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Eldorado's Great Eight



Carter Edmiston Brent Moore

Ashley Johnson Clint Griffin

Robert Reynolds Traci Paxton

Brant Ward Justin Edmiston

Many Winners at the 3rd Annual Rodeo Show

Last-weeks 3rd Annual Youth Rodeo had entrants from near and far as the young people competed in the events.

The All-Around Girl in the 16-19 age bracket was won by Michael Miser of Iraan and All-Around Boy was Marshall Tyler of Sonora. In the 13-15 age bracket the All-Around Girl was Ashley Johnson of Eldorado and All-Around Boy was Clint Griffin, also of Eldorado.

In the 12 and under bracket the All-Around Girl was Stella Wardlaw of Del Rio and All-Around Boy was Shawn Collier of Marble Falls.

Other winners were: 12 and under calf roping, 1st Cody Foltz 31 pts., 2nd Jody Carper 26 pts, and 3rd Justin Edmiston 16 pts.

12 and under barrels, 1st Stella Wardlaw 20.304, 2nd Ashley Looney 20.762, and 3rd Kelli Foster 20.851.

12 and under flag race, 1st Shawn Collier 10.839, 2nd Chase Wardlaw 11.202, and 3rd Lewis Baker 11.275.

12 and under break-away, 1st Lewis Baker 6.80, 2nd Stella Wardlaw 8.47, and 3rd Jody Carper 8.48.

12 and under poles, 1st Stella Wardlaw 21.091, 2nd Chase Wardlaw 21.970, and 3rd Shawn Collier 22.046.

12 and under goat tying, 1st Stella Wardlaw 16.649, 2nd Ashley Looney 17.320, 3rd Traci Paxton 18.476 and Jody Carper 18.476 tied.

13-15 tie down, 1st Clint Griffin 12.33, 2nd Juan Flores Jr. 17.46, 3rd Scott Simpton 19.65.

13-15 ribbon roping, 1st Brad

Madry 10.39, 2nd Clint Griffin 15.56, and 3rd Juan Flores Jr. 19.07.

13-15 barrels, 1st Trey Wardlaw, 2nd Shawn McMullan 20.617, and 3rd Mecca McMullan 20.697.

13-15 pole bending, 1st Ashley Johnson, 2nd Mike Hill, and 3rd Anna Balch.

13-15 steer roping, 1st Carter Edmiston 46, 2nd Shane Shanders 44, and Loncie Tucker 44 tied.

13-15 break-away girls, 1st Anna Balch 4.71 and 2nd Laura Lobstein 19.90.

13-15 goat tying, 1st Dutch Wardlaw 15.953, 2nd Brant Ward 16.043, and 3rd Juan Flores Jr. 16.156.

13-15 team roping, 1st Brent Moore and Ashley Johnson 18.27, 2nd Barry Simpton and Dutch Wardlaw 19.44, and 3rd Trey Wardlaw and Clint Griffin 20.45.

13-15 steer roping, 1st Brent Moore and Ashley Johnson 18.27, 2nd Barry Simpton and Dutch Wardlaw 19.44, 3rd Trey Wardlaw and Clint Griffin 20.45, and 4th Shawn McMullan and Jim Phillips 23.67.

16-19 steer roping, 1st Marshall

Tyler and Dustin Hershap 9.60,

2nd Dustin and Marshall 13.07, 3rd Jimmy Anderson and Kelly Ketcham 13.39, and 4th Reed Stewart and Bubba Kearney 13.96.

16-19 goat tying, 1st Gilbert Esquivel 14.080, 2nd Jody Shackelford 15.016, and 3rd Bubba Flores 15.360.

16-19 girls break-away, 1st Michelle Kiser 8.80 and 2nd Anita Balch 10.85.

16-19 pole bending, 1st Michelle Kiser 23.936, 2nd Rebecca Powers 26.639, and 3rd Derrick Hoggett 26.859.

16-19 tie down, 1st Tommy Winters 8.76, 2nd Wade Carper 15.10, and 3rd Ted White 15.68.

16-19 ribbon roping, 1st Marshall Tyler 10.50, 2nd Bubba Flores 10.63, and 3rd Wade Carper 11.14.

16-19 barrels, 1st Anita Balch 20.308, 2nd Jody Shackelford 21.618 and 3rd Michael Kiser 21.626.

16-19 team roping, 1st Marshall Tyler and Dustin Hershap 9.60, 2nd Dustin Hershap and Marshall Tyler 13.07, and 3rd Jimmy Anderson and Kelley Ketchem 13.39.

16-19 bull riding, 1st Bryan Danis 69 and Philip Montalino and Billy Richardson 68 tied for 2nd place.

Roping Club Holds Play Day

The Spring Creek Roping Club held a Play Day last Saturday for area riders. A large number of competitors turned out for the event, and most had a successful day.

The events were held according to age group. In the Barrel Racing, ages 8 and under, the first place winner was Keesha McHorse, followed by Sunny Cowden, and Metzton's Cody Dennis took third. Ages 9-12 winners were: first, Corey McFadden, 2nd Alison McFadden and 3rd Tonya McHorse. Ages 13-15 winners were: 1st Clint Walker and 2nd Sherry Till. Ages 16-19 winners were: 1st Jody Shackelford, 2nd Frankie and 3rd Kelly Ketchum. Ages 19 and over winners were: 1st Kristi Bell, 2nd Sheila Preslar and 3rd John Acosta.

Other events and winners were: POLES: 8 & under 1st Cody Dennis, 2nd Cody Owens, 3rd Keesha McHorse; Ages 9-12 1st Kelly Wescott, 2nd Shonny Cowden, 3rd Travis Walker; Ages 13-15 1st Clint Walker and 2nd Sherry Till; Ages 16-19 1st Jody Shackelford, 2nd Jimmy Anderson, 3rd Frankie; Ages 19 & over 1st John Acosta and 2nd Kristi Bell

FLAGS: 8 & under 1st Cody Dennis, 2nd Cody Owens, 3rd Sam Walker; Ages 9-12 1st Shonny Cowden, 2nd Alison McFadden, 3rd Tonya McHorse; Ages 13-15 1st Clint Walker, 2nd Marty Cervantes, 3rd Sherry Till; Ages 16-19 1st Frankie and 2nd Jimmy Anderson; Ages 19 & over 1st Kristi Bell, 2nd Sheila Preslar, 3rd John Acosta

HAIR PULLING: 8 & under 1st Keesha McHorse, 2nd Cody Owens, 3rd Sunny Cowden

GOAT TYING: Ages 9-12 1st Alison McFadden, 2nd Corey McFadden, 3rd Casey Wescott; Ages 13-15 1st Marty Cervantes; Ages 16-19 1st Jody Shackelford, 2nd Cody Shackelford, 3rd Frankie; Ages 19 & over 1st Jim Westfall, 2nd Butch Till 3rd Kristi Bell

BREAK AWAY: Ages 16-19 1st Jimmy Anderson; Ages 19 & over 1st Jim Westfall, 2nd Stan Keen, 3rd Brooks Walker

ALL AROUND winners of buckles were: Ages 8 & under Cody Dennis; Ages 9-12 Alison McFadden; Ages 13-15 Clint Walker; Ages 16-19 Jody Shackelford; Ages 19 & over Kristi

Bell. Runners-up for All Around won horse blankets. Flagman was Butch Till. Donators were: First National Bank, Tom Thorp Transports, Dolan Roustabout, Knowlton Construction, J & L Hardware, West Texas Wool & Mohair, Bode's Feed

of San Angelo, Searcy & Son's Hardware, Lawdormilk Service Co., Palmer Feeds of San Angelo, Koen's Saddle Shop of San Angelo, Redline Service Co., Freen Apple Florist and Mertzon Locker Plant.

Ladies Auxiliary Comes to Schleicher County

by Mary Jenkins

On Monday night, April 29th, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Schleicher County Memorial VFW Post 9842 was instituted.

Funds needed for Jaws of Life

Schleicher County Jaws of Life fund is nearing its half-way point. It was reported this week that approximately \$2,000 has been donated to date. This falls shy of the \$5,000 needed for this life saving device. Anyone wishing to contribute to this cause should make their donations to the Jaws of Life fund at the First National Bank in Eldorado.

Sidney Reynolds, Buddy White and Norman Smith are being trained in the use of this piece of equipment when it becomes available to Schleicher County. The three men are currently in the Volunteer Fire Fighters School in San Angelo.

District 22 Auxiliary President Edith Bradley welcomed Auxiliary members, husbands, VFW Post members and guests. Annie Daniels, Auxiliary Chaplain of Post 1815 in San Angelo, officially instituted the Auxiliary and gave the Obligation to 22 members. Also on hand to assist in the instituting of the Auxiliary was District 22 Auxiliary Chaplain Thelma Treille and Pro-tem Conductress Jan Pearce.

