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## Hospital trustees vote to sell home to Dr. Perez

A dozen red roses marked the chair where the late Delia Pina normally sat during hospital board meetings. Her death two weeks ago in a tragic bus accident left her fellow board members at a loss for words Monday night as they met for the first time since the event. The roses, and the vacant chair, placed there as a tribute, served as a reminder of Ms. Pina's years of service to the medical center.

Board President Randy Mankin called the meeting to order. "We have lost one of our own," he said of Ms. Pina. "Her passing has left a giant hole in our midst. We can never replace Delia but we shall always miss her."

Among other items of business the board took up the sale of a house owned by the hospital district on Honeysuckle St. Sealed bids were received from three individuals with Dr. Lillian Perez, the current occupant of the house, delivering the high bid of \$105,000.00. After discussing the matter briefly, the board voted unanimously to accept the bid and asked Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz to meet with Dr. Perez and attorney James Kosub to finalize the sale.

A \$98,500.00 bid, submitted by Stan and Gloria Meador and an \$84,650.00 bid from Herman Walker were rejected.

Among other items of business, the trustees heard from former SCMC em-

ployee Lucia Guajardo regarding her employment status at the nursing home. Board President Randy Mankin explained to Ms. Guajardo that since she wasn't on the agenda their questions could not be addressed by the board. At that point, Ms. Guajardo, who is a Certified Nurse Aide, explained that she had recently been laid off and questioned why she had been selected. Joining Ms. Guajardo were Rita McWhorter and Mary Roden. The ladies praised Mrs. Guajardo's work ethic and professionalism and pointed out that she had been employed at the facility for 18 years. Again, Randy Mankin advised that the board could not discuss the matter. He then explained how the women could have their names placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

The trustees also took up the question of naming and employee of the year. Each year, SCMC employees vote on who they believe should receive the prestigious honor. As in years past, the trustees entered into an executive session where they tallied the votes. They emerged into open session without taking action or making public comment except to say that the SCMC employee of the year would be named during the annual Christmas Party.

A review of the district's financial records indicated a loss of \$28,471 for the month of September. Overall, however, the facility is posting an \$81,181 profit year-to-date.

In other business, the trustees also gave their approval to an agreement with Schleicher County ISD that allows students in the school's Health Occupations classes to hold classes in the hospital and nursing home. They also reviewed and approved several updates to policy & procedures manuals including those concerning Tuberculosis, the Safe Medical Device Act, and the hospital's

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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Silent tribute** — Hospital board members noted the loss of Delia Pina during their regular monthly meeting Monday night. A bouquet of roses placed on the chair she once served as a silent reminder throughout the meeting. Ms. Pina was a longtime employee of the hospital and spent many years on its board of directors following her retirement. She and her husband, Domingo, were among the eight persons killed two weeks ago in the FBC bus wreck in Louisiana.

## Fun, Food & Prizes

### Annual Game Dinner has it all

The Schleicher County Game Association will hold its annual Game Dinner Saturday, November 1 on the Schleicher County Courthouse Square. Over \$20,000 in numerous guns and prizes will be raffled away during the event.

A delicious barbecue lunch catered by Steve Nelson and Felipe Pina will be offered with the serving line opening at 11:00 a.m. This year's menu includes barbecue brisket and sausage. Meal tickets are a mere \$5 and raffle tickets are still only \$1 each.

As a special draw for hunters, a Raptor 4-wheel drive utility vehicle

will be raffled away as will a "Potbelly" deer blind. More than 50 guns and various other prizes will also be raffled away.

The always entertaining Jim Runge is slated to emcee this year's event. Cowboy poet Clay Linley of Del Rio is also scheduled to appear.

Game Dinner Association President Doug Garvin notes that the dinner is held each year as a way of welcoming hundreds of deer hunters who return each year to the county.

A giant tent will be set up on the Courthouse Square and the Memorial Building will also be used for the event.

## 60,000 deer in county await arrival of hunting season

Wildlife personnel with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department recently completed annual deer population surveys here in Schleicher County. The survey lines, located throughout the county, yielded an estimate of 76 deer to every 1,000 acres of deer habitat or about 60,700 deer countywide. Composition of the overall deer herd in Schleicher County is at 1.96 does per buck with a high fawn segment of 95 fawns per 100 does observed. In relation to percentages that gives Schleicher County a composition of 21% bucks, 41% does, and 38% fawns.

Much like last season, overall buck antler quality is expected to be relatively decent this year, with better antler characteristics being expressed in those areas that experienced better rainfall patterns through the late spring and summer months earlier this year. Much needed widespread rains have recently added some green-up to the pastures and should bring on some winter weeds to augment the poor acorn crop currently falling. That spotty to non-existent acorn

crop currently has deer utilizing supplemental feeders, but continued mild weather conditions, on-set of winter weeds, and another expected long active rut may create confounded hunting circumstances.

This year in Schleicher County the standard gun deer season opens on Saturday, November 1, and runs through Sunday, January 4, 2004. Schleicher County will also participate in the special, late, 2-week antlerless and spike season (no fork-antlered bucks allowed during the special late season) that will open Monday, January 5, and run through Sunday, January 18, 2004. This late rifle season takes the place of the previously listed muzzleloader season; however, muzzleloaders may be used during any of the other regular firearm seasons.

The bag limit for Schleicher County regarding white-tailed deer will be 5 deer again this year, no more than 2 antlered bucks in the bag, all seasons combined. Doe permits or special doe tags

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COURTESY PHOTO

**Gold Star Award winners** — Fred Hernandez, representing AEP, congratulated Eldorado's latest Gold Star Award winners (L-R) Allison Reynolds, Lauren Brown and Will Griffin during the Gold Star Banquet held Monday night in Abilene.

## 4-H Gold Star winners named

Three Schleicher County 4-H members were among 31 youth honored in Abilene on October 27th during the annual District 7 Gold Star Banquet in Abilene's Briarstone Manor.

The honorees were Will Griffin, son of Curtis and Debby Griffin; Lauren Brown, daughter of Matt and Christy Brown and Allison Reynolds, daughter of Sidney and Melonie Reynolds, all of Eldorado.

The Gold Star is the highest honor given to a 4-H member on the county level by Texas Cooperative Extension. Winners are picked based on their personal development, leadership, achievement in 4-H projects and on activities and contributions made to the overall 4-H program.

The Gold Star Banquet is sponsored annually in the 23-county district served by Texas Cooperative Extension and American Electric Power (AEP).

## City Hall Open House

The Eldorado City Council will host an Open House today at Eldorado City Hall. The public is invited to stop by and tour the newly renovated building. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served.

Later in the evening, a Dedication and Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held. Local dignitaries, as well as former mayors and city council members have been invited to attend and participate. The ribbon cutting is slated for 6:00 p.m. A reception will follow in the City Council Chambers.

## Veterans Day program slated

The 14th Annual Veterans Program will be Thursday, November 13, 2003, at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. The third and fourth grade will present "Promise of America" to honor Schleicher County Veterans.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Catch me if you can** — This buck took one last leisurely stroll around before deer season begins Saturday. Throngs of hunters descending on the county for opening day will be competing for as many as 60,000 deer county-wide, according to TPWD estimates.



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## Party lines were the Internet of their day



I was in a store the other day and noticed lots of Halloween candy on the shelves. At least I assumed that's what it was since I didn't recognize any of the names.

Things like that have been happening to me a lot in recent years. My kids say it's a sure sign that I'm getting old.

Do you remember the old RC Cola bottles with the sprinkle top stopper that used to sit on the end of your mom's ironing board? What do you want to bet that no one under the age of 40 can remember one, or what it was used for? I know my kids can't.

Or, how about those little wax coke-shaped bottles with the colored sugar water? And Butch Wax, when was the last time you knew anyone who used Butch Wax? I always wanted to use it but my

barber told me my head was too round and I couldn't wear a flat top so it was the good old burr haircut for me.

Can you remember the soda machines that opened like in ice chest. Inside there was a coin slot and several rows of pop bottles. For the mere price of a nickel you could grab the top of one of those bottles, work it out through a maze and lift it out through a gate that slammed shut until the next nickel came along. I knew a couple of fellows who would take a bottle opener (we called them church keys) and pop open a bottle, then drink its contents with a straw. That way they saved their nickel for a candy bar.

Back then it was unheard of for a kid to have a phone in their room. First of all, most kids shared their room with several other kids. Secondly, most adults shared their phone, it was called a party line. My Grandma Olney was a past master when it came to listening in on other people's conversations on the party line. She wrote a column for the local paper all about the goings on in and around our little community. It was called the Truby Tattler and I'm sure that most of her material came from the

party line. When I was growing up our phone number was Valley 4-2027. Everyone everywhere had a single word for a prefix. In Abilene the prefixes were Orchard and Owen. And that was all way before anyone heard of an area code.

Long distance calls were placed through an operator. For you youngsters, an operator was a phone company employee who you could speak to via the telephone. No one had ever heard of voice mail or answering machines.

Then there was mimeograph paper. I just loved the smell of mimeograph paper. Our teacher would pass out the smudged blue sheets and I would hold it up to my nose and breathe in the crisp, clean aroma. Xerox came along and messed all that up.

Then there were the cartoons. I particularly liked Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck and Yosemite Sam. I figure that kids cartoons reached their zenith about the time the Roadrunner came along. Some years later a character named Scooby Doo appeared and everything went to pot.

I don't know what prompted all of this, I wasn't planning a stroll down memory lane, but it has been fun. I can't help but wonder what today's kids are going to look fondly back upon some forty years hence. I bet it won't be anything even remotely as nostalgic as P.F. Flyers...or roller skate keys...or peashooters...or S&H Green Stamps...or clothespins...or wash tub wringers...or...

