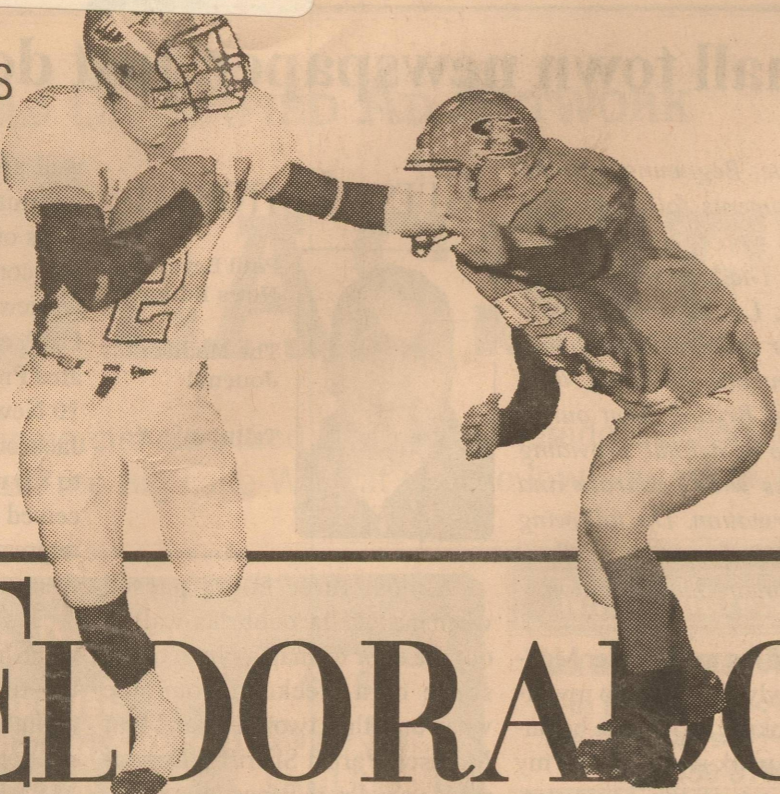


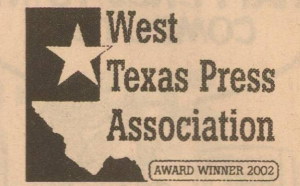
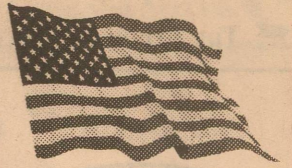
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Amazing grace...abiding faith

FBC families lean on their Lord, and one another, in wake of bus tragedy

Ever so slowly, and almost imperceptibly at first, Eldoradoans last week began the long journey back toward normalcy only days after losing five of their own in a horrific bus/truck crash in Louisiana. Elsewhere, families and friends of three others, two ladies from Water Valley, and one from San Angelo, also came to grips with their grief. They, too, lost loved ones in the crash. They, too, mourned their dead.

Meanwhile, in hospitals in Louisiana and Mississippi, seven survivors of the bus crash, each of them from Eldorado, clung to life. Friends and family rushed to their bedsides, the first arriving in a plane chartered by David Creek, himself a member of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, the church that owned the bus and organized the trip that ended so tragically. As even the smallest tidbit of

news about any of the injured reached Eldorado, it spread like wildfire

Here in Eldorado Rev. Andy Anderson, pastor of First Baptist Church, faced the arduous task of officiating three funerals for five members of his congregation — Delia and Domingo Pina, Kenneth and Betty Richardson, and Mary Ruth Robinson. The back-to-back-to-back services taxed the resources, not only of First Baptist Church, but of a grief stricken community.

Yet, even as sorrow draped across the town like a low black cloud, Eldoradoans began coming together, supporting one another and moving forward, working through their grief and striving to put the devastating week behind them.

The prospect of so many funerals in such a short time seemed daunting at first, especially with the church office

inundated with phone calls, visitors and grieving family members.

Then there was the press. Eldorado's story had attracted national, and even international, attention. Soon, there were dozens of reporters, photographers and video cameramen in Eldorado, each looking for a unique angle on the story. But, as the story of Eldorado's loss spread across the country, so did the story of the abiding faith in God that carried so many heartbroken friends and family members through the time of trial. Through it all, the community closed ranks and turned inward, looking to the needs of neighbors and friends.

Food, and enough of it to feed an army, would be needed at First Baptist Church for the attendees of the three funerals. The time consuming work of preparing all that food began in individual kitchens across town. More than one person who sought to purchase food or supplies for the meal at Super S Foods in Eldorado made their way to the check out stand only to be told that there would be no charge.

Naturally, FBC members prepared much of the food. However, several Eldorado churches pitched in to assist, along with numerous individuals.

Thursday evening, Oct. 16, 2003, Bishop Michael Pfeifer, OMI, held a special Mass at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he prayed for all the eight who lost their lives and the seven injured in the tragic bus wreck. In an outpouring of interdenominational unity, members of many of Eldorado's churches joined the Catholic parishioners in offering their prayers.

DPS Trooper Norbert Ortiz of Sonora, joined by Jose Lujan, a supervisor at Creek Swabbing & Roustabout Service in Sonora, made the long trip to Tallulah, LA, where they hoped to recover personal belongings of the killed and injured from the twisted wreckage of the FBC bus. Once there, they discovered



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

In our prayers — Helen Pfluger posted pictures Friday of some of the victims of the FBC bus wreck on the refrigerator door in the church's kitchen. Many of those lost in the accident routinely helped out in the kitchen during funerals. Now, Pfluger and a host of other volunteers found themselves filling the void.

the bus had been hauled some eighty miles to another town.

"Apparently in Louisiana, the State Police rotate the wrecker services they use," Trooper Ortiz said. "We finally found the bus in Vidalia, LA, where it was impounded."

Ortiz explained that at first the Louisiana State Police weren't going to release the belongings to him but relented

after he explained he was a Texas DPS trooper and would assume the responsibility of getting the articles to the right people.

That's when he ran into the agents of the National Traffic Safety Board who were equally reluctant to release the belongings. Ortiz was able to convince them, however, and he and Lujan set

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Helping hands — Ebba Nikolauk (L) and Susie Ramirez (R) pitched in to help in the FBC kitchen last Friday as the church struggled to deal with three funerals for five of its members, all on the same day.

SCMC Health Fair slated today

Schleicher County Medical Center's annual Health Fair is slated for today, in the Memorial Building. The fair is slated to begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue until 4:00 p.m.

Once again, flu shots and pneumonia shots will be offered. Cost for the flu shots this year will be \$10 with the pneumonia shots costing \$15.

As usual, numerous vendors have scheduled to attend the Health Fair, including many that proved to be very popular with fair-goers. Among those are: Blood Pressure Screening, Glucose Screening, Schleicher County EMS,

Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. fingerprinting and Lone Star Hearing test, and many, many more.

As in year's past, Shannon Hospital's AirMed-1 helicopter is slated to appear. Year after year, it proves to be a favorite with the school children.

The Health Fair is open to the public and their is no admission charge. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The Health Fair is sponsored by Schleicher County Medical Center in the hope that citizens will take a greater interest in their health, as well as the services offered locally and by area providers.

Mighty Eagle Band makes it 20 in a row at Brady marching contest

As the Mighty Eagle Band took the field in Brady last Saturday every member knew that 19 years of tradition preceded them. The last time the Eagle band had scored lower than a Division "1" rating was in 1983, at least two years before any of this year's current band members was born.

Over the intervening years, the band has amassed an impressive string of Division "1" ratings. This year's band, smaller in number than in prior years, and including twenty-five eighth graders, faced the daunting challenge of repeating that accomplishment for the twentieth time.

Eldorado would be the ninth of twelve bands in Conference AA to march. With the drum corps marking the cadence, the Mighty Eagle Band marched into Bulldog Stadium at precisely 3:00 p.m.

With the remainder of the band standing at attention and facing away from the judges, Drum Major Ashton Murr took up her trombone for a solo

introduction to "Russian Easter Overture." The contrast was breathtaking as the entire band slowly wheeled and joined in the performance. The band's final two numbers were "Danny Boy" and "Farandole."

The band then marched off the field to await the judges decision, perhaps the hardest part for the young musicians, and their fans in the grandstands.

Contributing to the suspense this year was the fact that the Mighty Eagle Band is operating under a new system for the first time in more than two decades. Band Director Walter Reneau came to Eldorado late in the summer to replace Gina Muela, who herself had replaced the legendary Mike Marsh.

Not only would Mr. Reneau have to teach his young musicians a new system, he would have to do it without an assistant, since the SCISD board of trustees opted not to replace departing Asst. Band Director Ernest Bottlinger.

