Looking back on 2000, the first year of the new millenium







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New Year's fire claims apartment

An early morning fire tested the holiday readiness of local emergency services a few hours after midnight on New Year's Day. That's when a 9-1-1 call reported a fire in an apartment near the intersection of North Cottonwood and East Streets. The attic of the Housing Authority apartment, which was unoccupied at the time of the blaze, was fully involved when the first fire units arrived at the scene.

Two volunteer fire fighters suffered from smoke inhalation while battling the fire. The first, Shannon Corbell, was taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where she was treated and released. Sometime later, Albert Martinez, arrived in a private vehicle at SCMC, where he was evaluated and transferred by ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo. Several tenants of the apartment complex were also evaluated at SCMC for possible smoke inhalation.

Firefighters had to contend with heavy smoke, high winds and chilly temperatures as they fought the fire, which caused heavy damage to the apartment. Meanwhile, an adjacent apartment sustained smoke and water damage.



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65th annual Jr. Livestock and **Project show held**

The 65th annual Schleicher County Jr. Livestock & Project Show was held at the county exhibition building on January 6th-8th. Local youngsters competed with entries in Meat Goat, Steers, Heifers, Swine, Finewool Lambs, Crossbred Lambs and Medium Wool Lambs. Entries in the Food Show and Creative Arts Show were also judged. Kayla Kohls won the overall Showmanship Award and received a leather briefcase in recognition of the honor.

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tion to a peace officer. All three

are currently free on bail. Mr. Bark-

er and Mr. Ayala were released on

\$2,000.00 bond while Ms. Barker

was freed after posting a \$1,000.00

Reported in the Jan. 27, 2000

edition of the Eldorado Success

Hospital trustees opt for

management contract

Center may be under new manage-

ment soon, provided the district's

board of directors and representa-

tives of an Oklahoma based com-

pany can hammer out a contract in

the coming weeks. Andy Freeman

and Jerry Hulin, representing Pre-

ferred Management of Shawnee,

Oklahoma, met with the local hos-

pital board on Monday evening,

January 24, 2000. The company,

which successfully licensed the

first hospital in Texas under new

Medicare guidelines known as

"Critical Access," proposes to op-

erate Schleicher County Medical

Schleicher County Medical

charged with giving false informa-

surety bond.

by Pat Ragsdale



photo by Kathy Mankin

Reported in the Jan. 20, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

C of C names **Bradley & Parker** as Man & Woman of the year

Joella Parker was named Schleicher County Woman of the Year while Charlie Bradley was named Schleicher County Man of the Year at the annual Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and mixer held Monday night, January 17, in the Memorial Building. Parker and Bradley each received a plaque denoting the honor.

A certificate of appreciation Center under those same new was given to Paramedic Tim rules Vasquez of the Schleicher County Volunteer E.M.S., in recognition of his work with the local ambulance service. Mark Marshall was honored for his work with the first annual Forts Trail Festival. Stan Meador received a certificate in recognition of his efforts toward economic development and Ronnie Mittel was honored as a retiring Chamber of Commerce board member.

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Arson investigation nets three arrests

Three people were jailed last week in connection with an arson case which had been under investigation since the early morning hours of January 1, when a fire swept through an Eldorado Housing Authority apartment located at 811 East Street.

Pedro Wayne Barker, 18, his sister Amy Barker, 20, and John Ayala, 22, all of Eldorado were arrested Thursday, January 20 by Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe. The younger Barker was charged with arson while Ayala was charged with burglary of a habitation. Amy Barker was

Just a few words about a few words I hope not to hear in 2001

It was only a year ago that the world anxiously anticipated the arrival of the year 2000 or "Y2K" as it came to be known. In fact "Y2K" came to symbolize all sorts of threats to our well being as hundreds of so called experts offered gloomy predictions about worldwide computer crashes, electrical blackouts and food shortages.

"Y2K" again.

about another set of phrases... only a recount of votes quickly dephrases like dimpled chad, popular volved into a theater of the absurd. vote and canvassing board.

ceived a crash course in Florida would reveal even more absurdity. election procedures. With the law-

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28th Ruby Nell Farris, Dee Jay Garvin, Tracy Sellers, Abigail Ussery, Juan Sanchez 29th Cynthia Caldwell, Laura Hill Howard Ledbetter, Allison Reynolds

· 30th Chandra Wanoreck, Mary Farmer, Briley Ledbetter, Lori Jones, Elmer Garlitz, Holly Ford, Tip Finley

31st Gabriel Avila, Garrett Bownds, Lance Jones, Christy Robinson, Jack Dean, Larry Hamilton

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By the time it was over I was dits felt duty bound to explain evhoping never to hear the phrase ery legal nuance and to remind us that nothing like this has ever hap-This year, I feel much the same pened before. What at first was With each passing day we found For five weeks following the that the only certainty in the whole November 7 election, the nation remess was that the following day

yers haggling in the courts, TV pun- thank God! That's when the U.S. electoral college voted to make George W. Bush our new president. At last it's over...or is it really?

