

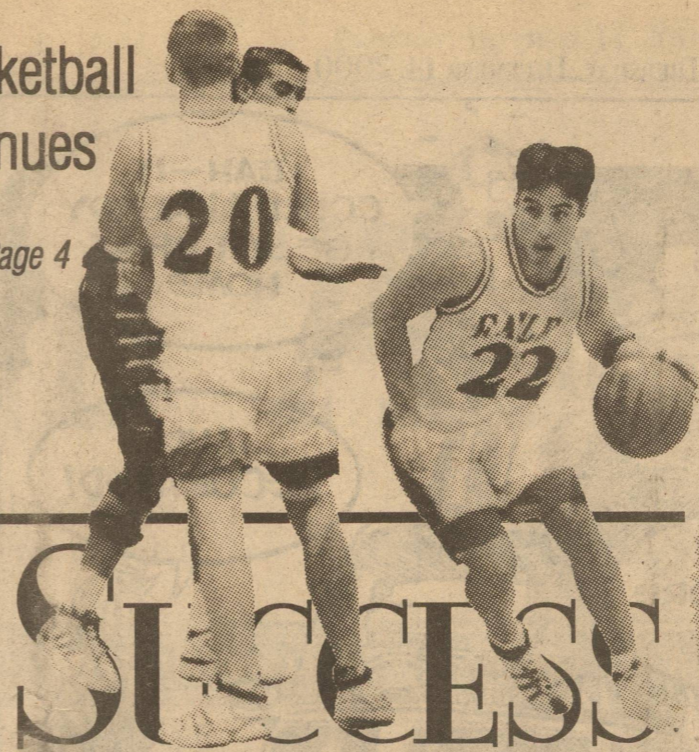
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City council receives audit, reviews landfill operation

by Pat Ragsdale

The Eldorado City Council met Monday evening, December 11, 2000 and, among other business, voted to approve the city's annual audit report, conducted by the accounting firm of Eckert, Ingram, Tinkler, Oliphant, Fetherston & Barr. City Administrator Randy Mankin distributed copies of the report and noted that auditor Calvin Featherston found no problems related to the city's accounts. The report was unanimously approved by the council.

Present for the meeting were Mayor John Nikolauk, Council members Sherry Lux, Richard Mendez, Tommy Minor, Eddie Rodriguez, and Robert Bybee. Council member Toni Sudduth was absent.

In other business, Mankin reported that the city had made application for grants at the Concho Valley Council of Governments on November 16th. He reported that the city's TCDP water improve-

ment grant application ranked 4th overall. The application now goes to the state for review but prospects for funding in the amount of \$174,500.00 look good for approval. Mankin reported that a solid waste grant application was increased from \$31,100.00 to \$58,090.00 when the city was notified that more grant money was available for distribution than originally applied for. At the present time this application appears to be eligible for full funding.

Mankin noted that the city had received information related to the National Flood Insurance Program which requires resolution prior to January 1. The council agreed to call a special meeting for December 18 for the purpose of submitting a resolution and an ordinance allowing the city's participation in the program.

Upon a motion by Robert Bybee, seconded by Richard Men-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

3-Car Accident — Javier Iglesias, 17, of Eldorado was taken by ambulance Sunday to Schleicher County Medical Center following this accident at the intersection of North Divide Street and West Fields Street. According to Chief Deputy George Arispe, who investigated the accident, the 16-year old driver of a 2001 Dodge pickup failed to yield right-of-way at the intersection and collided with Iglesias' 1995 Pontiac. A third vehicle, a 1994 Buick, driven by Dana Owens, suffered only minor damage. Iglesias was treated and released at SCMC.

Ho Ho Ho!
Santa Claus is coming to Eldorado!

Santa Claus will be stopping at the Gazebo on Main Street this Sunday to visit with Eldorado's boys and girls and listen to their Christmas wishes. He will be arriving at 3:30 and will stay until 6:00 when his sleigh departs for the North Pole!

F.Y.I.
 For Your Information

On This Date
 On this date in 1287 the Zuidere Zee seawall collapsed killing more than 50,000. In 1798 David Wilkinson of Rhode Island patented a nut & bolt manufacturing machine. In 1799 George Washington died at Mt Vernon VA, at 67. In 1863 Confederate troops repulsed a Union advance at the Battle of Bean's Station in Tennessee. In 1911 the South Pole was reached for the first time by Norwegian Roald Amundsen. In 1944 Congress established the title of General of the Army (5-star general). In 1946 UN General Assembly voted to establish its headquarters in New York City. In Birthdays of note include: 1503 French astrologer Nostradamus; 1546 astronomer Tycho Brahe; 1896 US general Jimmy Doolittle; 1908 comedian Morey Amsterdam; 1911 composer Spike Jones; 1922 "60 Minutes" creator/producer Don Hewitt; 1932 singer Charlie Rich; 1946 actress Patty Duke

Holiday Trivia
 The carol "Silent Night" was first sung as part of a church service in Oberndorf, Austria. The unusual choice of guitar for the accompaniment rather than the traditional church organ was simply a matter of personal preference on the part of the author, Joseph Mohr.
 In Guatemala, Christmas Day is celebrated on December 25 with children receiving gifts from the Christ Child. Adults, however, do not exchange gifts until New Year's Day.
 Good King Wenceslas was from Bohemia. Actually Wenceslas was only Duke of Bohemia, not a king. He lived in the tenth century.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Airborne ambulance — Lito Belman of Eldorado was taken aboard the AirMed-1 helicopter to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo Tuesday after he was injured in an oilfield accident. A pipe reportedly fell, striking Belman in the foot. After he arrived at Schleicher County Medical Center, Belman reportedly suffered chest pains.

Comptroller delivers sales tax rebates to City, County

Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander this week sent local governments their final sales tax rebates for 2000, including \$191.5 million to Texas cities and \$15.7 million to counties. December's rebates bring the total sales tax allocated to local taxing entities in 2000 to \$3.8 billion, a new one-year record for local sales tax revenue and an increase of 8 percent compared to \$3.5 billion in sales tax allocations in 1999.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$7,409.69 down 9.42 percent from the December payment last year of \$8,180.96. The city's year to date total is \$84,229.91, up 14 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date total was \$73,885.78.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$6,593.82,

up 11.68 percent from December, 1999's total of \$5,903.81. The year-to-date total for Schleicher County is \$71,685.05. That is up 16.65 percent from the \$61,448.49 received in 1999.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate for December was \$6,451.51, up 12.32 percent from December, 1999's total of \$5,743.53. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$70,041.81, up 23.31 percent from the \$56,799.31 delivered in 1999.

December sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in October and reported to the Comptroller in November. The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled for Friday, January 12, 2001 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

Commissioners court meets, discusses baseball fields & jail food bill

Schleicher County Commissioners played host to several school personnel Monday as the topic of the high school baseball program was taken up in Commissioners Court. Coach Randy Mitchel along with Coach Ronnie Molina and school Maintenance Superintendent John Kotsch were on hand to discuss the topic with the court. Softball coach Randy Mitchel told the group that she was hoping the court could help her understand the partnership arrangement the school has with the county concerning the new high school baseball field.

Judge Johnny Griffin explained that an agreement was reached with the school when the high school baseball program began. Simply stated, the school maintains

the field during baseball season with the fields reverting back to county control once the season is over. He also noted that the field is used only for baseball.

Discussion then turned to the possibility of allowing the field to remain idle through the summer so that Bermuda grass could be seeded. Also discussed was the possibility of sharing the cost of the seed and the softball team's need to replace the infield of the softball field with red clay and lava rock.

Judge Griffin restated the county's understanding of the agreement with the school, noting that the field is the school's responsibility during baseball season. He did not bring the question of sharing the cost for the seeding before the court, however, since two commissioners

were absent. On hand for the meeting were commissioners Ross Whitten and Bill Clark. Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Steve Minor were absent.

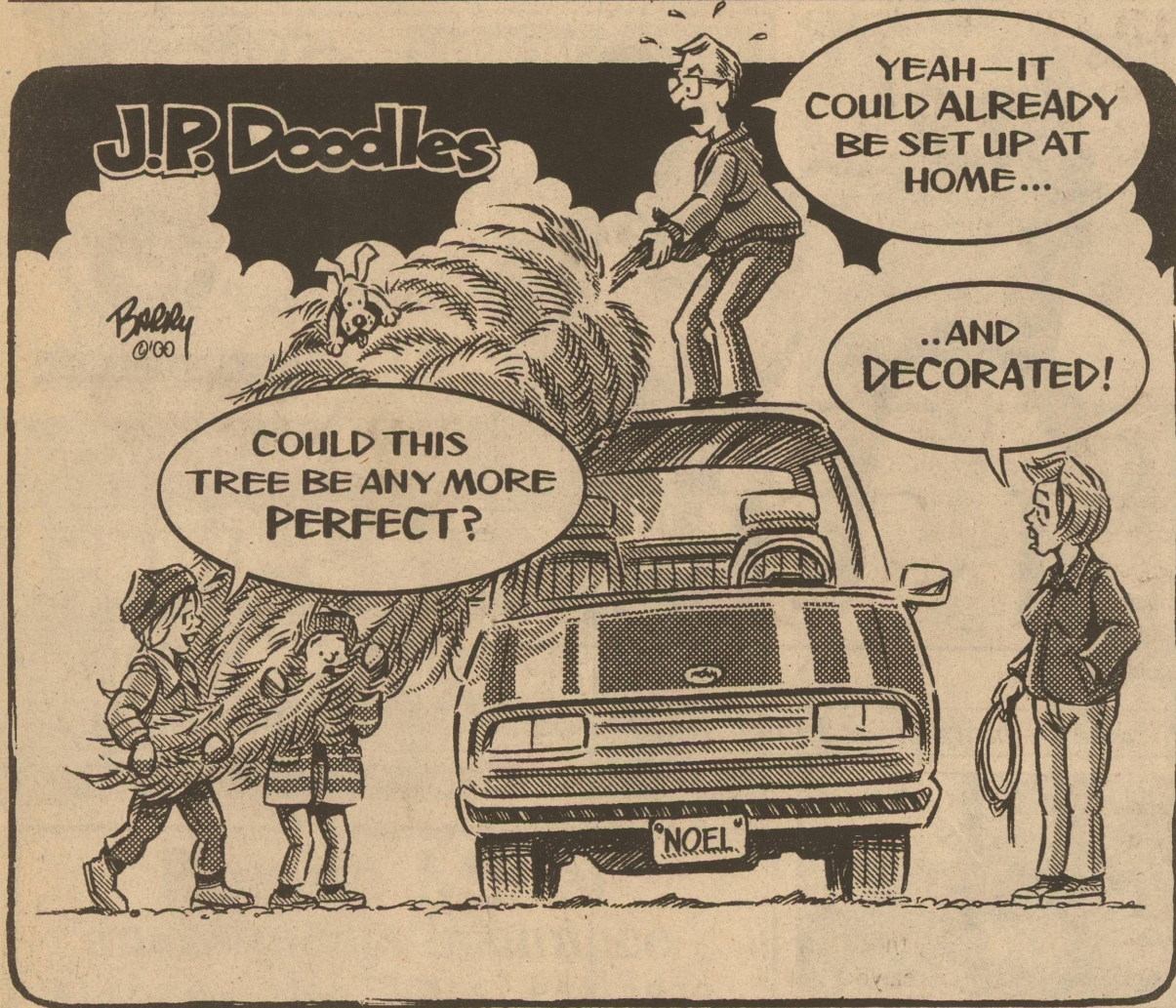
Chief Deputy George Arispe came before the court to ask that the county match \$1,687.00 in grant funds that the Sheriff's Department had recently received from the Concho Valley Council of Governments (CVCOG) for an upgrade of the department's radio tower. It was noted that the CVCOG already approved a \$6,250.00 grant for the department and that the county had budgeted the matching funds necessary to receive the grant. Judge Griffin explained that CVCOG tries to spread the money equally

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photo by Randy Mankin

Clean Sweep — Barbara Brown (2nd from left), an education specialist with Education Service Center Region XV in San Angelo, came to Schleicher County last week to present certificates to SCISD Superintendent George Blanch and Principals Julie Griffin, Ken Newman and Bob Wanoreck, in recognition of the four Exemplary ratings the school district and campuses received from the Texas Education Agency this year.



Okay, I suppose the time has finally come for me to concede



OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

About 30 years ago, I was involved in one of the closest and hardest fought contests in my life. No, it wasn't an election, but a high school football game between the Anson Tigers and the Hamlin Pied Pipers. Going into that game my team, the Tigers, was a 20-point underdog. But, with a minute left to play, we found ourselves behind by only four points when Gary Bouton recovered a fumble, giving us the ball deep in Hamlin territory. From there, we drove the ball to the 1-yard line, where, with time running out, we lined up for one final play.

The play was a simple one. Our halfback, Mack Rye, would follow the fullback into the hole between the right guard and tackle. I was the right tackle.

As we lined up for the play,

Hamlin's defensive linemen shifted to the left and their linebackers and safeties came up to plug the gaps.

That's OK, I thought, I'll pinch him to the inside, the fullback can hit the linebacker and the Mack can follow him into the endzone.

