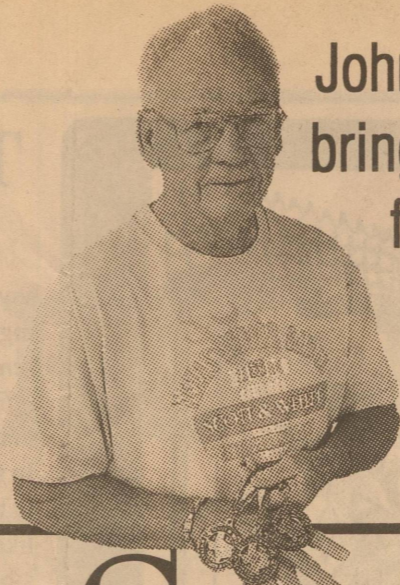




Eagles celebrate Homecoming Week

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John Callison brings home medals from State Senior Games

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FSA announces new wool & mohair program

The Schleicher County Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced a new, one-time only, wool and mohair program created to assist sheep and goat producers enduring the low prices they are receiving for the sale of their shorn commodities.

The Wool and Mohair Market Loss Assistance Program (WAMLAP) provides 20 cents per pound for wool and 40 cents per pound for mohair to farmers who shorn their livestock during the 1999 marketing year and are still correctly in the business of producing and marketing agricultural products.

Sign-up for WAMLAP begins on October 10, 2000, and ends December 29, 2000. Applications must be submitted by the deadline to the FSA county office where the farmer resides.

"Just like the rest of the agricultural economy, wool and mohair prices have been on a continuous slide during the past three years," said Jan Wanoreck County FSA Executive Director. "This program will help sheep and mohair producers in the Southwest recover some of their expenses."

Producers are required to cer-

tify the amount of shorn wool or shorn mohair from live sheep or Angora goats. Greased wool or greased mohair from pelts or hides are not eligible for payment. The office will also need to know the number of animals shorn.

"Farmers are encouraged to provide the office documentation supporting the pounds of wool or mohair they are certifying," said Wanoreck. "Because if a spot-check indicates a discrepancy, the producer must refund the difference."

Since prices have been so low, some producers may still have 1999 wool or mohair stored on the farm. Those pounds of fiber are eligible for WAMLAP. A farm visit by an FSA representative will be required to determine the pounds in storage if the farm is selected for a spot-check.

The livestock must have been owned by the producer for 30 days and shorn during the 1999 calendar year in the United States to be eligible.

The application is available at the Schleicher County FSA office or it can be downloaded from the Internet at:

<http://www.fsa.usda.gov/dafp/psdl>.



photo by Kathy Mankin
 The Mighty Eagle Band entertained the halftime crowd at last Friday night's Homecoming game against Mason. The band will compete in the District VII Marching Contest in Brady on Saturday.

Mighty Eagle Band competes Saturday in District VII contest

Ninety-eight Mighty Eagle Band members will march in the District VII (West Division) Marching Contest in Brady on Saturday. The band will be trying for its 17th consecutive Division "1" rating. Only two weeks ago, the Mighty Eagle Band earned three Division "1" ratings at the Big Country Marching Contest at Wylie High School in Abilene.

The Eagle Band will be the first to perform in the AA Division at 1:00 p.m. Saturday in Brady High School's Bulldog Stadium. The band will compete against eight other conference AA bands at the contest.

The Mighty Eagle Band is led by Band Director Gina Muela and Assistant Director Ernest Bottinger. Field direction of the unit is shared by drum majors Bree-Anne Davis and Maria Hernandez. Judges for this year's contest

will be former EHS band director Mike Marsh of Howell, Charles Munsel of Smithson Valley and Don Thoede of Clifton.

The Eagle Band will perform "Cantina Band ala Sing Sing Sing", "Harlem Nocture" with Maria Hernandez performing a trumpet solo and "Big Noise From Winnetka" with trumpet soloist Mitzi Sessom and a combo band consisting of Stacy Nicholson, Christina Redish, Jackie Crawford, Ben Edmiston, BreeAnne Davis, Javier Iglesias, Johnny Herrera, Cole Pina, and Danny Sanchez.

Kara Sue Garlitz is sponsor of the band's flag corps which is comprised this year of Tabitha Lloyd, Samantha Smith, Brittany Key, Georgina Caldwell, Whitney Edmiston, Hannah Robledo, Gentry Newman, Vanessa Gonzalez, Jennifer Rodriguez and Kimberly Hight.



photo by Randy Mankin
 Semi-prayerful — The three younger members of the Sanders Sanctified Singers played by (L-R) Charlie Bradley, Deb Joy and Eva Jo Sessom, cast a wary eye for an escaped "June Bug" while their mother, (Sherry Belk), offered a prayer, during the Way Off-Broadway Players production of "Smoke on the Mountain." Performances are scheduled for the next two weekends.

Medical Center plans "Spooky" Health Fair

Schleicher County Medical Center will host its yearly Health Fair in the Memorial Building on Tuesday, October 24. Annie Arispe, activity director at SCMC, says that this year's fair, which comes later in October than in previous years, will feature a spooky Halloween theme. The doors will open at 9 a.m. and the fair will continue through 4 p.m.

Already, more than twenty-five booths are scheduled for the fair

with more signing up each day. Free Blood Pressure, Blood Sugar and Weight checks are being offered. Flu Shots will also be offered, however, with the vaccine in very short supply this year, the shots will be offered on a "first come, first served" basis for as long as the supply lasts. The shots will cost \$5 and Medicare will be filed for those who are eligible.

The Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. will be offering free finger-

printing for children. There will be displays by the Texas Dept. of Health and 9-1-1. The AirMed-1 helicopter is also slated to be on display.

To schedule an appointment to donate blood, contact Chris Kessler at 853-2507 ext. 122

As usual, the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary will be on hand with refreshments and helping sign-in all the visitors. Make your plans now to join your neighbors at the annual Schleicher County Health Fair.

Sheriff's Dept. receives \$6,250.00 grant

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that his department has received a \$6,250.00 matching communications equipment grant from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The grant is coordinated by the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG).

According to the CVCOG Criminal Justice Planner Troy Robertson, the region received a grant for \$75,000.00 for law enforcement communications equipment. This grant has a 50% match and will be divided between twelve counties in the region, including Schleicher County. Each county is entitled to

\$6,250.00 provided the county match that amount, dollar for dollar.

Sheriff Doran indicates that his budget this year already contains the needed matching funds. "We sort of anticipated this one," Doran said, "I asked the commissioners to budget for it and they agreed."

Doran continued by saying that the grant will greatly benefit his department. He noted that his staff have been using radio equipment that is at least twenty-five years old. "It's outdated and needs to be replaced," Doran said. "This grant will allow us to upgrade to better and more reliable communications equipment."



photo by Randy Mankin
 Blazing tank battery — The first firefighters on the scene at this tank battery fire Sunday, sprayed water on an adjoining tank to cool it down while awaiting for other units to arrive. The fire, believed to have been caused by lightning, occurred on Discovery Operating Company's "Box A #1" lease. In all, four units responded to the scene and the fire was quickly extinguished with foam.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

Early Voting

Those wishing to cast their ballot in the 2000 General Election may do so on Tuesday, November 7th, or in the Early Voting which begins Monday, Oct. 23rd in the County Clerk's office.

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On This Date

On this date in 1765 the Stamp Act Congress met in NY and wrote a declaration of rights & liberties. In 1781 British Gen. Cornwallis surrendered to George Washington at Yorktown ending the Revolutionary War. In 1812 Napoleon began his retreat from Moscow. In 1944 General Douglas McArthur & his US forces returned to the Philippines. In 1963 the Beatles recorded "I Want to Hold Your Hand".

Birthdays of note include: 1784 Hudson's Bay Co. founder John McLoughlin; 1862 1st movie maker Auguste Lumire; 1901 US admiral Arleigh A Burke; 1922 newspaper columnist Jack Anderson; 1945 actor John Lithgow; 1962 boxing champ Evander Holyfield; 1967 presidential daughter and peace activist Amy Carter.