> I'm half expecting a Ryder truck filled with lawyers to descend on the Florida Supreme Court in Tallahassee and deliver yet another appeal, offer another series of motions, request yet another recount.

moil following the election have done to us all. It was much the same last year. After all the dire predictions about "Y2K" proved to of this planet. be wrong, the experts offered alternate theories. One speculated agree on a recount manual before that since 2000 was a leap year, we ever again attempt a manual the real "Y2K" problems wouldn't recount?

surface until Feb. 29th. Others offered similarly ludicrous predic-

Just as I was happy to see the end of the "Y2K" scare, I will be equally pleased to say farewell to this most recent controversy. So, I propose that we declare a one year moratorium on use of the following words that are so closely associated with the confusion:

Chad - Swinging, hanging, punctured, dimpled, pregnant or otherwise, let's see if we can get through a year of conversation without uttering this word.

Stylus - This is a word we can easily do without.

Exit Polls - If so many people It all finally ended last week, vote absentee, how can an exit poll be of any value?

Popular Vote - How can we possibly know who won the popular vote if, as some claim, we didn't count all the votes?

Florida Supreme Court - Until these folks can figure out how to pass muster with the nine justices in Washington, let's not bother referring to them.

Butterfly Ballot - Lottery tick-That's what the weeks of tur- ets & bingo cards...enough said.

Florida Election Expert - Surely by now it must be evident that there is no such animal of the face

Manual Recount - Shouldn't we

18 WWI and WWII battle

23 Before noon (abbr.)

27 Clothes squeezer

30 Get dressed up

33 Bunsen burners

36 Black-and-white

38 Atomic Energy

Commission (abbr.)

position of something

49 An area of open or

54 Military policeman

56 Ornamental shrub

61 Waterproof raincoat

Maritime Organization

32 Sea eagles

21 Righteousness

24 Expeditions

26 Liability

28 Nerved

seabird

41 Wigwam

44 The physical

46 Venture off the

forested country

58 Regurgitate

63 International

64 Animal exhibit

60 Song of praise

42 And so

beaten path

47 Sort

51 Lariats

(abbr.)

(abbr.)

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

50 Colorful Mexican

Normal practice shawls 52 Pixie 4 A flexible container 53 Shank

with a single opening Scholastic aptitude

10 Rehave 13 Subdue or restrain by affecting with a

ACROSS

(abbr.)

feeling of awe 15 Exclaim 16 Taro root dish

17 Capital of Zimbabwe

18 Grocery bag 19 Frosting 20 Gigabyte (abbr.)

21 Cheerleader's tool 22 Apiece

24 Position 27 Crybabies 29 Commingle

31 Hotshot 32 Religious hermit 34 Baltic or Beaufort

35 Person addicted to 37 7th letter of the Greek alphabet 39 Indefinite article

40 Mang for tuna 41 Dogma

used before a vowel

43 Adverb indicating to 9 small fry the same degree 45 Small cask 46 Class of fish

including sharks & rays 12 Bind 48 California nutmeg

55 Irritated 56 Black 57 Hydrants

59 Brewage 60 Hydrazoic acid (abbr.) 61 Cypriot monetary unit 62 Sympathize with

64 Fertilized cell 68 Also 69 Fringe-toed lizard genus 70 Lobster genus

71 System of measurement based on centimeters and grams and seconds

72 Greek goddess of the dawn 73 An immeasurably

long period of time 74 Metabolic rate (abbr.) Solfa syllable

2 Egg cell Preposition indicating for each An aggressive remark

Reverence Shrimp dish

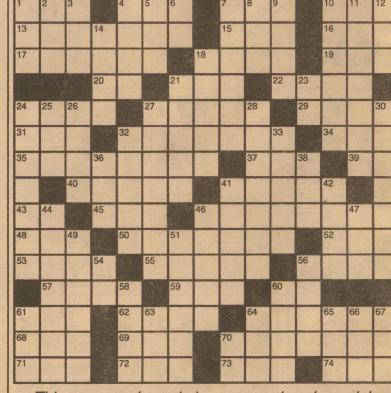
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11 Snail-shaped ear tube

65 Globe 66 Stomach 67 Erythrocyte

sedimentation rate (abbr.) 70 Not she

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Locals locked up to benefit Muscular Dystrophy Association

More than twenty local citizens volunteered last week to be 'locked up" for the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). During the day, Schleicher County Sheriff's officers transported the volunteers to a makeshift jail, located at the Memorial Building. As the "prisoners" fullfilled their sentences, they were allowed to telephone family, friends and co-workers in an attempt to solicit "bail money," which went directly to

Sheriff David Doran and his by David E. Hill posse helped out by serving war- Success Sportswriter rants and delivering prisoners to the 'jail' while Cactus Cafe provided the District 2-2A Championship at lunch for the "jailbirds."

\$5,650.00 for the charity

Reported in the Feb. 10, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Crawford arrested on livestock theft charges

Bobby Dwight Crawford, 46, of Mississippi, was arrested Monday in San Angelo on a two-year-old warrant from Schleicher County. Crawford was charged with theft of livestock and booked into the Tom Green County Jail. He was later released on \$10,000 bond.

The charges stem from an investigation conducted by Chief Deputy George Arispe and Cattle Ranger Jack Andrews in 1997. A grand jury indictment was handed down in the case on January 9, 1998. However, by that time, Crawford had already left the state.

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Clara Mae King Donaldson

Billy Dan McAngus

William E. "Bill" McAngus

Margie Lee Gates

NOT FORGOTTEN

In 2000 we lost many dear friends and loved ones. Obituaries for the following individuals appeared in the Success during the year.





