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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ready for Contest — Mighty Eagle Band members posed for the camera last Friday night before taking the field at halftime of the game with Grape Creek. They include: (L-R) Richmond Adame, Karina Sanchez, Josie Diaz, Melinda Hernandez, Myra Robles, Erica Buitron and Hope Fuentes. The band will compete at the District VII marching contest in Brady on Saturday

Mighty Eagle Band to try for 19th Division "1"

Seventy members of the Mighty Eagle Band will perform in the District VII (West Division) Marching Contest in Brady at the Brady High School Stadium on Saturday, October 19.

The Mighty Eagle Band will be last to march in the AA Division at Bulldog Stadium on Saturday afternoon. Their performance is set for 3:30 p.m. The first performance of a AA band will begin at 1:00 p.m. with Bangs, followed by Ozona, Coleman, San Saba, Mason, Reagan County,

Junction, Winters, Sonora, Wall and then Eldorado at 3:30.

The band will be trying for its 19th consecutive Division "1" rating.

The Mighty Eagle Band is directed by Band Director Gina Muela and Assistant Director Ernest Bottlinger. Field director of the band is Senior Layna Murr.

The band will performing three selections including: "El Gato" by Roland Barrett, "Land of Make Believe" by Chuck Manginoc and "Spain" by Chick Corea.

Judges for this year's contest will be Tom Walters of Lampasas, Mike Lunney of Abilene and Jim Childers of Smithson Valley.

Kara Sue Garlitz is sponsor of the 2002 Eagle Band Flag Corps which is comprised this year of Hannah Robledo, Georgina Martiz, Selina Rojas, Anna Troy, Taylor Baker, Jessica Robertson, Sheryl Alexander, Chandra Wanoreek.

Everyone is encouraged to travel to Brady to support the Mighty Eagle Band as the tradition of excellence continues!

State Comptroller delivers sales tax payments

AUSTIN — Texas Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander today delivered \$299 million in monthly sales tax payments to local governments.

Rylander sent sales tax rebates of \$201.7 million to Texas cities and \$17.7 million to Texas counties. Seventy-four special purpose taxing districts received \$8.1 million and Texas' six metropolitan transit authorities and two city transit departments received \$71.3

million in sales tax revenue.

October sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in August and reported to the Comptroller in September. The state's share of sales tax reported during this period was \$1.1 billion.

For details of October sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit departments and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allo-

cation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/allosum/compsum.html.

Sales tax payments for the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County and Schleicher County Health Services Tax are listed below.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, November 8 and will be reported the following week in the Success.

October 2002 Sales Tax Rebates						
Taxing Entity	Sept '02	Sept '01	% Change	2002 YTD	2001 YTD	% Change
City of Eldorado	\$7,585.59	\$ 5,321.40	42.54% ↑	\$79,538.07	\$72,807.73	9.24% ↑
Schleicher County	\$6,705.82	\$10,715.23	37.41% ↓	\$68,454.15	\$80,780.41	15.25% ↓
Schleicher Co. Health Services Tax	\$5,112.31	\$ 8,890.71	42.49% ↓	\$55,864.41	\$71,452.19	21.81% ↓

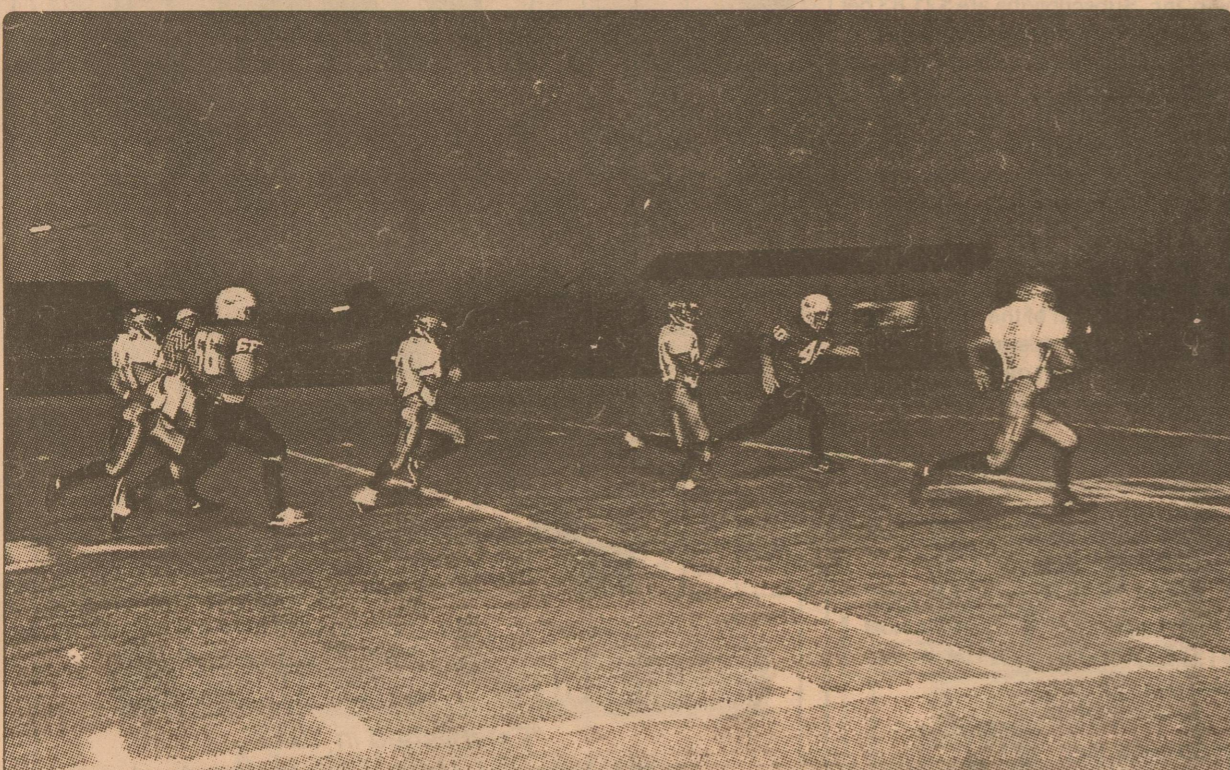


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Off to the races — Ray Buitron (#9 at right) sprinted to the endzone last Friday night after scooping up a Grape Creek fumble. The Eldorado Eagles defeated Grape Creek 28-12 in the first Dist. 2-2A game of the season. The Eagles will host the Sonora Broncos here tomorrow night.

County eyes proposal on Thunderbird Van Deal could help keep Community Resource Center open

Jeffery Sutton, executive director of the Concho Valley Council of Governments, and Rob Stevens, who oversees the CVCOG Thunderbird Rural Transportation Van program, appeared before the Schleicher County Commissioners Court Monday morning to propose that Schleicher County's Community Resource Center take over dispatching duties for the vans that serve Schleicher and Sutton counties.

Currently, the van that serves Sutton County, does not have a dispatcher. Instead, citizens wishing to use the van are required to call the driver on a cellular phone or leave a message on an answering machine. Stevens explained that budget constraints have forced the CVCOG to reduce the hours of service in Sutton County. He said that the City of Sonora was asked to assist but declined since it already operates its own van.

