

Eagles boys tower
over competition to
take District 2-2A title

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the Nursing Home?

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Eagles claim District 2-2A championship

Eagles clinch 2-2A title with 85-57 win over Junction

by David E. Hill
Success Sportswriter

The Eldorado Eagles captured the District 2-2A Championship at Eagle Gym on Tuesday night when they defeated the Junction Eagles 85-57. A quick look at the record books reveals this is the first championship since 1989 for the Eldorado boys. The Eagles finished loop play with a record of 9-1 with the only loss coming at the beginning of the second round of district play to Ozona. A couple of teams played the Eagles tight but no other district foes really came close. Tuesday night was no exception.

EHS got off to a sluggish start in the first quarter as the two teams traded baskets in the early going. Eldorado then took off and closed out the quarter leading by 6, with the score standing at 22-16. The second quarter saw the Eagles jump out and play good solid defense. They continued a balanced offensive attack outscoring Junction 23 to 13 in the second and taking a 45-29 lead at intermission.

After the half, Eldorado again came out strong on both ends of the floor and extended their lead by 11. They scored 23 points in the third stanza compared to Junction's 12. The Eagles carried a 68-41 lead into the final period of the regular season. With just eight minutes standing between the Eagles and

the outright district championship the Eagles shut the door on Junction, outscoring the visitors 17 to 16 to take the 85-57 win.

At the conclusion of the game, the Eagles team was introduced to the crowd as District 2-2A Champions. They accepted their championship trophy at center court, then proceeded to cut down the net for the trophy case.

This was a fabulous night for the Eldorado Eagle basketball team. Anthony Pina said, "This is great, it's what we've been working for and everyone has stepped up all season long." Michael Mayo added, "It's great to win the district championship, now our second season begins."

The only negative of the game was when Joey Bullard went down with an ankle injury. Late reports at press time say that he has a severe sprain.

For the second game in a row, all Eagles scored in the contest. Michael Mayo led all scorers with 19, Jason Brock and Anthony Pina had 12 each, Tony Fay counted for 11, Joey Bullard added 9, Benji Gonzales hit for 8, Will Robledo and Jeff Stafford each scored 5, and Johnny Herrera added 4. Mayo led the team with 18 rebounds, Herrera had 6. All in all it was a good night for the Eagles.

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photo by Kathy Mankin

District 2-2A Champions — The Eldorado Eagles basketball team posed with their District 2-2A Championship Trophy on Tuesday night, only moments after defeating Junction 85-57 to claim the crown. Team members are (L-R) Benji Gonzales, Johnny Herrera, Joey Bullard, Michael Mayo, Anthony Pina, Jeff Stafford, Jason Brock, Tony Fay and William Robledo. The team is coached by Alan Gillespie.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Mother's Day Roses

Valentine's Day is a busy day for Texas florists. But for Texas rose growers, Mother's Day is a much bigger holiday. Texas roses are the garden variety that begin to bloom in late April, not the floral variety that sweethearts buy for each other on Valentine's Day. Each year, Smith County processes 20 million rose bushes grown in the Tyler area and in other parts of the U.S. for packaging and potting.

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On This Date

On this date in 1621 Miles Standish was appointed first commander of the Plymouth colony. In 1801 the U.S. House of Representatives broke an electoral college tie, choosing Thomas Jefferson President over Aaron Burr. In 1864 the Confederate States Ship "H.L. Hunley" became the first submarine to sink an enemy ship when it torpedoed the USS "Housatonic" with an explosive charge attached to its bow with a spar...the Hunley also sank in the incident. In 1947 the "Voice of America" radio network began broadcasting to USSR.

Birthdays of note include: 1696 composer Baron Ernst Gottlieb; 1817 African-American emancipationist Frederick Douglass; 1844 mail-order magnate A. Montgomery Ward; 1908 sports announcer Walter L "Red" Barber; actor 1925 Hal Holbrook; 1929 PLO-leader Yasser Arafat; 1936 NFL full back Jim Brown; 1954 actress Rene Russo; 1963 NBA superstar Michael Jordan.

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Household Size Shrinks

Crowded houses were the norm at the turn of the last century in Texas. Back then, 29.4 percent of households in the state had 7 or more people living under one roof. Only 3.8 percent of the households were home to only 1 person in 1900. However, 100 years later those numbers have almost reversed. Now only 2.4 percent of homes have 7 or more occupants while 23.9 percent are occupied by only one resident.

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Odds and Ends

The Dead Sea isn't dead and it's not a sea. While no fish can live in the super-salty waters (7-8 times saltier than seawater), salt living micro-organisms thrive there. Furthermore, it is a salt lake. Its shore, 396 m (1299ft) below the mean sea level of the eastern Mediterranean, is the lowest place on the Earth's surface.

Commissioners okay deal with TxDOT for airport construction

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioners agreed Monday pay \$20,000.00 toward completion of the new runway at the county airport in return for \$180,000.00 worth of goods and services from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). Judge Johnny Griffin read the agreement to the commissioners and was given permission to proceed with the agreement on behalf of the county.

County Road superintendent Clay Burleson reported that his department has worked intermittently during the past six months on hauling caliche and grading the runway. The grant funds will be

used to place a crushed rock base topped with asphalt paving. Judge Griffin and Burleson both expressed the probability that sufficient money would be left from the grant to allow for the placement of runway lights.

The court met in regular session at 9:00 a.m., Monday, February 14, 2000. In addition to Judge Griffin, Commissioners Ross Whitten, Steve Minor, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark were present. County Clerk Peggy Williams read the minutes of the January 24, 2000 meeting, which were approved as read.

In other business, the court met with County Tax Assessor Lou

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State requires City to develop drought plan

by Pat Ragsdale

City Administrator Randy Mankin explained to the Eldorado City Council at Monday night's regular monthly meeting that he had received notice from the State of Texas requiring the City to develop a contingency plan to deal with possible drought related issues. Mankin stated that he had attended a meeting on January 27 in Abilene where representatives of the Texas Natural Resources Conservation Commission (TNRCC) and the Texas Rural Water Association (TRWA) outlined the requirements for small cities in the development of drought contingency plans.

The state has provided the city with a generic drought plan, to be used as a guideline for the development of a specific plan tailored to Eldorado's needs. Mankin noted that the plan calls for a set of triggers points which, if reached, will require certain water conservation measures to be implemented. Mankin said that he had already sought the assistance of Cindy Cawley, director of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation District and that together, they would try to prepare a basic plan for the City Council to consider at a future meeting. The city council must hold a public hearing before adopting a finalized drought plan. That plan must be on the books no later than Sept. 1 of this year.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Nikolauk at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Byron Orand, pastor of Community Baptist Church, offered the invocation. Council members present were Eddie Rodriguez, Tommy Minor, Toni Sudduth and Richard Mendez. Robert Bybee and Sherry Lux were absent.

Sheriff David Doran met with the council to inform them of the establishment of an "Explorer

Scout" post in Eldorado. Doran explained that this program is open to both boys and girls, ages 14-18. The Eldorado post is considered a career post and acceptance into the program is by application only, after which a thorough investigation of each prospective candidate is conducted. Careers open to the candidates include those in the emergency medical, the fire fighting and law enforcement fields. The Schleicher County Volunteer EMS, the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department are joint sponsors of the post, Doran explained. He then asked that the council to approve the transfer of \$500.00 budgeted for a reserve officer program and authorize the use of that money for the establishment of the Explorer post. The council unanimously approved the request.