Crawford, who operated Mesa Cattle Company, a cattle feedlot in southwest Schleicher County, allegedly sold some of the cattle left in his care at Producers Livestock Auction in San Angelo. Other cattle were moved onto ranches in Schleicher, Tom Green and Coke counties. When the livestock owners came to claim their cattle, they reportedly found that both Crawford and the livestock were gone.

> Reported in the Feb. 17, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Eagles claim District 2-2A championship

The Eldorado Eagles captured Eagle Gym on Tuesday night when In all, the effort raised they defeated the Junction Eagles 85-57. A quick look at the record books reveals this is the first championship since 1989 for the Eldora-

do boys. The Eagles finished loop

play with a record of 9-1 with the

Emil H. Brown

E.B. "Tot" McCown

Amelia Torres

John Holcak

Hazel McMurray McElreath

Margaret Ann Odstrcil

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Margaret Lee Isaacs Williams

Willie Blanche Johnson

Vickie Frances Kotsch LaPlante

F. Joe Reynolds

Mabel Ellis

Jose Sosa

Alfonso Rodriguez

Allen John "Jack" Hinton

photo by Kathy Mankin

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.

> Reported in the Mar. 9, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Hospital receives "Critical Access" designation

Schleicher County Medical Center became, last week, only the fourth hospital in Texas, and the first in this area, to earn a "Critical Access" designation. The news followed an inspection by Ron Starr, R.Ph., a surveyor with the Texas Department of Health. He gave the local hospital a clean bill of health and approved its application for the Critical Access designation

SCMC was one of the first in the nation to apply for admission into the Critical Access program after the federal government offered the program as a means of preserving rural hospitals.

Under the Critical Access program, SCMC will be reimbursed on a "cost basis" proportionally for the number of Medicare patients it treats.

Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained the program "If every patient admitted to the hospital happened to be a Medicare patient, then Medicare would reimburse 100 percent of the cost of operating the hospital," Fagan-Cook said. "If the number is 75 percent then Medicare reimburses 75 percent of our cost. It's a great deal for us."

Participation in the program requires SCMC to keep it's average patient stay in the hospital below 96 hours. Fagan-Cook emphasized, however, that the 96-hour limit is an average over an entire year. Currently, SCMC's average patient stay is less than 72 hours.

Reported in the Mar. 16, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Local voters cast primary ballots

Texas Governor George W Bush was the top vote-getter in Schleicher County Tuesday as 422 local voters turned out to cast ballots in the Democratic and Repub-

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Applesauce, Milk Thursday, January 4 Vegetable Beef Stew, Green Beans, Cornbread, Pear Half w/Cottage Cheese, Vanilla Pudding, Milk

Friday, January 5 Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Carrot Raisin Salad, Gelatin w/Fruit, Milk

lican Party primaries.

Bush's popularity seems to have brought several new voters to the Republican Primary which for the first time attracted more local votes than did the Democratic primary. In all, 241 voters cast Republican ballots while 181 voted in the Democratic primary. Neither ballot featured any locally contest races and there will be only three contested races in Schleicher County in November, two county commissioners races and the sheriff's race.



Reported in the Mar. 16, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

14 teams compete at Plateau Relays

Iraan won the varsity boys division of the Plateau Relays last Saturday while Wall won the girls division as Eagle stadium played host to 14 track teams. Among the teams competing this year were: Sonora, Junction, Ozona, Iraan, Wall, Grape Creek, Forsan, Reagan County, Ballinger, Winters, Rocksprings, Brackett, Colorado City and Eldorado.

Reported in the Mar. 16, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

County addresss health insurance issue

by Pat Ragsdale

Schleicher County Commissioner's voted unanimously Monday to pay the West Texas Rural County Association's health insurance pool \$40,824.00 in advance premiums in an effort to help the pool to pay current claims. Then, the court voted to call for bids from other insurance companies. Schleicher County was one of the original members of the pool but, as time has progressed, and growth of the pool has stabilized, the pool has not been able to build sufficient amount of reserve funds, it was explained.



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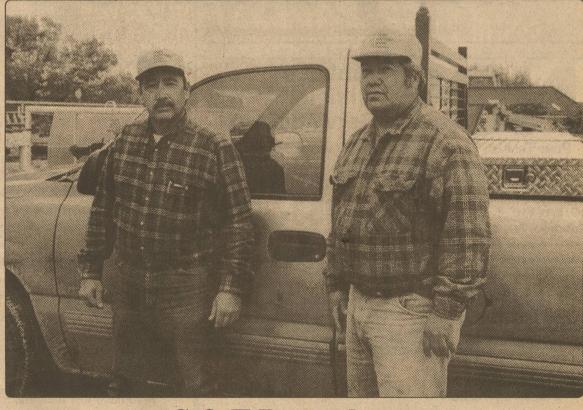
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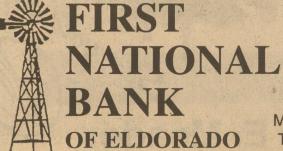
As lifetime residents of Eldorado and members of the local Catholic Church, Albert and Ester Torres and Heliodoro and Sylvia Sanchez considered no other options when choosing where they would have their family business.

Nineteen years ago, S & T started serving the oilfields of West Texas and now averages nine employees. It is truly a family business. Albert and Heliodoro not only own and run the company, but they can be found driving trucks when necessary. Ester and Sylvia, the real bosses, take care of the office and paper work.

When they do find some time off, Albert can be found on the golf course and Heliodoro will probably be fishing at Lake Amistad.