## Texas Democrats elect attorney as party chairman

AUSTIN — Garry Mauro, who ran unsuccessfully for governor in 1998, lost another election when the State Democratic Executive Committee met last week to elect a new chair.

San Marcos attorney Charles Soechting defeated the former land commissioner in the Saturday election. The vote count was 34-23 on the second ballot.

Soechting replaces Molly Beth Malcolm, who resigned after five years as party chair. He will have to run again for a full two-year term at the party's state convention in June.

Until then, with no Democrats in statewide office and Republicans in control of both houses of the Legislature, Soechting has his work cut out for him.

### State Capital Highlights

by Mike Cox



"Right now, we're about as low as you can go," he said in a speech last week.

#### More truck lanes likely

When an eighteen-wheeler and an automobile crash, especially at highway speeds, the outcome usually isn't good.

Two bills passed during the regular session this spring, Senate Bill 514 and House Bill 1208, authorize the Department of Transportation and county governments to restrict travel lanes by class of vehicles. In other words, with TxDOT approval, county governments may designate truck-only lanes for increased safety. (Municipal governments already have that

authority.) Watch for more truck-only lanes as soon as the Texas Transportation Commission approves rules implementing the legislation.

#### No driving in rivers after Jan. 1

A prohibition against driving in a river sounds like an oxymoron, but after the first of the year, it will be against the law in Texas to operate a motor vehicle in the riverbed of a navigable stream.

The law was passed during the regular session to deal with the environmental damage being done by all-terrain vehicles and other off-road vehicles in the state's riverbeds. Violations of this addition to the Parks and Wildlife Code will be Class C misdemeanors punishable by a fine up to \$500. Those convicted of subsequent offenses could face stiffer fines and jail time.

The new law will not totally prevent off-road enthusiasts from bouncing along riverbeds. Cities, counties or river authorities may create local river access plans allowing motor vehicles in certain areas.

The Parks and Wildlife Department also was directed to develop plans to create motor vehicle recreation sites in areas other than riverbeds. Also, the Canadian River and Prairie Dog Town Fork of the Red River, two Panhandle streams, were not included in the new law.

#### Cheers, it's flu season

The Texas Department of Health is reporting above-normal influenza cases in the state, an indication that the flu season is starting early. Peak activity is always

in January and February.

"Get a flu shot," Commissioner of Health Eduardo Sanchez said. "That's the first line of defense."

Since it takes about two weeks for the vaccine to become effective, the sooner the better in getting a shot. This year's vaccine offers protection against A/Panama, A/New Caledonia and B/Hong Kong flu strains.

More information on flu shots is available at [www.tdh.state.tx.us](http://www.tdh.state.tx.us) or call 1-800-252-9152.

#### Teachers of the Year

Ellen Herbert, a high school art and Advanced Placement art history teacher at Longview High School in Longview Independent School District, and Kyann McMillie, a first-grade teacher at Canutillo Elementary School in the Canutillo Independent School District near El Paso, have been named the Texas Teachers of the Year for 2004.

Herbert was named Texas Secondary Teacher of the Year, while McMillie was named Texas Elementary Teacher of the Year. Herbert also was selected to be Texas' representative in the National Teacher of the Year Program.

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## ROLLING ALONG

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### Gill's Fried Chicken Is Going International

Allyn Gill had a data processing business in 1972 when he and a partner opened a fried chicken restaurant in his hometown of San Marcos. When the business was only three months old, Allyn bought out his partner and started thinking about expanding the operation to other cities. He chose the day after Thanksgiving in 1974 to open his Big Spring store, thinking it would be a slow day and they could get their act together before the normal rush of customers came in. He was wrong.

"People were lined up in the street waiting for us to open," says Allyn. "It was busier than any business day at our original store in San Marcos." Now Gill's Fried Chicken is found in other cities: Snyder, Sweetwater, New Braunfels and Kyle.

The recipe hasn't changed since the business started. The chickens arrive fresh at each restaurant and are marinated and cut on the premises. Each chicken is cut into eight pieces: two legs, two thighs, two breasts and two wings. "We cut them in such a way that the wings have more meat on them than you'd normally find in most chicken places."

Chicken was a sideline for Mr. Gill until 1996 when he sold his data processing business. Although he owned the restaurants, he was not involved with the actual day to day operation of them.

He hired managers to do that. Now he's involved with expansion. "This expansion is really new. It's from an old man going crazy, I guess, expanding when I should be pulling in. But I enjoy it."

His New Braunfels restaurant was his first expansion in twenty years. Next year he'll have a fried chicken place in Kazakhstan. He's planning to open another one in China.

Once he was in Shanghai on a pleasure trip and went to eat supper at about 9:30. En route to eat Chinese food, his cab passed a busy KFC restaurant. "There were three lines. That restaurant building has three stories. Each of those lines is going to a different floor. They opened with one floor and the lines were so long they put two more floors on top of it and built ramps up the outside for the people to go up. They love that chicken."

Allyn has a bunch of loyal customers. "We had a couple that ate chicken with us twice a day for five hundred and thirty-seven consecutive days. Every day at lunch and every afternoon for supper they'd come in and eat the same order of chicken. On the five hundred and thirty-eighth day they moved to Colorado to be near their children and we lost our record chicken eaters right there." That couple dined at his Big Spring store, which is the busiest one in his chain.

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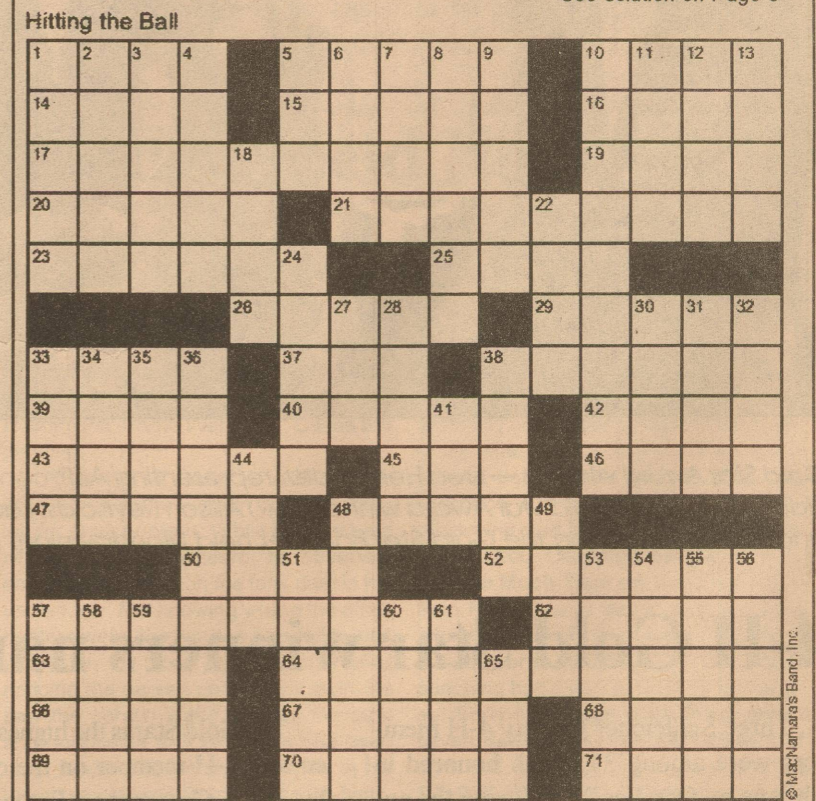
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### CROSSWORD PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Working away
  - Word on a U.S. coin
  - Van/\_\_/Straw
  - Insignificant
  - "Exodus" actor
  - Bar mitzvah dance
  - Long, crisp munchie
  - Olympics blade
  - Make blank
  - House add-on
  - Cash in
  - Singletons
  - Public transportation patron
  - Respond to, as information
  - Rosary part
  - "Rosenkavalier"
  - Dahl or Francis
  - Sax type
  - Lip application
  - "Battle Cry" author Leon
  - Hang loosely
  - Windows forerunner
  - Two make a quarter
  - Bypass the altar
  - Fend off
  - Bushy coif
- DOWN**
- Traffic light color
  - Haute, Ind.
  - "you loud and clear"
  - Make fun of
  - Proprietary symbols: Abbr.
  - Bar mitzvah or baptism
  - Popular operating system
  - Pie chart piece
  - Subway station buy
  - Mentally stimulating extracurricular group
  - Pueblo Indian
  - Twistable cookie
  - Port in Normandy
  - Critter with a scut
  - Within earshot
  - Pesky flier
  - Actor Benicio Toro
  - Eat away at
  - Hatcher or Garr
  - "Don't bet \_\_\_"
  - Legendary loch
  - Expressed, as a farewell
  - Airline to Tel Aviv
  - "\_\_\_ extra cost"
  - Simple swimming stroke
  - Pompous ones
  - Absorb, with "up"
  - Took a powder
  - Pax \_\_\_ (uneasy peace)
  - Shakespearean king
  - Fastener for Rosie
  - On one's toes
  - Verboten
  - Place for cybershopping
  - Was overfond of, with "on"
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  - Dangerous for driving



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# OBITUARIES

## Edcar Nelson Stubblefield

**SONORA** — Edcar Nelson Stubblefield of Sonora passed away Friday, Oct. 17, 2003, after a lengthy illness in Eldorado, Texas. Services were held Monday, Oct. 20, at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Sonora, Texas.

Nelson was born Aug. 4, 1923, to Aubrey and Nelle Stubblefield in San Angelo, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Belle Stubblefield; and two brothers, Wilton and Wayland Stubblefield.

