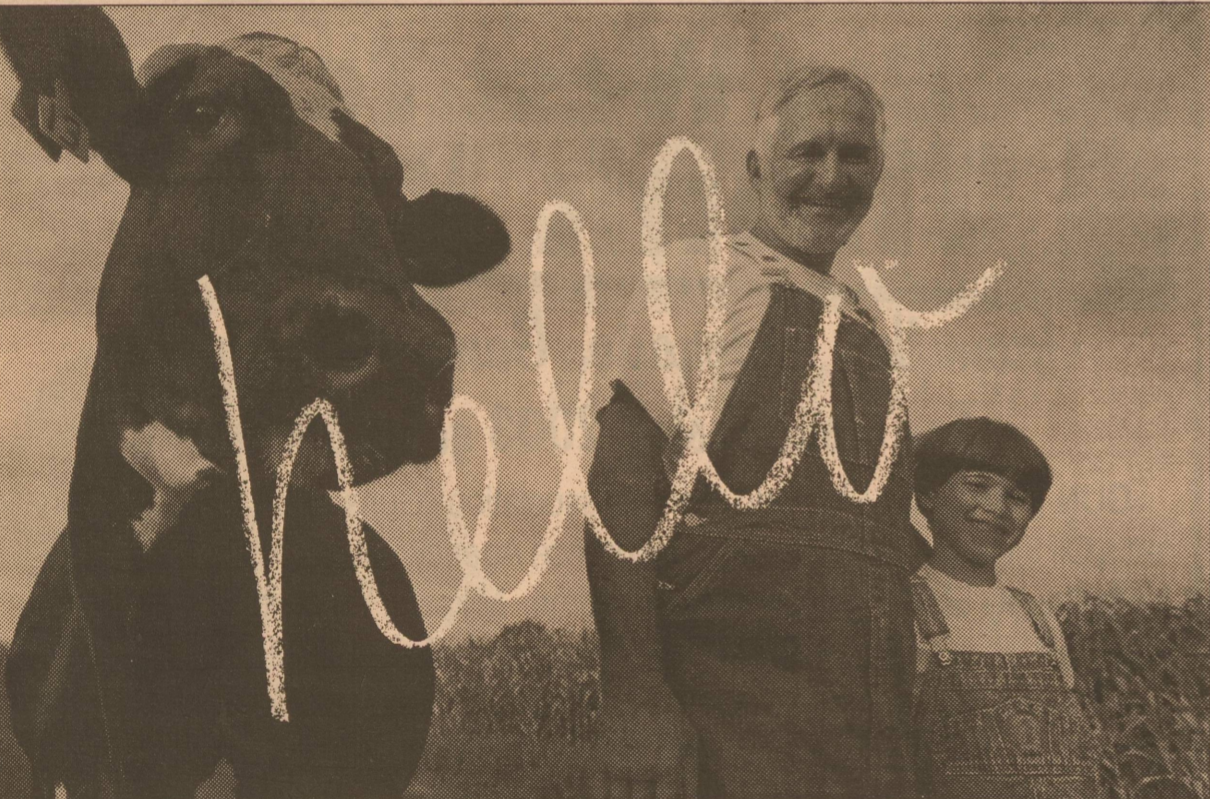
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Wednesday, November 19
 Scrambled Eggs/Toast, Grape Juice, Peaches, Milk
Thursday, November 20
 Banana Nut Muffins, Cereal, Peaches, Milk
Friday, November 21
 Breakfast Pizza, Cereal, Peaches, Milk
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Wednesday, November 19
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Thursday, November 20
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Friday, November 21
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Brownies
Fast Food Line
Monday, November 17
 Hot Dogs/Corn Chips, Cole Slaw, Rosy Applesauce
Tuesday, November 18
 Bar-B-Que on a Bun, Chips, Pinto Beans, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing
Wednesday, November 19
 Cheese Pizza/Bread Stix, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Lime Jello/Topping
Thursday, November 20
 Cheeseburger, French Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pear Halves
Friday, November 21
 Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Brownies