Mark Marshall, representing the REAL (Rural Entrepreneurship through Action Learning) class at Eldorado High School, then informed the council that his students had applied for and received a grant amounting to \$2,000.00. The class

had raised an additional \$2,000.00 for the purpose of making improvements at "Friendship Park", in the Christian Addition. Mr. Marshall's asked for the council's approval for his class to use the funds to make certain improvements to the park, including the addition of picnic tables, shaded shelters, enclosure within chain link fence with gates, and the addition of some playground equipment.

The council expressed their approval of the effort but declined the addition of the playground equipment until a determination of liability could be determined. Randy Mankin was instructed to contact the Texas Municipal League to get a ruling regarding liability associated with playground equipment. Councilman Eddie Rodriguez made a motion to allow REAL to proceed with the exception of installing playground equipment until clarification can be obtained from T.M.L. a second to the motion was given by Richard Mendez and the motion passed unanimously.

Randy Mankin reported that a
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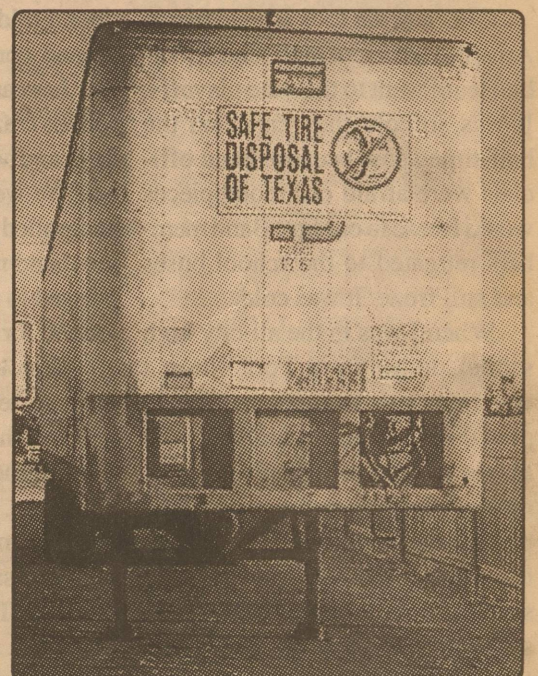
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Tire recycling — The City of Eldorado is back in the tire recycling business. This trailer was moved into the City yard last week and will begin accepting tires next Monday. There will be a three-tiered fee for disposing of tires. \$3 each for car tires, \$5 for truck tires and \$10 for tractor tires. Anyone wishing to drop off old tires should stop by City Hall first to pay the disposal fee.

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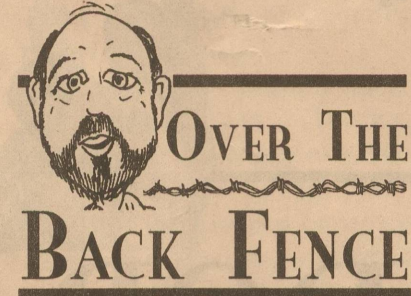


Tom Landry, a great football coach, a great Texan and a great man

Coach Tom Landry died this week. He was 75 years old.

After a career as a player-coach with the New York Giants football team, Tom Landry was named as head coach of the newly formed Dallas Cowboys in 1960. I was five years old. I grew up watching the Cowboys. And, I grew to admire the man who was their coach.

Over his career, Coach Landry led the Cowboys to 20 consecutive winning seasons, a bevy of division and conference titles and two Superbowl championships. While an assistant coach at New York, he created the 4-3 defense and invented the middle linebacker position for Sam Huff.



OVER THE BACK FENCE
by Randy Mankin

Once, many, many years ago, I had the opportunity to attend a dinner where Coach Landry was the speaker. Despite his stoic reputation, he told several very funny stories about the team and some of the colorful characters associated with it. I laughed till my sides ached.

Later, during a question and answer session, a man in the audience asked Coach Landry how he managed to remain so calm on the sidelines.

Landry just smiled and told the man that he had been a B-17 bomber pilot during World War II. Then he related a story about a mission he flew over Germany.

It seems Landry's plane had suffered several hits from anti-aircraft fire. His co-pilot was injured and unconscious, the bombardier was dead, as were the navigator and three other members of the crew. Landry was also injured, but somehow managed to turn his plane around and head back for the base in England.

On the trip back, a couple of German fighters dogged the crippled aircraft, inflicting even more damage before allied fighters in-

tercepted the plane over Belgium. Landry said nobody on the plane, including himself, was in any shape to bail out. He was sure that he and his entire crew would perish over the English Channel.

But, somehow, he nursed the sputtering B-17 back to England. As he approached the landing field, two of the plane's four engines were on fire. A third was missing its propeller and the fourth was belching black smoke. The landing gear wouldn't lower completely... and then it wouldn't retract. That's when the remaining engine conked out. Fortunately, Landry had managed to steer the aircraft over the end of the grass landing strip. It fell hard on its belly and skidded to a stop.

At that point in the story, Landry looked at the man in the audience and said, "After an experience like that, it's hard for me to get too excited about a football game."

A few words come instantly to mind when I remember Tom Landry... words like integrity, character, dignity and respect. None of these words attach themselves readily to the Cowboy's current owner, Jerry Jones.

Despite the successes Jones' team has had since he took over, many Cowboys' fans like myself will never forget how he mishandled Landry's dismissal.

America lost a great football coach this week. I lost a hero and I shall miss him a lot.



AG says open records should be released without delay

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week warned governmental bodies against attempting to delay the release of information that is obviously public by requesting an open-records decision from his office. All information compiled, maintained and stored by a governmental body in Texas is presumed to be open to the public, unless a specific exception applies. A citizen who requests copies of public information should receive it promptly, state law says.

Cornyn said promptly means "release as soon as possible under the circumstances, that is, within a

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reasonable time, without delay."

A governmental body may withhold information it believes should remain confidential, but it must seek a decision from the attorney general within 10 business days.

Due in part to the great number of requests for a decision, it may take up to 55 working days for the attorney general's office to render an open records decision.

Examples of governmental

bodies are state agencies, boards and commissions, counties, cities, hospital districts, utility districts, school districts and public colleges and universities.

When Cornyn renders a decision on whether certain information is available or not, the decision applies to local government and state agencies, he said.

No-Shrimping Zones Wanted

Hundreds of Kemp's ridley turtles die every year from getting caught in shrimpers' trawl nets along the Texas coast.

Last week, members of the Sierra Club and the Environmental Defense Fund submitted a proposal to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department seeking a year-round, no-shrimping zone on a thin strip of coastal water where the turtles are likely to be.

The requested no-shrimping zone is 42 feet wide along the entire coast, but 60 feet wide off Padre Island National Seashore during turtle mating season, March 1 through Aug. 31.

"Adopt-A-Map" and "Adopt-A-Document" asks individuals, schools, businesses and civic and professional organizations to donate funds for the conservation project.

Under the Texas Natural Resources Code, the Land Office may accept donations from the public to conserve the maps. Donations are tax-deductible.

'Smokers' Can Be Reported

Anyone who sees a vehicle releasing dirty smoke from its tailpipe for more than 10 consecutive seconds can take action.

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission takes anonymous complaints at 1-800-453-SMOG.

Be prepared to give the Texas license plate number of the smoking vehicle, date and time observed, the location (street or intersection), and city.

Emissions of one poorly maintained, smoke-belching car equal those of 28 properly functioning ones, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission says.

Other Highlights

- Texas A&M University plans to spend \$1 million to investigate the bonfire collapse on the College Station campus Nov. 18 in which 12 people died. Nearly half of the amount is earmarked for a business intelligence and investigation firm.