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Bats, bats everywhere

Far from the frightening tales of vampire lore, Texas' bat population, more than 100 million strong, is a valuable animal resource. One bat may eat up to 3,000 insects, including crop pests and mosquitoes, each night. Some of the winged mammals also pollinate or disperse seeds for many plants.

Among the most popular bat-viewing areas in the state are:

- Congress Avenue Bridge, Austin
- Old Tunnel Wildlife Management Area, near Fredericksburg
- Colorado Bend State Park
- Eckert James River Bat Cave Preserve, near Mason
- Kickapoo Cavern State Natural Area, between Rocksprings and Brackettville
- Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area, near Rocksprings
- Big Bend National Park
- Beneficial Animal Teaching Station, Mineral Wells

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Odds and Ends

Nearly 10 percent of the United States' population was born in other countries. According to the Census Bureau, this is the highest percentage since 1930. About 27 percent of these foreign-born residents are from Mexico, with the next highest percentage at 4.4 percent from the Philippines.



Time catches up with all incumbents

Incumbent, the dictionary lists several uses for the word, including: (n.) *the person who is currently employed in a position or office.* To be an incumbent implies that a particular job is yours to lose. In this day and age, that very rarely happens. You see, incumbency, like inertia, is difficult if not impossible, to overcome. Yet, there are times when circumstances require that a change be made. In my opinion, now is one of those times.

The incumbent to whom I refer is not a politician, however, but an athlete who has held his job for 12 years. During that time he compiled a record at which his envious contemporaries can only marvel. His name is Troy Aikman.

When Troy burst upon the scene a few years back, he ushered in a new, refreshing style. Almost immediately the quarter-



back controversy that had festered in Dallas for years evaporated. Just as quickly, Troy proved himself to be a capable leader with many talents, perhaps the greatest of these was his ability to get things done.

Through the years Troy orchestrated an impressive string of wins. Always gracious in victory, he quickly earned the respect of friend and foe alike.

Troy was a risk taker and he shunned the cautious approach advocated by the sports analysts on TV. Instead, he constantly probed for weaknesses in his opponents' defense and, with surgical precision, he dismantled them.

But the passage of time is relentless and ignores no one...not even Troy Aikman. As his accomplishments had piled up one upon the other, so had his battle scars. Then slowly, almost imperceptibly at first, he began to falter. Early on, it was easy to blame the errors on those around him. Certainly the mistakes were not of his doing, we told ourselves. But we were wrong.

As his detractors grew in number, those of us who considered ourselves to be true believers rushed to Troy's defense. He's doing the best he can, we told the critics...besides, look at all he's done for us in the past. Sure, he's taken his lumps, we argued, but he still has what it takes. But we were fooling ourselves.

Sadly, Troy Aikman, self-destructed on Sunday when, after several lackluster outings, he threw for five...yes, five...interceptions. I wanted to believe he was still suffering the ill effects of his most recent concussion. I wanted to point the finger of guilt at the team's subpar receivers. But, you see, like many of the faithful, I too, wanted something or someone else to blame.

Cowboys head coach Dave Campo said he expected Aikman would pull it together Sunday and lead the Cowboys to victory. Campo told the media after the debacle that not once during the game did he consider replacing Troy. He should have.

Like other incumbents in other fields who stayed too long on the job, time has finally caught up with Troy Aikman. Like a sneak thief, a series of concussions has stolen his ability to make quick decisions. Leaving his critics, and I'm sorry to say that I have become one, to question his judgement.

Troy has had a marvelous 12-year run. His ability to play the game is legend. Three Super Bowl titles have guaranteed his induction into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Nothing he does now can possibly change that.

But, regrettably, the time has come for Troy Aikman to step down. Certainly, he could hang on for a few more seasons, but he shouldn't. Any limited success he might have isn't worth tarnishing the image. You see, I don't want to remember Troy Aikman the way I remember Joe Namath, a shadow of his former self, trying to hang on to a game that passed him by.

No, Troy should step aside now, while the decision is still his to make.

Governor halts distribution of gun safety locks

AUSTIN — The supplier of the gun safety locks that Texas began distributing last month to parents has halted distribution because a possible defect could cause the locks to spring open.

Gov. George W. Bush's Criminal Justice Division, which oversees the Project ChildSafe gun safety program, contacted the nonprofit agency supplying the locks after hearing reports that locks it provided in Tennessee came open when hit or dropped at a certain angle.

"We hadn't received any complaints from any of the communities but we thought it prudent to take precautions," Bush spokesman Michael Jones said.

The agency, the National Sports Shooting Foundation, last week ceased distribution of the locks and called on the manufacturer to stop production until the potential prob-

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lem can be identified and corrected. The cable locks can only be used on unloaded guns and are threaded through the weapon's firing mechanism to prevent it from discharging.

Last month San Antonio police agencies made the initial distribution of 10,000 locks to local parents. A police spokeswoman said the public had been informed to discard the locks, return them to a police officer or bring them back to a local police station.

New locks will be distributed once the supplier has completed its investigation and provided new shipments, Jones said.

The state already has distributed 21,000 locks to 14 law enforcement agencies, however, most have not given them to the public yet. The agencies cover the cities of Addison, Baytown, Converse, Killeen, Marble Falls, Mercedes, Paris, Plano and Temple and the counties of Bexar, Borden, El Paso, Navasota, Nueces and Zapata.

Project ChildSafe is a five-year \$5 million program to provide 5 million free child safety locks and firearm safety to Texas parents.

Abortion pill requires notification

Texas' parental notification law extends to the drug mifepristone, the so-called "abortion pill," and doctors must notify a minor girl's parents before prescribing the drug as a method of terminating a pregnancy.

Spokeswoman Heather Brown said Attorney General John Cornyn made a statement to the Associated Press about the drug but had not issued a formal opinion. She said Texas Family Code states that parents must be notified before any minor child could receive prescription drugs so the pill would fall under the same guidelines.

The parental notification law requires physicians to contact at least one parent 48 hours before performing a surgical abortion or administering the pill to a girl 17 or younger.

On Sept. 28 the Food and Drug Administration approved the use of the pill, know by the trade name Mifeprex or commonly referred to

as RU-486, in the United States for the termination of pregnancies of 49 days or less.

State Database Helps Schools

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander launched the nation's first state education database to help parents, teachers and school administrators improve their school systems.

The online database, www.aimsdatabase.org, contains special reports, student performance and financial data for all Texas schools the comptroller has reviewed. It also includes success stories that school districts can use to improve their own educational systems.

Among the ideas, Mount Pleasant Independent School District adopted a photo ID card that allows students to pay for meals, and Socorro Independent School District officials set aside more than \$100,000 to help teachers buy computers through interest-free payroll deductions.

Other Highlights

• Texas Education Agency last week named San Antonio special education teacher Linda DeMino of Alamo Heights Independent School District as the Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year and Houston-area high school math teacher Lorraine Maneen of Spring Branch Independent School District as the Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year.

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Hoe Cakes

Eddie McMillan of Cisco makes hoe cakes.

"They're really a hot water cornbread, a mixture of corn meal, salt, cooking oil and boiling water," Eddie says.

They're called hoe cakes because they're cooked on the blade of a hoe, a practice that dates back prior to the civil war.

"The old slave masters would give the slaves stone ground corn meal and send them to the fields. They had to figure out some way to eat the stuff. They tried mixing water with the meal and not much happened. But when they added boiling water, they could make a mush. They started making it a little thicker and putting some animal fat in it, a little salt, and then they'd fry it on the hoe they'd been hoeing cotton with all day."

Later, during the Civil War, soldiers made it thicker and put it on the end of a bayonet and cooked it that way. They called these "Johnny Cakes."

Eddie substitutes Crisco for animal fat and cooks his hoe cakes over a charcoal fire. He jokingly says he cooks them for twenty minutes at 350 degrees.

"The hoe cakes will really glisten when you first put them on. It depends on how hot the fire is, of course. Once they start getting a dull color then you know it's time to turn them over. Then you cook the other side and they're done."

Eddie has a special recipe for his hoe cakes.

