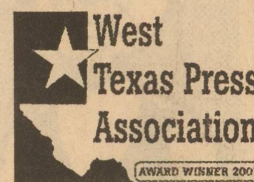
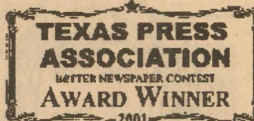


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Shoplifting charge leads to seizure of Nazi meth lab

Hitler's secret recipe enjoying comeback

An alert store clerk reported a shoplifting incident in Sonora Tuesday, setting into motion a chain of events that culminated with the arrest of three San Angeloans on South Divide Street in Eldorado. Along with the arrest came the discovery of a methamphetamine lab concealed in the suspect's pickup truck. And, according to investigators, it wasn't your typical meth lab. Instead it was what has come to be known as a Nazi meth lab, a portable rig that was once a highly protected secret of Adolph Hitler's Third Reich.

Christopher B. Glass, 35, Nicole Renee Faultner, 19, and Cort Wynn

Harrison, 33, all of San Angelo, were apprehended Tuesday by Deputy Jason Chatham and Deputy David Oliván after the Sonora Police Department issued an alert that a young woman had shoplifted items of clothing and non-prescription medicine from a store there. A description of the suspect's vehicle, a 1994 F-150 Ford pickup truck, was issued and moments later Chatham and Oliván encountered the truck and pulled it over on South Divide Street.

When confronted about the shoplifting incident, Faultner reportedly admitted to taking the clothing and the over-the-counter

medications. With that, the officers placed her under arrest and began interrogating Glass, the driver of the pickup.

After a pat down search uncovered a quantity of marijuana on Glass, the two deputies placed him under arrest and began a thorough search of the truck. At that point, DPS Trooper Robert Bybee joined in with his drug dog Jada. What they found was a large quantity of illegal drugs, namely methamphetamine. Several plastic containers filled with chemicals were also discovered — chemicals like ether and anhydrous-ammonia.

The officers also uncovered other items reportedly used to "cook" the methamphetamine. Scales, burners and mixing equipment were all logged into evidence.

In all, the officers recovered 18 grams of processed methamphetamine, over \$500 in cash and a quantity of prescription medicine. Deputy Oliván noted that the prescription drugs were not issued in the names of any of the three suspects.

Glass, Faultner and Harrison were all booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. At the time of his arrest Glass was reportedly out of jail on parole after being convicted on a charge of Delivery of a Controlled Substance. Faultner also faces charges in Sonora on the Shoplifting charge.

The officers have already taken steps to seize the cash and the 1994 pickup truck. Chapter 59 of the Texas Code on Criminal Procedures, law enforcement agencies may seize property like automobiles used in connection with a drug related crime.

Glass, Faultner and Harrison had not been arraigned at press time on Wednesday. Texas law requires suspects to be arraigned (formally charged before a magistrate) within 48 hours of being taken into custody.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

The job isn't finished until the paperwork is done — Schleicher County Sheriff's Deputies Jason Chatham (foreground) and David Oliván (background) began the long task of documenting drugs, cash and lab paraphernalia they seized Tuesday after a shoplifting complaint from Sonora led to a traffic stop on South Divide in Sonora. Two men and a woman, all from San Angelo were arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

So, what exactly is a Nazi meth lab?

In recent years, law enforcement agencies across the nation have reported an alarming rise in the number of "Nazi" methamphetamine labs. The trend is particularly evident in North Texas where several hundred labs have been found.

In the 1930's, German Chancellor Adolf Hitler, himself a methamphetamine addict, ordered the development of a quicker, cleaner method of making the drug, supposedly in hopes of boosting the stamina of his frontline soldiers. German scientists carried out his wishes and a new, faster technique was created. Following the end of World

War II, the Nazi's method of cooking methamphetamine spread slowly around the world.

A traditional meth lab requires a sizeable investment in expensive equipment, along with a remote location to hide the noxious fumes as well as the explosive mix of flames and unstable chemicals. Using that method, a batch of the narcotic drug can be prepared in about two days.

The Nazi meth labs rely on chemical reactions between common household drugs and chemicals. Ingredients like lithium from household batteries is combined with common over-the-counter

drugs like, acetaminophen and "cooked" in ether and anhydrous ammonia (fertilizer). In this way, Nazi meth labs can yield their illicit product within two-hours and can be operated from any location.

Sheriff David Doran reports that Nazi meth labs have been spreading in recent years. Numerous labs have been found near Wichita Falls and recently one was located near Abilene. He notes that the ease with which Nazi meth ingredients may be obtained, coupled with the ability to quickly disassemble and transport a lab are making them more and more popular with drug dealers.



Photo by Kathy Mankin

You have the right to remain silent — Deputy Jason Chatham and DPS Trooper Robert Bybee confronted Cort Wynn Harrison, 33, of San Angelo, Tuesday after reportedly finding a quantity of methamphetamine in his shirt pocket. Harrison and Nicole Renee Faultner (at left), and a third individual, Christopher B. Glass, 35, were all arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Officers stopped after receiving a shoplifting complaint from the Sonora Police Department.

UIL realignment means shorter road trips for Eagles

by David E. Hill

The University Interscholastic League announced its district realignment for the next two years and the Eldorado found themselves remaining in District 2-2A, but with two new opponents.

Junction and Mason were moved out of the district to Region IV. Ozona and Reagan County were moved into the district which also consists of Grape Creek, Sonora, Wall and Eldorado.

In terms of travel, Eldorado actually will find themselves on the road for fewer miles over the next couple of years. The district is probably the most compact district in which Eldorado could find itself. However, in terms of competition, things have gotten a lot tougher for both boys and girls athletics at EHS. Perhaps the best news was that Eldorado and Anthony did not come under the same district.

Coach Leslie Gooch was asked Monday on her take on the new district, which includes her alma mater Reagan County, "The UIL has probably just created one of the toughest girls basketball districts in the state. When you take teams with the recent playoff history of Wall, Ozona, and Reagan County, it's easy to see that Region I's champion could easily come from 2-2A. One thing is certain, to be successful in the new district, you will have to compete at an extremely high level every Tuesday and Friday." Gooch continued, "The spring sports will see just as much competition as well."

Athletic Director Karl McCormack last week predicted that 2-2A would be composed of the teams announced by the UIL on

Monday. When asked if he had any inside connections he only said, "No, I was just lucky, I guess."

Commenting on the new makeup of the district, McCormack continued, "Well, we won't have to worry about many let downs in opponents over the next couple of years. This will be a very competitive district in all sports. From fall to spring, top to bottom, spectators will get to see some excellent talent and competition."

