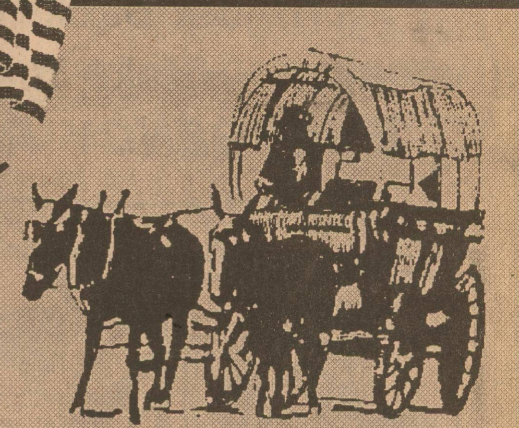


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Down Home Living at the Top of the Divide

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Another year of progress on "Top of the Divide"

by Randy Mankin

We at the Success are proud to share with our readers this, the first annual Progress Edition of the Eldorado Success. This issue has been in the planning stages for months. Herein, we will take a look at the past year's developments in Eldorado and Schleicher County.

It has been a busy 12 months. Just a few of the things happening since last July include:

- The City of Eldorado has completed construction on its expanded wastewater treatment plant and is nearing completion on its new landfill.
- The Schleicher County Medical Center has entered into a partnership with Columbia Medical Center of San Angelo to operate and staff

the Schleicher County Family Clinic.

• Schleicher County ISD had another banner year as its students again surpassed state averages on the standardized TAAS tests.

• Once again, Eldorado won the Governor's Community Achievement Award in recognition of the recent efforts to beautify the community and promote recycling among its citizens.

• Schleicher County athletes and students excelled in UIL sports, band and athletic competitions bringing home a myriad of medals, plaques and trophies in testament of their achievements.

Two other events shaping the past year were the devastating hail storm which pounded Eldorado in November and the tornado which wrecked the Schleicher County Airport in February. As the people of

Schleicher County pulled together to overcome these and other challenges, they demonstrated over and over again that together, we can do anything.

This issue will also focus on some of the area merchants who have invested heavily in Eldorado's future and underwrite much of its civic and cultural activities. These merchants provide more than goods and services — they contribute jobs and stability to a fragile rural economy. Because of their tax dollars, our local governments function to serve us all. And, thanks to their continued sponsorship, this hometown newspaper can exist.

So it is that we dedicate this, our First Annual Progress Edition, to the merchants who make this newspaper possible.

City completes wastewater treatment plant construction

This year saw the first occasion in several years that the City of Eldorado wasn't under the threat of an enforcement order from the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC). That because the city's newly expanded wastewater treatment plant was completed and put into service.

"It's been a long road," stated Eldorado Mayor John Nikolauk. "I'm glad it's finally finished."

The city first began exploring the idea of expanding its sewer plant when the TNRCC, then called the Texas Water Commission found that the discharge from the plant exceeded limits allowed by its permit. However, it was soon determined that a fix would be very, very costly.

"The sewer plant was under-sized when it was built years ago," said Nikolauk. "We knew that we would have to expand it someday."

Someday came sooner than

later as more stringent environmental regulations from Austin and the threat of a \$10,000.00 per day penalty forced the city to look for ways to fund new construction.

"We had received a grant to build the north water tower," said Nikolauk and had to complete that project before any more grant money would be available."

So, in 1992, soon after the water tower was completed, a grant application was filed through the Concho Valley Council of Governments to fund the project. After approval by the COG's review board, the application was forwarded to Austin for the State's approval. When the OK finally came, the city received a \$195,000.00 grant to fund half of the needed expansion.

The city forged ahead with plans to expand the plant. But a cartographer's error put the project on hold. A blue line drawn on a map in TNRCC headquarters indi-

cated that the South Concho River flowed through the eastern edge of Eldorado.

"That stalled things for awhile," said Nikolauk. "Engineers in Austin thought we were discharging directly into a flowing stream."

Those engineers, it seems, weren't easily dissuaded from their belief and soon proposed even more stringent discharge regulations for the Eldorado plant.

"Those regulations would have bankrupted us," said Nikolauk. "We had to convince them that they were wrong."

"Everyone thought it would be simple," he continued. "Just take a few pictures, make a few phone calls and write a letter or two. TNRCC would surely recognize their mistake."

And, to their credit, the Commission did finally back down, but only after two years of concerted efforts by city staff and officials was expended on debunking the

nonsensical error.

"I made more than one trip to Austin during that period. It was very frustrating that such a silly mistake could cause so much delay and grief," Nikolauk stated.

After the powers that be in Austin realized and admitted their mistake, the way was cleared for the city to begin construction. The engineering firm of Hibb and Todd from Abilene drew up the final plans and San Angelo contractor Dickson & Darnell was chosen to do the work.

In April of this year, City Superintendent Jack Dean turned the main valve and placed the expanded plant into service.

At last month's city council meeting, when Dean reported the plant was operating well within TNRCC guidelines everyone on the council welcomed the news.

"Finally," said the Mayor as he cast a quick glance skyward. "Finally!"



Eldorado's wastewater treatment plant is fully operational following a recent expansion project. Here, Pilo Arispe and City Superintendent Jack Dean show off the upgraded facility.

Schleicher County Hospital teams up with Columbia Medical Center

It's getting harder and harder to recruit physicians to rural West Texas. The money is better and the lights are brighter in the big cities.

Coupled with this is the national trend toward managed medicine. Health care providers are under increasing pressure from insurance companies and the federal government to cut costs.

This has led to fewer and fewer patients being hospitalized. And, those who are usually require advanced care...not the type delivered by most rural hospitals.

Eldorado isn't the only community struggling with this problem. Small towns throughout Texas have closed their hospitals and opened emergency clinics instead. It's a trend that has reached to Ozona, Big Lake and Menard.

Schleicher County Medical Center, however, has chosen a different path.

On August 21, 1996, SCMC's board of directors voted to contract with Columbia HCA, the largest for-profit health care company in the world. Columbia agreed to staff and operate the Schleicher County Family Clinic and provide 24-hour emergency room coverage with a doctor and a physician assistant. In return, SCMC agreed to pay Columbia \$50,000.00 per year, a fraction of what it had been spending.

Since that time, operation of the Family Clinic has been handed over to Columbia and a search began to locate a full-time doctor.

Meanwhile, Columbia recruited and hired Shelly Singleton, a Physician Assistant and he has moved to Eldorado and opened a practice in the Family Clinic.

In the interim, Columbia has augmented Singleton's practice with out-of-town physicians (locum tenens) who come to Eldorado on a part-time basis. Business at the clinic has slowly increased.