The Auxiliary officers, elected in an organizational meeting Thursday night April 25th, were then installed by District President Edith Bradley and are as follows:

President - Paula O'Connor
Sr. Vice President - Mary Romero
Jr. Vice President - Mary Conatser
Treasurer - Janee Finley
Chaplain - Debbie Conatser

Conductress - Charlene Harris
Guard - Janet Felvor
1 Yr. Trustee - Frankie Halbert
2 Yr. Trustee - Marlene Mitchell
3 Yr. Trustee - Mary Jenkins
Secretary - Anne Hyde
Asst. Secretary - Donnie R. Danford
Historian - Mary Jenkins
Color Bearers - Joanie Hudson, Frankie Schrier and Cathy Kuykendall

Flag Bearer - Edna Crowder
Soloist - Rita Reeves

Following a brief break, during which refreshments were served, the meeting continued with the introduction of District Commander Lloyd Bradley who welcomed the Auxiliary to the VFW and thanked each member for the hard work she had done in making this Auxiliary possible. John Mitchell, Commander of Schleicher County Memorial Post 9842 was then introduced and

Little Olympics Slated

The Irion County Little Olympics will be held Tuesday May 7th at the Mertzon Track Field. The events are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. and are sponsored by the school's Administrators and coaches, with the help of the Mertzon Lions Club. The children will participate in

several events according to their class and age group. Events scheduled are Long Jump, Softball Throw, 400 Meter Relay, 50 Meter Dash for grades K-2, and 100 Meter Dash for grades 3-6. Ribbons will be awarded to the winners of each event.

gave a brief talk and welcomed the Auxiliary to the Post. Other dignitaries on hand to welcome the Auxiliary were Marvin Daniels, Past District Commander and installing officer of Post 9842; District Service Officer Harold Ayers; District Adju-

Band Concert Set for May 2

The Irion County Band members will present their Spring Band Concert Thursday May 2nd at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. The elementary students from 5th and 6th grade will present 5 selections, followed by the High School Band.

McCormick attends Seminar

Schleicher County Treasurer A.G. McCormick joined some 180 other officials for the 13th County Treasurer's Seminar at Texas A&M University April 15-18.

Theme of the seminar was "Meeting the Challenges of 1985." McCormick explained that the seminar is one of the educational programs sponsored by the V.G. Young Institute of County Government, a part of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Conferences are also conducted for county judges and commissioners, county and district clerks and county tax assessor-collectors.

"The Institute provides a forum of mutual support for county officials, the staff of the Extension Service and various government, academic and business leaders across the state," said McCormick. "The overall aim of the Institute is to help county officials provide more effective public service."

Program topics at the seminar included cash management and investments, computer use in county government, legislative process for county officials, personnel management, accounting principles and bonds and certificates of

tant Art Pearce; District Surgeon Roland Treille.

District President Edith Bradley then turned the meeting over to Auxiliary President Paula O'Connor who closed the meeting.

The High School Band will also accompany Scott Stevenson on his Sax Solo. Stevenson is a student teacher this year in Irion County and a Music Major at A.S.U. The admission is free and everyone is invited to attend.

obligation. Separate workshops were also held for treasurer's from counties with populations less than 15,000; 15,000 to 50,000 and more than 50,000 to deal with their special problems.

"The county treasurers of Texas are personally and professionally committed to staying abreast of current information that will improve their ability to carry out their duties," said McCormick. McCormick received a certificate for successfully completing the seminar along with 2.0 credit units through the Office of Professional Development at Texas A&M University.

Sports Banquet to be Held May 14

The Eldorado Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday, May 14th at 7:30 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

Tickets will be \$6.00 per person and can be bought at the door or from Melissa O'Harrow or Lois Dean. The evening's meal will be catered by Southern Seas.

Awards will be presented to outstanding Eagle athletes at the annual banquet



Twenty two ladies receive the Obligation from Annie Daniels as

the Ladies Auxiliary to Schleicher County Memorial Post 9842 is

officially instituted.



Cutting her close, this young lady is as close as you can get without losing five points. There were many such exciting performances at the Third Annual Youth Rodeo in Eldorado.



Eagles' Point Youth Center was one of several entries in the third Annual Jr. Rodeo parade.

Rodeo School Set

The Donnie Burrows Rodeo Company will sponsor a Bareback Riding & Saddle Bronc Riding School at Bud Arnt's Arena June 1st. The instructor will be Larry Mahan, World Champion All-Around Cowboy. For more information call 853-3423.

WTU Names New Officers

Several changes in the accounting and finance area at West Texas Utilities Co. were announced recently after the regular meeting of the WTU Board of Directors.

Glen D. Churchill, president and chief executive officer, said the following action was taken by the board:

Larry Connors, formerly controller, was elected Corporate Secretary and was promoted to Director of Accounting and Finance. George Woffin, formerly Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, was elected Treasurer and Assistant Secretary. David Carpenter was elected Controller. Sherwyn McNair was elected Assistant Treasurer, and will continue in his present position as

Director of Corporate Communications.

Also announced was the resignation of Don Shahan as Secretary and Treasurer to accept a new position with an associated company, Public Service Co. of Oklahoma at Tulsa. Shahan, a native of Abilene, had been with WTU since 1975 and had held his current position since 1979. His new assignment in Tulsa is effective May 1.

Other appointments announced by Churchill included David McDonald, chief accountant in Statistics and Taxes being named supervisor of the Tax Section, and Mrs. Jame (Wendy) Hargus being promoted from Assistant to the Treasurer to Assistant to the

Controller and Supervisor of the Forecast and Financial Analysis Section.

The Thursday board meeting was the first since the recent WTU stockholders meeting, when all directors were re-elected and F.L. "Steve" Stephens was added to the board. Stephens of San Angelo, is president of Town and Country Food Stores, Inc., and had previously served as a WTU director.

In his new position, Connors will have responsibility over the Company's accounting and financial operations. He is a native of Massachusetts and a 1973 graduate of St. Edwards' University at Austin. He joined WTU as assistant to the controller in 1976 after three years with Arthur Andersen and Co. in Houston and was elected Assistant Controller in 1977 and Controller in 1979. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

Woffin, a native of Winters and a graduate of Hardin-Simmons

University joined WTU's Property Accounting Department in 1966. He later served as a manager in the Treasury Department before being elected Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary in 1978.

Carpenter is a native of Slaton and a graduate of Texas Tech University. He worked for Houston Lighting and Power Co. for three years before joining WTU in 1978. He was named Assistant to the Controller in 1983. He is a Certified Public Accountant.

McDonald was born in Stamford and earned two degrees at Hardin-Simmons University. He joined WTU in 1975 and has been a chief accountant since 1979.

Mrs. Hargus is a native of Lamesa, a graduate of Texas Tech, and a Certified Public Accountant. She joined WTU in 1980 as an accountant and was promoted to chief accountant in forecast and planning in 1981 and to Assistant to the Treasurer in 1983.

New Books

New books on the top ten list include:

Thinner-Richard Bachman; Inside, Outside-Herman Wauk; Queenie-Michael Korda; Shake Your Head, Darling-Jose Eber; All the Days of My Life-Hilary Bailey; The Class-Erich Segal; Cactus Jack-OC Fisher; From New Deal to Watergate-OC Fisher.

Ten new children's books were added.

Books about Harry Truman will be featured this week as May 8 is his birthday.

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Farmland Open Winners

The first Annual Farmland Open got underway last Saturday with 31 golfers teaming up. The 18 hole, Best Ball tourney was won by Mark Murtishaw, Elvie Carroll and Jim Updegraff.

Second place was taken by a team consisting of Chuck Pierce, Cuck Bailey, and John Cheatham. Third place trophy went to Gary Warnock, Joe Bradford and Raymond Espinosa.

Six teams competed for Sportsmanship Award but Chuck White, Sebastian Valencia and Tony Cheatham walked away with it. Other winners were Herb Hefflin for Longest Drive, Raymond Espinosa for Closest to the Pin. This was Raymond's first golf game by the way.

The most unique shot came from Joe Bradford when he hit an airplane. The airstrip is near the golf course and apparently Joe sliced and planted the ball inside one of the hangers.

Horse Club to meet

There will be a Horse Club meeting Thursday night, May 2nd at 6:30 p.m. at the Mertzon 4-H Arena. All members are requested to attend the meeting and to bring their horses.

Home Diner and Bakery
 Soup of the Day
 Monday - Potato
 Tuesday - Nacho Cheese
 Wednesday - Broccoli & Cheese
 Thursday - Chicken Vegetable
 Friday - Barley & Beef
 Monday - Chicken Enchiladas
 Tuesday - Poor Boys
 Wednesday - Spaghetti
 Thursday - Pork Chops
 Friday - Beef Enchiladas
 853-3022 107 Main
 853-3157 (Home) 6 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Bridal Selections
 Mrs. Greg Garlitz
 nee Amy Le Blanc
 Terri Fatheree
 Bride elect of Peter Hoyt
 Dusti Murph
 Bride Elect of Kelly Charboneau
 Frances Bland
 Bride elect of Pete Furry
 Cathy's Eldorado

