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For Your Information

News of Yesteryear

The January 3, 1930 edition of the Success reported:

"A double wedding of unusual interest took place in Eldorado at eleven o'clock January 1, when Miss Mary Alice Stewardson was married to Mr. Ervin Mund and Miss Ruth Delong to S.D. Harper, Jr., at the First Baptist Church in the presence of a large group of relatives and friends. The Reverend L.D. Hardt, Pastor of the Methodist church of Eldorado performed the ceremony."

The October 13, 1933 edition of the Success reported:

"A petition with 13 names on it asking for an election was presented by the voters of Precinct 4, asking for an election to be held in Precinct four to determine whether it shall be unlawful to sell beer or vinous liquors in said precinct."

"The (Commissioners) Court has ordered the election to be held October 21st. There is only two voting precincts in Precinct Four. They are Vermont and Alexander and something like 60 voters in the precinct. Both boxes voted dry in the August election but only a few votes were cast."

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Exporting Texas

Exports of Texas merchandise rose to a record \$84.3 billion in 1997, up 13.9 percent over 1996, while U.S. exports rose 10.4 percent. High tech sectors drove Texas' growth as the top export industry. Mexico, Texas' biggest export market, showed the largest gain. \$31.2 billion in Texas produced goods were exported to Mexico. Canada was second with \$9.5 billion while Great Britain was third with \$3.1 billion.

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On this date

On this date in 1792 S.L. Mitchell of Columbia College became the first professor of agriculture. In 1808 the leather splitting machine was patented by Samuel Parker. In 1878 the corn cob pipe was patented by Henry Tibbe of Washington, MO. In 1922 Johnny Weissmuller became the first to swim the 100 meters, freestyle, in less than a minute.

Birthdays of note include: 1819 inventor Elias Howe; 1927 singer & actor Ed Ames; 1938 actor Brian Dennehy; 1956 actor Tom Hanks

—★ ★ ★ ★ ★—

Odds & Ends

All the pet hamsters in the world are descended from just one female wild golden hamster found with a litter of 12 young in Syria in 1930. The species had been named in 1839 when a single animal was found, again in Syria, but it had not been seen by scientist for nearly a century. Selective breeding has now produced several color varieties.

Eldorado & Schleicher County... A community of volunteers

by Randy Mankin

What constitutes a community? Webster's dictionary defines it thusly: Community: 1. common possession 2. a society of people having common rights, privileges and interests 3. a group displaying common character, similarity, likeness or spirit.

But to me, community primarily means one thing, a group of individuals who care deeply for one another and daily demonstrate that fact through the selfless giving of their time, talents, money and energy. In other words, community means...Eldorado.

When investigating just what makes Eldorado "tick", the casual observer will notice lots of ordinary people going about their lives doing all the ordinary things.

"This little town has a 'Mayberry' quality about it," a passing tourist noted recently. "It's so nice and peaceful," he added as he gazed down Main Street toward the courthouse. "I'd half expect to see Aunt Bea and Opie come strolling down the sidewalk."

Not five minutes after the visitor left our "quiet little town", the serenity was shattered by wailing sirens as firetrucks screamed through the streets. Not far behind was an ambulance. Everyone involved was a volunteer, hurrying to help a neighbor.

It is these very volunteers to whom we dedicate this issue of the Success. They are our friends and neighbors...the ones we call on in times of dire need or rely on for everyday services.

We won't attempt to list all the volunteers, here. There isn't enough room. What we will do, however, is spotlight some of the more active volunteer groups in town, outline their work and list their members.

But, no tribute to volunteers in Eldorado would be complete without mentioning Duge Yates. He epitomizes the volunteer spirit that permeates this town. It is his example that encourages so many of us when we grow weary of the day to day grind.

There are many, many others,

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Eldorado Pride... A proud and beautiful Eldorado



photo by Kathy Mankin

This is how we did it — Eldorado Pride members Carrie Hill (upper left) and Jackie Napier (at right) describe Eldorado's efforts toward beautification for visitors from Eden's chamber of commerce who were in town recently.

by Kirk Curtis

Seldom does one find a volunteer group with such passion for their community and an attentive spirit for beauty. These traits define the Eldorado Pride Committee. This group of women and men have spent countless hours restoring and preserving Eldorado's beauty.

But, there's more to Eldorado Pride than "planting petunias". Recently, the group co-sponsored a dinner theater with the Way-Off Broadway Players, featuring the hit play, "Smoke on the Mountain." They also conducted an Autumn Style Show at the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater.

The group annually sponsors "The Great Texas Trash-Off" in Schleicher County. They lead by example, however, cleaning up two miles of U.S. Highway 277, which the group has adopted just north of town, while helping and encourag-

ing other groups with their individual clean-up efforts.

In 1998, Eldorado Pride won the Keep Texas Beautiful Community Achievement Award in recognition of outstanding efforts in "preserving a clean and beautiful environment in the great state of Texas to be enjoyed now and by future generations." This marks the third time Eldorado has won this prestigious award. The statewide beautification committee, Keep Texas Beautiful, noted Eldorado's achievements in "sustaining" the great strides that have been made in recent years.

Members of the 1998 Eldorado Pride are: Liz Anderson, Mabel Blaylock, Holly Brame, Mary Bucholz, Dorothy Dacy, Darlene Edmiston, Holly Griffin, Princess Gruben, Jo Ann Heffernan, Sandra Helmers, Carrie Hill, Mary Jo Hill, Deana Holt, Martha Henderson,

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Schleicher County EMS...when every second counts

It is often said these days that volunteers are a dying breed. Life in the 90's is fast paced, and it's difficult enough to take care of your own affairs, let alone give yourself and your time to others. However, within our small town there is a group of individuals who gladly give of themselves to meet the needs of others.

Over the years, the Schleicher County Emergency Medical Service has endured many trials and tribulations, but it has always pulled through. Formally certified in 1978, the original EMS crew consisted of only a handful of volunteers running from an old station wagon and using a first aid kit.

Things have changed in the last 20 years as far as means of transportation, but the caring for the individuals in our community has certainly not.

The current EMS team is made up of 16 dedicated volunteers whose time on the service ranges from 6 months to 15 years.

Becoming an Emergency Medical Technician is not an easy task, considering that the majority of the members have full-time jobs and family commitments. However, the reward of giving aid to those in need is well worth the effort.

The Schleicher County EMS has managed to provide the community with education regarding DWI prevention in our schools and CPR training for local organizations and individuals.