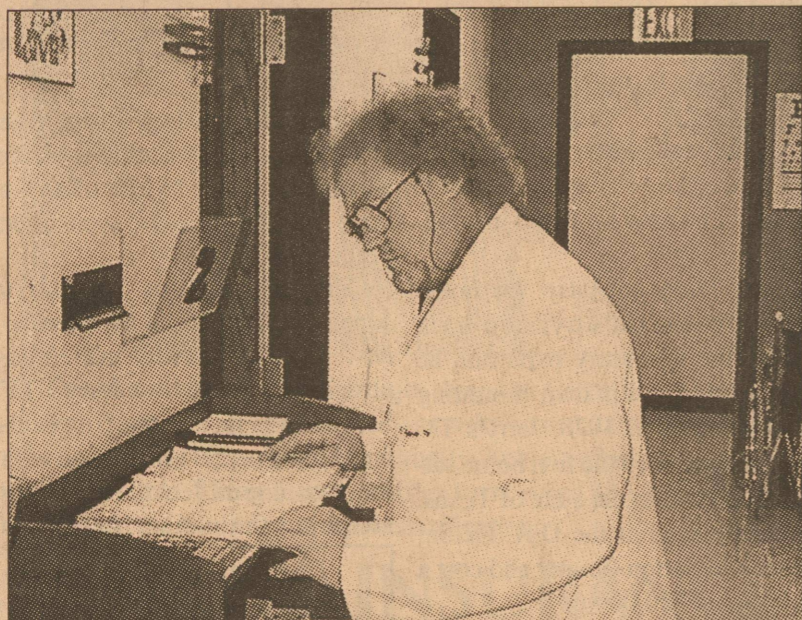
Another development at Schleicher County Medical Center this year came when State inspectors cited the Nursing Home for exceeding 95% of capacity.

While the board of directors protested that the facility was being punished for operating effi-

ciently, State officials stuck to their guns and demanded that the nursing home be expanded. Failing that, the State promised to license another nursing home in Schleicher County.

So, a three months ago, the board of directors voted to proceed with expanding the local nursing home. Two weeks ago, board members reviewed the resumes of architects and last week arranged to meet with two architects to discuss the upcoming construction.

Board members have indicated that any expansion of the nursing home will be paid for out of reserves and will not require a tax increase.



Physician Assistant Shelly Singleton reviews a patient's chart. Singleton opened a practice recently in the Schleicher County Family Clinic. He also provides coverage for the hospital's emergency room.

Schleicher Co. retires jail debt

More than 20-years after the Commission on Jail Standards deemed the old Schleicher County Jail to be below acceptable limits, the "new" jail was finally paid off this year.

"It may seem strange to call this facility new," said Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran. "I mean, it's nearly twenty years old and has been well-used."

But the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center looks modern in spite of its age. Maybe that's because it is so easy to contrast it with the 1909 jail which stands a few hundred feet to the north.

When the Texas Legislature created the Commission on Jail Standards in 1975, the fate of the 1909 jail was sealed. Then Schleicher County Sheriff Orval Edmiston began meeting with the County Commissioners Court to plan a course of action.

County Judge Bob McWhorter and County Commissioners Richard Jones, Gene McCalla, Joe Muller Christian and David Meador took up the matter and on May 13, 1977 voted to begin preliminary planning for a new facility.

Templeton Construction of San Angelo, was hired to build the jail. Construction was completed in March of 1981 and the jail was accepted for use by Sheriff Orval Edmiston.

On Jan. 26, 1997 County Treasurer Karen Henderson issued the final check in the amount of \$36,265.00 to complete payment on the facility. Principal and interest for the term totaled \$1,350,102.00

Schleicher County I.S.D. challenging students to excel

Schleicher County ISD has a bit of a reputation. That happens when you stay at the top of the heap for awhile.

Whether it's academic achievement or extra-curricular prowess, students at SCISD have a lot of living up to do. Living up to the demands of their teachers. Living up to the requirements of their coaches, sponsors or band directors. But mostly, living up to the accomplishments of the students who went before them.

There's an old saying, "It's lonely at the top." That may be true...but the view is spectacular. And, during the recently completed school year, several Eldorado students enjoyed the view from the top. So did the teachers, administrators, coaches, aides and ancillary staff who meld together to make Eldorado Schools what they are.

One need only look over the school district's TAAS scores to know that all three campuses are performing far above average. In fact, each of the campuses has been recognized time and again. That's what we mean when we say that SCISD has a bit of a reputation.

New Superintendent of Schools Hal Porter will confirm that. Porter said that Eldorado's history of excellence was the first thing that attracted him.

While many school districts struggle to reach "average" isn't it great to hear that Schleicher County Schools have a "history of excellence"?

The drive to excel that is fostered in the class room may be difficult to see, at times. But year after year it manifests itself when Eldorado graduates nab the top scholarships. Standardized test scores agree — Schleicher County students are at the top of the heap. The quest for excellence has

even spilled over into the community at large. The Eldorado Lions Club annually hosts a banquet to honor the top students in Eldorado High School. This year, 74 scholars were honored with medals recognizing their achievement.

Can it be that Eldorado's feats in extra-curricular events are coincidental to the accomplishments in the classroom? Not likely.

Much more likely is the prospect that dogged determination in the classroom has instilled in our youth the will to succeed.

The next time an honor roll is published in the Success, look over it and note how many of those dedicated students participate in sports, band, UIL events, 4-H or FFA.

Last year was an outstanding one for Eldorado High School in and out of the classroom.

• The Eagles football team under the leadership of new head coach Jim Fryar clawed its way into the playoffs for the third consecutive season.

• The Mighty Eagle Band earned its 13th consecutive Division "1" rating in Marching. It also received 1's in concert and sightreading and landed the coveted Sweepstakes Award.

• In track & field, the Eagles qualified six for the State Meet. Ty Williams and Kyle Hunter each brought home gold medals.

• In UIL a pair of Eagles journeyed to the State Meet. Jesse Crawford brought home a gold medal in Physics.

• In Tennis four Eagles advanced to State. Makenzie McCravy brought home a gold medal. Casey Snelson, Kim Beach and Whitney McGinnes each won a bronze medal.

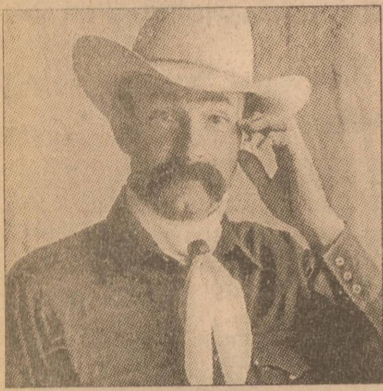
Yes, SCISD has a bit of a reputation. And the fact of the matter is, it's growing!

BUCKSHOT

by Barry McWilliams



Ted's Big Steer



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Ted and his dad needed some cows to stock their little ranch in Oklahoma, and they needed 'em right away. A local trader solved their problem and injected a couple loads into them.

By fall Ted began to notice one calf that stood taller than the rest. Must've had some Chianina blood coursing through his veins. They called him Alf.

They got the big calf castrated and branded and watched him grow like a weed. After several months Ted gathered a bunch to ship. But Alf ducked back. Ted shook out a loop and gave chase.

"Let 'im go!" said Dad, "We'll get him next time!"

Early spring they went to feedin' cake to the herd. Alf was now a yearlin'. Ted kept thinkin' he'd get a rope on him but Alf was too smart.

He'd hang back till the truck pulled forward then he'd hit the cake.

"Yer better off just lettin' him go," said Dad. "We'll get him eventually."

Over the next two years Ted became a master of the bait - trap - ambush - sneak attack methods of capturing a wild beast. He actually tricked Alf into a set of corrals only to see him clear the 4 1/2 foot board fence like a hunter-jumper.

His last fall, Alf was big as an

army ambulance.