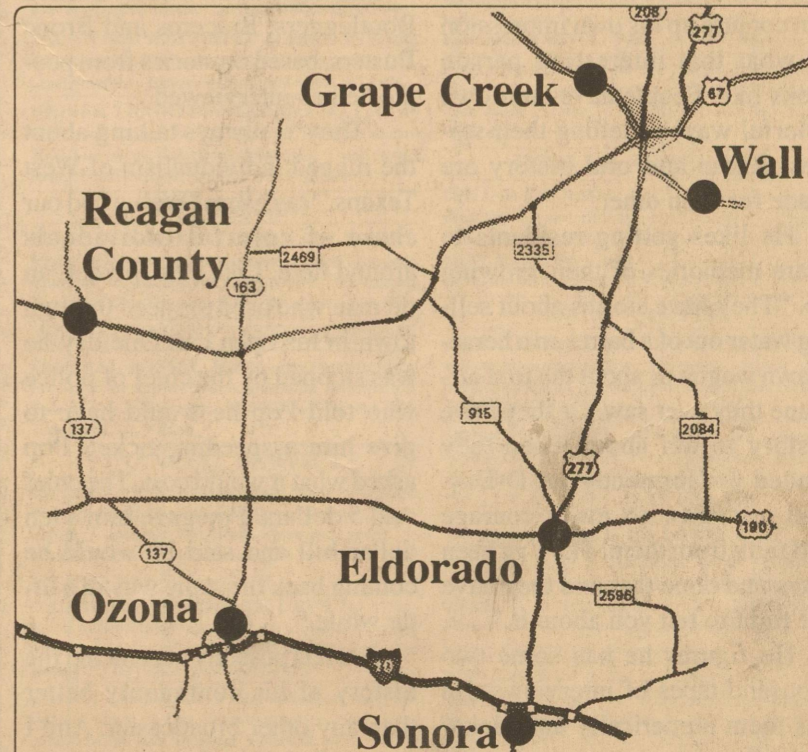
Matt Rutherford is perhaps the only EHS coach pleased with the new alignment. His tennis teams won't be facing Mason until the State Championship game.

Eldorado's proposed 2002-2003 football schedule was also revealed. Three things people will notice are that we will no longer have Rocksprings, Bangs and

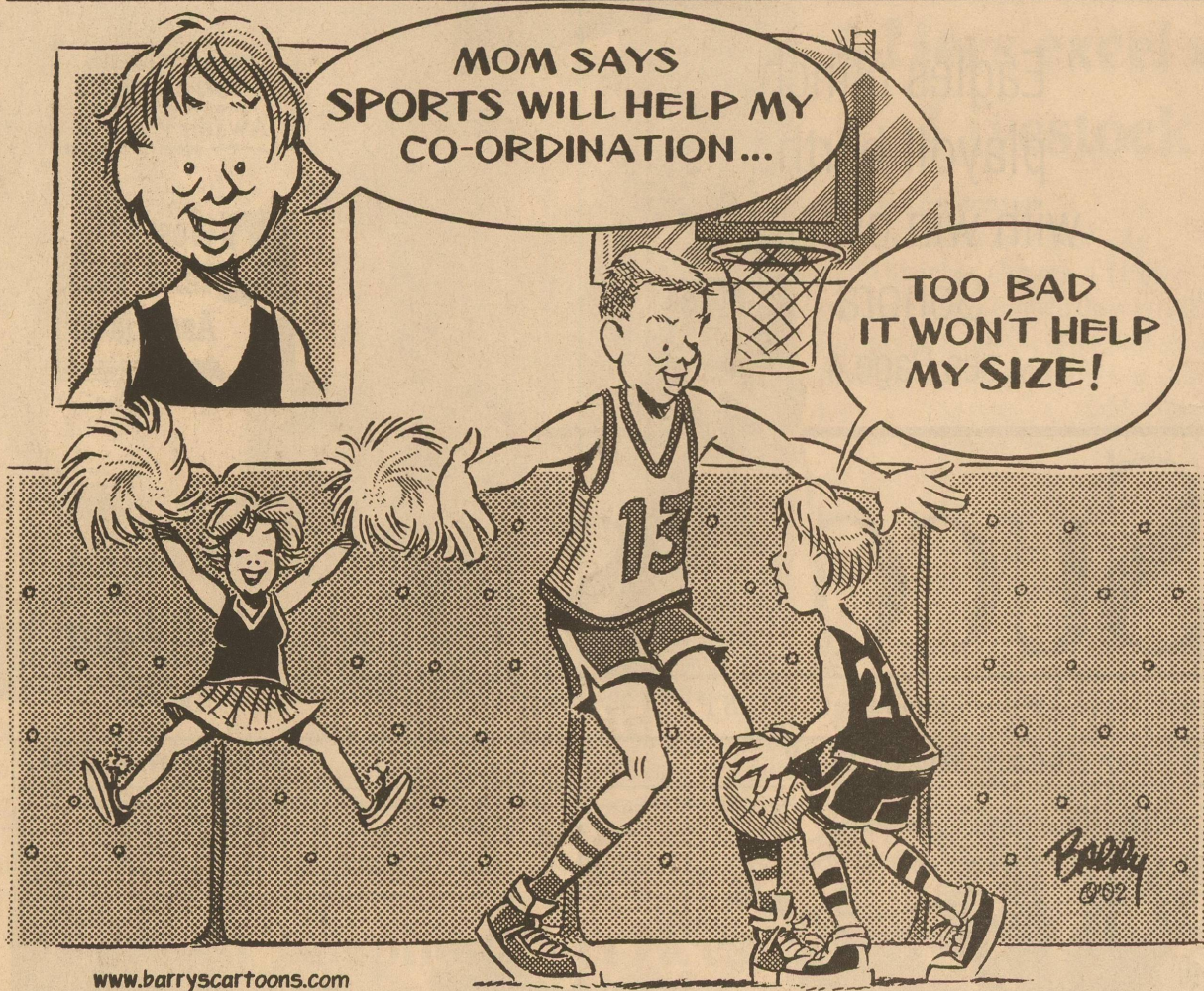
Blanco on our schedule. Eldorado will open with Christoval, followed by Mason, Menard, Rankin, and Iraan as non-district opponents. The district schedule will be Grape Creek, Sonora, Reagan County, Wall, and Ozona

Some of the moves in the area outside 2-2A were, Alpine and Crane went from 3A to 2A and McCamey went from 2A to 1A. Three time defending 2A state football champion Celina will now get a run in 3A.

All in all the realignment went as expected. McCormack said there were a few surprises, "They didn't close the gap in 3A like many had hoped for." As always, there is an opportunity for schools to appeal their alignment. Historically, such appeals usually fall on deaf ears in Austin at UIL headquarters.

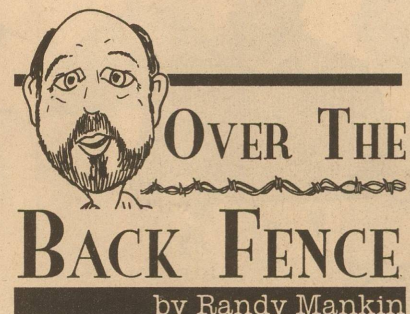


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The many and varied vistas of Texas



Anyone who has done much traveling in Texas appreciates the accuracy the state's tourism motto: Texas, it's like a whole other country. In recent months, I have found myself in various and diverse regions of the state — each one uniquely Texan.

There was a high school football game on a beautiful Autumn evening on the South Plains. Since the Eagles had a bye that week, Kathy and I were able to be there to watch our nephew, Johnathan, play. While we were in the neighborhood, we spent a day at the South Plains Fair.