The members put in countless hours seeing that the EMS re-



photo by Kathy Mankin

When seconds count — Schleicher County EMS members pose with one of their two completely outfitted ambulances.

mains a structured organization as well as providing around the clock coverage for those in need. As with any organization governed by state agencies, the rules and regulations are ever-changing, requiring those involved to maintain certification and continue EMT education.

Across the years, the names and faces of these volunteers may have changed, but the goal remains the same: prompt, quality emergency care for those in need.

Current members of the Schleicher County Volunteer Emergency

Medical Service are Medical Director Dr. Debbie Dorie, President Bobby Andrews, Vice President Joaquin Rojas, Secretary/Treasurer Connie Andrews, and Office Secretary Melissa Stanford.

Other volunteer Emergency Medical Technicians are Lee Barajas, Sylvia Belman, Victor Belman, Vikki Cathey, Brenda Greer, Sheila Prater, Soila Rojas, Susie Richters, Velma Tyler, Tim Vasquez, and Shari Wink.

Current EMS students are Joe Barajas, Michael Faull, and Jaime Robles.

Sr. Citizen's Center... Caring for Eldorado's seniors

by Kirk Curtis

There is one group of people in Eldorado who can genuinely claim to have built this community "from the dirt up"...they are Eldorado's senior citizens. Many of them can recall Eldorado's earliest days when this town was claimed from the prairie. They built homes here, dug water wells, organized schools and generally, made something from nothing. Now, there's an organization dedicated to these men and women, the Schleicher County Senior Citizen's Center.

The Center, located across from Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative on Gillis Street, is more than just a place for seniors to meet and eat. It is devoted to ensuring that every immobile or home-bound elderly citizen in Schleicher County receives a nutritious meal, five days a week. The program is directed by Cindi Stuckey, but many volunteers take part to guarantee the meals are de-

livered.

Cindi leaves early in the morning to pick the meals up from Menard and returns to distribute the meals at the center to volunteer deliverers.

The home bound deliverers work one day a week. On Mondays, meals are delivered by Peggy Grelle and Sarah Mankin. Tuesdays Melissa Murr and Cora Hastings are on duty. Wednesdays, Mrs. Eloise Day and Ann Schooley deliver, while on Thursdays Helen Blakeway and Sarah Yates handle the task. Then, on Fridays, Helen Aldridge, Juanice Orr, and Maria Barrera deliver. Mattie Ferguson delivers meals five days a week. If someone is unable to deliver, Kasey Griffin gladly serves as a back-up.

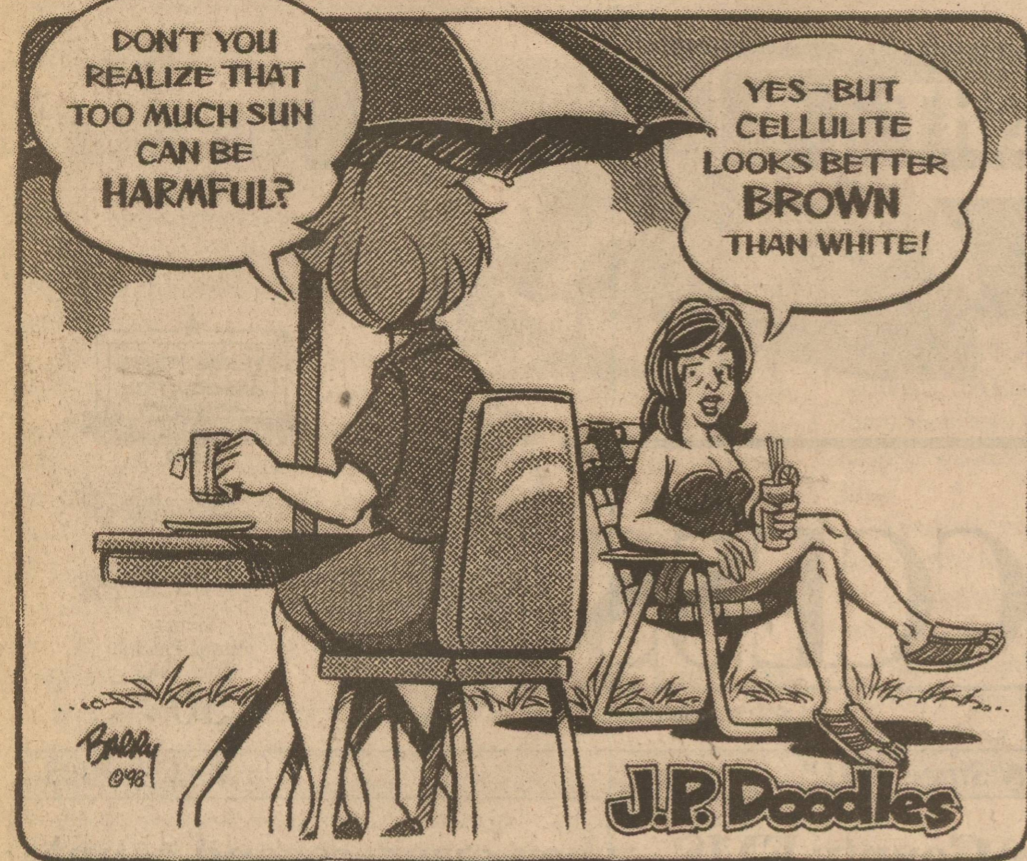
Rosetta Lozano, Ives Swain, Duge Yates, and Betty Smith contribute their services to the center five days a week.

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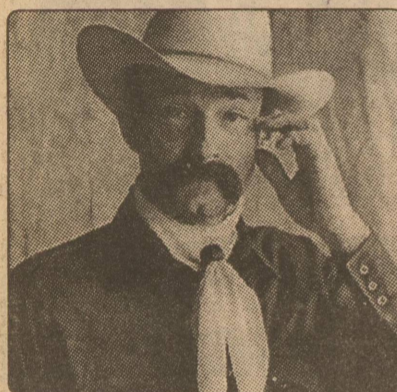
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Helping out at the Senior Center — Betty Smith, Duge Yates, Ives Swain and Rosetta Lozano are four of the volunteers at the Schleicher County Sr. Citizen's Center.



Pickin' Up Gene

BAXTER BLACK



ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Cowboys have a way of turning a birthday cake into a four alarm fire.

I was planning to spend the weekend with kin folks in Oklahoma. Included would be lots of fried chicken, peach cobbler, Dominos, visitin' and music. Over the phone I mentioned to my friend Gene what was goin' on and he asked if we needed another guitar player. I said, "Like Queen Elizabeth needs another hat!" He said, "I'll be there."

The big weekend arrived. Gene was drivin' up from Texas, 'bout a five hour trip. I called his house that mornin' and his wife said he was on the way.