The proposal would have one van driver in Schleicher County,

working 32 hours per week, and two in Sutton County, working 30 hours per week. Each driver would receive \$7.50 per hour plus benefits. A dispatcher would work 30 hours per week in Schleicher County at \$9.00 per hour plus benefits. Sutton and Schleicher counties would share proportionally in the \$28,038.38 annual expense with dispatching duties for the vans that serve Schleicher and Sutton counties.

As the discussion moved forward it was suggested that Patsy Sutton County, does not have a dispatcher. Instead, citizens wishing to use the van are required to call the driver on a cellular phone or leave a message on an answering machine. Stevens explained that budget constraints have forced the CVCOG to reduce the hours of service in Sutton County. He said that the City of Sonora was asked to assist but declined since it already operates its own van.

After much discussion, Sutton and Stevens advised the commissioners that they would make a

similar proposal to the Sutton County Commissioners the following day. (Late Tuesday afternoon, the Success learned that the Sutton County commissioners listened to the proposal but took no action on the matter, choosing instead to search for other ways to fund the program.)

The meeting was the court's first regular meeting for October. Present for the meeting were Commissioners Ross Whitten, Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark. Schleicher County Judge Johnny Griffin was also on hand and presided over the meeting.

In other business the commissioners voted to proceed with issuing a \$300,000.00 single issue Certificate of Obligation Bond for the purpose of remodeling of the ag building. Judge Griffin informed the court that investment advisor Larry Skiles investment had said that the bond could only be used to fund a single project.

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Methodists honor Niblett with Exemplar Award

San Angelo District United Methodists honored three Eldorado residents Oct. 12 for distinguished Christian discipleship.

Cherie Niblett, a member of First United Methodist Church, Eldorado, received the 2002 Bishop's Exemplar Award for the San Angelo District.

Bishop Joel N. Martinez of San Antonio gives the award annually to laypeople selected by the district Board of Laity "for witness, commitment and service after the example of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Jerre Holley and Lynn Meador received certificates for outstanding service to the Eldorado congregation and the cause of Christ.

Martinez presented Niblett a special plaque at First United Methodist Church, San Angelo, during the annual San Angelo District Celebration. More than 200 people attended the event.

Holley and Meador received certificates.

Niblett, a lifelong United Methodist, was recognized for selfless service for Christ through the giving of her time, energy and other resources. She was part of a Volunteers in Mission teams to Russia in 1999 and to South Africa during September, 2002.

In South Africa Niblett and her



COURTESY PHOTO

Exemplar Award winner — Cherie Niblett received the Exemplar Award from Bishop Joel N. Martinez of the San Angelo District of United Methodists on Thursday, Oct. 10, 2002, in recognition of her "witness, commitment and service after the example of Jesus Christ."

son, T.J., helped construct a church building in Tjakastad.

In Eldorado Niblett started a program to collect coats each fall for disadvantaged children and works at the local soup kitchen. She is involved in other civic affairs and works at the family business, Niblett Oilfield Services.

At First United Methodist Church Niblett teaches the elementary Sunday school class, par-

ticipates in weekly Bible studies and chairs the finance committee.

"You would have to look long and hard to find a person who exemplifies the love of God in Jesus Christ as strongly as Cherie," said her pastor, the Rev. J. Stan Troy, in his nomination.

Eighty-two individuals and three groups received awards for Christian service during the celebration.

"Spooky" Health Fair slated Tuesday Oct. 22

Schleicher County Medical Center is hosting its annual "Spooky" Halloween Health Fair on Tuesday, October 22 in the Schleicher County Memorial Building from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The fair is open to the public and many services are offered to the public free of charge.

More than twenty booths are scheduled for the fair. Free blood pressure, cholesterol screening and weight checks are being of-

ferred. Pneumonia shots will be available for \$15 and flu shots will cost \$10. Medicare will be filed for those who are eligible.

Among the booths scheduled are: Lone Star Hearing, American Home Patient, AirMed-1, Forlano's Family, Early Childhood Intervention, Safe Kid's Helmet Lady, 9-1-1, Rivercrest Hospital, Choice Home Care/Mannatech, Texas Health Steps, WIC, Schleicher County EMS, Schleicher

County Sheriff Office, Free Etching Vehicle Identification, Schleicher County Resource Center, Family Shelter, Thunderbird Van and others.

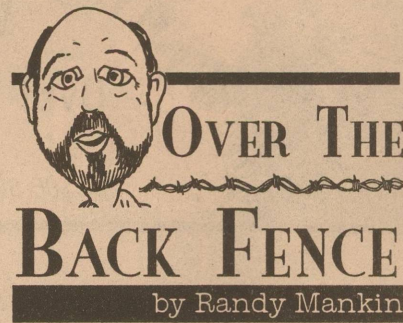
As usual, the Ladies Hospital Auxiliary will be on hand to sign in the visitors and offer their tables of wonderful refreshments

The Health Fair will continue until 4:00 p.m. this afternoon. Everyone is encouraged come by the Memorial Building and take part.



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San Angelo's water problems could be solved by its convenience stores



A 20 oz. bottle of water will cost you anywhere from 59¢ to \$1.69 in San Angelo, depending on the brand and the store. Naturally, name brands like Evian, Daisani and Aquafina cost more than the store brands, with the highest prices being charged at convenience stores. I realize that you already know all of this, but thought it would be good to review the prices in light of San Angelo's water shortage.

The founders of San Angelo settled near the three branches of the Concho River for the same reasons that pioneers everywhere held close to their water supplies. In arid West Texas the perennial shortage of the life-giving liquid made those three streams even more precious.

But, the river that allowed San Angelo to prosper, would sometimes threaten the town's very existence, as periodic floods swept

across the valley. One of San Angelo's early neighbors, the settlement of Ben Ficklin, ceased to exist when a flood on the South Concho washed it away.

In time, flood control dams were built and the burgeoning town enjoyed a population boom of sorts as three lakes were formed on the city's outskirts. But, all too soon the droughts that plague West Texas, coupled with San Angelo's ever increasing demand for water, conspired against the city. Now, with a thirst for water that easily outstrips the area's meager supplies, and with two lakes, O.C. Fisher and Twin Buttes, effectively dry, San Angelo is casting about for an alternate supply of water.

And, guess what? Schleicher County and the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer are right at the top of San Angelo's wish list. In a letter to the editor in Tuesday's San Angelo Standard-Times, Tom Adams, San Angelo city manager, outlined steps his city is taking to acquire additional water rights. He emphasized that the San Angelo city council has not authorized the city staff to condemn any property. Instead, Adams says, the city is interested in negotiating for the purchase of the water rights.

A number of local citizens turned out recently to voice their opposition to San Angelo's efforts to acquire water rights in Schleicher County. The occasion was a meeting of the Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District's board of directors where San Angelo's public works director Will Wilde appeared to outline his city's desires.

My initial reaction was very similar to those of my neighbors, let's take care of ourselves and tell San Angelo to go jump in the lake, even if it is dry. But, now that I've read Tom Adams' well reasoned letter, I'm inclined to be slightly more lenient.

If, as Mr. Adams says, the City of San Angelo is interested in negotiating for the purchase of water rights, then one can only assume that what is being negotiated is price and I submit that San Angelo has already established what it believes to be a fair price for good drinking water. In fact, merchants in San Angelo are more than willing to sell drinking water to anyone, even Schleicher County residents, for the aforementioned price — anywhere between 59¢ and \$1.69 per 20 oz. bottle.

