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PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Ross Chatwin looks down on a massive construction project at the YFZ Ranch some four miles north of Eldorado. The Colorado City, Arizona man says that FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is building a townsite on the ranch where he plans to relocate some 2,000 of his most faithful followers. Chatwin recently won a court decision allowing him to stay in his home after the FLDS and its trust fund, the United Effort Plan, tried to have him evicted.

## Prophet's Nemesis Ross Chatwin visits Eldorado

Ross Chatwin, the Arizona man who refused to move from his home after being excommunicated from the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints by its Prophet Warren Jeffs, was in Eldorado this week. Chatwin, his wife Lori and daughter Kimberlina arrived here Monday morning and spent the next day and a half visiting with Eldorado residents. Tuesday morning pilot Doug Garvin took the couple up in his plane for an aerial view of the YFZ Ranch, the property that is being developed by FLDS followers.

Chatwin gained fame when he won a court decision blocking Jeffs, the FLDS Church, and its trust fund, the United Effort Plan, from evicting him from his home. Chatwin's home was built on UEP land and, according to the trust bylaws, is supposed to revert to UEP ownership when he vacates it. But, instead of following church orders and moving his wife and six children out of town, Chatwin did what no one before him had dared, he refused the Prophet's order.

When UEP lawyers went to court in May to have Chatwin evicted, they were handed a stunning setback by Arizona Superior Court Judge James Chavez, who refused to order the eviction until Chatwin is paid for the improvements he has made on the property.

"You're not supposed to stand up to the Prophet. His word is God's word, or at least that's what people in Short Creek think," Chatwin told the Success on Tuesday. "Most people out there hope they can be good enough that the Prophet will call on them to live with him in Eldorado."

Short Creek was the original name for the community now known as Colorado City, Arizona and its sister city of Hildale, Utah. Chatwin says people in the neighboring town of St. George, Utah still refer to the residents of that area as "Creekers."

Chatwin wasn't always an FLDS outsider, and he still believes in one of the church's basic tenets, that of plural marriage, or polygamy.

"I was faithful," Chatwin said, "and in return I felt I had the confidence of church leaders like Uncle Fred (Jessop). But all that changed when Warren came along."

Chatwin told the Success that shortly after the death of former Prophet Rulon Jeffs, and the rise to power of his son, Warren Jeffs, the new prophet's right-hand man discovered that he had not signed ownership of his car repair business, Builder Line Auto Works, over to the Prophet. "Sam Barlow was very upset to learn that I hadn't turned my business over to Warren," Chatwin stated.

Sam Barlow is the former Police Chief of Colorado City and is widely believed to be the primary contact person for Warren Jeffs in the Short Creek community.

Chatwin says that soon he found himself in even more hot water with the new Prophet. It seems that Chatwin and his wife asked a 17-year-old girl to join their family as a sister-wife, without Warren Jeffs' permission. Excommunication from the church, or repenting from a distance, as FLDS members refer to it, was soon followed by an eviction notice, ordering Chatwin from his home.

The UEP is reportedly appealing Judge Chavez's decision, a fact that doesn't seem to worry Chatwin. "The UEP was intended to serve the people," Chatwin says. "That means us

replied, "Warren will milk his supporters until he can't milk them anymore and then he will forsake them. There are even stories that he plans to mortgage everything before he pulls out of Short Creek."

Chatwin claims that individuals in the C-City/Hildale area have been encouraged to incur heavy debt and to "max out their credit cards." He says that Jeffs is teaching his people that bankruptcy is an acceptable option for dealing with debt. "They are taught that the world is ending soon and that they will never have to repay the money," Chatwin said.

Responding to a question about why the FLDS chose to locate a new community near Eldorado, Chatwin said that the group probably liked the idea that Schleicher County is sparsely populated and that the valley where the ranch is located shields the group from prying eyes.

"That place is intended more to keep people in than to keep anyone out," Chatwin stated. "They have secrets and they don't want anyone leaving to tell those secrets."

But, Chatwin says he has an idea of how to expose some of Prophet Warren Jeffs' secrets. He hopes a landowner with property adjacent to the YFZ Ranch will let him buy or lease a five acre parcel so he can erect a 100 ft. tall viewing tower. "Secrecy is the only way Warren can control things, that's why he wants to have other compounds in Mexico and Canada," Chatwin told the Success. "That way he can shuffle people around and no will know what happened to them."

Chatwin says he is serious about building a viewing tower. "I wouldn't mind living here," he

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as a group. We never planned for a dictator to come along and take everything away. The judge there will see through that."