- The Texas Department of Criminal Justice on Feb. 4 adopted a policy that all offenders and persons visiting offenders are prohibited from possessing or using any tobacco products on prison premises.

Documents to Be Preserved

Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst last week announced an initiative to preserve historical maps and documents housed at the Land Office and place images of them on the Internet for easier public access.

The Land Office, he said, is the constitutional home of more than 35 million documents and maps detailing land grants and transactions dating back to the 1700s, when Texas was part of Spain.

The two-pronged initiative,



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Band Trips

I started playing trumpet when I was in the seventh grade in Fort Worth. Once I was playing a solo before the entire student body. The song was "My Happiness." Back then, school auditoriums were not air conditioned, so the windows were kept open. A stiff breeze swept across the stage and blew a page of the sheet music off the music stand. The sheet landed right at the feet of the female first chair violinist. While taking a breath during my solo, I sort of whispered to her out of the side of my mouth, "Pick it up." She just sat there. I was at the point where I needed the sheet that was on the floor, so I kept on playing, reached down and picked it up. I managed to finish the solo and got hearty applause along with some giggles.

I loved playing the trumpet. It was one of the first skills I could call my own. I played it all through Arlington Heights High School. My girl friends told me they could hear my trumpet playing during half-time shows at football games. Made me feel real good.

One year we took a band trip to Amarillo when our high school football team went to the state playoffs. It was so cold they canceled the half-time show because band officials were afraid our mouthpieces would freeze to our lips. Band members retreated to the school buses and still froze. It was cold.

When I was in the all-city high school orchestra in Fort Worth I was first chair trumpet and had to play three extremely high notes as a solo to start a difficult piece of music. And the notes were to be played on a cold lip. That means the music started after a long speech. I worried all during the speech, concentrating on playing the high notes, fingering the valves

and taking my mouthpiece off the horn to keep it warm. When the conductor raised his baton, looked at me and brought it down, I performed flawlessly. It was a great moment in my music career.

Band trips were so much fun. A few of us smoked cigarettes and little cigars on the bus enroute to various events where we played. As I recall, Mr. Carson, our band director, didn't seem to mind. He never lectured us about smoking. He just wanted us to play good. And we did. We won all sorts of medals and trophies in contests. Once we took the band bus to Waurika, Oklahoma for a contest. There were band kids there from several nearby states. We swarmed all over that small town. Some of us owned our own cars back home and were accustomed to getting around on wheels and didn't like to be without them.

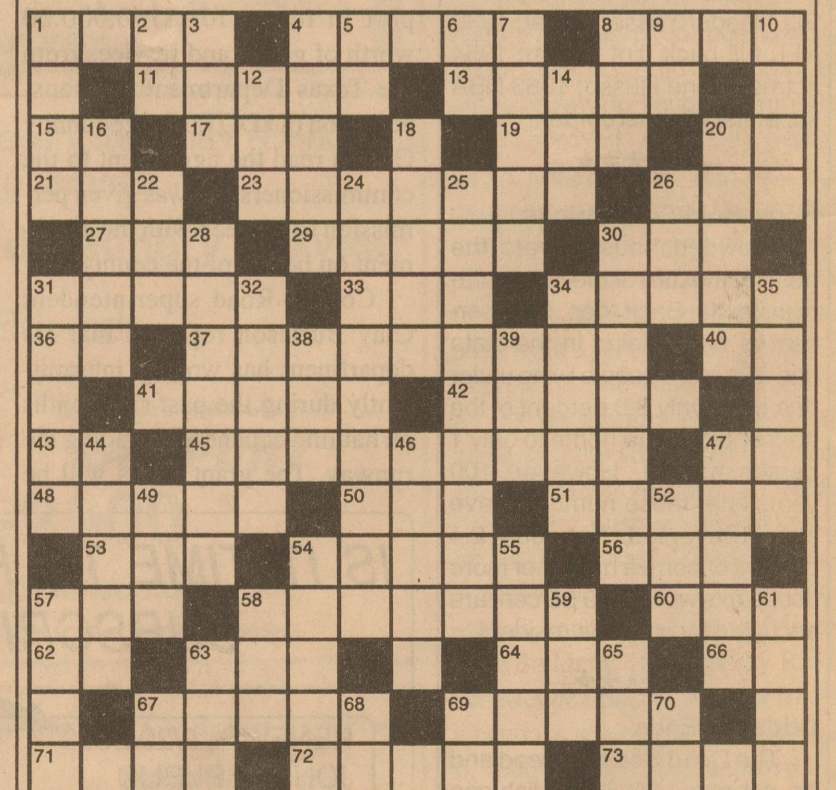
We found ourselves in a residential neighborhood near town and I saw a nifty little Ford coupe sitting in a driveway. I knocked on the door of the house and a lady came to the door. I told her we were in Waurika for a band contest and needed to borrow her car to drive around town. It sounds crazy, I know, but she got her keys and we took off in that lady's car. We went to the center of town and pulled up to a bunch of our fellow band members. They were impressed to see us in a car. We drove around for about an hour or so.

We got out of the car to go in a drug store and a man came in. I just felt that he might be the husband of the lady whose car we had borrowed. Sure enough, he was. He was very nice, just asked us for the keys and said he hoped we enjoyed our ride. That's all there was to it. Life was so simple back when I made band trips.

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Nine local 4-H members to exhibit at Houston Livestock Show

Nine 4-H members from Schleicher County will be joining other FFA and 4-H members from all over Texas for intense competition in the show ring at the 2000 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, Feb. 18-March 5, at the Astrohall

in Houston.

The junior show, which showcases the animal projects of these FFA and 4-H exhibitors, is held during the second week of livestock competition, beginning Feb. 24. Professional breeders and ranchers will

compete for top prize money and global recognition in the livestock industry during the first week of the Show, which kicks off Feb. 18.

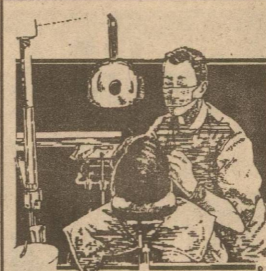
Entries from both the open and junior shows, along with the horse show, combine to make the Hous-

ton Livestock Show the largest event of its kind in the world.

4-H members from Schleicher County attending are: Courtney Brown (Junior Market Goats); Lauren Brown (Junior Market Goats); Mark Bybee (Junior Market Barrows); Whitney Edmiston (Junior Market Lambs); Megan Griffin (Junior Market Steers); William Griffin (Junior Market Steers); Gary Hanusch Jr. (Junior Market Barrows); Kayla Kohls (Junior Market Goats and Barrows); Dest Sudduth (Junior Market Barrows)

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Just exactly what is Explorer Post 33?

The new Schleicher County Explorer Post 33, an extension of the Boy Scouts of America, will provide an opportunity for young men and women to experience first hand how a Police, Emergency Medical Services and Fire Departments function and learn just what it takes to get started in these challenging career fields. Students who are accepted in the Explorers are taught overall police services including: criminal law, radio codes, traffic control and police procedures.

They will also experience overall emergency medical services including: CPR certification, EMS operations, ride-along program and an introduction to the EMT course.

Overall fire service are also taught. Included in these are: fire control, water supply, personal safety equipment, hose handling and other basic techniques.

An assembly to discuss the new Explorer Post is planned for today, Thursday, February 17 at 2:30 p.m. in the Eldorado High School auditorium. Volunteers from the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, Schleicher County Volunteer EMS and the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department will be joined by David Chapman, Field Di-



Looking for a few good kids — David Chapman, Field Director for the Boy Scouts of America was on hand last week at a community meeting to discuss the formation of an Explorers Post in Eldorado.

rector with the Concho Valley Council Boy Scouts in explaining the Explorers program in detail.