He let himself get gathered with the cows knowing he could escape at will but Bwana Ted had reinforced his alleys making them too high for Alf to jump out of. Ted sorted off all the cows but one leaving her in the alley with Alf.

You could almost hear the chalk squawkin' on the blackboard inside Ted's brain. He backed a closed top stock trailer into one end of the alley and opened the tailgate. He figured he would take both to the sale if both accidentally loaded. Sure nuf, one loaded. The cow of course!

Alf was circlin' like a hammer-head shark in the shallow end of the pool.

Rust and metal filings flew out Ted's ears as he plotted his next move. With Dad's help as a diversion (bait, some would say), Ted snuck into the back end of the alley driving the tractor with the loader bucket six feet in the air. Suspended from the bucket with chains was an eight foot steel panel. It just cleared the sides of the alley.

Ted drove slowly down the alley until Alf was six feet from the open trailer tail gate. Alf was bouncing off the boards and metal. Splinters flew, welds broke, bolts came loose, cannons boomed, flags fluttered, palm trees bent and waves crashed as Alf turned the earth into a whale wallow!

Ted invoked the cowboy spirit and leaped up into the loader bucket. His eyes blazed with fury, his body tensed, his mind temporarily left the scene of the impending wreck. He was almost eyeball to eyeball with the raging behemoth.

Alf paused in surprise. Ted rose to his full height and screamed at the top of his lungs!

Alf tucked his tail and loaded like a milk pen calf.

When he crossed the scale at the sale the next day, he weighed 1750. Brought nearly a thousand dollars. Dad's still tryin' to talk Ted into gettin' some more like him.

**I-10 Auto Ranch...
A GM dealership with a difference**



Scooter Faull and Raymon Mobley invite everyone to stop by I-10 Auto Ranch

There may not be an automobile dealership located within Schleicher County. But, local citizens need not journey far to find one with a hometown connection. Just 10-miles south of the Schleicher-Sutton County line I-10 Auto Ranch has a full line of Buick, Chevrolet, Oldsmobile and Pontiac cars and trucks.

I-10 Auto Ranch has a staff of ten employees - five of whom are from Eldorado. Scooter Faull is General Manager of the dealership, Raymon Mobley is a new and used car Sales Representative and George Estrada is the Service Manager. Pete Estrada and George Faull both work in the dealership's Service Department.

Whether it's a new Chevy pickup your looking for or a Buick

Riviera, I-10 Auto Ranch has what you're looking for. And, they keep several Chevy Suburbans on the lot. It's the most popular and largest sports utility vehicle on the market today.

The friendly folks at I-10 Auto Ranch also service what they sell. An experienced and fully trained service staff can handle any auto repair that might arise.

"Folks like dealing with people they know and trust," says Scooter Faull. "Here at I-10 Auto Ranch we know our customers on a first name basis. We treat them right, too...that's why they keep coming back."

I-10 Auto Ranch is located at 102 Golf Course Road in Sonora. Their phone number is 1-915-387-2529.

Over the Back Fence

by Randy Mankin

When Kathy and I moved here in the late '70s, we did so because Eldorado seemed like a nice, quiet place to raise a family. My job in the oilfield made it necessary that we relocate and there were a couple of other places we could have settled. But, we chose Eldorado and have never regretted it.

Since that time, we have grown to love it here. Clean air, great water and wonderful people. Sort of sounds like tourist brochure, doesn't it? Well, it's more than just a slogan, it's true.

Maybe I'm so fond of Eldorado simply because I like small towns. Sure, they have a slower pace. But don't think for a moment that there's nothing going on here.

One of my city-fied friends once told me, "The only thing to do in Eldorado is sit on the porch and watch

the grass grow." He didn't understand and I couldn't convince him that there is a lot more going on here than meets the eye.

Even I, who grew up in small community (Truby, Texas population 23...on a good day), didn't fully appreciate how much activity there really is in Eldorado — until I purchased the newspaper and started covering all those events.

Nowadays, I relish the rare occasions when I can spend an uninterrupted evening at home with my family. Most nights, however are punctuated by meetings, sporting events, traffic accidents, grass fires, house fires, storms...well, you get the picture.

True, Eldorado is a small town and, like most small towns, it moves at its own pace. But, there is a rhythm

to life here that is fairly easy to discern — once you've learned to recognize the outward signs.

If, for example, you see two or three cars parked at the Memorial Building in the middle of the afternoon, it most likely means someone is preparing for an event there that night. Anytime you see more than five vehicles, stop and go in, there's probably a meeting going on.

This technique usually works at the Ag Barn, too. Of course, there are plenty of other places to watch. The Extension Office across the street from the Success office is a good one. Don't forget the hospital, Sr. Citizen Center or the churches. And, there is almost always something going on at the school.

If you get bored in Eldorado, it's your own fault.

On The Road Again

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

I was in Luckenbach the other day. It's a place that doesn't change very much. Hondo Crouch made it famous, but he's been dead more than twenty years. The spirit of Hondo prevails in his little town, which has a population of three (down from seven when Hondo was there).

You can walk in the store and see some of the same merchandise for sale that was there when Hondo was strutting around, telling jokes, singing and strumming and doing all those things that a genuine folk hero does.

There is a quiet reverence to the place, as people sit under the trees, swap stories and songs and sip Shiner beer. There are some good musicians who are in Luckenbach most every day. Jimmy Lee Jones, the bartender in the beer joint, will gladly sing a song and play his guitar. Sometimes Maggie Montgomery, editor of the Luckenbach Moon monthly newspaper will join in.

She went to Luckenbach af-

ter hearing Jerry Jeff Walker talk about the town. Just loaded up her stuff and moved down. She knew it was home the minute she arrived. And she has found a way to make a living.

Jimmy Lee plays some big gigs now and then. He's an ex marine drill sergeant who also found a home in Luckenbach. He knows plenty of stories, songs and one liners that can keep the

beer joint crowd entertained for hours. May 31st.

K. R. Woods dropped in while I was there. His new CD kicked off this year. It's called Fathers of Texas and is a musical history of the state. He wrote the songs and narration. It features some solid Texas musicians: Red Steagall, Gary P. Nunn, Rusty Weir, Steve Fromholz, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Tom T. Hall, Townes Van Zandt and others. The narration is read by Guich Koch, Gib Lewis and others.

Willie Nelson is returning to Luckenbach on the 4th of July for his annual picnic. Tickets are only \$20, available at Ticketmaster 210/224-9600 or Star Tickets 800/966-7469.

Tish Hinojosa was at Luckenbach in early May. Ray Wylie Hubbard was there over Memorial Day weekend. He's just back from a European tour. Monte Montgomery, an up and comer who perfected his guitar playing under the trees at Luckenbach, performed there

Luckenbach in concert on Sunday August 31 with his guest Joe Ely. Then the 27th annual Chili Ball takes place on Saturday, October 4, when the featured entertainer will be Gary P. Nunn.

The Luckenbach Moon newspaper is named for one of Hondo's quotes: "People can't believe we have such a big moon for such a small town." The 8-page publication has a piece called "The Luckenbach Ladies Lynchin' League Name Droppin' Columbe" (spelled that way in the paper). Lots of the stuff is written by the local historian, Magnolia Thunder Blossom.

