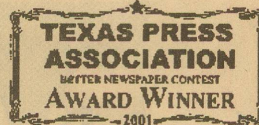


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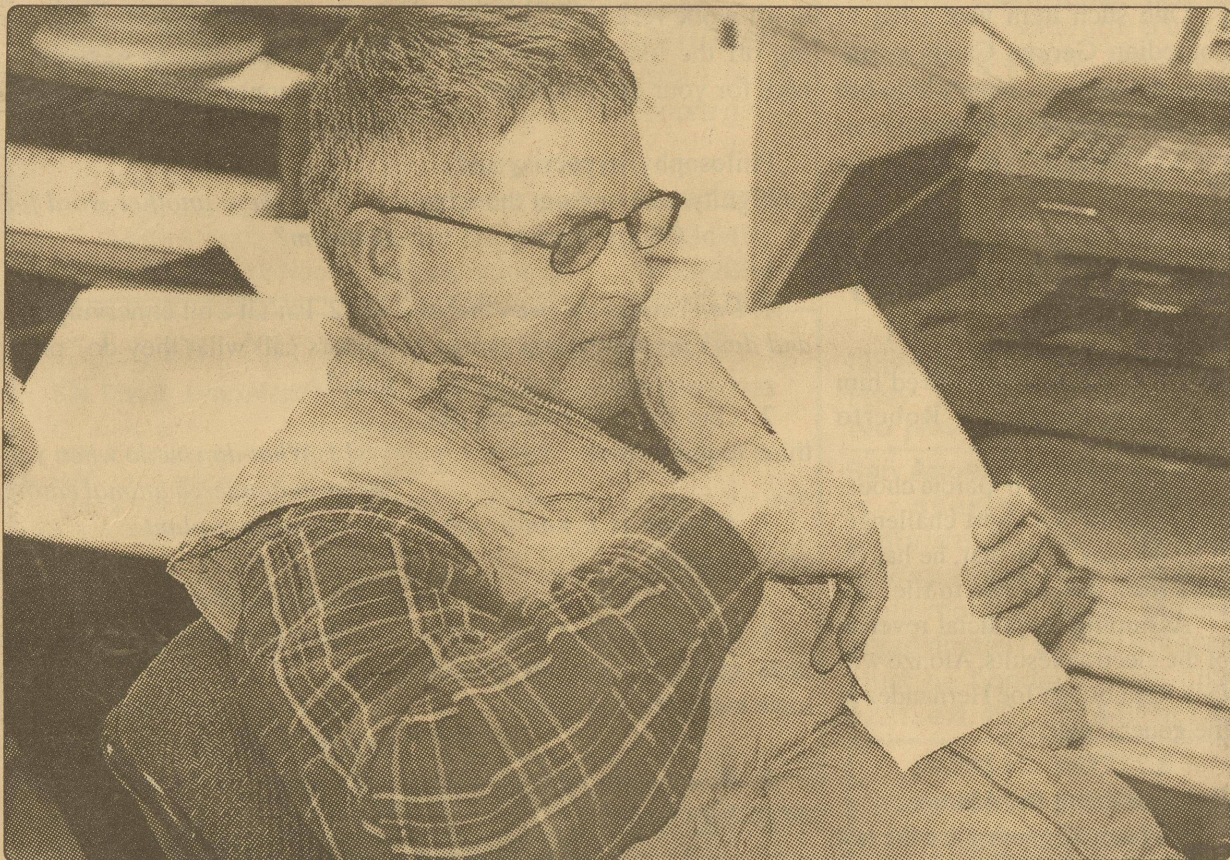


Photo by Kathy Mankin

Oh, my goodness — County Commissioner Ross Whitten sank back in his chair Monday after opening a sealed bid for material to build six airplane hangars at the county airport. The bid, totaling \$76,734.00, was considerably higher than expected, and did not include labor to construct the facility. The commissioners quickly voted to reject the bid, which was the only one received.

Police cars & aircraft hangars top discussion at Commissioners meeting

Bids sought on car, rejected on hangars

What do with a high mileage police cruiser with a worn out transmission was the first item discussed Monday morning as the Schleicher County Commissioners convened the second of their two regular monthly meetings. Sheriff David Doran advised the commissioners that he is faced with the prospect of spending \$2,000.00 to repair a blown transmission in a 1997 Ford, driven by Deputy David Olivan. He noted that the car currently has 111,830 miles showing on the odometer. The Sheriff went on to note that his deputies are currently doubling up and sharing vehicles, and trying to keep mileage down on the remaining cars by doing more "stationary" patrolling.

That prompted the question as to whether Schleicher County is being viewed as a speed trap. County Judge Johnny Griffin took issue with the view, however, noting that Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle has booked about \$27,000.00 in revenue from fines and that the money is being used to buy furniture and other office items for the courthouse. Griffin said the money would be missed if sheriff's patrols were curtailed.

Ultimately the commissioners agreed to replace the car and voted to call for bids for a new police cruiser, with those bids to be opened at their next meeting on April 8. The measure passed on a 3-1 vote with commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo and Kirk Griffin voting in favor and Ross Whitten voting against. The men further directed that the transmission be repaired on the 1997 cruiser and that it be kept as a spare. However, a 1996 Ford currently in the Sheriff's Department fleet will be used as a trade-in.

Next, the commissioners renewed what has become a regular discussion at their bi-weekly meetings concerning the county Ag Building. Judge Griffin explained that he had asked San Angelo architect Gary Donaldson to look at the property but that Donaldson has yet to do so. At one point the question was asked as to why the county had agreed to trade for the building in the first place. Judge Griffin reminded the men that they had decided the acquisition from the school district would help reduce the demand on the county Memorial Building, a building that is itself in need of repairs.

Before moving on to other business Griffin urged the men to decide soon if the building is to be used as a Civic Center or as an Ag Building. At that point the men tentatively agreed that the building should be remodeled for use as a civic center and that an additional facilities be constructed for the housing of livestock.

County Clerk Peggy Williams then advised the men that her office had received only one bid relating to the construction of six hangars at the airport. She said that the envelope had not been marked as containing a sealed bid and that it had been inadvertently opened. However, she explained, as soon as it was realized that the envelope contained bid material the package was immediately sealed with tape.

Since the bid was the only one received, the men opted to open it and noted that it came from Metco in Junction. The amount of the bid seemed to stagger everyone concerned, however, totaling \$76,734.00 for material only. The men immediately moved to reject the bid and agreed that they were returning back to "square one."

Engineer Robert Milne was present for the bid opening and he was quizzed by the commissioners about the lack of other bids.

Milne stated that Mueller Steel, Metco and West Texas Steel had each requested bid packages but could offer no opinion as to why the others had not submitted a bid.

Also present were local citizens Lanis Mikeska and Roy Gene Lloyd, who had expressed an interest in constructing the hangars.

After noting that other individuals had obtained a much lower bid on material for the hangars, Commissioner Bill Clark offered a motion to, "call for bids for airplane T-hangars, built to specifications turnkey, material, labor, all inclusive." No one offered a second to the motion and a long moment of silence was finally broken by Commissioner Johnny Mayo who said, "We're not comfortable with something here and I am not sure what it is." He continued by saying that it might be time for the men to go to a nearby airport and actually look at some completed hangars.