Chatwin said his first view of the YFZ Ranch, where several more new structures are being built, was more impressive than he had expected. "They are building a city out there and there is going to be a house on every lot," Chatwin said of the ranch. "There will be a two thousand people out there."

When asked how the FLDS Church or the United Effort Plan could support such a large community so far removed from its base of operations on the Utah/Arizona border, Chatwin

## SCISD trustees adopt \$5.8 million budget for 2004-05

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, August 30, 2004 and, in a very brief meeting, voted to adopt a budget totaling \$5,805,002.00

Board Vice President Eddie Albin chaired the meeting in the absence of President Jo Helen Kotsch. Trustees present were Kurtis Homer, Lupe Sanchez, Berta Nicholson, and Jan Wanoreck. Trustee John Paul Joiner was also absent.

No citizens were present for a public hearing called for the consideration of the budget and the trustees voted unanimously to adopt the budget.

In order to pay for the budget, the board then took up the discussion of the district's property tax rate and voted unanimously to approve a rate of \$1.4940, a mere 7 hundredths of a cent below the rate which would have triggered a rollback. During prior budget discussions the board opted to keep the rate up in order to fund the purchase of equipment such as air conditioning units, rather than

to borrow the money and include a debt service levy in the tax rate. Even at that, increased property values allowed the tax rate to drop from \$1.50 per \$100 valuation.

In other business the trustees voted to purchase property and auto insurance from a broker named AKey and Piskuran. It was noted that the company's bid came in some \$10,000 below other insurers.

The trustees then approved a request by Business Manager Ray Ballew to transfer \$45,000 from the general fund into specific accounts in order to pay for end-of-year expenditures.

Before adjourning, the trustees heard from Superintendent George Blanch regarding the school's enrollment which currently stands at 566 students. Blanch said that total school enrollment is down by 12 since the end of last school year.

Also on hand for the meeting were campus principals Kara Garlitz, Bob Wanoreck and Maela Edmonson.

## City council adopts \$1.98 million budget

### Tentative nod given to series of utility rate increases

The Eldorado City Council met Monday night and adopted a \$1,998,999 budget for the 2004-05 fiscal year which began a little over 24 hours later on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. As part of the budget the council is considering water, gas and sewer rate increases, as well as the implementation of a fee for anyone bringing trash to the landfill.

City Administrator Randy Mankin and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo had been instructed at the council's previous meeting to prepare a budget proposal, based roughly on the 2003-04 budget year, which showed a decline in water and gas revenues. It was explained that a warmer than usual winter in '03 and a wetter the current wet summer

had resulted in lower revenue to the city.

With that as a guide, the council was presented with numerous options for bringing the budget into balance, including several options for utility rate hikes, as well as using part of the city's reserves.

Ultimately, the council chose a middle course, and plugged numbers into the budget that would call for a larger increase in water rates and a smaller increase in gas rates. If adopted as proposed in the budget water users will see their minimum bill increase from \$9 to \$10 for the first 2,000 gallons used each month. Each subsequent 1,000 gallons will go from \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Council member Bill McCutcheon noted that heavy water users would pay more while citizens on fixed incomes who use smaller amounts of water would see a smaller increase.

Meanwhile, gas rates are proposed to go up only 25 cents per thousand cubic feet and sewer rates are projected to increase by \$1 per month.

A new fee is slated to go into effect at the city landfill. City and county residents will be assessed a \$5 minimum charge for loads of 500 pounds or less with loads heavier than 500 lbs will be charged a fee based on \$25 per ton, if the proposal is adopted. The \$25 per ton rate is lower than that being charged to contractors

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PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN

A setting sun illuminated Eagle Stadium Friday night as the 2004 Eldorado Eagles took the field to warm up ahead of a thunderstorm that moved across the area and delayed the kickoff for nearly an hour. When the game finally got underway, the Warbirds defeated Christoval 14-6 on a rain-soaked field (see story on Page 4). The Eagles will host The Forsan Buffaloes tomorrow night as Eldorado exes gather for the annual Homecoming game.



# OBITUARIES

## Basiliso Ramirez, Jr.

OZONA — Basiliso Ramirez Jr., 90, died Friday, Aug. 27, 2004, at his residence. Funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 31, at the First Baptist Church with burial in Lima Cemetery.

Mr. Ramirez was born Jan. 24, 1914, in Del Rio, Texas. He was a veteran of World War II. During his tenure in the U.S. Army, he received the American Defense Service Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, a Good Conduct Medal, a Service Stripe and four Overseas Service Bars.