By midafternoon I was gettin' a little worried. Not because he was a cowboy or couldn't find Oklahoma, but he was eighty years old.

At 3:00 p.m. he called the house.

"Bax," he shouted, "I been here for an hour and a half tryin' to find Noble. I been up and down Highway 9. Been nearly to Oklahoma City. Even followed a feller who said follow him 'til he turns. I ended up at the OU football field.

Come and get me!"

"Where are you?" I asked.

"At the corner of Highway 9 and I-35. I can see the freeway. I'm parked at the Road Runner. I can see Burger King and a gas station."

"Wait right there," I said.

I jumped in the car and drove the five miles to where Highway 9 meets I-35. I drove the parking lot lookin' for Texas plates. Interrogated the gas station guy, he'd never heard of the Red Rooster. I checked out the Payless parking lot across the street.

Then I got on the freeway and went south a mile where Highway 9 West comes in. Saw the Burger King, but no Gene.

I drove back to my aunt's house and waited for Gene to call. At 4:30 p.m. I called my cousin, Lanny. He'd never heard of the Red Rooster either.

"Maybe he meant the Red Lobster," suggested Lanny. "There's one a mile north of Highway 9."

Off we went. The folks at Red Lobster had not seen a 6'4", 80 year old cowboy from Texas, nor had they heard of the Red Rooster. We backtracked everywhere I'd been - but no luck.

It was a quarter 'til six when Lanny's cellular phone rang. They were callin' from the house. Gene had just phoned. He was at the Total gas station in Noble. We were literally passin' it when Lanny hung up.

We swung into the Total and there stood my friend.

After some mutual relief I said, "Gene, where were you? We never could find the Red Rooster."

"Red Rooster? No, it was a Road Runner convenience store."

Lanny interrupted, "Road Runner? We don't have Road Runners in Oklahoma."

"Well, that's what they are in Texas. But now that you mention it, I think this one was called Love's."

There are many old sayings I can, and often do, attribute to my Grandad. One of my favorites is, "You can sure get a lot done...if you don't care who gets the credit."

I had that in mind when I decided to publish a Volunteer Spotlight Edition. It seemed like a good idea to give credit where credit is due... to the volunteers who seldom get the recognition they deserve.

Unfortunately, there's no way to complete a job like this, in the short amount of time we have here at the Success, without leaving someone out. We knew going in that we wouldn't be able to list everyone...or even every organization. There are so many that a complete list isn't possible. Plus, there are many people who prefer to remain anonymous.

Some of the organizations we hoped to spotlight, but didn't get around to this year, were the Rodeo Association, Golf Club, Youth

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Baseball League, Schleicher County Child Welfare Board, American Legion, Masonic Lodge, 4-H Club, Girl Scouts and Boys Scouts. And, I'm sure there are others which I've overlooked.

However, as we worked on this issue, we noticed that the same names kept popping up, over and over. So, if your favorite organization was left out, I hope your name appeared on the roster of another group.

Another thing we noticed was how often the various groups seemed to work in cooperation with one another, or in conjunction with one of the governmental en-

ties.

For example, the Library Board, Historical Society, Fire Department and EMS all work closely with the Schleicher County Commissioner's Court and/or the Eldorado City Council.

The Hospital Auxiliary and the EMS each work closely with Schleicher County Medical Center.

The Way Off-Broadway Players and the Eldorado Pride Committee regularly work together, often augmented by volunteers from the Eldorado Woman's Club and many other organizations.

And, the Eldorado Lions Club cooperates closely with the School District in recognizing scholastic achievement and providing scholarships to graduating seniors.

I only wish I had more time, and more room. I guess I would change my Grandad's saying only slightly. "There's no limit to the number of people you can recognize...if you leave a lot of folks out!"

Readin' writin' & 'rithmatic... Volunteers assist at school

by Kirk Curtis

When it comes to education, excellence should always be the standard, and mediocrity must never be accepted. In Eldorado, the school system has not only been able to abide by this unwritten rule, but, as the eagle does — it has flown far, far above it.

Volunteers have been key to the success at Schleicher County I.S.D. this past year. They donated their time to read to Elementary children, supervise playground activity and provide many other services.

Volunteers at S.C.I.S.D. during the 1997-98 school year have been Albert Martinez, Angie Bounds, Andy & Liz Anderson, Anna Buitron, Betty Wilson, Bill Hodges, Billie McKinney, Brian Edmiston, Buff & June Whitten, Carrol Green, Carrie Hill, Cecilia Reyes, Charlie Bradley, Charlotte Steele, Clay Butler, Connie & Bobbie Andrews, Curtis Griffin, and David & Debra Neal.

Also, David Robledo, Deana & Pierce Holt, Dobie Lively, Duge Yates, Edie & Ashley

Niblett, Eddie Albin, Edna Ory, Elton & Mary McGinnes, Esther Bunton, Frances & Pete Peters, Gary Hanusch, Gene McCalla, George Cantu, George Arispe, Grace Hernandez, Helen (Mammy) Paige, Jerri Whitten, Jim Broome, Jim Martin, Jim & Jane Kosub, and Jo Ann & C.R. Sproul.

Also, Johnny Griffin, Justin Leggett, Kathy & Randy Mankin, Kurtis Homer, Leanne Higgins, Leo Rodriguez, Lester Paul Nixon, Lydia Valejo, Lynn Parker, Mack Reddish, Marie Barrera, Mark Paulson, Mary & Keith Nolen, Matilda Belman, Melissa Lockaby, Mike Harbour, Nancy Lester, Nancy & Mike Sproul, Nancy Doyle, Norman Kohls, Pansie Jay, and Pat Pitts.

Also, Paul & Debra Wilson, Peggy Williams, Ray Ballew, Raymond Mittel, Rick & Becky Sterling, Ronnie Mittel, Ross Whitten, Shannon Gillespie, Sherri Freeman, Smokey Taylor, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth, Tonya Gauna, Vickie Williams, Vikki Cathey, and Walt Griggs.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Meals on wheels — Mattie Ferguson volunteers five-days-a-week at the Senior Citizen's Center where she delivers hot meals to her elderly and home-bound citizens.

Schleicher Co. Sr. Citizen's Center

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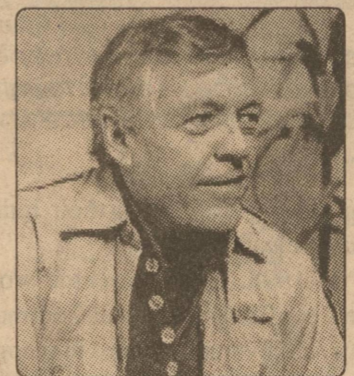
"My job would not be near as much fun or efficient without help," says Cindi, "I thank them from the bottom of my heart."