ARRESTS
November 5 • Iglesias, Sergio Raul, male age 28, offense Class A Assault. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
November 10 • Luna, Miguel A., male age 32, offense Interfering With An Emergency Phone Call. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.
November 11 • Sanchez, Christopher Ray, male age 18, offense Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Released on \$10,000 Surety Bond.
INCIDENTS
November 1 • 1:45 a.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS responded.
November 5 • 8:25 a.m. Complainant reported a window had been broke out at business on Main. Officer responded.
November 12 • 12:06 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.
November 9 • 9:45 p.m. Complainant reported an assault. Two officers responded to address on Dorris.
November 10 • 2:05 p.m. Male complainant requested to speak with an officer. Two officers responded.
November 6 • 10:00 a.m. Female complainant requested a Criminal Trespass be served. Officer responded.
November 11 • 11:15 a.m. Complainant on County Road 316 reported a white female poodle missing. Subject's dog was found.
November 11 • 11:30 a.m. Complainant reported a burglary alarm sounding off. Officer responded and found everything OK.
November 11 • 4:17 p.m. Complainant reported items were missing from previous break in. Officer responded.
November 11 • 7:56 p.m. Male subject reported a suspicious person on Rabbit Road. Officer responded and found subject.
November 11 • 8:55 p.m. Hospital requested a transfer to Tom Green County Line. EMS 1 and officer responded.
November 7 • 4:45 a.m. Complainant reported they had run over a gas meter behind the hospital. City was contacted.
November 7 • 3:30 p.m. Alarm going off at bank. Officers responded and everything OK.
November 7 • 3:35 p.m. City employee requested an officer to ask some students to move their vehicles which were blocking a handicap parking space on Fields Street.
November 7 • 3:40 p.m. Complainant reported a bus broke down 8 miles south on US 277. Officer responded, was unable to locate.
November 7 • 8:50 p.m. Complainant on County Road 302 reported that their four year old daughter was missing. Officers and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department personnel responded. Child was found in home bedroom.
November 8 • 10:35 p.m. Complainant on El Paso St. reported two suspicious persons walking. Officer responded.
November 8 • 9:35 a.m. Subject reported a water leak in an alley off S. Main. City notified.
November 8 • 6:21 p.m. Complainant at store reported someone had driven off without paying for the gas. Officer responded and located subject who went back to pay the \$10.00 they owed.
November 9 • 1:15 p.m. Complainant reported he was to visit his son this date and son nor mother were at the location of visitation.
November 9 • Subject on US 277 south reported a tan tow on roadway. Officer responded.
November 9 • 2:45 p.m. Complainant reported a black cow on Hwy. 190 west. Sheriff Office was not able to contact the owner.
November 9 • 6:15 p.m. Hospital requested a ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.
November 9 • 4:46 p.m. Hospital advised a lifeline had activated at a Dorris Street residence. Officer arrived and requested another officer and ambulance.
November 10 • 9:00 a.m. Complainant advised they would be having a controlled burn.
November 10 • 2:00 p.m. Complainant reported two goats in front of their home on East Street. Officer responded.
November 10 • 2:15 p.m. Complainant requested that a officer public service a residence because there was a family emergency. Officer responded.
November 10 • 4:44 p.m. Complainant on County Road 402 reported their mail box had been vandalized by 22 rifle shots.
November 10 • 9:45 p.m. Complainant requested an officer because her husband was agitated and they needed to speak with an officer. Two officers responded.
November 10 • 10:20 p.m. Complainant on Rudd Road requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.
November 11 • 1:15 a.m. Officer reported someone had tried to enter the Ag department window. Officers responded. Ag teacher contacted and stated that he would take care of the problem in the morning.