"I pour the corn meal into a big bowl, put as much salt as I think it needs, and add the oil. Then I start pouring in the hot water. And it's just amazing how much boiling water it'll take. You just won't believe that little amount of corn meal will take that much water, but it does."

He says he doesn't need to use any spray like Pam on his cooking hoe. "These two hoes that we use I've had for over twenty years. I kid a lot of people and tell them after they eat one of my hoe cakes that I just finished cleaning out a chicken house with my cooking hoe."

He can whip up a batch of hoe cakes in a hurry.

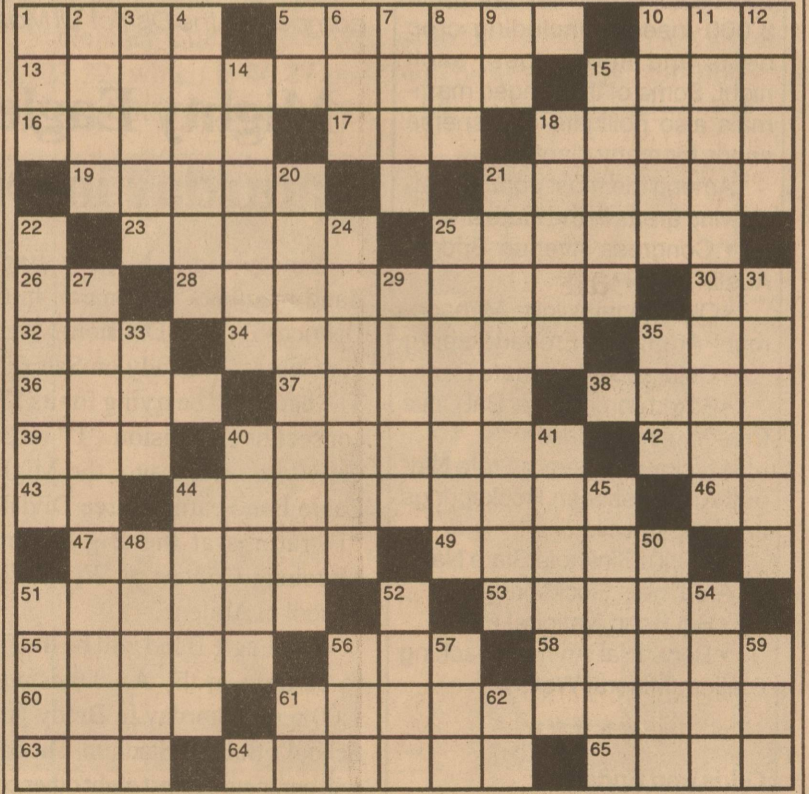
"It makes the consistency of pancake dough, really. And we pour it on the hoe with a spoon. The thinner it is, the faster it'll cook and we can turn out more that way."

Eddie cooks hoe cakes at festivals all over the country. He gives people his recipe: 2 cups of corn meal, 2 teaspoons of salt, 4 cups of boiling water, one tablespoon of lard. He says cornbread originated with the Indians. It was originally called "Appone" and baked in hot ashes. When the settlers started making the cornbread cakes, they called them ponies or corn ponies. They were more appealing when baked on a skillet or a board propped in front of a fire.

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OBITUARIES

Patsy Jo Locklin Lively Bradley

ELDORADO — Patsy Jo Locklin Lively Bradley, 69, of Eldorado, passed away on Monday, October 16, 2000, in Shannon Medical Center.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, October 18, 2000 at the Fort McKavett Cemetery, with the Rev. Andy Anderson of First Baptist Church of Eldorado, officiating. Arrangements were made by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Patsy Jo was born October 6, 1931, in Williamson County to Donald Locklin and Mary Helen Jackson. She graduated from Menard High School. She had ranching interests in Menard and Schleicher County.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank Bradley, her parents, a grandson and two great-granddaughters.

Survivors include: two daughters, Jo Helen Kotsch and her husband, John of Eldorado, Judy Bolm and her husband Eddie of Burnet; two sons, Dobs Lively and wife Susan of Eldorado, and Mitchell Bradley and wife Katie of Virginia Beach, Virginia; 13 grandchildren; 1 great-grandson; a sister, Maggie Middleton; a brother, Curtis Stockton, Jr., both of Eldorado; a brother-in-law, Tom Bradley and his wife Helen of Del Rio; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Grandsons who served as pallbearers are Michael Kotsch, Brad Bolm, Scot Bolm, Travis Lively, Jeff Hernandez and Mario Arevalo.

*Thank you for every hug,
Smile, kiss and prayer.
Thank you for all of the love,
Laughter and memories shared.
We will always love you.*

Mora Lee West



Mora Lee West, 85, of Eldorado died Monday, October 9, 2000 at her ranch home of 45 years.

Services were held Saturday, October 14, 2000 at First Baptist Church of Eldorado with Rev. Andy Anderson, Pastor officiating. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Mora Lee Meckel was born April 30, 1915 in Sonora to Benjamin Franklin and Myrtle Davis Meckel. She has deep roots in Sutton County. Mora Lee's mother's family, the Davises, moved to Sonora in 1890 from Lampasas. Her father's family, the Meckels, moved to Sutton County in 1900 from Mason. Both families were in the ranching business.

Mora Lee graduated from Sonora High School in 1932 when she decided to pursue a career in nursing. Mora Lee attended Baptist Hospital School of Nursing for a short while and later attended a finishing school in Dallas.

Mora Lee married her high school sweetheart William Floyd "Jimmie" West on May 17, 1934 at the ranch home of her parents. Jimmie was the youngest child of one of the first pioneer families in Schleicher County. He was the son of C.C. and Augusta West.

At the time of their marriage Jimmie was operating the Rock Filling Station No. 2 in Eldorado. A couple of years later they took over operation of the Rock Station No. 1 and Tourist Court. Later the cou-

ple acquired the Humble Wholesale business. On October 1, 1944 the West's moved to a ranch 10 miles north of Eldorado which her parents bought from Harold West Evans of Ft. Terrett. Here they raised three children, one daughter Barbara Anne, and two sons, Charles Franklin and William Floyd, II. along with Angus cattle, Rambouillet sheep and Angora goats.

Mora Lee was a homemaker, a ranchwoman and a member of First Baptist Church of Eldorado.

William Floyd "Jimmie" West, Sr. preceded her in death on September 18, 1988.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara West Clark of Boerne; two sons, Charles F. West of Clayton, N.M., and William Floyd West Jr. of Eldorado; 10 grandchildren, Charles Shane West, Carlton Schel West, Cove Henderson West, Charetta West, Shannon Lee West, Vincent Dale Clark, Kenneth Lynn Clark Jr., Dr. Charles Lee Clark, William Kelly Clark and Allyson Clark; one great-granddaughter, Gabriella Nicole Clark of San Antonio; nephew, Phil Pring of Burnet; nieces, Darlene Barrow Hardesty of Eldorado, Becky Tittle Hartje of San Angelo and Debra Tittle Hill of Denton.

Pallbearers were Vincent Clark, Charlie Clark, Cove West, Shane West, Schel West and Kelly Clark. Honorary pallbearers were Allyson Clark, Shannon West and Charetta West.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Vision tests are important — Dori Garbey (L) of the Concho Pearls Lions Club administered vision tests last week at the Eldorado Head Start campus. Here, preschooler Carlos Guzman awaits his test.

Jeepeers Creepers the Lions Club wants your Peepers

The Eldorado Lions Club wants your old eye glasses and the club members are going to extraordinary means to get them. Sight Night 2000 is planned to coincide with Halloween this year and club members will be trick-or-treating for old eye glasses. Once collected, the glasses will be turned into the District Eye Glass Bank where they will be recycled, refurbished and put back into use, helping a needy person see.

Club President Glen MacDonald notes that Lions Club mem-

bers will also be collecting eye-glasses at Eagle Stadium on Friday, October 27, when the Eagles host the Wall Hawks. "We will have a box near the gate and will gladly accept donated eye glasses," MacDonald stated.

"Vision projects are a major part of what we do as a club," MacDonald continued, "Please consider donating your old or unused eye glasses so that someone else might enjoy good vision."