But, when the ball was snapped, the defensive linemen all stunted to the right, my pinch block turned into a head-on collision. A split second later I felt the fullback crash into my left side as he drove me, and the Hamlin defender off our feet and into the endzone. That left the halfback nose to nose with Hamlin's outside linebacker, who had stunted directly into the path of the play.

As I collapsed under a pile of bodies near the goal line, I was just able to see the nose of the ball cross the stripe before Mack was driven backward by Hamlin's linebacker and safety. But, before I could even begin to celebrate, the side judge came running in, pointing at the ground a few inches shy of the goal.

I couldn't believe it. He was

calling the ball down and I had clearly seen it cross the goal line. About that time the horn sounded ending the game...and any chance we had of making the playoffs.

It wasn't fair, I told myself. We had been cheated, I was convinced. After all, we had notched up more total yards and more first downs than Hamlin. We had more running yards, more passing yards, fewer turnovers and fewer penalties. Clearly we had won the game. Still, the score board showed a different result.

Through the years, I have replayed that game in my mind dozens of times. If only I had reacted sooner to the shift in Hamlin's defensive line...If only the fullback had noticed the shift...If only the referee had seen, as I did, that the ball crossed the goal line.

Now, some three decades later, it occurs to me that the game, which had seemed so crucial to me at the time, wasn't really all that important in the grand scheme of things. And...maybe, just maybe, I had been wrong about seeing the ball cross the stripe.

So it is that I have come to the conclusion that it is in the best interest of the country for me to concede that football game to Hamlin. I do this in the hope that players and fans on both sides of the ball can have some closure.

There, I've done it. Maybe now the people in Hamlin can finally celebrate their victory.

A little humor to soften electoral discontent

AUSTIN — Still not knowing a month after the elections whether Texas will get a new governor and lieutenant governor, not much is going on in the halls of state government other than the hiring of staff, monitoring prefiled bills and following the daily news from Florida. And relishing a little humor, even if some of the jokes are a bit worn.

With the opening gavel of the 77th Legislature barely a month away, here are four tried and true legislative jokes to help you through the winter of our electoral discontent:

- The Legislature meets every

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



two years for 140 days. Some say it should be every 140 years for two days.

- Legislation is like a Russian novel: Long, tedious, and in the end, everyone dies.
- There are two things you never want to see being produced: Sausage and legislation.
- Finally, an editorial comment supposedly made by an Austin newspaper when the Legislature

came to town during Reconstruction, in the early 1870s: "No man, woman, child or civil liberty is safe when the Legislature is in session."

Texas' Constitution has been around since Feb. 15, 1876, and we're still adding amendments. At last count, the amendment tally is upwards of 370.

Among the scores of bills prefiled so far, one that should appeal to most Texans who like the great outdoors: Rep. Barry Telford's House Joint Resolution 14. The bill would allow Texans to vote on a constitutional amendment that would make hunting and fishing a guaranteed constitutional right.

Telford, a Democrat from DeKalb, said the proposed amend is intended to protect Texans who enjoy hunting and fishing from disapproving animal rights groups. Voters in North Dakota and Virginia have passed similar right-to-hunt amendments

Nearly \$50 million in matching grants has been awarded by the Texas Historical Commission's Texas Historic Courthouse Preservation Program to dozens of Texas counties for restoration of their historic courthouses.

So far, 44 courthouse projects have been funded, with work under way or planned all across Texas, from counties and courthouses as diverse as Jeff Davis and Williamson counties to Cameron and Denton counties. Project coordinator is Dan Utley with the THC's Architecture Division.

One county that will get help is

Newton where its historic courthouse was gutted by fire in August.

But the THC said much more work remains to be done in other counties. Numerous other historic Texas courthouses are in desperate need of restoration, according to the agency. Because of that, THC will be seeking funding in the coming session for additional projects.

For more information on Texas' historic courthouses, check out the THC website:

www.thc.state.tx.us.



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Star on Gail Mountain

You can see it from fifteen miles away. It appears as just a light above the horizon at first, but as you get closer you begin to see it is a star. And you smile. This is the seventh year that the star has shined over the small community of Gail, the county seat of Borden County. The star is lighted the day after Thanksgiving.

"Everybody gathers at the courthouse about five o'clock in the afternoon," says Verna Adcock, publisher of the local newspaper. "There's singing and refreshments and everything is decorated. Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus talk to children. Then about seven o'clock the star is turned on and we stand around and sing Christmas carols. It's exciting and fun because so many people come here for the lighting of the star. It's kind of a homecoming."

County Commissioner Buck Lemons has an old tractor that he brings to town. "It's all lighted up and pulls a trailer with hay on it and people take hay rides around the courthouse square."

The Star on the mountain is maintained by contributions. People can either buy a sponsorship or bulb in memory of someone. The names of the sponsors and the people being remembered are printed in the paper. The star remains lighted 24 hours a day until January first. It's also lighted at Easter.

Sarah Sharp and her husband Ross arrange many activities around the star. Seven years ago, some friends of theirs saw a lighted star in El Paso and told them it would be great to have a star on

Gail mountain. Ross, an electrician at the school, talked to the electric company and made sure they could get power to the site. Concrete people from Post came down and poured a slab to stabilize the base of the star.

Ross designed the star on his computer and bought the steel tubing to build it. "We laid that thing out in my back yard and welded it together. We built it in three pieces so we could haul it up that steep, mountain road on a trailer. We put it together once we got it up on the mountain."

The star is twenty feet across, twenty feet tall and has 742 light bulbs. "Every year, little kids and adults have to climb that mountain to replace bulbs," says Sarah. "Sometimes there's as many as 600 that have burned out or have been damaged by hail or cows. It's really a community effort."

Extremely high winds have blown down the star twice. The mountain, owned by Delmo and Martha Pearce, is 300 feet higher than the land below. "A lot of people tell us they get the Christmas spirit when they see the star," says Sarah.

Ross says the first thing he does every morning is look at the star through his kitchen window. "On cold, foggy, wintry mornings when the sun really doesn't shine, the star gives off a real warm glow. It really kinda warms your heart. I get goose bumps just thinkin' about it. It's just really special to us."

People from nearby communities drive to Gail to see the star. They think if the star is bright, everything's all right.

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5 reasons to give more Christmas gifts... "Cookies in a Jar" recipes

If your Christmas shopping list is growing out of control, simplify your life with this great gift idea: give "Cookies in a Jar." Avoid the crowds at the mall. Just buy the necessary ingredients during your regular grocery shopping trip. Then fill quart-sized jars with pretty layers of the ingredients. Clear off the kitchen table and fill as many jars as you need assembly line-fashion. (Make plenty and you'll be ready for any last minute gift needs.) Add a colorful cloth and ribbon — and perhaps a Christmas ornament — to each jar, plus a card with the simple baking instructions, and you're set. No additional wrapping is necessary, so in one evening, you may have all your Christmas preparations for your friends completed.