It wasn't all sweetness and light as

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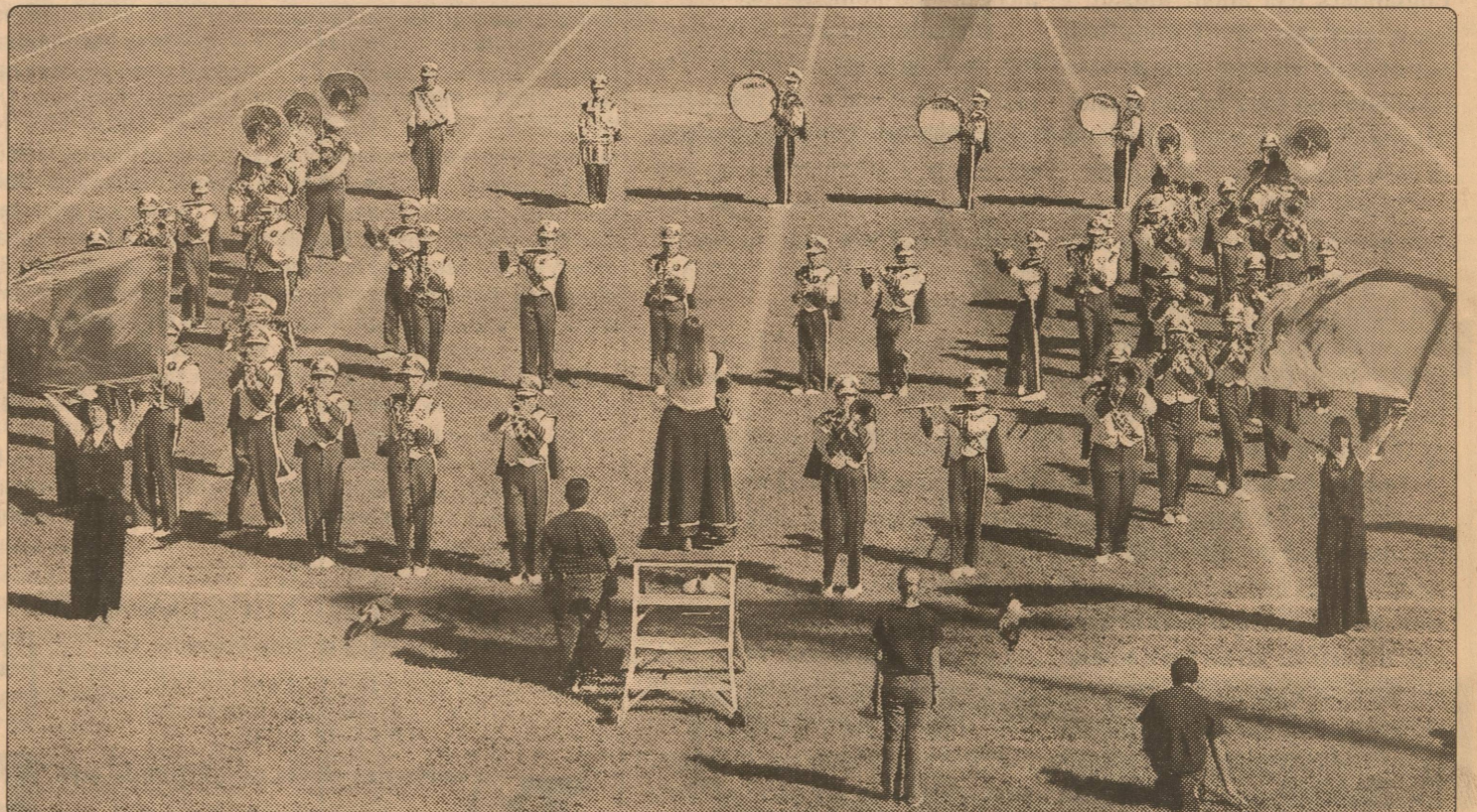
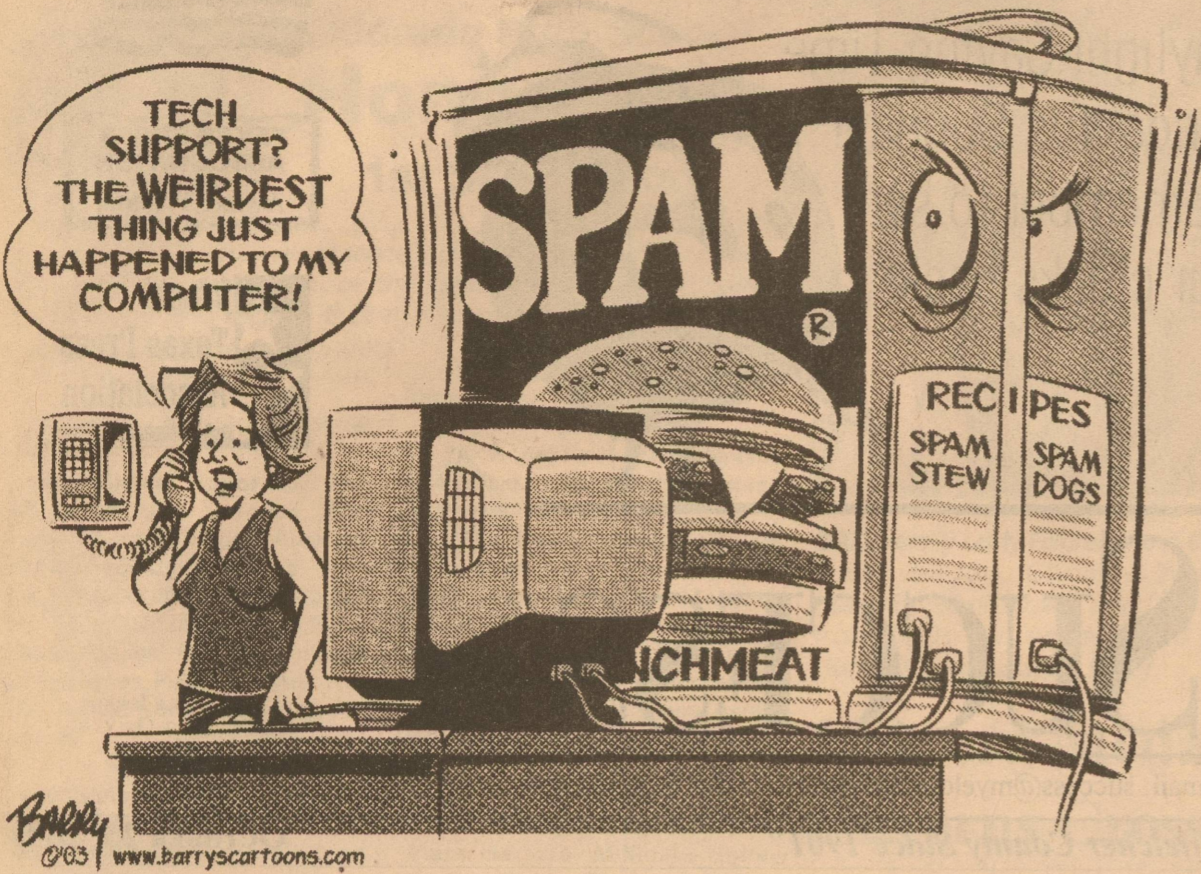


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20 IN A ROW! The Mighty Eagle Band received its 20th consecutive Division "1" rating Saturday during the Region VII Marching Contest in Brady. The band now will advance to the Area 1 Contest in Waco.



A small town newspaper, just doing its job

GUEST EDITORIAL



Paul Bryant,
News Editor
The Madison
Journal
Tallulah, LA.

Editor's note: Beginning with the earliest moments following last week's bus wreck, a small town newspaper, The Madison Journal, in Tallulah, LA, became the eyes and ears for the world. Publisher Bert Bryant and his son, News Editor Paul Bryant, went out of their way to be helpful, providing the Success with accurate and timely information. The following is an editorial written by Paul Bryant for their Oct. 16 edition.

It started not unlike other Mondays: I slowly strolled into my office, not looking forward to beginning a new work week. I sat at my desk in front of the computer, wishing the weekend would have passed a bit slower and already looking forward to Friday.

Almost three hours passed when me and the publisher walked out the door to snap a photo of the scene of a weekend homicide when one, then two, three and four Madison Parish Sheriff's Department vehicles race past our building headed towards I-20. We decided we better check it out.

Following deputies to the scene, we arrived less than two minutes later. A church bus carrying 15 senior citizens from Eldorado, Texas, had rear-ended a stopped tractor-trailer on the shoulder of the interstate. Traffic had just begun to stall and emergency workers hadn't been on the scene long. We were the first news agency to arrive.

After talking to police, taking photos and watching rescue personnel do their work, we decided to leave the scene as several other rescue vehicles began to arrive and activity at the scene significantly increased.

Once back at the office, we sent a photo of the accident to our friends at The Vicksburg Post and The Associated Press. Seconds later, national news organizations, as

well as state agencies, called for information since we were the first news outlet to arrive at the scene. We conducted live telephone interviews, including with NBC and CBS, as well as with The Associated Press in New Orleans, Region 10 News in Monroe and WMSI in Jackson, Miss. From about 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., the Madison Journal received calls from fellow reporters interested in the story, including from newspapers in Texas.

Just minutes after we reported what little information we had at the time to NBC, scant details about the accident started to appear on websites across the world: MSNBC.com, Foxnews.com, CNN.com and others. And television stations brought breaking news coverage of the accident.

We were glad to help. To people unfamiliar with newspaper operations, the differences of responsibilities between large and small companies may appear great — and sometimes they are. But all reporters, whether from NBC in New York or the Madison Journal in tiny Tallulah, have an awesome responsibility to our readers, viewers and listeners: report what is happening in our communities around the country and world, whether good or bad.

If nothing else was evident on an otherwise ordinary Monday at the Madison Journal, the spirit of cooperation certainly was. Despite Monday being the busiest day of the week for this newspaper, we took our time providing information to

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State to eliminate 7 health, human services agencies

AUSTIN — Those involved are using the term "re-org" to describe something that is bringing profound change to them and the people they serve.

By the first of the year, because of legislative mandate, a dozen state health and human service agencies will be consolidated into only five.

Ranging from working for an agency with a new name to the ultimate impact of having no job, this "re-org" affects more than 50,000 state workers — nearly a fourth of the total number of employees.

Though the Legislature required the restructuring, a plan outlining the nuts and bolts of how

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



it will be done is due at the governor's office by Dec. 1. Some of the details may change, but the big picture is already in the frame:

- The Health and Human Services Commission will be the umbrella agency.

- The Department of State Health Services will assume the staff and functions of the Department of Health, the Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse and the Health Care Information Council. The new agency also will provide care for mental health clients previously served by the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation.

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- The Department of Aging and Disability Services will assume mental retardation care from what is now MHMR as well as functions from the Department of Human Services and Department of Aging.

- The Department of Family and Protective Services will replace the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

- The Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services will handle the duties of the Texas Rehabilitation Commission, Commission for the Blind, Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Interagency Council of Early Childhood Intervention.

ler Carole Keeton Strayhorn, includes more than 142,000 unclaimed property owners who have lost track of \$71 million in cash and other valuable assets. Houston has the most names on the list with 22,644 people missing \$14.24 million in unclaimed property from 2003 alone.

The list was published Oct. 19 and is available on the comptroller's Web site at:

www.window.state.tx.us/up

More Troopers needed...

Looking for a new career? The DPS is looking for a few good men — and women — to attend the next DPS recruit school.

With retirements and new positions authorized by the Legislature, the DPS will start its next training class for new troopers on Feb. 2. If you're interested in a law enforcement career, the DPS will be accepting applications until Nov. 7.

To meet minimum qualifications, applicants must be at least 20, a U.S. citizen and have completed at least 90 hours of college.

School bus safety week more than talk...

It's nothing to get alarmed about unless you are a traffic law violator, but some school buses this week will be carrying passengers with guns.

This is School Bus Safety Week, and to underscore the point, the Department of Public Safety is putting troopers on school buses to make sure drivers obey the law requiring them to stop when a school bus is stopped to load or unload children.

The fine for passing a stopped school bus when its red lights are flashing can reach \$1,000.

On the money list...

This is one state government list you might want to be on the state's annual Unclaimed Property List.

The list, published by Comptrol-

ceremony of cracking lobsters.

Chain restaurants serve lobster. It's as easy to order it in Midland, Texas as it is in Newport, Rhode Island. But there are very few lobster fishermen in Midland. I guess gourmet lovers feel that lobster tastes better in the area where it's caught. I compare it to watching whales. That was a popular activity among our fellow passengers. They stood in line for hours in the rain just to get on a crowded boat and freeze out on the windy, cold ocean while looking for whales. At Sea World, they can see whales playing tubas. But they want to see them in their home territory.

Boone's restaurant in Portland has been around for years. The place has red and white checkered table cloths and a menu full of lobster items. I ate there a long time ago when I was stationed in New England and was glad to see it's still there. Lots of visitors to Maine eat at Boone's.

There is one area Maine need to address. Rest rooms. In Portland I visited one of the most beautiful lighthouses on the east coast. It gets millions of visitors a year. The only rest rooms are half a dozen porta potties.

Acadia National Park in Bar Harbor gets around 4 million visitors a year. Seventeen of us rode bicycles along a beautiful path then spent 30 minutes waiting for everybody to use the one outhouse. Maine needs to get some of those prisoners who don't eat lobster three times a week to build some rest rooms.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

More Shipping News

I don't usually write two consecutive columns about the same topic, but I'm inclined to do so this time. The previous column was a travelogue about our trip on a cruise ship to the northeast. Now let's get specific. Let's talk about lobsters. They used to be called cockroaches of the sea and had about the same culinary status as rats. The state of Maine still has a law on the books stating prisoners cannot have lobster more than three times a week because it's considered inhuman treatment.

I don't really know how New Englanders feel about lobster. I know when they have friends from out of state visiting, they always take them out for a lobster dinner. Maybe all those lobster restaurants in New England are for tourists.

Texans think lobster is a real delicacy. Some people on the ship paid big money to go have a lobster feast in one of the cities where the ship stopped. Were they surprised when they returned to the ship and learned that lobster was on the dinner menu.