In a related issue, this reporter asked the men about a press release from the Texas Department of Transportation in which it was said that the county had received an award from the agency for the "Most Improved Airport" of 2002. Judge Griffin explained that the

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Hospital district trustees give final nod to collection procedures

by Carriss Sharp

Change is never easy, but change is exactly what's in store for Schleicher County Medical Center and Schleicher County Family Clinic. Most directly affected by the change will be patients of the clinic and hospital who have previously received medical treatment without paying, or without making arrangements to pay. Beginning this week, that practice ended and patients with insurance are being asked to pay their co-pay and deductible before receiving treatment. Limited exceptions are being made for those patients with an established line of credit at the two facilities.

Trustees of the Schleicher County Hospital District, who voted March 4 to adopt the new rules, met again on Monday evening to review and approve procedures for

implementing the new policy. Present for the meeting were trustees Randy Mankin, Shirley Joiner, Delia Pina, Ricky Fuessel and Jim Martin. Trustee John Callison was absent.

Along with new guidelines for patients with insurance, the board reviewed rules for other patients. It was explained that, as usual, Medicare patients will be treated in accordance with the plan's guidelines. However, persons without Medicare or private insurance will be required to pay up front, or make arrangements for payment with the hospital's business office. As noted before, limited exceptions may be made for persons with an established line of credit.

Driving the change is the fact that the district has been forced to write-off thousands of dollars in

bad debts in recent months. They did so again Monday night, writing-off \$8,397.53. Accounts Receivable manager Philip Sharp explained that almost half of that amount, or \$3,676.69, will be moved into a "Slow Pay" category. The remainder will be removed from the district's accounts receivable roll, since there is little chance that any of the money will ever be collected. Board President Randy Mankin explained, however, that efforts to collect the money will continue and noted that if the funds are someday collected they will be re-entered on the district's books as "recovered bad debt."

The meeting was the board's regular monthly session and was called to order by Randy Mankin at 6:07 p.m. Also present for the meeting were Hospital Adminis-

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Photo by Kathy Mankin

U.I.L. Scholars — EHS students who participated in the District 2-2A UIL Academic Meet posed for the camera Monday they include (Front L-R) Layna Murr, Lauri Almazan, Maria Hernandez, Georgina Maritz, Lori Loomis, Emily Newman, Lacy Ragsdale (Middle L-R) Luis Munoz, Mitchel Cole, Tana Williams, J.L. Mankin, Will Griffin (Back L-R) Courtney Sauer, Trey Chavez, Tony Fay, Josh Trejo, Travis Joiner, Seth Taylor, Dest Sudduth, Mitzi Sessom (Not Pictured) Mayci Schwiening, Lindsay Schwiening, Jessica Cook and Brittany Key. (See related story on Page 8)

SCISD school board race attracts five candidates

City and Hospital races generate little interest

Leanne Higgins, Tim Vasquez, Victor Belman, Jo Helen Kotsch and John Paul Joiner will be on the ballot in May for two at-large seats on the Schleicher County ISD board of trustees. Kotsch is the only incumbent among the five. Each of the candidates beat the filing deadline, which fell at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 20.

Meanwhile, the race for seats on the Eldorado City Council, Mayor John Nikolauk, and council members Toni Sudduth and Tommy Minor drew no opponents in the upcoming election. No candidates filed for a vacant seat on the council. That seat, representing voters in Ward #1, has re-

mained unfilled since the death of council member Sherry Lux.

Similarly, in the election for Schleicher County Hospital District Board of Trustees, Ricky Fuessel, Jim Martin and John Callison will face no opponents in the May election. However, three other seats drew no candidates at all after trustees Delia Pina and Shirley Joiner chose not to seek reelection. A seat vacated last year by the resignation of Judy Christian will also remain unfilled.

Under Texas law, the city council and hospital board can appoint persons to fill the vacant seats, but only for a term of less than a year, or until a special election is held.

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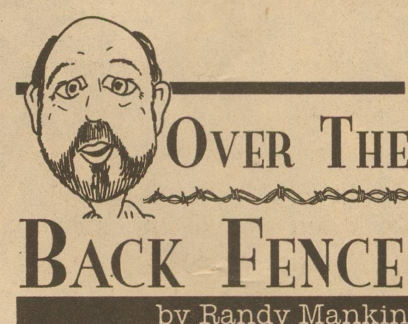
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Some days this job is easier than it looks

A former friend of mine told me just the other day that I have the easiest job in town. He pointed out that Kathy and Lori do the really hard work around the Success office. In short, he said that they make me look good... Well, at least he noticed that I look good.

Seriously, one of the most difficult things I do around here is come up with ideas for this column. I'm always on the lookout for tidbits of information or quirky notions around which to write a story. When I find such things, I file them away for future use.

One such item was a list of comedian George Carlin's random thoughts — I can't help but wonder if Carlin ever had a non-random thought. Anyway, I have



had the list for a couple of years now, and it was e-mailed to me again this week by my daughter Sarah, prompting me to give it another look.

So, since this is a holiday week...and, since everyone, even my ex-friend, recognizes that I don't work very hard...I'm dusting off the list and including it here for your consideration.

Philosophy, hypocrisy and ambiguity...the random thoughts of George Carlin

6. I went to a bookstore and asked the saleswoman, "Where's the self help section?" She said if she told me, it would defeat the purpose.

7. What if there were no hypothetical questions?

8. If a deaf person swears, does his mother wash his hands with soap?

9. If a man is standing in the middle of the forest speaking and there is no woman around to hear him... is he still wrong?

10. If someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?

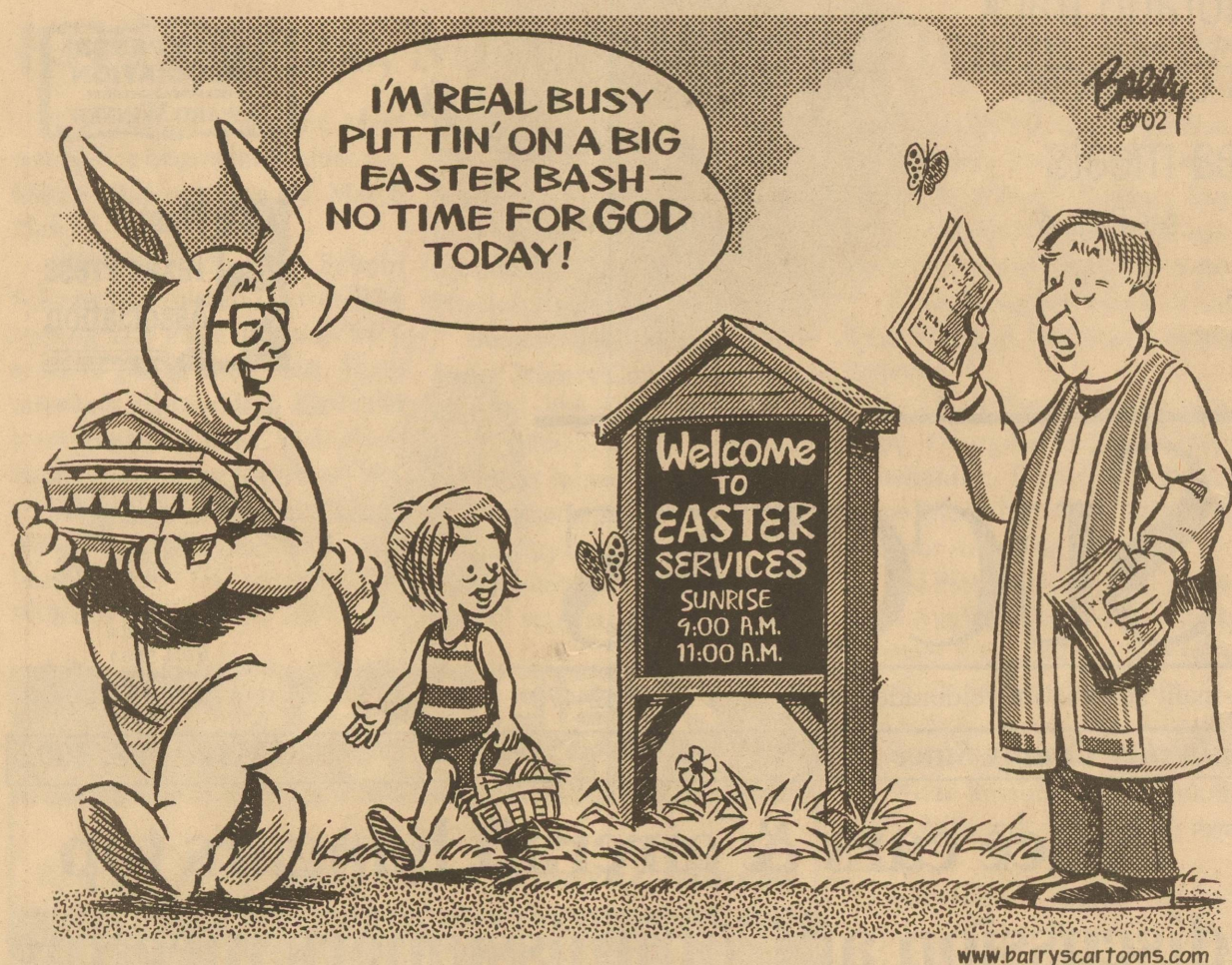
11. Is there another word for synonym?