Schedule of Fees and Activity Accounts

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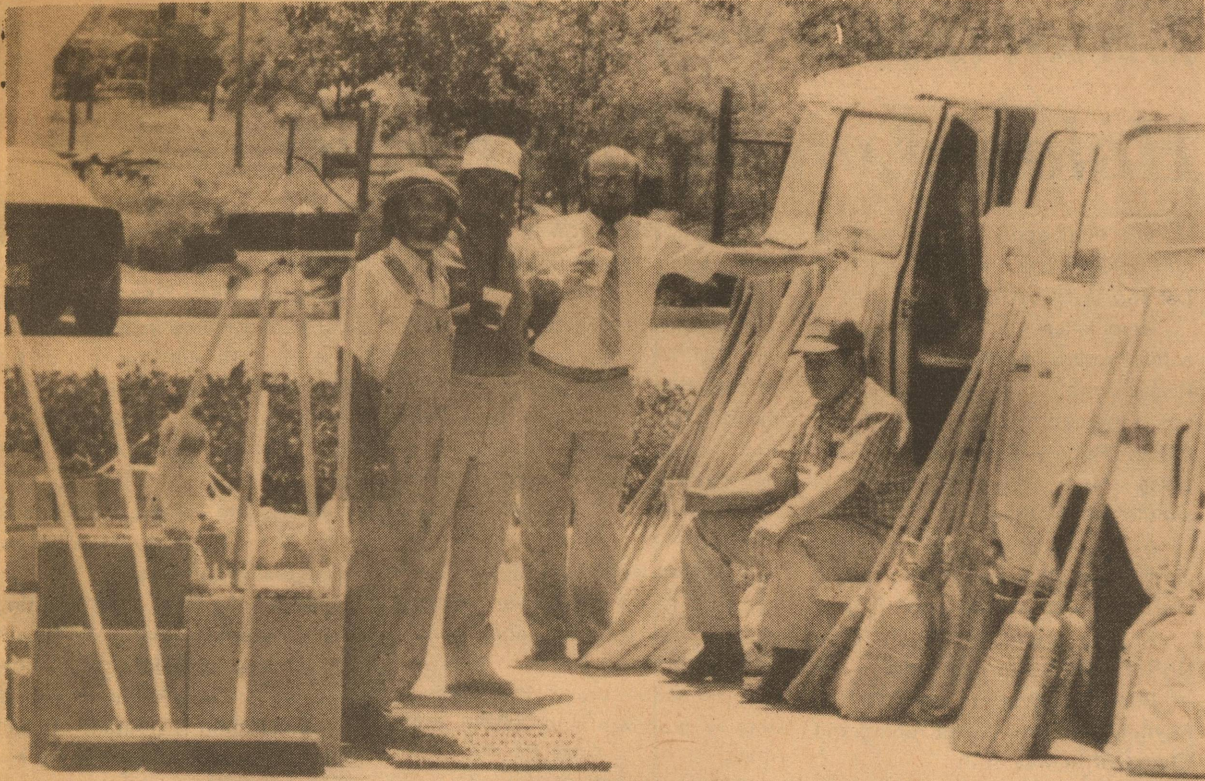
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Mertzion Lions Schuch and John held the fort during the lunch

hour at the broom sale last week. Reports are the broom sale was a big success.

C Team Roping

The Spring Creek Roping Club will be hosting a C team roping May 25th at the Irion County Roping Arena. The books open at 12 noon and close at 1 p.m. The roping is 3 for 16, prog, after one. Following the finals will be a B team roping. For more information call 835-4871 or 835-7031.

Mertzion One Act Tours

The Junior High students from Mertzion hit Paint Rock with their comedy one act play, "Nathan the Nervous," by O.B. Rozell, and brought home 1st place for their effort.

This is the first time Junior High has entered the competition and therefore makes their first place win even more special.

Tracie Davis was selected to the "All-Star Cast" for her portrayal of Queen Augustus - The Anquished.

Other members of the cast were: Susan Walker, Skila Schuch, Rachel Honea, Jason Parks, Tami Mohler, Julie Flores, J.C. Bonner and Lanessa Porter.

The crew consisted of: Kim Holloway, Michelle Stillson and Martha Valencia.

The play was directed by Stella Wolfenbarger and Cheryl Gassiot.

Bikers to Ride For C.F. Foundation

Each year more people are finding they can bike their way to a healthier life.

Here in Eldorado Bikers also can bike their way to help support a healthier life for the 30,000 Americans who suffer from cystic fibrosis, the number one genetic killer of young people in the United States.

Cystic fibrosis is an incurable lung-damaging and digestive

Phone changes

Customers now need to dial ALL SEVEN local digits of the desired telephone number when using a Christoval pay telephone.

"It's very important to dial the complete number with prefix at local coin telephones," noted General Telephone General Manager E.O. Cambern.

Cambren added the changes are in conjunction with the recent change to 0 plus and 1 plus long distance dialing in Christoval.

disease, according to the Eldorado Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, sponsor the CF Bike-A-Thon to be held on Saturday May 11. The bikers will meet at the practice football field at 10 a.m. Hext and Parkers will furnish drinks. McCalla's and Perry's will donate prizes.

"Geneticists estimate that one in every 20 Americans is an unknowing and symptomless carrier of the gene which can cause CF in a child," says Cindy McGinnes, chairman of the Eldorado CF Chapter. "If a child receives a CF gene from each of two unsuspecting gene carriers, the child has a 25 per cent change of being born with cystic fibrosis," says McGinnes.

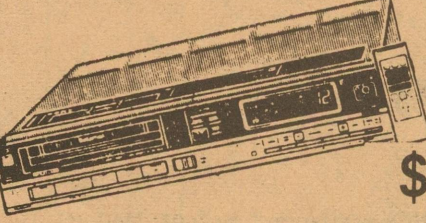
"Because carriers don't show any signs of CF, and because a reliable carrier test is not yet available, a person's carrier status isn't recognized until he or she becomes the parent of a child with CF," according to McGinnes. "The Foundation is

funding research to find an effective carrier test and to find a cure for cystic fibrosis," she explains.

Accurate early diagnosis is sometimes difficult, according to McGinnes. "CF symptoms mimic other lung and digestive disorders such as chronic bronchitis, allergy and asthma," she said. Because of this, the Foundation estimates that only one of every two to three individuals with CF is accurately diagnosed in any given year.

The signs of CF include a salty taste of the skin, recurrent wheezing, persistent coughing with excessive mucus, pneumonia more than once, excessive appetite with poor weight gain, and enlargement of the fingertips. Additional signs include persistent, bulky diarrhea and nasal polyps.

For more information about cystic fibrosis or the bike-a-thon, write the Eldorado Chapter of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation at Box 591, or call 853-2149.



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SHOTS

School Menu Eldorado

(All lunches served with bread, milk and butter).
Menus subject to change.

Monday, May 6th

Fiestadas
Pinto Beans
Lettuce & Tomato Salad
Cornbread
Iced Cupcakes

Tuesday, May 7th

Fresh Fish Fillets
Macaroni & Cheese
Blackeyed Peas
Cole Slaw
Chocolate Cake-Icing

Wednesday, May 8th

Beef Stew with Vegetables
Grilled Cheese Sandwiches
Cornbread
Sliced Peaches
Sugar Cookies

Thursday, May 9th

Roast Beef & Gravy
Buttered Rice
English Peas
Orange Congealed Salad
Pineapple Cobbler

Friday, May 10th

Hamburgers
Potato Chips
Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles
Carrot Sticks
Banana Pudding

Breakfast

1/4 pt. milk served with each breakfast.

Monday, May 6th

Applesauce
Blueberry Muffins

Tuesday, May 7th

Prunes
Hot Oatmeal-Toast

Wednesday, May 8th

Orange Juice
Hot Biscuits-Bacon-Jelly

Thursday, May 9th

Apple Juice
Cinnamon Toast

Friday, May 10th

Banana
Choice of Cereal

New station

Air Force Sgt. William E. Rankin, son of Ben F. Rankin of 601 Cherry Road, Clemson, S.C., and Becky L. Rankin of 504 Preusser, San Angelo, Texas, has arrived for duty at Rockville naval Air Station, Iceland.

Rankin, a telecommunications maintenance specialist with the 932nd Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron, was previously assigned at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas.

His wife, Becky, is the daughter of Eugene and Faye Gibson of Eldorado, Texas.

He is a 1978 graduate of D.W. Daniel High School, Clemson.

Chapter Celebrates 40th Year

Fort Concho Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas met in the home of Edelle Huignett, 209 Hobbs, San Angelo Saturday, April 27. Co hostesses were Lucy Hinde, Doris Loswell and Rita Cornelius.

The chapter celebrated its 40th year and chapter members and past presidents were honored. Two charter members and 9 past presidents were recognized as living members.

Special recognition was given to two active members who have been in the chapter continuously for over 30 years. They are Hazel Cook, 33 years and Lucy Hinde 31 years.

"Battle of the Alamo" was reviewed by the Arthur Gus Clements.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Lucille Coleman, secretary treasurer by Eloise Amos, and Susie Metcal showed the finished chapter scrap book.

Birthday cake and punch were served to the guest speaker, 19 members, 2 visitors and 4 prospective members. Bobbie Halfash and Joyce Gray of Mertzion were among the prospective members, papers pending.

Members from Barnhart attending were Annie Hinde, Lucy Hinde and Sarah Griffith.

Public Notice

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in accordance with the rules of the Public Utility Commission of Texas, hereby gives notice of the Company's intent to implement a new schedule of telephone rates in Texas, effective May 6, 1985, unless otherwise determined by the Commission. The Public Utility Commission of Texas has received the application as Docket 6200.

While proposals as to specific rates vary, it is expected that the requested rate schedule will furnish a 10.5 percent increase in the Company's unadjusted test year intrastate revenues or a 9.7% increase in test year revenues as adjusted for test year customer growth and annualization of test year rate increases. The rate application seeks an annual increase of \$323.9 million in revenues. All customers and classes of customers of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company within Texas will be affected by the proposed changes.

Most rates proposed for increase would increase by about 18.5 percent, including local exchange rates. However, there are some exceptions. For example, those customers residing in cities that will be reclassified into larger rate groups will experience local exchange rate increases greater than 18.5 percent. Also, the rate increases proposed for private line services in El Paso, due to a proposal to restructure such rates, are greater than 18.5 percent.

A complete copy of the new rate schedule is on file with the Public Utility Commission at Austin, Texas and with each affected incorporated municipality served by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. The Commission staff has contended in the past that all rates are subject to change as a result of Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's rate application. This filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for local exchange service, intraLATA long distance, intraLATA interexchange private line service (which includes foreign exchange service) and to decrease certain access service rates.

Notice to Customers of Other Telephone Companies

This filing includes, but is not limited to, proposals to increase rates for intraLATA long distance and for intraLATA, interexchange private line service (which includes foreign exchange service) and to decrease certain access service rates. Changes in such rates would also affect customers of other telephone companies because such companies provide certain services in accordance with rates specified in Southwestern Bell Telephone Company's tariffs.