Lobster is impossible to eat. Special tools are required to crack the claws and tail and those little skinny things and dig out the good stuff. People eating it have to wear bibs to keep the juices from splashing all over their clothing. Is lobster worth it? Is it really that good? Some restaurants in the northeast will remove the meat for a small fee and serve it in a bowl with side dishes of corn on the cob and new potatoes. I guess diners enjoy the

Scripture

"A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you, and I will take out of your flesh the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances."

--Ezekiel 36: 26-27

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19. Sluggers' stats	58. PC bailout keys	32. '70s teen idol Cassidy
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21. Part of a royal flush	60. Illinois city	35. Fender ding
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27. Roof support		41. Bush, before becoming pres.
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36. ___ Beach, Florida	4. Almondflavored liqueur	47. Tokyo trasher, in film
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38. Sheltered inlet	6. Grow dark	51. Poker pot primer
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40. Classic toothpaste brand	8. "___ em, Fido!"	53. Cacklers
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42. Fielder's stat	10. Marx Brothers films, e.g.	57. ___ Cruces, New Mexico
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OBITUARIES



Delia Pina

Delia Flores Pina went to be with the Lord on October 13, 2003. Delia was born August 15, 1931, in Sonora, Texas, to Esteban and Maria C. Flores. She graduated from San Antonio Tech. as an LVN; then, furthering her career at Baptist Memorial School of Nursing, attaining her R.N. degree. Delia served the local area hospital, having spent the majority of her career in Eldorado, Texas. Here she met her life-long friend and partner, Domingo Pina.

Delia is survived by her daughter Debbie Pina, her son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Deborah Pina, grandchildren, Jordan, Jacob, and Joshua, all of Odessa, Texas; sisters, Odilia F. Duran and Cristela F. Bautista of Houston; brothers, Robert Flores of California, and Esteban C. Flores, Jr. of Houston; numerous nieces and nephews and host of beloved friends.

Delia was very involved in community services. She participated in numerous volunteer organizations such as: health, education and church. She was a member of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas. She was active in Sunday School, missions, Senior Ambassadors and her church choir.

Delia will be remembered for her spirit of volunteerism, selflessness, homemade gifts and her excellent hot sauce.

Memorials may be made to Senior Ambassadors, First Baptist church of Eldorado, Eldorado Cemetery Chapel Fund and West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Pall Bearers were Kyle Green, Robert Valero, Jimmy Ellis, Manuel Martinez, Juan Fuentes, Guillermo Zuniga, Rudy Guajardo, Polo Cervantes, Don Rhinehart, Jim Martin, Charlie Bradley, Ricky Fuessel.



Domingo Pina

Domingo Lopez Pina went to be with the Lord on October 13, 2003. Domingo was born December 20, 1937, in Eldorado, Texas, to Longino and "Golla" Pina. He grew up on a farm and graduated from Eldorado High School. After a brief tour of duty in the U.S. Army, he went and married his lifelong friend and partner Delia Flores. He worked for the Texas Highway Department for 17 years. He is a retiree from Atlantic Richfield Company.

He is survived by his daughter Debbie Pina, his son and daughter-in-law, Danny and Deborah Pina, grandchildren, Jordan, Jacob, and Joshua, all of Odessa, Texas; and a brother Manuel Pina from Eldorado, Texas; numerous nieces and nephews and host of beloved friends.

Domingo was very involved in community services. He participated in volunteer organizations such as: the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department, Girls and Boys

Scouts, School Athletics and the Eldorado EMS.

Domingo was an active member of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, Texas. He used his various skills to assist in missions, Senior Ambassadors, and other church activities.

Domingo will be remembered for his spirit of volunteerism, selflessness, willingness to assist anyone at any time, and his wonderful sense of humor.

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Betty Richardson

Betty was born in Keystone, Indiana on July 5 1922 to Carl Everett Twibell and Floretta May Foreman.

Betty grew up in Keystone, Indiana and later her family moved to Seminole, Oklahoma where her father was also employed by PURE Oil Company. Betty went to Oklahoma City during World War II and worked as a "riveter."

She met Kenneth in Seminole and married him in 1945. They had two children--Dan and Gay.

Betty was a homemaker. She was an accomplished seamstress and Gay fondly remembers that her Mom made all of her dresses for formal occasions.

Betty also loved to cook and in later years, Betty and Kenneth did a lot of baking and candy making together. They enjoyed delivering goodies to their friends and family.

Her grandchildren all loved to tease her and she loved it too. The grandchildren all loved the care packages that were filled with chocolate turtles and homemade jerky.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Edgar Twibell. She is survived by a sister, Wilma Owen of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, a brother, Bob Twibell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, and a sister-in-law, Nell Twibell of Roswell, New Mexico.

Betty is survived by a son, Dan, and wife Kristi, and a daughter, Gay Adams and husband Charlie. She is also survived by six grandchildren: Nathan Richardson, Paul Richardson, Kasey Leah, Kylie MacLellan, Chip Adams, and Colt Adams.

Pall Bearers were David Creek, Kurtis Homer, Taylor King, John Kotsch, Stuart Lux, Ronnie Mittel, Glen Nix, Craig Nolen, Syllas Politte, Don Richters, Clyde Thackerson, Bob Wanoreck.

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Kenneth Richardson

Kenneth was born in Cassville, Missouri on January 16, 1922 to John Clifford Richardson and Grace Alva Arnold.

He grew up around Cassville, Missouri, and the family later moved to Seminole, Oklahoma where his father was employed by PURE Oil Company.

Kenneth was a field lineman and switchboard operator in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. He served in the Pacific Theater. He was a proud, patriotic American.

He met Betty Ann Twibell in Seminole, Oklahoma and they were married in 1945 after he returned from service in the war.

Kenneth was employed by Sinclair Oil Company and his plant work took the family to Garber, Drumright and Perry, Oklahoma. In 1959 they moved to Bairoil, Wyoming and in 1960 came to live in Eldorado. Kenneth worked for Atlantic Richfield (ARCO) until his retirement in 1983.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Mary Cathleen, and a brother C.G. Richardson.

Kenneth is survived by a son, Dan, and wife Kristi, and a daughter, Gay Adams and husband Charlie. He is also survived by six grandchildren: Nathan Richardson, Paul Richardson, Kasey Leah, Kylie MacLellan, Chip Adams, and Colt Adams.

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- OCTOBER**
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24th Ryan Languell, Gary Gibson, Kary Gibson, Auden Gonzalez, Amy Hamilton, Robert Parker, Cathy Fuentes, Brence Minor
25th Lance E. Belman, Veronica Martinez, Mary Lynn Denney, Tere Corley, John Cody Brenner, Leticia Nixon
26th Darlene Edmiston, Curtis Clark, Paul Rebeck, Rachel Hunley, Shelby Redwine, Punkin Danford, Lee Morrison
27th BreeAnna Cortez, Kevin Dykstra, Victor Saldivar Sr., Paulita Montalvo
28th David Tirado, Luz Valero, Julie Griffin, Pamela Whitten, Roy Jones, Stephen Michael Arispe, Fito Gonzalez, Maricela Montez, Roberto Quintana, Efrain Duran
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Mary Ruth Simpson Robinson

ELDORADO — On Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, Mary Ruth Simpson Robinson went to join her Lord and Savior. She and her monster cookies" will be missed by many.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, James and Vedith Simpson; and her brother, James "Shorty" Simpson.

So many people will miss Mary, especially her husband of 39 years, James Wesley Robinson; her children and "children-in-law," J and Renetta Moore, Scott and Wanda Robinson, and David and Amy Harty will miss her Christmas "goody bags" and all her TLC.

Better known as "Grammy" to eight grandchildren, Miranda, James, Bubba, Charlie, Randi, Toni, Jacob and Jeffrey, she left a permanent mark on young lives.

Her two brothers, Glen Simpson and Jay Simpson and three sisters, Marie Singleton, Fay Robinson and Better Zoller will miss her unconditional love and laughter.

Mary had touched so many lives through her church family at First Baptist Church in Eldorado, her volunteer work at the school and every place she visited.

Services to celebrate her life were at 2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at First Baptist Church in Eldorado, with Brother Andy Anderson officiating. Pall Bearers were Red Griffin, Glyn Hutto, Mike Mankin, Bubba Roby, Rick Singleton, Clyde Thackerson.

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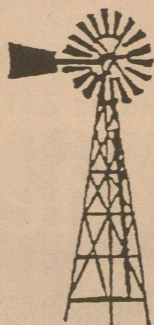


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Eagles fall to Broncos

by J.L. Mankin

Eldorado's rivalry with Sonora just didn't feel like much of a rivalry last Friday night. Less than two hours after the last of three funerals ended in which Eldoradoans buried five community members killed in a tragic bus wreck, Eagles fans filed into Bronco Stadium to find the flag flying at half mast. Grim-faced Bronco fans met their Eldorado neighbors at the ticket booth and concession stand, expressing sympathy and concern for friends, neighbors and relatives.

That sentiment was repeated prior to the game as the stadium announcer called for a moment of silence and reflection for the loss suffered by their visitors. And the somber mood hung over Eldorado's sidelines and fans for much of the game.

Sonora's good will did not extend onto the football field, however as the Broncos tried to catch the Eagles asleep with high and short opening kickoff. Eldorado wasn't fooled though and the Warbirds set up shop on their own 34 yard line. Quarterback Trey Chavez connected with receiver Frankie Arispe for an 11 yard gain on Eldorado's first play from scrimmage. But, only one play later, a deep pass was picked off by the Broncos, giving Sonora the ball at their own 6 yard line.

The Warbirds defense held Sonora and forced a punt, giving Eldorado the ball at their own 45. But the Eagles offense sputtered and they were forced to punt the ball

back four plays later.

With the Broncos backed up on their own 16, the Eagles defense took the field in hopes of getting the ball back with good field position. But an 84 yard TD strike caught the Warbirds defense off guard. The PAT was good and Sonora led 7-0 at 8:02 in the opening quarter.

The Broncos tried to fool the Eagles again on the ensuing kickoff, sending the ball high but short but Alan Dykstra fielded the ball for Eldorado and advanced it to the Eagles 45 yard line.

But again the Eagles offense stalled and Eldorado was forced to punt the ball away after three plays from scrimmage, giving the ball to the Broncos on their own 11.

Eldorado's defense allowed one first down before rising to the challenge. A quarterback sack pushed the Broncos back to their own 30 and Sonora, faced with a 4th & 1 at their own 43 decided to go for the first down. A strong stand by Eldorado's defense went for naught, however, when the referee refused to call for a measurement and awarded the first down to the Broncos, despite the fact that the ball appeared to this reporter to be short of the mark.

Sonora wasted no time in capitalizing on their good fortune, as they broke a quarterback sneak for a 57 yard TD run. Again the PAT was good and the Eagles trailed 14-0 with 11:51 to play in the second quarter.

The remainder of the half would be more of the same for the Eagles who found themselves down 21-0 at the intermission.

After kicking the ball away to open the 3rd quarter, the Eagles defense gave ground grudgingly. Still, the Broncos were able to move the ball down the field and found themselves facing a 1st & goal from the 2 yard line. It was just then that a long overdue spark came to life in the Eagles defense, as they held down after down after down. Finally with 4th & goal



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN
Stiff arm — Eagles quarterback Trey Chavez pushed away from this Sonora defender and found some running room around right end during second quarter action last Friday night. The Warbirds came out on the short end of a 28-13 score.

from the 2 the Broncos elected to try for six, but again the Warbirds defense surged and the ball went over on downs to Eldorado at their own 1 yard line.