12. Isn't it a bit unnerving that doctors call what they do "practice"?

13. What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

14. If a parsley farmer is sued, can they garnish his wages?

15. The main reason Santa is so jolly is because he knows exactly where all the naughty girls live.



State school board set to vote on textbooks

Another election's coming up in November that most Texans haven't heard about yet: the State Board of Education will be voting on textbooks for the school children of the state.

The stakes are high: Parents and concerned citizens worry about the impact the texts will have on children (pick a heated social issue and someone likely has an opinion about it) and publishers are vying for \$570 million in textbook sales.

The battles used to get even stormier before 1995, when legislation took away the education board's power to require textual

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



changes in books before approving them for classroom use. Now all the board can do is approve or reject a particular battle.

This year it will have more than 200 titles to consider.

Older isn't always better...

The old saying that "you're not getting older, you just getting better" isn't always the case. A good example is evident in glancing over the Department of Public Safety's Texas Ten Most Wanted

Fugitives list.

Of the nine wanted persons currently on the list (No. 10, wanted killer Wayne Owen Stubblefield, was arrested in Coryell County recently and has not been replaced,) seven are Baby Boomers born between 1951 and 1960. The eighth person on the list just barely missed the Boomer generation, having been born in 1966. (Demographers say the post-World War II baby boom ended in 1964.)

At 50, wanted murderer Margie Trevino Ortez, last known to be in the Dallas area, is the senior member of the Top Ten list. She'll celebrate her 51st birthday on May 10.

If you want to invite the DPS to her birthday party call Texas Crime Stoppers at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). It could earn you a \$1,000 cash reward.

The ages of the other wanted felons are 50, 49, 48 (two), 45 and 41. The only two "kids" on the wanted list are 36 and 25.

For a full description of these eight wanted men and one wanted woman, check the DPS Web site at www.txdps.state.tx.us/wanted.htm.

North Texas squeaker...

No one won or lost in the March 12 primary by only one vote, but District 104 state Rep. Domingo Garcia of Dallas came close.

The recount he requested showed he lost his House seat by 41 votes, not the 38 votes counted on election night.

Garcia requested the recount

after the initial tally showed him losing to challenger Roberto Alonzo.

The next step, if Garcia chooses to take it, is a court challenge. If he decides to do that, he has 30 days from the election to file suit.

Assuming no judicial reversal of the election results, Alonzo will face Republican Joe Hernandez in the general election.

Remembering the Alamo...

It's been 42 years since the last blockbuster Alamo movie was shot in Texas— John Wayne's 1960 epic filmed at the late Happy Shahan's ranch near Brackettville.

But director-actor Ron Howard, who wasn't even playing Opie yet in 1960, is considering Texas as the location of a 21st century Hollywood retelling of the 1836 siege in San Antonio.

Howard and a couple of producers had lunch last week with Gov. Rick Perry and Film Commission head Tom Copeland to discuss the project and the possibility of filming in the Lone Star state



ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Leopards Live in a Place Without Roads

A photo of Robert Nichols is on Texas maps. He's a member of the state transportation commission. When he isn't doing his TX-DOT duties, he's usually in his office in downtown Jacksonville or off on a big game hunt somewhere. Hunting has been a passion for him since his first hunting trip to Colorado when he was a boy.

When I visited Robert a few weeks ago he had just returned from an exciting trip to Africa to hunt leopard. He said it was the closest he's ever come to being eaten alive by a wild animal. He was so excited about the adventure he wrote about it on the plane ride home. He said he wanted to put down as many details while the event was still fresh in his mind. In my opinion, it will be fresh in his mind for a long time.

The big moment came after a week of hunting in Botswana's Kalahari desert. It was an area that had been closed to hunters for ten years and Robert was among the first ones to be allowed back in the area. He was with a professional hunter named Alan Schmidt, who had assembled a crew of trackers, drivers and skinnners with names like Banjo, Shorty, Shadow and Stumps.

They spotted leopard tracks early one afternoon. The crew sprang into action. Trackers stayed on the trail for miles. After several hours, dark was approaching. They decided to give up the hunt and resume it the next day, even though they were within 50 yards of the leopard. As a rule, the leopard chooses to hide and elude until he realizes he is being challenged. When this happens he begins moving in a figure eight pat-

tern. This gives the leopard two chances to attack his stalkers from the rear.

They hunted from 7 AM until 2 PM, no stopping for lunch. The leopard had traveled 9 miles the previous night and they were catching up to it. Robert was riding in the open seat of the land cruiser with his .416 Remington Magnum close at hand. The open seat was considered the most dangerous place to be should a leopard attack.

They were hunting in one of the few places in Africa where leopards can be tracked on foot without dogs. When trackers get near a leopard, they get nervous. Four trackers started on the figure eight course, but now two of them were inside the land cruiser. One of the remaining trackers yelled "He's here!" The leopard was 40 to 50 feet away from the open seat. Robert's heart was beating fast.

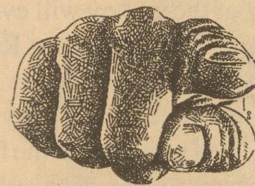
The leopard growled and came out from behind a bush at lightning speed. Robert says "All you could see were his teeth, head and a little bit of shoulder." Not a big target. Robert fired and stopped the charge at about 25 feet. It was all over.

"The growl and charge lasted only about two seconds, but it will be imbedded in my mind forever," says Robert Nichols.

He says the bush concealing the leopard was right on the path they were following, which would have put the leopard within 7 feet of the open seat.

The leopard was a top end trophy for the Kalahari and measured 7 feet 5 inches from nose to tail. It weighed around 170 pounds. Robert hoisted the big cat over his shoulders for a photo.