The Eldorado Lions Club meets every Wednesday (except 5th Wednesdays) at the Eagle Dairy Mart. The club is currently in the middle of a membership drive. Anyone interested in finding out more about the club or its projects is encouraged to attend a meeting as a guest.

It's A Boy!

Dora Bosmans of Eldorado is the proud great-grandmother of Alexander Louis Olson who was born on October 4, 2000 at St. Luke Baptist Hospital in San Antonio.

He weighed 8 pounds and 13 ounces and was 19 inches in length.

The proud family members are parents Tom and Charlotte Olson and young brother Octovio age 3.

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Our hearts ache in sadness, and secret tears will flow.
What is meant to lose you, no one will ever know.*

To Our Friends

It is hard to find words to express our gratitude to the people of this community for the love and support given us upon the loss of our loved one. Your prayers, gifts of flowers, food, cards and most especially the visits continue to help us through this difficult time. Please know we thank each and every one of you from the bottom of our hearts.

The family of Sue Burns

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, October 23**
Chicken Strips w/Stew Vegetables
- Tuesday, October 24**
Hamburger w/ Mustard, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
- Wednesday, October 25**
Turkey with Giblet Gravy & Cran. Sau., Cornbread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk
- Thursday, October 26**
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, October 27**
Steak Fingers w/ White Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Rolls, Fresh Orange, Milk

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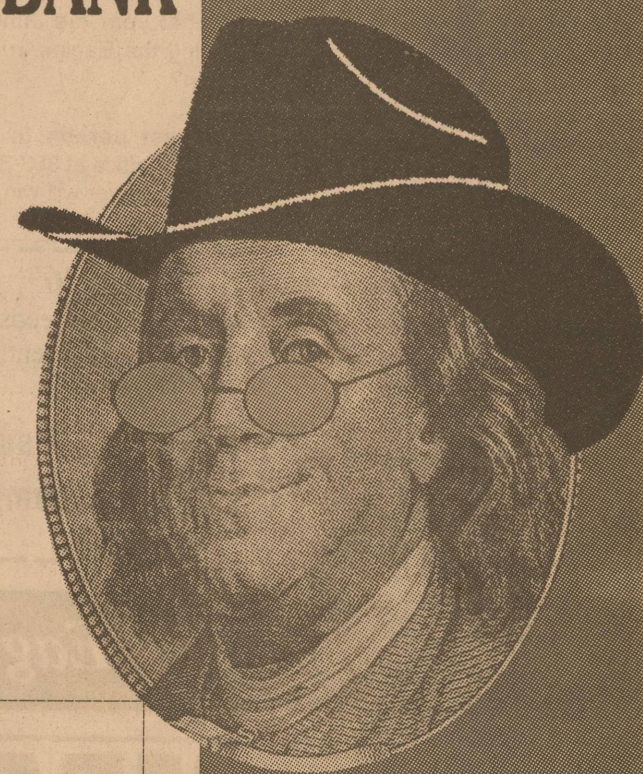
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Junction	0	1	2	4	95	169
Grape Creek	0	1	0	6	65	185

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 Eldorado 25 - Mason 15
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How 'bout those Eagles!

Eagles take the punch out of Mason 25-15

by David E. Hill
 Jim Fryar's Eldorado Eagles gave all those coming home for Homecoming 2000 something to smile about, a 25 to 15 win over Mason. The win was a huge one for the Eagles as it gives them a 1-0 district record and 4-2 on the season. But more importantly, the win gives the Eagles an inside track on the playoffs by knocking off one of the pre-season favorites.

All the experts predicted a good ball game and the two teams did not disappoint them. This was a great game to watch from a spectator's standpoint. In the end, Eldorado's speed wore down a much larger Mason Puncher club.

Eldorado opened up the scoring with 9:40 in the first quarter as Jason Brock found Kenny Covarrubiaz on a four-yard TD pass. The extra point was wide right and the Eagles found themselves on top 6-0.

After the teams traded possessions, Mason got on the board with a six-yard TD run at 11:06 in the second. The point after was good and Mason would have their only lead of the night 7-6. Both teams again traded several possessions until the Eagles again found pay dirt with 38 seconds in the half when Joey Bullard scored on an

11 yard run. The 2-point conversion fell incomplete and Eldorado took a 12-7 lead into the fieldhouse at halftime.

As the second half opened, Mason saw an Eagle defense that continued making adjustments, and big plays that kept the Punchers on their heels most of the night. With 1:30 left in the third period, Brock found Blake Leggett on a 25-yard touchdown pass. The Eagles two-point conversion attempt failed and Eldorado took an 18-7 lead.

The fourth quarter saw both clubs trading possessions. The Eagles then punted away to Mason and the Punchers got big return to set up great field position. Then with 2:06 left in the game, Mason found the endzone and then made the two point conversion closing the Eagle lead to 18-15.

On the ensuing kickoff, EHS was expecting an onside kick. However, Mason kicked the ball deep and forced Eldorado to take over deep in their end of the field. The Eldorado faithful then felt a momentum change as the Mason defense stuffed the Eagles on first and second down.

With the Eagles facing a third and long from their own 14-yard line, most every spectator in the stadium



photo by Randy Mankin
Sure handed receiver — Kenny Covarrubiaz hauled in this pass to last Friday night to move the Eagles deep into Mason's end of the field. Covarrubiaz tallied 114 yards receiving, including an 86 yard TD pass from Joey Bullard, as Eldorado defeated the Punchers 25-15.



photo by Randy Mankin
Off to the races — Eagles running back #3 Joey Bullard slashed through a crease in Mason's defense last Friday night and sprinted for good yardage. Bullard gained 123 yard rushing and threw for 86 as the Eagles defeated the Mason Punchers 25-15.

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thought Eldorado would run the ball and so did every Mason defender. But the Eagles surprised everyone when Johnny Herrera pitched to Joey Bullard who took the ball and moved to the right side, then pulled up and found Covarrubiaz sprinting alone behind the Mason defenders for an 86 yard touchdown pass. Alfredo Munoz kicked the point after and EHS found themselves up 25-15. Eldorado then stopped Mason on their next possession and ran out the clock.

"This was one of the best victories the Eagles have had in my time here...this was a big win," Coach Fryar said following the game. "If we continue to get better each week, this team could enjoy a lot of success."

Fryar found it odd that Bullard, who quarterbacked the Eagles last year, could hit Covarrubiaz in stride on a long touchdown pass, when only one night earlier he couldn't toss a stick into the homecoming bonfire from 30 feet away. "When I saw that I thought, well, I guess the halfback pass is out tomorrow night. Thank goodness Joey throws a football better than he did that stick," Fryar stated.

Leading the Eagles offensively, Bullard had 123 yards rushing, Covarrubiaz had 114 yards receiving. Passing, Brock was 6 of 12 for 96 yards, Herrera was 3 of 7 for 52 yards, and Bullard was 1 of 1 for 86 yards. Bullard had a hand in over 200 of the Eagles 317 total yards. Defensively, Benji Gonzales and Clay Whitten led the Eagles in tackle points. Covarrubiaz and Juan Diego Guzman also had a good night on the defensive side of the ball.

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Eldorado travels to Junction tomorrow night to meet one of two other "Eagle" teams in the district this year. Junction has had a tough season thus far and is coming off a 65 to 19 loss to Sonora. The Eagles should not forget that Junction has also had some bright spots this year in a 19 to 10 win over Menard.

"We took a huge step forward last Friday night, we can't let down and go backward in district play," Coach Fryar said. "From this point on, every district game is very, very important."