"Cookies in a Jar" make the perfect gift for friends, neighbors, co-workers, party hosts and hostesses, teachers, bus drivers, coaches and pastors. The recipient adds butter, an egg, and vanilla to complete the cookies. Once you've tasted how rich and chewy these delicious cookies are, you'll want to share them with everyone.

Margi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand Biscuit and Baking Mix, says "Cookies In a Jar" make wonderful bar cookies too. Simply press the dough into an 8-inch square baking pan and bake for about 20 minutes.

Instead of having a cookie exchange in your neighborhood this year, have a "Cookies in a Jar" assembly party. Ask each person to contribute an ingredient: chocolate chips, toasted nuts, or a bag of brown sugar, for example. Then serve coffee and a variety of already-baked cookies to inspire your friends as

they create their own gift jars. The folks at Pioneer, have developed five different "Cookies in a Jar" recipes for your use.

#1 Holiday Hazelnut Cookies in a Jar

1 cup chopped hazelnuts, toasted; 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix; 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix.

#2 Chocolate Lover's Cookies in a Jar

1/3 cup milk chocolate chips; 1/3 cup "white chocolate" or vanilla milk chips; 1/3 cup semisweet chocolate chips; 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix; 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

#3 Hustle-Bustle Butterscotch - Oatmeal Cookies in a Jar

1/2 cup butterscotch chips; 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar; 1 cup old-fashioned oats; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix; 1/2 cup packed light brown

sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix.

#4 Outrageous Oatmeal - Raisin Cookies in a Jar

1/3 cup raisins; 1/3 cup chopped walnuts, toasted; 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar; 1 cup old-fashioned oats; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix; 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

#5 "Crazy for Craisins" Cookies in a Jar

2/3 cup sweetened dried cranberries (Craisins); 1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted; 1/2 cup packed dark brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix; 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar; 1 cup Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix

Instructions for layering ingredients in the jars:

In 1-quart wide-mouth glass jar, gently layer and pack ingredients in the order listed. If there is any space left after adding the last ingredient, add more baking chips, dried fruits or nuts to fill the jar.

Place lid on top. Cut an 8-inch circle of fabric to cover lid. Place fabric over lid; secure in place with a rubber band, then ribbon or raffia. Decorate as desired.

Make a gift card to attach as follows:

Empty contents of jar into medium bowl. Stir in 1 stick butter or margarine, melted; 1 large egg; and 1 teaspoon vanilla until well combined. Shape into 1-inch balls. Place on baking sheets coated with cooking spray. Bake at 375° for 10 to 12 minutes or until cookies are light golden brown. Makes 2 1/2 dozen cookies.

Helpful hints:

- When measuring biscuit and baking mix, gently spoon mix into nested (dry) measuring cup. Use a metal spatula or straight-edged knife to level off the top.
- After measuring the brown sugar, crumble it between your fingers for uniform texture. Pack the brown sugar firmly in the jar to prevent the baking mix from sifting down through it.
- You can prepare the jars up to a month before Christmas. The ingredients will stay fresh tightly sealed in these decorative jars.
- To make the fabric decoration puffy, place one or more layers of fabric stuffing on top of the metal lid. Then place decorative fabric over the top.
- Visit the Pioneer Brand Web site at: www.pioneerbrands.com for more information.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Y'all, it's as easy as 1-2-3 — County Agent Nancy Lester (R) explained to a group of local women the ease with which cookies in a jar may be made.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor,

I am pleased to announce that the Salvation Army's local fundraising effort is well underway and generous patrons have already contributed more than \$200 to the cause. I would like to take this opportunity to remind the public that all proceeds collected from the drive will benefit the local Salvation Army post as well as the headquarters, which is located in Dallas.

The annual Christmas fundraising effort helps ensure that our local post stays in operation throughout the year. Your generous donation will go toward providing much needed services in our community, as well as the surrounding area.

I encourage each of your

readers to take the time to find one of the donation boxes at the following local businesses: Texaco Star Stop, Shot's, Eagle Dairy Mart, West Texas Lumber and Casa Arispe.

Thank You for your support!

David R Doran, Chairman
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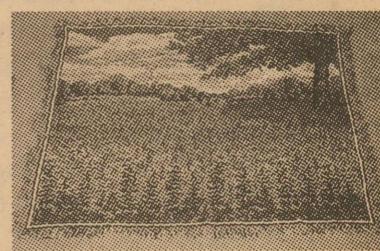
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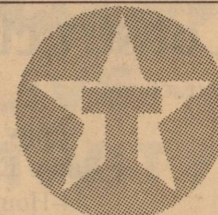
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Eagles b'ball team catching up after extended football season

by Coach Alan Gillespie

After just one practice the Eldorado Boy's basketball team played at home against Rocksprings on November 28, 2000. Eldorado came out on top 79-51. All of the Eagles players scored in the game. Joey Bullard-16, Wesley Jones-7, Jason Brock-8, William Robledo-5, Johnny Herrera-5,

Tony Fay-9, Thomas Ballew-2, Ramon Barajas-3, Benji Gonzales-14; and Jeff Stafford -10.

The Eagles had one more practice before traveling to play in the Ballinger Tournament. Eldorado drew 14th ranked Jim Ned first and lost 80-44. Scoring for the Eagles were Joey Bullard-5, Wesley Jones-5, Jason Brock-2, Will-

iam Robledo-4, Johnny Herrera-2, Tony Fay-5, Thomas Ballew-6, Ramon Barajas-8, and Benji Gonzales-2.

The Eagles headed into the consolation side of the bracket at the Ballinger Tournament and defeated Brady 88-51. Scoring were: Joey Bullard-16, Wesley Jones-2, Jason Brock-4, William Robledo-23 (5 of 6 3 pointers), Johnny Herrera-8, Tony Fay-2, Thomas Ballew-2, Ramon Barajas-10, Benji Gonzales-7, and Jeff Stafford-9.

The Eagles went on the defeat Menard 82-59. Scoring for the Eagles were: Joey Bullard-21, Wesley Jones-4, Jason Brock-6, William Robledo-7, Johnny Herrera-12, Tony Fay-6, Thomas Ballew-11, Ramon Barajas-7, Benji Gonzales-4, Jeff Stafford-4.

Eldorado went on to the consolation final on Saturday, December 2, 2000 against Wall. Joey Bullard had several steals, several rebounds, two three pointers and two pointers in the 1st quarter before leaving with an ankle injury. The Eagles had a 25-16 lead in the 1st quarter but lost by a score of 73-61. Scoring were: Joey Bullard-10, Wesley Jones-2, Jason Brock-14, William Robledo-6, Johnny Herrera-13, Tony Fay-2, Ramon Barajas-4, Benji Gonzales-7 and Jeff Stafford-2.