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- 19 A condition requiring relief
- 20 Youngest son of William the Conqueror
- 22 Pituitary hormone
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- 51 Coarse or crude

- 53 Slang referring to racing an engine
- 54 Globe or ball
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- 58 Native Australian dialect
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- 66 Talipot palm leaf, used for writing paper
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- 70 Horse with a brownish coat
- 71 Legal defense
- 72 Chocolate cookie with white cream filling
- 73 City in Lebanon
- 74 Design theme
- 75 The fourth of the seven canonical hours; about noon

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- 21 Affirmative reply

- 26 Resort hotel
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- 30 Drench flax
- 31 River outlet
- 32 Keen on
- 33 Cook with dry heat, usually in an oven
- 34 Gaelic nationality
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- 43 Voltaic language
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- 49 Sophisticated
- 50 Evergreen Indian shrub called Tanner's Cassia
- 52 Outer garment
- 55 Classify
- 56 Furnish or fulfill
- 57 Wing-shaped
- 59 Long, single-edged knife of Philippine origin
- 60 Obituary, for short
- 62 A unit of electrical conductance
- 63 Supported or held in a certain manner
- 64 Wild mountain goat of Eurasia
- 65 Mud hen
- 68 Religious cult of West Indies

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Glen C. Williams

LOVINGTON, N.M. — Glen C. Williams, 74, of Lovington, N.M., passed away March 24, 2002 in Carlsbad, N.M.

He was born Nov. 8, 1927 in Ranger, Texas. He married Ruth Reid in Eldorado on Jan. 20, 1952.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War and was longtime member of Jackson Avenue Baptist Church. Mr. Williams also held membership in the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion and the Lions Club.

Service was held Wednesday, March 27, 2002 in Jackson Avenue Baptist Church with Rev. Stan Blevins, Rev. Harry Pittman and Rev. Mike McGuire officiating.

Burial followed at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2002 in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arch and Rose Edmiston; and sisters Margaret Ellen Nixon and Virginia Kimmy.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Williams, of the home; a son, Roger Williams and wife Marilyn of Dundee, Michigan; a daughter, Janna Williams of Norman, Oklahoma; three grandchildren, Lt. Russell Williams and wife Rebecca of Germany, Brandon Williams and wife Amy of Nagcodoches, and Trenton Williams of Lubbock; and a brother-in-law, E.H. Nixon of Eldorado.

Ruby Hight

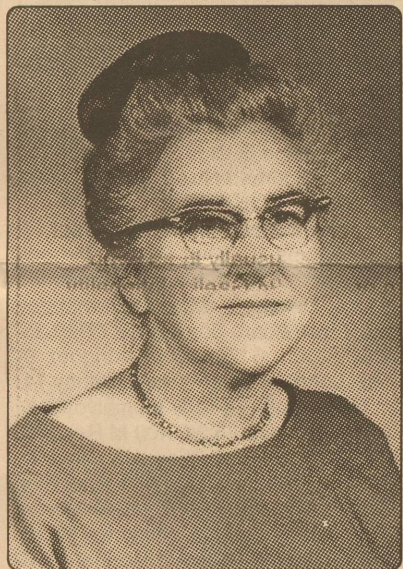
ELDORADO — Ruby Hight, 82, passed from this life Saturday, March 23, 2002, in a San Angelo nursing home. Graveside service was Monday, March 25 in Little Saline Cemetery in London, Texas, with the Rev. Stan Troy officiating.

She was born July 19, 1919, to Henry Ernest and Nora Gertrude Priddy. She married Wiley Hight Dec. 22, 1937. They had resided in Eldorado since 1939. She was a member of First United Methodist Church of Eldorado where she taught Sunday school and sang in the choir.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Wiley; a son, Herbert Roy; her parents; and a brother, Eugene Boatright.

She is survived by three sons, Hubert and Gloria of San Angelo, James of Azle, and Kenneth and Caroline of Eldorado; one daughter, Karen and Larry Shellnut of Baird; one sister, Melba and Sam Mask of San Antonio; 11 grandchildren, Paula, Sharon, Royce, Rachel, Casey, Gary, Jayla, Tami Jo, Angie, Kimberly and Julie; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-granddaughter.

Edith Winslow Runge



honey delicacies.

At the University of Texas, she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi and a leader in the fundraiser to build Memorial Stadium. Long active in historical matters, she was a member of the Tom Green County Historical Society; then served as chairman of the organizational meeting of the Schleicher County Historical Society. She was President of her Home Demonstration Club in Schleicher County. In 1954, she was instrumental in the formation of St. Mary's Episcopal Church in Eldorado. She was made a PTA Life Member in Eldorado in 1956, and in 1960 was the first woman trustee of the Eldorado ISD. In 1990, she was named a Silver Queen at the Colorado State Fair.

MENARD — Edith Winslow Runge, veteran Schleicher County housewife, mother and ranch woman, passed on in her 99th year on March 19, 2002. She was born Jan. 23, 1903, in Menard, Texas, the fourth of eight children of Robert S. and Edith Black Winslow. She lived and was educated on the family's Fort McKavett ranch until she attended Austin High School, from which she graduated in 1921. She studied art at Columbia University and Pratt Institute of New York City in 1924-25 and earned her degree in home economics from the University of Texas in 1928.

Her hobbies included gardening, the birdwatching, wildflower identification, artwork for the home as well as writing poetry and painting pictures for her children and grandchildren. Some might have described her as a free spirit, ahead of her time.

She was the granddaughter of Col. William L. Black, legendary Civil War adventurer and early area ranchman. Her mother, Edith Black Winslow, was the author of "In Those Days," a chronicle of ranch life in Fort McKavett and surrounding vicinity.

She is survived by her four children, Anita Moore of Kerrville and husband, Jene, May Kissko of the Christoval ranch, Richard S. Runge and his wife Caroline of the Menard ranch, and Jim Runge of Eldorado; one brother, John Winslow of Menard; grandchildren, Randy and wife Cheri Runge of Nevada, Art Runge and wife Rose of Jewett, Lisa Brown and husband Mike of Okinawa, Edie Kissko of Los Angeles, Ramona DePre and husband Matt of McKinney, Rhonda Spencer and husband Rob of Edmund, Oklahoma, Rayna Runge, James Runge and Rebecca Runge of McKinney; and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at St. James Episcopal Church in Fort McKavett at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. Burial was in the family plot in the Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Heritage Funeral Home in Menard.

Healing service planned at Catholic Church

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church will be hosting Fr. Mathew Naikomparambil a native of Kerala, India, who is internationally known for his ministries of healing and evangelization.

Fr. Mathew Naikomparambil healing services in India, draw crowds of 100,000 and more. The intercessory prayer groups which meet every Saturday, to pray for all the countries in the world, are attended by 50,000 people on an average.

Fr. Mathew is the founder of the largest residential retreat center in the world, near Pota, in Karala. The

weekly retreats, conducted all through the year, bring crowds of 15,000 and more from all parts of India and the neighboring countries-Christians of all denominations, Hindus, Moslems, people of all religions and no religion.

Come and experience the power of the Spirit! Physical, spiritual and emotional healing through the anointed ministry of Fr. Mathew, Fr. Kuriakose and team. All in the name of Jesus, the Divine Healer.

Services begin each night at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church on North Divide in Eldorado at 7:00 p.m. on March 29, 30 and 31, 2002.

Senior Citizens board meets

by Barbara Jackson

The Schleicher County Senior Board met on March 25, 2002 in the Senior Center, 106 E. Gillis Avenue in Eldorado with seven in attendance.