Notice to All Customers Concerning Access Charges and Certain New Service Charges

Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, as a part of this filing, is also proposing to reduce certain access rates charged such customers as AT&T Communications, Inc., MCI and other carriers. The resulting reduction in revenues is proposed to be offset by revenues from two new service charges, late payment charges applicable to business customers only and for certain operator services such as busy line verification, plus stimulation of access service charge revenues. Since this portion of the filing, if granted, would have essentially a zero net revenue effect on Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company is proposing that this portion of the filing be expeditiously handled by the Commission and not await Final Order.

Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission as soon as possible. A request to intervene, participate, or for further information should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Further information may also be obtained by calling the Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division at (512) 458-0223 or (512) 458-0227, or (512) 458-0221 teletypewriter for the deaf.

Aviso Público

En conformidad con las disposiciones de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company anuncia mediante el presente aviso su intención de establecer un nuevo arancel de tarifas telefónicas en Texas, con vigencia a partir del 6 de mayo de 1985, salvo disposición en contrario de la Comisión. La Comisión de Servicios Públicos de Texas ha registrado esta solicitud bajo el Docket 6200.

Si bien existe variación entre las propuestas en cuanto a las tarifas precisas, se anticipa que el arancel tarifario solicitado aumentará en un 10.5% los ingresos intraestatales no ajustados de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company durante el año de prueba, o sea, un aumento del 9.7 por ciento en los ingresos del año de prueba, después de realizar el ajuste por la expansión de los usuarios y por la anualización del aumento de tarifas para el año de prueba. El objeto de esta solicitud de tarifas es lograr un aumento anual en los ingresos de \$323.9 millones. Los cambios propuestos afectarán a todos los usuarios y grupos de usuarios de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company en el estado de Texas.

La mayoría de las tarifas que resultarían afectadas por el propuesto aumento aumentarían aproximadamente en un 18.5 por ciento, incluyendo las tarifas de centrales locales. Sin embargo, existen algunas excepciones. Por ejemplo, los usuarios que residen en ciudades que se reclasificarán para formar parte de grupos tarifarios mayores experimentarán aumentos mas elevados del 18.5 por ciento. Por otra parte, los aumentos de las tarifas propuestas para servicios de línea privada en El Paso aumentarían en más de 18.5 por ciento, como resultado de una propuesta para reestructurar tales tarifas.

Una copia completa del nuevo arancel de tarifas se halla archivada en las oficinas de la Comisión de Servicios Públicos en Austin, Texas, así como en cada municipalidad incorporada afectada que tenga servicio de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. En el pasado, la Comisión ha sostenido que toda tarifa se halla sujeta a cambio toda vez que Southwestern Bell Telephone Company solicite nuevas tarifas. El registro de esta tarifa incluye, pero no en forma limitativa, las propuestas de aumentar las tarifas por servicios de centrales locales, de larga distancia intraLATA y por servicios de línea privada interLATA entre centrales (incluyendo servicios de centrales externas) así como las propuestas de reducir ciertas tarifas de servicio de acceso.

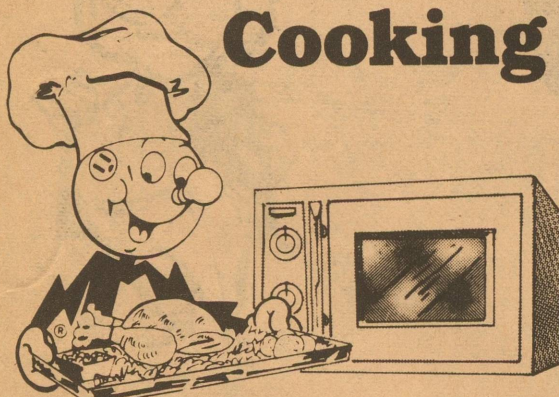
Aviso a los clientes de otras compañías de teléfono
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Aviso a todos los clientes con respecto a los cargos de acceso y a determinados cargos nuevos de servicio

Al registrar esta tarifa, Southwestern Bell Telephone Company también propone reducir ciertas tarifas de acceso que se les cobran a clientes como AT&T Communications, Inc., MCI y otras compañías de larga distancia. La consecuente reducción de ingresos se piensa compensar por medio de dos cargos nuevos de servicio (cargos por pago atrasado que se aplicarían solamente a usuarios comerciales, y cargos por ciertos servicios de operadora, tales como verificación de línea ocupada) además de la estimulación de los ingresos por cargos por servicios de acceso. En vista de que, en caso de otorgarse esta parte del arancel tarifario registrado, su efecto real en los ingresos de Southwestern Bell Telephone Company sería igual a cero, ésta propone que la Comisión tramite dicha parte de la tarifa en forma expeditiva sin esperar la Orden Definitiva.

Toda persona que desee intervenir o participar en el presente proceso debe notificar a la Comisión lo antes posible. Las solicitudes de intervención, participación o información deben dirigirse a: Public Utility Commission of Texas, 7800 Shoal Creek Boulevard, Suite 400N, Austin, Texas 78757. Para obtener mayor información debe llamar a Public Utility Commission Consumer Affairs Division, (512) 458-0223, o (512) 458-0227, o al (512) 458-0221 si requiere teletipo para personas con impedimentos de audición.

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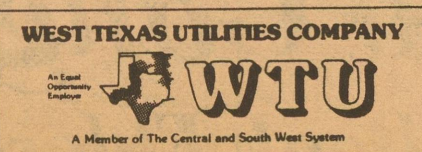
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Members of Eldorado's Rodeo team, Kevin Gerald, Neil Edmiston, Carter Edmiston, John R. Griffin, Robert Reynolds, Marty Wells, Brant Ward, Wendi Dunagan, Steven Whitten, Ashley Johnson, Brent Moore, Clint Griffin, are currently in second place in the runnings.

Eldorado Rodeo Team Holding on to 2nd Place

The high school rodeo team is still holding 2nd place in Region II. Del Rio is in 1st place.

Here is an update on the high school rodeo results. At the Pecos Rodeo John R. Griffin won 2nd and 5th in the calf roping at the two day rodeo. Robery Reynolds won 8th place. Marty Wells won 2nd in saddle bronc riding.

At the Andrews Rodeo John R. Griffin won 8th in calf roping and he and Clint won 4th in team roping.

At the Permian Rodeo Clint Griffin won 3rd in calf roping.

Fort Stockton Rodeo, Robert Reynolds was 9th in calf roping and Clint Griffin was 10th.

Big Lake Rodeo Robert Reynolds

and Brant Ward won 3rd place in team roping. Wendi Dunagan 1st in cutting.

Marfa Rodeo Robert Reynolds won 5th and 8th in calf roping. He and Brant Ward won 7th in team roping. Marty Wells won the saddle bronc riding. Wendi Dunagan won the cutting horse event. Kevin Gerald won 3rd and 4th in bull riding.

Eldorado Rodeo Wendi Dunagan won 2nd in cutting horse contest. Marty Wells won 4th and 3rd in cutting horse competition. Plus he won the saddle bronc riding. Kevin Gerald won 4th and 3rd in bull riding.

Odessa High School Rodeo this last week-end John R. Griffin won 4th in calf roping and he and Clint won 7th in team roping. Clint also won 5th in calf roping. Marty Wells won the saddle bronc riding. Team won 2nd behind Del Rio.

There is two rodeos remaining for this year. May 4th and 5th at

Iraan. The contestants that qualify for state will leave June 15th for the Texas State Finals. The top 4 in each event will compete at state and the top 4, at state will compete at the National Finals in Wyoming.

At both finals, college scholarships will be awarded to the winners.

Here is the current standings in Region II for Eldorado High School Rodeo team members:

Wendi Dunagan, 3rd cutting horse 63 points; Marty Wells, 4th cutting horse 25 points, 1st saddle bronc 40 points; Robert Reynolds 10th team roping 12 points, 12th calf roping 14 points, Clint Griffin 6th calf roping 25 points, 8th team roping 18 points; John R. Griffin 4th calf roping 39 points, 8th team roping 18 points; Brant Ward 10th team roping 12 points.

Current team standings: 1st Del Rio, 2nd Eldorado, 3rd Sonora, 4th Odessa, 5th Midland, 6th Marfa, 7th Andrews, and 8th Abilene.

"Jump Rope for Heart"

A "Jump Rope for Heart" competition was held March 14, consisting of 14 teams comprised of six members each.

The teams earned several thousand dollars. The team of Jennifer Clar, Lisa McDonald, Dalynn Pitts, Stacy Reeves, Becca Sullivan, and Carolyn Trawick earned a total of \$742.60. In addition to the prizes they chose, they will each receive a patch for their team effort.

Sponsors were Lessa Albin, Jeannie Lamb, Ruby Morrison, Randy Mitchel, and Teresa Baker.

Several participants earned over \$200 but Carolyn Trawick earned \$270.25 which earned her a special award for her efforts.

Participants include: Cynthia Arispe, Jennifer Torres, Angela Rebeck, Becky Trevino, Lupe Ramirez, Blanca Martinez, Louanne, Crouder, Jennifer Reeves, Missy Burlesan, Carrie Saver, Stacy Jones, Lira McDonald, Stacy Reeves, Becca Sullivan, Jennifer Clarck, Dalynn Pitts, and Carolyn Trawick.