The \$1.10 variance between the two prices would be a good place, I think, for negotiations with San Angelo to begin.

Considering San Angelo's past dealings with its neighbors, we should guard against being too naive when it comes to their intentions. And remember, naive spelled backward is E-v-i-a-n.

Televised gubernatorial debate extends mudslinging

AUSTIN — The first face-to-face debate between incumbent Gov. Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Tony Sanchez fell a little short of the Lincoln-Douglas debate, but it gave voters some insight into the two candidates.

Perry seemed more prepared, more at ease. Sanchez bit his lower lip a couple of times after a remark or question from the governor, though he never showed a deer-in-headlight look.



The newest thing that came out of the Oct. 9 debate was Sanchez' promise-threat that if elected he would ask whoever the new attorney general will be to convene a court of inquiry to look into the state's handling of the insurance situation.

"I want him (the AG) to look into the criminal conduct of officeholders, former officeholders, lawyers, lobbyists and consultants. We've got to put a stop to this and the people of Texas have got to know why it occurred in the first place," Sanchez said.

The "it" is premium costs rising faster than muddy water in a Hill Country flash flood and the Farmers announcement that it would quit selling homeowner's insurance in Texas as of Nov. 11. Bottom line on the debate: It was mostly an extension of the charges and counter-charges aired by the candidates in their respective television ads, a blitz that so far has cost each nominee millions of dollars.

The next debate is Oct. 24 in Dallas.

The value of values...

The state treasury may be a little low on cash, but there seems to be no shortage of values.

Out in West Texas, TV ads for political candidates are reassuring viewers that their guy has "West Texas values." Many other office seekers simply are touting good old "Texas values."

Lieutenant Governor candidate John Sharp's broadcast ads say he has "middle class values."

A quick but certainly not comprehensive check of just one Internet search engine showed that

in addition to the values Texans claim, these other values are available to anyone who's interested: community, traditional, family, world, environmental, gay and lesbian, vegan, Catholic, neighborhood and Army values.

The University of San Diego even has a Values Institute.

Speaking of insurance...

To clarify an item in last week's column, Farmers hasn't quit writing all types of insurance in Texas. Its action was to announce that it will stop writing new homeowner coverage and will not renew existing policies.

Legislators won't be able to file bills until after the November elections, but some already have indicated they will propose measures to better regulate the insurance industry in the state.

"We're from the government and we're here to help you..."

All the recent publicity about Texas' Amber Alert child abduction warning system makes it easy for Beeville resident Jack Murray to remember the time federal officials came to his assistance in a moment of parental crisis.

In July 1966, Murray, his wife and their twin daughters were visiting LBJ State Park near Johnson City, looking at penned deer just off Ranch Road 1. Suddenly the

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ROLLING ALONG

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The Oakland General Store

Driving around Cherokee County the other day I got to a stop sign that put me directly in front of one of the most colorful stores I've seen lately. It's a small place, as most colorful stores are. This one is decorated with two rows of banners fanning out from both directions from the front door.

What attracted me most were the signs near the highway: Bait. Saws Sharpened. Skoal. I took some photos of the Oakland store, just west of Rusk on Highway 84. It was built in 1919.

"Oakland is a suburb of Rusk," says David Watson, who bought the store nine years ago. He used to drive a truck and decided to settle down and stay in one place for awhile.

The store suits him just fine because there's some great fishing in that part of the country and David loves to fish. "I need to keep up with where the fish are bitin' cause most of my customers are fishermen."

David's wife Cheryl decorates the place according to the season. "I make displays for Halloween, Christmas, Easter, 4th of July, Spring and Summer," says Cheryl. "I also cover up a lot of the unsightly stuff in the store, like holes in the floor."

I asked her how she plugged them up. "Tissue paper, cardboard, all kinds of stuff."

David's one year old grandson was observing everything from his playpen in front of some fishing rods. A dog named Sally was nearby.

"Somebody left that dog on my doorstep," says David. "I tried to chase it away several times, but it

just stayed. It was mangy when it first came and I tried to give it away but nobody would take it. When its hair grew out it turned out to be a pretty dog and now everybody wants it. But it's mine now."

The weather was warm and a couple of barefooted and bare-shirted boys riding the same bicycle stopped in for a cold drink. They sat on the bench outside, drank it, then rode off.

"We get all kinds in here," says Cheryl. "How many stores have you been in where you can come in barefooted, without a shirt and get a cold drink?"

David sells lots of gas and cigarettes and fish bait. "I see the same customers every day. I must attract them."

He calls most all the customers by name. Some have charge accounts, kept in small books with carbon paper between the sheets. The store is open seven days a week. It opens at 7 AM and closes at 6 PM. On Sundays they try to close a little early so they can get some rest.

"You'd think we'd get tired of each other," says Cheryl, "since there's just the two of us here. But when I want to go somewhere, David takes care of the store and when he wants to go fishing, I stay here. It works out pretty good."

The store is a community center. Customers don't seem to be in much of a hurry and have time to visit and talk about the weather or fishing. The bait room is well stocked. "I've got night crawlers, chicken hearts, chicken livers, stink bait, bass bait, anything the fisherman needs," says David.

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OBITUARIES

Tom Homra

SONORA — Tom Homra, 18, of Sonora and formerly of West Minister, Colo., went to be with our Lord on Friday, Oct. 11, 2002. He had been in an automobile accident and was at the University Medical Center Burn Trauma Unit in Lubbock, Texas.

Tom was a student at Howard Payne College and was a recent 2002 graduate of Sonora High School. He was an employee of Sonora Chemical.

Surviving are his parents, Tom and Voni Van Veghel of Sonora, Texas, and Robert and Barbara Homra of West Minister, Colo.; grandparents, Eugene and Barbara Lasky of Sonora, Texas, Jack and Lucy Homra of Arvada, Colo., Darrell and Joan Olson of Gallup, N.M., Harry and Mary Van Veghel of Alamogordo, N.M., and Claudia Lingg of Wheat Ridge, Colo.; sib-

lings, Chris and wife, Lori Olson, of Los Cruces, N.M., Tyrel Homra of West Minister, Colo., Rowdy of T or C, N.M., Jessica Whitman of Denver, Colo., Jennifer Whitman of Denver, Colo., and Robert Bear, currently stationed at a Marine base in Japan; and a niece, Cheyenne and a nephew, Tristan, both of Los Cruces, N.M.

Tom was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth R. Homra. Tom was loved by many people and will be greatly missed by all those whose lives he touched in his special way. Service will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 17 out at the Lazy 2 Ranch with the burial following in the Sonora Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to University Medical Center of Lubbock Trauma Burn Unit, 602 Indiana, Lubbock, TX 79415.

Floy Paxton Brewer

Floy Paxton Brewer, age 94, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 9, 2002, in a local nursing home. Graveside service was Friday, Oct. 11 in Belvedere Cemetery. Floy had been a resident of San Angelo for the past 10 years, moving here from Seminole, Texas, where she and husband, T.J. Brewer were self-employed until retiring.

She was the sixth child born to Ervin and Tiny Sanders of Dade County, Mo., on Aug. 21, 1908. She often told the story of when she was a young girl and the family moved from Missouri to Arkansas with their two dogs "You Know" and "I Know."

While visiting her brother in Oklahoma, she met and later married Lloyd Eugene Paxton on June 17, 1929, in Wewoka, Okla. Together, they had two sons. Lloyd preceded her in death on Aug. 21,

1951, in Denver City, Texas.