Sonora mounted a defensive stand of their own and held Eldorado to only two yards on the next three plays, forcing the Warbirds to punt from their own endzone. The punt, was shanked and soared out of bounds with the officials marking the ball at the Eldorado 25. From there the Broncos wasted no time putting the pigskin into the endzone on a TD pass. Again the PAT was good and the Eagles trailed 28-0 with 2:05 left to play in the 3rd.

The two teams traded possessions before Eldorado's offense roared to life in the 4th period. Andy Mejia ripped off two big runs for the Eagles, driving the ball from the Eldorado 32 to the Sonora 18. From there Trey Chavez carried the ball to the 5 yard line. Two plays later he sprinted up the middle and into the endzone. Duran's PAT kick was good and the Eagles trailed 28-7 with 9:50 left to play

in the game.

A deep kick off and fine special teams play pinned Sonora deep in their own territory. They managed to advance to ball to their own 25 but, facing a 4th & 5 from there, the Broncos elected to punt the ball away.

That's when the most amazing play of the game occurred as Eagles defender Kyle Taylor broke through Sonora's line and dove across the punter's foot. But, instead of blocking the ball to the ground, Taylor came down with the ball, taking it right off the punter's toe. Overcoming his surprise at finding the ball in his arms, Taylor then sprinted into the endzone.

When the Eagles found themselves with the wrong personnel on the field for the extra-point attempt, the coaching staff elected to take a 5 yard penalty instead of wasting a precious time out. But the Broncos line broke through and blocked the kick attempt. Making the score 28-13 in favor of the Broncos.

That's where the score would remain as the two teams traded possessions for the remainder of the contest.

After the game, Eagles Head Coach Gary Grubbs noted his team's lack of consistency. "We really need to put together a full game of football," he stated. "That is where we failed against Sonora."

The coach noted that his team can turn up the heat and churn out the scores when the tide turns their way. "When Kyle blocked that punt and returned it for a touchdown there was a definite shift in momentum," Grubbs said. "Unfortunately it came a little too late in the game."

When asked about the offense sporadic performance, Grubbs didn't seem concerned. "We're improving," he said. "We have only turned the ball over twice in the past two games. We just need to continue to control the ball."

The Eagles will host the Big Lake Owls in their next game, here in Eagle Stadium. The Owls, picked by many preseason prognosticators to be in the hunt for a district title find themselves 0-2 in district play after losses to Sonora and Ozona.

Coincidentally, the Eagles come into the game sporting the same district record.

"Big Lake has a fairly balanced offense," Coach Grubbs said. "They like to spread out your defense with their passing game and then hit you with a run."

"We need to counter their offense by always being aware of the play action pass and the draw play," Grubbs added.

Kickoff is slated for 7:30 in the game that marks the midway point in the District 2-2A schedule. All Eagles fans are encouraged to come out an support the team.

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7th graders notch up 30-6 victory over Sonora 7th

by Coach Larry Mitchel

Eldorado's 7th grade football team won its 6th game of the year with a big 30-6 beating of Sonora on their home turf last Thursday evening.

The Eagles first drive resulted in points as Jesus Vasquez scored a touchdown behind blocks by Troy Russell and Timothy Maskill.

In the second quarter Jesus Vasquez struck again on a 45 yard TD run. Joseph Turnbull ran in a sweep for the 2-point conversion.

Milo Vallejo scored the third touch down on a long pass from Jesus Vasquez. Dustin Ramirez

and Dustin Guana did a great job blocking. Joseph Turnbull again ran a sweep for the 2-point conversion.

The last score of the evening came when Jose Vasquez ran a fullback dive for 40 yards. Johnny Mejia got the 2-point conversion behind some great blocking by Uriel Barrientos, Kaleb Murr, and Chris Minor.

The defense played great the whole game. Kevin Dykstra, Austin Grubbs, and Rance Cathey led the team on defense. We play Reagan County today in Eagle Stadium at 5:00 p.m.

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OBITUARIES

Jean Shannon Demere

Jean Shannon Demere, 74, of Water Valley, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, in Tallulah, La.

She was born Dec. 21, 1928, in San Antonio, Texas. She was the daughter of Charles and Gladys Shannon.

She married Frank H. Demere on Jan. 1, 1955, in Marfa, Texas, and they ranched in Water Valley for many years until Frank died Nov. 8, 1998. Jean was a member of First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo.

Jean's life on the ranch was one that she loved. She was active in the business of the ranch and always made sure that wherever the men were working that they deserved a hot home-cooked meal at noontime. This has become a tradition in the Demere family. The men loved to see her "tailgate chuckwagon" coming down the road.

Jean loved the Lord. God worked through her heart and hands to touch many lives during her life here on earth. She will continue to influence those that knew and loved her in many different ways. Jean had a strong faith and positive outlook on everything.

Jean is survived by one daughter, Janet Demere Young and husband, Tim, of Coppell, Texas; two sons, Wade Demere and wife, Monica, and Craig Demere and wife, Tammy, both of Water Val-

ley; eight grandchildren, Shannon and Kevin Young, Kalleigh, Brock, Seth, Whitney, Laci and Cade Demere; one brother, Charles Shannon and wife, Vicki, of San Angelo; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Oct. 16, at First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo with the Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Sutto and the Rev. Charles Williams officiating. Burial followed in Water Valley Cemetery. Pallbearers were Kevin County, Matt and Savell Shannon, Billy Knox, Kevin Young and Joe Lee McManus. Honorary pallbearers were members of B.O. and Elizabeth Wood Sunday School Class at First Presbyterian Church.

The Demere family requests in lieu of flowers that memorials be made to Water Valley School Library, Water Valley Gym Improvement Fund, First Presbyterian Church Woods Sunday School Class or a charity of choice.

Jean so looked forward to this trip and the opportunity to be with her friends. This trip truly became the most special of all trips. Her family knows that she would say to save your tears for someone else because she has just moved on to the brightest and most glorious home of all.

Jimmy Dale Godfrey Teel

Jimmy Dale Godfrey Teel, 68, of Water Valley, passed away Monday, Oct. 13, 2003. Services were held Friday, Oct. 17, in Water Valley United Methodist Church. Burial was in Water Valley Cemetery.

Mrs. Teel was born on July 7, 1935, in Stonewall County. She married W.J. "Bill" Teel in 1953. He preceded her in death in 1994.

She was a loving Christian woman whose passions included bridge, reading the Bible, gardening and being a mother and grand-

mother.

Mrs. Teel is survived by one son, Jennings Teel and wife, Kirsty, of Navasota; two daughters, Rhonda Teel of Palm Springs, Calif., and Edie Teel Niblett and husband, Ashley, of Eldorado; eight grandchildren, Sheena, Preston, Chelsea, Lynley, Conley, Taylor, Kadie and Colby; two brothers, John Ray Godfrey and wife, Barbra, of Aspermont and Syl "Buddy" Godfrey and wife, Jean, of Peacock; and several nieces and nephews.

LaVerne Shannon

SAN ANGELO — LaVerne Shannon, 76, died Monday, Oct. 13, 2003, from injuries sustained in a tour bus accident in Louisiana. Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at St. Luke United Methodist Church with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Mrs. Shannon was born Dec. 3, 1926, in Vera, Texas, to Charles and Margaret Timberlake. She married P.B. Shannon on June 2, 1950, at First Methodist Church in Levelland, Texas.

Mrs. Shannon, a graduate of the University of North Texas, Denton, earned a degree in library science. Upon graduation, she moved to Fort Stockton for her first teaching assignment. After a brief time there, she and her mother moved to Levelland, Texas, whereupon her teaching career continued and eventually extended to Wall and San Angelo.

Mrs. Shannon, like her husband, P.B., was an active member of the San Angelo community. She was involved in various organizations including Meals for the Elderly, the Junior League and was a charter member of St. Luke United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; her grandchildren, Sophie, Michael and David Shannon; sisters, Allora McGuire and Fayteen Moorhouse; her brothers, Arlin, Jack, Charlie and Jesse Timberlake; her niece, Mary Thelen; and nephews, Gary Kinnibrugh and Roy McGuire Jr.

Mrs. Shannon is survived by four children, Jan Thomas and

husband, Dan, of San Angelo, Mike Shannon and wife, Cindy, of Fort Worth, Bill Shannon and wife, Michelle, of The Woodlands and Patrick Shannon and wife, Jamie, of San Angelo; six grandchildren, Elizabeth Dominguez-Pruitt and her husband, James, and Jerrod Thomas of San Angelo, Rebecca and Caitlyn Shannon of Fort Worth, Grace Shannon of The Woodlands and Addison Shannon of San Angelo; one sister, Pauline Kinnibrugh of Itasca; brother-in-law, Roy McGuire of London, Texas; sisters-in-law, Nelda Timberlake of Midland, Texas, and Mary Paulette and Katherine Weeks of San Angelo; and many nieces and nephews; as well as some very special longtime friends.

Pallbearers were members of Shannon, Porter, Johnson L.L.P., which include Craig Porter, James D. Johnson, Walter W. Pfluger, Jonathan R. Davis and Stanley F. Joynton.

Memorials may be made to St. Luke United Methodist Church at 2781 W. Avenue N, San Angelo, TX 76904; Concho Valley Council, Boy Scouts of America at P.O. Box 1584, San Angelo, TX 76902; or your favorite charity.

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Welcome aboard — Nurse Practitioner Francisca Gonzales recently joined the staff at Schleicher County Medical Center. She comes to the facility from Junction.

Gonzales joins staff at SCMC

Francisca Gonzales, NP, joined the staff at Schleicher County Medical Center recently as a nurse practitioner. She will be assisting Dr. Lucas and Dr. Perez in the Schleicher County Family Clinic as well working in the hospital.

Gonzales has been a nurse practitioner for 21 years. She attended Texas Womans University in Denton & Houston where she received her Bachelor of Nursing degree with a minor in psychology and sociology.

Gonzales then attended Brigham Young University where she attained her NP certification. In the past ten years she has worked primarily in Rural Health Clinics in

Texas. Gonzales is originally from Junction. She has two grown daughters, one in Junction and one in Kerrville.

When she's not attending to her patients, Gonzales enjoys sewing and various arts & crafts.

A nurse practitioner is a mid-level health care provider, similar to a physician assistant, who works under the supervision of a licensed physician. A nurse practitioner is a registered nurse (RN) with advanced training in diagnosing and treating illness. Nurse Practitioners prescribe medications, treat illness, and administer physical exams.



Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Xi Xi Chi chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority met on Tuesday night in the home of Barbara Jackson with six members answering roll call. Business discussed was a booth near Jim Runge's Spook House to sell cup cakes and cokes on Saturday, October 25, 2003. Members will make home cooked cup cakes and bring a large bottle of coke. Proceeds to help fund the

chapter's scholarship in the spring of 2004.

After refreshments of spiced apple juice, chips, and dip served by hostess to: Mary Nolen, Dorothy Clark, Flora Hubble, Laura McCutcheon, and Dorothy Dacy, Mrs. Dacy gave a program on "Aroma Therapy". She told about the use of aromas in both modern and ancient times for relaxation and healing.

Our next meeting will be October 28 in the home of Dorothy Dacy with Dorothy Clark giving the program.

14th annual Veterans Day program slated

The 14th Annual Veterans Program will be Thursday, November 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The third and fourth grade will present "Promise of America" to honor Schleicher County Veterans.

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Arrest in trailer theft case

Angela Aycock, 26, of Eldorado was arrested Tuesday and charged with engaging in a criminal activity, in connection with the theft of a trailer from a vacant lot on W. Mills Ave.