A few weeks later we went to Andrews to watch Johnathan in a playoff game and the weather had changed dramatically. A 50 mph wind was blowing and we were bundled up like a bunch of Eskimos. Of course, when the wind

blows in Andrews, so does the sand.

Six months earlier we went to El Paso for a convention. During the drive from Eldorado to the western tip of the Lone Star State I became convinced that the song "Miles and Miles of Texas" was written on just such a trip.

Naturally, El Paso was hot and dry. That contrasted nicely with the beach at Port Aransas, which is where the Mankin clan spent Christmas Eve. My parents winter on the coast each year and we spent this past Christmas with them. Late on Christmas Eve we went to the beach, dug a small pit and built a fire. With flames flickering on the beach just feet from the water's edge, and a myriad of stars twinkling overhead, it was undoubtedly the most unusual Christmas I've ever spent.

Last July, while attending a meeting in a Houston hotel, I walked out of the air conditioned comfort of the building into the sweltering 103 degree heat and 97 percent humidity that Harris County residents cope with each summer. As my glasses fogged up I found myself wishing I was back in West Texas.

The country north of Houston was beautiful. Rolling hills and tall pine trees. Everything was lush and green.

Not so in McCamey. The last time I passed through there the earth was parched and dry. But, on the flat-topped mesas surrounding the town, where one would expect to see Comanche warriors arrayed in war bonnets, massive windmills stand. Their sweeping propellers extracting energy from the ever present West Texas wind.

A couple of weeks ago I passed through Coleman. There, a steel fabrication firm is doing a booming business building the huge support tubes for those windmills. I was on my way to the Dallas-Ft. Worth Metroplex. A series of sprawling cities that blend one into the other.

One writer pointed out that Texas offers everything that the other forty-nine states have, and then some. Everything, that is, except snow capped mountains.

Thinking back on my college days, I can recall a trip I made from Anson to Lubbock during a winter blizzard. Everything was iced over and the DPS had closed all the roads. But, I had to get back to school and I drove around the barricades.

At Post, the road up onto the Caprock was a sheet of ice. Each time I tried to drive up the hill, my car would lose traction and slide back down. Finally, after several tries, I made it. Once on top, the world was white as far as the eye could see.

No snow capped mountains? True enough, but who cares? Texas has just about everything else including windswept deserts, sandy beaches, emerald green forests, the Davis Mountains, hundreds of lakes, the Hill Country...

Road to new transportation system won't be stump free

AUSTIN — One of the first laws dealing with transportation in Texas provided that each county seat be connected by a first-class road.

By statute, a first-class road was a clearing 40 feet wide. Stumps less than 8 inches across were to be cut even to the ground. Stumps bigger than that were to be rounded off at the top so wagon wheels could more easily get over them.

The early day lawmakers who passed that legislation would be slack-jawed at what the 21st century may hold for transportation in Texas.

Gov. Rick Perry announced early last week a far-reaching transportation plan that could cost \$175 billion and revolutionize the system

State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



of getting people, goods and utilities from Point A to Point B.

Called the Trans Texas Corridor, the system would tie together highways, rail lines and utility right of way for a network that would span the state.

"We need a transportation system that meets the needs of tomorrow, not one that struggles to keep up with the needs of yesterday," Perry said in announcing the plan.

The corridors, which would connect Texas' major urban areas, would be made up of six highway traffic lanes—three in each direction—and six rail lines, three in

each direction.

One rail line would handle high-speed commuter trains, one would be for high-speed freight and one would accommodate a short haul regional freight system.

Another feature of the corridor would be a utility easement for petroleum, natural gas, electric, water and communications lines.

Funding for the project would come through partnerships with private companies or other public entities, with toll money, bond issues and loans and grants.

This became legally possible with the passage by voters last fall of a Constitutional amendment creating a Texas Mobility Fund.

Still, the journey from concept to reality will not be without a few figurative stumps.

Southwest Airlines did not waste any time taking off in opposition to the plan, saying it did not want to compete against government.

While the big construction contractors, the H.B. Zachary Companies, will like the idea, the little guys are not quite as enthusiastic. They worry that they would miss out on the action, since the project as envisioned is more of a turnkey deal and not necessarily subject to the state low bid process.

Spokesmen for the two most visible Democratic gubernatorial candidates, Dan Morales and Tony Sanchez, also found issue with the plan announced by the Republican incumbent.

Morales' campaign said the project would cover a lot of privately-owned land and possibly sites of cultural significance, and Sanchez' voice said the project would sure cost a lot, even if some of the load is carried by the private sector.

"It's a visionary plan," said someone connected to the highway construction industry who for reasons of political expediency did not want to be quoted by name. "But the devil is in the details."

Those devilish details will be developed by the Texas Department of Transportation, which the governor charged with doing the job by this summer.

Though Perry said construction on some phases could begin as early as this year, completion might take a quarter century or longer.

Perry has estimated the project could create more than 400,000 new jobs and as many as 2 million new jobs in business growth the new transportation system would foster.

Drivers License officer curtails hours in Eldorado

Community Resource Center Director Patsy Kellogg announced this week that the Texas Department of Safety's Driver's License Division is cutting back from four days per month to one day per month. Currently the only sched-

uled stop in Eldorado this month is Monday, February 11th.

Kellogg asks people to with complaints about the new schedule to contact the Driver's License Division Chief Gloria at 512-424-2600.



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Bootleggers, Braceros and Bronc Busters

Jim Baum was mayor of Colorado City fourteen years, longer than any other mayor of that city ever served.

"The most rewarding thing about those years was the interplay I had with residents who would come to me when they had a problem or a suggestion, and their faith in me that I could do something about the situation," says Jim.

Jim Baum has owned radio station KVMC in Colorado City long enough to have it paid for. He has interviewed just about everybody in Mitchell County on his morning "Community Closeup" program.

"There is absolutely nothing like oral history," says Jim, "especially oral radio history because you hear their voices. The listener can conjure up his own impression of what that interesting person looks like. People have their own colorful ways of telling their stories. Radio and oral history are made for each other."

He likes getting residents to share memories of their growing up. "They have stories about selling water out of a barrel on a horse-drawn wagon or about the first airplane they ever saw. Or they have a story to tell about when they landed at Normandy on D-Day. You just draw so much courage and faith from them. They've been there and done that and they have the right to tell you about it."

He figures he has some two thousand tapes of interviews. He has them numerically and alphabetically cross-indexed to make them easy to find.

"One of the great delights is having somebody call me at the

radio station and tell me that I was the only one to interview their father or grandmother and could they please have a copy of that tape. I'm so glad to give it to them free of charge."

Jim wrote a newspaper column for ten years devoted to the history of Mitchell county. He made history come alive in his column by mentioning personal anecdotes from people. One column was about a cheese factory in the nearby community of Loraine. An employee there lost the top of his 1937 class ring from Loraine High School into a vat while he was working. Three years later Kraft Cheese returned the top of his ring to him.

Jim has written a book entitled Bootleggers, Braceros and Bronc Busters, based on stories from people he has interviewed.