Nelson attended school in Sherwood and graduated from Sonora High School in 1940. He proudly and voluntarily entered the Army in 1942 and joined the 84th service group of the 9th Air Force Service Command, serving until the end of the war in 1945. His team helped perfect tank to plane communication during World War II.

Nelson owned the Sonora Electric Company and was in business in Sonora for 44 years. He was a charter member of the Church of the Good Shepherd and was named commissioner of the 120th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in 1980.

Nelson's greatest love was taking family and friends fishing on Devil's River. We will all remember many great times spent with him there.

Nelson is survived by his daughter, Selma N. Glasscock and her husband, B.C., of Sinton, Texas; and two granddaughters, Audrey Glasscock of San Marcos, Texas, and Jessica Glasscock of Alpine, Texas. He is also survived by his sister-in-law, Mrs. Marguerite Barker, and many special friends in Sonora. The family requests memorials to Hospice of San Angelo.

## Jay L. Chatham, Sr.

**CORPUS CHRISTI** — Jay L. Chatham Sr., an Army veteran of World War II and an auto body repairman, died Oct. 15, 2003. He was 84.

Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth; four sons, James Chatham of Corpus Christi, Johnny Chatham of Dallas, Jay

Alfred Chatham of Odessa and Jay Chatham Jr. of Christoval; a sister, Alene Bowen of Odessa; numerous grandchildren, including Jason Chatham of Eldorado, and several great-grandchildren.

Services were held Oct. 18 at Guardian Funeral Home.

## Rehab update "Passing It On"

by Mabel Freitag

I want to take a moment to thank each Schleicher County resident for your loyalty to West Texas Rehab. My years working the Telethon have been great. I appreciate and love each of you.

I have decided that 13 years was enough (especially at my age!) so I just want to say, "I enjoyed every minute" along with my great crew: Orval and Charlene Edmiston, Elton and Mary McGinnes, Domingo and Delia Pina, Mike and Stacey Haynes, John and Ebba Nikolauk, Nelva and Jim Martin, Geneva Mc Whorter, Mary Leigh Dunagan, Susie Richters, Bill Fre-

itag and Buff Whitten.

Also a big "Thank You" to Southwest Texas Electric Coop for furnishing the "meeting place" each year, Jim and Buff you are the tops!

From 1991 through 2003 Schleicher County residents donated \$84,032.00 to telethon for an average of \$6,464.00 per year. That's great! We were tops!!

Last but not least! A big "Thank You" to the Eldorado Success for their great help in keeping the news up to date for us. Also for the pictures for the papers!

Schleicher County Volunteer Many Roden will be among friends of West Texas Rehab manning telephones for Rehab Center 34th annual telethon, Saturday night January 17, 2004. This will be the 14th year for the telethon in Schleicher County.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Even more medals** — John Callison won two bronze medals and a silver medal at the World Senior Games in St. George, Utah. He and his wife, Jo, cut their trip short and returned to Eldorado after learning of the FBC bus wreck that occurred while he was competing.

## Callison add two bronze and a silver medal to his collection

John Callison's total now stands at 43. That's the number of medals he has won since he began competing in the Senior Games. Callison added three medals two weeks ago at the World Senior Games in St. George Utah. There, the spry 77 year old from Eldorado, competed against men as young as 65 in the Basketball Free Throw, Basketball 3-on-3 and Basketball 3-Pointer.

Callison had already won the Silver in Free Throws and a

Bronze medal in 3-Pointers when word reached him about the First Baptist Church bus wreck. As the church's Chairman of Deacons he felt his place was at home, so he broke the news to his partners in the 3-on-3. They had already qualified for a Bronze Medal and were facing teams with retired professional basketball players.

The medals moves Callison's medal count to twenty-three Gold Medals, 10 Silver Medals and 10 Bronze Medals.

## Eldorado Forecast

Thu 10/30	Fri 10/31	Sat 11/1	Sun 11/2	Mon 11/3
80/54	81/57	79/60	77/57	77/57
Mainly sunny. Warm. High near 80F. Winds SSW at 10 to 20 mph.	More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 80s and lows in the upper 50s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the low 60s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.	Chance of showers. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the upper 50s.

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2nd T.J. Rodriguez, Marian Bland Overstreet, Joe Robert Barajas, Marina Castillo, Lupe Herrera, Tonya Robinson  
3rd Alison Sproul, Cameron Paulson, Danielle Guadarrama, Rosa Herrera, Sloan Lovette, Rachel Garcia, Bill Green  
4th Julie Holley, Brittany Jennings, Red Griffin, Claude Spencer, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Jeff Chancellor, Sonia Mills  
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## Eagles big play offense comes up short against Reagan County

by J.L. Mankin

Terrell Boysaw found the endzone three times on passes of 79, 40 and 59 yards, last Friday night, but it wouldn't be enough to keep pace with the Reagan County Owls and their scoring machine. Despite some exciting play by the Eagles, and yet another comeback attempt, the Owls proved to be too much for the Warbirds in a high-scoring 43-28 affair.

Eldorado drew first blood in the contest when Terrell Boysaw hauled in a pass from quarterback Trey Chavez and sprinted to the end zone for a 79-yard TD catch

and run. Eldorado's bomb squad duo wouldn't connect again until the final seconds of the first half, this time on a 40 yard TD catch and run, but by then Reagan County had found the endzone three times and Eldorado went to the intermission trailing 22-15.

The Eagles faithful, buoyed by the last second score, looked for the Warbirds to continue their rally. But the boys from Big Lake had a different idea. Their ball control offense ground out the yards, keeping the ball away from the Eagles potent offensive threats. And for good measure, the Owls pounded

in a 3rd quarter score of their own to give them a two touchdown lead at the end of the stanza.

Another Reagan County score early in the 4th put the game all but out of reach at 36-15. But Eldorado wasn't done and the Eagles came roaring back. With sophomore quarterback Frank Edmiston coming on in relief, the Eagles marched down the field in the waning moments of the game. Then, with 3:19 left to play, Edmiston connected with Boysaw for a 59 yard TD. Duran's kick pulled the Eagles to within two scores.

The, just when the Eagles needed a break, they got one, just as they had in Iraan a few weeks before. Eric Garcia recovered an on-side kick for the Warbirds to give the Eagles good field position.

Trey Chavez would pound the ball in from 3 yards out and Simone Duran would add the extra point to pull the Eagles to within 7 with 2:11 left to play.

A second onside kick attempt failed, however, and this time it was the Owls who found themselves with good field position. Seconds later, Cameron Lee would scamper 6 yards to give Reagan County an insurance score. The extra point was good making the final score 43-28 in favor of the Owls.

"We just dug too big of a hole for ourselves, and didn't leave enough time to dig ourselves out of it." Head Coach Gary Grubbs said after the game. "We only have eight quarters left in this season which is really hard on the seniors but we are continuing to improve and are looking to put up a fight in our last two games."

The Eagles will face the Wall Hawks Friday night for a Halloween match up in Eagle Stadium. "Wall has the best 3 out of 5 running backs in our district, and if we want to win this game we must stop their running attack." Coach Grubbs said looking ahead at the match. "We must start the game off with momentum and play all four quarters with that same intensity."

The game is slated for 7:30 p.m. here in Eagle Stadium. Everyone is encouraged to turnout and support the Eagles in their final home game of the 2003 season.



PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

**Teamwork** — Eagles defenders #7 Frank Edmiston and #14 Alan Dykstra tied up this Owl ball carrier during District 2-2A action last Friday night in Eagle Stadium.

## 7th grade defeats Reagan Co.

by Coach Larry Mitchel

On a warm Thursday night in Eagle land, the 7th grade defeated the Reagan County Owls 20-0. The Eagles played great defense on the night, Reagan Co. never got inside the Eagles 30 yard line. The defense was lead by Rance Cathey, Johnny Mejia, and Uriel Barrientos.

On offense the Eagles were lead by Q.B. Austin Grubbs who threw a touchdown pass to Joseph Turnbull. Haley Higgins caught a two point conversion pass from

Austin, also.

Jesus Vasquez scored the first touchdown on a counter run, then caught a touchdown pass from Joseph Turnbull.

In the 4th quarter the offense moved the ball down the field but did not score. Running the ball was Jose Vasquez behind good blocking by Kaleb Murr, Chris Minor, Isidro Granados and Josh Taylor.

The Eagles have a big game against Wall next week so come watch us.



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Running room** — 7th grade Eagles runner Joseph Turnbull found good running room down the sideline down the left sideline last Thursday during a game with the Reagan Co. Owls 7th grade. Eldorado won the contest 20-0.

## Eagles JV falls 27-0 to Owls

The Eldorado Green team traveled to Big Lake to play the Owls JV. Reagan County came away with a 27-0 victory. The Eagles had problems on special teams es-

pecially punting the ball as a blocked punt, a fumbled punt, and a bad snap led to 3 Owls TDs. Eldorado had trouble moving the ball all evening but did get some good pass receptions from David Hernandez to Michael Ballew and Sammy Estrada. The Eagles threatened a couple of times but could not put the ball across. Reagan County also was able to complete a successful on-side kick in the first half to further their cause. Eldorado played a much better and spirited 2nd half but penalties and crucial plays kept them from scoring.

The Eldorado White team played Crane at home and lost 30-6. Ryan and Russell Cathey had big runs and Russell had a touchdown scamper. Injuries to Josh Chavez and Tony Garcia hurt the Eagle's cause. Both players are questionable for the next game.

Eldorado's JV will remain combined for the rest of the year. Their next game will be on Thursday at 6:30 in Wall.