The trailer, belonging to Robert Rosson of San Angelo was reported as stolen on Friday, Sept. 12. Rosson, a concrete contractor, had been using the trailer at a site where he was pouring a foundation for a mobile home.

Timothy Shay Reed, 31, of Coleman was arrested Sept. 19 in Coleman and charged with the theft of the trailer. Rosson's trail-

er, a red tandem axle flat bed, was recovered in Coleman, complete with a fresh coat of gray paint.

Now, nearly a month later, comes word that Aycock is charged in connection with the case. Investigators are alleging that the stolen trailer was taken to Aycock's home where it was repainted. She was also arrested on a motion to revoke a probation sentence she had received for the attempted theft of cash from the cash drawer at City Hall.

Aycock was later released on a \$10,000 surety bond for the trailer theft charge and a \$1,000 surety bond on the probation revocation.

Card Of Thanks

The Family of Mary Robinson acknowledges with grateful appreciation your kind expression of sympathy.

Dear Eldorado Community, We will never be able to repay the love, care and support you gave to our family after the bus tragedy. We appreciate all the calls, visits, food, memorials, flowers, and mostly the prayers. You are truly a loving community and we are thankful to be part of the community family. Thank You for everything.

Jim Robinson, Renetta Moore, Scott and Wanda Robinson, and David and Amy Hartly

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Our parents, Delia & Domingo Piña will be greatly missed, not only by our family, but by the community they loved.

Everyone has been wonderful and the Piña family thanks you for all the food and outpouring of love and support. We extend our gratitude to all the caring citizens of Eldorado, surrounding communities and especially mom and dad's First Baptist Church family.

Debbie Piña
Danny, Deborah, Jordan, Jacob & Joshua Piña

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Be afraid, be very afraid — House Haunted Eldorado opens for business this weekend at THE spotlight (intersection of S. Divide and Murchison) here in Eldorado. Performances designed for various age groups will be offered. So, you scaredy cat adults don't have to worry, there will even be one just right for you!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Remembering a Special Lady

Dear Editor,

Among the most famous lines in American literature are the words spoken at the end of the classic Tennessee Williams drama "A Streetcar Named Desire." Desperate and abused, the play's doomed heroine Blanche Dubois rises to her feet and gratefully accepts the arm of a man she doesn't recognize. "Whoever you are," she tells him, "I have always depended on the kindness of strangers."

I remember those words every year when my mother recounts the story of our family's first Christmas in Eldorado and the kindness of a stranger named Delia Piña.

My family arrived in Eldorado in October 1971. My eldest brother had married, so my parents only had nine children living at home. The youngest, at 18 months, was my brother Alfredo. We lived across from the hospital on Murchison Street, a few houses away from Domingo and Delia Piña. Our house was old and drafty, and by December the weather had turned bitterly cold and rainy. Christmas grew closer, but there wasn't much cheer in the house. My siblings struggled to adjust to life in a new school. My father was without a job and without any prospects for getting one. My mother wondered how she was going to continue feeding all of us.

As if things couldn't get any bleaker, a few days before Christmas my brother Alfredo fell ill. It began as a fever but quickly worsened. My aunt told my mother about a nurse named Delia Piña who lived down the street. She's known for her generosity, my aunt said, and she can give the baby an injection if he needs it.

By the time my mother took Alfredo to see Delia he was extremely ill. Delia took one look at him and commanded my mother to take him to the hospital immediately. Distressed, my mother explained that she had no money and that my father was without a job. Delia told her not to worry. She would speak to the doctor. Arrangements would be made. The important thing was to get the baby medical attention. My mother took Alfredo to the hospital, and Delia arrived shortly thereafter to explain everything. Alfredo was diagnosed with pneumonia and immediately admitted. After three days of receiving intravenous medication and blood transfusions, he began to recover.

Meanwhile, back at the house something remarkable was happening. Random strangers were stopping by with sacks of groceries. No sooner would one leave than another would arrive. The sacks kept piling up. The biggest delivery came that evening: an enormous box from Hext Foods filled with groceries and supplies of all kinds. My mother was bewildered and speechless. Who were these people and why were they leaving their groceries at our house?

The next day a woman from Delia's church congregation stopped by to see if the deliveries had been made. My mother told her they had, but that she didn't understand. It was Delia, the woman explained. Delia told the Lions Club about a needy family, new to Eldorado, whose youngest member was in the hospital recovering from pneumonia and whose father was without a job. The Lions Club had organized a food drive, and the results were what were weighing down our kitchen table. Those are your groceries, the woman said. That's your food.

The next day my brother came home from the hospital, and the shadow of anxiety that had lingered around the house for days

disappeared. Thanks to Delia, everyone was healthy. Thanks to Delia, there was enough to eat. Thanks to Delia, Christmas that year truly seemed like a season of miracles.

I don't remember any of this. I wasn't even three years old at the time, and I only know the story through my mother's telling of it every December. It never fails to move me. In fact, every year it seems to grow more powerful. For a long time now I've told myself that I need to remind Delia of this incident. I need to tell her what her kindness meant to my family thirty years ago. I need to tell her that every Christmas in the house I grew up in we speak her name with reverence and gratitude.

I don't know what I was waiting for, but I can't tell her anything now.

Like many people who knew Delia, I received the news about her tragic death last week with shock and then great sadness. The story in my local paper, the *Los Angeles Times*, identified her simply as "a retired nurse." I wanted to shout. I wanted to tell anyone who would listen about the Delia I knew. I wanted them to mourn with me because the world is a poorer, harsher place without her in it.

I struggled with whether I should share this story. I don't even tell it to my closest friends. It's much too valuable to me, and something in the telling cheapens it, reduces it to a sentimental memory or a plotline for a treacherous episode of "Touched by an Angel." But I've decided to tell it, if only to remind myself of the sterling example of compassion and generosity that Delia created with each selfless gesture. I want to be like her. I want to be the stranger upon whose kindness someone can depend. "Sometimes-there's God-so quickly!" says Blanche Dubois in "A Streetcar Named Desire." Indeed. And sometimes there's God over an entire lifetime.

I don't know what Delia's final moments were like. Maybe, as the cliché goes, her life flashed before her eyes. If that's the case I hope she was pleased by what she saw. I hope she was reminded of my brother and my mother and a very cold day in December 1971. I hope that she saw stretching before her a long line of the needy, the sick, the dispossessed, the unfortunate, the frightened, the lonely people to whose lives she brought comfort and relief through her formidable skills as a nurse and through her existence as a compassionate and giving soul. And I hope she heard them raise their voices in a chorus of gratitude and that by that pleasant sound she knew that even if she were gone, she would not be forgotten.

Henry Robles
Los Angeles, California

Prayers from a Louisiana EMT

Dear Editor,

As an emergency service provider here in the State of Louisiana, on behalf of our department, I wish to express our deepest sympathy at the loss of so many of your citizens. At a time such as this we must put our faith and trust in God. It is not ours to question why, but to accept His will.

Please know that you are all in our prayers. May the peace of the Lord be with you all.

Jerry Gautreaux, Superintendent
Bayou Cane Fire District

House Haunted opens for business at spotlight

No one gets left out of the fun in Eldorado this Halloween when House Haunted opens its doors this month. The spook house will open at 8 p.m. on October 18, 24, and 25, and at 7 p.m. on October 26, 31 and Nov. 1. The cost for those under 12 is \$2 and each performance is especially geared for a particular age group. The level of frights doesn't exceed the ability of the visitors to withstand it. As the age of the group increases, the lights, music, illusions, and props are adjusted accordingly. Those 12, 13, and 14 will be treated to a little more darkness and fright, and the cost is \$3. Those fifteen and older will get the full treatment and their admission is \$4.

Even the small fry will have their day. On Saturday afternoon of October 25, the house will open at 4p.m. for those too small for even the scaled down version, and their admission is only \$1 for this special show. It will still be daylight and the house lights will be on in this elaborate maze of illusions and tunnels. Not as many characters will be present and the illusions will represent less scary creatures.

House Haunted is located in

Eldorado at THE spotlight, which is at the intersection of Highway 277 and 190. The attraction is on the SE corner if the intersection and after parking, follow directional signs to the entrance. The entrance will vary according to the weather, age group and the mood of the organizer.

House Haunted is another offering of the EOBOC and is the primary fund raiser for this fun filled organization that provides amusements for Eldorado citizenry. Other events sponsored by this tongue in cheek group include the Running of the Bull, Eldorado El-goatard, Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary, Hysterical District, Armchair Decahletes Festival, Sagima Saim, Rare Albino Bat Colony, All Comers Car Shows and the EOBOC feature for May of 2005...the PAN American Games.

For further information concerning or any of their events and shenanigans contact Jim Runge at the EOBOC World Headquarters in Eldorado at either EOBOC@hotmail.com or at 325-853-2434.

Elementary sets Dad's Breakfast

Eldorado Elementary will be having a Dad's Breakfast again this year on Tuesday, October 28. Breakfast will be served from 6:30 a.m. until 7:30 a.m. in the Elementary kitchen. Make sure and bring your son or daughter with you! We hope to have the students take this opportunity to show their dads where their classroom is and tell them about how they spend their day.

This activity is being held to encourage dads (or a representative for a student: grandfather, step-dad, uncle, or etc.) to visit the elementary school and to acquaint themselves with other fathers in the school system. Mr. Wanoreck, Mr. Nix, Mr. Kotsch, and Mr. Oscar Martinez will be cooking breakfast burritos and will have hot coffee, juice, and all the fixings for tasty burritos. Your participation in this event will deliver a message to your child that you are interested in them and what they do at school. This will be a time of visitation for the dads, and we will also have the classrooms open for you to like around.

Mr. Nix and Mr. Wanoreck will be available to answer any questions you may have about our school system. We know everyone has a tight schedule in the morning, so you can come and go whenever you get ready to go to work. We will be here bright and early and will be ready to start serving at 6:30 a.m. Feel free to come at any time between 6:30 and 7:30. We do need a head count so that we can get the right amount of supplies for this event. This is only for elementary parents and students. Call the Elementary school at 853-2770 ext. 521 if you will be attending.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

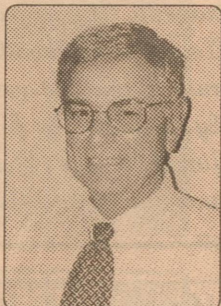
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First Baptist Church rallies amid the prayers of friends

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about loading the articles into a rental trailer.

"I've worked a lot of wrecks," Ortiz told the Success, "You kind of get used to it after a while but as I worked my way through the bus I came across a box of homemade cookies and that's when it really hit home. These are real people, with real lives and real families. It hit pretty hard."

But Ortiz wasn't the only one touched by the tragedy. Curtis Nelson, the owner of the wrecker service approached him with a \$200 check. "Here was a guy who has worked a lot of accidents and seen all sorts of things," Ortiz said. "but this one really touched him. He just wanted to help pay for the rental trailer. He just wanted to help out in some way."

Back in Eldorado, Sheriff David Doran braced for the onslaught of traffic that would accompany the three funerals. In addition to his officers, extra help was recruited from the Sutton County Sheriff's Dept. and the Texas Dept. of Public Safety. The City of Eldorado closed the streets around the church to accommodate the additional parking demands and traffic control signs were procured from the Texas Department of Transportation. FBC member Jan Fuessel, even fabricated some homemade signs that were pasted over utility

depts. signs from the City of Eldorado so that specific parking zones could be created. As the funeral preparations proceeded, some of the injured made their way home from Louisiana and Mississippi. Ken Thomas came home, recovering from leg injuries. Olean Stricklan also returned home, and is staying with her daughter in San Angelo. Also returning to Eldorado was Jim Robinson. Suffering from lacerations to his face and broken bones in his foot, Robinson made it back home in time to attend the funeral of his wife, Mary Ruth Robinson.