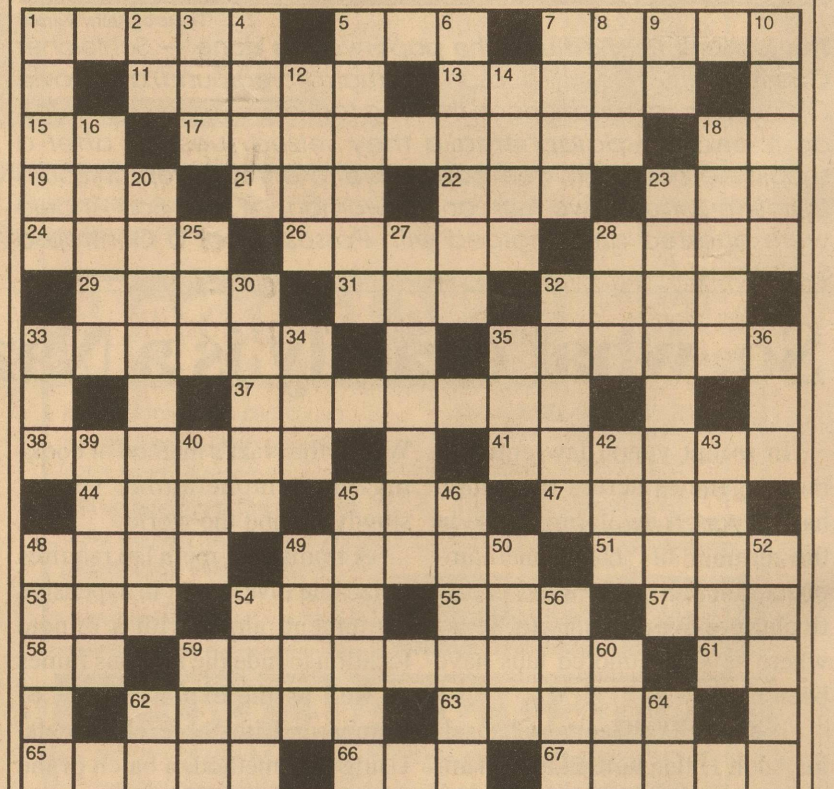
"They're always talking about the rugged individualism of West Texans," says Jim. "We've had our share of colorful individuals around here. Like Pop Snyder, an oil man who used to speed through town in his open car. One day he was stopped by the chief of police who told Pop he would have to give him a speeding ticket. Pop asked what it would cost. The chief said 5 dollars. Pop gave him a ten dollar bill and said he would be coming back the same way in a little while."

Jim has possibly chronicled the history of his community better than any other broadcaster. And I personally know of no other broadcaster who has worked harder or enjoyed his work more than Jim Baum.

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OBITUARIES

Gertrude Lange

BALLINGER — Gertrude Lange, 85, of Rowena went to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday morning, Jan. 31, 2002.

She was born Jan. 3, 1917, in Rowena to Joseph and Elizabeth Franke. She married Gerald Lange on Aug. 19, 1940.

She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Ann Altar Society and Catholic Daughters of America.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Anton Franke and Herman Franke; two sisters, Mary Hoelscher and Elizabeth Glass; a daughter, Yvonne Lange; and a granddaughter, Britany Lange.

Survivors include her husband, Gerald Lange; children, Steven and Natalie Lange, James and Janie Lange, Kenneth and Barbara Lange, Dennis and Joan Lange, Nelson and Judy Lange, Howard

and Rosagann Lange, Geryl and Damien Beach, and Mary Lee and Alan Pelzel; a brother, Rudy and Lucille Franke; a sister, Annie Jost; 23 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and her in-laws, Ervin Lange, Sister Helen Lange, Arnold and Ernestina Lange, Felda Lange and Sidona Taylor.

Nothing meant more to her than God, her husband, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She devoted her life to them.

She will always be remembered for her love of country music, dancing, taking care of her flower garden and her joy of living in the Rowena community with the people she loved.

Rosary was at Friday, Feb. 1, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rowena. Funeral Mass was Saturday, Feb. 2, at the church with burial following in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Marlin Porter

LAMPASAS — Marlin Porter, 87, passed away Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at his residence in Lampasas. Service was Monday, Feb. 4, in Briggs-Gamel-Wilcox Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Standard officiating. Burial followed in Smith Cemetery in Kempner.

He was born April 2, 1914, in the Sweatout Community in Lampasas County to Virgil Porter and Alga Hutcheison Porter. He was a lifetime resident of Lampasas.

He married Olean Lindsey June 22, 1935, at the Lampasas County Courthouse. He was a self-employed farmer and rancher and a member of the Agriculture Stabilization Commission for 17 years.

Survivors include his wife, Olean Porter of Lampasas; sons, Maylon Porter and wife, Judy, of Lometa, Melvin Porter and wife, Kathy, of Kingsland and Jimmy Porter and wife, Brenda, of San Angelo; daughter, Arleta Green and husband, Ronald, of Lampasas; brothers, L.A. Porter of Lampasas and Clay Porter of Eldorado; sisters, Neva Machen of Lampasas, Alena Hutchison of Dilly, Edna Carroll of Tucson, Ariz., and Reba Weeks of Lampasas; 14 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; aunt, Vivian Nelson of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Alton and Clinton Porter.

William Christopher Brooks

SAN ANGELO — William Christopher "Bill" Brooks, age 64, of San Angelo passed away peacefully early Monday morning, Jan. 28, 2002, after fighting a courageous battle with many illnesses for 14 years; the latest being a nine-week stay in the hospital.

Bill was a firefighter for 30 years and retired as a captain almost nine years ago. He always worked a second job so he could give his family the things he felt they should have. He was loved by many of his co-workers for his caring attitude and willingness to always work hard.

Bill was a deacon at The Heights Church and spent many hours helping clean the church as it was being built. He was known for his quick wit and funny pranks. He was a peacemaker at many committee meetings.

He was preceded in death by his father.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Brooks of San Angelo; one daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Kenneth Johnson of El Paso; two sons, Brick Stine of The Woodlands and Bob Stine and wife, Sarah, of West Des Moines, Iowa; his mom, Christine Brooks of San Angelo; two brothers, Gene Brooks of Midland and John Brooks of Arlington; three sisters, Cindy Owen of San Angelo, Beverly Avery of Kerrville and Jo Ann Norred of Big Spring; three granddaughters, Jami and Kodie Johnson of El Paso and Rachel Stine of West Des Moines; two

Smith aide to visit Eldorado

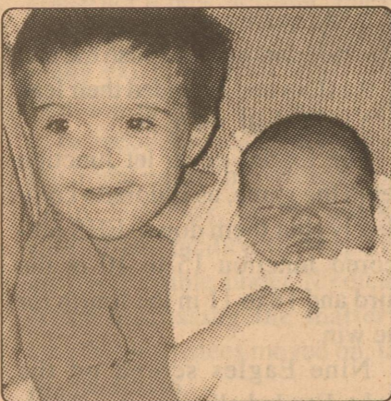
A member of Congressman Lamar Smith's staff will be in Eldorado on Monday, February 11, to assist Schleicher County residents with problems or questions they may have involving federal agencies or programs.