At least 20 students between the ages 14-18 will be invited to join this newly formed post.

This is an excellent opportunity for the youth of Schleicher County to participate in a program that

provides positive teenage activities through community involvement while giving allowing them to make educated decisions about career choices. Any youth interested in law enforcement, emergency medical services or fire fighting is encouraged to seriously consider the joining the new Explorers Post 33.

Tech releases Fall honors list

More than 3,700 Texas Tech University students qualified for academic honors lists at the end of the fall semester.

Students on the President's List earned a 4.0 (A) grade point average while enrolled in 12 or more semester hours of class work. Stu-

dents who earned 12 or more hours with a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9 qualified for the Dean's List.

Students from Eldorado listed on the honor rolls included the following: Will Edmiston, President's List; Eric McGinnes, Dean's List; Jesse Vasquez, Dean's List; Erin Meador, President's List.

It's A Boy!

James C. and Kati (Overstreet) Haun of Midland are proud to announce the birth of their son, James Garrett Haun. Garrett was born in San Angelo on January 13, 2000 and weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches in length.

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 - 19th Dustin Ramos, Patrick Fuentes, William Robledo, Matt Peters, Carlos D. Estrada, Abby Fuentes, Lee Brewer, Randy Beach, Sharon Ussery, Edward Dominguez, James Beach, Karen Ussery
 - 20th Lee Gillaspay, Richard Adame Jr., Stacey Reeves, Manuel Martinez, Wes Adkins
 - 21st Chelsey Martinez, Orval Edmiston, Luiz Martinez
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Kriss is from El Campo, Texas and is a graduate of Texas A&M University. She teaches special education at the Eldorado Middle School and coaches junior high basketball and varsity softball. Her daughter Kirsten is in the third grade. The whole family enjoys common interests in horses and rodeo, among others.

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Eagles claim District 2-2A championship

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Coach Alan Gillespie commented on the game and championship, "It's great for the entire community and school district. We have great kids that take a lot of pride in what they do. They have worked for this for a long time." Gillespie continued, "The staff and the team really appreciate the support the

community has given us, it's been great!"

By winning the district, Eldorado will get a bye in the first round of the playoffs as the second and third place teams battle it out next Tuesday. Eldorado will play at 8:00 p.m. on February 25th, at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring, taking on the winner of the Stanton/

Sundown game. More information on our opponent will be available in next week's edition of the Success.

Congratulate each of these student athletes and tell them how proud we are of their accomplishments. And, make plans to be in Big Spring on the 25th to show that support in person!

JV-B boys season stats

Players on this year's Eagles JV-B boys team were: JB Garcia Heath Andrew, Landon Nixon Phillip Martinez, Bobby Phillips, Pascual Esparza, Juan Munoz, Jordan Fay, Chris Martinez, Jesse Estrada, Anthony Leal and Ray David Buitron

Coach Alan Gillespie stated that this was a fun group of boys to work with and emphasized how proud he was of their progress.

Game scores and high point scorers were:

Eldorado 26 Ballinger 50 -- Phillip Martinez 10; Eldorado 52 Mason 37 -- Phillip Martinez 31; Eldorado 27 Llano 43 -- Bobby Phillips 13; Eldorado 19 Sonora 33 -- Bobby Phillips 8; Eldorado 61 Grape Creek 20 -- Phillip Martinez 25; Eldorado 25 Reagan Co. 55 -- Chris Martinez 7; Eldorado 31 Sonora 40 -- Phillip Martinez 16; Eldorado 39 Ozona 21 -- Ray Buitron 13; Eldorado 29 Wall 28 -- Bobby Phillips 11



Strong under the basket — Jeff Stafford powered through three Hawk defenders for a two-pointer as the Eagles downed Wall 70-49 last Friday night. The Eagles clinched the District 2-2A title with an 85-57 win over Junction.

Eagles boys topple Wall Hawks 70-49

by David E. Hill

Success Sportswriter

League leading Eldorado hosted arch rival Wall last Friday for a District 2-2A contest. The Eagles of Eldorado came out on top with a 21 point victory over Wall. With the victory, the Eagles assured themselves of a play off spot in Class 2A, however, they all know there is still work to be done for the top spot in loop play.

The Eagles came out strong in the first quarter on both ends of the floor as they outscored Wall 23 to 10. EHS was able to control the game through excellent defense

and controlled the boards both offensively and defensively. In the second, Wall would close within 12, outscoring EHS 16 to 15. Eldorado's lead at half time was 38 to 26. Wall would not outscore the Eagles the rest of the night as EHS extended its lead by 2 in the third and 7 in the fourth with the final score of 70 to 49.

This was a game that everyone got plenty of playing time. In fact, all nine Eldorado players scored in the contest. Joey Bullard led all scorers with 22, Michael Mayo had 14, Jeff Stafford and Will Robledo each had 8, Anthony Pina had 6, Johnny

Herrera had 5, Tony Fay had 4, and Benji Gonzales and Jason Brock each had 2. All in all it was a big night offensively for the Eagles. Mayo had 13 rebounds and 6 blocks. Robledo had 7 assists and steals and Jason Brock had 7 rebounds.

Coach Gillespie commented on the game, "We played very relaxed with a lot of hustle. Our press and man defense forced several Wall turnovers. Again, this was a total team effort."

The win runs EHS's record to 24 and 8 and 8 and 1 in loop play. Eldorado will host Junction for its final district contest.

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Tuesday, February 22nd
Pork Chopetts/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Broccoli (Cheese Sauce), Peach Cobber

Wednesday, February 23rd
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Slices, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Thursday, February 24th
Turkey Pot Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, February 25th
Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickles, Apple Crisp

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Monday, February 21st
Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup

Tuesday, February 22nd
Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Ham

Wednesday, February 23rd
Orange Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

Thursday, February 24th
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

Friday, February 25th
Pineapple Slices, Toast/Eggs/Jelly

Fast Food Line

Monday, February 21st
Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Mixed Fruits, Applesauce Cake/Icing

Tuesday, February 22nd
McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobber

Wednesday, February 23rd
Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce/Tomatoes/Pickles, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Thursday, February 24th
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November 22, 1999

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7th Grade Girls

December 6, 1999

Eldorado 04-06-07-09=26
Iraan 08-09-06-14=30
Betsy Green, 12; Serina Arispe, 2; Amanda Figueroa, 2; Lindsey Schwiening, 2; Britney Sellers, 2; Katey Blair, 4; Jessica Robertson, 2. Also playing Ashton Murr, Sheryl Alexander and Emily Newman.

7th Grade Girls

December 13, 1999

Eldorado 02-02-02-02=08
Ozona 09-07-13-08=37
Lindsey Schwiening, 2; Britney Sellers, 2; Jessica Robertson, 4. Also playing: Betsy Green, Ashton Murr, Serina Arispe, Amanda Figueroa, Sheryl Alexander, Katey Blair.

7th Grade Girls

January 3, 2000

Eldorado 06-10-04-06=26
Sonora 04-02-00-08=14
Betsy Green, 6; Serina Arispe, 2; Amanda Figueroa, 2; Lindsey Schwiening, 2; Britney Sellers, 6; Katey Blair, 4; Jessica Robertson, 4. Also playing: Sheryl Alexander and Emily Newman.