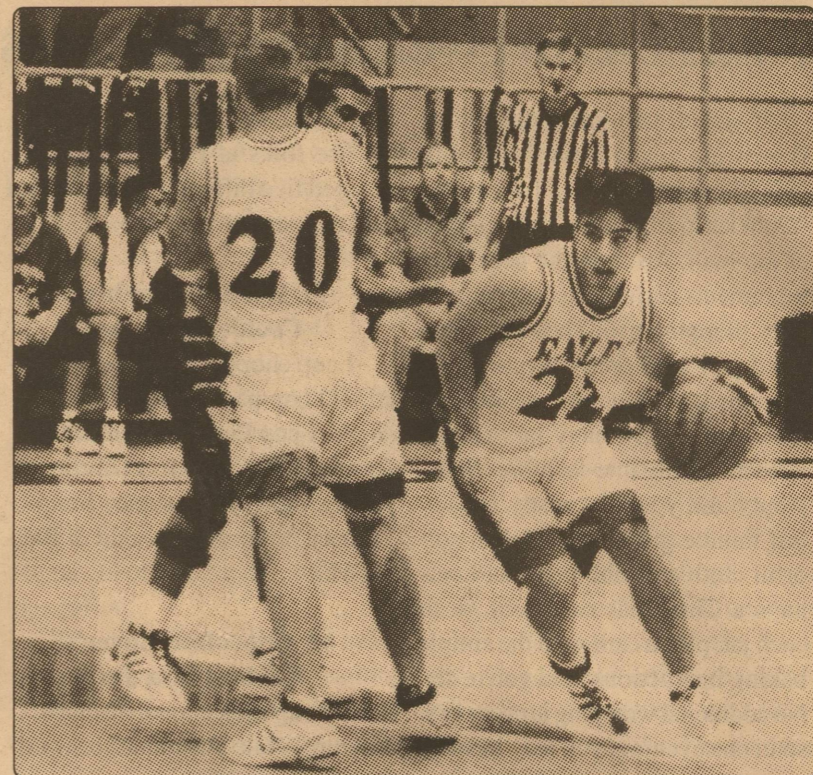
The Eagles finally got in a third practice and came back home to host Reagan County on December 5, 2000. Eldorado utilized a lot of pressure to build a 15 point lead but the Owls came back to tie the game. The game would go to double overtime before the Eagles would prevail 82-81. Joey Bullard is out for 1 to 2 weeks due to the ankle injury. Scoring in this game were: Wesley Jones-10, Jason Brock-14, William Robledo-16, Johnny Herrera-8, Tony Fay-10, Thomas Ballew-3, Ramon Barajas-5, Benji Gonzales-10 and Jeff Stafford-6.

les-10 and Jeff Stafford-6.

The Eldorado Boy's basketball team participated in the Ozona tournament December 7-9. They lost to Rocksprings in the first game 59-53. Joey Bullard still did not play due to his ankle injury. Scoring for the Eagles: Wesley Jones-5, Jason Brock-3, William Robledo-6, Johnny Herrera-6, Tony Fay-10, Thomas Ballew-4, Ramon Barajas-2, Benji Gonzales-11, Jeff Stafford-2.

Eldorado dropped the 2nd game to a good 3A team in Brownfield 84-57. Scoring for the Eagles: Wesley Jones-2, Jason Brock-6, William Robledo-6, Johnny Herrera-2, Tony Fay-8, Ramon Barajas-19, Benji Gonzales-7, and Jeff Stafford-6.

William Robledo was named to the All-Tournament team in Ozona.



Going to the hoop — William Robledo drove to the basket behind a pick by Jason Brock as the Eagles defeated Reagan County 82-81 in double overtime. Later that week, Robledo was later named to the All-Tournament Team at the Ozona Tournament.

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Varsity Girls

November 28, 2000

Eldorado 09-17-12-21=59
Rocksprings 04-11-03-06=24

Leigh Ann Neal-6, Gentry Newman -8, Meg Poynor-5, Tabitha Lloyd-9, Christina Redish-5, Kayla McCravery-5, Vanessa Gonzalez-6, Mitzi Sessom-5, Stacy Nicholson-9. 3-point goals: Christina Reddish (1), Kayla McCravery (1).

Varsity Girls

Ballinger Tournament
November 30, 2000

Eldorado 12-09-14-12=41
Sonora 12-12-07-12=44

Christina Redish-18, Stacy Nicholson-15, Vanessa Gonzalez-4, Kayla McCravery-3 and Megan Poynor-2.

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Ballinger Tournament
December 1, 2000

Eldorado 13-17-15-17=62
Bronte 07-10-04-08=29

Stacy Nicholson-14, Tabitha Lloyd-10, Christina Redish-10, Mitzi Sessom-9, Megan Poynor-8, Leigh Ann Neal-5, Kayla McCravery-4, Gentry Newman-2.

Varsity Girls

Ballinger Tournament
December 2, 2000

Eldorado 13-04-07-14=38
Menard 09-23-04-16=51

Stacy Nicholson-9, Vanessa Gonzalez-8, Kayla McCravery-7, Mitzi Sessom-4, Christina Redish-3, and Leigh Ann Neal-3.

J.V. BOYS

Ballinger Tournament
December 2, 2000

Eldorado 15-05-12-10=42
Reagan County 08-18-22-15=63

Christina Redish-11 (18 rebounds), Megan Poynor-9, Kayla McCravery-7, Leigh Ann Neal-4, Gentry Newman-4, Mitzi Sessom-3, Tabitha Lloyd-2 and Vanessa Gonzalez-2.

J.V. BOYS

Iran Tournament
December 7, 2000

Eldorado 11-08-10-06=36
McCamey xx-xx-xx-xx=49

Heath Andrews 2, Bobby Phillips 4, Quisto Gonzalez 6, Juan Munoz 2, Phillip Martinez 7, Leonel Medrano 2, Jordan Fay, JL Mankin 2.

Hoop Scores

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Iran Tournament
December 7, 2000

Eldorado 11-10-11-09=41
Presido xx-xx-xx-xx=?

Trey Chavez 11, Heath Andrews 1, Bobby Phillips 7, Ray David Buitron 2, Quisto Gonzalez 7, Juan Munoz 2, Phillip Martinez 4, Jordan Fay 4, JL Mankin 3. 3 point goals: Chavez (1).

J.V. BOYS

Iran Tournament
December 9, 2000

Eldorado 13-14-17-15=59
Reagan County 04-12-11-02=29

Trey Chavez 6, Michael Adame 9, Heath Andrews 4, Ray David Buitron 8, Quisto Gonzalez 9, Juan Munoz 4, Phillip Martinez 11, Jordan Fay 6, JL Mankin 2.