On Dec. 25, 1954, in Plains, Texas, Floy and T.J. Brewer were married. They had been married 43 years when he passed away in San Angelo.

Welcoming her home will be all of her family and grandson, Cody Gene Paxton.

Survivors are two sons, Monte L. Paxton of Tatum, N.M., and Ronnie E. Paxton and wife, Prissy, of Eldorado. Special loved ones are Kay and Joe Bowman of Levelland, Texas; six grandchildren, Sherri Williams of Midland, Kristi Howe of Crossroads, N.M., Leslie Willingham of Morton, Whit Paxton of San Angelo, Justin Paxton of Mertzon and Traci Ross of Weatherford; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Memorials can be made to West Texas Rehab or to a favorite charity.

Berniece 'Babe' Freitag Griffin

MIDLAND — Berniece "Babe" Freitag Griffin passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2002 in Midland. She was born December 12, 1917 to Bill and Nannie Lee Freitag on a ranch in Irion County where her father was employed. They later moved to his own ranch that was so far out of town that she had a governess for 3 years. After attending school in Sterling City for most of her school years, she graduated from Ozona High School and attended Westmoreland College in San Antonio. She managed the telephone office in Mertzon for several years. After marrying Ray Griffin, she moved to Odessa in 1950 and worked in sales there at Barnes Pelletier shoe store, sold real estate, and managed a small apartment complex until 1996 when she moved to Midland to be near her children.

Babe was a Life Member of the Odessa VFW Auxiliary to Michigan for Orphans of Servicemen, joining in September of 1975 and serving as Chaplain from 1976 to 1993. She served with dedication and was instrumental in having scholarships made available to many college students. She was awarded a certificate from the Humanity Services for Volunteer Work in Community, drove for Meals on Wheels, worked with Hospice, and was on the Advisory Committee of M.H.M.R.

Mother will best be remembered as an avid bridge player. She was a Life Master, directing duplicate bridge for 20 years and playing bridge around West Texas her whole life. She also received the Texas Star Award. Her bridge family was very dear to her. She loved keeping up with all the latest news around the bridge tables

so that she could submit her column for Unit 209 every month for her favorite bridge magazine, the Scorecard. She wrote this column for over 20 years.

Preceding her in death were her husband, Ray Griffin of Odessa, her parents, Bill and Nannie Lee Freitag; sister Mildred "Pete" Dudley; brother, Johnny Freitag, all of Mertzon, Texas; and her daughter, Patti Scott of Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Survivors include her two sons Sammie Hodges and wife Dolores of Midland and Rick Griffin and wife Annette of Friendswood; daughter, Beckie and husband Joe Pickering of Midland; and son-in-law, Loren Scott of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Her surviving grandchildren are Deanne Hodges of Killeen, Tami and husband Rick Choate of Biloxi, Mississippi, Rick and Jessica Griffin of Friendswood, Stacy Gasken and husband Dale of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Kelly Christian and husband Ryan of Ft. Worth, Texas and Jeff, Sara and Tracey Pickering of Midland, Texas. Great-grandchildren are Madison and Ethan Christian of Ft. Worth and Loren and Taylor Gasken of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She is also survived by two brothers, Bill Freitag, Jr. and wife Mabel of Eldorado, Texas and Jimmy Freitag of Harrisonville, Missouri, along with many beloved nieces and nephews and many, many good friends.

Services were held at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel in Midland on Saturday, October 12, 2002. Graveside services followed in the Mertzon Cemetery in Mertzon, Texas. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.



Lee Ann Lloyd and Bret Richardson

Lloyd/Richardson to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Meador and Mr. and Mrs. David Lloyd proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Lee Ann Lloyd, to Mr. Bret Richardson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Richardson of Denver City.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Texas Tech University and is employed

at Cagle Steaks in Lubbock. The prospective groom graduated from Denver City High School and attended Texas Tech University. He is employed at Cagle Steaks in Lubbock.

The wedding will take place December 28, 2002, at The First Baptist Church in Shallowater, Texas.

Lions Club News

The Eldorado Lions Club welcomes members of the community to join our service club. The Lions Club's goal is to serve the community. The club meets each Wednesday of the month in the

backroom of Amigo's Dream Restaurant at 12 noon till 1:00 p.m. The club has a special program each month in which a business or individual brings a short program while the members dine.

During the month of November Elmer Kelton, well known author in this area will share his experiences with the group on Wednesday, November 6th.

BIRTHDAY LIST

OCTOBER

- 17th J.B. Barker, Debbie Ballew, Shay Parker, Ninfa Fuentes, Autumn Lemons, Laura Francis
- 18th Howard W. Mittel, Cory Barton, Thomas Ballew, Caleb Nixon, Pete Peters, Clint Griffin
- 19th Cody Andrews, Elena Pina, Jessica Halbert, Isaiah Eric Estrada
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- 21st Jaymie O'Harrow, Princess Gruben, Bobbye Roubison, Codi Morrison, Araceli Escobar, Brencé Minor, Jo Ed Hill, Mary Jo Hill, Mabel Blaylock
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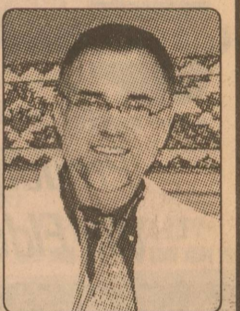
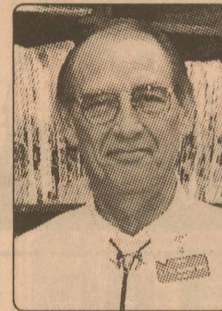
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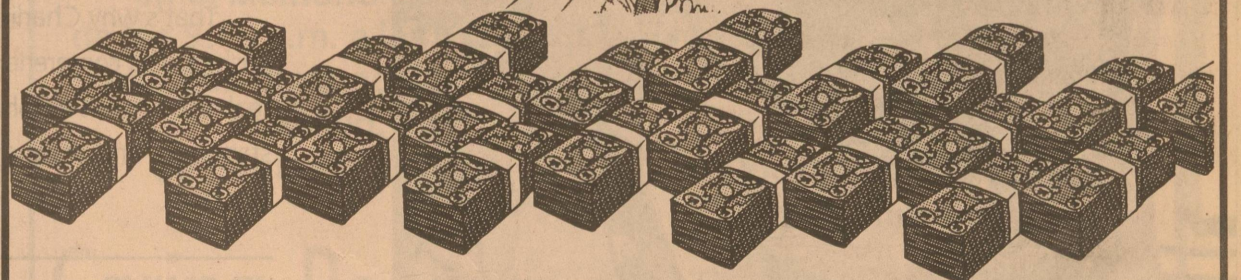
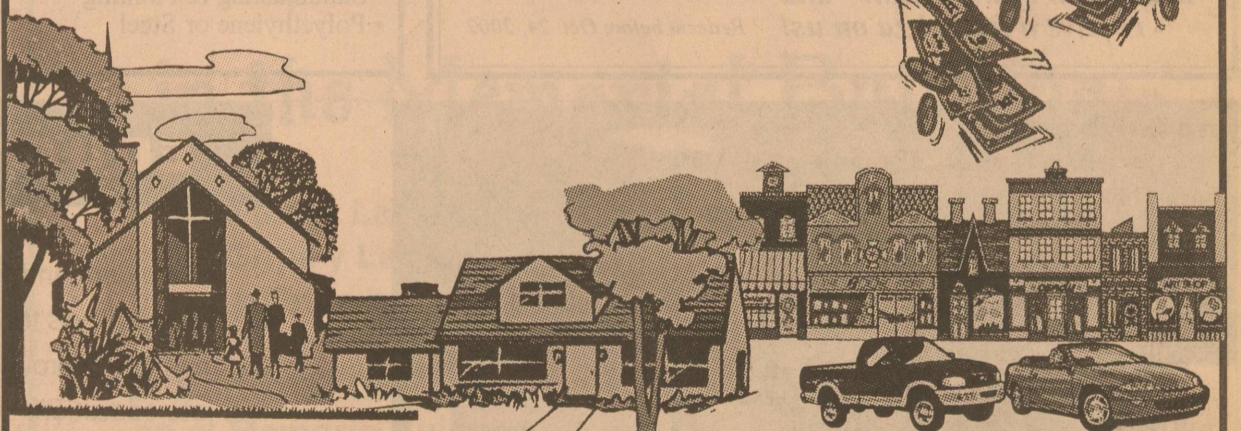
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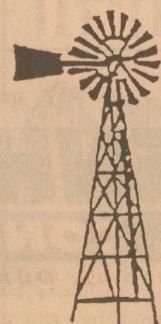
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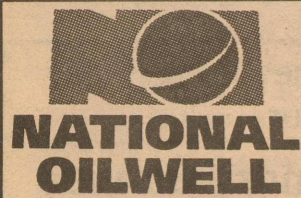
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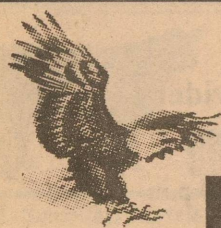
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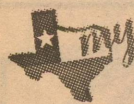
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Eagles upend Grape Creek 28-12 in Dist. 2-2A opener