The Schleicher County Senior Center Advisory Committee con-

sists of Rojelio Adame, Dora Bosmans, Helen Fay, Peggy Grelle, Walt Griggs, Barbara Jackson, Vernell McCalla, Delia Pina, Ives Swain, Maria Torres, Luz Valero, Elida Velez, Hawley Wolfe, and Solia Rojas.

A Speech in the Dark

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

The lights went out at the motel in Van Horn about 5:15 in the afternoon. I stepped outside and saw an electric company truck and figured the motel was having some minor wiring problems. We went on the civic center, where I was to speak at the annual chamber banquet. We got there about the same time the food service people did. The place was dark. I learned there had been a problem on the feeder line somewhere between Van Horn and El Paso and a crew from Fabens was enroute to fix it. I was told the lights should be on by 7 PM, in time for the banquet, which started at 7:30. The people in Van Horn didn't seem too upset at all. I was in a panic.

I asked if they were still going to have the banquet. "Sure," came the reply. I said we need a generator so I can connect my sound system. One was brought in at about 7 o'clock. Still no electricity. The whole town was without power. Huge garage-type doors were opened to let in some light. Other doors were thrown open. I dragged a very long extension cord from the generator to my equipment and hooked it up.

Voila! I could speak and people could hear me, despite the noise from the generator just outside one of the open doors.

Six small votive candles in red glass containers were brought in. That was the only light in the huge room except for a small reading light on the podium. It did look very romantic. The speech went well. I got a standing ovation. All during the speech I was worried the generator might run out of gas, since it only had a quarter of a tank.

The graduating class of Van Horn High School was honored at the banquet. They stayed until the

end. I think that's a tribute to the high caliber of youth in Van Horn. At the conclusion of the banquet, the man who gave the closing prayer said, "We've just learned that we don't need electricity. We just need each other."

There was no reason to go back to the motel room, since we knew it would be hot. We loaded up our equipment and drove up and down the dark streets of Van Horn. Everybody in town was doing the same thing. There was one pool hall that had a generator. It was lighted up like Las Vegas. A couple of service stations got power from somewhere and were open.

Van Horn is a city of motels, service stations and restaurants. It caters to the traveling public. For the city to be without power is devastating. But the people in Van Horn are tough and have a sense of humor. We were amazed at their spirit.

We returned to the motel, tried to sleep. Couldn't. Our room had two doors: one to the outside, one to the hallway. My wife Susan got hold of one door, I got hold of the other and we fanned them back and forth to get some air moving around. We took to the streets of

Van Horn again. There was one truck stop with a few lights on. We bought a cold drink.

Back at the motel, we put the security chain on the door to the outside and opened it a couple of inches to get some of the night breeze. Strange light patterns flashed on the wall every time a car passed. We heard thunder, saw lightning and listened to traffic in the dark. We occasionally dozed. I went to the bathroom and the commode didn't flush.

At 3 AM while we were in the alpha state, all the lights in the room came on, the TV blared at full volume and the air conditioner whirred. We both bolted upright. I turned off the lights and TV, shut the door and crawled back into bed.

At about 4:30 I heard what sounded like Niagara Falls. It was the commode gurgling. Apparently the motel has some sort of electrical water pump that kicked in after the power came back on.

I watched the clock for another hour, then got up and went to breakfast. It was one of the most interesting nights I've had in a long time. I'll remember our speech in the dark in Van Horn.

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Remaining ever vigilant...

Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department stands ready

by Kirk Curtis

Physical science describes how only three elements are required to start a fire: fuel, oxygen, and heat. While it may be true that a fourth element, water, will extinguish most fires, it's not the entire answer. Getting that water to the fire and applying it properly is the job of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department. Then there are the fires which require something other than water. Not to mention emergency extrication from overturned vehicles with the "jaws of life".

It takes many volunteers, properly trained and outfitted, to staff the fire department. But together these men, and their female counterparts on the ladies auxiliary, stand sentinel against the range fires which plague our county or the structure fires which threaten to raze entire city blocks if left unchecked.

Most people have a general idea

of the fire department's job, few have a detailed knowledge of the precise measures taken by these volunteers to guard the safety of their neighbors.

For our purposes here, we'll look at a scenario involving a fictional fire at a building on Main Street.

A passerby notices thick, heavy smoke billowing from the back of a building and quickly dials 9-1-1 from her cellular phone. A dispatcher, in the Sheriff's Office, receives the call and collects information, while at the same time relaying the news to the fire department by way of pagers carried by each firefighter. On some occasions, the siren on the city's south water tower is activated to alert firemen.

Upon receiving the call, volunteer firemen drop everything they are doing, which many times

means neglecting important personal business, to tend to this urgent situation. The volunteers report to the Fire Station, located on East Murchison Avenue where they roll the trucks out and head for the fire.

Normally the fire chief, or in his absence, the assistant chief, is already at the scene plotting a strategy to attack the blaze. As individual fire trucks arrive on scene they receive the chief's orders by radio and immediately swing into action. Meanwhile, Schleicher County Sheriff's Department officers establish a perimeter and serve to control traffic. EMS ambulances respond to the scene, also...just in case there are any injuries.

In our scenario, the fire is quickly contained and extinguished. But, that's not always the case. In those instances, the volunteers may be required to spend

all day, and all night, fighting the fire. This is particularly true in the case of large grass fires.

Unfortunately, the fires our volunteers routinely face are real, not the invention of the mind, and must be dealt with swiftly. Eldorado and Schleicher County are fortunate to have such a group of volunteers firefighters who are committed to the safety of their neighbors and the protection of their property.

Commanding officers for the Eldorado Fire Department are Fire Chief Jerry Jones (who began with the department in 1974), 1st Asst. Chief Joey Jones (1981), 2nd Asst. Chief Michael Faull (1995) and Fire Marshall Oscar Martinez (1991).

The department's business officers are President Robert Parker (1978), Vice President Allen Corbell (1989), Chaplin Josh Hastings (1996), Secretary Jerry Felver (1990), Treasurer George Lumpkin (1995), Local Reporter Charlie Bradley (1993), State Reporter Jeremy Lemmons (1997), and Training Officer Stanley Spinks (1993).