Luckenbach still has the mud dauber festival and celebrates the invention of plywood. The Lydia Pinkham Hell Hath No Fury Women's Chili Cookoff still takes place. Not much changes in Luckenbach. Hondo may be gone, but he's not far away!

**Jerry's TV Service...
Keeping up with an ever changing technology**

Jerry Jones has seen a lot of changes in the TV business. During his 33 years as a TV repairman, he watched as the ordinary television set evolved from a luxury item into an absolute necessity.

"Most folks had black & white sets back when I went into business in 1964," Jones told the Success. "and, you could only get two

channels...if you were lucky"

If you were lucky and had a really good antenna, that is.

The fact that Eldorado is a remote community probably hasn't helped many of it's businesses. But it may have been just the thing that kept Jerry Jones in business during those early years.

"I put up lots of towers and installed lots of antennas in those days," said Jones. "Some folks were willing to try anything to get television."

Then one day, when the local cable company was installing a satellite dish so HBO could be added to Eldorado's cable line up, Jones went down to watch the installation.

"They called it an earth station," he said. "And I wondered why it couldn't be used for home installation."

So, Jones got busy. He made lots of phone calls trying to track down the necessary parts and he had to design his own mounting system. But, in 1978, Jerry's TV Service installed the first home satellite system in the state of Texas. It was placed at the D.A. Genini Ranch in Sutton County and cost a whopping \$10,000.00.

From that moment on, the rest of the satellite TV industry was trying to keep up with the Joneses. For over the two decades that followed,



Joey and Jerry Jones look over an 18" satellite dish. In the background is a massive 10' model that was once state of the art.

Jerry and his son Joey Jones have installed countless satellite systems across the state. "Most of those were 10' dishes...some were even bigger," said Jones.

You might think that Jerry Jones would be set in his ways by now. After all, he's been in the business for 33 years. But Jerry's TV Service was one of the first dealers to jump on the bandwagon with the new digital technology that's sweeping the nation. A modern

satellite dish now measures a mere 18". An entire system currently sells for \$199.00.

"That's quite a change," said Jones. "But, it's a good system. It's the way TV will be delivered in the future."

Jerry's TV Service is located at 214 SW Main in Eldorado and is open Monday - Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm and 8:00 am - 12:00 noon on Saturdays. The phone number is 853-2314.



Have ya' been hankerin' to get in touch with us at the Success? Well, it's easier 'n ever now. Send us e-mail at elsuccess@aol.com. Shoot, we're jest waitin' to hear from you!

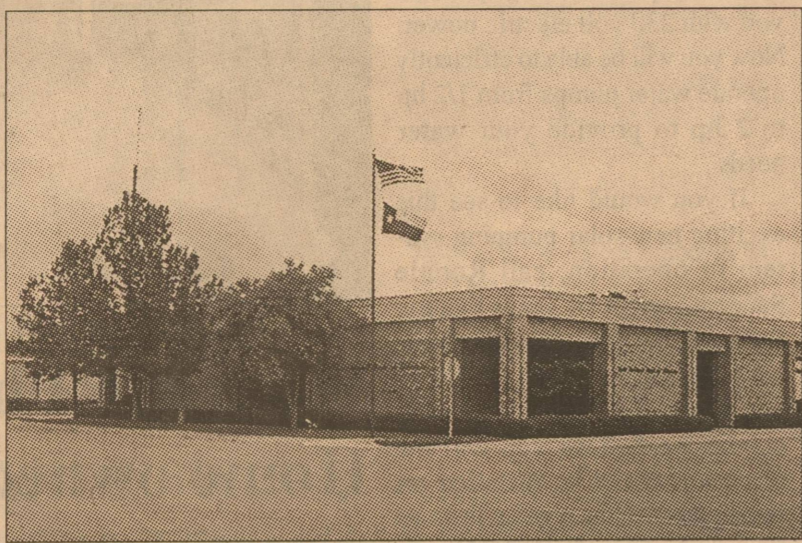
First National Bank of Eldorado... Ninety years strong and building toward the 21st Century

First National Bank of Eldorado is a full service bank that is genuinely concerned with the needs of Schleicher County and its citizens. That's only natural. After all, FNB has been a part of Eldorado and Schleicher County since 1907.

But, First National Bank isn't satisfied in pointing only to its past. No, the bank is forging ahead, adopting innovative changes and preparing to meet the challenges of the 21st Century.

Helping its customers to succeed is one way FNB is moving forward. Through its agriculture and business lending the bank underwrites much of the local economy's growth. Growth that means jobs and dollars flowing into, not out of, our hometown.

Of course consumer lending is also a big part of First National Bank's business. Whether it's a new car or kitchen appliances, FNB loans money to help its cus-



First National Bank of Eldorado

tomers make those special purchases.

Real estate loans, home improvement loans...well, you begin to see that First National Bank is intimately involved in the day to day lives of its customers.

However, there is much, much more to First National Bank than its loan department.

One of FNB's newest services is Cash Flow Manager. It is a program through which First National Bank purchases a business' outstanding accounts receivable and takes over the billing and processing of those accounts.

More than one small business has been stymied in its growth by cash flow problems. Now, with Cash Flow Manager, those problems are handled by professionals and the customers are free to do what they do best...operate their business.

Have you ever sat in a bank lobby waiting to see a loan officer about a simple matter that took only minutes — once you made it into the office? Well, FNB's Personal Banker program is designed to alleviate that problem.

Roxanne Adame, Jeanne Snelson and Stacy Haynes are First National Bank's Personal Bankers and they are eager to help customers with loans, deposits or account needs. Their desks

are right out in the lobby where the customers are. Simple, right? Right!

FNB offers its customers lots of other services, too. There's the drive-in teller for those times when it's just not convenient to come in the lobby. And, there is an ATM machine for those needing cash on weekends or after hours. Safe Deposit Boxes are also maintained for FNB customers.

Other services First National Bank provides for its customers are the TeleBank and TeleTime. With a simple phone call, customers can check their account balances and transfer funds from one account to another. Or, by dialing another number the customer can get the correct time and temperature.

A new program to be introduced soon is PC Banking. When

it's operational, PC Banking will allow FNB customers to do their banking with their personal computer. Transferring data over secure phone lines, PC Banking will allow customers to bank from their office, home or wherever they have access to a computer with a modem.

years old this year. It's roots are deep in Schleicher County. As FNB moves ahead to meet the challenges of the new millennium it will do so secure in the knowledge that it has done its part to serve its customers needs.

Yesterday, today, tomorrow. First National Bank of Eldorado is always here for you.



The 1907 Bank building was FNB's first home. It remains today as Main Street Eldorado's most historic landmark.



Nancy Jenkins has a very important job at FNB. She is the teller at the bank's drive up window.



Jeanne Snelson handles FNB's new accounts. She is the first of FNB's personnel that most new customer's meet.

F.B.C. to hold Bible School

First Baptist Church will be sponsoring a very exciting Vacation Bible School program from Monday, July 14th to Friday, July 18th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. The CIRCLE OF FRIENDS RANCH, BEING FRIENDS WITH JESUS theme is a five day modern western adventure.