JoAnne Powell will be available to meet with constituents from 9 a.m. until noon that day at the Schleicher County Courthouse. No appointment is necessary.

Mrs. Powell, who is based in

Congressman Smith's West Texas District Office in San Angelo, will also be available to answer questions concerning federal legislation. Congressional staff members routinely assist residents who have difficulties in dealing with federal agencies, programs or policies. Common requests include those involving Social Security and Medicare benefits, veterans programs, and Department of Agriculture programs.

Congressman Smith's West Texas District Office is located at 33 E. Twohig, Room 302, San Angelo, Texas, 76903. The telephone number is (915) 653-3971 and the Fax number is (915) 655-4687. Congressman Smith's web page is <http://lamarsmith.house.gov>



Courtesy Photo
Trace Garrett Edmiston with baby brother Clayton Mack

It's a Boy!

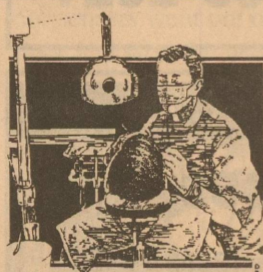
Justin and Lindsey Edmiston proudly announce the birth of their son, Clayton Mack. He arrived at Shannon Womens and Childrens Hospital in San Angelo on January 11th at 1:18 a.m. He weighed 8 lb. 3 oz. and was 20 inches long. They are at home in Del Rio along with proud big brother, Trace Garrett. Grandparents are Jerry Bass of Eldorado, Cynthia Bass of San Angelo, and Joe Max and Marty Edmiston of Mertzon. Great Grandparents from Eldorado are Orval and Charlene Edmiston.

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, February 11**
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk
- Tuesday, February 12**
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapples, Chocolate Chip Cookies, Milk
- Wednesday, February 13**
Fried Fish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Broccoli, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins
- Thursday, February 14**
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk
- Friday, February 15**
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Carrot Cake, Milk

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Eagles clinch playoff spot with 68-42 win over Sonora

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles went into Bronco Gym on a mission. Safe to say, mission was accomplished. The Eagles came away with a 26 point win over Sonora and the game really wasn't that close. Eldorado is now tied for second in the district.

Eldorado came out strong early with a swarming full court press and Ramon Barajas hit the boards. The result was a 13 point margin after the first eight minutes with EHS on top, 22 to 9. In the second, Eldorado again put the pressure on Sonora and got several easy buckets. The Eagles went into half time up by 29, 47 to 18.

After the break, the Eagles finally slowed down on the offensive end of the floor and only scored 13 in the quarter, but extended their lead to 60 to 27. Sonora cut the lead by 7 in the final stanza for the final score of 68 to 42.

Offensively all 10 Eagles

scored. Johnny Herrera led all scorers with 14, Ramon Barajas had 11, Wesley Jones had 10, Benji Gonzalez had 9, Tony Fay and Phillip Martinez had 7, Thomas Ballew had 5, Quisto Gonzalez had 2, and Bobby Phillips had 1. Defensively, the Eagles just didn't let Sonora have any success at all. Eldorado has continued to improve each game with their full court pressure.

Coach Gillespie said after the game, "It's always good to get a big win on the road. We played very well on both ends of the floor." The win sets up a show down between Grape Creek and Eldorado tomorrow night at Eagle Gym for second place in the district race. The game will begin at 6pm tomorrow night.

Eagles upset Hawks

Tuesday night's win over Sonora was sweet, but not any more so than the win they notched up a

week earlier against the league-leading Wall Hawks on the hardwood in the gym at "Wall, America."

The Eagles traveled to Wall last week to face the previously unbeaten Hawks. The first half was all Wall as the Hawks outscored the Eagles 15 to 11 in the first and 20 to 12 in the second for a 35 to 23 lead. EHS chipped away in the third cutting the lead by 3.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles continued to close in on the Hawks, narrowing the 9-point deficit to 2 points with 3 seconds left. That's when Johnny Herrera poured in a 3 pointer at the buzzer to give Eldorado a 50-49 win!

Wesley Jones led all scorers with 14, Ramon Barajas had 12, Benji Gonzalez had 9, Herrera had 8, Tony Fay had 7, and Thomas Ballew had 6.

Coach Gillespie said after the game, "The win should give us some confidence. We played very good defense tonight and Wesley Jones really had a great night for us. We did not let their big guys

dictate our game and that was the difference."

Eagles whip Junction

Last Friday, Eldorado hosted Junction at Eagle Gym. The green and white Eagles totally dominated the game from start to finish and came away with a 25 point win, 76 to 51.

EHS came out and pressed Junction quickly into several turnovers in the first quarter and got some great shots. The Eagles scored 24 in the quarter and were up by 8. Eldorado continued to push the ball up the floor and extended their lead by 5 at the half, 44 to 30.

The Eagles never let Junction get in the game, as Eldorado completely shut them down. EHS outscored Junction 15 to 10 in the third and 18 to 11 in the fourth for the win.

Nine Eagles scored on the night. Fay led all scorers with 21, Barajas had 17, Gonzalez had 10, Ballew and Phillip Martinez had 8, Jones had 4, Quisto Gonzalez and Ballew had 3, and Jimmy Joe Rodriguez had 2.

Coach Gillespie said, "This was a good win for our team. This sets us up for big games against Sonora and Grape Creek next week."



Photo by Kathy Mankin
Bringin' down the rebound — Ramon Barajas hauled in this rebound last Friday night as the Eagles boys coasted to a 76-51 win over Junction.

Lady Eagles lose final game 49-38 to Sonora

by David E. Hill

The Lady Eagles traveled to Sonora on Tuesday to take on the Lady Broncos. At stake was the opportunity to force a "play-in" for third place and a shot at the post season playoffs. Although EHS stayed tough for three quarters, in the end Sonora came out on top and claimed District 2-2A's final playoff spot.

In the first quarter, EHS used a tough defense to take early con-

trol of the game. The teams traded baskets and the first eight minutes ended in a 10 to 10 tie. The second quarter saw Eldorado miss several good opportunities on the offensive end of the floor. The Lady Eagles also got very few second shots on goal and found themselves down by 2 at the half, 22 to 20.

With the Lady Eagles still very much in the ball game at the half, the Eldorado faithful felt good

about where we were in the game.

In the third, Eldorado again didn't get many second shots on goal and were on the short end of rebounds at both ends of the floor. In spite of this, they had played good enough defense and hit some key shots to stay within 3 at 33-30.

With 3 minutes remaining in the game, EHS was down by 5 and trailed by 8 with 1:23 left to play. Sonora made their free throws cold the last 4 minutes of the game as Sonora pulled away to a 49-38 win.

Scoring for Eldorado was Christina Redish with 17, Clara Herrera had 8, Gentry Newman and Martha Lively had 4, Leigh Ann Neal had 3, and Hannah Robledo had 2.

Coach Gooch said after the game, "The fourth quarter we just couldn't buy a basket. This was a tough loss, but our ladies didn't leave anything floor. They went the entire 24 minutes."

The Lady Eagles closed out their season in fourth place in the district.