Walter Griggs presided over the meeting. New officers elected were: Chairman; Walter Griggs, Vice Chairman; Vernell McCalla and Secretary; Barbara

Jackson.

The Senior Board needs new members. Anyone who is over 60 and interested in the Senior Citizens Board is eligible to join. Please call the Senior Center at 853-2123 and give your name to our director Carol Gault. The board presides over the Senior Meals and Activities held at the Senior Center.

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card.

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A recent government wide survey of customer satisfaction showed the IRS posting the biggest gains of any agency, thanks to the high satisfaction rate with IRS e-file. Last year, more than 40 million taxpayers filed electronically. Another 40 million taxpayers used their computers but then printed out returns and mailed them. If you haven't tried e-file, this is the year. Delete the paper work; hit send.

Sincerely,
Charles O. Rossotti,
Commissioner
Internal Revenue Service

It's a Boy!

Tyler Martinez along with his parents Sonia and Robert Martinez proudly welcome home his little brother Marco Angel Martinez.

Marco Angel was born on September 28, 2001, at Angelo Community Hospital. Grandparents are Fidel and Delia Herrera, Maria Luisa and Harvey Martinez, and Jesus Martinez, his great grandmothers, Lupe Guerrero, Rosario Garcia and Pilar Rodriguez. He is also welcomed by numerous aunts, uncles, and lots of cousins.

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MARCH

28th J.L. Mankin, Sam Caldwell, Jeff Blaylock,

29th Megan Griffin, Mike Neubert
30th Claire Wideman, Dorothy Harris, Mitzi Kelley, B.J. Reynolds, Santos Pina, Sherry Belk, Sergio Garcia, Rachel Joiner, Buster Harris, Toby Harris

31st Joey Bullard, Lois Etheredge, Justina Rodriguez

APRIL

1st Courtney Mankin, Brandon Dresner, Tina Dresner, Reagan Bowns, Shy Lowe Middleton, Toni Whitten, Emily Newman, Anna McCann, Billie Mendoza
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Nine b-ball players named to Academic All-District team

Five members of the Lady Eagles basketball team and four members of the Eagles boys basketball squad were named recently to the District 2-2A Academic All-District Team.

Lady Eagles coach Leslie Gooch announced that Leigh Ann Neal, Gentry Newman, Christina Prater, Hannah Robledo and Clara Herrera all earned spots on the

team. Likewise, Eagles boys coach Alan Gillespie announced that Tony Fay, Johnny Herrera, Wesley Jones and Thomas Ballew had been named to the team.

To qualify for the Academic All-District Team, student-athletes must maintain a 90 grade point average, while maintaining their athletic proficiency.



Courtesy Photo

Wounded Eagle — The Lady Eagles, playing with only nine to begin with due to several players being out of town during Spring Break, were forced to face the Ft. Stockton Lady Panthers with only eight players after losing Selina Rojas to injury. Here, she is being helped from the field by teammates and family.

Lady Eagles softball team moves into heart of season

The Lady Eagles softball team lost its first district game of the season to the Junction Lady Eagles by a 10-0 score on Friday, March 15 in Junction.

The Lady Eagles then traveled to Ft. Stockton on March 16 to take

on the Ft. Stockton Panthers in a non-district game and came out on the short end of a 12-2 score. The Lady Eagles finished the game with only 8 players on the field after losing Selina Rojas to injury. Ashley Doran and Mitzi Sessom scored for the Lady Eagles in the game.

Next, on March 21, the Lady Eagles defeated the Wall Lady Hawks 22-9. Scoring for the Lady Eagles in that game were: Christina Prater 4, Hallie Greer 3, Jessica Robertson 3, Cristie Jo Belman 3, Betsy Green 2, Sheryl Alexander 2, Smantha Powell 2, Ashley Doran 1, Mitzi Sessom 1 and Tanna Williams 1.

Then, on March 22 the Lady Eagles traveled to Brady to take on the Lady Bulldogs and won both 8-5. Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Cristie Jo Belman 2, Ashley Doran 1, Jessica Robertson 1, Tana Williams 1, Mitzi Sessom 1, Samantha Powell 1 and Christina Prater 1.

The Lady Eagles were slated to take on the Sonora Lady Broncos on Tuesday night, March 26, results of that game will be reported in next week's Success.

School Menu



Monday, April 1
Easter Holiday No School

Tuesday, April 2
Porkchopette w/ Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Dinner Roll, Strawberry Jello w/ Topping

Wednesday, April 3
Fish Strips w/ Tartar Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Black-eyed Peas, Sliced Bread, Orange Wedge

Thursday, April 4
Chicken Nuggets w/ Gravy, French Fries, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato, Brownies

Friday, April 5
Cheeseburger, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Chocolate Chip Cookies

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4oz Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, April 1
Easter Holiday - No School

Tuesday, April 2
Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers

Wednesday, April 3
Cinnamon Roll, Cheese Sticks

Thursday, April 4
Donut, Cheese Sticks

Friday, April 5
Dry Cereal, Pkg. Crackers

Fast Food Line

Monday, April 1
Easter Holiday - No School

Tuesday, April 2
Chili Crispitos w/ Cheese Sauce, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peaches, Strawberry Jello w/ Topping

Wednesday, April 3
Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Tater Tots, Lettuce & Tomato, Orange Wedge

Thursday, April 4
Corn Chip Pie w/ Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Brownies

Friday, April 5
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Eagles tennis squad plays well in Ft. Stockton tourney

The Eldorado Eagle Tennis Team placed second overall in both the "A" and "B" divisions of the Fort Stockton Invitational. The Eagle were the only 2A school entered in the "A" division, claiming second in the girls division as well. The Eldorado JV girls also claimed second in the "B" division.

Facing a competitive field including teams from Uvalde, Del Rio, Alpine, Eagle Pass, Hereford, Clint, Fabens, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Tomillo, and Monahans the Eagles were led by the girls' doubles teams of Gentry Newman/Christina Redish and Courtney Sauer/Courtney Brown who finished second and third respectively. On the boys' side Logan Neal placed fourth in a competitive singles draw

while the teams of Thomas Ballew/Wesley Jones and Quisto Gonzalez/Buddy Greer fell to the first and second place teams (Eagle Pass and Fort Stockton) in the quarterfinals. Both Eldorado teams played the finalists closer than anyone else in the tournament.

Bobby Phillips lost in the consolation semifinals in boys' singles. In Division II Emily Newman placed second in girls' singles while Lacy Ragsdale won the consolation bracket. In girls' doubles Betsy Green and Heather Homer won consolation as well. On the boys' side Robbie Young and Dillon Greer placed second in boys' doubles while Shay Parker was a quarterfinalist in boys' singles. The Eagles will play the Mason Invitational this weekend.