8th GRADE GIRLS

December 7, 2000

Eldorado 04-04-02-07=17
Grape Creek 18-11-06-08=43

Ashley Doran 2, Lindsey Schwiening 6, Brittany Sellers 2, Betsy Green 4, Ashton Murr 2, Sheryl Alexander 1.



Football Heroes — The EHS Fall Sports Awards Program was held Sunday afternoon in the high school auditorium. Eagles football players earning team honors were (Front L-R) Isaac Saldivar and Rocky Robles - Co-Defensive Linemen of the Year, (2nd Row L-R) Kenny Covarrubiaz - Defensive Back of the Year, Joey Bullard - Offensive Back of the Year, Alfredo Munoz - Most Dedicated Player, (Back) Cole Pina - Offensive Lineman of the Year, (Not Pictured) Leonel Medrano - Head Hunter Award.

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Tuesday, December 19
Chicken Fried Steaks/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Strawberry Jello

Wednesday, December 20
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Mixed Fruit, Christmas Cupcakes

Thursday, December 21
Bologna & Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apples, Assorted Cookies

Friday, December 22
No School Christmas Holiday
Breakfast
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Monday, December 18
Orange Juice, Sausage Patties, Biscuits/Jelly

Tuesday, December 19
Grape Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast/Jelly

Wednesday, December 20
Sliced Peaches, Waffles/Syrup

Thursday, December 21
Pineapple Chunks, Cheese Toast

Friday, December 22
No School Christmas Holiday
Fast Food Line

Monday, December 18
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Brownies

Tuesday, December 19
Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Strawberry Jello

Wednesday, December 20
Sausage and Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Christmas Cupcakes

Thursday, December 21
Bologna & Cheese Sandwiches, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apples, Assorted Cookies

Friday, December 22
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City Council meeting held

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dez, the council unanimously approved payment of "longevity pay" for city employees. Since it is unlawful for the city to award Christmas bonuses, each year, employees receive "longevity pay" instead. This year, the employees will receive \$50 per year of service, up to 10 years. The motion also included the purchase of turkeys to be presented to each employee, volunteer fire fighter and ambulance service volunteer.

A request from a citizen asking that her home and property be disannexed from the city was then considered by the council. Mankin noted that a preliminary review of state law seems to prohibit a city from disannexing any portion of its territory that is less than 10 acres in size. That cast doubts on the city's ability to legally grant the request even if the council should agree to the measure. Further discussion of the matter was postponed pending a legal opinion from the Texas Municipal League.

City Superintendent Jack Dean updated the council on an annual inspection of the city's two water towers and ground storage tank. The inspections indicated a need for cleaning and minor repairs. Dean said he would investigate to see if city personnel could carry out some of the repairs.

Dean further reported that the city's landfill compactor tractor had been repaired and returned to service at the city landfill. He noted that the repair had been carried out under warranty. However, Dean went on to note that unusually wet weather, coupled with the compactor being out of commission, had caused work at the landfill to fall behind. He noted that crews have been working 10 hour days in order to catch up.

Council member Robert Bybee then mentioned allegations by a former city employee that "toxic waste" was being accepted at the landfill. Mankin explained that city personnel at the landfill have instructions to inspect garbage that is being brought to the landfill and to reject anything that is forbidden by Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) rules. Mankin further noted that he had twice asked for assistance from the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department when citizens attempted to place substances like oil, paint and oil filters in the landfill. It was also noted that TNRCC personnel routinely inspect the landfill and that to date there have been no problems with those inspections.

Mankin then reported having received a certified letter from an

attorney representing Unifirst Uni-form Co. of Kerrville. The attorney's letter claimed the city was in breach of contract due to action taken by the city to change uniform providers. The letter reportedly asked for more than \$6,000 from the city. With the council's approval Mankin said he would turn the matter over to city attorney James Kosub.

Upon a motion by Robert Bybee, seconded by Tommy Minor, minutes of the November 13 meeting were approved. Financial reports were also approved as was a budget amendment.

Discussion of the Port-to-Plains Corridor coalition was then taken up. Mankin explained to the council that the Port-to-Plains group, in which the City of Eldorado is a member, had recently organized as a Texas corporation. He noted the group's property, which was being held for the group by the City of Lubbock was being transferred to the corporation. City council members then voted unanimously to authorize Mayor Nikolauk to sign the bill of sale and assignment as part of that transfer.

In other business, the council voted to allow a local citizen, Daniel Hernandez, to pay out the \$125 cost of a new sewer tap. It was explained that Hernandez was an established city customer who recently learned that his sewer line did not connect directly to the city's sewer main. Instead, the line connected to his neighbor's sewer line. The council agreed to install a new sewer tap for Hernandez and allow him to pay the fee out over time.

Before adjourning, Mankin presented a map, recently completed by the engineering firm of Hibbs & Todd. The map was the product of a months long study by Hibbs & Todd seeking to locate all the city's water lines and identify places where valves might be installed. The valves would allow water service to be turned off in portions of the town without disrupting the entire town. It was noted that this has long been one of the council's objectives. Mankin said that the study would be used to install the valves as future work is carried out on the water system.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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

Dear Editor:

Ha ha ha. We at the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) are cracking up over Texas state representative Barry Telford's proposed state constitutional amendment protecting hunters' and fishers' rights from big bad vegetarians like us.

PETA sprout-eaters aren't the ones to fear. The Wall Street Jour-

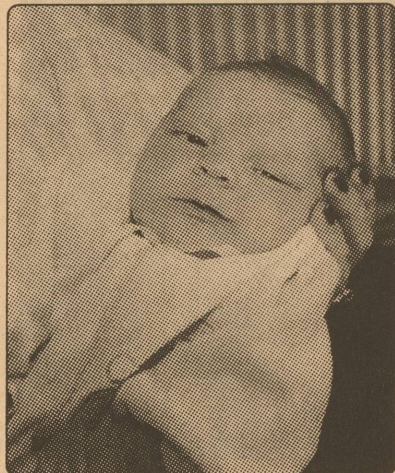
nal recently reported that hunting has declined 20 percent in the past decade, because it has developed a stigma. In short, society now recognizes hunters as men attempting to compensate for their insecurity about their masculinity.

As actress Pamela Anderson Lee put it, "Men hunt because they have something wrong with their own equipment, and they need something else to shoot."

Fishermen are, by and large, a gentler lot, who are learning that fish do, indeed, feel pain, and turning to boating, snorkeling, hiking and other cruelty-free sports.

The proposed amendment is a joke. What next? An amendment guaranteeing the right to dress up like a bush?