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**STATISTICS**

	Eagles	Owls
First Downs	16	21
Rushing Yards	24-98	36-254
Passing Yards	342	230
Comp-Att-Int	17-36-3	12-21-1
Total yards	484	440
Fumbles-lost	1-0	2-1
Punts-avg.	6-39	0-0
Penalties-Yds	6-45	6-37

**SCORE BY QUARTERS**

	1	2	3	4	Total
Eldorado	7	8	0	13	28
Reagan Co.	7	15	7	14	43

**SCORING SUMMARY**

**First Quarter**  
Eldorado — 8:49 Terrell Boysaw, 79 pass from Trey Chavez (Duran kick)  
Reagan Co. — 3:08 Kyle White 23 pass from Ross Brown (Kyle White kick)

**Second Quarter**  
Reagan Co. — 9:03, Matt Armstrong 30 pass from Brown (kick fail)  
Reagan Co. — 5:04, Armstrong 70 pass from Brown (run fail)  
Reagan Co. — 0:39, White 28 field goal  
Eldorado — 0:00, Boysaw 40 pass from Chavez (Frankie Arispe pass from Chavez)

**Third Quarter**  
Reagan Co. — 6:52, Rudy Vargs 5 run (White kick)

**Fourth Quarter**  
Reagan Co. — 9:10, Ross Brown 1 run (White kick)  
Eldorado — 3:19, Boysaw 59 pass from Frank Edmiston (Duran kick)  
Eldorado — 2:11, Chavez 3 run (Duran kick)  
Reagan Co. — 1:50 Cameron Lee, 6 run (White kick)

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## Starry, Starry Night

Friendly people, open spaces and crisp starry night skies lured over 100 people from around the country and state to participate in the first Eldorado Star Party. The event, which already has a date set for 2004, was organized and hosted by the X Bar Ranch. Others assisting in the event are key members of the Texas Star Party which has an 18 year history in Ft. Davis.

Registration was not set to open until 1:00 pm last Wednesday afternoon, but eager observers were anxiously waiting outside the gate parked along FM 2129 by 11:00 am. As soon as the gates were opened those waiting made a mad dash to find the best spot on the newly created observing field. About 75 percent of the 117 registered guests stayed from Wednesday through Sunday.

"When the registration forms started coming in, we were amazed that so many people planned on staying for the entire time. We're used to having a low attendance for such an event during the week and then having a big push over the weekend," said Stan Meador of the X Bar Ranch.

Two men hauled their RV camper all the way from Quebec

City in Canada, north of Maine. Others made the journey from Colorado, North Carolina, Louisiana, New Mexico and Arizona. "The guys from Canada were so excited. They said they saw things here they had never seen in their lives. And added they'd be back," Meador said.

Although not highly promoted this year, Thursday was public day. About 40 local high school students went out to the ranch to see a presentation, telescopes and look through some with special lenses which allow viewing of the sun. Others from the community attended that evening to take advantage of the learning opportunity.

"Public involvement is something that will be more widely publicized in the future. We just had to get year one under our belt and figure out how everything was going to come together for the observers first," Stan explained. "We feel that it is critical for the future of this event to get area communities involved in what we are doing. The response from our guests, who had three out of four exceptional nights of viewing, was overwhelmingly positive. Everyone told us to be ready for twice as many people next year."



Nancy Lester  
County Extension Agent Emerita

## A&M regents name Nancy Lester County Extension Agent Emerita

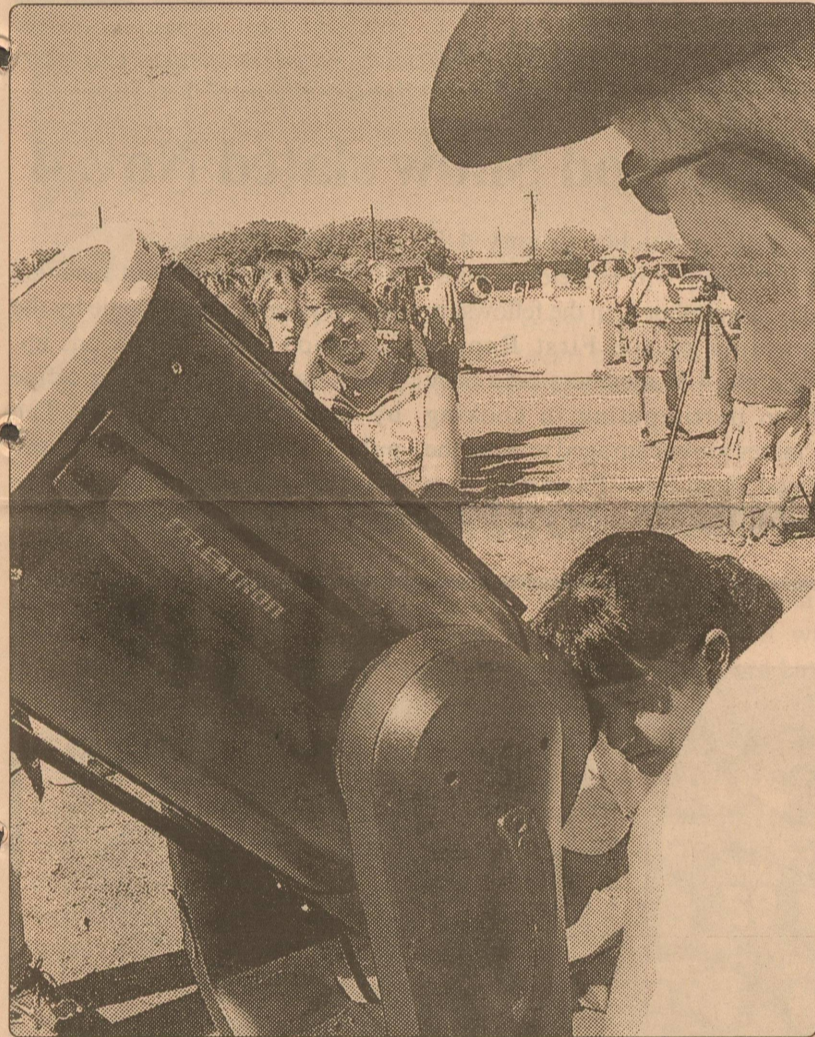
Nancy Lester learned last week that she had been named County Extension Agent Emerita by the Board of Regents of the Texas A&M University System.

Associate Vice Chancellor and Director Chester P. Fehlis notified Lester of the honor saying that the board, during its September 2003 meeting had recognized her distinguished Extension work by granting her Emerita status.

A citation noting the honor was adopted by the board. The citation reads, "In recognition of her long and distinguished service to the Texas Cooperative Extension and

The Texas A&M University System, the title of County Extension Agent Emerita is conferred upon Nancy Lester, and she is granted all the rights and privileges of this title, effective September 25, 2003."

Nancy Lester served Schleicher County as County Extension Agent for nearly thirty years before retiring this year. She agreed to work part-time for the county and assist with the upcoming Jr. Livestock Show while the county attempts to locate a replacement.



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**Solar-girl** — Kimberly Samaniego, a member of Mrs. Rutherford's science class, got an up close view of sunspot groups 484 & 486 last Thursday during a field trip to X Bar Ranch. The 10" Meade Schmidt-Cassegrain telescope gave a good view of the region of the sun's surface that spawned a "coronal mass ejection" (CME) that threatened communications satellites and power systems here on Earth on Thursday.

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## Trooper Bybee warns public of new Drivers License Law

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Each conviction for a moving violation will be assigned two points. A conviction for a moving violation which results in an accident will be assigned three points. A surcharge of \$100 will be assessed when a driver has accumulated six points in three years. During the three year period \$25 per point will be assessed for every point over six. The surcharge will be required every year the driver has accumulated six points. Those drivers who continued to accumulate points will be required to pay the \$100 surcharge for multiple years, while drivers who improve their driving habits may only have to pay the surcharge for one year.

Also, under this bill certain convictions will not be assessed points but will result in an automatic surcharge. Since the surcharge will be assessed as the date of the conviction, the sur-

charge for these violations will be required every year for three years.

They are: 1st Driving While Intoxicated (DWI)-\$1,000 or 2nd DWI or subsequent DWI- \$1,500.

Any DWI with an alcohol concentration over 0.15-\$2,000.

Driving While License Invalid will cost the individual \$250.00 while Driving Without Valid License is \$100.00.

Officer Bybee also wants the public to note any moving violation with a Commercial Drivers License (CDL) will effect your license.

Senate Bill 1904 increased the definition of serious traffic violations to include non-commercial motor vehicle offenses. Example: speeding more than 15 mph over the posted limit in a non commercial motor vehicle would count as a serious traffic violation for a commercial drivers license holder.

He also noted that a golf cart can be driven by a person with a regular drivers license to and from a golf course within a two mile radius.

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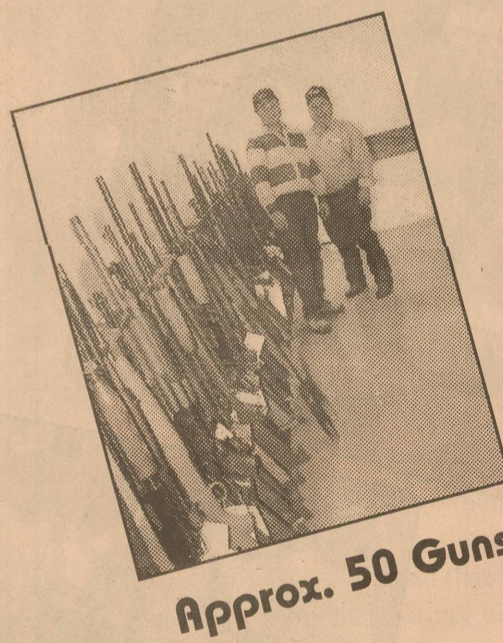
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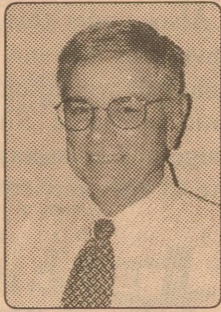
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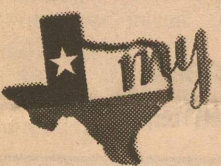


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## Commissioners vote to fund library aide position

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday and voted unanimously to spend \$4,500 to \$5,000 from the county's reserves to pay for a part time worker at the Public Library. Until recently, the position was funded by the State's "Green Thumb" program. However, cutbacks in the program threatened to end the funding. Commissioners learned at their previous meeting that the program, and the part-time job currently held by Vonnie Dannheim at the Public Library, were in jeopardy. They asked members of the Library Board to help find a solution, but when no easy answers were forthcoming, the men moved Monday to guarantee the position until the 2005 budget year.