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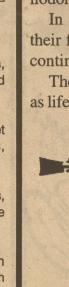


photo by Kathy Mankin Reported in the Mar. 30, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Land Commissioner Dewhurst puts Longhorn Pipeline on hold

AUSTIN-Texas Land Commissioner David Dewhurst announced last week he will not sign the necessary easements for the Longhorn Pipeline to become operational until he is satisfied that all federal health and safety standards have been met. The move effectively stalled progress on the pipeline which crosses the length of Schleicher County until further en- son. vironmental assessments are carried out.

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Quilting club sets up shop in Schleicher **County Museum**

Twenty excited quilters met for the first time at the Schleicher County Museum on Tuesday, April 4, 2000 to begin their first group quilting session. A whole-cloth quilt top belonging to Clara Mae Donaldson was put in the frame and the stitching began.

The first group of quilters are: Mary McGinnes, Clara Mae Donaldson, Peggy Grelle, Norma Lynn Mund, Ann Barker, Eloise Day, May Runge Kissko, Wanda Edmiston, Dorothy Clark, Bessie Causey, Dorothy Harris, Charlotte Wilha, Flora Hubble, Agnes Lozano, Louella Sauer, Princess Gruben, Charlene Edmiston, Janet Felver, Vernel McCalla, and Barbara Jack-

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being planned. The group is searchcan use needle threaders!



Reported in the Apr. 6, 2000

edition of the Eldorado Success Almost like Cinderella

Chief Deputy George Arispe was one of the officers involved in searching for a missing driver during the early morning hours of Friday, March 31, 2000, after a 1999 Chevy Lumina rolled 5.5 miles

Reported in the Apr. 27, 2000

Twister damages

barns on FM 2129

Late in the afternoon, on

Wednesday, April 19th, about an

hour after last week's edition of the

Success was finished, a line of

storms pushed through Schleicher

County dumping much needed rain

on some areas. With thunder rum-

bling ominously in the southwest,

we shut down the computers at the

newspaper office and hurried

home. That's when the phone

newsworthy," a woman's voice on

the phone said when I answered.

off my barn," she continued.

It was Jane Kosub.

"Kathy, I think this may be

"A tornado just blew the roof

by Kathy Mankin



George Spinks, industrial arts north of Eldorado on U.S. 277. Also teacher at Eldorado Middle School. joining in the search were Deputy The group will be quilting at the Eddie Rodriguez and several Fire Museum every Tuesday starting at Dept. and EMS volunteers. The 1:30 p.m with evening sessions also driver, Richard Sepeda Sosa, 17, of San Angelo was finally located two ing for a name and more interest- hours later by DPS Trooper Robed quilters. Come and join in, even ert Bybee, who noticed the man if think you cannot quilt...the group standing on the roadside. A shoe left at the scene of the accident, matched the single shoe Sosa was wearing, officer's said, identifying him as the vehicle's driver. Sosa was reportedly uninjured except for a few scrapes and bruises and "lots of stickers." He was cited by Deputy Eddie Rodriguez for "failing to give information and render aid" and for "failure to control speed."



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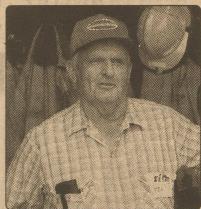


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Jones named Fireman of the Year at Hill **Country Firefighters** convention

Jerry Jones of Eldorado was named Fireman of the Year by the Hill Country Firefighter's Association convention in Eden last Saturday. Jones, who has served as Fire Chief of the Eldorado Volunsaid he was honored to be recognized by his fellow firefighters.

Chief, the local department has undergone an extensive modernization. Most recently, a new pumper truck was added to the department's inventory, after a lengthy lobbying effort, led by Jones, persuaded the four major taxing entities in the county to share the cost of the equipment. Through the years, numerous "grass trucks," utilized in fighting grass and brush fires, have also been added and upgraded. Most of those trucks were used military vehicles which were donated to the department by the Texas Forest Service.

Reported in the Apr. 20, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

City cuts ribbon, opens new landfill

The City of Eldorado's new landfill opened for business Monday after a ribbon cutting ceremony near the facility's gate house. Mayor John Nikolauk thanked a crowd of 35 well-wishers for attending before leading the ribbon cutting ceremony.

"A lot of people have worked on this project for a long, long time," Nikolauk said.

He noted that a number of current and former city council members had worked diligently on the project and offered them thanks on behalf of the city. Nikolauk also expressed his gratitude to all the city employees involved in the project. Specifically, he noted City Superintendent Jack Dean and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo.

Moments after the ribbon was teer Fire Department for 18 years, cut, garbage truck driver Guillermo Zuniga and landfill attendant Daniel Mejia took the first load of During Jones' tenure as Fire garbage into a pit behind the gatehouse and dumped it as the assembled crowd watched.

"This is a big day for us," Mayor Nikolauk commented after the ceremony. "It ensures that the citizens of Eldorado won't be at the mercy of a trucking company in the



photo by Kathy Mankin Other Eagles placing at the

Regional Track Meet included Samantha Smith, who placed 6th in

the 100 Meter Dash with a time of 12.95. Michael Mayo also placed in the Shot Put, finishing 5th with a

throw of 52-04.

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May 11, 2000 edition Mitchel had a triple.

had 1.