Sincerely,
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Abigail Lauren Arevalo

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Abigail was welcome home by big brother Colton and parents Mario and Jennifer Arevalo.

Grandparents are Dobs and Susan Lively of Eldorado, Lois and Johnny Richardson of San Angelo, Mario Arevalo of Lubbock and Jean Ann McCord of Aurora, Colorado.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E.R. Roberts and Ms. Raye Roberts all of San Angelo.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, December 18
Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Juice, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

Tuesday, December 19
Hamburger w/ Mustard, Oven Fried Potatoes, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Onions, Bun, Corrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Wednesday, December 20
Turkey with Giblet Gravy & Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Thursday, December 21
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Blackeyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk

Friday, December 22
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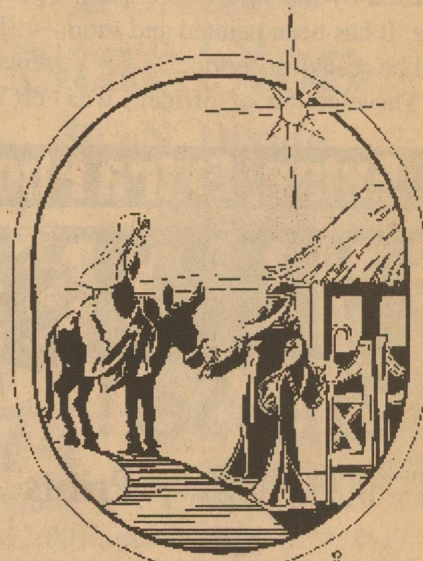
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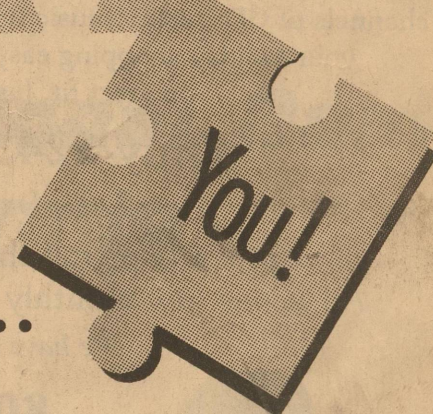
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Fire Dept. elects officers

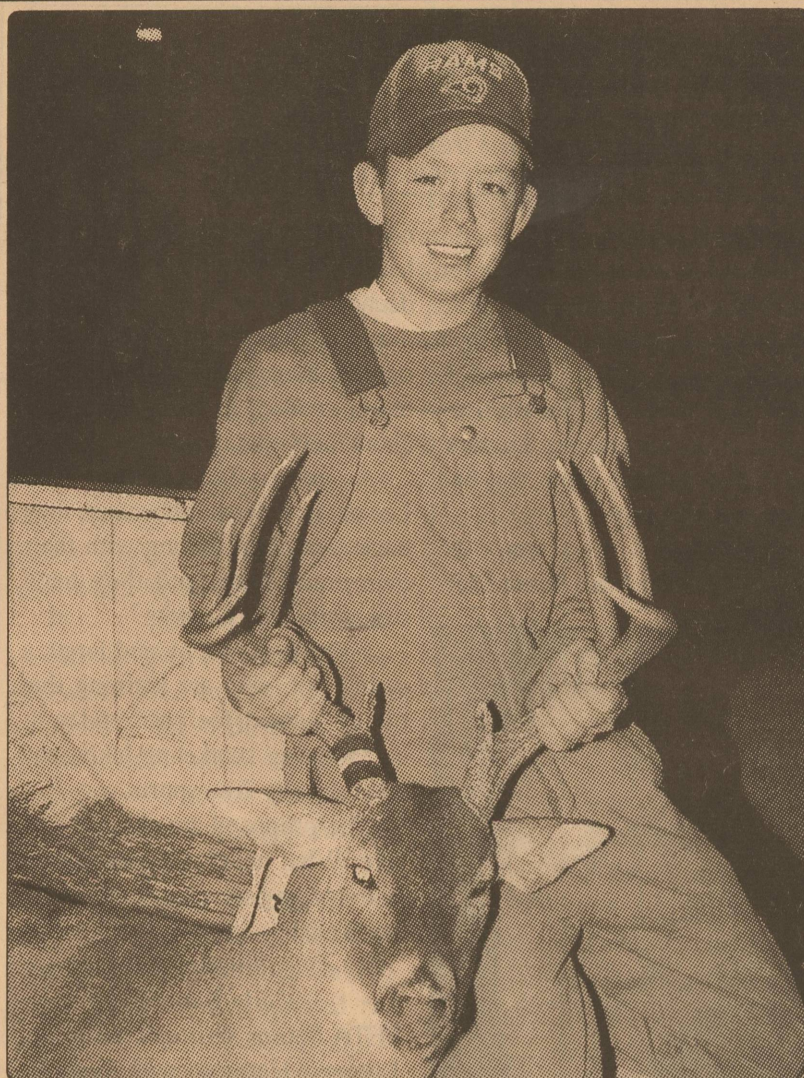
The Eldorado Fire Department held its monthly business meeting on December 5, 2000. The meeting was called to order by President Robert Parker. Followed by Secretary Jerry Felver reading the minutes of the previous business meeting. The minutes were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Josh Hastings.

The department discussed its financial situation as well as its newest unit #36, a Chevy blazer donated by the Texas Forest Service. It has been painted and soon will be ready for service.

The election of officers was

then held with the following slate being approved by the members: Chief Jerry Jones; 1st Chief Joey Jones; 2nd Chief Michael Faull; President Robert Parker; Vice President Allen Corbell; Secretary Jerry Felver; Treasurer Josh Hastings; Sheriff Tim McAngus; Local Reporter Mike Felver; State Reporter Albert Martinez; Chaplain Glen MacDonald; Fire Marshal Oscar Martinez; Training Officer Tim Lemons; Fire Mother Bessie Jones; Sweetheart Carly McAngus; Mascot Colt Jones.

Prayer was given by Chaplain Glen MacDonald. President Robert Parker adjourned the meeting.



Nice buck — Shay Parker of Eldorado killed this 10-point buck Tuesday on the family ranch north of town. He said he dropped the buck with a Remington 30-06.

County Commissioners meet

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Throughout the area, however, some counties weren't willing to match the grant funds, so more money came available for Schleicher County. After discussing the matter, the court voted to spend the matching funds.

Bids were then accepted for the purchase of 7,300 gallons of diesel. Griffin Fuel of Eldorado won the bid with a price of \$1.194 per gallon. The only other bid was from Regal Oil of San Angelo at \$1.2022 per gallon.

The commissioners then heard a request to pay utility bills totalling \$116.65 for an indigent local family. The men approved the request and gave Judge Griffin the discretion to pay similar bills for another family for the second time. The court routinely pays such bills only once.