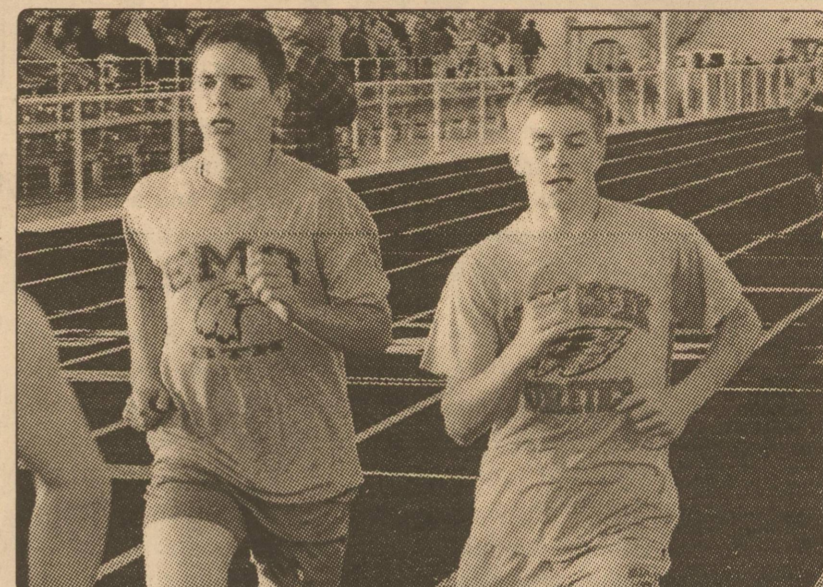


Photo by Kathy Mankin

Keeping pace — Eldorado 8th grader Frank Wipff (L) placed 2nd last Friday in the 800 Meter Run at the Wall Middle School Cotton Patch Relays. Wipff finished the course with a time of 2:34.07.

Middle School Eagles run in Jr. High Cotton Patch Relays

Eldorado's 7th and 8th grade boys teams each placed 2nd and the 8th grade girls team placed 3rd in the Jr. High Cotton Patch Relays held in Wall last Friday. Compete results are as follows:

8th Grade Boys Results: Shot Put: 2. Kyle Taylor 38-10; 3. Frank Wipff 35-11. Discus: 1. Andy Mejia 120-2.75; 3. Kyle Taylor 108-75. 800 M Run: 2. Frank Wipff 2:34.07. 100 M Dash: 3. Andy Mejia 12.72; 4. Kyle Taylor 12.75; High Jump: 3. Michael Ballew 4-10; 4. Jeremy Ussey 4-10. Long Jump: 6. Andy Mejia 14-6. 400 M Relay: 2. Eldorado-Mejia, Ballew, Bustos, Taylor 50.33. 110 Hurdles: 5. Brent Minor 20.99, 6. Michael Ballew 21.26. 400 M Dash: 6. Caleb Nixon 62.71.

200 M Dash: 3. Kyle Taylor 26.30. Triple Jump: 3. Jorge Bustos 31.8.25. 1600 M Relay: 3. Eldorado-Nixon, Bustos, Mejia and Ussey 4:08.31.

7th Grade Boys Results: Pole Vault: 5. Neal Higgins 6'. Shot Put: 3. Marcus Hinojosa 32-7.75, 4. Marcus Hernandez 32-1.75. Discus: 1. Marcus Hernandez 107-3.25, 4. Adam Dominguez 77-10.25. 2400 M Run: 5. Edward Rodriguez 9-57.47. Long Jump: 4. Russell Cathey 14-11. Triple Jump: 3. Abel Montalvo 26-6. 400 M Relay: 3. Eldorado-Higgins, Cathey, Montalvo, D. Hernandez 55.74. 800 MR: 5. Raul Rios 2:52.80. 110 Hurdles: 3. Logan Jones 22.66. 400 M Dash: 4. Montalvo 63.18. 1600 M Run: 6. Edward Rodriguez 6-23.73. 200 M Dash: 4. Russell Cathey 28.93; 6. David Hernandez 30.05. 1600 M Relay: 2. Eldorado-Higgins, Cathey, Montalvo, D. Hernandez 4:36.28.

8th Grade Girls Results: Shot Put: 1. Taylor Baker 31.4, 6. Samantha Rodriguez 24.6. Discus - 1. Taylor Baker 69.5. High Jump - 2. Rachel Joiner 4.8. Triple Jump - 6. Alli Reynolds 28.6.5. Pole Vault - 1. Rachel Joiner 7.6. 400 M Relay - 3. Samantha Rodriguez, Rachel Joiner, Amber Valdez and Alli Reynolds 56.67. 800 M Relay - 3. Amber Valdez 2:58.70. 100 M Hurdles - 5. Heather Powell 22.73. 100 M Dash - 2. Rachel Joiner 13.71. 400 M Dash - 3. Alli Reynolds 1:09.72. 800 M Relay - 4. Taylor Baker, Heather Powell, Hope Fuentes and Samantha Rodriguez 2:16.83. 1600 M Relay 2. Alli Reynolds, Rachel Joiner, Samantha Rodriguez and Amber Valdez 4:53.45. **7th Grade Girls Results:** 2400 M Run - 1. Alicia Corrales 10:43.50. 400 M Relay - 5. Erica Buitron, Amy Doran, Holly Ford and BoAmber Gentry 1:03.45. 800 M Relay - 6. Anna Fuentes, Liz Lacy, Kristen Mittel and Kimberly Samaniego 2:21.20. 1600 M Run - 2. Alicia Corrales 6:51.31. 1600 M Relay - 5. Anna Fuentes, Tiffany Hernandez, McKenzie Watkins and Alicia Corrales 5:49.09.

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attention PARENT MEETING

What you should know about your Emergency Medical Service (EMS)

by Timothy Vasquez, Paramedic

So you call for an ambulance. The personnel that attended to your needs do so quickly and efficiently while transporting you to the local emergency room. After the call the EMS crew goes back to their work place and home. This is the routine that is played by your EMS personnel on a regular basis.

But what if the ambulance did not come or it was slow in getting to you and the patient care they provided was substandard? Fortunately here in Eldorado your EMS is equipped, trained, and staffed to meet your needs when that time comes. You expect proficient and prompt care and we expect to give that to you. But for us to serve you we have to overcome many obstacles. Obstacles such as finding the persons to volunteer their time, funding, retention, commitment

that takes them away from home, work and family, and many hours of training.

Did you know that Schleicher County EMS is providing you 911 coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year? What does it take for us to do so? Well first off, we have to have at least two (2) EMS personnel on the ambulance in order for us to even transport a patient and have a schedule that shows that coverage 24-7.

The EMT must go through a minimum of 120 hours of classroom training, at least 24 to 48 hours of Emergency Room internship, several ambulance ride-alongs, a State or National exam that tests your cognitive knowledge and exams that cover many hands-on-skills. EMT's can perform tasks in treating and/or stabilizing emergency cases involving cardiac, di-

abetic, shock, trauma, burns, respiratory, childbirth, and many other not mentioned. If an EMT chooses to continue their level of training to an EMT-Intermediate and or Paramedic, then they again have to meet additional classroom training, internships that takes them into ICU, Operating Rooms, Labor and Delivery, Pediatrics, Laboratory, and more.

When you finally reach to the Paramedic level the EMT would have gone through at least 1200 hours of classroom and 300-500 hours of internships in various locations. With the Intermediate or Paramedic license then they can perform advanced treatment and stabilization not covered in the EMT. But it all takes time, commitment, and a financial obligation.

EMS personnel today not only can work or volunteer on an ambulance service but are employed in Emergency Rooms, Clinics, Camps, Parks, 911 Dispatch Centers, Air Ambulances, Factory Plants, Fire Departments, Recreation Centers, Cardiac Cath Labs, Schools, and many other locations

Here in Eldorado, the EMS is a volunteer ambulance service that has 2 paid personnel, 18 volunteers and 1 physician. The volunteers either hold a job, manage a business or attend a college out side of this EMS. We receive funding from a Local Health Service sales tax, billing of insurance's, Grants, and some State and Federal funds. With these funds we have to budget for daily expenses, supplies, training, ambulances up keep, payroll, State licenses and dues, and continued education of the personnel.