Reported in the May 4, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Eagles send 5 to State Track & Tennis Meets

Five EHS athletes will be competing in Austin next week at the UIL State Track and Tennis Meet, after placing 1st or 2nd at the Region 1-2A meets held in Abilene last weekend. Joey Bullard, will make his second trip to Austin in as many years after winning the Triple Jump competition with a leap of 45-00.75. Michael Mayo and Stacy Nicholson each earned their first trip to the State Meet, Mayo by winning the Discus with a throw of 156-8 and Nicholson by placing 2nd in the Shot Put with a distance of 40-04.

On the nearby tennis courts, Kim Jones and Kayla McCravey earned their second straight trip to the State Meet in Austin by defeating teammates Haley Edmiston and Gentry Newman in a playback to place 2nd in the Regional Meet. Edmiston and Newman finished with a 3rd Place bronze medal.

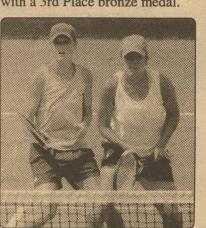


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edition of the Eldorado Success **TDH feuds with County** over Community **Resource** Center

Reported in the May 11, 2000

After years of battling to keep the doors of the Community Relearned that Jane had been in the (2), John Ray Espinosa, Asa Nix- source Center open, Schleicher barn at the time of the storm. As on (2), Manuel Hernandez. Will County found itself suddenly evicted from the facility this week. Miguel A. Escobedo, M.D., Regional Director of the Robledo had 2 RBI's, Mitchel Texas Department of Health (TDH) notified Schleicher Counbanged against her truck before les, and Manuel Hernandez each ty Judge Johnny Griffin by letter that the county's Resource Center coordinator, Patsy Kellogg, would no longer be allowed in the building.

At press time, the Success had been unable to contact Dr. Escobedo for comment on the matter.



courtesy photo

Reported in the May 18, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Oilfield accident claims life of Ozona workman

Sostenes, F. DeHoyos, 55, of Ozona, died Friday, May 12, 2000 after piping, connecting a gas well to two frac-tanks, blew out, striking the man in the head. Schleicher County Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle pronounced the man dead at the scene at 3:25 p.m.

According to investigators, DeHoyos was employed by Lilly Construction in Ozona. The company was reportedly working on a Texaco-McWhorter lease at the time of the accident.

A 4-inch "T" with reducing swages, a "bull plug" and a "hammer-union" coupling were found near the body. A crease in the crown of DeHoyos' white hard hat, indicated that he was wearing it at the time of the accident.

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the tornado lifted a large part of Robledo, Mitchel and Hernandez the barn's roof, and blew out one had doubles while Robledo and wall, Jane took shelter inside her pickup, where she watched as several tires, mounted on wheels, had 3, Casey Poynor Rocky Rob-

being scattered around the barn. The Kosub ranch is located on F.M. 2129, approximately 8 miles southwest of Eldorado. As the tornado moved away from the property, it left behind a trail of twisted sheet metal and splintered lumber.

The Kosub's barn wasn't the only structure damaged by the storm. Another barn, owned by W.F. Edmiston had suffered much the same fate only a few moments earlier. Fortunately, no one was injured in either incident.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Reported in the Apr. 27, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

District 2-2A Champs! Eagles nine defeat Ozona by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles won the District 2-2A baseball title for the second year in a row by defeating the Ozona Lions 11 to 7 on Tuesday night. Pitcher Manuel Hernandez went the distance for the Eagles and got the win.

Eldorado pounded out 14 hits and Ozona managed only 7. Leading the Eagles offensively with singles Lance Mitchel, Rocky Robles

State officials relent, county stays in **Community Resource** Center

by Pat Ragsdale

With Schleicher County poised to remove its office equipment from he Community Resource Center, ind with other state agencies ralying to the county's cause, Dr. Manuel A. Escobedo, regional diector of the Texas Department of Health (TDH), last week rescinded his order banning county employee Patsy Kellogg from the building. Mrs. Kellogg reported for getting back to normal.

to be changed at the Resource Center, he directed the removal of county owned equipment from the building. That prompted calls from several state agencies that current-

ly use the building. The various agencies wanted to know how they could operate in the building without furniture or other office equipment, Griffin said.



Reported in the May 25, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Forty-eight graduates receive EHS diplomas

Strains of "Pomp and Circumback for work on Monday morn-stance" filled the air Friday evening, ing and by Tuesday, things were May 19 as the Eldorado High School graduating class of 2000 filed Judge Griffin said that when into Eagle Gym for the final time. TDH personnel ordered the locks Forty-eight graduates received diplomas following a salutatory address by Hillary Lane Hodges and a valedictory address by Sarah Ash-

Among the graduates were:

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Ramon Adame, Robert Adame, Jr., Pedro Wayne Mejia Barker, Jackie A. Barrera, Jon K. Calcote, Sonia Covarrubiaz, D.J. Criswell, Marie Edmiston, Patrick Fuentes, Elisa-Beth Garza, Frank Garza, Barbara L. Gault, Gary Gibson, Kary Gibson, Kasey Ann Griffin, Maria Angelica Guzman, Lycynda Lyne Halbert, Maria de Jesus Hernandez, Hillary Lane Hodges, Ricky Huichapa, Kimberly C. Jones, Andie Kelley, Kayla Kohls, Kathryn Lauren Kosub, Cory Lloyd, Sarah Ashley Mankin, Jess D. Martin, Dee-Anna Arispe Martinez, Ernie Martinez, Michael Mayo, Griselda Medrano Lance Mitchel, Elisa Munoz, Larry Wayne Nicholson, Jr., Asa Nixon, Alana Oliver, Anthony Pina, Casey Allen Poynor, Evelyn Quintana, Jennah Leah Richters, Maria Judith Sanchez, Louis Santellano, Lynn Sloan, Sandra Torres, Steven Valero, Crystal Gail Vallejo, Mitch Wilkerson and Chad Williams.