by David E. Hill

The Eldorado Eagles opened District 2-2A with a 28-12 win over the Grape Creek Eagles in Grape Creek. The win puts the Eagles at 1-0 in District play and 3-3 on the season. Eldorado came out strong early and never let GCHS in the ball game. Coach Grubbs take on the win was, "We really needed to get that first District win on opening week. The guys really came out strong and never let up. They did a good job."

The Eagles got on the board 3 times in the first quarter. The offense found pay dirt twice while the defense put points on the board between the two offensive scores. The Eagles opened scoring after a good drive. Trey Chavez found the end zone with 9:38 remaining on a 1 yard run. The extra point failed and Eldorado led 6-0.

Ray Buitron then tallied the first defensive points of the year for the Eagles when he scooped up a fumble and sprinted in from 34 yards out. The two point conversion was good after Mike Adame made a great move on the ball in the end zone and hauled in a Chavez pass. That made the score 14-0 in favor of the Warbirds.

After trading possessions, EHS posted yet another first quarter TD when Quisto Gonzalez pounded the ball in from five yards out. Gonzalez added the extra point to make the score 21-0 Eldorado.

Chavez connected with Adame again in the second quarter, this

time for a 34 yard TD with 7:18 left in the half. Again, Gonzalez booted through the extra point and the Eagles posted a 28-0 lead at the intermission.

The Eagles would not find score again, but the Warbirds defense limited Grape Creek to only 12 points in the second half. That was more than enough to secure the win.

Offensively, Chavez led the Eagle offense with 92 yards rushing and 107 yards passing. Quisto Gonzalez, Landon Nixon and Mike Adame each had good nights as well. EHS managed 250 total yards on the night.

Defensively, Seth Taylor, Ray Buitron, and Phillip Martinez led the defensive charge for the Eagles. Coach Bunch said after the game, "We really did a good job against Grape Creek. It was good to see Ray get the ball in the end zone for the defense." The Eagles held GCHS to 225 yards offensively.

In other games around the District, Ozona defeated Wall and Reagan County beat Sonora 31-6.

Eldorado takes on Sonora tomorrow night at Eagle Stadium at 7:30pm. As always, this should be a great game between two rivals.

"We will have to play mistake free against Sonora and control their offensive threats," Coach Grubbs commented, "One thing for certain, our kids will be ready to play."

Again kick off is slated for 7:30pm. WEAR YOUR GREEN AND BE LOUD!!!!



PHOTO BY RANDY MANKIN

Convoy — #28 Rigo Arispe led the way last Thursday night as JV "Green Team" quarterback #15 Frank Edmiston found running room around the left side. The Eagles defeated Grape Creek 8-6. Also pictured is #3 Andy Mejia.

Defensive units deliver for both Eagles JV teams

by Coach Alan Gillespie

The Eldorado Eagles JV football teams enjoyed a very exciting and a very good Thursday evening last week. As both the JV "White" and "Green" teams notched up victories in close and hard fought games.

The JV White team took the field first and defeated the San Angelo Lee freshman team 6-0 in a close defensive struggle. Defense was the key for both teams and dominated the first half. The score stood at 0-0 at halftime.

The Eagles came out in the second half and grabbed a 6-0 lead when Koda Lozano connected on a 30 yard TD pass to Tico Robles. Tight End Joe Borrego caught a 20 yard pass from Lozano for an important 1st down.

Lozano contributed on the defensive side of the ball, as well, hauling in 3 interceptions. He also ran back a punt return for a TD but that score was called back due to a penalty. Lozano also forced a fumble, which was recovered by Simon Duran.

The White squad demonstrated a lot of heart and determination as they played hard-hitting defense to stop several Lee Rebel drives.

On special teams Tony Chavez made several crushing blocks for the White squad.

The Green team used a fantastic goal line stand to change the momentum of their game with a tough Grape Creek team. GC had the ball first and goal at the Eldorado 5 yard line where the Green squad held

them without a gain for 2 plays.

When a pass interference penalty moved Grape Creek to the 1 yard line. The Green team Eagles defense arose to the occasion, holding GC for four straight plays, driving the ball back to the 5 yard line.

Later, the defense took charge again as Manuel Arispe stripped the ball from a Grape Creek back and carried it 45 yards for a TD. Frank Edmiston passed to Jorge Bustos for the 2 pt. conversion which would later prove to be the difference in the game as the Eldorado defense again held Grape Creek on a 4th down play late in the game to win 8-6.

The entire squad played well. On special teams Jorge Bustos punted the ball down near the Grape Creek goal line and Terrell Boysaw hustled down to stop it at the 2 to pin Grape Creek in their own end of the field.



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Defender's dream — Manuel Arispe stripped the ball away from a Grape Creek runner and rumbled 45 yards for the only touchdown of the night for the Eagles JV Green squad. That, and the two point conversion would prove to be enough as the Eagles defeated Grape Creek 8-6.