There will be crafts, music, recreation, and active Bible learning for kids from 4 years old through 6th grade. By visiting different Ranch Sites each day, kids will learn that Jesus is a friend to everyone; His friends tell others about Him; Jesus comforts and cares for His friends; He is our forever friend; and He sets an example for His friends to follow.

Kids won't want to miss any excitement of the CIRCLE OF FRIENDS RANCH! For more information contact First Baptist Church at #853-2662.

Birthdays

- July
- 10th Ray Louis Lozano, John David Meador, Dusty Nolen, Mike Mankin, J.R. Goodrum
- 11th Garrett Warnock, Lucy Page, Earl Caulder, Gertrude Robinson
- 12th Cynthia Sauer, Monroe Dacy, Julie Ann Hight, Mary Nolen, Paige Ragsdale, Quisto Gonzalez, Vanessa Ruiz, George Arispe, Mike Arispe, Oralia B. Trevino
- 13th Alyssa Halbert, Cody Reavis
- 14th Brian Jones, Steven Capps, Kyndal Broome, Roxanne Adame
- 15th Jean Kuykendall, Charlene Edmiston, Edna Crowder, Ty Martinez, Will Griffin, Robbie Sanford
- 16th Lula Mae Clark, Jackie Barrera, Luby Trevino, Lisa Wade, Farah Fennern, Landon Neal, Lula Clark
- 17th Jeremy Clark, Marcelina Ramon, William Edmiston, Dale Lipsett, Helen Ledbetter, Fred Logan, Joe Max Edmiston, Leah Kuhlmann, Stacy Haynes
- 18th Carol Estrada, Linda Thomas, Wade Rinehart
- 19th B.J. Dacy, Bud Arendt, Chance Meyer

Anniversaries

- July
- 12th Robert & Jo Parker
- 14th Rojelio & Roxanne Adame, Juanice & Charles Orr, Jeff & Shelly Fennern
- 17th Fred & Louise Logan
- 18th Mr. & Mrs. Ken Newman, Jeff & Mary Leggett

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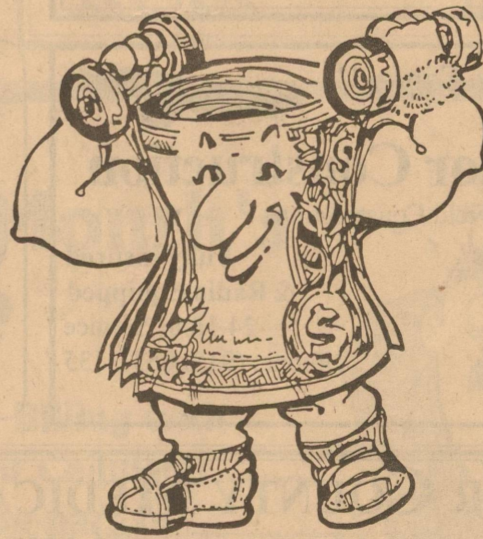
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And that's exactly what Taylor has become. For 14 years Eldorado Pharmacy has served the people of Eldorado and Schleicher County.

"I try to do more than just fill prescriptions," Taylor stated. "I know my customers...and they know me. I counsel them on their medication and they understand that, day or night, I'm here when they need me."

That attitude of service has been Taylor's hallmark. As the health care and the insurance industries

have evolved in recent years more and more patients are being pressured to purchase their medicine from discount mail order pharmacies.

"It's sad that some insurance providers are trying to eliminate the personal contact between patient and pharmacist. I know it's being done for strictly economic reasons. But when personal contact is lost, so is personal caring and concern. That worries me," Taylor said.

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Texaco Star Stop & Pizza Pro... A winning combination for Eldorado

When John Phillips, the owner of Regal Oil, announced a few years back that he would be building a Texaco Star Stop in Eldorado, some folks didn't think much of his chances. "I heard that one man predicted we wouldn't last a year," says Phillips. "Well, it's been seven years and we're still here!"

Still here and still growing. With 14 full-time and part-time employees, the Star Stop has become a major part of Eldorado's economy. And, the addition of Pizza Pro two years ago only added to the mix.

It's been a pretty successful mix, too.

"We're real happy with the way things have gone in Eldorado," says Phillips. "But we always expected great things of that store."

The Star Stop was Regal Oil's

first store outside San Angelo and might have seemed like a big risk to some folks. But, Phillips is an Eldorado native and he sensed that a need existed here. A few days after the store opened, he knew his hunch had been right.

Today, the Star Stop is more than a place to buy a coke and fill up with gas. It's a well stocked convenience store with full deli...and a very loyal clientele.

In just two years, the Pizza Pro, located inside the expanded Star Stop store, has become one of Eldorado's favorite places to meet and eat. "There was a need in Eldorado for Pizza Pro," says Phillips. "I'm glad we could fill that need."

The key to Pizza Pro's success is simple. A great product at a great price. And, service that is second to none.

Today's busy life-style makes Pizza Pro even more appealing. A phone order is ready in 10 minutes or less. Dine in or carry out, a freshly baked pizza is pretty hard to beat.

A customer wanting purchase gas at the Star Stop has several convenient payment options. Texaco credit cards, Visa, MasterCard and



Texaco Star Stop & Pizza Pro

GasCard are all gladly accepted. Inside the store, there is also a wide variety of automotive related products.

Of course, the Texas Lottery and Lotto are very popular with Star Stop's customers. And, the coffee is always hot and fresh!

If you haven't been in to the Star Stop lately, go in today and say hello to manager Norma Figueroa and her crew.

Most likely, however, you're a regular Star Stop customer already.

If that's the case, then what's keeping you? All your friends are waiting for you at the Star Stop!

The Texaco Star Stop is open seven days a week. Hours are 5:00 am to 12 midnight. Pizza Pro's hours are 11:00 am to 9:00 pm Sunday through Wednesday. Thursday through Saturday the hours are 11:00 am to 10:00 pm. Most Eldoradoans know Pizza Pro's phone number by heart. But for those who don't, it's 853-2504.

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West Texas Lumber and Trading Post

Computer Doctors Second Hand Rose... High tech and old fashioned

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Judy is a hands-on manager at Second Hand Rose. Conveniently located on U.S. 277 in Eldorado, Second Hand Rose's aim is to find new homes for antiques, used furniture, home furnishings and clothing.

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Derek Engdahl and Annette Jackson at Grannynette's BBQ

Grannynettes BBQ... Always home cookin' for you!

You say you're in the mood for some mouth-watering barbecue? Well, have we got a surprise for you! Grannynette's BBQ, located at 502 S. Divide in Eldorado, is home to some of the best barbecue in West Texas...and that means the world!

The mother and son duo of Annette Jackson and Derek Engdahl own and operate Grannynette's BBQ. Open Wednesdays and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Grannynette's serves up barbecued brisket, chicken, sausage and the most delicious pork ribs you've ever tasted. Derek says that since Grannynette's opened June 11, 1993, he has cooked over 4,200 briskets.

In addition to the normal fare, on Fridays they serve freshly

smoked ham. And, customers help themselves to all the pinto beans, potato salad, cole slaw and other trimmings. At Grannynette's, if your not full after your meal, it's your own fault.

Also popular with Grannynette's customers are their made-to-order hamburgers. No assembly line burgers here, folks. Just good old-fashioned burgers made the way they ought to be. Try one on Texas toast or a regular bun...it's a meal in itself.