Current volunteers are Tony Cheatham (1971), Jeff Chancellor (1997), Mark Daniels (1987), Joe Dombroski (1996), Mark Graves (1991), Mike Haynes (1984), Gus Hinojosa (1994), James Mack Holley (1987), Chuck Jones (1982), Gene Jones (1997), Howard Ledbetter (1992), Leonard Lloyd (1988), Tim McAngus (1992), Domingo Pina (1993), Felipe Pina (1990), T.J. Rodriguez (1998), James Squyres (1994), Sam Whitten, Jr. (1983), and Paul Wilson (1998).

The department's Fire Mother is Bessie Jones, Sweetheart is Angela Lumpkin, and Mascot is Marcus Hinojosa.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Ready on a moment's notice — Members of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department pose with one of their "grass trucks". They are (L-R) Domingo Pina, Mike Haynes, Jerry Jones, Jeremy Lemons, Tim McAngus, Chuck Jones, Joey Jones, Robert Parker, George Lumpkin, Michael Faull, Josh Hastings, Sam Whitten, Jr., (seated in truck) Jerry Felver.

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- July
9th Glenda Nix, Renee Edmiston, Debi S. Pina
10th Ray Louis Lozano, John David Meador, Dusty Nolen, Mike Mankin
11th Garrett Warnock, Lucy Page, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson
12th Cynthia Sauer, Monroe Dacy, Julie Ann Hight, Mary Nolen, Paige Ragsdale, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanessa Ruiz, George Arispe, Mike Arispe, Oralia B. Trevino
13th Alyssa Halbert, Cody Reavis
14th Brian Jones, Steven Capps, Kyndal Broome, Roxanne Adame
15th Jean Kuykendall, Charlene Edmiston, Edna Crowder, Ty Martinez, Will Griffin
16th Lula Mae Clark, Jackie Barrera, Luby Trevino, Lisa Wade, Farah Fennern, Landon Neal, Lula Clark
17th Jeremy Clark, Marcelina Ramon, William Edmiston, Dale Lipsett, Helen Ledbetter, Fred Logan, Joe Max Edmiston, Stacy Haynes
18th Carol Estrada, Linda Thomas, Wade Rinehart

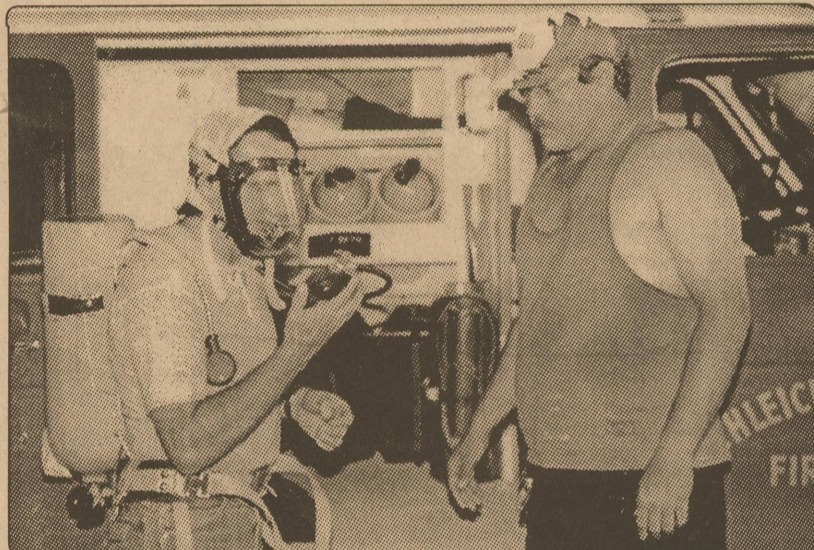


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And this thing goes here — Firefighter Joey Jones (L) demonstrates proper use of an air pack for Eldorado's newest volunteer fireman Paul Wilson.

Eldorado Pride Committee

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- and Cynthia Joiner.
Also, Shirley Joiner, Patsy Kellogg, Nancy Lester, Mary Leggett, Sherry Lux, Carolyn McKinney, Trina Mertz, Lynna Mikeska, Jackie Napier, Rachael Nixon, Ebba Nikolauk, Lucy Page, Cherie Paulson, Carol Pope, Mary Robinson, and Gina Sauer.
Also, Rozana Sauer, Vickie Schwiening, Joyce Ann Speck, Jo Ann Sproul, Nancy Sproul, Marion Simmons, Charlotte Steele, Becky Sterling, Toni Sudduth, Pat Sykes, Betsy Thackerson, Jeri Whitten, Joyce Whitten, Doug Yates, Ronnie Sauer, Peggy Williams, and Ester Bunton.

ANNIVERSARIES

- July
9th Mr. & Mrs. Glen Nix
12th Robert & Jo Parker
14th Rojelio & Roxanne Adame, Janice & Charles Orr, Jeff & Shelly Fennern
17th Fred & Louise Logan
18th Mr. & Mrs. Ken Newman

Schleicher County Family Clinic welcomes Brian J. Kingston, M.D.

Dr. Brian J. Kingston comes to Eldorado from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Amarillo, where he has served as resident physician since July 1996 and as chief resident for the past year. He also completed his family medicine internship there.

Dr. Kingston received his bachelor of science degree in biomedical science from Texas A&M University at College Station and his M.D. from the Texas Tech Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

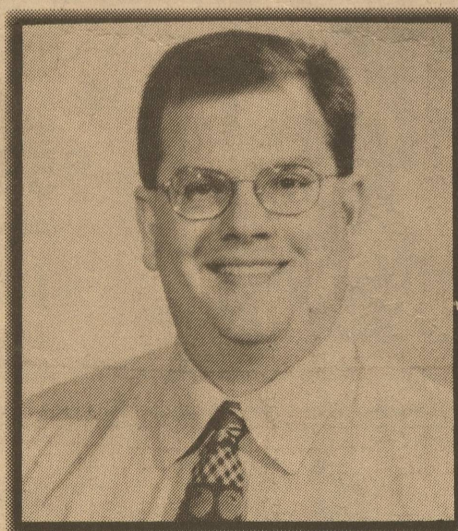
He is certified in basic life support, advanced cardiac life support, pediatric advanced life support, neonatal life support and advanced trauma life support.

Dr. Kingston and his wife, Sharai, have one daughter, Emily Grace. He enjoys church and family activities and backpacking in the Rockies.

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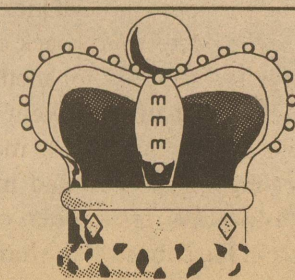
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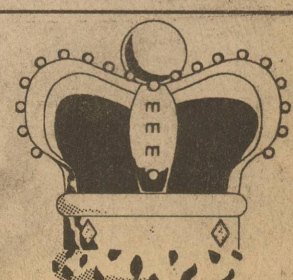


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More than just a museum...