Four others remain hospitalized in Louisiana and Mississippi, although two of them are due to be transferred to facilities in Texas. Mary Barton Robinson reportedly underwent surgery to repair her elbow and will soon be transferred to Waco to be near her daughter. Dana Owens told the Success by telephone, "It's God's grace that has sustained me." She went on to praise the people of Vicksburg Mississippi who have supported her with their prayers and visits. "I tell people that I'm staying in the capital of southern hospitality," Owens added. She is due to be moved to Health South Rehab Center in Beaumont in order to be near her relatives.

At press time, Billy Frank Blaylock remains hospitalized in University Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi, where he is said to be improving. His wife, Mabel Blaylock, also said to be improving, remains hospitalized in LSU Hospital in Shreveport, LA. Family members are said to be rotating their time, staying with one and then the other.

Meanwhile, some 1,200 miles from Eldorado, John and Jo Callison were attending the World Senior Olympic Games in St. George, Utah where John, who is FBC's chairman of deacons, was competing in three events. He had already won a bronze medal and a silver medal and his 3-on-3 basketball team had advanced to the silver medal round when he received word of the bus wreck. "I told my teammates that we had already guaranteed ourselves a bronze medal," Callison said. "I told them I was sorry but they would have to play without me." He and his wife

headed out immediately, making the normally three-day long trip in only two days.

The first of eight funerals was held Thursday, Oct. 16, at First Presbyterian Church in San Angelo. Jean Shannon Demere, 74, of Water Valley was laid to rest in Water Valley Cemetery with the Rev. Dr. Ronald J. Sutto and the Rev. Charles Williams officiating. She had reportedly been invited on the trip by her friend, Mary Barton Robinson.

Seven other funerals followed the next day. Services for Laverne Shannon, 76, of San Angelo, were held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 17, at St. Luke's Methodist Church in San Angelo with the Rev. George Lumpkin officiating. Burial followed in Fairmount Cemetery.

Services for Jimmy Dale Godfrey Teel, of Water Valley, were also held Friday, Oct. 17, in Water Valley United Methodist Church. Burial followed in Water Valley Cemetery. Mrs. Teel was the mother of Edie Teel Niblett, of Eldorado.

The first of the three local services were held at 11:00 a.m. Friday, Oct. 16, 2003 for Kenneth

and Betty Richardson. That service, like the two that followed, was officiated by the Rev. Andy Anderson. During the somber ceremony, Rev. Anderson noted how close the Richardsons were as couple. He explained that each Sunday morning Kenneth Richardson would sit on the front pew of the church, because his wife, Betty, would be singing in the choir and that was as close as he could get. Anderson said that it was probably fitting that the couple died together and said he could see them, hand-in-hand, stepping into heaven together. The couple was buried in Eldorado Cemetery.

The funeral for Mary Ruth Robinson followed at 2:00 p.m. Rev. Anderson cited her love of sewing and baking and told the family he could only imagine how much they would miss her. Mary Ruth Robinson was also buried in Eldorado Cemetery.

Funeral Services for Domingo and Delia Pina were held at 4:30 p.m. with Rev. Anderson being assisted by Rev. Ezekiel Cervantez. A moving eulogy for Delia Pina was delivered by Dr. Jim Bob Brame. He noted Delia's many years of service to the community as a nurse and explained how her patient and caring attitude had helped to roll back barriers of prejudice. Dr. Brame also made note of the many, many babies that Delia had helped deliver. He pointed out that a number of them had been named Delia in her honor but that none of them were named Jim Bob.

Domingo Pina's niece Estella Pina then delivered a moving tribute to her uncle. His service to the community was also noted and his fellow members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department turned out in their new pumper truck to participate in the funeral procession that carried the couple to their

final resting place in Eldorado Cemetery. After the services, Rev. Anderson credited the "Grace of the Lord and the prayers of many, many people," with helping him get through the difficult day. "It was by far the hardest day I've ever had in the ministry," Anderson said. "No one would want something like this to happen," Anderson added. "But I just know that some how the Lord is going to turn it into something good. I just pray that some how He will get the honor and glory from this tragedy."

Following the last of the funerals, as Eldoradoans returned to their daily routine, the sense of loss was palpable. While many locals made their way to Sonora for the annual showdown between the Eldorado Eagles and the Sonora Broncos many stayed behind to assist with duties in and around First Baptist Church. One such group, a youth group from Mertzson Highway Church of Christ turned out to help clean up the Fellowship Hall once the last of the meals had been served.

Meanwhile, in Sonora, the Eagles faithful were met, not with the usual animosity that routinely accompanies the game between the long-standing rivals, but with Christian support. Sonora's flag hang at half mast and the stadium announcer called for a moment of silence and reflection in recognition of the tragic loss of eight passengers onboard the FBC bus.

As the weekend progressed and the healing began, several inspirational stories began circulating around town. One story about a man dressed in a dark suit who mysteriously appeared as paramedics at the wreck scene struggled to revive Billy Frank Blaylock. Just as it appeared that the paramedics' efforts were for naught, and they were about to give up, the man leaned in and asked them all to pray. Following a brief prayer, Blaylock began to respond and the man in the dark suit, to the amazement of all, was nowhere to be found.

Another story involved a hydraulic pump that malfunctioned on a jaws of life tool. Just as emergency workers were about to despair, another fire truck from a neighboring town arrived at the scene with another pump. But just as firemen set in to cutting away sheet metal from the bus, a hydraulic hose ruptured. But astonishingly, a caravan of trucks belonging to an auto racing team had stopped on the westbound side of Interstate highway. Among all their equipment were hydraulic pumps and hoses and many other tools.

A third story involved matching wedding rings belonging to Domingo and Delia Pina. The ring belonging to Domingo (the story indicated that Delia was wearing it on a chain) was lost in the wreck. Two days later, after the wreck scene had been cleaned, the ring was found and returned to the Pina family.

These stories, and many more, highlight what FBC Secretary Vickie Schwiening called several mini-miracles that came out of the tragedy. Schwiening, who was practically glued to the church's

telephone for four days, served as the town's information conduit. As word would come in to the church, she passed it on Rev. Anderson, or one of the church deacons.

For his part, Rev. Anderson is thankful for lives of the seven who survived the accident, as well as the lives touched by the passing of the eight others. "I also want to thank everyone for their support during all of this," Rev. Anderson said. "It's really been overwhelming the support we've gotten from all the churches and other organizations."

When told that he had been atop many people's prayer lists, Rev. Anderson replied, "It's an awesome feeling knowing that your church is the most prayed for church in the country. We have always been a close church family, but we're even closer now. I believe the Lord has something wonderful store for us."

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, October 27**
Baked Chicken, Au Gratin Potato, Italian Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Fresh Orange Half, Milk
- Tuesday October 28**
Ground Beef with Vermicelli, Pinto Beans, Flour Tortillas, Toss Salad, Mixed Fruit Cup, Milk
- Wednesday, October 29**
Baked Ham, Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Peanut Butter Cookie, Juice, Milk
- Thursday, October 30**
Roast Beef, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Carrot Stick, Apple Sauce, Milk
- Friday, October 31**
Cattfish w/ Tartar Sauce, Spinach, Pinto Beans, Coleslaw, Corn Bread, Lemon Pudding, Milk



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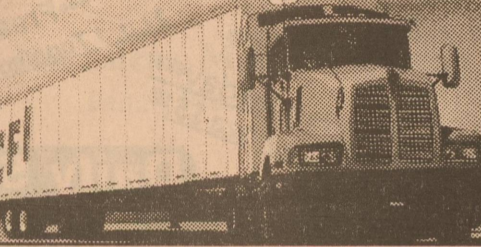
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Mighty Eagle Band makes it 20 in a row

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the band struggled to come to terms with Mr. Reneau's system. More than once he heard "We've never done it that way before." And, more than once he watched as band members quit the program.

But that hurdle was quickly cleared and Reneau set about turning the Mighty Eagle Band, the band with 19 years of tradition, into his band. And, it was Mr. Reneau's band that took the field in Brady...and nervously awaited the judges decision after the contest.

One by one the stadium announcer read the results. Eight learn their fate before the word came. "Eldorado.....One!" The stadium erupted as Eagle Band supporters joined the band members across the field in cheering the decision. In all, five bands earned the Division "1" Superior rating and will travel to Waco for the Area I Marching Contest on Saturday. Besides Eldorado, the bands from Reagan County, Wall, Mason and Junction will be making the trip. Earning Division II ratings were the bands from Bangs, Ozona, San Saba, Sonora, Winters and Coleman. Receiving Division III rating was Goldthwaite.

In a written critiques Judge Joey Lucita from San Antonio told the Eagle Band members, "Nice job and Good luck in the future." Judge Rodney Bennett from Munday wrote, "This is a really fine band, not flawless, but really well prepared." and Warren Thaxton from Abilene noted "...nice show, well played and executed -- enjoyed your performance."

So it was that on a sunny Saturday afternoon in Brady, fifty-three musicians from Eldorado, new system and all, proved the nay-sayers wrong. It could be done, it had been done, and the Mighty Eagle Band continues to be counted among the elite marching bands in the state.

Following the contest, a clearly relieved Walter Reneau praised

his young musicians, "The band has had many challenges this fall preparing their contest show, but they have shown tremendous achievement in overcoming many obstacles. The students have a lot of heart and are very proud of their program. It has been a real pleasure working with these people."

This "Division 1 rating" will allow the band to advance to regional in Waco with a shot for advancement to the State contest. Four years ago the Mighty Eagle Band earned a 3rd Place Bronze Medal at the State Marching Contest. However, Division AA bands may only advance beyond District competition in odd numbered years. In 2001 they placed 6th in Waco and failed to advance. This year the band is looking to repeat the accomplishment of the '99 band.

The Regional Contest will be held Saturday in the Waco I.S.D. Sports Complex. Marching times had not been announced at press time. However, as soon as times become available, that information will be posted on the Internet at: www.myledorado.net.

Kara Sue Garlitz is sponsor of the 2003 Eagle Band Flag Corps which is comprised this year of Sheryl Alexander, Taylor Baker, Alicia Corrales, Julie Hight, Kristin Mittel, Selina Rojas, Anna Troy and Veronica Villa. Garlitz also served as Mr. Reneau's unofficial assistant as the band prepared for the season.