7th Grade Girls

January 8, 2000

JUNCTION TOURNAMENT

Eldorado 06-03-06-08=23
Johnson City 02-06-02-02=12
Serina Arispe, 2; Amanda Figueroa, 7; Sheryl Alexander, 8; Katey Blair, 6. Also playing: Samantha Powell, Ashton Murr, Ashley Doran, Julie Hight, Lindsey Schwiening, Rachael Fuentes, Britney Sellers, Jessica Robertson, Emily Newman.

7th Grade Girls

January 8, 2000

JUNCTION TOURNAMENT

Eldorado 08-02-05-06=21
Unknown 06-06-08-09=26
Serina Arispe, 2; Amanda Figueroa, 9; Lindsey Schwiening, 2; Katey Blair, 8. Also playing: Samantha Powell, Ashton Murr, Ashley Doran, Julie Hight, Sheryl Alexander, Rachael Fuentes, Britney Sellers, Jessica Robertson, Emily Newman.

7th Grade Girls

January 10, 2000

Eldorado 04-04-02-03=13
Reagan County 02-02-06-05=15
Betsy Green, 3; Serina Arispe, 2; Sheryl Alexander, 2; Lindsey Schwiening, 3; Katey Blair, 4. Also playing: Amanda Figueroa, Britney Sellers, Jessica Robertson, Emily Newman.

7th Grade Girls

January 17, 2000

Eldorado 03-04-02-02=11
Wall 08-06-08-02=27
Betsy Green, 4; Serina Arispe, 2; Sheryl Alexander, 1; Britney Sellers, 2; Katey Blair, 2. Also playing: Amanda Figueroa, Lindsey Schwiening, Rachael Fuentes, Jessica Robertson.

7th Grade Girls

January 24, 2000

Eldorado 00-04-10-04=19
Iraan 06-06-07-07=26
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Local 4-H to host "shooting sports" planning meeting

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent, Ag

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 22 at BJ Services starting at 7:00 p.m. for parents who are interested in being involved in the 4-H shooting sports project. This meeting is for parents only and we will be providing some information about the project as well as setting some guidelines. If you are interested or if you have a child who is interested, I would encourage you to come to this very important meeting.

We will also have Tamara Trail, Extension Associate for Conservation Education on hand to provide us with some very useful information.

The objective of the shooting sports project is to:

- To encourage participation in natural resources and related natural science programs by exposing participants to the content through shooting, hunting and related activities.

- To enhance development of self-concept, character and personal growth through safe, educational and socially acceptable involvement in shooting activity.

- To teach safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment including sound decision making, self-discipline and concentration.

- To promote the highest standards of safety, sportsmanship and ethical behavior.

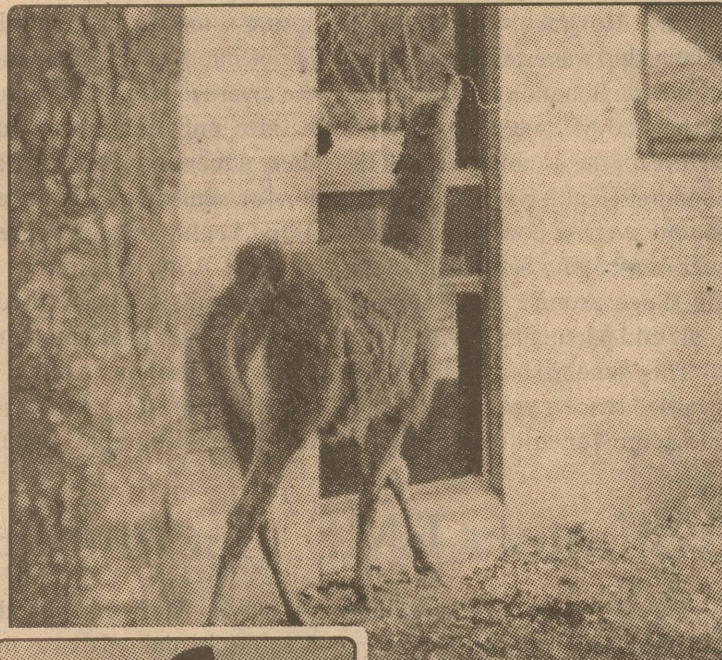
- To expose participants to the broad array of vocational and lifelong avocational activities related to shooting sports.

- To strengthen families through participation in lifelong recreational activities.

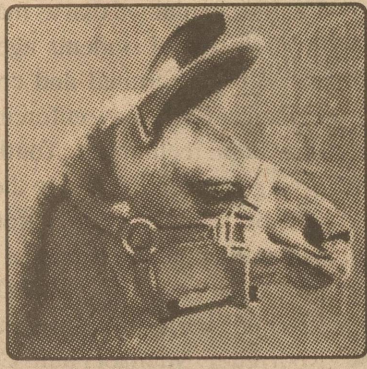
- To complement and enhance the impact of existing safety, shooting and hunter education programs using experiential educational methods and progressive development of skills and abilities.

For more information, please call the extension office at 853-2132.

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photos by Kathy Mankin



Window shopping — Rosie the Llama spent a few days at the Schleicher County Nursing Home last week where many of the residents got their first look at the South American beast of burden. Rosie was on loan to the facility from Donnie Burrows.

Justin Malkowski among new Eagle Scouts

Scouting in West Texas has recorded fifty-one Scouts who earned the Eagle Scout recognition in 1999. These young men who represent Scouting from across 23 1/2 county service area of the Concho Valley Council area, received special recognition during ceremonies conducted by their Boy Scout Troops and by convening Eagle Scout Courts of Honor.

The council plans to recognize

each Eagle Scout and several other outstanding youth at a "Distinguished Young American Recognition Banquet" during the month of May.

Justin L. Malkowski from Boy Scout Troop 305 in San Angelo will be one of the Concho Valley Council area's 51 Eagle Scouts recognized. He is the grandson of Rooster Jackson and great-grandson of Doc Sofge of Eldorado.

According to John C. Landers, Council President, only 2 out of each 100 youth who joins Scouting

receives the Eagle Scout recognition.

Each candidate must complete challenging requirements: Earn 21 merit badges with 11 required, serve in a position of leadership for 6 months and plan and carry out a significant service project for his church, school or community. After completing all requirements, each must appear before a board of review, comprised of prominent citizens. This step insures the high standards which the Eagle represents are maintained.

"College Daze" Feb. 26th for prospective ASU students

Angelo State University will host "College Daze" for prospective ASU students and their parents Saturday, Feb. 26.

College Daze will begin with registration at 9:30 a.m. in the ASU Physical Education Building followed by a welcome at 10 a.m. when faculty and ASU students will greet prospective students and their parents as well as offer information about academic programs and student life.

Campus tours given by student volunteers are scheduled at 10:30 a.m. and will conclude in the Food Service Center with a free lunch. At noon students and their families may attend the ASU Expo in the Physical Education Building for information on financial aid, Carr Academic Scholarships and campus activities. Representatives from each field of study at ASU as well as from various student organizations will also be available to answer questions.

At 1:30 p.m. an information session will be presented for students interested in ASU pre-professional programs, including pre-medicine, pre-law, and pre-health professions. AT 2 p.m. College Daze participants will have the opportunity to see a Planetarium show, tour the ASU Management, Instruction and Research Center, or attend information sessions. The information sessions will cover selecting a major, financial aid and ways to get involved on campus. Music scholarship auditions are scheduled for 2 p.m. in the Carr Education-Fine Arts Building.