The meeting was called to order by County Judge Johnny Griffin. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Matt Brown, Bill Clark and Kirk Griffin were in attendance.

In other business, the men met with Jackie Keeling, representative of AmeriPride Corp, the company that formerly supplied uniforms to county road department employees. Mr. Keeling said that a contract between his company and Schleicher County had been breached when the County Road Supt. chose to stop using AmeriPride and switch to Cintas,

a competing uniform service. Keeling said his company was demanding \$11,183.00 on the balance of a five year contract that he said wouldn't expire until Dec. 11, 2006.

At that time, the men chose to call an emergency meeting for 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct 29, 2003 in order to meet with Attorney James Kosub regarding the matter. (See story on Page 8)

Mr. Kosub was on hand for a portion of Monday's meeting and met with the commissioners regarding another issue. He explained that his law firm currently contracts with the West Texas Rural County Association to provide affordable legal services to its members. Since Schleicher County belongs to the association, he questioned why the county was considering using an Austin law firm, Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan and McDonald, to provide similar services.

The men clearly were not aware that Kosub's advice was available to them through the association. Upon hearing the news, they opted to take no action on agenda item #5 in regard to contracting with Bickerstaff for the legal services. During the meeting Mr. Kosub advised the men that his firm provides legal services to the Schleicher County Clerk's office and the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. on an "as needed" basis.

Next, Judge Griffin updated the court on correspondence he had received from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) concerning about proposed speed limit changes and left turn lanes in Schleicher County.

A letter from Walter G. McCullough, P.E., TxDOT's District Engineer, said that the area south

of Eldorado near the Civic Center did not presently qualify for a left turn lane. He said the area would continue to be monitored for traffic congestion and accident levels.

Likewise, a lower speed limit and a flashing warning beacon for southbound traffic entering Eldorado from the north was determined to be unnecessary. McCullough's letter indicated that there are several signs in the area notifying motorists that they are approaching the town from the north and TxDOT's engineers feel there is adequate sight distance from the residential streets closest to the north city limits.

In other business, the Commissioners okayed the renewal of a contract between Schleicher County and the State of Texas Attorney General's Office Child Support State Disbursement Unit. Commissioner Bill Clark then asked that the question of paving of Mary Street be placed on the next agenda.

Before adjourning, the court discussed the nearing completion of the Civic Center and voted to accept a quote from Darnell & Dickson Construction in the amount of \$5,200 for installation of a flow meter and vault to complete sewer system connected to the city's system.

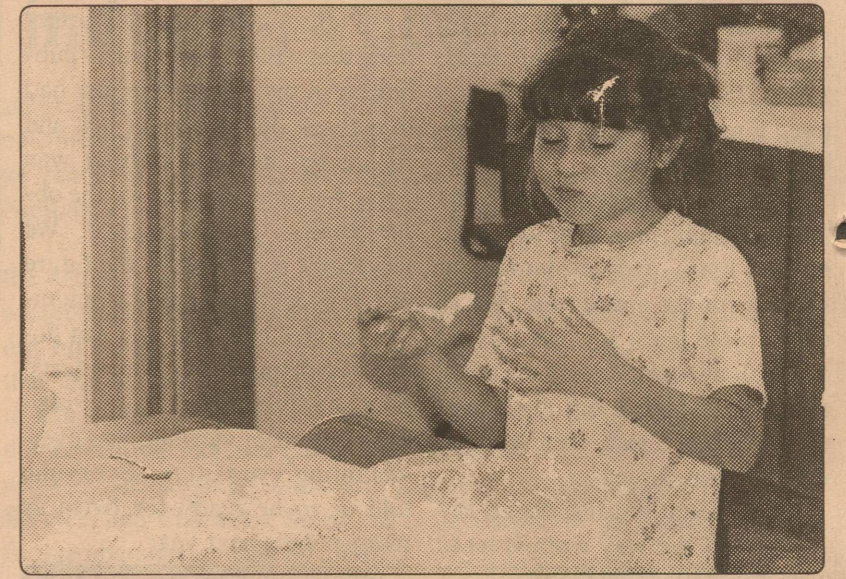


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Mmmm, Mmmm, Good — Miranda Arispe prepared popcorn balls recently in preparation for the County 4-H Food Show

## 4-H Food Show slated Nov. 4

The Schleicher County 4-H Food Show will be held on Tuesday, November 4, in the fellowship building of the First Baptist Church. 4-H members who have been participating in cooking classes are encouraged to enter the Food Show. Entry forms have been distributed to members at project

meetings this week.

If your child has not received an entry form, please come by the Extension Office to pick one up. Entry forms are due in the office by Thursday, October 30. The public is invited to attend the Food Show at 7 p.m. on November 4.

### Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Hitting the Ball

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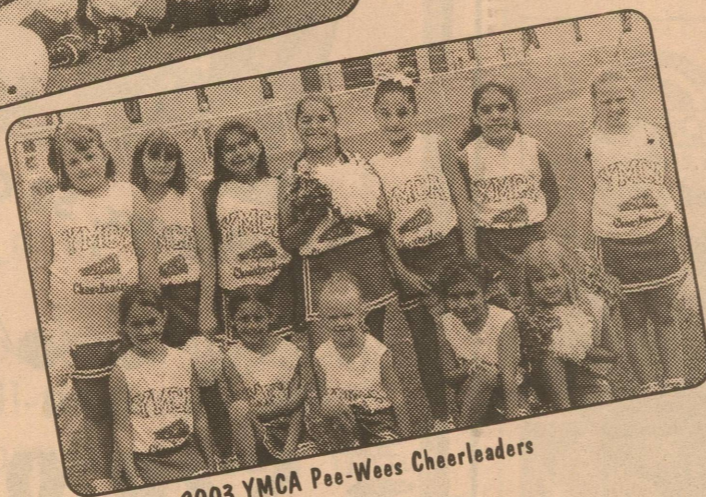
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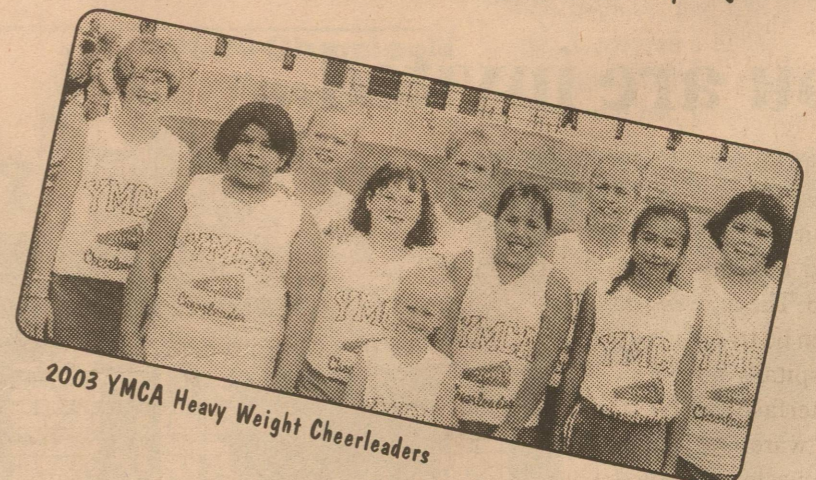
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# Presbyterians mark 100 years of worship in Schleicher County

by Vickie Williams

For the 100th anniversary we are celebrating had its beginning in 1903. A group of West Texas pioneers organized by Rev. J. C. Tanner met in the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Holland and organized the First Presbyterian Church in Schleicher County. This ranch church moved to Eldorado when the Holland's moved to town in 1912. Our forefathers started building a Sanctuary in 1921. The basement was dug using a Fresno pulled by a horse named Domino and a mule named Roady. The Sanctuary was built as funds and labor were available and was finished with no debt.