Grannynette's also has a drive-up window for those customers in a hurry!

At Grannynette's the emphasis is always on serving great food at a fair price. Once you've try it, you undoubtedly agree. On Wednesdays and Fridays, Grannynette's is the place to be!

West Texas Lumber... 1-year old and going strong

It was a red letter day one year ago in Eldorado when West Texas Lumber and Trading Post opened its doors. The ribbon cutting was planned to coincide with Schleicher County Day last August. But the truth of the matter is, Jim Chancellor and company began serving their customers a month or so earlier — as soon as the stock began arriving.

"We were trying to get things ready to open and folks just started coming by," Jim Chancellor told the Success. "Well, how can you tell them no?"

And, that's how it's been ever since. As the store has grown and expanded its inventory, Jim Chancellor, Jeff Chancellor and Sharon Lemons have had to handle the growth between customers, and a steady stream of customers at that.

"We're real happy to be here in Eldorado," says Chancellor. "It's a great community and I want everybody to stop by and see what we have in stock. I think they'll be surprised at the variety and the price."

Chancellor is dead serious when he talks about his store's prices. "We do our best to keep our prices in line," he said. "If you look at our prices across the board, then I think you'll see that we're very competitive."

Service is another thing that West Texas Lumber and Trading Post has to offer — hometown friendly service. "If we don't have

a particular item in stock, we'll do our best to get it for you...and I don't mean next week, either," said Chancellor.

The dedication to customer service is apparent when you walk in the door at West Texas Lumber and Trading Post. "We're on a first name basis with most of our customers," said Sharon Lemons who works behind the counter. And, it's almost impossible to make it to the counter before being greeted.

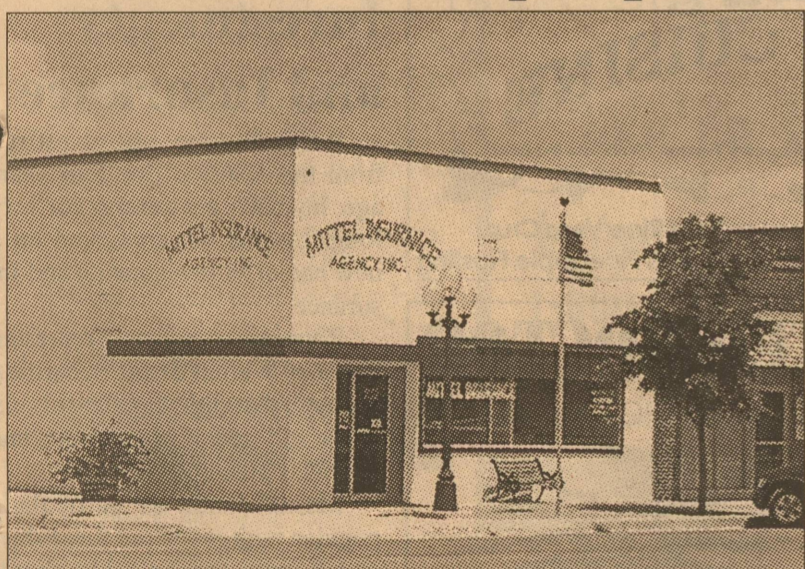
Late one night last November, when the hail storm devastated much of Eldorado, West Texas Lumber and Trading Post opened their doors to the community. Sheets of plywood, nails, plastic tarps and other supplies were made available to those desperately needing to make emergency repairs.

The store stocks a full line of lumber and hardware supplies. Fencing material and Purina® feeds are also on hand. Then there are Wrangler® jeans and household items and much, much more. They even have a bin of free peanuts.

There's really no way to tell someone about West Texas Lumber and Trading Post without leaving something out. The best thing is to urge them to go by and see for themselves.

West Texas Lumber and Trading Post is conveniently located at 10 E. Gillis in Eldorado. The phone number is 853-2730.

Mittel Insurance Agency... from a customer's perspective



Mittel Insurance Agency

The typical insurance customer these days is looking for only two things — adequate insurance coverage and competitive pricing. At Mittel Insurance Agency, they receive a lot, lot more.

Connie Andrews owns and operates Mittel Insurance Agency. And, she is the first one you see when you enter the office.

"We pride ourselves on our service," Andrews told the Success. "Any insurance agency is ready to help you when you're purchasing a policy. I believe we should be just as committed to serving our customers after we have their business."

That commitment to service was much in evidence recently when Eldorado was pounded by

violent storms. Customers with claims poured into the office and extra staff was needed.

"We worked some awful long hours through that period but it was worth it," Andrews said. "Our customers needed us and that was that."

Within 24 hours of the first claims, insurance adjusters were inspecting damage and issuing checks. "That was a good feeling," said Andrews.

"After all," she continued, "these folks aren't just our customers, they're our neighbors, too!"

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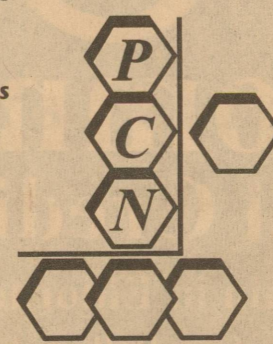
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Kent's Automotive... Treating their customers right

Richard and Gloria Kent must be doing something correctly. They have been in the automotive repair business in Eldorado since 1970. In the 27 years that followed, Kent's Automotive has consistently delivered quality service at a reasonable price.

Maybe it's because they know most of their customers on a first name basis. Or, maybe Richard and Gloria just treat folks the way they would like to be treated. Whatever the reasons, Kent's Automotive has come to stand for a fair and honest repairs in Eldorado.

Kent's Automotive is also a fully stocked CarQuest dealer. They maintain a wide range of parts and usually have just the item most customers are looking for.

However, if a customer needs



Gloria and Richard Kent

an auto part that isn't in stock, Kent's affiliation with CarQuest means that the part can usually be delivered to Eldorado overnight. That means quicker repairs, less down-time and happier customers.

Kent's Automotive also stocks many items like oxygen, acetylene and welding supplies that are much in demand. A wide array of belts and hoses are also kept on hand.

Richard and Gloria invite you to stop by the next time you need automotive parts or repairs. Or, maybe just drop in and say, hello. They'll be glad to see you.

Kent's Automotive is located at 712 N. Divide in Eldorado. Their phone number is 853-2733.



1st Community Federal Credit Union

1st Community... Credit Union with a difference

When 1st Community Federal Credit Union opened a branch office here in Eldorado, it was their first step outside of San Angelo. Some local folks speculated that there would be a bunch of strangers running it. That wasn't the case. In fact, the Grand Opening in June of 1995 was more like a homecoming than anything else.

Branch manager Dorothy Dacy smiles when she thinks of it. "We're all Eldorado girls in this office," says Dacy. "And, our boss is an Eldorado boy!"

1st Community's president, Bill Nikolauk, grew up in Eldorado, graduated high school here and still considers Eldorado his hometown. Maybe that's why 1st Community has a hometown feel about it.

From the very first day the branch was open, there has been a steady stream of cars using the drive-up window. On Saturday mornings, it can be really busy around the Credit Union.

"I'm glad our hours are as convenient as they are," says Dacy. "People are a lot busier than they used to be. So, here at 1st Community, our drive-up opens early and closes late. It's open on Saturday mornings, too!"