Guests who attend College Daze will receive complimentary tickets to the ASU vs. Midwestern State University basketball games beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information on College Daze, contact the Office of Admissions at 915-942-2058 or 1-800-946-8627. The academic year's final College Daze program is scheduled for April 8.

Beta Sigma Phi Report

by Barbara Jackson

Kappa Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority celebrated Valentine Day on February 14, 2000 with a salad supper in the home of Flora Hubble. Mary Jenkins served as co-hostess. Following the opening ritual led by President Dorothy Dacy nine members enjoyed a buffet of salads prepared by each member and soup prepared by the hostess.

During a short business meeting members expressed regrets they could not sponsor a Valentine dance for the elementary students due to a lack of a place to hold the dance and vowed to reserve a building for 2001 early this year.

Dorothy Clark gave the educational program on marriage with each member discussing attributes necessary for a successful marriage.

Some factors discussed were: loyalty, tolerance, trust and most important friendship between husband and wife.

Mary Jenkins was crowned Valentine Queen by a vote of her sisters and was a beautiful Queen indeed. Not only is she beautiful outside, but is sweet in spirit making her the perfect choice to represent Kappa Delta.

Members then exchanged Valentines and Secret Sister gifts. Beautiful candles, cuddly bears, a vest to Dorothy Clark and a music box playing Love Me Tender to Kim'et Nelson were among gifts exchanged.

Other members present were: Mary Leigh Dunagan, Linda Lindsey, Nancy McCray and Barbara Jackson. Dorothy Clark was winner of the Sunshine gift.

MS Word class now forming at Middle School

On February 21, 22 and 24, Beginning Microsoft Word will be taught by Martha Spinks in the Middle School Computer Lab from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.. The cost will be \$25.00.

On March 27, 28 and 30 Intermediate Microsoft Word will be taught by Martha Spinks in the Middle School Computer Lab from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The cost of this class is \$25.00.

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- Maintain 2.5 GPA overall, 3.0 in major courses

• Provide a college or technical school transcript

• Write an essay describing their perceived role in the medical field, why they chose a medical field for training and any other pertinent information.

Applicants may also write paragraphs explaining current life circumstances, such as returning to school, marginal GPA, etc..

Volunteer EMS meeting held

The Schleicher County Volunteer EMS held its monthly meeting on Monday, February 7, 2000 with the following members present: Michael Faull, Connie Andrews, Bobby Andrews, T.J. Rodriguez, Susie Richters, Soila Rojas, Joey Jones, Tim Vasquez, Melissa Stanford, Luiz Martinez, Sheila Prater, Dr. Dorie, Velma Tyler.

The meeting was called to order at 5:17 p.m. and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Discussion then turned to the Sonora Emergency Services Expo planned for Feb. 19th. Members were asked to indicate if they were planning to attend.

The topic of a new Explorers

post was then discussed. Tim Vasquez explained that as many as 20 high school students ages 14-18 will be recruited and crossed trained in EMS, Law enforcement, Fire Dept. techniques. Youths applying for membership to the post will be required to go through a screening process. Advisors to the post will be Sheriff David Doran, Jason Chatam, Tim Vasquez, T.J. Rodriguez, Michael Faull, Connie Andrews.

Training meetings were then discussed. It was mentioned that anyone missing a meeting may make it up within 30 days, provided the meeting is on video. It was also explained that training in March will related to AirMed-1 and dealing with respiratory emergencies.

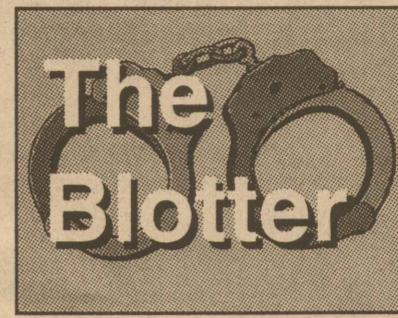
EMT schedules were discussed as were the service's bylaws. Emphasis was placed on EMTs who are unable to complete an assigned shift. The need to make schedule changes in advance and inform other EMTs on the schedule was explained.

It was then noted that one EMT, Velma Tyler, is taking a leave of absence. She hopes to be back soon.

The service tallied 29 calls in January, 17 of which were transfers.

It was explained that plans are being made for "Operation Prom Night" on March 30th afternoon. Any EMT interested in participating in the program is encouraged to sign up as soon as possible.

Copies of the service's financial reports were then distributed. An overall collection rate of 85% was noted. An audit by an independent accounting firm is planned. In other business, it was noted that the service's old ambulance was purchased from San Antonio Ambulance Sales by Schleicher County Medical Center.



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

• Feb. 8 Hambright, Tonja Lynn, female age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charge warrant out of Midland County. Released on \$10,000 Bond.

• Feb. 10 Stamey, James Edgar, male age 61, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Bond.

• Feb. 11 Villalbos, Martin, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released on Citation.

• Feb. 11 Garcia, Michael Escobar, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Released on Citation.

• Feb. 11 Torres, Domingo, Jr., male age 20, hold Irion County, charge Criminal Trespass.

• Feb. 13 Arango, Filandro, male age 49, arrested by SC Officer, charge warrant out of Gillespie, Co. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Feb. 13 Bailey, Clyde Bailey, male age 68, hold Irion County, charge Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

REPORTS

February 8
• 8:56 p.m. Complainant reported a woman needing assistance with a flat tire 4 miles out on Hwy. 190 West. Officer responded.

February 9
• 4:30 p.m. Animal Services reported a dog bite that had occurred in Schleicher County.

• 6:59 p.m. Gas company re-

ported they would be releasing some pressure from a line which will cause a flare.

February 10

• 11:00 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded to call.

February 11

• 2:15 p.m. Complainant on Rudd Road reported criminal mischief. Someone had taken their pickup truck from their house and took it for a joy ride.

• 5:27 p.m. Complainant at local convenience store requested an officer for a minor accident. Officer responded and gave each party a blue form.

February 12

• 11:50 a.m. Menard County Sheriff's Department reported that one of their deputies was at Ft. McKavett on a Civil standby. SC officer on duty was notified.

February 13

• 12:46 p.m. Complainant reported that a white pickup camper shell has been removed from their property. Complainant stated that the last time they remembered seeing the camper shell was on Feb. 10th. Value \$300. Camper shell was located.

• 9:52 p.m. Complainant on S. Main reported a very strong smell of gas outside their home. City was contacted.

February 14

• 10:38 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance transfer to San Angelo.

• 12:21 p.m. Senior Citizen Center reported a racoon on the property. Dispatch contacted Animal Control at their residence. Control Officer stated that he would take care of the matter after lunch.

• 1:04 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to issue a Criminal Trespass Citation. Complainant called back and stated that the officer was no longer needed. The male subject had left the property.

• 2:10 p.m. Subject reported that there would be a Controlled Burn in Northwest corner of Schleicher County.

• 4:47 p.m. Complainant requested an officer at their residence because family member was hitting them. Officer responded.

• 7:52 p.m. Complainant reported that they had hit a black and white dog on Old Sonora Road. Animal Control was contacted.

February 15

• 1:23 a.m. While on duty SC Officer was patrolling around the school, when he came upon a blue boy's bike south of the Middle School. Officer returned the bike to the Sheriff's Office.

• 10:55 a.m. Complainant reported that they saw their cell phone fall off the top of their car but did not realize what it was until a block or two later. When they turned around to get it someone had already picked the phone up. Phone was turned in.

• 10:57 p.m. Hospital requested an intermediate ambulance transfer.

• 11:07 a.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer because the school called and advised their daughter had not returned from the break. Officer responded.