Families came from near and far to participate in the Centennial Celebration of the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado on October 18th and 19th. Many committees and much work went into the preparation of these activities. Festivities began at 4 pm on Saturday with a social time. Several church members set the stage

dressed in early 1900's attire that had been furnished by Nancy Powell—these clothes were her mother's and grandmother's clothes. Each family displayed their history with the church with photographs and stories, along with the choir's and minister's history. Past minister, Dan Sebesta, was also able to attend this celebration. It was a beautiful day as visiting with old and new came to life outside next to the Jones Annex that was built by Thomas Kirk Jones in 1930. A hamburger supper was served prior to a memorial stone being dedicated to the church. The stone read:

1903-2003  
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When your children ask you,  
"What does this stone mean?"  
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Joshua 4:6 I Samuel 7:12

A historical slide show of the beginning and progress of this Presbyterian Church was present-

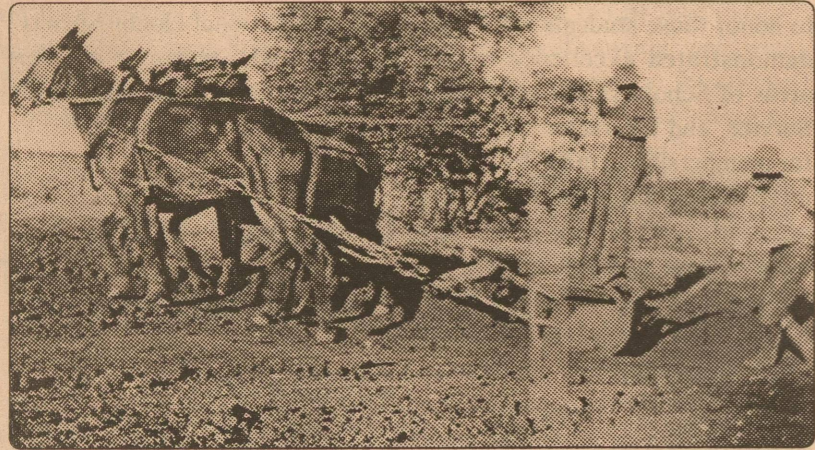
ed by Rev. Leonard Wideman and Bill McCutcheon. Several volunteers came forward to tell what this church had meant to their families; followed by some wonderful gospel singing as Debbie Joy played the piano in the dark.

Sunday's festivities began with coffee, assorted muffins, and more viewing of all the displays of family's history. Church began at 11 am, as usual, with the exception of a fifth generation Jones family child, Hal Edward Morrison (Hal Whitten's great grandson), being baptized. Two more fifth generation Jones children, Joshua and Jaakan Jurecek, were members in attendance. Special music was performed by both the handbells and the choir. The church service concluded and was followed by a delicious lunch in the fellowship hall. The weather was beautiful for this occasion and a wonderful time was had by all who attended. God has blessed this church with many blessings and miracles in our first 100 years.



COURTESY PHOTO

**Unity in song** — The First Presbyterian Church Choir sang out during the church's Centennial Celebration here two weeks ago. Leading the Choir, Director Sandra Helmers; (Front L-R) Mrs. Dan Sebesta, Ruthie Chalmers (hidden), Pat Pfluger, Lauren McCutcheon, Cindy Cawley, Madolyn Joy and Debbie Joy; (Back L-R) John Ben Cawley, Kirk Jones (hidden), Ken Newman, Scott McGregor, retired Rev. Dan Sebesta, Rita McWhorter and Rev. Leonard Wideman. Piano: Maxine Page and Debbie Ballew



COURTESY PHOTO

**A firm foundation** — An early piece of earth-moving equipment called a "Fresno" was pulled behind a team of horses and mules in order to excavate the basement for the Presbyterian Church building in 1921.

## Hospital trustees meet

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1  
Disaster Plan.

The trustees then reviewed options for dealing with the hospital's aging Lifeline system. The system, that alerts authorities if handicapped or elderly citizens experience a medical emergency, or become suddenly inactive, has become obsolete and is no longer being supported by its manufacturer. The group finally decided to drop the program locally and convert the local customers over to the national Lifeline system. Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz explained that the national system functions identically to the one that has been in place here locally except the operators who handle emergency calls are located in another city.

Next, the board approved the purchase of a new KRONOS time management system, for the price of \$18,000. The new system will function as the hospital's time clock. Employees will be required to key in their identification number and have their thumb print scanned. The time they are at work will then be transferred directly to the hospital's computer where it will interface with new accounting software.

Discussion then turned to the need to replace the hospital's portable X-ray machine. Several options were considered, including buying a used system. However, hospital consultant Andy Freeman explained that it was likely that a new machine could be located for almost the same price. Freeman explained that the hospital's current Medicare reimbursement schedule may make it more desirable to purchase new equipment. The trustees authorized Sharon Dietz to contact several vendors in order to determine pricing. It was noted that a special meeting could be called if it became necessary for the board to act prior to their next meeting.

The trustees also learned that the Texas Hospital Insurance Ex-

change had dropped the hospital's liability coverage once it was learned that the facility had hired two doctors and was no longer contracting for physician services. A new insurance provider was secured, however, questions remain about "tail" coverage -- insurance coverage for claims filed after a policy has expired. The trustees asked that Ms. Dietz and Andy Freeman continue to investigate the issue and asked that they contact attorney James Kosub in regard to the matter.

Before adjourning, the trustees learned from Sharon Dietz that a tree had been cut down in the clinic parking lot, due mainly to infestation of termites. She explained that nearby buildings, including the day care center owned by the district, would be checked for termites. A second tree, this one behind the nursing home in the patio area, was inspected by County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson. After reviewing his report, and learning that the trees roots were pushing up sections of concrete patio, the trustees authorized Ms. Dietz to take steps to prune back the tree in hopes of saving it. Further steps to address the buckled patio may also be taken.

## House Haunted Eldorado held over by popular demand

Due to popular demand, House Haunted Eldorado will remain open for an additional show on Saturday night, November 1. Response to the 4000 square foot maze has been overwhelming and not all aspirants were able to get into the facility. The lines were simply too long to make wait feasible.

The dark attraction will open at 7 p.m. for a final performance. It will remain open as long as there is a line and the "spooks" are still visible. The haunted house opened October 18 and crowds have been abundant. The event utilizes the illusion system made famous at the popular "Count Dracula's Quality Pre-Owned Casket Company" in McKinney in the early 1990's. The DFW area is the largest concentration of commercial haunted houses in the United States, and in the early 90's there were sixty such major houses. "Count Dracula's" was considered one of the top three and Channel 8 News did a statewide story in 1993 on the 14,000 square foot maze.

That originator has recently moved to Eldorado and has constructed a smaller maze, and has adapted the illusions for a different audience. Part of the allure in Eldorado is the fact each show is

programmed for the appropriate age grouping.

As an added item of interest, the facility will conduct a backstage lights on tour on Saturday, November 1 at 4 p.m. to show the intricate construction of the complex labyrinth. This tour will be \$2 and will only have a skeleton crew...no pun intended. Visitors will be given a look at the backstage magic that creates the heart x-ray machine, transform a normal person into a Hulk, makes aliens appear out of nowhere and creates ghost witches. The 7 o'clock tour will be \$4 for adults with graduated rates for the younger set.

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— Ezekiel 36: 26-27



## School Menu

**Milk & Bread Offered**  
**Menus Subject To Change**  
**Breakfast**  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast

**Monday, November 3**  
 French Stix/Syrup, Peaches, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday, November 4**  
 Glazed Donuts/Cheese Slice, Apple Juice, Milk

**Wednesday, November 5**  
 Breakfast Pizaa, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Thursday, November 6**  
 Scrambled Eggs, Buttered Toast/Jelly, Mixed Fruit, Orange Juice, Milk

**Friday, November 7**  
 Blueberry Muffins, Cereal, applesauce, Choice of Juice, Milk

**Cafeteria Line**

**Monday, November 3**  
 Pork Chops/Gravy, Creamed Potatos, Early June Peas, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding Cups

**Tuesday, November 4**  
 Cowboy Beans, Potato Salad, Corn Bread, Pineapple Tidbits,

**Wednesday, November 5**  
 Chichen Spaghetti, Hot Rolls, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, White Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, November 6**  
 Super Nachos, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Pears, Strawberry Jello/Topping

**Friday, November 7**  
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

**Fast Food Line**

**Monday, November 3**  
 McRib Sandwich, French Fries, Baked Beans, Mixed Fruit, Vanilla Pudding Cups

**Tuesday, November 4**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, French Fries, Carrot Stix/Ranch Dressing, Pineapple Tidbits

**Wednesday, November 5**  
 Pepperoni Pizza/Stix, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, White Cake/Choc. Icing

**Thursday, November 6**  
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pork-N-Beans, Pear Halves

**Friday, November 7**  
 Turkey & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Orange Halves

## The Blotter

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

**ARRESTS**

**October 23** • Reza, Crystal Bella, female age 23, offense criminal trespass. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

**October 23** • Dominguez, Lias Ann, female age 22, offense criminal trespass. Released on \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

**INCIDENTS**

**October 22** • 10:26 a.m. Complainant call 911 and requested an ambulance for an elderly gentleman. EMS 2 responded.

• 11:30 a.m. Subject on Lee Avenue reported a possible burglary. Officer responded.

• 1:10 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a Basic Transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• School administration requested a criminal trespass to be served on a subject. Officer responded.

**October 23** • 10:00 a.m. High School requested a criminal trespass to be served on a student.

• 10:20 a.m. Complainant at apartments requested the assistance from an officer. Two officers responded.

• 10:27 a.m. Complainant reported someone had burglarized a Crane school bus. Items taken included: Personal CD players and several backpacks. Officer responded.

**October 24** • Store employee reported a subject on premise with a criminal trespass. Officer responded.

• 5:10 p.m. Complainant on Oak Street reported they discovered various CD's missing (various assortment) with a folding black case 12 inches in length from their pickup between the dates of October 10-14. Officer responded.

**October 25** • Complainant reported a cow on the US 277 south. Officer responded.

• 1:35 p.m. Complainant reported a burglary on E. Fields. Officer responded and officer recovered a stolen VCR at a residence on Hill.

• 5:04 p.m. Complainant reported the sewer backed up on Bluebonnet. City employee contacted.

**October 26** • 8:30p.m. Complainant on E. Hill reported someone had burglarized their residence. Three officers responded.

• 11:05 a.m. Subject on Laredo Street reported their purse was taken out of their pickup. Cell phone and around \$1,000 was taken. Officer responded.

• 5:50 p.m. Complainant reported that they smelled gas on Main Street. City personnel responded.

• 8:03 p.m. Complainant reported someone had burglarized their home on Laredo Street on October 25. Complainant reported they were missing a DVD Samsung valued at \$120.00 and a black Phillips Surround Sound valued at \$400.00. Officer responded.