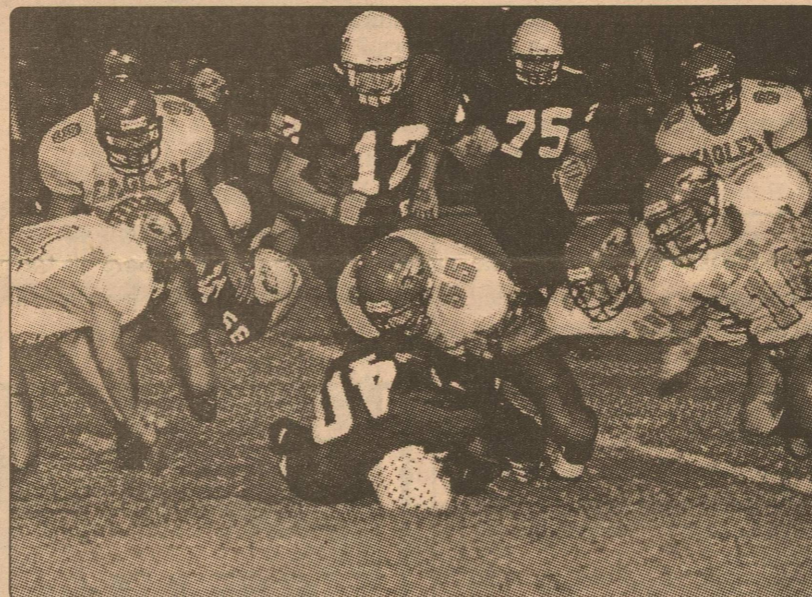


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Six defenders in the picture — Eagles defenders swarmed to the ball last Friday night as Eldorado handed Grape Creek a 28-12 loss in the first District 2-2A game of the season.

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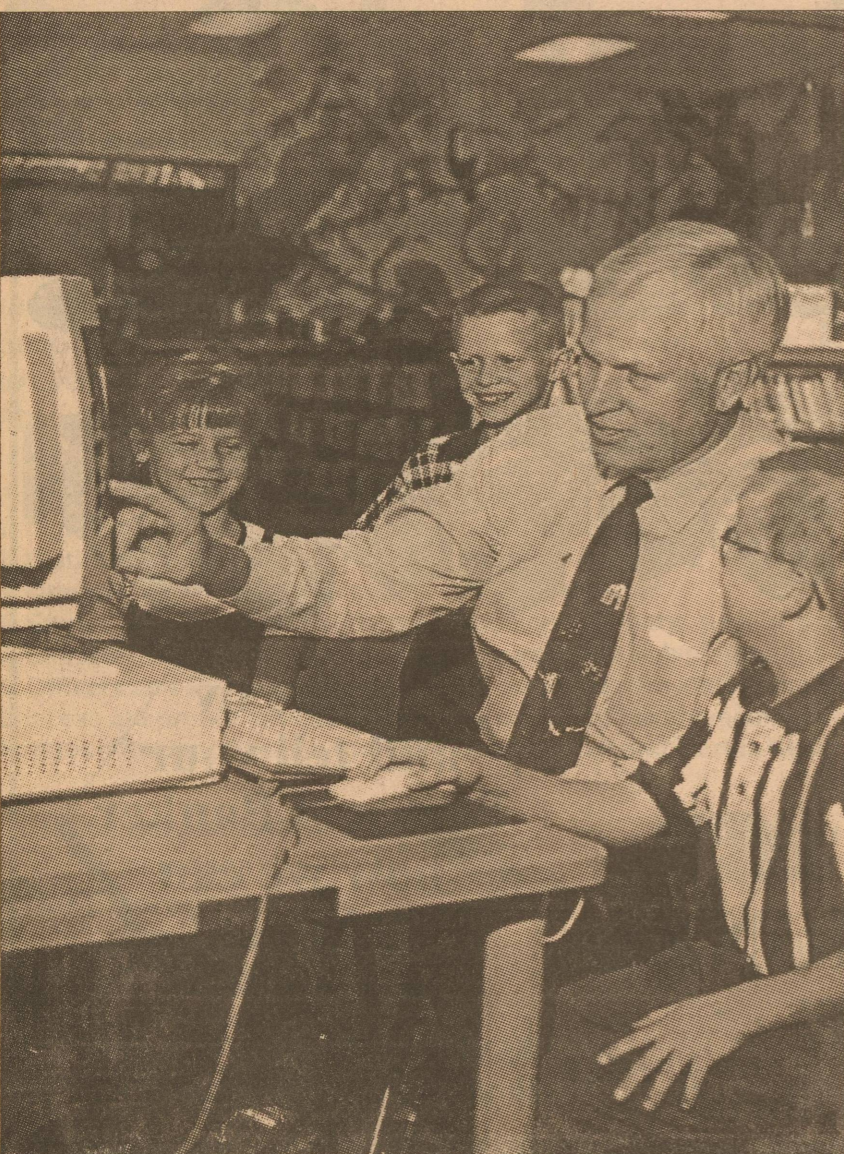
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Mason Baker, 34-Haley Higgins, 35-Jesus Vasquez, 36-Dustin Ramos, 39-Shane Young, 40-Juan Medrano, 44-Kevin Dykstra, 45-Marty Powell, 46 Rolando Gonzales, 47 Chris Whiddon, 49-Ramiro Perez, 55-Kaleb Murr, 56-Junior Trujillo, 71-Johnathan Espinosa, 81-Ryan Castillo.

Eagle Pee Wees: 5-Sean McCord, 8-Austin Barajas, 12-Eloy Bustos, 18-Aaron Parsley, 20-Tyler Farmer, 21-Nathen Jimenez, 22-Bailey Minor, 26-Chris Mejia, 31-Jaymie O'Harrow, 40-Rudy Sanchez, 44-Christian Sanchez, 45-Miles Mikeska, 50-Eric Estrada, 52-Joshua Jurecek, 64-Trevor Harrington, 68 Ben Wipff, 70-Oscar Robles, 75-Briley Ledbetter, 76-J.R. Martinez.



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Hard runners — The Eldorado 7th grade boys team placed 2nd overall at the Wall Cross Country Track Meet last Saturday. Team members include (L-R) Louie Buitron, J'Lynn Barajas, Matthew Hill, Jorge Mata, Manny Gonzalez, David Ramirez and Louis Huichapa.

Eagles runners compete at Wall Cross Country Meet

Eric Garcia placed 1st at the Wall Cross Country Meet with a time of 18:11. Frank Wipff finished in 13th at 19:57 and Ryan Cathey was 30th with a time of 24:01. There were not enough Eagles boys running to compete in the team standings.

The EHS girls Cross Country track team placed 5th overall at the Wall Cross Country Meet last Saturday. Courtney Sauer led the Lady Eagles to the finish line, placing 12th with a time of 14:24. Clara Herrera placed 14th at 14:44. Other Lady Eagles placings and times were as follows: Kasey Boysaw, 41st, 16:38; Lacy Ragsdale, 47th, 17:21; Lupe Huichapa, 50th, 17:25; Juanita Huichapa, 60th, 18:57; Sam Rodriguez, 61st, 19:14; Courtney Whitten, 63rd, 19:38; and Mary Ann Moreno, 64th, 19:40.

In the Middle School division, Alicia Corrales, of Eldorado placed 8th in the 8th grade girls race with a time of 15:13.

Eldorado's 7th grade girls team placed 11th overall. LiAna Danford led the way for the 7th grade girls, finishing 31st with a time of 17:05. Other placings and times were as follows: Selvia Aranda, 49th, 17:38; Amica Gonzalez, 88th, 19:22; Desiree Valeriano, 91st, 20:04; Lynley Glass, 93rd, 20:13; Joy Martinez, 105th, 21:38; and Rhapsody Swyter, 106th, 21:40.