Schleicher County Historical Society, preserving our past

by Rev. Hawley Wolfe

It's not easy, taking care of the largest collection of playground marbles in West Texas, or the Congressional seat of 300-pound Gustave Schleicher, namesake of Schleicher County. These and other treasures, dating clear back to paleolithic Indian artifacts, are

cared for in the Schleicher County Museum.

The museum is located on Murchison St., across from the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept., in the beautiful native limestone building which once housed the Hill Hardware Store. The Historical Society was organized in 1962,

and published a complete history of the county in 1976 for America's Bicentennial birthday celebration. The Museum is open 2:00-5:00 p.m. Thursday through Saturday. The building is staffed by Belle Neff, Bernell O'Connor, and a rotation of volunteers from the Eldorado Women's Club, and the Historical Society. Scheduler for volunteer museum-keepers is Bobbie Sanders.

The Schleicher County Historical Society is charged with the maintenance of the museum and preservation of the heritage of our community. The Society is identical with the Schleicher County Historical Commission, which officially reviews and approves all requests for historic marker applications, whether for "subject" markers or for landmark building status.

The board meets the first Monday every month at the museum at 1:30 p.m. There is a \$5.00 annual

membership fee. The meetings are open and they "want everyone to come." Officers are: Hawley Wolfe, president; Shine Spigarelli, Vice-President; Charlene Edmiston, Treasurer; Bobbie Sanders, Secretary; Ethel Etheredge, Curator; Mary McGinnes, phone chairman; and board members Norma Lynn Mund, Isabell McCutcheon, Mabel Freitag, Belle Neff, Elton McGinnes, Bernell O'Connor, Ebba Nickolaik, Pauline Thompson, Rene Calcote (corresponding member from Crane), and many other wonderful supporters.

The biggest project of spring 1998 was the registration of over 1500 graves in the county cemetery, in April, a project chaired by Shine Spigarelli. Copies of the registrations are in the county courthouse, the public library, and the museum, for the increasing numbers of folks who want to "climb the family tree." The Society es-



photo by Kathy Mankin

Museum volunteers — Keeping the Schleicher County Museum open during Mias Amigas two weeks ago were (L-R) Shine Spigarelli, Nelva Martin and Charlene Edmiston.

pecially wishes to thank the County Commissioners Court and Bruce Kerbow (Kerbow Funeral Home) for their wonderful cooperation, as well as the many volunteers who came out. Other major projects of the Society include tours for school children and scouts, and the recognition of two "Pioneer Families of the Year, the

second Saturday of August at Schleicher County Days.

If you need a copy of the wonderful county history (646 pages of photos, maps, and anecdotes), they are for sale at the museum for only \$25.00. We also have postcards and stationery with old photos and engravings of Eldorado the "way it used to be." Come and visit your museum and share the wonder of where we've been in the last 100 years.

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Eldorado Ministerial Alliance...
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Rev. Hawley Wolfe

Where would you send a neighbor or friend in Eldorado who needed food, clothing, utility assistance, help with medicines or funeral expenses, or a bus ticket to make a mandatory out-of-town appointment with a probation officer? While there are many public and private sources of help, one important place to go for help would be the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance.

The Alliance is composed of all the active ordained clergy in the community of Eldorado. The pastors give of their time voluntarily to work of the Alliance, in addition to their basic parish duties.

The members include: Pastor Andy Anderson and Youth Pastor Jim Broome of the First Baptist Church, Father Gilbert Rodriguez

of our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Rev. George Lumpkin of First United Methodist Church, Pastor Carlos Estrada of Primera Iglesia Bautista, Pastor Henry Green of St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, Pastor Walt Griggs of Agape Assembly of God, Dr. Byron Orand of Community Baptist Church, Pastor George Cantu and Co-pastor Rosita Cantu of Templo Getsemani (who are leaving for San Antonio around August 9, and will be greatly missed), and Rev. Hawley Wolfe of First Presbyterian Church, who serves as treasurer. Donations to the benevolence fund are welcome at any time.

Meetings are generally the third Tuesday at noon at the Eagle Dairy Mart.

The Alliance does many other things beside maintain fund to help stranded travelers and needy. The Annual community-wide Thanksgiving service is held the Sunday night before Thanksgiving in the Memorial Building, and unites

Christians in worship and thankfulness to God.

The yearly Ice Cream Social and Gospel Singalong, held the second Wednesday evening in August on the Courthouse lawn, is a lot of fun, and is coming up Wednesday, August 12, at 7:00 p.m. (Bring your favorite topping!)

In May, the baccalaureate service in the high school auditorium honors our EHS seniors and offers them a Godspeed into the future.

When needed, special prayer meeting for rain also have been called on a Monday at noon at the Memorial Building.

On occasion, there have also been special youth rallies, youth work projects (such as at the new Friendship Park), special contributions to medical mission work in Acuna, Mexico, and other things.

The Eldorado Ministerial Alliance sponsored Eldorado's Jesus Video project, and is collaborating with the school in the Abstinence Program scheduled for this fall.

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Eldorado Woman's Club

The Eldorado Woman's club has 24 active members and 5 associate members. The club's constitution defines its objectives as being a "mutual help and encouragement of all those desirous of mental culture, and to cooperate in any work which may advance the welfare of the community."

In that vein, The Eldorado Woman's Club directly supports several projects including: West Texas Rehab Center, San Angelo State School, M.D. Anderson, Keep Texas Beautiful, Senior Citizen Center, Schleicher County Public Library, Recycling Programs, Hospice and the Schleicher County Museum.

Club members include: Betty Arnold, Helen Blakeway, Noweta Briggs, Esther Bunton, Pauline Burkhalter, Jo Callison, Charlene Edmiston, Imogene Edmiston, Ethel Etheredge, Sue Glidden, Dorothy Harris, Jerre Holley, Zee Hickman, Nelva Martin, Mary McGinnes, Gladys Mittel, Pat Pitts, Betty Runkles, Bobbie Sanders, Linda Spence, Shine Spigarelli, Juanita Taylor, Florence Williams and Myrt Williams.

Associate members include: Jewel Bailey, Ora Deal, Nell Dudley, Isabella McCutcheon and Grace White.