Also Cy Griffin, Travis Sallee, Chris Meador, Quintan McKinney, Matt Lloyd, Stoney Hariman, Krissl McCormick, Jennifer McCarsin, Lacey Finley, Sonija Richards, Terri, Utley, Clandia Martinez, Lolly Barrera, Lisa Romero, Mary Lou Romero, Mary Ann Espinosa, Roxana Martinez, Machele Lozano, Rose Mary Adame, Staci Dockal, Carissa Porter, Angie Utley, Melissa

O'Harrow, Belinda Martinez, Cory Barton, Hope Martinez, Jana Sterling, Alyssa Halbert, Holley Whitten, T.C. Willis, Trey Morrison, Daniel Martinez, Gilbert Tobares, and Marla Walfhall.

Other participants were Jamie Belk, Lee Ann Lloyd, Shelly Felver, Kace Chalmers, Kathy Moore, Tara Holley, Dawn Schriver, Frankie Lara, Robert Taylor, Steven Pina, Victor Hernandez, Jamie Sanchez, Gabriel Martinez, Katy Hardy, Dena Lloyd, Teresa Lux, Angie McGregor, Amy Henderson, Ca-Tina Dady, Wanda Kirkendall, Molly Felver, Kim Mitchell, Shane Dressner, Tony Aycock, Marty Kirkendall, Nora Fuentes, Mondee Nelson, and Laura Martinez.

Troop 18 Camps out at Sol Meyer

Saturday, April 27 Troop 18 went to Sol Meyer for an over night camp out. Sol Meyer is a Boy Scout camping area on the San Saba River three miles North East of Fort McKavett. The scouts fished, swam and canoed in the river during the camp out.

Scouts attending were Rudy Sanchez, David Regaldo, Michael Jenkins, Chris Jenkins, Arturo Escobar, Josh Escarsega, Ervey Hernandez, Marco Sandate, and Tim O'Conner.

Attending adults were Mike O'Conner, Weldon Jenkins, and Steven Hessel.

Car Wash Planned

Troop 18 is planning a car wash in the near future as a fund raising effort for their summer camp fees.

Bridal Selections at
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Main St. Eldorado

Frances Bland
Bride Elect of Pete Furry

Dusti Murph
Bride Elect of Kelley Charboneau

Terri Fatheree
Bride Elect of Peter Hoyt

Mr. & Mrs. Greg Garlitz



Historical Society holds Open House

The Schleicher County Historical Society held an Open House Sunday April 28 at the S.C. Museum and it was a lively day for old timers and people passing through stopping in to see the beautiful things that are in the museum.

The women of the Historical Society worked hard to show the people a good day. 60 People attended.

Refreshments of punch and cookies was served. The youngest

person to join the Historical Society was a little boy, Farley Dakan. The serving table had a lace table cloth of Ecu, made in the 1800's. Silver service and Ivy decorated the table. Every Schleicher County citizen should belong to the Historical Society.

Thanks to the Leader for their help they gave the Historical Society. Also to Margaret Frost, Ruth Barker, Ola Ruth Barbee and

Ethel Etheredge, Mable Frietog, and Frankie Williams for such a good day.

New Born

Jacquelin Rae Cheatham

John and Cissy Cheatham are the proud parents of a daughter born April 22 in Angelo Community Hospital. She was named Jacquelin Rae, weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by an eight year old sister, Jennifer.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Tony Cheatham and Mr. and Mrs. Dan Norman. Great Grandmother is Mrs. Alice Cheatham.



Youngsters from the surrounding area converged Saturday on the David Meador ranch for the Eldorado-Divide Conservation District Grass Judging Contest.

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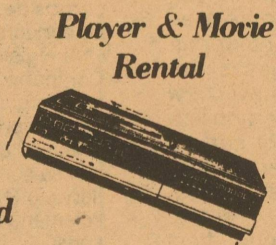
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Methodist Church to hold revival

The First United Methodist Church of Eldorado will be hosting a Singing and Preaching Mission, May 5-8.

Rev. Rick Waters, minister of the First United Methodist Church in Burnet will be the evangelist for the three day meeting. He is also a

native of San Antonio, Texas. Rev. Waters graduated in 1964 from Trinity University.

After working for seven years as a professional representative for a drug company, Rev. Waters entered Perkins School of Theology in 1972. While at Perkins he pastored the

United Methodist Church at Laird Hill, near Kilgore. Following graduation in 1976, Rev. Waters accepted the pastorate at the United Methodist Church in San Saba. In October of 1979, Rev. Water moved to Burnet and has served there until the present time. Rick and his wife Sharon, have three children.

In addition to his pastoral work, Rev. Waters also serves as District secretary of Evangelism and is also a member of the newly formed conference council on Church Revitalization and Extension.

Eugene Raphael, minister of the

Wesley United Methodist Church in San Angelo will be the featured singer. A graduate of Oral Roberts University, Raphael will bring a moving message in song to the meeting.

Rev. Waters will be working with the youth while Rev. Raphael will be working with the children during this revival.

Worship services will be at 7 a.m. and again at 7:30 p.m. each day with children's time at 6:30 p.m. daily.

Rev. Fred Brown, pastor, invites everyone to come out and share in this time of preaching and singing.

First Baptist Church holds piano recital

A piano recital was held Sunday afternoon in the First Baptist Church by pupils of Mr. Leroy Moore of and Leslie Praser.

Mr. Moore's students were from the Winters, Wingate, Ballinger, Sonora program were: Traci Stricklan, and Eldorado.

Mr. Moore played organ music Bobby Ann Roubison, Andra before the recital began and also Robledo, Sherri Hocutt, Skeeter played piano and sang several Hulsey, Adam Sallee, Dallas numbers before the recital was over.

Local church to get new pastor

Members of the First Baptist Church are preparing for the arrival of their new pastor Chris Graham. Chris, his wife Carol, and two children, Katie and Taylor will be here this week and he will preach his first sermon as pastor Sunday May 5th.

Graham is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

For the past five years he has

Shipman rites held

Mrs. Mary L. Shipman, 76, of Eldorado died Monday, April 29th at Guadalupe Medical Center, Carlsbad, New Mexico. Services were held Wednesday May 1st at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Daniels officiating.

Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mrs. Shipman was a member of the Antioch Baptist Church and a homemaker. Mrs. Shipman is survived by her husband and two sons L.D. Shipman and wife Sue of Ft. Stockton, Monroe Shipman and wife Dorothy of Carlsbad, New Mexico, a daughter, Bernice Dure of Carrizo Springs, nine grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

Daughter Eva Terry preceeded her in death.

Pallbearers were Danny Shipman, Gary Shipman, Stephen Luman, Steven Dabeeko, W.C. Reagan, and George Robert ORR.

Lambert services held recently

James Bruce Lambert, 65, died at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday, April 24 in Schleicher County Medical Center. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 27 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Ron Sutto officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mr. Lambert was born April 24, 1920 in Royal, Arkansas. He married Ina Renfrow on August 24, 1941 in Sudan. They moved to Eldorado from Seagraves in February 1975.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church and served in WWII. He was employed by Frontier Petroleum Services.

Survivors include his wife, two daughters, Linda Miller of Seminole and Janice Knasel of Leguna Hills, Calif., two sisters, Ann Clark of Pryor, Okla. and Jean Hughes of Muskogee, Okla. A brother Barry Lambert of Vine Grove, KY., four grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Tom Trusdale, Bill Freitag, Ernie Algdon, Clay Porter, Monroe "Bubba" Sullivan and Monroe Dacy.

Honorary Pallbearers were employees of Frontier Petroleum Services and the Western Company.

Mertzon church to host revival soon

The First Baptist Church of Mertzon will be hosting a Revival May 5th through the 8th. The theme is Lordship and Christian Growth. Invited speaker is Dale Childs of Oakgrove, Missouri. Director is Steve Brazeal, music and youth minister from Emanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo.

The revival begins with Sunday worship at 11 a.m. on the 5th and 7 p.m. Service Sunday night. Followin

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been associate pastor of Signal Mt. Baptist Church in Signal Mt. Tennessee.



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Pastor: Randy Messer
2nd & Lake Ave.
835-5571

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Sunday Evening Worship 7:00p.m.
Wednesday Worship 7:30p.m.
Prayer Services

CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER DAY SAINTS
Bishop: Keith Knepp
San Angelo 949-6894
2817 Christoval Rd.
Priesthood 11:00 a.m.
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Joe Partlow, Minister
Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Morning Service 11:00a.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.
853-3101

PRIMERA IGLESIA BAUTISTA
Rev. Raul Tirado, Pastor
El Paso and Concho St.
Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
Training Union 6-7p.m.
Evening Worship 7-8p.m.
Sunbeams Wed. 3:00p.m.
Prayer Service 7:00p.m.

UNITED PENECONSTAL CHURCH
Rev. Walter Ford
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Sunday School 10:00a.m.
Worship Service 11:00a.m.
Sun. Evening Service 7:00p.m.
Wed. Evening Service 7:30p.m.

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF MERTZON
Minister Roy Tharp
Jay Spurlin
Hwy. 67
Sunday 10:45a.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Ronald J. Sutto
7 N. Cottonwood
Sunday School 10:00a.m.
Fellowship Time 10:30a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
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Sun. Evening Service 6:00p.m.
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Mike Sokoff, Minister

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Rusty Kwast, Minister
Mertzon Hwy.
Sunday Services
Bible Class 10:00a.m.
Assembly 11:00a.m. & 6:00p.m.
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Ladies Bible Class 10:00a.m.
Bible Class 8:00p.m.



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Bible Study 7:00p.m.

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Sunday School 9:45a.m.
Morning Worship 11:00a.m.
Adult Evening Bible Study,
Worship 7:00p.m. Wed.
Prayer Service 7:30p.m.