Band members include: Luis Almazan (baritone), Diego Barrera (trombone), Drew Bosmans (baritone), Louie Buitron (trumpet), Blake Chatham (flute), Macy Chatham (flute), Jorge Chavez (tuba), Leslie Cruz (clarinet), LiAna Danford (flute), Misti Daniels (clarinet), Kolby Dombroski (percussion), Tyler Dombroski (trombone),

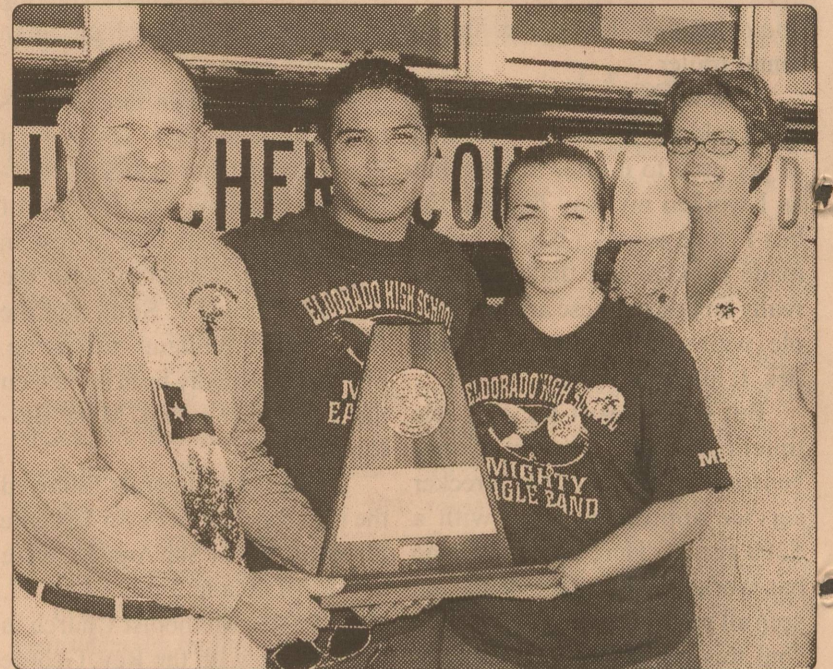


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Two decades and climbing — The Mighty Eagle Marching Band claimed its 20th consecutive Division "1" rating at the Region VII Marching Contest in Brady last Saturday. Here, Band Director Walter Reneau, EHS band senior Danny Sanchez, Drum Major Ashton Murr and Flag Corps sponsor Kara Sue Garlitz show off the prestigious trophy.

Ashley Doran (percussion), Maygen Eubanks (french horn), Anna Fuentes (flute), Hope Fuentes (flute);

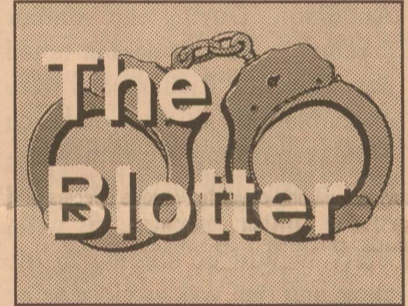
Justin Garcia (trombone), Manny Gonzalez (trumpet), Amika Gonzalez (flute), David Hernandez (trumpet), Joey Hernandez (tuba), Marcos Hernandez (tuba), Tiffany Hernandez (percussion), Chelsey Hill (clarinet), Ricky Jalomo (trumpet), Brittany Jennings (clarinet), J.P. Joiner (percussion), Liz Lacy (saxophone), Johnny Larez (trombone);

Ashley Lozano (clarinet), Jorge Mata (baritone), Brence Minor (tuba), Abel Montalvo (trumpet), Ashton Murr (drum major), Allie Perez (flute), Chelsey Pridmore

(clarinet), Michael Redish (baritone), Rachel Rios (clarinet), Raul Rios (trumpet), Chelci Rodriguez (flute), JC Rodriguez (percussion), E. Jay Samaniego (trumpet), Kimberly Samaniego (french horn), Danny Sanchez (tuba), Lalo Sanchez (trumpet), Ridge Ann Sudduth (trombone), Rhapsody Swyter (flute), Krista Troy (clarinet) and Kassie Tyler (trumpet.)

Loading crew: Rolando Gonzalez, Chris Minor, Marcela Huerta, Milo Vallejo, Lindsay Pridmore, Brittany Olivarez and Kaleb Murr.

Everyone is encouraged to travel to Waco to support the Mighty Eagle Band as the tradition of excellence continues!



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

ARRESTS

October 14 • Aycock, Angela Dawn, female age 26, offense Engaging in Criminal Activity. Motion To Revoke/ Theft Class B. Released on \$10,000 Surety Bond and a \$1,000 Surety Bond.
October 17 • Lopez, Jose, male age 23, offense Driving While License Invalid. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
October 18 • Rodriguez, Rogelio Jr., male age 19, offense Criminal Trespass. Released on \$1,000 Bond.
October 20 • Petrab, Jennifer Michelle, female age 23, offense Failure To Appear/Class B Theft by Check.

INCIDENT REPORTS

October 13 • 1:38 a.m. Complainant reported loud music from their neighbors. Officer responded.
October 14 • 5:30 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with the Sheriff because someone was making anonymous harassing phone calls. Sheriff responded to call.
• 6:49 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to come over to the Memorial Building because kids on skate board maybe tearing up county property. Three officers responded.
October 15 • Complainant reported female subject was kicking subjects door at apartments. Officer responded.
• 6:55 a.m. Complainant advised a one car accident 3 miles south on Hwy. 277. Vehicle one, Macario Esparza, age 25, was traveling south on Hwy. 277 in his 2001 Red Dodge pickup when he hit a deer. Following close behind in vehicle two, Pascual E. Esparza, age 20, was also traveling south in his 2001 Silver Ford Escort. Vehicle 2 while trying to avoid running over the deer lost control of vehicle going off the road rolling twice taking out 150 feet of fence while landing in a field on the right side of the vehicle. Pascual Esparza was taken by ambulance complaining of

shoulder pain.

• 7:34 p.m. Complainant made a complainant on a subject that was being disorderly in a public place.

October 16 • 2:00 a.m. Complainant of loud music on Pecos Street. Officer responded.

• 11:15 a.m. Complainant on Honeysuckle Street reported someone had possibly stolen her purse out of her vehicle.

• 4:43 p.m. Complainant reported that someone had taken \$600.00 out of her purse.

• 7:39 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for an elderly man who was having a seizure. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

October 17 • Complainant reported cattle out on business property. Officer responded.

• 6:54 p.m. Complainant reported approximately 30 head of goats out on Hwy. 915.

October 18 • Complainant called 911 and reported a male subject being chased down by a subject in a car. Two officers responded.

• 7:01 p.m. Complainant reported an elderly female having a stroke. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 9:05 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer to a San Angelo hospital. EMS 1 responded.

October 19 • 1:38 a.m. Complainant reported having problems with someone that had been at the same party at the Memorial Building.

• 6:18 a.m. Complainant reported two vehicles at the entrance of their property. Subject could hear individuals speaking in Spanish and could not tell what the problem was. Officer responded.

• 6:20 a.m. Complainant called back and reported one vehicle had left and could not tell if anyone else stayed in second vehicle a white suburban. Officer responded.

• 11:14 a.m. Complainant reported a truck on fire at the fuel lock. Two officers and fire department responded.

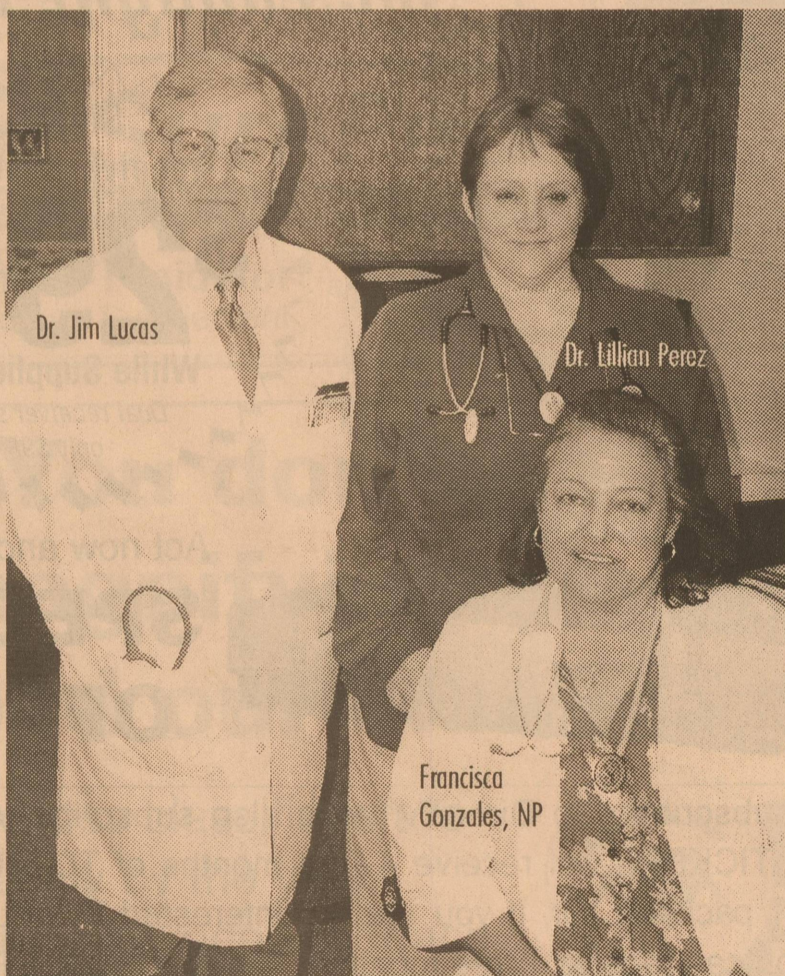
• 5:24 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for basic transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 8:46 p.m. Complainant reported an accident on County Road 864. Motorist hit deer, 6-7 people out at scene, one possibly injured. Ambulance dispatched from Menard County and Schleicher County. EMS 1 and 2 responded and were called back in. Three officers responded. One female to was taken to Sonora hospital.

October 20 • 3:49 p.m. Complainant on Bluebonnet reported a gold four door vehicle driving fast through their neighborhood. Officer responded.

• 8:00 a.m. Complainant reported they had found a dog at their residence. The dog is a black and white collie dog.

Schleicher County Medical Center is pleased to announce the arrival Francisca Gonzales, NP



Dr. Jim Lucas

Dr. Lillian Perez

Francisca Gonzales, NP

As a nurse practitioner, she will be assisting Dr. Lucas and Dr. Perez with their clinic practice, as well as helping to staff the hospital.

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If your child has not received an entry form, please come by the Extension Office to pick one up. Entry forms are due in the office by Thursday, October 30. The public is invited to attend the Food Show at 7 p.m. on November 4.

Employment

Wanted-Part Time Secretary.
 Computer skill a plus. Send resume to Phillips, P.O. Box L, Eldorado, TX 76936. 42-43b

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ELDORADO-Mobile Home for Sale: 1996 Solitare 18 X 76; 3 BR - 2 BA; 202 Calendar. Asking \$28,000. Call 505-354-0194. Please leave message if no answer. 43-46p

GARAGE SALES, YARD SALES & BAKE SALES

ELDORADO-BAKE SALE: Friday, October, 24th; 9:00 AM-11:00 PM until all is gone. Agape Assembly of God at Gazebo. Proceeds to support missionaries.

ELDORADO-Garage Sale: 409 East Warner; 8:00 - ?Sat

ELDORADO-Carport Sale: Fri.-Sat. 8:00 a.m. - Til; All first time stuff; no left overs, lots of stuff, some furniture, odds & ends, Killebrews 708 Hall Street

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Card of Thanks

A special thank you to my family and friends for the beautiful birthday cards, the money tree and for just being there at my birthday celebration.

Edna Ory

The family of Mabel Lee Parrent Hawkins Stonehocker wishes to express our thanks and gratitude for the memorials; food, cards, expressions of sympathy and for your prayers in the loss of our loved one. May God Bless each of you.

The Stonehocker Family
 Roy Hawkins, Dale and Brenda

To the people of Eldorado and the surrounding area: Words cannot express how much we appreciate the help, support and kindness that was shown to us and to all concerned with the recent tragedy. It seems that everywhere we looked someone was helping or offering to help others. In a time of great need and much grief, it was amazing to see the town come together with such grace and dignity. You have much to be proud of and it is a privilege to serve such a caring community.