Community of volunteers

Continued from Page 1

of course. Some of our elected officials are foremost among them. Unlike their counterparts in county government, the Eldorado city council, Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees, Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees, Plateau Underground Water District board of directors and the Eldorado-Divide Soil & Water Conservation District board of directors serve without pay. They spend countless hours handling the highly complex issues that confront, and often threaten, our "peaceful little town".

There's the Hospital Auxiliary, the Historical Society, the Lions Club, the Woman's Club, Beta Sigma Phi, the Ministerial Alliance, the Chamber of Commerce, the Eldorado Pride Committee, the...well, you get the picture.

Volunteers of Eldorado, your community salutes you and your neighbors say, "Thanks!"

Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce

Promoting Schleicher County is our business

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce is a non profit corporation that was incorporated in 1986, exclusively to promote aid and assist Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas, and its businesses.

Presently, the Chamber Board of Directors are President James Kosub and Secretary/Treasurer Connie Andrews. The Executive Board consists of Harris Napier, Judy Christian, Mark Paulson, Stan Meador, Hawley Wolfe, Hal Porter, Princess Gruben, and Ronnie Mittel.

The Executive Committee meets monthly for a "Dutch Treat" lunch meeting. Members are welcome to attend.

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce is proud of its

ongoing projects which include the Eldorado Pride Committee, headed by Princess Gruben. The Eldorado Pride Committee has had an award winning program for several years and has brought beauty, as well as, notoriety, to Eldorado and Schleicher County.

Through the efforts of Mark Paulson, the Chamber's website has been growing and developing and can be accessed on the internet at www.eldoradotx.com. If you are a business member of the Chamber, you can have a free business posting on the Chamber's webpage. Call for information.

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce is also involved in tourism promotion, and the Tourism Committee, headed by

Stan Meador, is working to establish an information kiosk, somewhere in the downtown area, as well as, promotion of tourism for the benefit of all businesses in Schleicher County.

Hawley Wolfe heads the Bill Board committee, attempting to find ways to place advertisement for Schleicher County on I-10. This will attract more individuals to make the detour to the "top of the divide."

Annually, the Chamber has its Annual Membership meeting and dinner to honor its members and to choose a Man and Woman of the Year for Schleicher County.

Finally, in August of each year, the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce sponsors Schleicher

County Days. This year, the Chairman of Schleicher County Days is Hal Porter. He is coordinating and developing Schleicher County Days for the benefit of all the citizens of this county. There will be a parade, food, craft booths, and entertainment on the courthouse lawn, on Saturday, August 8, 1998.

In conjunction with Schleicher County Days, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the Miss Wool/Schleicher County Pageant. Coordination of this year's event is by Princess Gruben.

In the future, the Chamber is looking at the possibility of enlarging the community calendar that is on its website, developing a business directory in a hard copy printed form, to be available for tourists, as well as new residents to the county.

Additionally, on the drawing board and not yet finalized are plans for additional Christmas activities centering around the downtown area; development of an economic base, which would allow for a full time Chamber employee to meet the ever growing needs of the City/County business community.

The Chamber of Commerce's telephone number is 853-3109. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact the Chamber at that number or call any of the Executive Committee members.

If you are a member of the Chamber and you are interested in getting involved in one of the many projects, or starting a project of your own, the Chamber invites you to contact any Executive Committee member or call the Chamber.

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is meeting the needs in Eldorado

Beta Sigma Phi Sorority is proud to have been in Eldorado over 30 years. Kappa Delta, the local chapter, presently has seven members. The sorority meets twice monthly during the school year, with a business meeting and cultural program presented. We invite anyone interested in participating in our organization to contact our President, Flora Hubble.

Beta Sigma Phi has participated in many activities in Eldorado over the years, including yearly scholarship awards to graduating Eldorado High School seniors, booths and floats at the Schleicher County Days celebration, dances for the elementary and middle school children, Halloween Carnivals and Haunted Houses, street dances, raffles & bake sales to help raise funds for community organizations (such as West Texas Rehab,



Dedicated ladies — Beta Sigma Phi president Flora Hubble (L) presents Barbara Jackson (R) Girl of the Year award.

the Girls' Home, and our local E.M.S.) and helping with medical expenses of seriously ill community members.

Current members of Beta

Sigma Phi are Flora Hubble, Barbara Jackson, Dorothy Dacy, Dorothy Clark, Linda Lindsey, Kim-et Nelson, and Rose Ridgeway.

Volunteer board oversees Public Library

by Rev. Hawley Wolfe

QUESTION: Where can you find tax forms, public fax machine, audio "talking book" tapes on "Hank the Cowdog" for you next long car trip, the complete videotape series of "Pride and Prejudice", current magazines, encyclopedias, western novels, "Curious George" and other children's books, public xerox machine, grave registrations for Schleicher County, a PC station with Internet connection, and genealogy research resources all in the same building?

ANSWER: The Public Library, at 201 SW Main Street.

The Schleicher County Public Library has been serving the public since 1932, when the Women's Club gave a "book shower" that netted 32 books. Today, over 11,000 books fill the shelves. Since 1991, the Library has shared the old McCalla Store building with the County Extension Office.

A ten-person board oversees policy, personnel, and program for the Library. They include: Penny Bland, President; Hawley Wolfe, Vice-President; Myrta Rathbone, Secretary; Carolyn Mayo, Treasurer; Pam White, Reporter and "Friends of the Library" chairman; and Elton McGinnes, Gina Sauer, Charlene Edmiston, and Helen Blakeway as board members. Jeri Whitten is our county librarian, state-certified annually through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. Clara Mae Donaldson is our valued Green Thumb worker. The Library Board is accountable to the Schleicher County Commissioners Court.

Each summer the Library Board sponsors a summer reading program on Wednesday mornings. These storytelling hours help children maintain their literacy skills over the summer and minimize

"learning loss". Often a tour and refreshments follow the story. This year's theme is "Furry Tales! Funny Tales!" and will include stories about animals. Each program stands on its own, so children can join any session. The dates are Wed. July 1, Wed. July 8, Wed. July 15, Wed. July 22, all at 10:00 a.m. at the Public Library.

Volunteers have helped staff the

desk when the Librarian is away on training seminars, help remove and reshelve books when the Library is "flooded", conduct bakesales and open houses, raffles on donated pieces of art, carry out the "birthday book" program (patrons are invited to donate a book to the library each year on their birthday), take books to the jail, and generally help.

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Eldorado Lions Club

by Rev. Andy Anderson

The Lions Club meets on Wednesdays at noon at the Memorial Building.

The Lions Club is the sponsor for the Academic Awards Banquet in the Spring. We provide the medallions presented at the banquet. We have also provided the meal. This past year, we presented four \$250 scholarships. The two criteria for the scholarship are need and the ability to follow through with college.