Jun. 22, 2000 edition

Weekend rains soak much of Schleicher Co.

edition of the Eldorado Success

Thunder rumbled across the central portion of Schleicher County on Tuesday and early morning showers deposited as much as a half-inch of rain on an already soaked countryside. Only two days before, rainfall totals ranging from 5 to 12 inches were reported across the county when a slow moving cool front collided with warm gulf moisture over the re-

The tri-county area of Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett counties received the lion's share of the moisture. Forty-five miles to the north, the National Weather Service station at Mathis Field reported receiving only .80 of an inch.

Locally, the rain came as a welcome relief to the Schleicher County's farmers and ranchers. Clovis Olsak reported receiving 12 inches at his farm 5 miles southwest of Eldorado. Neighboring

9.25 inches, respectively.

their homeowner's insurance did open. not cover flood damage.

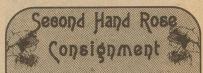
> Reported in the Jul. 6, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

SCMC's finances improve as neighbors contemplate closure

Schleicher County Hospital District closed out the first five months of 2000 with a positive cash flow, thanks in great part to the hospital being enrolled in the federal government's new Critical Access Program. Andy Freeman, a partner in Preferred Management, the company which oversees day-to-day operations of the district's hospital and nursing home, met with hospital trustees last Thursday to go over the numbers. It was explained that the district's revenues exceeded expenses by \$7,642.05 in May. Year to date, the district has posted a gain of \$60.510.98.

The good economic news comes as neighboring facilities contemplate closure. The hospi-

places belonging to De Lux and tal district in Sutton County has Ray Ballew received 11 inches and scheduled a public hearing tonight to discuss the possibility of clos-Meanwhile, several area resi- ing the nursing home there. Meandents, who found their homes in- while, Kimble County's hospital is undated with water, learned that also struggling to keep its doors



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Aug. 24, 2000 edition

Reported in the Aug. 24, 2000

edition of the Eldorado Success

Exemplary! SCISD and its three campuses earn state's top rating

chleicher County Independent School District (SCISD) and its three campuses, Eldorado High School, Eldorado Middle School and Eldorado Elementary, were each honored this week by the Texas Education Agency (TEA) with the agency's highest possible recognition, the coveted 'Exempla- by Kathy Mankin ry' rating as part of the state's ongoing accountability system. It is is changing ownership. On June 13, the first time since the accountabil- 2000 Janet Marlow, a retired teachity ratings were established in 1993 er from Mertzon, took over operathat the local district and its three tion of the motel. It isn't official, and won't be campuses have all earned the honor in the same year.

> Reported in the Aug. 31, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

City enacts Stage 1 drought plan perintendent of schools at Jim Hogg by Pat Ragsdale

The City of Eldorado adopted a state-mandated 'Drought Contingency Plan' on Monday evening, August 28. The plan consisting of six triggers which require six levels of response, was mandated by the state and had to be adopted before a Sept.1, 2000 deadline.

Mayor John Nikolauk noted that the plan's adoption automatically placed the city's water customers in Stage-1, which calls for voluntary water conservation.



Reported in the Jun. 15, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Shaw sells motel, bids farewell to Eldorado

After 37 years, Shaw's Motel

Edith Shaw and her sister, Christine Hodges will be leaving Eldorado to live in Granbury where they have relatives living nearby.

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Reported in the Aug. 3, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

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School board calls on

Blanch to lead SCISD

until the legally imposed twenty-

one day waiting period expires on

August 3, but Schleicher County

I.S.D. trustees have chosen a new

superintendent, George Blanch of

Hebbronville. Blanch served as su-

I.S.D. in Hebbronville for the last

two years. Before that, he was su-

perintendent of Sabinal I.S.D. for

two years, Motley County I.S.D.

for five years and Lueders-Avoca

I.S.D. for three years.

by Pat Ragsdale

San Angelo man hospitalized following highway construction zone collision

Roxanne Arispe, 26, of Eldorado was driving northbound on U.S. 277 last Thursday when she approached a highway construction zone approximately 13 miles north of town. Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) summer employee Anthony Leal, who was working as a flagman at the site, directed Arispe to stop and wait as southbound traffic was allowed to pass through the zone.

However, Joe Hudson, 43, of San Angelo, did not see the construction zone. His 1997 Chevrolet pickup struck the back end of Arispe's 1997 Ford pickup which at the time of the impact was at a complete stop.

Hudson was taken by AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo where he was hospitalized overnight. Arispe and her children were taken by ambulance to Schleicher County Medical Center where they were treated and released.

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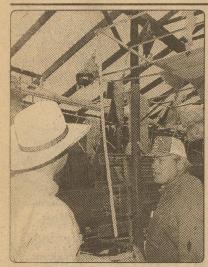


photo by Kathy Mankin

Reported in the Sept. 14, 2000

WIND! Much needed rainfall accompanies damaging wind

A line of thunderstorms pushed 4:00 p.m. Tuesday afternoon, bringthe storm pushed southward but the fires were short-lived as heavy rain quickly extinguished them.