Bruce and Jessie Kerbow and the staff of Kerbow Funeral Home

Notice of Public Hearing

Texas Education Code 39.053 requires district's board of trustees to hold a hearing for public discussion of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. The public hearing will be held on **November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library.**

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HONOR ROLL

Eldorado High School Honor Roll 1st Six Weeks

Editor's note: The names of some EHS Honor Roll students have been withheld by the school. The Success has no control over this situation and regrets that the accomplishments of these students will not be recognized.

- 9th Grade**
"A" Honor Roll: Kristin Mittel, Krista Troy
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Russell Cathey, Alicia Corrales, Amy Doran, Candace Engdahl, Anakaren Esparza, Samuel Esparza, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Marcos Hernandez, Tiffany Hernandez, Byron Hibbs, William Higgins, Brittany Jennings, Richard Jones, Felipe Martinez, Raul Rios, Justina Rodriguez, Ridge Ann Sudduth
- 10th Grade**
"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Esperanza Fuentes, Maxie Holley, Chandra Wanoreck
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Jaaron Crawford, Joel Esparza, Micaela Gonzalez, Melinda Hernandez, Nester Hernandez, Brence Minor, Armando Moreno, Caleb Nixon, Allison Reynolds, Chelci Rodriguez, Samantha Rodriguez, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Kyle Taylor, Frank Wipff
- 11th Grade**
"A" Honor Roll: Kolby Dombroski, William Griffin, Emily Newman, Anna Troy
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Sheryl Alexander, Laurie Almazan, Katey Blair, Terrell Boysaw, Margaret Brown, Ryan Cathey, Kimberly Contreras, Brandie Cross, Ashley Doran, Antonio Garcia, Jose Hernandez, Julie Hight, Maria Huichapa, Ashton Murr, Jessica Robertson, Selina Rojas
- 12th Grade**
"A" Honor Roll: Kasey Boysaw, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Heather Homer, Travis Joiner, Lacy Ragsdale, Lindsey Schwiening, Seth Taylor, Joshua Trejo
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Jeffrey Bybee, Scott Cawley, Juan Chavez, William Dykstra, John Fay, Daniella Figueroa, Betsy Green, Dillio Greer, Sonia Mills, Robert Parker, Danny Sanchez, Courtney Whitten



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

2003 Varsity Lady Eagles Cross Country Team: (L-R) Lacy Ragsdale, Kasey Boysaw, Chandra Wanoreck, Allison Reynolds, Clara Herera, Maxie Holley and Lauren Brown. The Lady Eagles will be traveling to San Angelo State Park on Monday, October 27 for District Cross Country Meet.

Herrera Medals at Sonora Caverns Cross Country Meet

The Lady Eagles Cross Country Team traveled to Sonora Caverns Cross Country Meet on Saturday, October 18.

Clara Herrera medaled coming in 9th with a time of 13:52.61. The course was new for this meet and challenged the runners.

Allison Reynolds placed 18th with a time of 14:55.19, Lacy Ragsdale placed 22nd with a time of 15:06.85 followed by Chandra Wanoreck at 23rd with a time of 15:09.31. Kasey Boysaw had a time of 15:50.08 and placed 28th.

Maxie Holley had a time of 17:23.02 and Lauren Brown had a time of 21:12.03.

There were 41 varsity girls runners in all. Wall's team came in 1st with a score of 25, 2nd was Wall's B team with a score of 83. Comstock girls team scored 92 placing

3rd and Eldorado placed 4th.

The course is a 2 miles course through rough ranch country and was hosted by Sonora High School and the Sonora Caverns.

Eric Garcia was the only Varsity Boy to run and he came in 19th with a time of 21:12.9.

San Angelo State Park will host District 2-AA Monday, October 27 for both Varsity and Junior High runners.

8th Grade Eagles lose to Sonora 30-6

The only score of the game for the 8th grade Eagles was a kick off return of 70 yards by J.P. Joiner.

Coach Richters stated that Sonora has a very good 8th grade team and the Eagles did not play very well the first half, but placed much better the second half.

The 8th grade Eagles will play Reagan County in Eagle Stadium at 6:30 p.m. today.

Eagles JV team falls to Sonora

The Eldorado combined JV team took on the Sonora JV team on Thursday night. The Eagles went up early 12-0 on pass receptions by Michael Ballew from QB David Hernandez. Sonora came back before half to make the score 12-7.

Sonora would pull ahead after a long drive in the 3rd quarter on a 7 yard run. Eldorado would dig in and after a good kick-off return would drive to the Bronco's 20. From there Caleb Nixon ran the ball in to bring the Eagles back into the lead 18-14.

Sonora would mount another drive however and after converting on a 3rd and long and on a 4th and long would score once again to go back ahead 22-18.

The Eagles still demonstrated fight as they drove to the Bronco 35 but a pass on 4th down was intercepted and the game would end 22-18.

Michael Ballew caught several passes from David Hernandez and the entire offense consistently moved the ball. Norberto Moya intercepted a Sonora pass in the 1st half and returned it 20 yards.

The Eagles will split into two teams this Thursday as the White team will play Crane in Eldorado at 7:30 and the Green team will travel to Reagan County to play the Owl's JV at 6:30.

Michael Ballew injured a hand but will be available to play. Tony Garcia will not play because of a pulled muscle. Cash Lane might be back next week coming off of a lingering knee injury.

Dress code, resignations top the agenda for SCISD trustees

The Schleicher County ISD Board went into a short executive session at the beginning of the Monday board meeting to meet citizen Marie Barrera to discuss a complaint. The board took no action on the matter, however, the Success learned from Mrs. Barrera that she was concerned about lack of enforcement of the school's dress code.

The meeting was the group's regular monthly session. It had been postponed by a week due to last week's FBC bus wreck. The trustees met in the school's distance learning lab where they underwent a board training session prior to the meeting.

Board members present included Eddie Albin, Kurtis Homer, Berta Nicholson, Board President Jo Helen Kotsch, John Paul Joiner, Lupe Sanchez and Jan Wanoreck. Also present were Marie Barrera, J.D. Doyle, High School Principal Tim Seymore and Middle School Principal Kara Garlitz.

Among other business, the board approved the September 8, 2003 minutes and were presented with a policy review of 12 different policies. It was noted that, as of Sept. 30, 2003, the school had \$961,598.00 in its fund balance. The district's financial reports were also approved during the meeting.

Superintendent Mark Gesch reported the school district has a total of 591 eligible students in Pre-K-12th grade levels as of October 9. The High School has a total of 193 students alone. He noted the state is looking into raising the lower threshold a school can consider itself a 2A school. The numbers of eligible students in the ninth through twelfth grade determines whether Schleicher County ISD will fall to a Division 1A school district and he stated we may be headed toward becoming a 1A school.

In other business, the board voted to accept the consent agenda in which the Booster Club offered to purchase 9 pairs of Nike girls basketball shoes in the amount of \$747.00 and purchase 14 pairs of boys basketball shoes

in the amount of \$770.00. Also approved were hotel rooms for cross county participants for Regionals in Lubbock in the amount of \$300.

The board then approved the members of the Textbook Adoption Committee. They include teachers Maggie Martinez, Suzanne Johnson, Kara Sue Garlitz, Angela Case, Candace Henry, Maureen Hodges, Paige Ragsdale, Marilyn Whitten, Susie Richters, Gina Sauer and Corey Stevens, committee.

Next, the trustees voted to amend the budget for funds received in the amount of \$15,000 from the Schleicher County Community Network to be used to maintain the learning labs. The trustees also approved keeping the law firm of Powell and Leon, L.L.P. for the 2003-2004 school year as their legal representatives, as well as a source for training and legal advice.

The Menard Special Education Cooperative service agreements were also approved. In return for \$85,000 a year, the cooperative provides administrative, diagnostic and counseling services to SCISD special education students.

Superintendent Gesch then presented a request for tuition waiver for a Middle School student from Sonora. The board approved the request.

Before adjourning, the board heard from Supt. Gesch who reminded them that the next board meeting would be November 10, 2003 and at this time they might consider changing the date of the March Regular Board Meeting on March 8 to another date since this date falls during Spring Break.

He also told the board they would need to discuss the pending resignations of two Middle School teachers who have signaled their intent to retire in December. Gesch stated that Betty Robinson and Lois Dean will be retiring so that they might be employed by another district. The move will assure them of the right to collect social security benefits in addition to their teacher retirement. Gesch said.

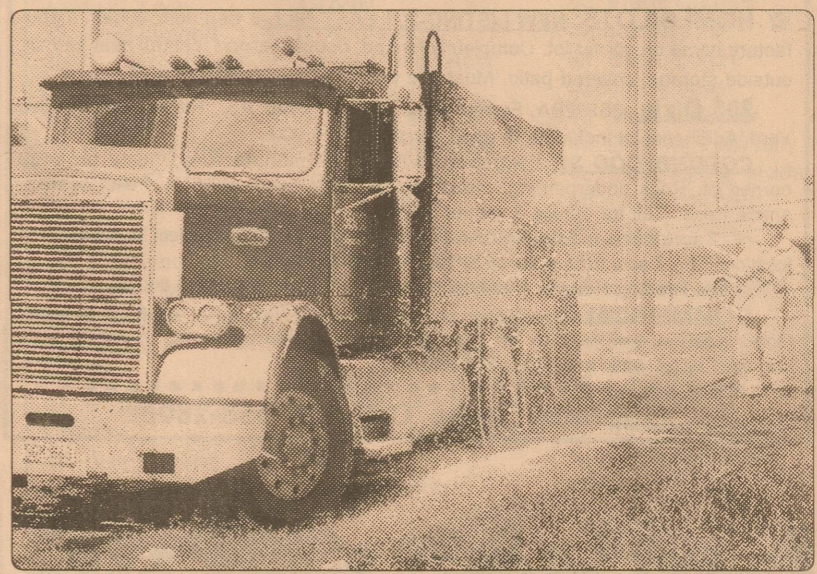


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Tiny Bubbles — Eldorado Volunteer firefighter Jerry Felver sprayed fire suppressing foam on this asphalt truck after it caught fire Sunday morning. The truck, and two others were parked near the Shelton Fuel Lock on S. Divide when the fire began. Investigators say a flat tire caused the blaze. Firefighters moved the other two trucks before they became involved. The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality has been contacted regarding the oil spill that resulted.

A small town newspaper

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our colleagues around the nation. We made sure the details we were handing out were accurate as best we could determine, asked the news agencies to understand the amount of information we could provide was limited because the accident had just happened, and assured them we'd be in contact if other details surfaced.

After the story took shape, the calls decreased and newspapers and websites continued to publish our photos and updated information, as well as statements from authorities on the scene and friends at First Baptist Church in

Eldorado. More than 24 hours later, the story has "cooled" a bit and an investigation into the crash is ongoing.

We're still receiving "thank you" letters and calls from media representatives we worked with Monday, but our minds are quickly shifting from breaking-news coverage of the accident to the victims and their families.

The management of the Madison Journal mourns the loss of eight Texas citizens, and our prayers and thoughts are with their families and friends. We will also remember the survivors and pray they will find comfort in a time of sorrow.

Annual Sonora Fall Festival 2003

Saturday, October 25, 2003
 Time 10:00 a.m. -4:00

Bronco Sr. Hamburgers! Prizes! Games! Music! Giant Slide!

Crowning of Mr. & Miss Fall Festival at 10:00 a.m. Come and Join us for a day of fun, games, and food! Storybook Character Parade

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