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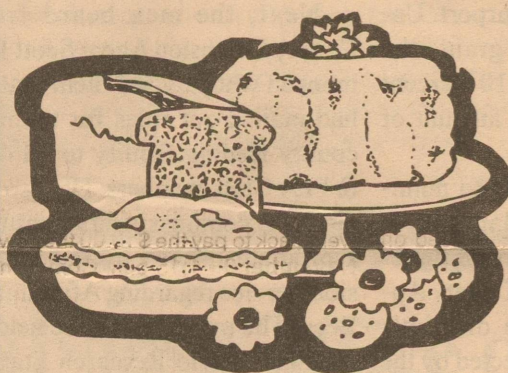
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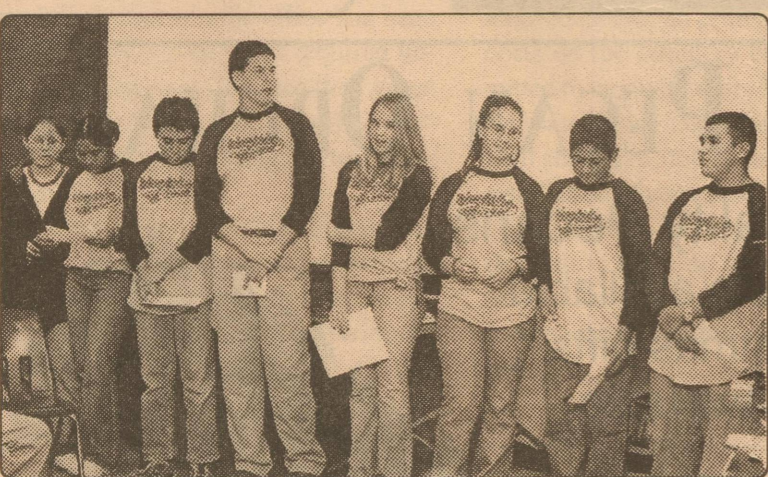
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SCISD trustees meet Monday, handle long agenda

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, November 10, 2003, and managed to conduct several items of business both before and between two lengthy executive sessions. The meeting was called to order by Board President Jo Helen Kotsch. Trustees on hand for the meeting included Eddie Albin, Jan Wanoreck, Kurtis Homer, Berta Nicholson and Lupe Sanchez. Trustee John Paul Joiner was absent.

The meeting began with Superintendent Mark Gesch updating the board on the district's AEIS report from the Texas Education Agency. The report gauges a wide range of academic indicators in order to determine the effectiveness of the school system. SCISD once again received an Exemplary rating. Gesch noted, however, that the state's testing regime is in

transition and the school's ranking was carried forward from last year.

Still, the AEIS report serves as a benchmark, comparing the district to other districts in the immediate region, as well as across the state. SCISD fared well in the comparison. Gesch indicated that there is still room for improvement and pointed to a series of graphs as evidence. One graph indicated that Eldorado 6th graders scored lower in reading than other 6th graders in the area and state.

The state also ranked the school district's financial strength in a report titled Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas. Once again, the school ranked near the top with a Superior rating.

After approving the minutes of the group's Oct. 20, 2003 meeting, the trustees received public comments from several individuals re-

garding a students who had been assigned to the school's Alternative Education Program campus for punishment. (See related story on Page 1)

The trustees then recognized EHS senior Travis Joiner who placed in the top 5 percent of all US students taking the SAT test. The National Merit Scholarship organization awarded Joiner with "Commended" status in recognition of the honor. A brief presentation ceremony for Joiner, conducted by EHS Principal Tim Seymore, drew a round of applause from the audience.

The board then reviewed the district's financial reports and heard from Supt. Gesch that the district's enrollment stands at 601. In high school the enrollment figure is 191. Mr. Gesch advised that the 191 figure has will be used by the University Interscholastic League during its biennial realignment. If the UIL's conference numbers remain the same, then Eldorado High School will remain a 2A school. If the numbers are adjusted upward, as many believe they will be, then EHS could drop down to a 1A school.

Middle School Principal Kara Sue Garlitz then presented the findings of a survey her students and staff completed on "Bullying" on the EMS campus. Ms. Garlitz concluded that bullying is a concern and that her staff is looking at ways of reducing the problem.

Next, a group called the Do Something Council made a brief presentation to the trustees. The council, sponsored by Katrina Gonzalez, consists of a group of middle school students who are working toward making their campus, and their world a better place through community service projects. Board President Jo Helen Kotsch commended the youngsters on their efforts. The Do Something Council was represented by Erika Estrada, Selvia Aranda, Lalo Sanchez, Jordan Gesch, Macy Chatham, Chelsey Pridemore, Manny Gonzalez and Justin

Garcia.

The trustees then went into an executive session for the consideration of two grievances. (See related story on Page 1) They remained behind closed doors for 2 hours and 45 minutes before returning to open session and voting to deny each of the grievances.