Lady Eagles fall to Wall

The Eldorado Lady Eagles dropped a hard fought contest to the league-leading Wall Lady Hawks on Tuesday, January 29th, by a score of 40-29. Despite the final score, the Lady Eagles weren't intimidated by Wall and kept up the pressure on the Lady Hawks, who found themselves vulnerable on several occasions.

Eldorado opened the game down by 11 after the first quarter 13 to 2. The Lady Eagles did not

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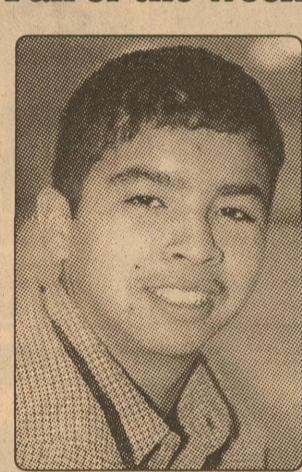
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Wednesday, February 13
Chicken & Dumplings, Green Beans, Pears, Sliced Bread, Lemon Pudding w/ Topping

Thursday, February 14
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Friday, February 15
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Tuesday, February 12
Biscuit, Boiled Egg, Jelly

Wednesday, February 13
Dry Cereal, Crackers

Thursday, February 14
Coffee Cake, Cheese Sticks, Apple Sauce

Friday, February 15
Dry Cereal, Crackers

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Chef's Salad w/ Crackers, Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, February 12
Steak Sandwich, Baked Potato w/ Sour Cream, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato, Chocolate Cake w/ Icing

Wednesday, February 13
Hot Meatloaf Sandwich, French Fries, Shredded Lettuce & Tomato, Lemon Pudding w/ Topping

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Trustees act to discontinue Hospice program in hospital

by Carriss Sharp

A loss of \$181,000.00 on a single hospice patient, forced Schleicher County Hospital District trustees last week to vote not to renew contracts with area hospice agencies. It was explained that terminally ill hospice patients will continue to be cared for in the Nursing Home, so long as beds are available. However, such patients will no longer be able to receive long-term care in the hospital.

The vote came after Hospital Administrator Ann Fagan-Cook explained that Medicare had disallowed payment for a hospice patient who spent 133 days in the hospital last year. And, under the agency's Critical Access Program, the percentage of operating costs that are normally reimbursed by the program were dramatically reduced, leaving a sizeable hole in the hospital's anticipated revenue.

Additionally, the trustees elected to write-off a number of bad debt accounts dating back to 1998. Fagan-Cook emphasized that hospital personnel will continue trying to collect the past due accounts, they will no longer be carried on the district's accounts receivable listing.

The occasion was the regular monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Hospital District's board of trustees which was held on Thursday, January 31, 2002. Members present included Randy Mankin, Delia Pina, Jim Martin, Rick Fuessel, and Shirley Joiner. Trustee John Callison was absent. Also attending were the hospital's administrator and assistant administrator, Ann Fagan-Cook and Beverly Minor. Phillip Sharp and James Kosub were in attendance as well. Andy Freeman was there representing Preferred Management, the company that oversees day-to-day operations of the hospital.

Board President Randy Mankin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. and the board immediately entered into an executive session

and this reporter was asked to leave the room. The reason for the executive session was to consult with attorney James Kosub, according to the posted agenda. However, when the group emerged into open session at 6:25 p.m., they took no action on the matter.

The board then reviewed and approved the minutes of their previous meeting and took up the discussion of the district's financial report. The hospital was reported to have netted \$166,000.00 during 2001. During that same period, the Nursing Home posted a loss of \$109,000.00 and the thousand and the clinic lost \$136,000.00.

Administrator Fagan-Cook explained that the bulk of that losses were due to hiring temporary physicians to staff the hospital's emergency room following the departure of Dr. Randall Sloan and prior to the arrival of Dr. Patrick Taylor. She also pointed out that an additional \$80,000.00 is due from Medicare.

In a brighter light, it was noted that the number of days in district's accounts receivable have been reduced to 149 days to 98. Phillip Sharp, accounts receivable director sought and received approval to purchase a computerized billing system in hopes of further reducing the amount of revenue outstanding in accounts receivable.

Fagan-Cook then told the board that the Nursing Home was highlighted in the "Best Practices" section of a publication titled "Ombudsman Reporter." The story concerned a new program implemented by Anita Jones, the director of nursing in the nursing home. The program involved removing the counter at the nursing station and installing a dining room table. Fagan-Cook explained that nursing home residents are encouraged to spend time at the table, interacting with the staff and fellow residents. She said that snacks are also eaten at the table

and that some residents previously experiencing weight loss are now seeing weight gain. Fagan-Cook said that overall the program has been a resounding success.

Discussion then turned to a report about the feasibility of expanding the nursing home. Ricky Fuessel, chairman of the committee charged with studying the subject, explained that new information revealed that it might be more desirable to convert the existing hospital into a nursing home and construct a new hospital. Fuessel and Andy Freeman explained that many expenses associated with a building project will not be able to be recovered under in the nursing home under the Medicaid program. However, on the hospital side of the facility, the expenses are recoverable under Medicare. After discussing the matter at length, the trustees moved on, taking no action.

The trustees then okayed the purchase of a new electrocardiogram (EKG) machine to replace the old one in the hospital. That machine is obsolete and stopped working recently. Dr. Pat Taylor has allowed the hospital to use his EKG machine until a new one could be purchased.

Next, the board approved applying for Rural Health Clinic status for the district's clinic. This will mean better reimbursement of clinic costs from Medicare. Administrator Fagan-Cook estimated the move could result in an additional \$60,000.00 annually for the district. One short-term concern is the time needed to convert to a new Medicare provider number as well as a new Drug Enforcement Agency number. It was noted that this will probably result in a brief

downturn in revenue while the numbers are being assigned.

The last item on the agenda involved approving a calendar for use by employees requesting time off under the Family Medical Leave Act. The board followed Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor's suggestion and adopted a "rolling year" calendar which is still a twelve-month period, but not necessarily from January to January. Minor said the new calendar provides more protection to the district and still complies with federal law.

The meeting officially adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

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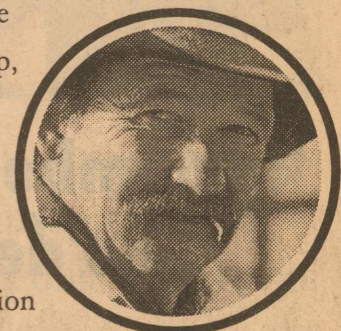
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Lady Eagles wrap up season

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panic and continued to play good defense and finally started to get the ball in the hole in the second quarter. At the half, EHS found themselves down by 10, 22 to 12.

The third quarter wound up being all Eldorado, in fact, at one point, the Lady Eagles got within 3. EHS would outscore Wall 14 to 8 and cut the lead to 4 at the end of the third. In the final eight minutes, Wall made the free throws down the stretch and wound up pulling away for the 11 point win.

Offensively, Christina Redish had 12 points, Leigh Ann Neal had 5, Clara Herrera had 4, Hannah Robledo had 3, Amanda Wanoreck and Gentry Newman had 2, and Teresa Barajas had 1.