Kick off is slated for 8pm and all Eagle fans are encouraged to make the trip to Kimble County and support the Green and White Eagles. **WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!**

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- Tuesday, October 24**
 Chicken Fried Steaks/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Jello
- Wednesday, October 25**
 Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Mixed Fruit, Brownies
- Thursday, October 26**
 Chicken Spaghetti, Whole Kernel Corn, Diced Peaches, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Friday, October 27**
 Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Orange Wedges
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- Monday, October 23**
 Peaches, Pancakes/Syrup
- Tuesday, October 24**
 Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito
- Wednesday, October 25**
 applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal
- Thursday, October 26**
 Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls
- Friday, October 27**
 Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy, steak Fingers
- Fast Food Line**
- Monday, October 23**
 Chili Dogs, Corn Chiffs, Pork and Beans, Rosy Applesauce, Gingerbread/Glaze
- Tuesday, October 24**
 Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Strawberry Jello
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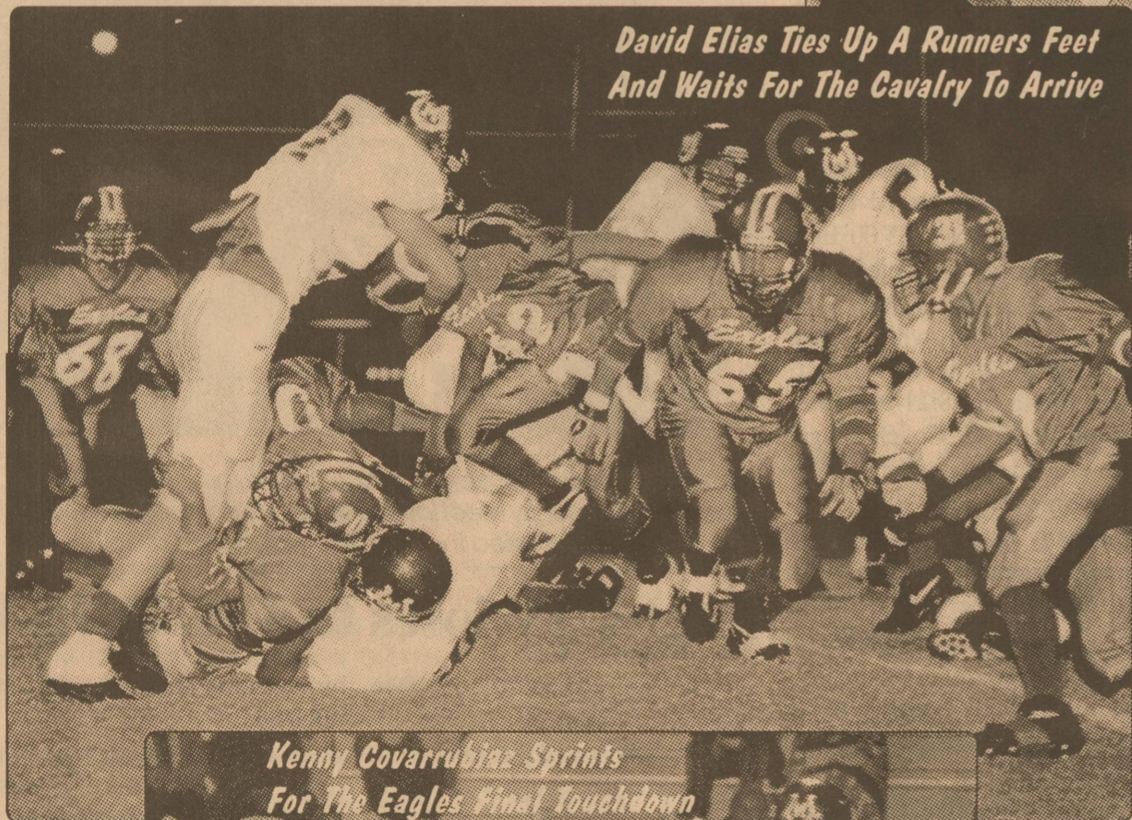


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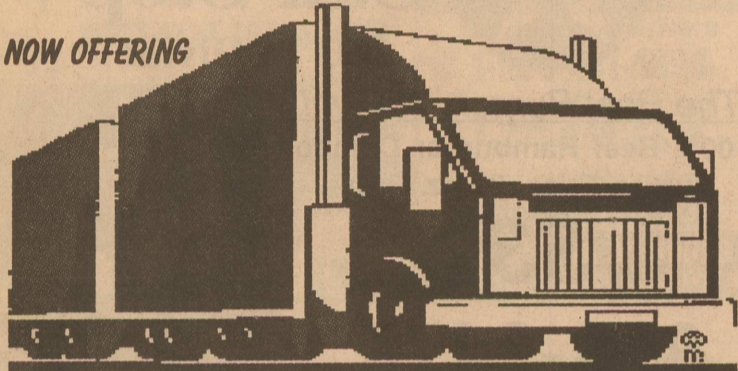
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by Mabel Freitag

A little rain, a few clouds, very little sunshine and lots of wind greeted our tournament this past Saturday, October 14th. We had a good turn-out considering the weather with ladies from Big Lake, Sonora, San Angelo and Eldorado.

Championship Flight-1st Place, Score 60, Gooch and Gooch; 2nd Place, Score 61, Tate and Trijillo; 3rd Place, Score 65, O'Harrow and Bly.

First Flight: 1st Place, Score 73-Skaggs and Carpenter; 2nd Place, Score 73-McKinney and Chamberlin; 3rd Place, Score 76, Neville and Finklea.

Score cards play-off for 1st and 2nd place.

Longest Drive - Melissa O'Harrow

Longest Putt-Marilyn Whitten
 Closest to Pin #6-Edi Niblett
 Closest to Pin #2-Su Scott

Club Improvement Tournament on October 21st, tee time 1:30 p.m.

4-H Benefit Tournament on October 28th, tee-time 1:00 p.m.

Our next Play Day will be Sunday, November 5th, weather permitting.

7th grade falls 22-6 to Mason

On October 14, 2000 Eldorado 7th Grade Eagles lost to Mason. The only score was a pass by Frank Wipff to George Bustos. Nestor Hernandez had 52 yards on 10 carries. Kyle Taylor had 19 yards on 5 carries and Frank Wipff carried 6 times for 38 yards.

Coach Mitchel stated that he noticed good blocking from Caleb Nixon, Michael Hill and Diego Barrera. Jeremy Ussery had another great interception.

"The Eagles made to many mental mistakes," Coach Mitchel stated. "Playing Junction this week we need to quit making these mistakes."

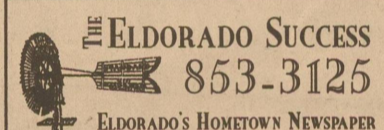


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The queen and her court — 2000 Homecoming Queen Vanessa Gonzales was joined by her court following halftime activities last Friday night. They are (L-R) Freshman duchess Clara Herrera, Sophomore duchess Christina Redish, Senior candidate Stacy Nicholson, Homecoming Queen Vanessa Gonzales, Senior candidate Kayla McCravey and Junior duchess Elibeth Montalvo.

8th grade Eagles tie Mason's 8th grade 20-20

The Eldorado 8th Grade Eagles coached by Dave Lewis had 159 rushing yards against Mason last Thursday, October 14, 2000. Mason scored 6 points during the first quarter and 8 points during the third quarter. The Eagles made two touchdowns during the third quarter, Justin Phillips ran 6 yards for a touchdown and Luis Hernandez ran 4 yards for a TD.

During the fourth quarter Justin Phillips ran in a 26 yard touchdown with Lance Roberts making a 2 point conversion to tie the score.

Bryce Leggett made 6 tackles; Luis Hernandez made 6 tackles and Joey Hernandez made 4 tackles.

Offensively Justin Phillips had 14 carries for 112 yard; Lance Roberts had 13 carries for 67 yards and Luis Hernandez had 9 carries for 32 yards.

Coach Lewis stated after the game, "The 8th grade team moved the ball well and never gave up. I am very proud of these young men."



photo by Randy Mankin
End of the line — Eldorado defenders Simon Duran and Juan Contreras teamed up to bring down this Mason runner as the 8th grade Eagles tied Mason's 8th grade 20-20 last Thursday in Eagle Stadium.

Eagles CC team places 2nd in Sonora meet

Sonora hosted its first ever Cross County Meet on Saturday, October 14 at the Sonora Golf Course. The Eagles boys team consisting of Sammy Cabrera, Daniel Mata, Buddy Greer, Pascual Esparza and Edward Elias placed 2nd overall with 67 points. Wall was 1st with 35 points.