At the request of County Treasurer Karen Henderson, the commissioners approved the transfer of \$100,000.00 from the county's money market fund to the general fund. \$11,111.000 was transferred from the meals program account to the Sheriff's Office account.

Fire Chief Jerry Jones then met with the men and returned to the county the title to a 1976 Chevrolet Van which the fire department had been using to transport equipment such as the jaws of life. Jones explained that Hanover Company had recently donated a 1996 Ford diesel truck which has been outfitted for the purpose. The commis-

sioners accepted the van back from the fire department.

Next, the court approved the payment of dues to the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association. The court also approved a list of holidays for 2001. It was noted that the holiday schedule was the same as last year's.

While reviewing the county's bills, Commissioner Ross Whitten questioned an invoice from Sysco Food Service for food used at the Sheriff's Department. He noted the invoice listed the name of a Sheriff's Department employee. After discussing the matter it was determined that Sheriff's Department personnel have been purchasing food items from the supplier. The food is billed directly to the employee who is responsible for paying for it. In this instance, however, the item had been mistakenly listed on the county's invoice. County Treasurer Karen Henderson noted that the bill had been paid by the employee. Judge Griffin further explained that the only way an employee may purchase the food is directly from the supplier.

Following the meeting the Success contacted Jailer Administrator Kathy Faull about the matter. Faull explained that the food in question had been purchased by a jailer and paid for by check at the time of purchase. She noted the invoice listing the employees name was a mistake on the part of the food supplier.

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Pesticide re-certification course set for December 18th

There will be a pesticide re-certification course on Monday, December 18th, 2000. This course will be held at the Schleicher County Memorial Building and will begin at 6 p.m. There will be three (3) Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for those individuals with a pesticide applicators license. There will be 1 hour of credit in the following categories: Laws & Regulations,

Integrated Pest Management and General. For more information, contact the Extension office at 853-2132.

Stock Show meeting set for Dec. 19th

There will be a planning meeting for the upcoming Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show on Tuesday, December 19, 2000 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office. During the meeting, plans for the upcoming show will be discussed and answers will be answered. We will also try to answer any questions about any of the upcoming major livestock shows. For more information, please contact the Extension Office at 853-2132.

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Company contact for Pure Resources, L.P. is Laura Clepper, 915/498-8600.

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School trustees hold regular monthly meeting

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees opened their monthly meeting on Monday, December 11, 2000 with a public hearing concerning the annual Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) Report from the Texas Education Agency. Principals Ken Newman, Julie Griffin and Bob Wanoreck each took a moment to comment on their findings in the report. For the most part, the campus administrators expressed satisfaction with their students' progress. However, it was noted that there were some areas at each campus needing attention. As outlined in state law, an Academic Excellence

Indicator System report card will be given to each parent.

Board members present for the meeting were Phil McCormick, Eddie Albin, Berta Nicholson, Kurtis Homer, Sam Whitten, Jr. and Steve Sessom. Jo Helen Kotsch was not present. Also present were the three campus principals, superintendent George Blanch, finance director Loretta Edmiston and maintenance supervisor John Kotsch. Public attendees included Leann Higgins and her son, Neal Higgins, who observed a board meeting for a Boy Scout Badge.

Finance director Loretta Edmiston reported an adjustment in revenue due to collected taxes had been made to the 2000 audit report. She also reported the Junior history class received a \$2,000 "Learn and Serve America Mini-Grant to be used towards their Washington, D.C. trip this summer.

The board discussed and approved changing their January board meeting to January 15, 2001 at which time they will take up the Superintendent's evaluation.

Next the board met with John Kotsch regarding progress of the work at the Ag Building. He explained that construction is waiting

on foundation work. The location has been prepared by the school employees by placing plumbing for new bathrooms and extending the flooring of the old Ag Barn. Mr. Kotsch reported if the weather permitted cement will be poured on Thursday. Construction of the building will begin as soon as the foundation sets. The goal is to have walls and a roof for the January 3-6 Schleicher County Jr. Livestock Show. Kotsch said the walls will be insulated as they are erected.

The board then entered into executive session to discuss employee stipends and superintendent evaluation material. The board took no action on either of the matters, however, when they emerged into open session.

Superintendent George Blanch reported a slight increase in enrollment. Enrollment currently is 224 students in High School, 206 students in Middle School and 238 students in Elementary. The district's total enrollment on December 11th stood at 668.

Basketball admission was changed to \$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for children for non district games. When district games begin the admission fee set by the district will be required. District games admission

will be \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Mr. Blanch also reported no admission fee will be asked of the PIP basketball parents whose children perform during the High School Varsity Girls home games.

DPS improves motorist assist program

State Representative Bob Turner announced an improvement of the Texas Department of Public Safety program that is designed to provide motorists with roadside assistance. Previously, motorists who had a cellular phone and required emergency or non-emergency help could dial 1-800-525-5555. With the improvements, customers no longer have to dial the eleven digit number to obtain aid. A person can now simply dial *DPS (*377) to access the program.

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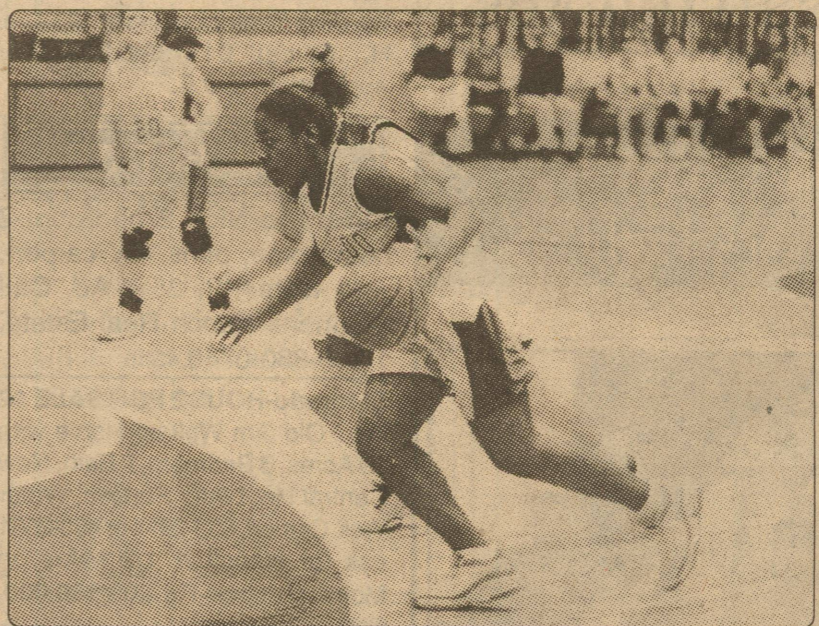


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