Discussion then turned to the need for a set of guidelines for allowing access to the EHS football stadium to persons with limited mobility. Mr. Gesch explained that an individual called to ask permission to park inside the stadium fence near the track on the visitors side of the field during a middle school game two weeks earlier. Gesch said that he denied the request since the district has no policy allowing such access. When the individual showed up anyway and drove inside the stadium fence, Gesch said he ordered them to leave. Gesch indicated that his staff would implement any policy the trustees would adopt concerning the matter but advised that buried obstacles makes parking such vehicles inside the fence more difficult. After discussing the matter the trustees agreed to allow Gesch and his staff to study the problem and return with a recommendation.

The trustees then approved the use of a school bus for students attending Project Graduation in the spring of 2004. They also approved the waiver of a transfer fee for an out-of-county student attending EHS.

Discussion then turned to a salary adjustment for Elementary Principal Bob Wanoreck during which time it was explained that the board realized during budget discussions that Mr. Wanoreck's salary was below that of other principals in the region and that an adjustment would be needed at some point in time. The trustees didn't go into specifics and voted to allow Supt. Gesch to work out an acceptable salary with Mr. Wanoreck that is retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

The group then returned to executive session for the discussion of personnel issues. They returned to open session some half hour later without taking action on the matter. Following that, it was announced that the board's next meeting will be held on Monday, Dec. 8, 2003. It was also announced that Middle School science teacher Sharon Spinks will be resigning at the mid year break.

School trustees uphold ruling on students' AEP suspension

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Marie Barrera also spoke up in defense of Bosmans. "I'm infuriated," Barrera said. She then told the board that if the boys in question had been Anglo instead of Hispanic, the situation would have been handled differently by Principal Tim Seymore.

For their part, school trustees and officials sat silently and listened to the comments. At no point did anyone from the school address the issue publicly.

After receiving the public comments, the school trustees entered into executive session to discuss the two grievances. The school's attorney, Sarah Leon of Austin sat in on the session. Bosmans' mother, and San Angelo ISD trustee Danny Cardenas met with the board behind closed doors.

Rosie Moreno also met with the trustees in executive session to discuss a grievance she brought against Mr. Seymore. Marie Barrera accompanied Moreno into the closed door session as did Mr. Cardenas.

The combined executive sessions lasted some 2 hours and 45 minutes. When the trustees re-

turned to open session they immediately voted 4-2 to deny both grievances. Trustees Jo Helen Kotsch, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson and Jan Wanoreck voted to deny the grievances while trustees Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez voted to support the grievances. Trustee John Paul Joiner was absent.

Following the vote, Thelma Bosmans told the Success that she was pleased with the support her son had received and explained that her only complaint had been the severity of the punishment he received.

For her part, Mrs. Moreno explained later that she had no quarrel with the punishment her son received. Instead, Mrs. Moreno alleged that Principal Seymore had behaved unprofessionally when he came to her home to retrieve the ink pen from her son. Moreno noted that Deputy Jason Chatham, who accompanied Seymore to the home, comported himself in a professional manner, in her opinion. She further noted that she did not know who Mr. Cardenas was when he accompanied her into the executive session.

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Please feel free to call or come by. We'll be happy to visit with you about the long term care options at Schleicher County Nursing Home. We'll take as much time as necessary to answer all your questions. After all, we're more than a nursing home...we're your neighbor and we want you to feel comfortable and understand all your alternatives.



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County Commissioners meet

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Next, the men learned that the Texas Department of Transportation awarded Schleicher County a \$225,000 grant for the installation of lights at the county airport. Under the terms of the grant, the county must provide 10 percent matching funds in the amount of \$22,500.

The men then voted to nominate Commissioner Matt Brown for election to the board of directors of the Schleicher County Appraisal District. The district's board of directors is elected by the County, City and School District. The votes that each entity may cast

is based on its tax levy. The school has the most votes with 3,124. Schleicher County receives 1,650 while the City of Eldorado may cast only 226 votes.

Next, the men heard from County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson who advised them that he had mailed out rules for the new county feeding facility to all 4-H & FFA Club members. He also invited the commissioners to attend a program offered by the Extension Service regarding Africanized Bees. The program will be held at the San Angelo Research Station on Nov. 25. Participants may receive 2 hours of continuing education credit for the course.

Before adjourning, the men agreed to an indigent request for \$50.52 for payment of an electric bill. A request to pay a \$300.00 deposit on city utilities was denied.

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