Coach Gooch said after the game, "We played a very good game tonight. The difference wound up being the fourth quarter and Wall capitalized at the free throw line. I am very proud of our teams effort tonight."

EHS 63 - JHS 31

The Eldorado Lady Eagles hosted the Junction Lady Eagles last Friday night at Eagle Gym. Everything that could go right for Eldorado did. In fact, it went very, very well. The green and white had a good night both offensively and defensively.

Eldorado came out and pressured Junction heavily on defense and pushed the ball up the floor and found themselves up by 11 at the end of the first, 17-6. EHS then extended their lead by 7 at the half.

In the second half, EHS outscored Junction 18-8 in the third and 9-7 in the fourth to come away with the 31 point win, 63-32.

A total of nine Lady Eagles got

on the board. Neal and Redish led all scorers with 19 each, Herrera had 9, Newman had 4, Wanoreck had 3, and Martha Lively, Stephanie Luna, Robledo, and Barajas all had 2.

A happy Coach Gooch commented on the victory, "This was a must win for us to get into position for Sonora. We pushed the ball up the floor well and really had good defensive pressure on both ends of the court. I was proud that all of our seniors went out on their home floor and won the way they did."

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Two arrested in theft from hospital gift shop

A tip through the Senior Crime Stoppers hotline led last week to the arrest of two Eldorado residents and the recovery of a portion of the merchandise stolen a week earlier from the Schleicher



Photo by Lori Stricklan
Back home again — This stuffed toy, taken last week from the nursing home gift shop was returned this week after an anonymous tip led to two arrests in the case. Proceeds from the sale of such items is goes to benefit the residents of the nursing home.

County Nursing Home gift shop. Hector Manuel Adame, 19, was charged with Burglary of Habitation after the Sheriff's Department received an anonymous tip through the Crime Stoppers Hotline. Adame was taken into custody Sunday after evidence linking him with the theft was uncovered. Chief Deputy George Arispe explained that since the nursing home is also a residence the charge of burglary was brought. Adame was released on a \$5,000.00 surety bond.

The following day, officers also arrested Mandi Jo Armstrong, 18, of Eldorado, after reportedly discovering some of the missing property at her residence. She was booked into the Schleicher County Jail and charged with Theft. She was later released on a \$500.00 surety bond.

While much of the property has been recovered, some of it is still missing. Deputy Arispe says the case is still under investigation and that anyone with information about it should contact him at 853-2737.



Photo by Kathy Mankin
Just saying Thank You — Susie Richters received a beautiful trophy last week from Schleicher County Volunteer EMS President Bobby Andrews in recognition of her 19 years of service to the EMS.

Golf Play Day

by Mabel Freitag

We were worried about the Weather, but Sunday, February 3rd was a nice day. Not too hot, but a little cool. We had 25 golfers out to enjoy the afternoon. We'll be glad when our youths join us again.

1st Place score 59 - Brad Hull, C.R. Sproul and Mabel Freitag.

2nd Place score 59 - Wayne Tomlinson, Big Chris McCravey and Gordon Jones.

3rd Place score 61 - Jon Cartwright, Guy Crippin and Suzanne Alley.

There was a score card play-off for 1st and 2nd place.

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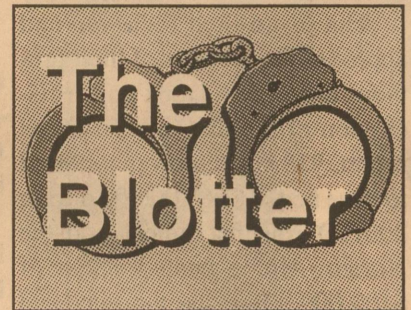
by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent - Ag

Mark Bybee, Gary Hanusch and Marcus Hinojosa recently exhibited their 4-H barrow projects at the Fort Worth Stock Show in Fort Worth. This annual event draws in competition from all over the state and is some very tough competition.

Gary Hanusch took 7th place honors with his light weight cross-bred barrow and Marcus Hinojosa took 17th place honors with his heavy weight Black OPB.

From here we are off to San Antonio and then to Houston and finally, San Angelo. We will keep you posted on the results.



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

ARRESTS

January 30 • Montez, Rudy, male age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charge Criminal Mischief. Released on \$200.00 Cash Bond.

February 1 • Rowley, Steven John, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on a \$1,000 Surety Bond.

February 3 • Belman, Lance Everett, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

Adame, Hector Manuel, male age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Burglary of a Habitation. Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

February 4 • Armstrong, Mandi Jo, female age 18, arrested by SC Officer, charge Theft. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.

February 5 • Glass, Christopher B, male age 35, arrested by SC Officers, charge Possession of Control Substance. Harrison, Cort Wynnn, male age 33, arrested by SC Officers, charge Possession of Control Substance.

Faultner, Nicole Renee, female age 19, arrested by SC Officer, charge Possession of Control Substance.

REPORTS

January 31 • 11:35 a.m. and 1:28 p.m. Two separate female subjects requested to speak with an officer. Officers responded.

• 7:31 p.m. Complainant on McWhorter Street reported their female German shepherd dog and goat missing.

• 9:00 p.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for their husband, because he fell off a ladder and was unable to walk. Officer and EMS responded.

• 11:23 p.m. Complainant requested an officer go by friend's house and check on them because they were threatening to kill themselves. At 11:31 p.m. Complainant called back and advised that they had talked to friend's mother and everything was OK. Subject said mother was going to take friend to the hospital. Officer responded and found everything OK.

February 1 • 1:15 a.m. Complainant stated that they needed an officer to get a skunk off their back porch. Officer responded.

• 11:29 a.m. Female subject contacted 911 and requested an ambulance at their residence. Officer and EMS responded.

• 3:11 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on a friend of theirs. Complainant stated that they could hear arguing on the phone and friend screaming. Officers responded to the call.

• 7:30 p.m. A black cow was reported out on County Road 412.

February 2 • 8:38 p.m. Complainant reported kids being left in an apartment by themselves.

• 9:30 p.m. Subject traveling down East Dorris reported a child in the roadway. Subject almost hit child. Reported child would not get out of the road.

February 3 • 11:08 a.m. Complainant reported two black cows out on Hwy. 2129.

• 12:48 p.m. Complainant requested an officer come to their residence because son was throwing things around the house. Officer responded.

• 1:54 p.m. Complainant on McIntosh reported a controlled burn.

• 4:18 p.m. Complainant on Lovie Street requested an officer to ask neighbors to turn down the loud music.

• 5:05 p.m. Subject needed an officer to come to the park in the barrio. Subject spotted juveniles vandalizing the park. Officer responded.

• 5:25 p.m. Subject called complaining about roosters in their yard that did not belong to them. Officer responded.

February 5 • 2:05 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a disturbance.

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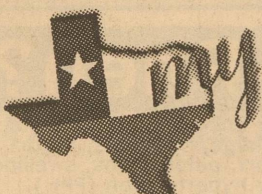
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4-Hers excel at San Antonio Livestock Exposition

by Scott Edmonson

County Extension Agent - Ag

Schleicher County 4-H members recently exhibited their breeding projects at the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in San Antonio on February 4, 2002. The junior Boer Goat show is open to all juniors with breeding Boer Goat projects.