But everything can't be handled at a drive-up window. So 1st Community's lobby has extended hours, also. "We try to make our

hours fit our members' schedules," says Dacy. "I'm really proud of that."

Another thing that Dacy is proud of is 1st Community's Arnie Dillo Club. The club encourages youngsters to save their money and hones their money management skills. "It's just one more way we can give something back to the community," says Dacy.

1st Community Federal Credit Union offers its members a wide range of consumer, home improvement and real estate loans. They are particularly proud of their new and used car financing. "Our interest rates are some of the best around," says Dacy.

The growth at 1st Community has been impressive. When the branch opened a mere two years ago, there were 120 members of the credit union living in Schleicher County. That number has climbed steadily and today, the local membership tops 567.

Perhaps the first thing you notice about 1st Community's branch office is the stunning mural that adorns the wall behind it. "We're proud of that mural," says Dacy. "1st Community commissioned it in honor of Eldorado's Centennial. The fact that it was painted by local artists makes it even more special."

Another thing that is hard to overlook at 1st Community Federal Credit Union is prompt, friendly service.

"We enjoy serving our friends and neighbors," says Dacy. "They're the reason we're here."

1st Community Federal Credit Union is conveniently located at 202 SW Main in Eldorado. Their phone number is 853-2538.

Plateau Cellular... Keeping West Texans in touch

Towns are few and far between in West Texas. Sometimes, phones are just as scarce. As Eldorado and Schleicher County have progressed toward the 21st Century, the demand for reliable and inexpensive communications has increased steadily. One company moving to meet that demand is Plateau Cellular Network.

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Lynn Meador... More than just real estate

Lynn Meador says he divides his time almost equally between his real estate business, his abstract company, and the family ranch.

Lynn has spent his entire life in and around Eldorado. In that time he has learned that one way to insure success is to wear lots of different hats.

He says that helping a customer locate and purchase a home gives him a good feeling. That comes as no surprise to anyone who has done business with Lynn in the past. And, it's probably the key to his success.

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If it sounds a little old fashioned, Lynn doesn't care. That's just the way he is.

Lynn Meador's office is located at 5 N. Divide in Eldorado. His phone number is 853-2808. The phone number at Schleicher County Abstract Co. is 853-2689. Call him on either line, all he has to do is switch hats.

Ronnie Mittel... Investments and Insurance

When Ronnie Mittel retired from the ASCS office four years ago, he didn't get to relax for very long. Instead, he embarked on a new career in investments and insurance.

Ronnie is a registered representative of Walnut Street Securities. Through that firm, he offers his clients a full line of investments and financial planning services.

Mutual funds are particularly popular with investors these days and Ronnie can help his clients with American Funds or any of the over 4,000 other funds that are on the market.

Annuities and pension rollovers are other investment options with which Ronnie is well versed.

Adequate life insurance coverage is an often overlooked part of a persons investment portfolio. Through American General Life, Ronnie offers competitively priced life insurance plans to fit most everyone's needs.

Then there is health insurance. With today's skyrocketing cost of health care, a good health insurance policy is essential. Ronnie represents BlueCross BlueShield and Trust Mark. Through those companies he can tailor health policies to meet a client's particular need.

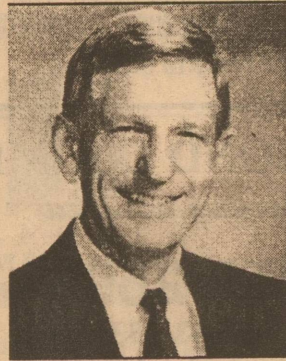
No, Ronnie Mittel didn't stay retired very long. But he says he enjoys his new career so much that it's almost like being retired.

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HouseCalls Health Care Services... A history of caring and concern

With the health care industry changing everyday, isn't it good to know that the professionals at HouseCalls Health Care Services are there when you need them?

It hasn't always been that way. Patients needing routine care were once confined to hospitals or nursing homes. Today, many patients are able to return home thanks to home health care.

Linell Nixon and Laura Nowlin, both Registered Nurses, recognized a need in Eldorado. The health care environment was changing forcing some local patients to use an out-of-town home health service...or do without. So, in 1993 the ladies accepted the challenge and opened HouseCalls Health Care Services.

Since that time, the staff at HouseCalls has grown from three, counting Nixon and Nowlin, to twenty-five. Today, HouseCalls has satellite offices in Sonora and Ozona. They serve patients in a 60-mile radius.

The freedom to stay in their own home and get on with their day to day lives is why so many patients use home health care services. And, there are a lot of services out there. But a few of them stand out

above the crowd. HouseCalls Health Care Services is one of those few.

Among the many services HouseCalls offers are free blood pressure and blood sugar checks. In Eldorado those checks are provided from 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Thursdays at the Senior Citizen Center. In Ozona they are offered from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Tuesdays at the HouseCalls office located at 810 Ave. E. The free checks are available in Sonora on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at 205 N. U.S. Hwy. 277.

Caring for their neighbors is what the folks at HouseCalls are all about. Caring and concern. Pretty good qualities in a home health agency don't you think?

HouseCalls Health Care Services is located at 418 S. Divide in Eldorado. The phone number there is 853-2525.

Hanover Compressor Co... Serving the gas industry "Wellhead to Pipeline"

Hanover Compressor Company leases and services gas compressors. Currently, they have 61 compressors in the field. Eight employees are tasked with maintenance and service on the equipment.

Sam Whitten, Jr., a field supervisor with the company says that

Hanover recently purchased Smith Production, adding even more to the company's size.

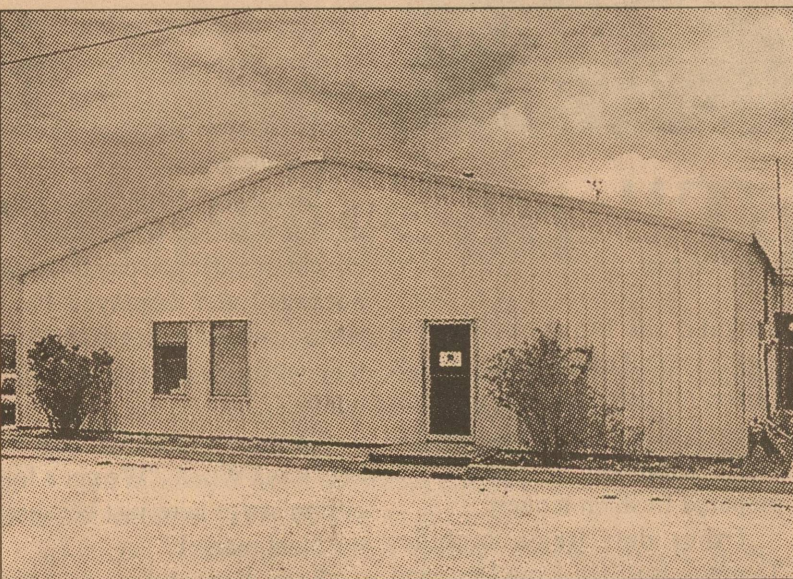
Hanover also rents production equipment such as gas separators and dehydrators.

"We take care of everything from the wellhead to the pipeline," says Whitten.