South of Eldorado, Schleicher County ISD's exhibit building lost its roof as violent easterly winds peeled the sheet metal off the structure at about 4:25 p.m. Most of the metal was blown across U.S. Highway 277, coming to rest in and around Halbert Propane's

Jack Halbert, who was in his office at the time of the storm said that he was trying to close the office door when it blew open, sending him flying across the room. About then, a piece of lumber crashed through his office window and sheet metal from the Ag barn across the road began piling up just outside the building.

"It sounded like a freight train," Halbert said. "I just waited for it to blow over."

Jane Kosub, who watched a through Schleicher County about similar storm take the roof off of a barn at her family's ranch on April ing desperately needed rain to 19th of this year, witnessed this much of the area. Lightning trig- event, too. According to her husgered at least two grass fires as band, Jim Kosub, as she approached the Ag barn on U.S. 277, high winds blew the roof across the road in front of her.





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Medical Center.

X-ray and laboratory referrals are

being made to Schleicher County

Shannon to continue here in light

of the new HCFA ruling," Hospi-

stated. "We looked for ways

photo by Kathy Mankin

Reported in the Sept. 21, 2000

edition of the Eldorado Success

WTU office closed

Eldorado closed its doors on Sept.

15, 2000 and will no longer handle

ruary that the office would remain

open until Sept. 30, 2000, person-

nel changes have made it neces-

sary for us to discontinue taking

'walk-in' payments sooner than we

had originally planned," said Sharon

Tinsley, WTU area business man-

All local phone calls to the Eldorado office are being forwarded to the WTU customer service representatives who will handle requests for service connection or disconnection, account information,

outage reports or to answer other

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"While we announced in Feb-

"It just became impossible for



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Reported in the Sept. 21, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Medicare ruling forces end to SCMC contract with Shannon

The Schleicher County Hospi- tal Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook tal District and Shannon Medical Center have jointly consented to around the rule but there aren't end the 2½ year agreement, under any." which Shannon has operated the Schleicher County Family Clinic, located at the hospital. Both sides are saying that the move became necessary after a ruling by the Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA), the agency that administers the Medicare program. That ruling, which is slated to take effect on Oct. 10, 2000, requires that outpatient departments of hospital's such as Shannon send 75 percent of referrals back to the parent hospital. In the case of the local clinic, the bulk of the hospital,







Reported in the Sept. 28, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Head-on collision claims life of Ozona woman

An Ozona woman was killed last Thursday in a head-on collision with an Eldorado man on State Highway 163, eight miles north of Ozona.

Sue Burns, 60, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne, according to a report from the Department of Public Safety.

Merced Solis, 33, was transported to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo in critical condition. Early reports that he suffered a broken leg, have not been confirmed.

According to a DPS accident report, at around 5 p.m., Solis was driving north along the shoulder, on the wrong side of the road. Burns, driving a 2000 Chevrolet Suburban was headed south on 163 when she apparently saw Solis' vehicle and attempted to avoid the collision. The pickup then struck the suburban on the left front causing it to the ditch, the report stated.



Reported in the Sept. 28, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Lane shoots Hole-In-One

Barry Lane made a Hole-In One last Friday at the Eldorado Golf Course. He scored his ace on the first hole using a nine iron, The shot was witnessed by Tip Finley, Tommy Hunley and Tom Gray.

Barry is the new rural carrier for the Eldorado post office.



photo by Kathy Mankin

"Tough Enough To Care! Be There" was inscribed a plaque Vernell McCalla received during a luncheon recognizing Nursing Home Resident's Rights Week. The luncheon held on September 27, 2000 was sponsored by the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging. McCalla is a certified ombudsman who has given her time and love to the many Schleicher County Nursing Residents. She began serving in 1990 after return counterclockwise and roll into sponding to a plea from Governor

Reported in the Oct. 5, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Vernell McCalla

honored for 10 years as

an ombudsman by TDoA

Ann Richards for volunteers for this honorable service. She traveled to Austin to take the course to be certified. Time has change things for the better now the course is offer in San Angelo, Texas. Vernell was presented a plaque

from the Texas Department on Aging in Austin, recognizing her 10 years of commitment. She is one of the many certified volunteer ombudsmen who focus on the resident's right to be treated with dignity and to listen to the family concerns, resolve complaints or provide information and assistance.



Due to the holiday schedule at the Success office, there will be no Blotter in this week's issue. Please look for the Blotter to return in next week's edition.

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of John Daniel Atkins, Deceased, were issued on November 28, 2000, in Cause No. 74625, pending in Probate Court 1 of Travis County Texas. The resident and post office address of the Independent Executrix is 8403 Staunton Drive, Austin, Texas. All persons having claims against this Estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

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photo by Randy Mankin

Reported in the Oct. 19, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Blazing tank battery

scene at this tank battery fire Sunday, sprayed water on an adjoining lightning, occurred on Discovery and played in the rain. Operating Company's "Box A #1" lease. In all, four units responded to the scene and the fire was quickly extinguished with foam.

Reported in the Oct. 19, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

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 endure the low prices they are receiving for the sale of their shorn com-

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.



photo by Gerry Gamel, Mason County News

Reported in the Oct. 19, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

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. 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 Lozpez, 45, of Menard, was treated for head injuries and released from Heart of Texas Hospital in Brady.

Diederna, was trapped in his 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.