IGLESIA GETHSEMANE
ASEMBLEA DE DIOS
Rev. Nick Robledo
Menard Hwy.
Sunday School 9:45
Morning Worship 11:00
Evening Services 5:00
Wed. Prayer Services 7:00
Friday Services 7:00

MERTZON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Preacher Rueben Stanley
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Sunday Bible Class 10:00a.m.
Church 11:00a.m.
Wed. Study 7-8 p.m.
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Ladies Thurs. 9-10 a.m.

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Morning Service 11:00a.m.
Evening Service 6:00p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 7:00p.m.
Rev. Ken Otwell, Pastor

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Pastor: Fr. James Betzen
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Tues. Mass 7:00p.m.
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We want to express our grateful appreciation for the kind expression of sympathy shown us in the loss of our loved one. The prayers, cards, food, visits and flowers meant so much to each of us, and we would like to say a special thanks to Rev. Sutto and the hospital staff. May God bless each of you.

Ina Lambert
Linda Miller & Family
Jan Knasel & Family

Food Committee meets

The Schleicher County Food and Agriculture Committee met this past month. The committee discussed the effects of the drought. It was agreed that it will take possibly 2 years for pasture to recover under good management.

The good rains and early spring rains have really turned this country into a colorful, beautiful place that we haven't seen in several years. The country has really greened up. We might be led to believe we are going to have a good year finally and we need to restock our ranches. However, the majority of what is green now is cool season annual grasses and forbs and a few cool season perennials like Texas wintergrass. Most of these will be gone when summer's heat sets in by June. These plants are using up our available soil moisture now. Because of this, not nearly as much moisture will be available for warm season grasses. It is these warm season grasses, such as buffalo-grass, curly mesquite, sideoats grama and cane bluestem that the livestock will need for grazing the next nine months.

It is very important for a rancher to analyze his situation now and determine the kind and quantity of

Public Notice

The Schleicher County ASCS office is currently taking bids for janitorial services. The county office is to be cleaned twice weekly. The successful bidder will be required to furnish all cleaning materials.

A description of the janitorial service contract can be seen at the county office which is located at 105 1/2 East Calendar Ave. in Eldorado, Tex. (Telephone 853-2838).

All bids must be received in the county office by May 17, 1985. The ASCS office reserves the right to refuse all bids. 17-18-19-c

"The Texan" to roll

In 1950, Texas and Pacific's famed 610 locomotive nicknamed, "The Texan", was retired in Fort Worth after chugging over a million miles through Texas, ushering the end of a very special era in the state's transportation history--the age of steam train travel. But Texans in 1986 will be able to relieve the excitement of this bygone age, when the huge engine once again rumbles through as a part of the Texas Sesquicentennial Steam Train Touring Exhibition.

The Touring Exhibition is part of an ongoing program to restore and run old steam trains for the Sesquicentennial entitled the Texas Independence Express. Another engine, Texas State Railroad's No. 201, will also be restored, and together the two engines will pull up to 28 cars over a 5,000 mile network of Texas rails. The Exhibition will accommodate up to 500 passengers and will roll through over 150 communities, with each to welcome it with gala festivities, dances and celebrations.

For more information about the Sesquicentennial Steam Train Touring Exhibition or to make a contribution, contact the Texas Independence Express, P.O. Box 791504, Dallas, Texas 75379, (214) 565-1986.

plants he has. Due to the past three years of poor growing conditions, plants are still in a stressed condition, even though they may appear to be fully recovered. A person can't expect to jump right out of the sickbed and be 100% recovered or he may have a relapse. We can't expect the same of our grazing plants either. The extended drought conditions have reduced the plant's root system. Since 95% of the plant food is produced in the leaf surface, they have not been able to produce the amount of food necessary to maintain a strong root system. Depending on the grazing pressure received, it may take one to two years or longer before the better range plants recover. A recuperating period for these plants is very important this year.

By watching his grass and livestock and being flexible enough to make changes in his grazing program when conditions warrant, a rancher can cut down the odds in a business that already stacks quite a few odds against him.

To Those I Love

by Nadine Bell

With the sun on my back, the wind in my face,
I've gone a head to prepare a place,
For my loved ones and my friends,
This is only the beginning, its not the end.
Those skies of blue you see from Below
From where I'm standing are made of pure gold.
What I see of this beautiful land
Can never be painted by a human hand.

Its beyond imagination or anyones dream
You'd just have to be here, to know what I mean.
So Loved ones and friends do not question the fate,
That brought me here to these pearly gates
I have no sorrow, no pain, or tears
No worry about the coming years.
Do not question, leave things as they are,
Just look to the Heavens for a brand new star.
Line your life in a simple way
Do your best from day to day
Think of me sometime, but weep no more
I'll be waiting for you on that golden shore.
Line each day as tho it were the last.
Look to the future, not the past
No, do not question the fate or even ask why,
I'm happy at home, here beyond the sky.

In memory of our Dear Alan whose been gone five years.

Personal

Mr. and Mrs. W.A. Van Dusen were in Odessa Saturday to attend the wedding of their son, Bill Van Dusen of Odessa and Barbara Sue Cummings of Stanton. After a short wedding trip the couple will be at home in Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Dusen flew up to Seminole Sunday with another son and wife, David and JoAnn Lawrence to see a new great-granddaughter, born April 13 to Steve and Betty Van Dusen of Seminole. She was named Lindley Nicole and weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces.

Elementary Musical

The Eldorado Elementary second and third grade classes will be presenting a music program May 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The program will be under the


direction of Mrs. Jo Parker, music teacher.

The public is cordially invited.

Mertzson School Field Trips

It's time once again for field trips and this week, grades K-2 are scheduled to visit various places in Mertzson and San Angelo. Next week, grades 3 through 6 will leave on their field trips. The Mertzson youngsters have worked at many projects throughout the year to raise money for this annual year end event. Some of the places to be visited this year will be Skateland, Shakey's, the Indian paintings in Paint Rock, Sonora Caverns, and San Angelo's Police Station.

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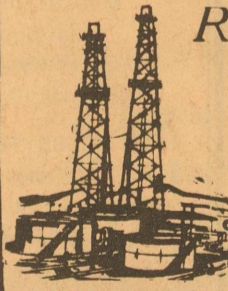
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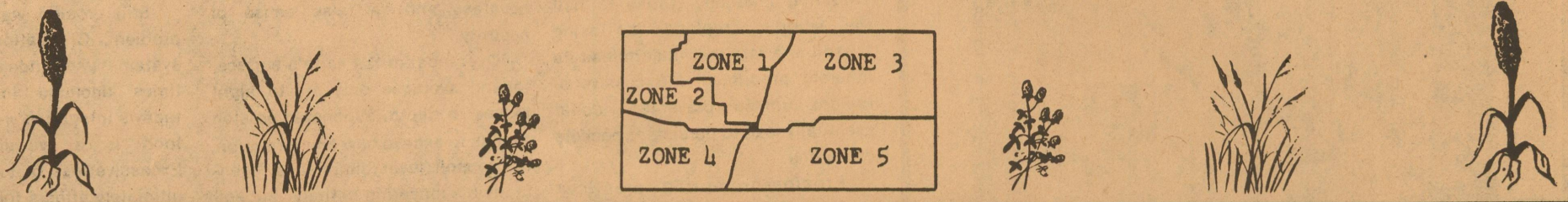
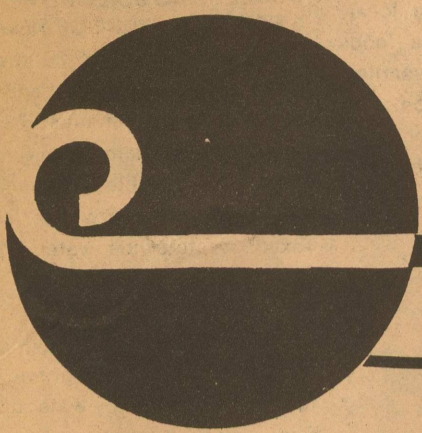
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May 2, 1985