Sammy Cabrera placed 1st individually with a time of 15:00. Both Mata and Greer also medaled, placing 7th and 10th, respectively. Mata had a time of 16:20, while Greer finished the circuit in 16:56. Esparza placed 34th in 18:21 and Elias was 42nd, at 19:13. Coach Ginger Cooper praised the boys for improving their times!

The Lady Eagles had only two runners participating. Placing 11th was Courtney Sauer with a time of 13:35. Clara Herrera finished 27th at 15:32.

Middle School runner Autumn Walton, a 7th grader placed, 62nd at 18:40.

The runners will have a week off to practice for District which will be held at Carlsbad on Monday, October 23rd.



photo by Kathy Mankin
1st Place — Sammy Cabrera placed 1st in the boys division of the Sonora Cross Country Meet last Saturday. He is shown here collecting his medal as he crossed the finish line with a time of 15:00.

Eagles JV loses to Mason 35-12

The Eldorado JV lost 35-12 to Mason on Thursday, October 14. The Eagles opened the game with a good kickoff return by Frankie Arispe who had several good returns on the evening. But, the Eagles could not move the ball and punted to the 2 yard line. Mason

broke a long run for a score to take the lead.

Frankie Arispe caught a pass from Trey Chavez at 5 yards for the Eagles only score of the first half.

The first half was back and forth and Mason held a 14-6 lead when the Puncers scored with 20 seconds left to go up 22-6 at halftime.

The Eagles scored early in the 2nd half on a 7 yard run by Chris Sanchez to make the score 22-14. Mason would do the remainder of the scoring to finish the game 35-12.

Coach Alan Gillespie noted, good efforts by some of his players. "Chris Sanchez ran well all night and Frankie Arispe recovered a fumble and returned it 35 yards. Phillip Martinez and Cole Wilkerson had good runs on reverses and counter-traps," Gillespie stated.

Frankie Arispe and Travis Lively both had pass interceptions in the game. Arispe, Scott Cawley and John Fay each caught passes for long gains that were called back due to penalties.

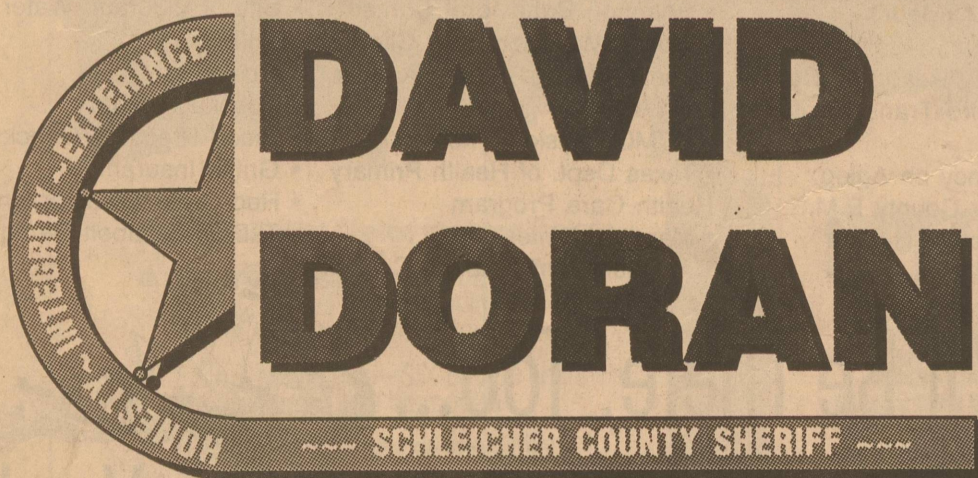
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Stricklan flying high in Air Force

Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene hosted Big Country Appreciation Day last weekend where family and friends met Eldorado native Melaine Stricklan. The plane to which Stricklan is assigned, the E-8C Joint Stars was a featured part of the air show attended by thousands of spectators.

Stricklan, a 1993 graduate of Eldorado High School, is the daughter of Rick and Lori Stricklan of Eldorado. She joined the Air Force in 1996 to fulfill her lifelong dream of flying. After enlisting, Stricklan completed her Basic Training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. More training followed at Shephard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls and Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi where she earned her wings.

While stationed at Keesler, Stricklan received communications training in preparation for assignment to the Air Force's AWACS aircraft. However, she, and a handful of others from her class, were chosen for assignment to the 93rd Air Control Wing on the crew of the newly activated E-8C Joint Stars plane at Robbins Air Force Base near Macon, Georgia. Stricklan's duty on the plane is that of Airborne Communication System Technician. Recently, Stricklan learned that she is being promoted from Sr. Airman to Staff Sergeant.

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High Flying Eldorado native — Staff Sergeant Select Melaine Stricklan posed above in the cockpit of the E-8C Joint Stars aircraft during an airshow at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene last weekend.

courtesy photos



livered to the Air Force in late 1996. Once assigned to the 93rd Air Control Wing, Stricklan was required to undergo yet another year of intense study to familiarize herself with the E-8C Joint Stars. Since that time, she has been instrumental in bringing the 93rd ACW into full operation for the Air Force.

Stricklan was a member of the first E-8C crew sent into an actual combat situation when her aircraft took part in Operation Allied Force, in Kosovo. She is now one of the most experienced Communication System Technicians (CSTs) in the Joint Stars program. Recently, Stricklan was chosen to become a flight instructor after only two years of service in the program. She is currently assigned to the 93rd Training Squadron

where she is responsible for training and qualification of all future CSTs joining the new wing.

Stricklan is in her second term of enlistment and she is elated about her promotion to Staff Sergeant. She states that she has been blessed and thoroughly enjoys being a part of the most technologically advanced surveillance aircraft in the world. She says it is an honor to have a direct hand in protecting the America's freedom while at the same time fulfilling her life-long dream.

Emergency Service Explorers receive awards

Emergency Service Explorer Post 33 chairman David R. Doran announced recently that members of the Post have received over 30 hours of Law Enforcement, Fire Fighting and Emergency Medical Training and have performed approximately 17 hours community

service since the Post began in February of this year. Doran, along with advisors Tim Vasquez, and T.J. Rodriguez presented the following Explorer Scouts with certificates of Accomplishment and a badge to be worn as part of their uniform: Lindsay Beach, Maria Hernandez, J.L.

Mankin, Kimberly Hight, Heather Homer, Suzanne Rojas, Lilly Vallejo and David Doran.

The Explorers then went into a law enforcement training session covering areas of the Code of Criminal Procedures. They also learned various handcuffing techniques.

1st Six Weeks Middle School Honor Roll

Fifth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jesse Barajas, Blake Chatham, Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Maria Contreras, Caleb Daniels, Tyler Dombroski, Erika Estrada, Lynley Glass, Matthew Hill, John Joiner, Ashley Lozano, David Ramirez, Jorge Sanchez, Clayton Sauer, Rhapsody Swyter, Kassandra Tyler, Tiawna Vannett.

Honor Roll: Selvia Aranda, Ashley Arispe, Jose Buitron, Leslie Cruz, Justin Garcia, Pedro Garcia, Amika Gonzalez, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Adriana Granados, Chelsey Hill, Joy Martinez, Roy Martinez, Samantha Martinez, Jorge Mada, Chelsey Pridemore, Michael Redish, Mi-Ki Romero, Liana Torres

Sixth Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Brittany Jennings,

Richard Jones, Kristin Mittel.

Honor Roll: Drew Bosmans, Russell Cathey, Alicia Corrales, Amy Doran, Candace Engdahl, Anakaren Esparza, Samuel Estrada, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Sandra Garza, Mariana Guzman, Tiffany Hernandez, William Higgins, Barryn Lane, Briley Leggett, Brittany MacDonald, Felipe Martinez, Abelardo Montalvo, Artie Montalvo, Rachel Rios, Paul Rios, Kimberly Samaniego, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Alexandra Taylor.

Seventh Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Charlotte Adame, Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Michael Hill, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Woreck, Frank Wipff.