Mr. Ramirez was a longtime professional barber. He became a barber in 1938 and was a barber

in the U.S. Army. Mr. Ramirez married Margarita Lopez on Jan. 25, 1958. He also retired from the Texas Department of Transportation.

Survivors include his wife, Margarita Ramirez of Ozona; five daughters, Belia Gonzales of Eldorado, Clara Gonzales of Dallas, Juanita Ramirez Ramos of Ozona, and Margie Marquez and Virginia Ramirez, both of Salinas, Calif.; three sons, Lupe Gonzales and Arturo Gonzales, both of Ozona, and Basiliso Ramirez of Iraan; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## Betty Goss

ANDREWS — Betty Goss, 73, died Thursday, Aug. 26, 2004, at her residence. Service was Sunday, Aug. 29, at Second Baptist Church with burial in Andrews West Cemetery. Arrangements are by McNett Funeral Home.

Survivors include daughters,

Claudia Helms and Geraldine "Gerri" Helms, both of Odessa, Wanda Edmiston of Eldorado and Diana Gross of San Angelo; sons, James Jones of Andrews and Marvin Jones of Henderson; and brother, Roy Lee Turner of Pflugerville.



Mrs. and Mrs. Micah Cade McKinney

## Elliott/McKinney wedding

Leslie Ryan Elliott and Micah Cade are happy to announce the exchange of vows on August 22, 2004 in Islamorada, Florida Keys.

The bride is from Midland, Texas, the brides parents are Randall Elliott of Childress, Texas and Gail Elliott of Canyon, Texas; grandparents J.D. and Earlene Elliott of Childress,

Texas. The groom is from Gardendale, Texas, the groom's parents are Cliff and Billie Gayl Boren of Ker-ville, Texas and Gary and Sheila McKinney of Midland, Texas; grandparents Mabel Blaylock and the late Billy Frank Blaylock of Eldorado, Texas. The couple will reside in Gardendale, Texas.

## Agape announces new schedule of services

Effective Sunday, September 5, Agape Assembly of God, located at 502 E. Warner, will be changing its Sunday schedule. Morning worship will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. and discipleship classes and small group studies will be held at 6:00 p.m. Our Sunday evening program will have classes for all

ages, children through adults, and will finish promptly at 7:00. We will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7:00 for our regularly scheduled midweek services. Pastor Walt Griggs and the congregation invite you to come along with us as we follow the leadership of the Spirit.

## Community Baptist plans Sunday evening Bible study

Community Baptist Church will begin a weekly Bible study entitled Empowering Kingdom Growth (EKG) "The Heartbeat of God." The course is written by Ken Hemphill and will begin on Sunday, Sept. 5 at 6:00 p.m.. The study represents the latest release in LifeWay's 40 Day Experience series which traces God's kingdom through the pages of the Old Testament and the teachings of Christ.

Hemphill, former president of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas, is the national strategist for Empowering Kingdom Growth, a joint initiative of the Southern Baptist Convention and LifeWay Christian Resources.

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- Begin to read the Bible with a new, kingdom perspective.
- See your self as God's much-loved movable possession.
- Learn the meaning of kingdom praying.
- Gain new understanding of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount.

Community Baptist Church is extending an open invitation to any community member who would like to join in the EKG bible study. The companion book costs \$5.00 and may be ordered by contacting Community Baptist Church Secretary Barbara Behrens at 853-3288.

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## ASU awards degrees to 2004 Summer Graduates

Angelo State University conferred 207 bachelor's and master's degrees upon 204 graduates during 2004 Summer commencement exercises Saturday, Aug. 14, in the Junell Center/Stephens Arena.

Areas of undergraduate academic study at ASU lead to the following degrees: Bachelor of Arts (B.A.), Bachelor of Business Administration (B.B.A.), Bachelor of Fine Arts (B.F.A.), Bachelor of General Studies (B.G.S.), Bachelor of Music (B.M.), Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Bachelor of Science Nursing (B.S.N.), and Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.).

The following graduate de-

grees are offered: Master of Arts (M.A.), Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.), Master of Education (M.Ed.), Master of Physical Therapy (M.P.T.), Master of Professional Accountancy (M.P.Ac.),

Master of Public Administration (M.P.A.), Master of Science (M.S.), and Master of Science in Nursing (M.S.N.).

The 2004 Summer graduates include the following from the Eldorado area: Michael R. Mayo, B.S.; and Rebecca Lynn Silva, M.S.N.