Our service provides you with EMTs, Intermediates, and Paramedics. We are licensed to provide you care from Basic Life Support to Mobile Intensive Care Unit life support when the need arises. We are always looking for additional personnel, better ways to provide the best care to you, and input from the community we serve. In the weeks and months to come we will be providing EMS personnel profiles in the Success so that you may get to know your EMS and why they do what they do here in Eldorado. Please support your local EMS they do you.



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Savvy Consumers — Tabitha Lloyd, Maria Hernandez, Dest Sudduth and Brittany Key placed 1st Saturday in the 4-H District Consumer Judging Contest in Brady. The team will advance to the State 4-H Roundup in College Station this June

4-H Consumer Judging team wins District Contest in Brady

Schleicher County 4-H members won first place in the District Consumer Judging Contest held at Brady on Saturday, March 23. Team members Brittany Key, Dest Sudduth, Tabitha Lloyd and Maria Hernandez scored 1096 out of a possible 1200 points to win first place honors and qualify for competition at

Station in June. Consumer judging is a competition based on decision making skills in the retail market place. Contestants judged categories in laundry detergent, paper towels, watches, cameras, personal flotation devices and automobile insurance. They are required to rank their selections and give reasons for the choices they make. Brittany Key was awarded the medal for high point individual for the entire contest and Tabitha Lloyd was recognized for being third high individual. Contestants from 23 counties in District 7 participated in this event. Connie Andrews, local insurance agent, worked with the 4-H members on studying for the class on automobile insurance. This activity teaches life skills for consumer decision making.

Commissioners court meeting

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

award had indeed been presented at a recent Aviation Conference in Austin. It was then noted that the press release had run in the San Angelo Standard-Times and that the story mentioned an electronic gate having been installed at the airport. Griffin replied that he didn't know where that idea came from and added that, according to the story, a beacon light was supposed to have been installed as well. He pointed to the beacon light, resting on the floor in the commissioners courtroom, and said that the story was obviously wrong.

In other business County Clerk Peggy Williams read the March 11 meeting and the commissioners voted to accept them as presented. The commissioners also voted to contract for record retention services. County Clerk Peggy Williams told the court that documents generated in the court house haven't been shredded for two years and the documents were stacking up. Williams told the court the service will provide an individual who knows which documents can be destroyed and which documents must be maintained.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, April 1**
Country Fried Steak, Baked Potatoes, Spanish Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Lime Rice Swirl, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, April 2**
Oven Fried Chicken Breast, Potato Salad, Zucchini squash, Wheat Bread, 1/2 Orange, Lemon Squares, Milk
- Wednesday, April 3**
Pork Chop with Gravy, Diced Potatoes, Carrots, Tossed Salad with Tomato, Wheat Roll, Peach Cobbler, Milk
- Thursday, April 4**
Fried Catfish, Corn Tomato Casserole, Spinach, Corn Bread, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, April 5**
Beef & Cheese Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Tortillas, Creamy Coleslaw, Fruit Salad, Milk

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• PANIC ROOM (R)	2:50	5:30	8:10	
• DEATH TO SMOOCHY (R)	2:15	4:45	7:15	9:55
• SORORITY BOYS (dts) (R)	5:00	7:20	9:40	
• SNOW DOGS (PG)	2:30	4:55	7:30	9:25
• RETURN TO NEVERLAND (G2:45)				
• DRAGONFLY (dts) (PG-13)	4:40	7:00	9:45	
• JOHN Q (R)	1:55	4:30	7:00	9:30
• I AM SAM (PG-13)	2:00	4:30	7:05	

Times good for the week of 3/29 thru 4/04

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Letters to the Editor

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Dear Editor,

I was amazed as I was perusing the local museum and it's stash of EHS annuals, the diversity of the champions Eldorado has produced over the years. From the 1957 World Champion Palimino Polo Team to this year's state championship in Team Tennis and champion goat at the Houston Livestock Show, the list of state champions or higher from Eldorado also includes poetry reading, extemporaneous speaking, physics, track, canoeing, newspapering, grass judging and no telling what else I'll discover when I get the chance to thoroughly delve into the archives.

I HAVE A DREAM, THAT SOME DAY all of these champions will be displayed in a Schleicher County Hall of Fame, prominently showcasing these achievements for current and future generations to enjoy. If any reader or their loved one has won a statewide Texas competition, or competed nationally or internationally in a recognized competition, get a framed 8 x 10 picture, newspaper article, etc. to me and I will begin work on this project today!

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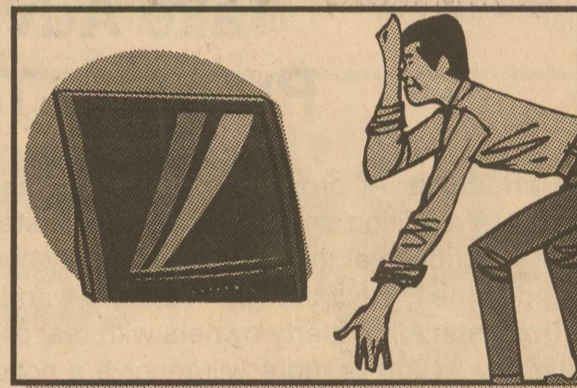
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Ghosts from the past occupy Ft. McKavett for post's 150th Anniversary celebration

by Randy Mankin

FORT MCKAVETT — For a moment all was silent, all but the ever present wind and the sound of a lone trumpeter playing Taps. Then, in an instant Ft. McKavett was transformed back to the active Army post it had been in the mid-19th century. From behind the fort's hospital building came marching a military band and soldiers representing every era of the fort's colorful past.

One unit, dressed in light blue wool uniforms, portrayed the

troops that served in the Mexican-American war and later occupied Ft. McKavett when it was founded in 1852. Another represented the troops that manned the fort during the Indian Wars. Another group, dressed in turn of the century uniform, portrayed a National Guard Unit, that might have been called into active duty, sometime during the campaign against Pancho Villa, a period well after Ft. McKavett was finally abandoned.

There were Cowboys and In-

dians, Cavalry troopers and Texas Rangers, Camp followers and Buffalo Soldiers, all comprised of volunteer historical reenactors, dedicated to preserving the past.

In one sense, the only thing that has changed around Ft. McKavett are the people who occasionally populate the fort during special events. Bob Bluthardt, director of the Ft. Concho National Historic Site in San Angelo served as Master of Ceremonies Saturday for the 150th Anniversary celebration at Ft. McKavett. Looking at the countryside surrounding the fort Bluthardt noted, "Nothing has changed. People may change, but the land is what remains constant."

A crowd of several hundred were on hand for the ceremony and witnessed as Park Superintendent Buddy Garza accepted a plaque on behalf of the fort's staff. What followed was a day-long event, in which historical reenactors were the featured players. And they did not disappoint.

Artillery demonstrations and cavalry charges were augmented by blacksmith shops, freight agents and musicians playing 19th Century songs on authentic period instruments.

Troops of the 1st and 8th Infantry Regiments and the 2nd Dragoon Regiment first occupied Ft. McKavett in 1852, and were given the task of deterring Indian raids along the Texas frontier. As tensions grew in the East, with the approach of the Civil War, the U.S. Army abandoned Ft. McKavett in 1859. But, it was occupied again in 1868, after the close of the Civil War and remained an active post until 1883 when it was finally abandoned.