That means taking care of other people's equipment, too. Hanover offers contract service and maintenance on compressors and related equipment. Plus, Hanover keeps in stock a wide array of compressor parts.

If it has to do with gas compression or gas production equipment, Hanover is the only name you need to remember.

Hanover Compressor Company's Eldorado office is located at 902 East Street in the old Butler Supply building. Stop by or call Sam Whitten, Jr. at 853-2502.



Hanover Compressor Company's office at 902 East Street in Eldorado. (former Butler Building)

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Vallree's... A very bright spot in Sonora



Vallree Draper in front of Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions in Sonora. The store offers the latest in womens and childrens clothing.

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Vallree Draper has owned and operated Vallree's Bright Spot for five years. She invites everyone to stop by and see all the wonderful items she has in stock.

Womens fashions include: MiLi, Koret, G.W. Groff, Shaker, F-Stop, Kasey Coleman and others. In sizes x-small through 3-x.

Childrens' apparel is by Tickle Me, Jo Lene, Hang Ten and Sport.

Vallree's Bright Spot also offers a wide variety of educational toys, wedding, anniversary and birthday gifts. Gift certificates are also available.

There are always new items arriving at Vallree's Bright Spot so grab a friend and head for Vallree's today!

Vallree's Bright Spot Fashions is located at 214 Main in Sonora. The phone number is 387-5918. Visa and MasterCard are gladly accepted.

Mittel Insurance presents Eldorado Spotlight



This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Carrie Hill, Duge Yates and Nancy Lester. This trio was very instrumental in Eldorado winning the Governor's Community Achievement Award for the second time. The community is due to receive a \$30,000.00 grant to be used for landscaping and beautification.

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Food Center in Sonora... More than just a typical grocery store

Perhaps the first thing you notice upon entering the Food Center in Sonora is the wonderful aroma of fresh baked goods. The smell is enticing and lures most shoppers to the store's bakery where fresh bread, cakes, pastries and cookies await.

The next thing that you are likely to notice are the wide, well stocked aisles and the overall cleanliness. The store is spacious and inviting. It attracts customers from all over the Sutton, Schleicher and Crockett Counties.

Town & Country Food Stores purchased the Food Center from Lois Fields in May of 1994. Since



Food Center in Sonora

that time, the company has invested heavily in upgrading the facilities and making them more attractive to customers.

"Our customers are our number one priority," says store manager Jerry Wood. "We make every effort to stock the products they want...and we keep prices low!"

Low prices may be the reason Food Center attracts new customers, but service is the reason it keeps them. "We serve you better — that's our motto," says Wood. "Service, all the way to the car. That's us."

One of Food Center's most popular departments is its Deli.

Freshly cut lunch meats and cheeses, fried chicken and a wide variety of other prepared foods. Party trays and vegetable trays are available through the deli and are prepared fresh on request.

Other deli items include: Taquitos, Burritos, Corn Dogs and Chimichangas. Then there is an assortment of hot sandwiches including Chopped Barbecue Beef, Chicken Fried Steak, Chicken Strips, Ham, Hot Link and Sausage.

Of course, no deli would be complete without offering a selec-

tion of cold sandwiches. Some of the most popular sandwiches in Food Center's deli are: Honey Cured Ham, Smoked Turkey, Jalapeno Loaf, Turkey Breast and Salami. There are many, many others.

Also available in the deli are freshly cooked beef briskets, smoked sausage, catfish nuggets and chicken strips, all of which are sold by the pound.

Then there's Food Center's meat market, clean and well stocked. Every cut of meat you can imagine is packaged and displayed for the customer's convenience. And, custom cut meats are available on request.

"We're proud of our meat market," says Wood. "We get a lot of customers in here just because of the meat market."

Food Center proudly stocks Surefine® foods and they are extremely popular with the customers. But, if it's name brands you want, Food Center stocks those, too.



Steve Capps is just one of the many Eldorado customers who patronize Food Center on a daily basis. Steve works for Crowder Services and was on his way to a job in Rocksprings when he stopped in and had Food Center's deli prepare him a fresh lunch. Also shown are Matt Sowell, 1st Assistant Manager and Checker Juanita Pruneda.

Food Center is an Affiliated Foods member store. Because of the buying power that gives them, Food Center can keep its prices down. On top of that, frequent sales and specials give customers an added price break.

"We're more than just a grocery store," says Wood. "We deal in goods and services that make our customer's lives easier."

Western Union money orders, prepaid phone cards, hunting & fishing licenses and ammunition are but a

few of the items Wood is talking about. Then there are the ever popular lottery and lotto games.

"We try to make our customer's shopping experience as pleasant and hassle free as possible," says Wood. To that end, Food Center gladly accepts Visa, Master Card and Discover Cards and the new Lone Star Card and W.I.C. Card.

Food Center is located at 600 Crockett St. in Sonora. Hours are 7am to 9pm Monday through Saturday and 8am to 8pm on Sunday.



Bakery Manager Lilia Virgen displays some of Food Center's baked goods. Virgen has worked at Food Center for 15 years.

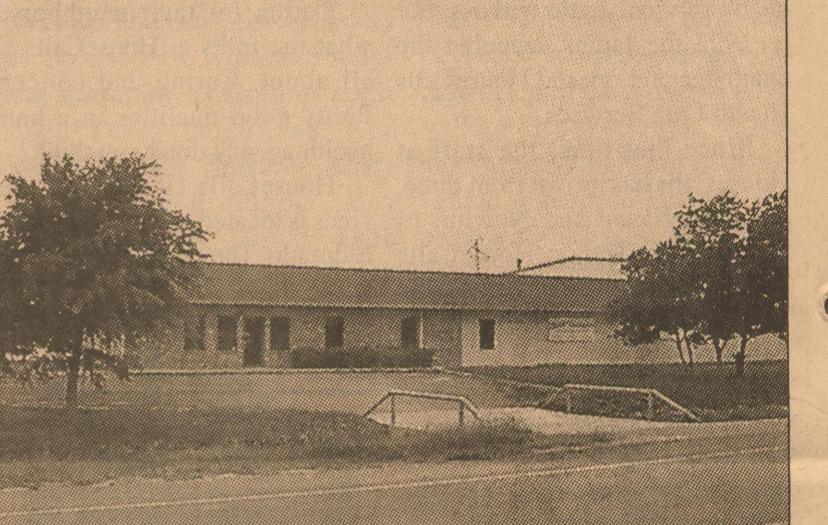
John E. Meador Construction, Inc... Offering a wide range of oilfield services

John E. Meador Construction, a complete oilfield service company, was established in December 1987. The company expanded its operations in 1992 when it opened an office/yard in Sonora. A third location was added in 1994 in Ozona.

In September of last year, Meador Construction relocated its Eldorado office to 905 E. Murchison, in the former Cimarron Pipeline office. Meador Construction currently has a total of 48 full time employees.

Meador Construction offers its customers a complete range of oilfield services, including pipeline construction, compressor installation, lease maintenance, contract gauging, painting and sandblasting, backhoe, dump truck and dozer service.

When asked the secret of the



Meador Construction's new office at 905 E. Murchison in Eldorado

company's success, Rita Meador credited Meador Construction's employees. "It's their hard work and dedication to doing a good job. That is the key to any business."

She also mentioned Meador Construction's customers. "They

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