Honor Roll: James Ballew, Coy

Cook, Josefina Diaz, William Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Angela Fuentes, Esperanza Fuentes, Micaela Gonzalez, Nester Hernandez, Maxie Holley, Brencce Minor, Heather Powell, Chelci Rodriguez, Alison Sproul, Autumn Walton.

Eighth Grade

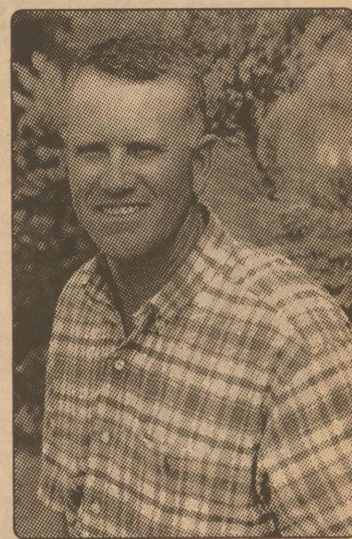
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Honor Roll: Sheryl Alexander, Laurie Almazan, Ryan Cathey, Brandie Cross, Brett Dacy, Ashley Doran, Eric Garcia, Betsy Green, Bryce Leggett, Ashton Murr, David Neal, Christopher Roberts, Jessica Robertson, Esequiel Robles, Selina Rojas, Britney Sellers.

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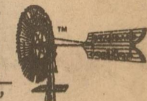
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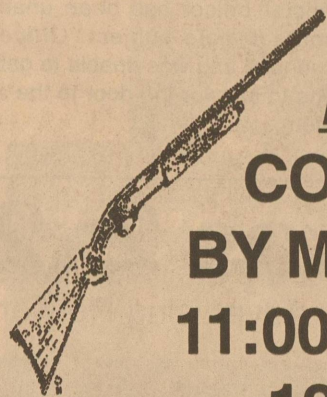
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Eldorado Woman's Club Monthly Report

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Women's Club met October 10, 2000 at 2:30 p.m. at the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Theme for this meeting was "Welcome our Sheriff". Vice president Pauline Burkhalter conducted our meeting in the absence of President Jo Callison. Pauline welcomed 15 members and four guests. The guests were Lerla Knox of Clay Center, Kansas, June and Crystal Porter of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and Louise Yates of Denver, Colorado, sister-in-laws and niece of Mary Roden. It was a pleasure to have these women as guests. Dorothy Harris then led in prayer,

and Penny Bland led in Pledges to the flags. Next our program leader introduced our great speaker Sheriff David Doran.

David gave a very informative talk about the varied duties and responsibilities of a law enforcement officer. Besides their usual duties of keeping law and order the department is also involved in several other worthwhile programs. Some of these are cooking for our Senior Citizens, Inmate Work Program, and Youth Programs. Taxpayers dollars are wisely used because the Inmate Work Program is in effect. The supervised inmates have performed many needed tasks. An outstanding example is the beautiful restoration work done at the courthouse courtroom. Sheriff Doran said the inmate work program helps the inmates both mentally and physically.

Other programs are The DARE Program and other youth participation programs. Beginning a Middle School age local youths can train as EMT's, fireman, or policeman. This training gives a young person the opportunity to find out at an early age if they would like to pursue a career in one of these fields. I personally know this program works as my grandson de-

cidated when he was a middle school student he wanted to be a fireman. Today he has a good job worth BLM where he uses his fire fighting and EMT skills he began learning many years ago.

Sheriff Doran also pointed out the departments help in House Watch vacation checks, questions pertaining to door salespeople, checking on strangers in the area, car jacking alerts and telephone call alerts to name a few. We enjoyed Sheriff Doran bringing us up-to-date on some of the worthwhile programs of our local law enforcement officers.

Our business meeting opened with vice president Pauline Burkhalter asking for reports from the Secretary and the treasurer. Charlene Edmiston then reported on our upcoming bake sale plans. She reported the bake sale has been set for Friday, December 8th. Beginning at 8:00 a.m. The place will be

the Dairy Mart. It was decided if anyone knows of a special baked goodie that's made by a club member you can call her to see if she will take a special order.

Our business meeting was followed by Roll Call, which was given by telling one thing about the President who was in office the day of your birth. Presidents mentioned were Woodrow Wilson, Warren G. Harding, Calvin Coolidge, Herbert Hoover, Franklin Roosevelt, and Jimmy Carter. Guest Crystal Porter was the young lady who was born during the Carter administration.

The meeting was closed with the Club Collect. Hostesses for this meetings social time were Charlene Edmiston, Pauline Burkhalter, and Noweita Briggs.

Our November 14th meeting will be a Thanksgiving Luncheon beginning at 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be at the Dairy Mart.

REPORTS

October 11 • 2:23 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to unlock vehicle. Officer was unable to unlock vehicle.

• 2:32 p.m. Complainant reported that their father had lost their wallet. Wallet had money and card.

October 12 • 4:45 a.m. Female complainant requested an officer because they had been in a fight. Officer responded.

• 6:45 a.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver 8 miles north on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

• 8:34 p.m. Complainant called 911 and reported a female subject had fainted and requested an ambulance. At 8:35 p.m. the same complainant call 911 and stated the subject was awake and would be taken to the Emergency Room by private vehicle. EMS 1 responded to the call which was cancelled.

• 10:04 p.m. Male complainant reported that they had been assaulted. Officer responded.

October 13 • 3:29 p.m. Complainant needed to speak to an officer about daughter.

• 11:15 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer to San Angelo.

October 14 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported two kids breaking beer bottles and laying them across Rudd Road 3 miles out. Officer responded to call.

• 4:02 p.m. Complainant reported someone crawling into an apartment window. Officer responded.

October 15

• 12:41 a.m. Complainant reported a black Angus bull loose 10 miles east on Hwy. 190. Officer responded.

• 6:51 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a female subject who possibly was having a stroke. Officer, EMS 1 and Air Med 1 all responded.

• 2:20 p.m. Tank battery on fire out on Hwy. 915, Poor Boy Lane. All fire department units responded.

• 5:13 p.m. Complainant reported a large black bull out in the highway 10 miles east. Officer responded.

• 6:08 p.m. Sonora Sheriff's Officer reported a light blue 1988 Buick 2 door occupied by 1 white male stole \$15.00 worth of gas. Officer responded and found subject trying to eat marijuana. Officer arrested male subject for possession of marijuana.

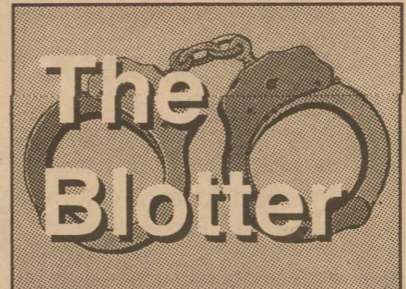
• 9:40 p.m. Complainant reported a black pickup driving recklessly in empty lot. Officers responded and arrested one male subject.

October 16 • 8:00 a.m. Complainant reported possible criminal mischief. Officer responded.

• 10:04 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 4:21 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a transfer to San Angelo. EMS 1 responded.

October 17 • 5:03 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to locate male subject that has a very important doctors visit on October 19th. Doctor officer has been unable to contact male subject. Officer responded and was unable to get anyone to answer the door to the apartment.



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

ARRESTS

October 12 • Martinez, Osvaldo H., male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Assault Class A. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

October 15 • Huffman, Kristopher Ryan, male age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Marijuana, Less Than 2 Ounces. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

• Barrett, Bryan Duane, male age 34, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While License Suspended and Reckless Driving. Released on (2) Surety Bonds.

October 17 • Martinez, J.J., male age 27, arrested by SC Officer, charge Motion To Revoke (DWI 2nd Offense). Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

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• The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and Continental Airlines and Southwest Airlines reached an agreement that will reduce the airlines' nitrogen oxide emissions by 75 percent at Houston's Bush Intercontinental and Hobby airports respectively. The agreement avoids the threat of an airline lawsuit to block the TNRCC's proposed clean air plan for Houston.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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The Plans and specifications will be available at the County Judge's office and the County Clerk's office, in the courthouse. Please submit a sealed envelope containing your bid to the Schleicher County Clerk on or before October 23, 2000. All bids will be opened at the regular Commissioners Court meeting, October 23, 2000, at 10:00 AM.