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Reported in the Oct. 26, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Mighty Eagle Band...a tradition of excellence

The Mighty Eagle Band took to the field under a glowering sky last Saturday to claim their 17th consecutive Division "1" rating at the Region VII Marching Contest in Brady's Bulldog Stadium.

The 94-member Eagle Band was the first to compete in the AA conference and turned in an near perfect performance as heavy rains approached the stadium from the southeast. Just as the band School where Athletic Director The first firefighters on the completed its three selections and exited the field to the cheers of Eagle Band fans, the sky opened tank to cool it down while awaiting and a two hour long downpour folfor other units to arrive. The fire, lowed, forcing the remaining sev- Place medals and the right to adbelieved to have been caused by en bands in the contest to march vance to the Regional Meet on



photo by Randy Mankin

Reported in the Oct. 26, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

School will replace damaged Ag building

SCISD trustees opted Monday evening to accept an insurance settlement of \$62,147.00 for wind damage to the school's agriculture exhibit barn and to invest that money in completely rebuilding the structure. The board was in general agreement to tear down the barn's remaining walls and roof structure and replace it with a larger (60 ft.X 75 ft.) single-span steel building. The board voted unaniat a future meeting.

In a related matter, the board agreed by consensus to give all the damaged sheet metal from the barn to the Eldorado Woolen Mill, a local non-profit corporation. County Agent Nancy Lester had offered a request on behalf of the Woolen Mill foundation.

> Reported in the Oct. 26, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

EHS C-Country teams advance to Regional

Eldorado High School's boys and girls Cross Country teams will each advance to Regional Cross Country meet in Lubbock, after a strong showing at the District 2-2A meet in Carlsbad on Monday, Oct. 23. The meet, held in the San Angelo State School Park was hosted by Grape Creek High

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Reported in the Nov. 9, 2000

Doug Kuhlmann presented 1st Place medals to the boys and girls teams from Wall. Eldorado's boys and girls teams each received 2nd

November 4.



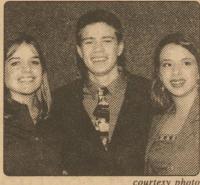
Reported in the Oct. 26, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Local youths claim 4-H **Gold Star Awards**

Three Eldorado 4-H members were among 37 youth honored October 30 during the annual District 7 4-H Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor.

Brittany Key, Kayla McCravey, mously to call for bids on the project and Dest Sudduth, all members of with final design approval to come the Schleicher County 4-H Club were joined by 34 other area 4-H club members at the ceremony.

The Gold Star Award is the highest honor given to a 4-H member on the county level by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service. Winners were picked by a local committee based on their personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and on activities and contributions made to the overall 4-H program.



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Doran, Mayo, Griffin win local races

As Election 2000 lingered into the early morning hours on the national level, here in Schleicher County the story was much the same as election workers toiled into the wee hours of the morning counting nearly 500 ballots cast in early voting. When the counting was done however, Republican Sheriff David Doran won re-election over Democratic challenger Joe Dombroski by 741 to 434 votes. In Precinct 1. Democratic County Commissioner Johnny Mayo defeated Republican challenger Ricky Fuessel by a vote of 198 to 59. Precinct 3 went to Democrat Kirk Griffin who polled 96 votes to Republican Ronnie Mittel's 94 in the race to replace incumbent Commissioner Steve Minor, who chose not to seek reelection.

> Reported in the Nov. 9, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Game Dinner held on courthouse square

by Pat Ragsdale

A crowd of 400-450 enthusiastic sportsmen and women gathered last Saturday on the Courthouse Square to enjoy the annual Eldorado Game Association Annual Dinner. Excitement grew as the draw-

ings for various sports related mer-pionship. chandise, including 42 rifles and shotguns began at approximately as the Eagles found the end zone 12:00 noon. Cloudy skies and a little on three occasions. Offensively, mud didn't dampen the spirit of those the Eagles moved the ball very in attendance. The dinner was relocated to the square due to the Ag Barn having been destroyed by high winds a couple of months ago.

Reported in the Nov. 23, 2000 edition of the Eldorado Success

Eagles maul McCamey 30-6 to win Bi-District championship

The Eldorado Eagles took on the McCamey Badgers last Friday night and came away with a 30-6 Bi-District win. Statistically the game appeared to be much closer than it was. However, Eldorado took full advantage of McCamey miscues and controlled the game from start to finish. The Eagles will travel to Coahoma tomorrow to take on the New Deal Lions tomorrow at 2 p.m. for the Area Cham-

The first half was all Eldorado well, both on the ground and through the air. Defensively, the Eagles contained an explosive Badger offense.





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Company contact for Pure Resources, L.P. is Laura Clepper, 915/

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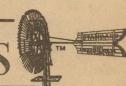


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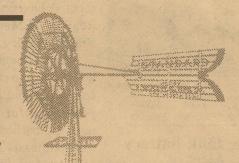
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Important issues addressed by the local governing bodies were reported in detail. Crime reports and arrests were outlined each week in "The Blotter".

Club activities were spotlighted and community gatherings promoted. Church functions were announced as were numerous charitable events.

The Success kept its readers up to date on Eldorado students attending college and regularly printed "Military News" to spotlight the whereabouts and accomplishments of our young men and women serving in the armed forces.

In short, the Eldorado Success covered Eldorado. It has been our pleasure and we look forward to doing it all over again in the year 2000!

Happy New Year!