• 12:37 p.m. Complainant traveling on US 277 south reported that a deer hit their vehicle and he was requesting medical attention. Officer and EMS 2 responded. Subject was transported to Schleicher County Medical Center.

**October 27** • 10:15 a.m. Subject reported a lost or stolen purse. No cash or check book just credit cards.

• 8:12 a.m. Subject reported their old black wallet missing or lost with about \$250.00.

• 9:00 a.m. Subject reported a brown hand tooled leather long strap purse missing from the night before. Officer responded.

• 5:14 p.m. Complainant on Dixie requested to speak with an officer about their dog getting run over. Officer responded.



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**I pledge myself to uphold the high purpose of the National Honor Society-** New members of the National Honor Society recite the National Honor Society Pledge during Monday evening induction of these 14 new members. They are (L-R): Lindsey Schwiening, Betsy Green, Daniella Figueroa, Anna Troy, Jessica Robertson, Emily Newman, Julie Hight, Jared Grubbs, Will Griffin, Ashley Doran, Kolby Dombroski, Brandie Cross, Laurie Almazan and Sheryl Alexander.

## NHS chapter inducts 14 new members

On Monday evening, October 20th, fourteen new members of the Eldorado High School Chapter of the National Honor Society were inducted in a traditional candle-light ceremony. The new inductees included: Sheryl Alexander, Laurie Almazan, Brandie Cross, Kolby Dombroski, Ashley Doran, Daniella Figueroa, Betsy Green, Will Griffin, Jared Grubbs, Julie Hight, Emily Newman, Jessica Robertson, Lindsey Schwiening, and Anna Troy.

National Honor Society sponsor Anne Reeb led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. High School Principal Tim Seymore welcomed parents, grand parents and teachers to the 2003 National Honor Society Induction Ceremony.

NHS Officers Travis Joiner and Lacy Ragsdale performed the Candle Ceremony where the gold candle represents scholarship, the red candle represents service, purple candle represents leadership and the green represents character. Each new member observed the lighting a candle ceremony and took the National Honor Society's Pledge.

The National Honor Society is the nation's premier organization established to recognize outstanding high school students. More than just an honor roll, NHS serves to honor those students who have demonstrated excellence in the areas of Scholarship, Leadership, Service, and Character. Selection for membership is made by a Faculty Council based on these characteristics. To be eligible for membership, a candidate must: be a member of the Junior or Senior class; have attended Eldorado High School at least one semester; have a cumulative scholastic average of at least 90 percent; have demonstrated an outstanding record of conduct and behavior; have demonstrated leadership in both the school and community and have provided service to school or community.

Once selected, members have the responsibility to continue to demonstrate these qualities, to attend meetings, and to perform both individual and chapter service projects during the school year. Members who fall below the standards which were the basis for their selection may be dismissed from the National Honor Society. Members who resign or are dismissed are never again eligible for membership or its benefits.

## County won't ratify uniform contract

Schleicher County Commissioners met in emergency session at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 29, 2003 to discuss a threat from AmeriPride Corp. to bring a lawsuit against the county for breach of contract (see story on Page 6). The men met with attorney James Kosub and directed him to inform AmeriPride, the county's former uniform supplier, and Cintas, the county's new supplier, that the commissioners will not ratify a contract with either of them at this time. Kosub will then attempt to negotiate a contract with Cintas that the men can ratify at a future meeting.

## 8th grade loses to R.C. Owls

by Coach Richters

Eagles 8th grade played Big Lake Thursday the 23rd in Eldorado, game ending in an Eagle loss 20-6. Pedro Garcia caught a 55 yard TD pass from Manny Gonzales. Tyler Dombroski recovered two fumbles, and David Ramirez also recovered a fumble.

Luis Huichapa rushed for 75 yards and had good game on defense. Pedro Garcia had intent to stop the Big Lake team.

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The public hearing will be held on Friday, November 7, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. in the Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follow:

The total amount of the proposed budget is \$114,405.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is \$1,849.00.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is two (2) (full-time equivalent).

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

### YMCA Bowl Game Schedule South Division 2003 EAGLE STADIUM, ELDORADO Saturday, November 1st PEE-WEE TEAMS

Time	Team 1	vs.	Team 2
8:30	Sonora Wt.	vs.	Ozona
10:00	Eldorado	vs.	Junction
11:30	Big Lake	vs.	Sonora Red

### YMCA Bowl Game Schedule South Division 2003 EAGLE STADIUM, ELDORADO Saturday, November 1st HEAVYWEIGHT TEAMS

Time	Team 1	vs.	Team 2
1:00	Junction	vs.	Big Lake
2:30	Sonora	vs.	Brady
4:00	Eldorado	vs.	Ozona

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## Meals for Friends Menu

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**Tuesday, November 4**  
 Roast Pork, French Cut Green Beans, Sweet Potato, Dinner Roll, Stewed Prunes, Milk

**Wednesday, November 5**  
 Turkey Tetazzini, Broccoli, Toss Salad, Dinner Roll, Raspberry Pears, Milk

**Thursday, November 6**  
 Pork Chop w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fresh Orange, Milk

**Friday, November 7**  
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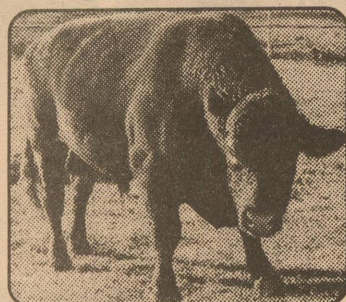
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### Card of Thanks

Hello, to all the wonderful people around Eldorado. I am so anxious to get back to my old routine and visit everyone and to express my appreciation for all the calls, prayers and visits.

I hope to be able to return some of the acts of kindness given to me.

Olean Stricklan

Teresa and Ronnie Morgan and Family

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The Andrew "Andy" Nixon Family wish to express their sincere appreciation and thanks for all of the beautiful sympathy cards, flowers, calls, food, memorials and prayers.

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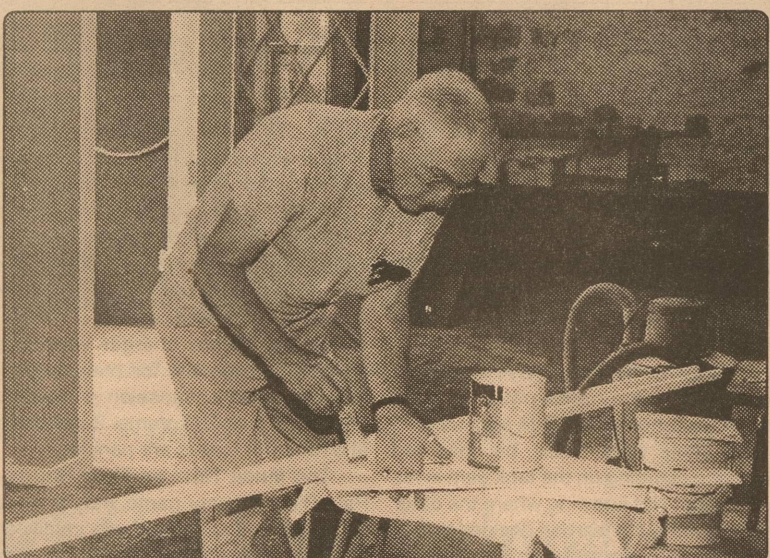
Schleicher County ISD will hold a public meeting at 6:00 p.m., November 10, 2003 in the Middle School Library 205 West Fields Ave Eldorado, Texas 76936

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss Schleicher County ISD'S rating on the State's Financial Accountability System.

### Notice of Public Hearing

Texas Education Code 39.053 requires district's board of trustees to hold a hearing for public discussion of the Academic Excellence Indicator System (AEIS) report. The public hearing will be held on November 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the Middle School Library.

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# Garcia and Herrera earn trip to Regional 1-AA Cross Country Meet

On a crisp fall Monday morning the Eldorado High School Cross Country runners competed in the District 2-2A at San Angelo State Park.

Junior Eric Garcia was the only runner representing Eldorado in the varsity boy's division. Garcia earned a silver medal coming in 2nd with a time of 18:06.89 for the three mile course. This will be Garcia's third trip to regional in

Lubbock. Garcia earned 4th place medals as a freshman and a sophomore giving him the right to run as an individual runner at Regionals.

EHS Senior Clara Herrera started her cross country career as a freshman when she traveled to Regionals with the girls varsity team. As a sophomore Herrera made the trip to regionals as a member of the varsity team. In

2002 junior Clara Herrera earned a shot at regionals as an individual medalist coming in 5th place with a time of 14:15 and participating as a varsity team member.

Now as a senior Herrera traveled the two mile course with a time of 14:08.68 placing her in the top ten earning her a individual spot at Regionals.

Representatives of the Girl's Varsity Cross Country runners for the Lady Eagles were Lacy Ragsdale, Allison Reynolds, Kasey Boysaw, Clara Herrera, Lauren Brown, Chandra Wanoreck and Alicia Corrales.

The Lady Eagle's team missed Regional by disappointing 1 point scoring 84 points. Wall scored 27 points taking first place. Ozona placed 2nd with a score of 71 and

Reagan County scored a 83. The Lady Eagles have traveled it to Regionals the last two years by taking 3rd place.

Placing and times for the varsity girls were: Clara Herrera 7th-14:08.68, Alicia Corrales 11th-14:25.97, Lacy Ragsdale 15th-15:00.57, Allison Reynolds 17th-15:03.76, Chandra Wanoreck 34th-16:20.02, Kasey Boysaw 37th-16:43.34 and Lauren Brown 38th-17:05.37.