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District: San Angelo
Contract 0077-01-020 for SEAL COAT AND PAVEMENT MARKINGS in REAGAN County, etc. will be opened on November 10, 2000 at 1:00 pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a

project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available at reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 1684

State Office

Construction Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office (s)

San Angelo District
District Engineer
4502 Knickerbocker Rd
San Angelo, Texas 76904
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Notice to Bidders

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Schleicher County ISD
Loretta Edmiston
PO Box W
Eldorado, TX 76936
915-853-2514 EXT 225

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Schleicher County Medical Center will be receiving sealed bids for an emergency generator and electrical system upgrade on or before 2:00 p.m., Thursday, October 26, 2000 at Schleicher County Medical Center in Ann Cook's office at 400 W. Murchinson Ave., Eldorado, Texas 76936. Bids will be publicly opened and read out loud at the board meeting time and date to be determined. Architectural plans will be available after October 12, 2000 from Schleicher County Medical Center, 400 W. Murchinson Ave., Eldorado, TX 76936. Contact: Buddy Otto, (915) 853-2507.

The bid envelope must be marked ATTN: ANN COOK, BID FOR AN EMERGENCY GENERATOR AND ELECTRICAL SYSTEM UPGRADE TO SCHLEICHER COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER, in the lower left corner. Any bids not received on time will be returned unopened. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

A 5% bid bond for the acceptable bid must accompany each bid over \$50,000.00. A 100% payment and performance bond may be required by the successful bidder for bids over \$50,000.00. Both the bid bond and the payment bond shall be written by a Surety Company listed by the United States Department of the Treasury (Federal Register Circular 570) as an acceptable surety on Federal Bonds and shall hold a B+ or better rating by A.M. Best Co., Oldwick, N.J.

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For information you may call: Paul Rheinlander, Austin, TX (512) 255-8948.

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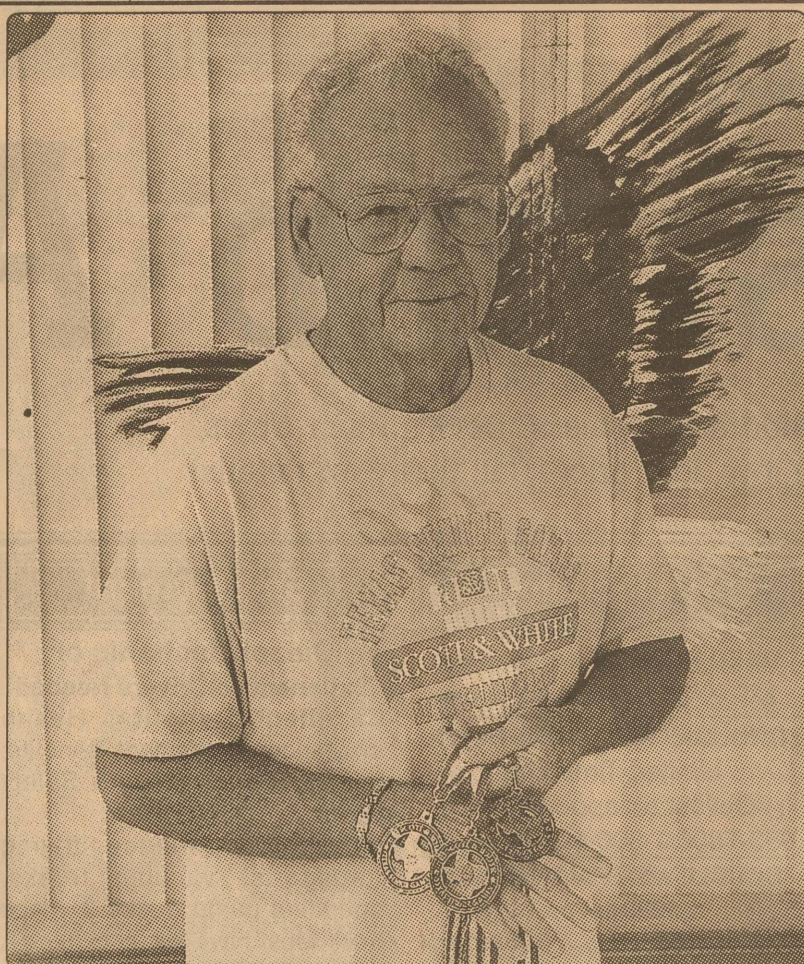


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Bringing Home the Gold — John Callison displayed the two Gold Medals and one Bronze Medal he won recently at the State Senior Games in Temple. This year's games were the third time 74 year old athlete has advanced to the State level.

Callison wins two Golds and a Bronze at State Sr. Games

John Callison of Eldorado won two gold medals and a bronze at the State Senior Games held in Temple October 2-8. He took the gold in Basketball Free Throw

Shooting and Basketball Around the World Shooting and won the bronze medal in Horseshoes.

Amazingly, the 74 year old Callison, underwent back surgery on May 22 of this year. That prevented him from competing at the Regional Games in San Angelo. A few weeks later, however, he traveled to Lubbock to compete in the Senior Sports Classic, the regional meet for the South Plains, in order to advance to the State Tourney for the third time.

More than 2,900 senior athletes were on hand for the games which were sponsored by Scott & White Hospital and the City of Temple.

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One killed in Mason wreck

Case Ranch loses 7 bulls in fiery crash

One man was dead and another remains in serious condition after a truck driven by Francisco Diederna, 45, of New Burg, New York, collided with a 1-ton flat bed pickup truck and trailer hauling 8 bulls from the Case Ranch in Schleicher County, on Friday, October 13, 2000. According to investigators, Diederna's truck turned in front of the flat-bed truck at the intersection of State Hwy. 29 and U.S. Hwy. 377, 5 miles west of Mason.

burning truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Diederna was employed by Anderson Trucking. He was hauling a load of empty bottles at the time of the wreck.

Billy Joe Haney, 76, former Sheriff of Menard County, drove the 1-ton Dodge pickup. He was hauling 8 bulls from the Case Ranch in Schleicher County to a sale in Fredericksburg. Haney was taken by Starflight helicopter to University Hospital in San Antonio, where he remains in serious condition. His passenger, Guillermo Lopez, 45, of Menard, was treated for head injuries and released from Heart of Texas Hospital in Brady.

Kevin and Melissa Stanford of Eldorado were among the first to arrive at the wreck scene. However, flames had already engulfed the cab of Diederna's truck and they were unable to rescue him. When another man at the scene could not contact the Mason County Sheriff's Department by cellular phone, the Stanfords phoned the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office, where the call was then made to Mason County officials.

Debris from the accident blocked clear access to the intersection for the remainder of the day. Workers continued to clear the charred wreckage as late as Monday, October 16.

Six of the Case Ranch's two-year old hereford bulls died in the wreck and fire. A seventh was destroyed at the scene.



photo by Gerry Gamel, Mason County News

Fiery Crash — A Mason County firefighter can be seen among the smoldering wreckage of a Freightliner truck and a 1-ton flat bed Dodge truck that had been hauling a trailer load of bulls from the Case Ranch in Schleicher County to a sale in Fredericksburg. One man died in the wreck, a second remains hospitalized in serious condition.

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Comptroller Rylander delivers sales tax rebates

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rebate of \$3,912.75. So far this year, the county has received \$57,851.53, an increase of 13.06 percent over last year's numbers.

Locally, the City of Eldorado received \$5,720.61, up 42.89 percent over the \$4,003.23 received in October, 1999. Year-to-date, the city has received \$68,655.84, up 17.02 percent over the same period last year.

The Schleicher County Health Services Tax netted \$5,703.82. That's an increase of 48.21 percent over the \$3,848.37 received in October of last year. Year-to-date, the Health Services Tax has brought in \$56,648.30, up 21.16 percent over the same period last year.

Schleicher County received \$5,723.32, which is 46.27 percent higher than October, 1999's

September sales tax rebates represent sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 10, and will be reported in the following edition of the Success.



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