CHRIS WOODWARD

SWCD first place essay winner

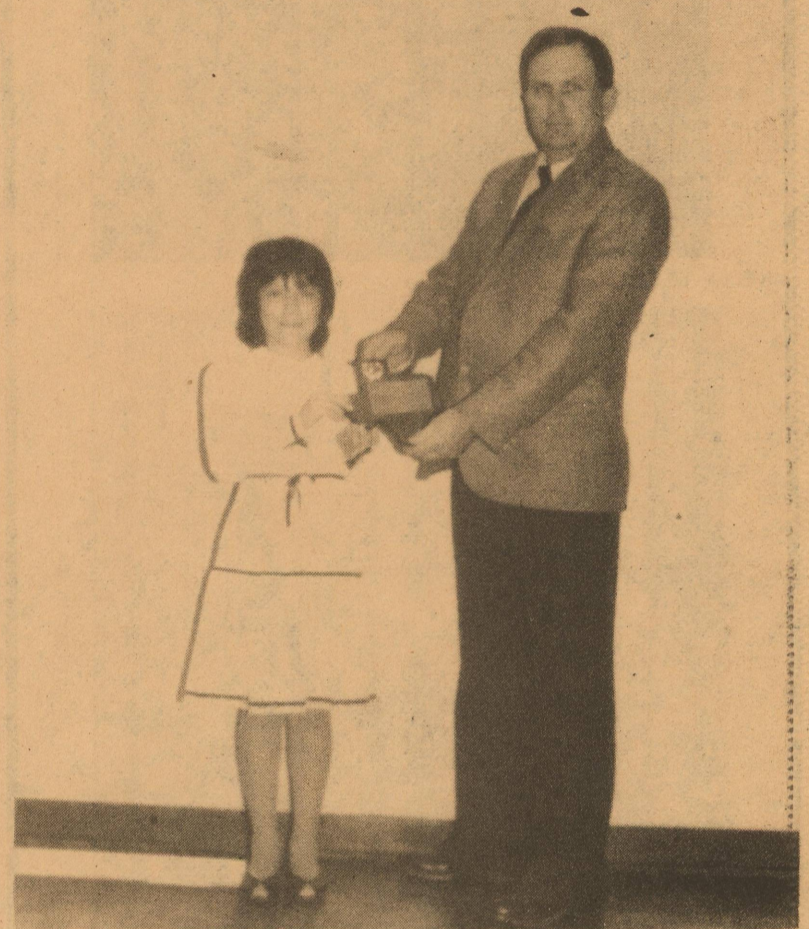
CHRIS WOODWARD

CHOSEN HOLOCAUST

Presently, in the year 1985, more time is given to the development of nuclear weapons and military forces than to our number one threat, land erosion. The results after a dense area of soil erosion could be as devastating as any nuclear war. Soil contains the means to prolong life with nourishing food and plants to produce some medicines. If we continue to neglect and improperly use this land, our children's grandchildren will suffer the most. Today, as a result of poor land operation, Africa is starving to death. With a little help on all our parts, we can teach modern methods of operating land, such as: contour plowing, strip cropping, using wind breaks, etc....to prevent this in the future. We all must try to spread

these messages to halt the spread of poor conservation methods. If one state demonstrates poor habits, they can carry on to other neighboring states and soon we could be like Africa.

Our nation loses about two billion tons of soil to erosion each year and over 3 million acres of rural land lost to non-farm purposes each year. Over 3.8 million acres are in need of restoration after being mined for coal, sand and gravel and oil and gas. Many people choose not to practice proper conservation methods because they would have to spend money; however, prices for goods we need will rise to accommodate the soil and water loss. Who can put a price on our future generation's life?



Nora Fuentes

Coming Events

6th Grade Conservation Education Day - May 6
 Soil Stewardship Week - May 12-19
 University of Texas Grape Vineyard Tour at Bakersfield - June 25

S.C.S. starts Golden Anniversary

April 27, 1985 marks the Golden Anniversary of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service—a milestone in a voluntary conservation movement that has involved more than two million farmers, ranchers, and other landowners and operators.

"SCS can be proud of what it has done," said BILLY C. GRIFFIN, State Conservationist for SCS in Temple. "It has helped to reduce soil erosion, conserve water, reduce flooding, improve rangeland, and protect other natural resources.

"In Texas, about 200,000 landowners and operators voluntarily apply conservation measures with SCS assistance," GRIFFIN continued. "They have built more than 220,000 miles of terraces, applied conservation tillage on 2.9 million acres of cropland, and are using planned grazing systems - with regular rest periods - on 13 million acres of grassland."

GRIFFIN said SCS technical assistance

is available through 201 locally run soil and water conservation districts.

SCS efforts in promoting conservation tillage and planned grazing systems today parallel the agency's early efforts in convincing farmers to use contour stripcropping, terraces, crop rotations, and other practices that returned eroded fields to productive cropland and pasture. Along the way, SCS has achieved an international reputation in the field of soil and water conservation.

What has been accomplished in 50 years is the result of Federal and State agencies and local groups working together to solve the Nation's soil and water problems

along with the leadership and investments of farmers and ranchers. These accomplishments also needed the support of conservation districts and professional organizations and the dedication of people from all walks of life who feel a sincere sense of stewardship for the land.

Everyone in the United States has benefited from the protection of soil productivity and a cleaner environment.

"It's time for celebration as we observe 50 years of soil conservation and it's time for renewed commitment as we look ahead," GRIFFIN concluded. "After all, it's the next 50 years that matter."

SWCD student winners named

One hundred and forty-nine elementary students participated in the Conservation poster contest. Overall winners were 1st Nora Fuentes 4th grade; 2nd Lupe Romo 5th grade; Angie McGregor 6th grade.

Winners by grade were as follows:

2nd GRADE
 1st LeeAnn Lloyd
 2nd DeeAnn Lloyd
 3rd Consuel Chavez

3rd GRADE

1st Lindsey Johnson
 2nd Amy Hamilton
 3rd Adrienne Pina

4th GRADE

1st Nora Fuentes
 2nd Holly Whitten
 3rd David Betancur

5th GRADE

1st Lupe Romo
 2nd Chris Meador
 3rd Matt Lloyd

6th GRADE

1st Angie McGregor
 2nd Dena Lloyd
 3rd Dana Montgomery

There was also one kindergarten participant, McCarson.

In the Essay contest there were 13 participants from the senior English class. Winners were 1st Chris Woodward; 2nd Kelly Leggett; 3rd Jennifer Willoughby.

Awards banquet honors district

The 1984 Awards Banquet for the region was held February 21st in the Houston Harte Ballroom. From the Eldorado-Divide District were Director JOHNNY GRIFFIN and his wife, Director BILLY HAUSENFLUCK and wife, and DAVID LLOYD and wife. Representing the office of the SCS in Eldorado were CARROL GREEN & BRUCE DEERE and their wives, RONNIE SAUER and his wife representing Southwest Texas Electric Coop., and MRS. WILMA LOGAN. NORA FUENTES the SCS poster contest winner and her parents MR. AND MRS. JESUS FUENTES CHRIS WOODWARD the essay winner accompanied by MR.

AND MRS. KEITH NOLEN.

Schleicher County Representatives were included in a host of other Soil and Water Conservation District, representatives and their guests at the regional affair in which each district recognized its outstanding individuals in various award categories. Approximately 500 people were treated to Roast Beef with all the trimmings. After the introductions and welcoming speeches, each district was allowed to offer a slide presentation concerning the improvements made within each district. Following the slide presentation the winners of all the awards were recognized.

CHARLES RAY PFLUGER and SCS range conservationist BRUCE DEERE examine uprooting of a cedar bush. MR. PFLUGER completed about 450 acres of treedoing this year through the Great Plains Conservation Program. BILL WHITEHURST has also completed 191 acres of treedoing under this program. BILL FREITAG completed 169 acres of treedoing and range seeding through the Agriculture Conservation Program.



Benefits of reducing brush densities

Brush is the number one problem on Texas grasslands. Many areas that were once covered with luxuriant grass are now infested with dense stands of brush. In moderate amounts, many brush species are beneficial to livestock and wildlife, providing shade, food, and cover. However, high brush densities have the opposite effect and users of rangeland benefit from brush reduction to a level more in balance with other plant communities.

Increased forage production is a very apparent benefit of reducing brush densities. Brush species,

particularly mesquite and redberry cedar, are highly efficient competitors for water and nutrients. In addition, they are water wasters, requiring two to four times as much water to produce a pound of dry matter as do perennial grasses. Dense brush canopies shade sun-loving plants and reduce understory growth to shade-tolerant plants. Some of these are or seasonal forage, but cannot provide year-round grazing by themselves. Most are not even available to grazing livestock since they cannot be reached in the dense growth.

As brush densities increase, soil erosion is generally accelerated, particularly on shallow slopes infested by cedar. The corresponding decrease in warm-season perennial grasses leaves the soil with less cover and more susceptible to washing away. Reducing brush densities promotes regrowth of plants that provide good ground cover and protect the soil from erosion.

The same factors that protect the soil from erosion also promote more infiltration of water into the soil

instead of running off the surface. Not only is more soil moisture available for use by forage plants, but flooding is reduced by the decreased runoff rate. Water that otherwise might wash away fences and roads recharges underground aquifers to provide water for spring streams, and wells. Springs and streams such as Rocky Creek in Irion County that had dried up as the range was invaded by brush have begun to run water again after completion of brush control programs.

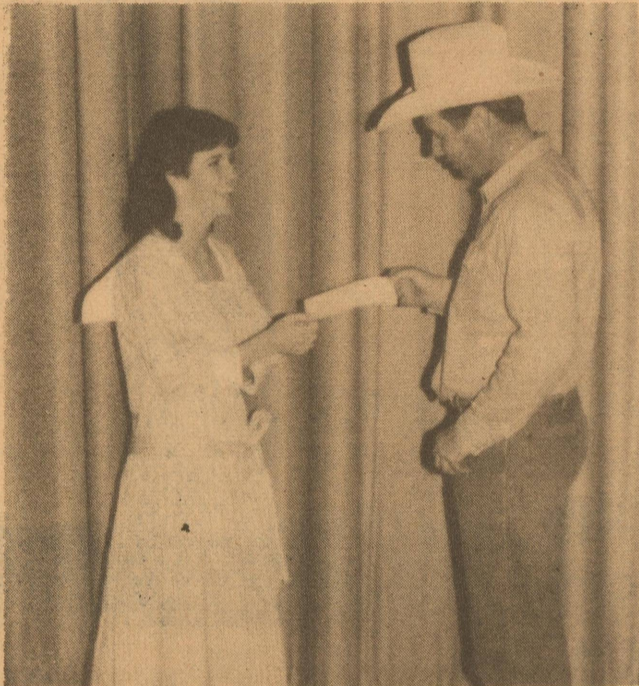
Although a certain amount of brush is essential to many wildlife species, an overabundance of brush is detrimental. Most wildlife prefer "edge" areas, where open places and heavy cover meet. Such locations provide the diverse seeds, forbs, and browse preferred by wildlife as well as the various types of cover needed for escape, hiding, nesting, or loafing. By leaving strips of motts of brush and removing the rest, brush density reduction programs can create just such a beneficial environment for wildlife.