Maxie Holley placed 22nd in the Junior Varsity Division with a time of 18:57.32.

Herrera and Garcia will travel to Lubbock on Saturday, November the 8th at Mae Simmons Park. Coaches for the varsity runners are Coach Kittie Gibson and Coach Rene Valeriano.

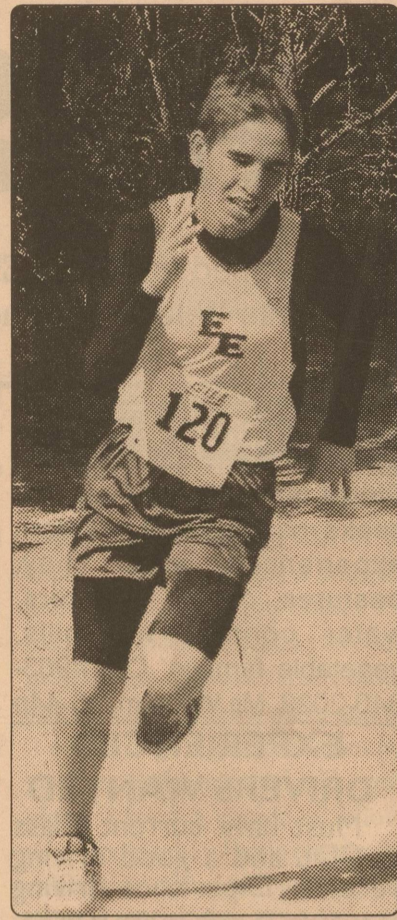


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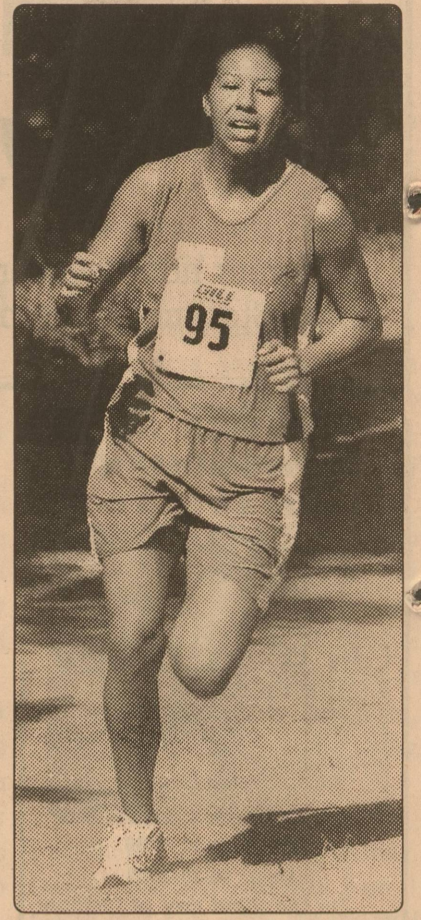


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**District 2-2A Silver Medalist-** Junior Eric Garcia, placed 2nd at the District Cross County Meet held Monday, October 27 at the San Angelo State Park. Garcia had a time of 18:06.89. This will be Garcia's 3rd regional try during his high school career as an individual medalist. Garcia will travel to Mae Simmons Park for Class Regional 1-2A Cross County meet in Lubbock on Sat. November 8, 2003. Herrera Cross County Coach is Kittie Gibson.

**Cross Country Regional Bound-** Clara Herrera a Senior, placed 7th at the District Cross County Meet held Monday, October 27 at the San Angelo State Park. Herrera had a time of 14:08.68. This will be Herrera's 2nd trip during her high school career as an individual medalist. Herrera will travel to Mae Simmons Park for Class Regional 1-2A Cross County meet in Lubbock on Sat. November 8, 2003. Herrera Cross County Coach is Kittie Gibson.



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**2003 Lady Eagles Cross County Runners:** L-R Maxie Holley, Chandra Wanoreck, Lacy Ragsdale, Kasey Boysaw, Alicia Corrales, Clara Herrera, Allison Reynolds and Lauren Brown.

**Thank You**

Dear People of Eldorado and surrounding area, I want to thank you for all you did for me and all the families connected with the bus wreck. I left town Sunday morning thinking Eldorado was a good place to live. I returned knowing Eldorado, and the surrounding area, is a great place to live.

If there is anyone reading this letter that does not believe in God, please contact me so we can visit. I would love to tell you the events that have taken place over the last few days.

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## TPWD: big deer crop for Schleicher County

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will not be issued nor required to harvest antlerless deer here in the Edwards Plateau during regular seasons. Hunters will need only the appropriate tag off of their hunting license, or a Bonus Tag where applicable, and landowner permission to bag doe or antlerless deer in Schleicher County and the other 'either-sex' counties this year.

After reviewing the results of the recent white-tailed deer population surveys, local wildlife personnel are recommending that Schleicher County landowners harvest deer according to the following recommendations:

For those properties located in the western 1/2 of the county, bounded by Hwy. 915 and Hwy. 2596 on the east, the recommended harvest rate on bucks is one buck per 500 acres, and the recommended harvest rate on does is one doe per 250 acres.

For those properties located in the eastern 1/2 of the county, bounded by Hwy. 915 and Hwy. 2596 on the west, the recommended harvest rate on bucks is one buck per 350-400 acres, and the recommended harvest rate on does is one doe per 50-75 acres.

These recommended rates may not be suitable for all properties located in Schleicher County. Some areas may need to vary their harvest rates from this recommendation according to those localized deer populations and how they have survived and proliferated (or not) according to the range conditions experienced due to the drought over the past several years. High fawn crops this year will help bolster neat-future populations, but in those areas with already high deer numbers the resultant harvest might need to be increased to offset the recruitment of these young into the population.

These recommended rates result from the need to better balance the sex ratio observed in the herd and from a desire to produce a healthier deer population that is properly matched to the existing supply of deer foods in the county. These harvest rates are based on deer management compartment averages derived from survey lines located in this and several other surrounding counties. Therefore, the recommended rates may not be completely suitable for each individual ranch in the county. In general, if your acreage shows signs of overpopulation (a lack of brush

and weeds available at and just above ground level, less than optimal deer weights and poor quality buck antler development within each age class, low fawn survival, etc.), then you probably need to harvest your deer population at a higher rate and/or reduce livestock grazing pressure by reducing numbers or rotating your stock among your pastures. On the other hand, if you have good deer habitat and an adequate supply of quality deer foods available, but seem to be short of deer numbers, then possibly you should harvest at a lighter rate than that recommended for the county.

Landowners interested in closely managing their local deer herd need to conduct their own on-site fall population surveys, with resulting harvest recommendations that meet their specific management objectives. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department wildlife personnel are available to assist with more specific wildlife management recommendations for individual tracts of land. Please contact Game Biologist Mary Humphrey in Sonora at 387-5539 for more information on wildlife concerns in Schleicher, Sutton or Crockett counties.

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## Game Warden Field Notes

The following are excerpts from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

**Seeing the Light** — Recently, an Ellis County game warden caught someone hunting from the road. The person denied shooting illegally until he was shown the empty shell case matching his shells. The person confessed to shooting from the road and stated, "You know my grandson wants to be a game warden and warned me about my hunting style; he'll be tickled to know I finally got caught after all these years." Cases are pending.

**"Don't Mess with Texas"** — A Dallam County game warden was on patrol and observed four men hunting doves in a field. When the four men saw the warden, they walked to the county road where he was waiting. After greeting the hunters, the warden asked to see their hunting licenses. One of the men responded, "We don't need Texas licenses. We are in Oklahoma." A quick review of a map convinced the hunters they were indeed in Texas. The warden then checked the group's shotguns. Three of the four shotguns were unplugged. Cases are pending.

**In Black and White** — A Harris County game warden and a Waller Coun-

ty game warden caught two people hunting doves over bait. The field had been closed to hunting by Harris County game wardens one week earlier. The people said they did not know the field was baited until the wardens showed them the signs that said "Field Baited, Closed to Hunting Per Game Wardens." Cases are pending.

**"Retrieve or Dare"** — A Montgomery County game warden was out looking for dove hunters. While approaching where shots were heard, he observed someone standing on the tank dam in his underwear. Not knowing where the other hunters were, the warden decided to wait and listen for more shots. Shortly after noticing the person on the tank dam, he saw the person wade out into the tank and dogpaddle to a dove that had been shot, proceed to retrieve the dove in his mouth and dogpaddle back onto the bank. After contact was made, three teenagers stated since they didn't have a lab to retrieve the dove from the water and the one in his underwear was the lab volunteer for the day. They were found to be hunting without hunting licenses and had unplugged shotguns.

**The Tank Gave Him Away** — A Young County game warden was checking bird hunters when he came across an individual coming out of a 1,000-acre

ranch. This person smelled strongly of ether or starter fluid. In the bed of his truck was paraphernalia and equipment for a drug lab. A second person was also arrested when he drove up pulling a large anhydrous ammonia tank behind his vehicle. This person also was in possession of freshly completed product of methamphetamine. Felony charges were made against both people for manufacturing narcotics and possession of methamphetamine over 200 grams. Bond was set at \$100,000. Cases are pending.

**Too Much Time on Their Hands** — Palo Pinto County game wardens were informed that all defendants involved in a five-month investigation into deer poaching had pleaded guilty to all charges. Forty-two cases were filed against seven defendants. The total amount of criminal fines on all cases totaled \$23,016. Three of the defendants had one charge each while the other four had 39 cases filed against them. There were 37 deer killed between October 2002 and April 2003. When asked why they had killed so many deer, they said they were having a contest to see who could kill the most deer. Most of the deer were killed at night while the suspects were trespassing on private property and others were killed on private property during the day and at night from the road.