Eldorado's 7th grade boys team placed 2nd overall with David Ramirez placing 1st individually with a time of 13:04. Other placings and times were as follows:

Jorge Mata, 14th, 14:27; Louie Buitron, 16th, 14:32; Louis Huichapa, 24th, 15:33; J'Lynn Barajas, 35th, 16:21; and Manny Gonzalez, 41st, 18:23.

The Eagles Cross Country athletes will next compete in the District 2-2A meet to be held on Monday, Oct. 21 at San Angelo State Park.



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Test of stamina — 7th grader David Ramirez led the field to the tape Saturday, placing first in his division with a time of 13:04. The win helped his team to a 2nd place finish overall.



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Pageant winners — Victor Nicholas Spalloni, 2, and his sister, Taylor Nicole Klee, 6, competed in the Cover Boy and Cover Miss pageant in San Angelo last week.

Siblings set sights on Texas State Finals pageant in Dallas

Victor Nicholas Spalloni age 2 and his older sister Taylor Nicole Klee age 6 will be traveling to Dallas on April 4, 2003 to compete in the America's Cover Miss and Cover Boy 2003 Texas State Finals. The state pageant will be held over a three day period at the Renaissance Dallas North Hotel.

The regional pageant was held at Sunset Mall on Wednesday, October 9 where Victor placed as the first runner up in the 0-2 age division. His sister, Taylor a first grader, competed in the 4-6 year old age division, placed as the second runner up. Winners at the state level

will vie for the national title at the finals to be held in Florida.

Parents of Victor Spalloni are Alex and Kristine Spalloni. Currently, Alex is stationed in Korea serving in the United States Army. Grandparents of Victor are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Aguero of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. Umberto Spalloni of El Paso.

Parents of Taylor Klee are John Klee II of San Angelo and Kristine Spalloni. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Pete Aguero of Eldorado and Mr. and Mrs. John Klee of San Angelo.

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County considers Thunderbird Van, airport hangars

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After voting to issue the bond, the commissioners decided to pay for construction at the airport from the county's contingency fund. Previously, the men had wanted to issue a \$365,000 bond to fund both the ag building and airport construction projects. It was noted that the ag building project is waiting for final approval of architect Henry Schmidt's remodeling plans.

Next, the commissioners learned that a 6,400 sq. ft. hangar is nearing completion at the airport. A bill for \$31,770.00 was submitted by Mikeska Welding to cover the labor portion of the project. To date, the county has spent about \$25,000.00 for materials and another \$10-\$15,000.00 for fencing, septic system, electrical service and other miscellaneous items. While discussing the project, the commissioners voted to have Mikeska Welding complete a rest room and office at the hangar and they selected Southwest Texas Electric to carry out the electrical work. Seidel Construction will complete asphalt ramps with the county supply hot mix for the job.

Commissioner Bill Clark noted that without volunteer help at

the airport from several local pilots the project would have cost the county even more.

Judge Johnny Griffin then read through a contract for the lease of an individual hanger. Each hanger will lease for \$900 per year (January-December) with payment in advance at the signing of the lease. The lease will be for one year with Schleicher County residents or taxpayers to have first choice. Renters will not be allowed to sublet hangars and no flammable material may be stored in the hangars. Due to environmental concerns, no crop dusters will be allowed to lease or use the facility. Those pilots who do rent a hangar will be required to provide proof of liability insurance. The commissioners voted to accept the lease and gave Judge Griffin the authority to lease the hangars.

A request by County Clerk Peggy Williams for a part-time employee to help with a backlog of paperwork was approved by the court. It was explained that Tonya Alvizo, who currently works part-time for County Attorney Marian Bland Overstreet, will help out in Williams for four hours per day for

a period of three months.

Commissioner Johnny Mayo then reported on his visit with the Eldorado Golf Club and the commissioners voted to allow the club to operate and rent the concession building adjacent to the golf course. The authorization also includes oversight of the rest room facility located in one end of the building.

An indigent request to pay past due utility bills in the amount of \$211.98 was approved by the court.

A proposal to paint the underside and back of the bleachers at the rodeo arena passed with Commissioner Ross Whitten casting the only dissenting vote. Joe Goorman will be paid \$6,800.00 to carry out the project. Commissioners Kirk Griffin, Johnny Mayo and Bill Clark voted in favor of the

measure.

Before adjourning the court considered adopting a resolution to declare the office of Schleicher County Constable vacant and to abolish the office. After a lengthy discussion, and after reading and considering a proposed constitutional amendment that will appear on the Nov. 5 general election ballot, the court asked County Attorney Marian Bland Overstreet to provide legal guidelines for abolishing the Constable's office.

The commissioners took no formal action on the resolution but chose to notify Tommy Hunley, who currently holds the office of Constable, that the office was will not be funded in the 2003 budget. They also indicated that if the proposed constitutional amendment passes on Nov. 5, they intend to declare the office dormant.

on Gillis Street. City was contacted. Complainant expressed concern about a maroon Volvo handing out pamphlets door to door.

October 11 • 1:48 p.m. Complainant reported someone had broke into their house out in the county. Officer responded.

• 3:54 p.m. Report of a controlled burn on Hwy. 2596.

• No Time. Complainant reported twice a car parked in the middle of the road on South Divide and West Street. Officer notified two times.

• 8:45 p.m. Complainant reported a subject with loud music near their residence. Officer responded.

October 12 • 8:58 a.m. Complainant on Oak Street requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 2:50 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer.

• 11:09 p.m. Complainant on W. Callender reported a lost Border Collie with tags.

October 13 • 1:44 p.m. Hospital requested to speak with an officer about a subject who had come into the emergency room. Officer responded.

• 5:00 p.m. Complainant on N. Hackberry St. requested an ambulance to assist their mother-in-law, because she had fallen. The family wanted her to be checked out at the emergency room. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 7:02 p.m. Complainant reported a two vehicle accident on Cottonwood and Hill Street. Two officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 11:35 p.m. Complainant at apartments requested to speak with an officer.

October 14 • 5:18 p.m. Complainant reported children were playing around some equipment around the school area and they were concern for their safety. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 8:53 p.m. Sutton County Sheriff Office requested assistance in picking up a hitchhiker at the county line on Hwy. 277. Officer responded.

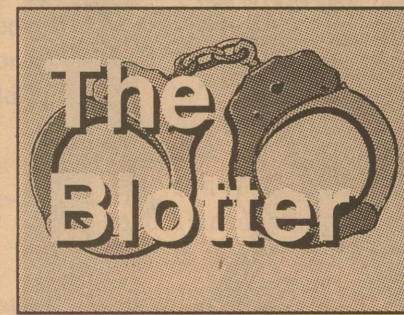
• 9:10 p.m. Complainant reported loud music and drinking at Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded.

October 15 • 4:13 p.m. Complainant requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS 2 responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn on Hwy. 190 West.

• 7:09 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on E. Hill Street. Officer responded.

• 7:17 p.m. Complainant reported something was on fire on Country Road 412.2 miles out. Fire Chief responded and stated it was a large amount of trash being burned.



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

ARRESTS

October 12 • Bowden, Raymond Glenn, male age 41, arrested by SC Officer, charge Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.

October 14 • Corona, Freddie Jr., male age 47, arrested by SC Officer, charge Public Intoxication. Released on Citation.

REPORTS

October 9 • 5:57 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person walking on 4.5 miles down on C.R. 300. Officer responded and was unable to locate subject.