In the percentage show, Marty Powell, Haley Higgins and Neal Higgins exhibited their does. In the 6-12 month old class, Neal Higgins took 1st place honors, Marty Powell was 3rd and Haley Higgins was 5th. Marty took 1st place honors with his aged doe and then won Grand Champion Percentage Doe for the whole show.

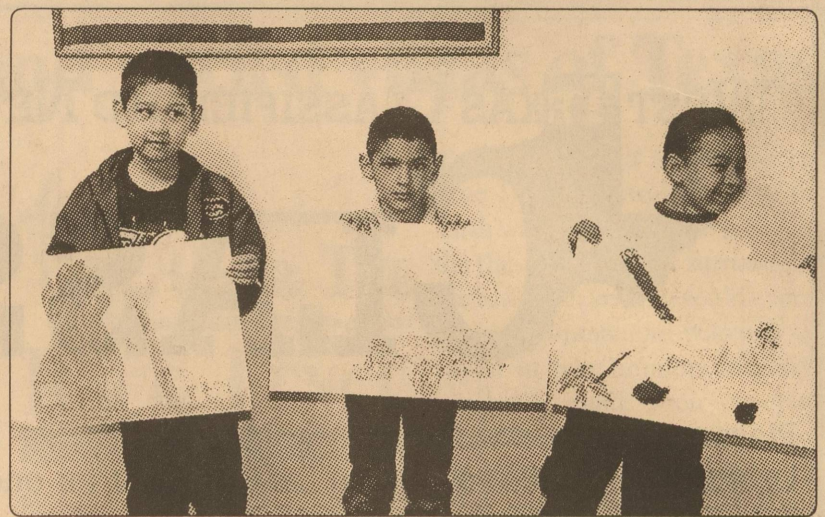
In the FullBlood Buck show, Marty Powell placed 1st and 2nd with his 6-12 month old buck kids

and then 1st and 2nd with his yearling bucks and followed this up by winning Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion FullBlood Bucks for the entire show.

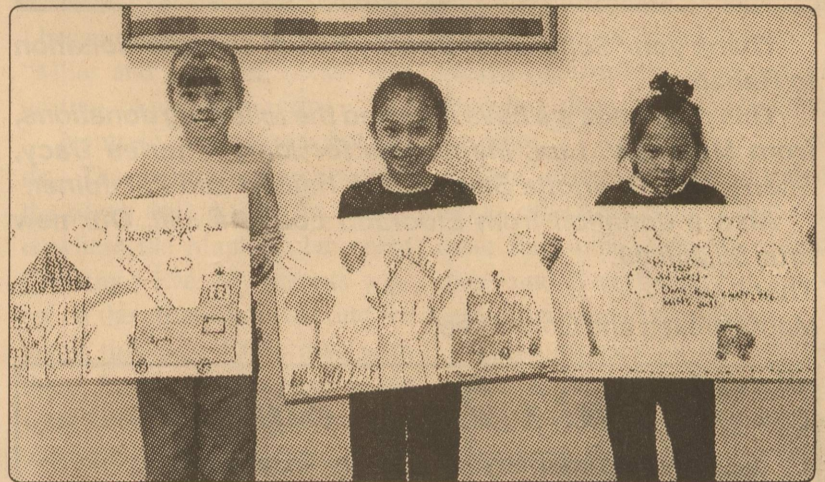
In the FullBlood Does, in the 6-12 month old class, 1st place went to Neal Higgins and 2nd place went to Marty Powell while Haley Higgins took 5th place honors. Marty Powell also won 1st place with his yearling doe. And Grand Champion honors went to Neal Higgins and Reserve Champion honors went to Marty Powell.

Bryce Leggett also exhibited his 6-12 month old fullblood doe in the junior and open shows.

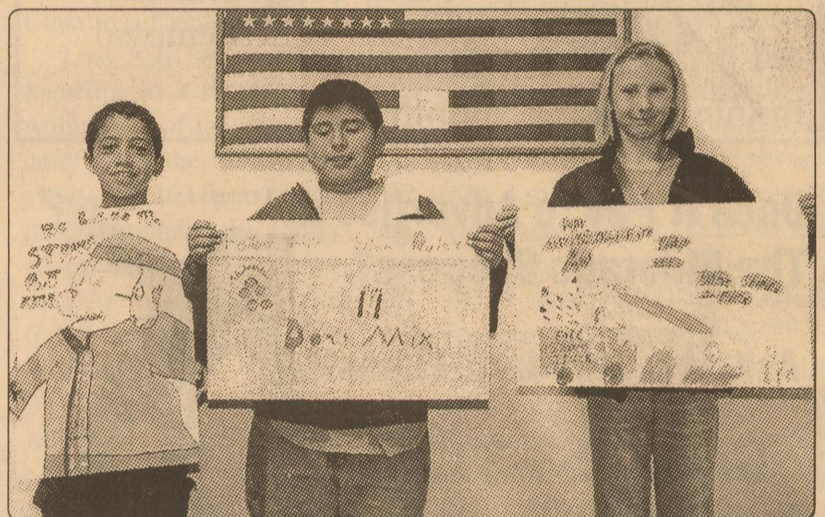
In the Poultry Show, Neal Brenner exhibited his pen of three and said he really learned a lot about this project and would be ready again next year.



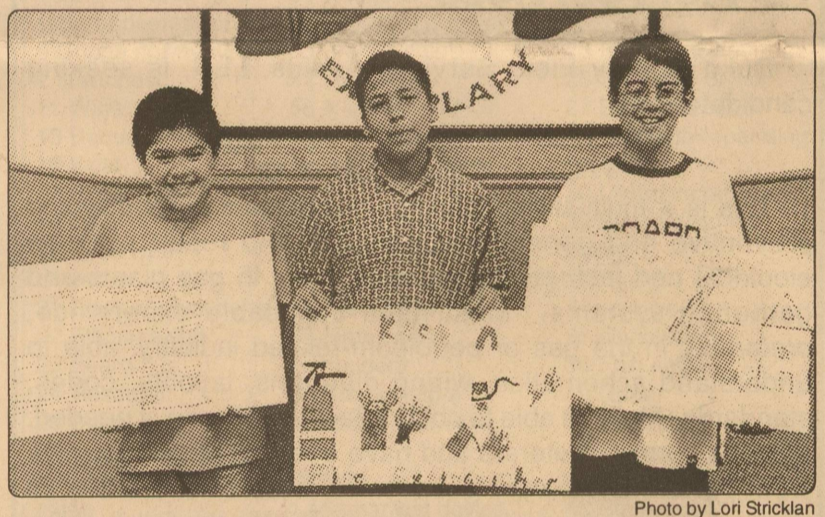
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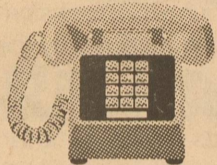


2002 Fire Prevention Poster Winners-Middle School Division (5th-8th) L-R: Brent Martinez, 1st Place; Marc Rodriguez, 2nd Place, Christopher Minor, 3rd Place.



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