Bluthardt told the assembled crowd that the wind, which hampered the official ceremonies slightly by drowning out the pub-



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Face to Face with history — Historical reenactors, representing cavalry Company D participated in the brief parade that followed the official recognition ceremony during the 150th Anniversary celebration at Ft. McKavett last Saturday.

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Protests: All property owners with real or personal property that has increased in valuation by \$1000 or more will receive a notice of appraised value. These notices will be mailed in May. If the property owner is dissatisfied with the value set by the district he should contact the Appraisal District to discuss the valuation. If the question is not resolved, he may appeal to the Appraisal Review Board for an adjustment. That protest must be filed by May 31, or within 30 days of the notice, whichever is later.

Homeowners: The Texas Legislature and many local government entities have allowed for part of the value of a homestead to be exempted from taxation. If you have a homestead exemption there is no need to re-file. However, if you have purchased a different home since January 1, 2001 you will need to file for this exemption. If you have questions or need an application you should contact us at the address or phone number listed below.

Over-65 and Disabled Homeowners: The Texas Legislature allows many local government entities to grant substantial tax relief for homeowners who are over 65 or disabled. A minimum of \$10,000 value exemption is available from all school districts. In addition, over-65 homeowners may have the amount of school tax frozen the year after they are 65. A taxpayer is not eligible for both over 65 and a disability exemption. If you qualify for both, the over 65 exemption will reduce your taxes more than the disability exemptions.

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Farmers and Ranchers: Landowners who are using their land for commercial production of food or fiber may be entitled to receive a special appraisal on their land, which is based on agriculture production. The land must have been utilized for farming or ranching for five of the last seven years and be currently devoted to agricultural use. If you have not been receiving Ag use appraisal on your land in the past and wish to apply, you may receive an application by contacting us at the address listed below.

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Filing Deadlines

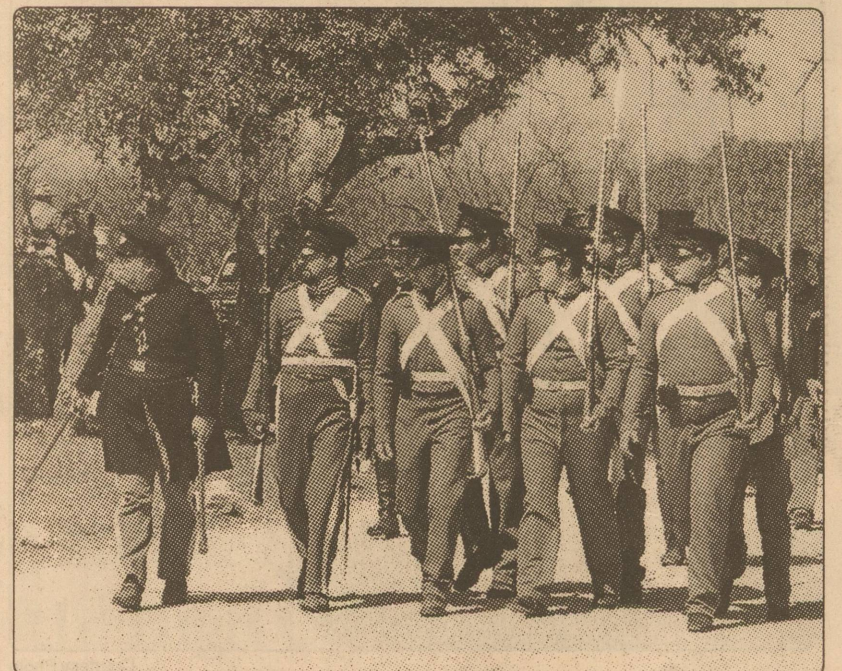
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Schleicher County Appraisal District
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Eyes Right — Historical reenactors, representing the 2nd Dragoon Regiment, one of the units that first occupied Ft. McKavett in 1852, saluted the flag Saturday as they paraded through the fort during the post's 150th Anniversary celebration.

Photo by Kathy Mankin

lic address system, actually helped make the fort more liveable during its occupation. The cooling breeze made the blistering hot summers bearable while and abundance of clean water from the nearby in the San Saba River was a relief, as well. Native plants and animals supplemented the soldiers' military rations. Timber and limestone gathered nearby provided building material for the fort's numerous buildings, which were constructed high atop a prominent hill, making the post difficult to attack.



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The site was acquired by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Depart-

ment in 1968 and has undergone extensive renovation. Many of the buildings have been restored while others have been left as ruins, for aesthetic, as well as instructional purposes. Fort McKavett State Historical Fort is open to the public daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Persons wanting more information may call the park office at 396-2358.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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The Blotter

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

ARREST
March 7 • Martinez, Jesus R. male age 56, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct, Enhanced.

March 13 • Dean, Monica, female age 26, Court Order. Released, time served 11 days, 3 credit. Charge Making Alcohol To A Minor.

March 23 • Nadeau, Jennifer Ann, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

March 26 • Contreras, Jose Miguel, male age 21, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated.

REPORTS
March 19 • 7:35 a.m. Complainant reported three dead goats and one alive in the middle of the 17 miles East on Highway 190. Officer responded.

March 20 • 7:35 a.m. Complainant reported neighbors dogs were loose on North Street and tearing up their shrubs.

• 8:20 p.m. Sonora Sheriff Office requested an officer be on the lookout for a male subject in a red Ford Ranger pickup. Subject assaulted his girlfriend at a bar in Sonora. Officer responded.

March 21 • 7:01 p.m. Owner of residence on Hwy. 190 East reported a structure fire at a ranch location. Two officers, EMS2 and Fire Department responded.

• 9:20 p.m. Female complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

March 22 • 7:07 p.m. Complainant reported broken bottles on Page Lane. Officer responded.

• 7:43 p.m. Complainant reported a possible drunk driver in an older model Ford Mustang. Officer responded.

• 8:38 p.m. Complainant requested an officer check around their residence on Hwy. 190 West. Officer responded.

March 23 • 7:55 a.m. Subject stated that they had locked themselves out of their residence and asked if an officer would be able to assist them. Officer responded.

• 10:45 a.m. Subject on Hwy. 915 & FM 1828 requested an officer about their fence line that has been damaged by a neighbor who is building a game fence. Missing or dead livestock.

• 4:03 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a harassing phone call they had received. Officer responded and child's parents were contacted about calls they were making.

• 11:19 p.m. Complainant reported some subjects burning boxes and the fire was blowing debris into their yard. Officer responded.

March 24 • 7:21 a.m. Mother needed an officer to respond to assist their daughter. Unwanted male subject was over and would not leave. Officer responded.

March 25 • 6:53 p.m. Complainant reported 2 male subjects walking with bag one mile out on Hwy. 190 West. Officer responded.

• 10:17 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance and officer and EMS 2 responded.

March 26 • 6:56 p.m. Complainant reported that someone has stolen mother's purse from grocery store. Officer responded.

• 8:02 p.m. Complainant reported kids were shooting rocks behind the Post Office to the front and hit the complainant van in the windshield. The two boys were hiding behind the dumpsters. Officer responded.

• 8:40 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver coming from San Angelo, to Eldorado swerving all over the highway. Officer responded.

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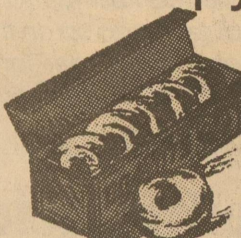
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