Anyone who has tried to work livestock in heavy brush knows the value of reducing its density. In addition, the result of a properly planned brush control program is more esthetically pleasing than a solid brush canopy. Finally, land values usually increase after such programs. Whether used for ranching or recreation, rangelands with a balance of plants, including brush, provide the best returns.

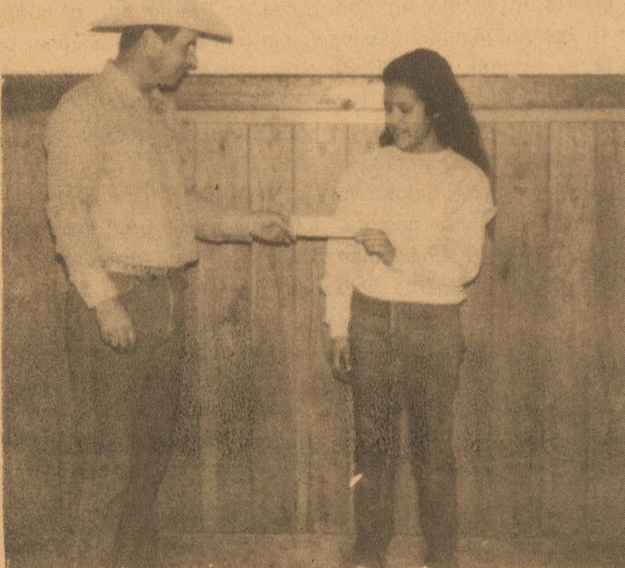
SWCD Poster and Essay Winners



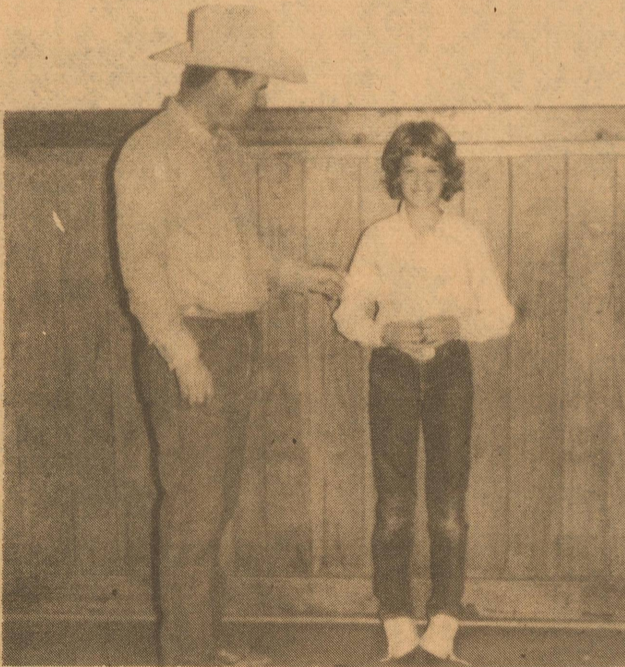
KELLY LEGGETT



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LUPE ROMO



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Stock your ponds with fish

The directors want to let you in on a good fish sale. The following is a price list of fish that can be purchased through the district. If you are interested let one of the directors know or call your order in at 853-2720 by May 15.

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| COPPERNOSE BLUEGILL SUNFISH | .30 | .35 | | | .50 |
| HYBRID SUNFISH | .35 | .45 | | | |
| RED EAR SUNFISH | .35 | | | | |
| FATHEAD MINNOWS | \$7.00 per lb. | | | | |

2nd Place Essay Winner

KELLY LEGGETT

WORLD'S ULTIMATE LOSS

Erosion, a "quiet crisis" that is not widely perceived. It's a disaster of human origin that is unfolding gradually. Close to half the world's cropland is losing topsoil at a rate that undermines its inherent productivity. Excessive erosion, unless prevented, could eventually lead to persistent pockets of famine.

Erosion-prompting practices such as intensification of cropping

patterns and plowing of marginal lands often lead to short-term production gains and even surpluses. This can create an illusion of progress and "a false sense of security."

Over most of the earth's surface, topsoil averages only six to eight inches in depth. Whenever erosion begins to exceed new soil formation, the topsoil layer diminishes, eventually disappearing entirely. Subsoil

then becomes the tillage layer and the soil structure is weakened, reducing its ability to retain water and nutrients.

Soil erosion was once a local problem. Civilizations whose food systems were undermined in earlier times declined in isolation. In today's integrated worldly economy, food is a worldly commodity. Excessive loss of topsoil anywhere ultimately affects food prices everywhere.



STEVE WILLIAMS and TANA assisted SCS staff run contour lines on a field STEVE is preparing for planting. STEVE understands the impor-

tance of farming on the contour to conserve rainfall and protect against erosion.

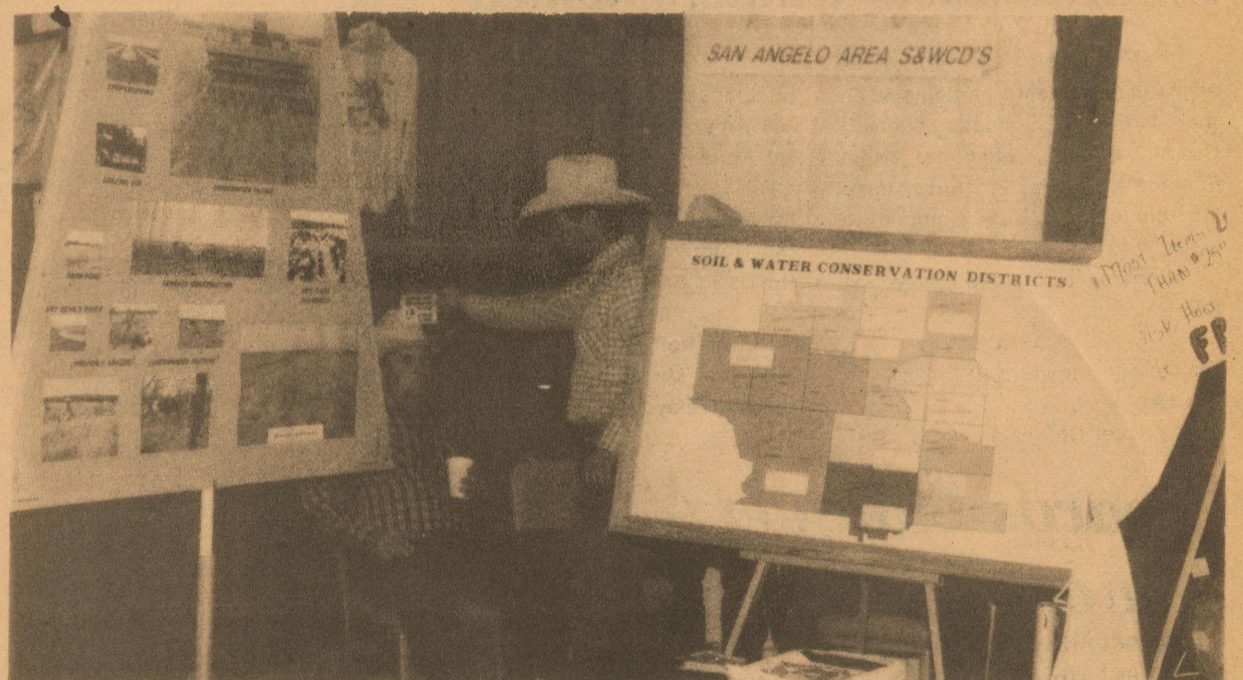


HENSEL MATTHEWS completed two fences, totalling 4,708 feet,

under the Great Plains Conservation Program. The fences will help Mr.

matthews manage his grazing distribution to better utilize his forage and improve his rangeland.

District directors, DAVID LLOYD and BILLY HAUSENLUCK WORKING TO PROMOTE SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION AT THE San Angelo Stock Show exhibit.



Third Place Essay Winner

JENNIFER WILLOUGHBY

CONSERVING SOIL AND WATER FOR THE FUTURE OF TEXAS

Conservation must be the centerpiece of any Texas soil and water program. The water must be used efficiently especially in agriculture, which is responsible for seventy-two percent of all the water used in Texas. A statewide water program can succeed only if it deals effectively with agriculture.

Thirty percent of agriculture water use comes from surface water, most of it supplied by water districts that serve irrigators. The other seventy percent comes from underground water pumped from beneath individual farms. For an effective program to conserve water in agriculture, the state must work with farmers directly, along with water districts.

Crucial to the future of Texas agriculture is the more efficient use of irrigation water, dryland farming, and conservation measures on the land. Conservation will require some difficult adjustments, because, in spite of the productivity of the farms and ranches, Texas agriculture is in serious economic trouble. Many farmers and ranchers are concerned with survival. The current market costs outstripping earnings, increased energy costs, uncertainty of water supply, and high interest rates lead to their concern.

A state-funded cost share program to support the purchase of better equipment of agriculture water conservation, along with the implanting of soil and water conservation measures on the land could have a promising impact on water-use and prevent the deterioration of the basic agriculture resources. The Texas Department of Water Resources say that a comprehensive water conservation program using technology could save two million acre-feet a year in on-farm irrigation water use.

Investing in these resources is investing in the future of Texas. Through a program of financial incentives and technical assistance, the state could encourage farmers to invest their money in conservation, and make the necessary projects possible to save land and water resources for the future.

"The great cities rest upon our broad plains and prairies; burn down our cities and leave our farms and your cities will spring up again as if by magic, but destroy our farms and the grass will grow in the streets of every city in the country."

William Jennings Bryan

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