October 10 • 5:41 a.m. Complainant reported a water leak off the alley

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State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox

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parents realized their girls were missing.

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As mom and dad became increasingly frightened that something terrible had happened to their children, President Lyndon B. Johnson and Gen. William Westmoreland walked up. Each man held one of the little girls in his arms.

"Are these little things yours?" the president asked Murray.

"Yes, but you can have them," an exasperated Murray told the commander-in-chief and the general.

"Don't tell me that," Johnson said, "I'm liable to take them."

Turned out the girls had wandered off, somehow making it to a nearby barbecue the president was throwing for assorted VIPs, including Westmoreland.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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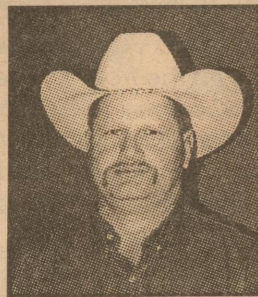
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Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Claudia Droll. When the Spotlight camera caught up with Ms. Droll, she was joining her Kindergarten class in singing the school song at last Friday's pep rally in the EHS gym.

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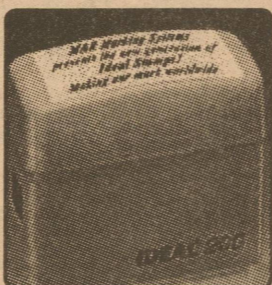
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On behalf of all the golfers who play at the Eldorado Golf Club, we would like to thank Travis Joiner, Wayne Joiner, Kolby Dombroski, and Jeffrey Bybee for the wonderful new shade roof they built next to the No. 4 teebox. They even got it done in time for the Hext Tournament. Great job, y'all!

We also thank SWTEC for digging the post holes (twice), Roy Lloyd and Larry Kerr for use of their equipment, West Texas Lumber & Trading Post and National Supply Co. for materials, and First National Bank of Eldorado, Mittel Insurance Agency, C. Bradley Graphics, Law Offices of James A. Kosub, and Niblett's Oilfield Services, Inc. for cash donations. Thank you very much, everyone. Board of Directors Eldorado Golf Club

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Predator Management Board ballots mailed

SAN ANGELO — The Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board today mailed ballots to elect three producers to represent sheep and goat raisers in its 111-county area. Ballots must be returned to the Board office by the midnight Oct. 25 deadline.

All sheep and goat raisers who reside in one of the three districts are eligible to vote in the upcoming election. The Texas Commodity Referendum Law, which governs the producer board, requires biennial elections. Ballots must bear the signature and address of the voter, and indicate production totals.

Sheep and goat producers nominated for the three open positions on the nine-member board are:

District 1: Bill Tullos, San Angelo, TX; District 2: W.B. Patterson, Hunt, TX; District 3: Dwight Nanny, Goldbusk, TX. These producers completed a nomination form with ten qualified sheep and/or goat producers supporting their nomination, and returned the completed form by the Sept. 24 deadline. They will each serve a six-year term.

Sheep and goat producers who did not receive ballots but have sheep and goat production and reside in one of the districts may obtain ballots at the local county extension offices, the Sheep and Goat Predator Management Board office at P.O. Box 3543, San Angelo, Texas 76902-3543, or by

calling 915-659-8777. Producers vote in the district in which they live, even if they have production in other districts.

District 1: Brewster, Culbertson, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Glasscock, Hudspeth, Irion, Jeff Davis, Loving, Midland, Pecos, Presidio, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward and Winkler.

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Letters to the Editor

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

Did Count Dracula kidnap the Tagoo?

Dear Editor,

I hope the rumors are false, but knowing the guy like I do, I'm afraid they are probably true. I have heard that Count Dracula, with his supernatural powers, has managed to capture one of the few Tagoo Birds in existence, and plans to showcase it in a haunted house, here in Eldorado. His intent is to draw people in with the rare catch, and then allow his monster friends to prey on them as they muddle through his labyrinth, looking for the endangered bird.

I will forward any information as I receive it concerning this low down scoundrel and his conniving schemes. I just hope the Tagoo is not injured in the making of this haunted house.

Jim Runge

Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, October 21**
Chicken Strips w/ Cream Gravy, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Cornbread, Cherry Cobbler, Juice, Milk
- Tuesday, October 22**
Hamburger Steak, Oven Fried Potato, Lettuce, Tomato & Onion Slices, Bun, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
- Wednesday, October 23**
Cheese Enchiladas, Spanish Rice, Pinto Beans, Toss Salad, Wheat Bread, Mandarin Orange, Milk
- Thursday, October 24**
Meat Loaf w/ Tomato Sauce, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, October 25**
Turkey with Giblet Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Cornbread Dressing, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Cabbage Salad, Pumpkin Pie, Milk



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Fast firefighters — Five of the six men on Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department's six-man pumper team displayed the trophies they won at the Fall Convention of the Hill Country Firemen's Association in Sonora two weeks ago. The team, consisting of (L-R) David Ray Doran, Michael Felver, David Overstreet, Michael Faull, Jerry Felver and David Daniels (not present), won the six-man race. Michael Faull also won the one-man race.

Eddie Albin re-elected to statewide association board

The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) has re-elected Eddie Albin of Schleicher County ISD to the TASB Board of Trustees. He will serve a three-year term representing TASB District 15.

Albin joined the Schleicher County ISD board in 1993, where he currently serves as vice-president, and the TASB Board in 1999. A Leadership TASB graduate and a master trustee, he has participated in the Association's Delegate Assembly and served on the Legislative Advisory Council. He currently is on the Member Services and 21st Century Committees and previously served on the Bylaws and Resolutions and Nomination Committees.

Albin, a consumer services

manager for the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Angelo State University. At the local level, he is a member of the Lions Club and the Boy and Girl Scout Advisory Committee.

TASB was established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. It includes 1,044 school districts and county school boards, 47 junior colleges, 45 tax appraisal districts, 146 cooperatives, and 20 regional education service centers. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent have a combined annual budget of \$26 billion and employ more than 540,000 people.



Meet you at the corner — Two 16 year-old juveniles escaped injury Sunday evening when their vehicles collided at the corner of N. Cottonwood Street and Hill Avenue. The 1984 Ford Bronco (top) was reportedly headed eastbound on Hill when 2001 Dodge pickup crossed in front. The driver of the Dodge was cited for Failure to Yield Right-of-Way at a Yield Sign.

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School Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
Cafeteria Line

Monday, October 21
Corn Dog or (MS-HS) Chicken Sandwich, Tater Tots, Carrot Sticks w/ Dip, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Lime Jello w/ Topping

Tuesday, October 22
Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Pear halves, Dinner Roll, Brownies

Wednesday, October 23
BBQ Sandwich w/ Relish, Potato Salad, Pinto Beans, White Cake w/ Frosting

Thursday, October 24
Burrito w/ Chili & Cheese, Whole Kernel Corn, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Peanut Butter Cookies

Friday, October 25
Fish Sandwich w/ Cheese, Tater Tots, Lettuce, Tartar Sauce, Mixed Fruit

Breakfast
½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

Monday, October 21
Donut, Cheese, Diced Pears

Tuesday, October 22
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Grape Juice

Wednesday, October 23
Biscuit w/ Jelly, Sausage, Fruit

Thursday, October 24
Dry Cereal, Assorted Crackers, Orange Juice

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