Nationally, the Lions Clubs sponsor camps for the handicapped. A portion of our dues goes to support this and other similar projects. (Rick Sterling's daughter worked at one of these camps. He could tell you more about it.)

Nationally, we also collect eyeglasses. Eye doctors distribute them to people who can't afford glasses. There is an eyeglasses drop box at the Memorial Building. From time to time we have also helped pay for eye examinations for needy children.

The Lions Club helps with various other community projects and activities. For example, we paid for the Woolen Mill signs located on the outskirts of town.

The Lions Club has three main fund-raisers throughout the year. This year, we are doing a Bake Sale at Schleicher County Days on August 8. Every October we sponsor a Broom Sale. Various household articles are sold, all manufactured by the blind. We set up at the gazebo across from the courthouse. We also man the concession booth and provide lunches during the Plateau Relays.

If you have any further questions about the work of the Lions Club, please contact Lynn Meador, Rick Sterling, or Randy Mankin. (Compared to them, I am relatively new.)

Current Eldorado Lions Club members are Eddie Albin, Robert Bybee, Jerry Felver, Robert Lauffer, Gene McCalla, Ed Meador, Ronnie Mittel, Ken Newman (at-large), Ronnie Sauer, Rick Sterling, Dean Williams, Andy Anderson, Dorothy Dacy, Gary Gruben, Jerry Jones, Raymond Loomis, Randy Mankin, Elton McGinnes, Lynn Meador, Raymond Mittel, Glen Nix (at-large), Jim Roddie, Jan Wanoreck (at-large), Hal Porter, and Jim Chancellor.

Ladies Hospital Auxiliary Helping hands at SMC

Whether it's helping with a birthday party in the nursing home, raising funds to purchase books for nursing students or conducting bingo games for the nursing home residents, the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary members fill in the gaps the hospital district's tax dollars can't fill.

Auxiliary volunteers also help decorate the hospital lobby, hall and nurses stations for Christmas and other occasions.

Norma Lynn Mund is the Auxiliary's president. Peggy Grelle serves as vice president. Juanita Taylor is the group's treasurer and

Alma Corbell serves as secretary. The Auxiliary meets the first Thursday of every month at 9:30 a.m. in the hospital lobby.

Membership includes: Helen Blakeway, Annie Arispe, Irene Blaylock, Alma Corbell, Charlene Edmiston, Dorothy Harris, Theilia Mayo, Vernell McCalla, Mary McGinnes, Norma Lynn Mund, Imogene Newport, Ebba Nikolauk, Opal Parks, Frances Peters, Pat Pfluger, Myrta, Rathbone, Bobbie Sanders, Shine Spigarelli, Juanita Taylor, Francis Walton, Florence Williams, Bernell O'Connor, Louella Sauer, and Peggy Grelle.



Dedicated volunteers — Some of the most faithful volunteers at the nursing home are pictured above. They help with bingo games and sing-a-longs for the nursing home residents.

Way Off-Broadway Players Audiences stand and cheer home-grown acting troupe

by Kirk Curtis

A volunteer is someone who has found a natural talent and is willing to share this gift with others, asking nothing in return. For instance, those volunteering for the EMS service or Fire Department have a talent for keeping order and providing emergency service in intense and unforeseen situations.

There are others in our community who may not know how to give CPR or put traction splints on a broken ankle, but they possess talents of another sort. One such

talent is the ability to entertain an audience.

Evoking laughter, tears, anger and love are everyday fare for Eldorado's Way Off-Broadway Players. Over the past dozen years, the volunteer acting troupe has staged dramas, comedies, musicals and melodramas, much to the enjoyment of appreciative audiences.

Way Off Broadway Players, Inc. was organized in 1986 and incorporated in 1989. A myriad of actors, actresses, directors, technical crew, carpenters, and other

benefactors have volunteered thousands of dollars and millions of man-hours to ensure the quality of life in this community is escalated on the stairwell of a dying art — the theater.

The Players were originally housed in the current Mittel Insurance building, but in 1994, Winnie Ratliff gave the old T.K. Jones Building, located at 113 SW Main, to the troupe, and the building was soon updated, renovated, and renamed the "Tom Ratliff Civic Theater."

Recently, the Players produced the musical comedy "Smoke on the Mountain", which was such a hit that the Angelo Civic Theater in San Angelo asked that the cast and crew bring their production to San Angelo. In return, the Angelo Civic Theater presented their summer comedy, "Dearly Departed", at the Tom Ratliff Civic Theater.

The Way Off Broadway Players are currently holding rehearsals for the upcoming productions of the melodrama "Ratcatcher's Daughter or Death Valley Daze" and the comedy "The Bridge Party." The plays will be staged August 8 and October 8 and 9.

The current Board of directors are Charlie Bradley, Dr. Jim Bob Brame, Terry Green, Holly Griffin,

Pansie Jay, Jim Martin, Lynn Meador, Atty Marian Overstreet, Frances Peters, and Nancy Powell. Jo Ann Sproul is serving as Executive Director.

Present volunteers working on productions are Esther Bunton, Victor Belman, Mickey McGregor, Danny Crowder, Rita McWhorter, Betsy Thackerson, Bryan Sproul, Amy Green, Asa Nixon, Ben Edmiston, Frank Edmiston, Betsy Green, Terry Green, Matt Curtis, Alison Sproul, Emily Newman, Matthew Hill, Michael Hill, David Hill, Marcus Murr, Ashley Niblett, and Eddie Albin, Debb Joy, Wiley Bunton, Charlie Bradley, Lynn Meador, Raymond Mittel, Carolyn Mittel, Wayne McGinnes, Mabel Blaylock, Eva Jo Sessom, Jo Parker, Jim Martin, Bill Clark, Hal Porter, Margaret Porter, David Hill, and Jo Ann Sproul.

Past volunteers for the theater include the Woman's Club, Martha Henderson, Jewel Bailey, Pam White, and the members of the WOBB Auxiliary who have all donated their services to the Yum Yum Shoppe.

Also, Billy Frank Blaylock, Gary McKinney, Steve Blaylock, John Kotch, Tony Martinez, Pansie Jay, Roxanna Sauer, Betsy Thackerson, Nelva Martin, Gloria Kent, Gloria Swift, Ebba Nikolauk, Isabella McCutchen, Mike Sproul, C.R. Sproul, Don Wellen, Hawley Wolfe, Sherry Belk, Martha Henderson, Cora Hastings, Josh Hastings, Patsy Kellogg, Lucy Paige, and Robin Hutto.

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