• 11:10 a.m. Resident reported a small, long haired dog with a red collar had shown up at their residence and was still there.

• 1:44 p.m. High School reported a VCR had been stolen from the school. Officer responded. VCR is a black Panasonic with remote.

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FUND	BALANCE JAN. 1, 1999	RECEIVED FROM TRANSFERS	RECEIVED FROM AUTO LICENSE	RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTION	RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL RECEIVED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TOTAL DISBURSED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1999
GENERAL FUND MMIA*	829,518.43								744,024.23
GENERAL FUND	38,973.96	-27,000.00	0.00	957,561.72	275,176.75	1,232,738.47	1,268,698.22		61,508.41
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER M.M.I.A.*	5,733.62								11,262.83
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FUND	7,863.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,130.96	14,130.96	15,957.85	0.00	507.12
RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND	3,997.18	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	7,448.57	12,448.57	15,926.33	0.00	519.42
COURTHOUSE SECURITY M.M.I.A.*	10,197.61								18,394.80
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND	2,986.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	8,034.81	8,034.81	1,823.26	0.00	1,001.18
ROAD & BRIDGE M.M.I.A.*	3,379.16								189,420.29
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	57,734.37	0.00	152,710.08	0.00	244,885.23	397,595.31	248,574.65	0.00	20,713.90
MEMORIAL BUILDING M.M.I.A.*	3,101.05								4,266.75
MEMORIAL BUILDING FUND	1,406.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,522.64	2,522.64	1,659.29	0.00	1,104.10
HEALTH SERVICES M.M.I.A.*	26,016.33								15,283.31
HEALTH SERVICES FUND	3,180.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	57,959.77	57,959.77	69,617.62	0.00	2,255.37
JUSTICE OF PEACE M.M.I.A.*	0.00								12,734.08
JUSTICE OF PEACE FUND	8,156.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,154.64	14,154.64	8,538.65	0.00	1,038.49
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL M.M.I.A.*	5,864.60								6,180.07
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL FUND	282.88	0.00	0.00	260.95	313.73	574.68	0.00	0.00	542.09
MEALS PROGRAM M.M.I.A.*	0.00								12,844.97
MEALS PROGRAM FUND	0.00	22,000.00	0.00	0.00	36,153.36	58,153.36	35,701.79	0.00	9,606.60
FARM*MARKET M.M.I.A.*	253,633.56								233,609.45
FARM*MARKET ROAD FUND	18,706.18	0.00	0.00	262,092.73	9,936.16	272,028.89	282,315.62	0.00	28,443.56
LATERAL ROAD FUND	12,822.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,497.91	14,497.91	12,796.01	12,796.01	14,524.22
SERIES 1997 LTD. TAX NOTE M.M.I.A.*	16,018.59								2,605.08
SERIES 1997 LTD. TAX NOTE FUND	443.88	0.00	0.00	5,043.77	154.69	5,198.46	19,055.85	0.00	0.00
AIRPORT M.M.I.A.*	3,118.59								3,087.62
AIRPORT FUND	1,848.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,517.60	4,517.60	6,045.16	0.00	351.72
SELF-INSURANCE M.M.I.A.*	201,699.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,953.20	9,953.20	0.00	0.00	211,652.30
SELF-INSURANCE FUND	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
HOT CHECK FUND	1,450.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,817.57	2,817.57	3,282.46	0.00	986.04
SERIES 1993 INTEREST & SINKING M.M.I.A.*	5,590.58	0.00	0.00	0.00	22.03	22.03	5,612.61	0.00	0.00
SERIES 1993 INTEREST & SINKING FUND	552.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	552.55	0.00	0.00
CONTINGENCY FUND M.M.I.A.*	354,544.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	14,913.94	14,913.94	56,727.07	0.00	312,731.33
CONTINGENCY FUND	158.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	158.65	0.00	0.00
TOTAL SECURITIES*	1,718,415.68								1,778,097.11
TOTAL FUNDS	160,564.48	0.00	152,710.08	1,274,959.17	717,593.56	2,122,262.81	2,053,043.64	0.00	143,102.22

THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED: *Karen Henderson*
KAREN HENDERSON, SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER

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Price shall include all taxes applicable.
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Connie Fryar
915-853-2514, ext. 223

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We would like to thank everyone for the love, concern, and support you showed to Tabitha in her time of discomfort due to her injury. We are fortunate to live in a community that looks after our children, even in our absence. May God bless each and everyone of you.
Roy and Melissa Lloyd

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We will look forward to all the beautiful flowers we will see this spring and summer.

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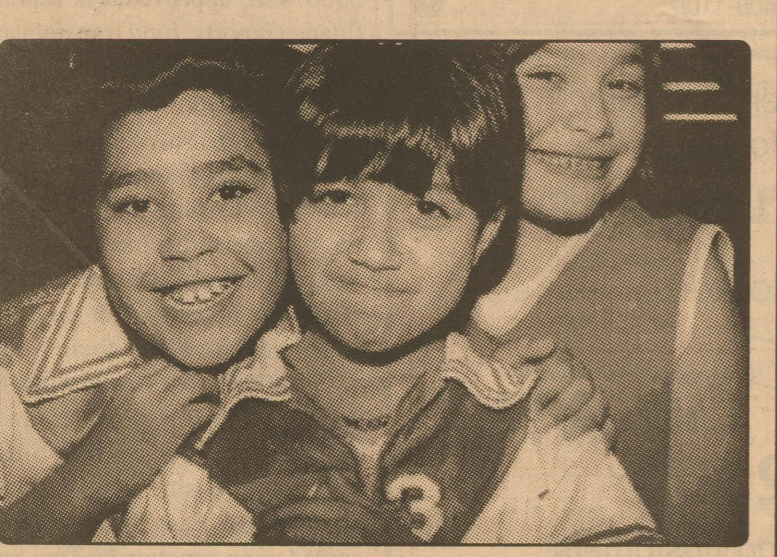
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Focus on the Family

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Use Action, Not Anger, When Dealing With Teens

QUESTION: Generally speaking, what kind of discipline do you use with a teenager who is habitually miserable to live with?

DR. DOBSON: The general rule is to use action — not anger — to reach an understanding. Any time you can get teen-agers to do what is necessary without becoming furious at them, you are ahead of the game. Let me provide a few examples of how this might be accomplished.

(1) In Russia, I'm told, teen-agers who are convicted of using drugs are denied a driver's license for years. It is a very effective approach.

(2) When my daughter was a teen-ager, she used to slip into my bathroom and steal my razor, my shaving cream, my toothpaste or my comb. Of course, she never brought them back. Then after she had gone to school, I would discover the items missing. There I was with wet hair or "fuzzy" teeth, trying to locate the confiscated items in her bathroom. It was no big deal, but it was irritating at the time. Can you identify?

I asked Danae a dozen times not to do this, but to no avail. Thus, the phantom struck without warning one cold morning. I hid everything she needed to put on her "face," and then left for the office. My wife told me she had never heard such wails and moans as were uttered that day. Our daughter plunged desperately through bathroom drawers looking for her toothbrush, comb and hair dryer. The problem never resurfaced.

(3) A family living in a house with a small hot-water tank was continually frustrated by their teen-ager's endless showers.

Screaming at him did no good. Once he was locked behind the bathroom door, he stayed in the steamy stall until the last drop of warm water had been drained. Solution? In mid-stream, Dad stopped the flow of hot water by turning a valve at the tank. Cold water suddenly poured from the nozzle. Junior popped out of the shower in seconds. Henceforth, he tried to finish bathing before the faucet turned frigid.

(4) A single mother couldn't get her daughter out of bed in the morning until she announced a new policy: The hot water would be shut off promptly at 6:30 a.m. The girl could either get up on time or bathe in ice water. Another mother had trouble getting her 8-year-old out of bed each morning. She then began pouring bowls of frozen marbles under the covers with him each morning. They gravitated to wherever his body lay. The boy arose quite quickly.

(5) Instead of standing in the parking lot and screaming at students who drive too fast, school officials now put huge bumps in the road that jar the teeth of those who ignore them. It does the job quite nicely.

(6) You as the parent have the car that a teen-ager needs, the money that he covets, and the authority to grant or withhold privileges. If push comes to shove, these chips can be exchanged for commitments to live responsibly, share the workload at home and stay off little brother's back. This bargaining process works for younger kids, too. I like the "one to one" trade-off for television viewing time. It permits a child to watch one minute of television for every minute spent reading.

The possibilities are endless, and they depend not at all on anger, threats and unpleasantness.

QUESTION: Having a child diagnosed with attention deficit disorder can paint a pretty bleak picture. Is there anything good you can tell us?

DR. DOBSON: There are some advantages to having attention deficit disorder. In a sense, even the word "disorder" is misleading because the syndrome has many positive features.

As Time magazine reported: "(ADD adults) see themselves as creative; their impulsiveness can be viewed as spontaneity; hyperactivity gives them enormous energy and drive; even their distractibility has the virtue of making them alert to changes in the environment. Kids with ADD are wild, funny, effervescent. They have lots of life."

Let's also not forget that ADD can be treated successfully in many cases.

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Commissioners approve TxDOT airport grant

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Ann Turner and Ray Lewis Ballew of the County Tax Appraisal District. The men were advised that computer equipment in use by both tax offices were fast becoming out of date and is unable to operate new software programs. Turner and Ballew told the court that the estimated cost of replacement was approximately \$15,000.00 which would be proportionately shared by the various taxing entities. They told the commissioners their visit was only to advise the court so that the equipment could be included in next year's budget.

Next the court called for bids on a load of diesel fuel and a load of unleaded gasoline to be opened at the February 28 meeting. Other business included the approval of a one-year lease on a 442.5 tract of Schleicher County School Land located in Gaines County. The lease was granted for a period of one year at the price of \$3,1416.00. The court also approved the purchase of an extended warranty of five years to cover major repairs on the newly purchased motor grader.

In other business, a request to waive the building use fee for a retirement party to be held in the

Memorial Building was denied. An amount of \$154.23 in indigent assistance was approved and a motion to pay dues of \$550.00 to the Texas Association of Counties passed unanimously.

The court was then advised of a meeting at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, in San Angelo with the Texas Department of Transportation, West Texas Region, regarding the selection of highways in Texas to be considered as part of the Texas Trunk System. US Highway 277 is listed on the current trunk system but is not included in a round of upcoming construction.

Sheriff David Doran reported finding an accounting error regarding salaries of Sheriff's Department employees who are required to work on holidays. Doran noted that Wage and Hour regulations have been reviewed and that he has established a policy to deal with the issue in the future. Further action on the matter was tabled until County Treasurer Karen Henderson and Sheriff's Department Clerk Kathy Faull have reviewed the situation.

By consensus the court agreed to use Kay Howard as agent for the county in obtaining Community Block Grants.

Sheriff Doran brought an item not on the agenda before the court. He reported that he had been in contact with the Rodeo Club regarding the use of a frame building adjacent to the concrete slab, a the rodeo arena. Doran sought approval to use the building as a meeting place for the "Explorer Troop" that is being organized in cooperation with the Fire Department, E.M.S. Doran said he had instructed his department to clean out the building so it's condition could be determined and that the building was "in pretty good shape" except cosmetic repairs. He asked the court to consider underwriting the project of making the building usable. The commissioners discussed Doran's request favorably but took no action since the matter was not on the agenda.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson requested the transfer of money from the General Fund to the Road and Bridge fund in the amount of \$120,000.00, to be used to pay for the new motor grader and \$50,000.00 to be transferred to the Operations Fund. The court granted the request. Current bills were reviewed and ordered paid. Business having been concluded, the court adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

City eyes adoption of drought contingency plan

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pothole-patching machine was scheduled to be demonstrated at 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning. Mankin reported that he had located several places where the machine's value could be tested. Following evaluation a recommendation will be offered to the council concerning the machine purchase or lease.

A report was then given concerning the landfill operation for the month of January. Mankin reported that a total of 1,213,600 lbs. of waste had been placed in the landfill during January. This amounts to a daily receipt of 19.58 tons per day. Of this amount, Duncan Disposal, who pays the city a disposal fee of \$26.50 per ton is deposited 78 percent in the landfill. The landfill is currently receiving waste from Sonora, Ozona, Iraan and Rankin. A grand-opening ribbon cutting ceremony was scheduled by consensus of the council for March 1, 2000 at the entrance to the new landfill.

A motion was offered by Toni Sudduth, seconded by Tommy Mi-

nor to allow Mankin to pursue a permit for opening a "Type IV (4)" pit at the landfill for disposal of brush, grass clippings, construction waste and leaves. Once permission is obtained from the state, the additional pit will be opened. It was explained that such an effort will extend the life of the landfill.

Mankin also announced that a recycling trailer had been obtained and that discarded tires will be accepted at the city yard adjacent to City Hall. Fees for tire disposal will be as follows: car and pickup tires, \$3.00; truck tires, \$5.00, tractor tires, \$10.00. Persons wishing to dispose of tires should stop by the City office, make payment, then present their receipt, along with the tires to workmen in the yard.

A committee chaired by Councilman Bybee issued their recommendation regarding the fencing of a section of Atkins Drive located behind property located at 610 N. Divide Street. A second recommendation was made regarding the closing of a portion of the alley connecting South Cottonwood to Nance Street. After study the

council voted to table the recommendation of the committee pending further investigation.

Superintendent Jack Dean reported on the Texas Highway Department's project in progress at the intersection of East Street and Highway 190 East. He said that when it is complete, the project will be of great value in allowing proper drainage following rainfall. He also cautioned that the Highway Department's project had significantly narrowed the south end of East Street. Dean reported that he would visit with the Highway Department Project Manager in an effort to help to widen the narrowed intersection.

Dean also reported that construction at the Landfill was complete, that trees were on hand to be planted as a screen and wind-break between the landfill and nearby residents. He further reported that tests indicated that the wastewater plant was currently operating in compliance with the permit. Additional breaks in clay pipe sewer lines continue to plague the city workforce. Dean stated that these breaks were largely due to the drought and that probably will continue to occur should wet weather follow behind drought conditions. Ground shrinkage and swelling cause stress on the pipe, which result in the pipe breaking.

Under the item titled old business, the following actions occurred. Minutes of the January 10, 2000 were approved, tax reports, finance reports, fund transfers and amendments to financial reports were approved. Also, City Secretary Carolyn Mayo reported the expenditure of \$600.00 toward testing and recharging of fire extinguishers and replenishment of first aid kits. After review current bills were approved for payment. Mayo reported that there was a \$5,000.00 surplus following the completion of street improvement around the school and East Street.

In other business the completed work on East Street was accepted upon a motion by Toni Sudduth, seconded by Tommy Minor. Toni Sudduth, seconded by Richard Mendez issued an order for an election of new city council for May 6, 2000 upon a motion approved by the council.

The council then adjourned into executive session to consider personnel matters. They emerged into open session at 8:32 p.m. without taking action on the matter. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

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