## Meals for Friends Menu



- Monday, September 6**  
Closed for Labor Day!!
- Tuesday, September 7**  
Barbecue Beef Sandwich, Baked French Fries, Baby Carrots, Bun, Coleslaw, Peaches w/ Whipped Topping, Milk
- Wednesday, September 8**  
Beef & Noodles, Gravy, Peas, Dinner Roll, Toss Salad, 3 Tomato Slices, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Thursday, September 9**  
Chicken Fajita, Onion, Green Pepper, Spanish Rice, Refried Beans & Cheese, Flour Tortillas, Lettuce, Tomato, Fruited Gelatin, Milk
- Friday, September 10**  
Baked Chicken, Scalloped Potatoes, Sliced Beets, Dinner Rolls, Strawberry, Banana Mix, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

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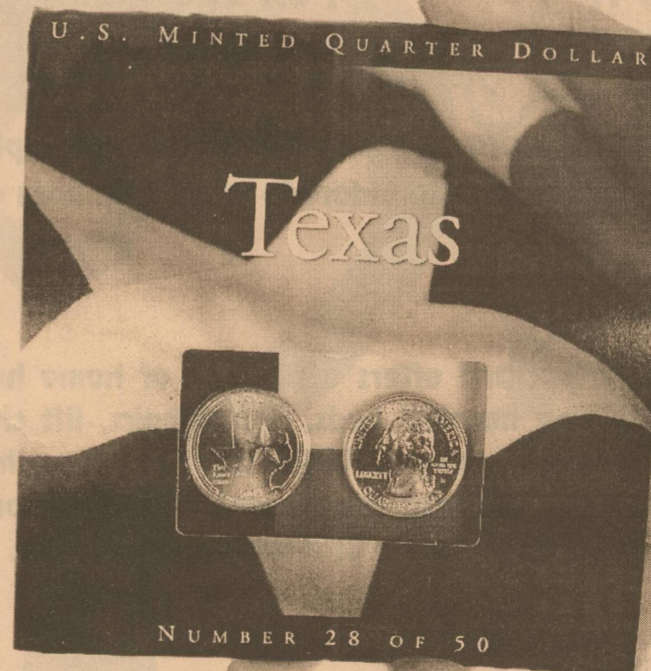
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# 14-6 win over Cougars proves costly for Eagles

Eagles quarterback Frank Edmiston left the game with an injured right thumb Friday night as the Eagles opened their 2004 season here with a 14-6 win over Christoval. Edmiston hit his hand on the turf as he struggled for yardage in the final seconds of the first half. Despite the injury he returned to carry the ball in the second half, and ended the game as the Eagles leading ground-gainer.

Lightning delayed the start of the game for nearly an hour as a thunderstorm pushed across the area. The field held up well, but torrential rains turned the turf into a slippery, if not muddy, mess.

Christoval would open the scoring with 4:17 left to play in the opening quarter when Cougars quarterback Mark Hennings connected with Jacob Lytle on an 85-yard TD pass. The Cougars PAT failed making the score 6-0 Christoval. Lytle's catch and romp proved to be the first and only time the Eagles defense would relax the death-grip it had on Christoval's offensive unit.

There were fumbles aplenty in the contest as both teams put the ball on the ground seven times. Each team surrendered the slippery pigskin three times. The Eagles had one pass picked off when backup QB Ryan Cathey came in to relieve the injured

Frank Edmiston for the final play of the first half.

Edmiston did some damage before injuring his throwing hand, connecting with Jorge Bustos on a 40 yd. TD pass. Simon Duran added the point after to give the Warbirds a 7-6 lead.

Eldorado got the ball back on a fumble and Edmiston again found the open man, this time hitting wide receiver Terrell Boysaw in stride for a 9-yd TD pass. Again, Duran booted through the extra-point, giving the Eagles a 14-6 lead at the intermission.

That proved to be good enough for the win as neither team scored in the second half. The slick field and sporadic rain sent the football squirting out several times in the half, stymieing the offensive efforts of both teams.

"I think we're heading in the right direction. It's important to get off to a good start. It's a good feeling to have a win under our belt," Coach Gary Grubbs said following the contest.

Despite the sloppy field, the game was relatively free of penalties. The Eagles were ticketed only 4 times for 30 yards while the Cougars gave up 50 yards on 8 penalties.

Frank Edmiston tallied 127 rushing yards and threw for 95 more with two touchdowns. Terrell

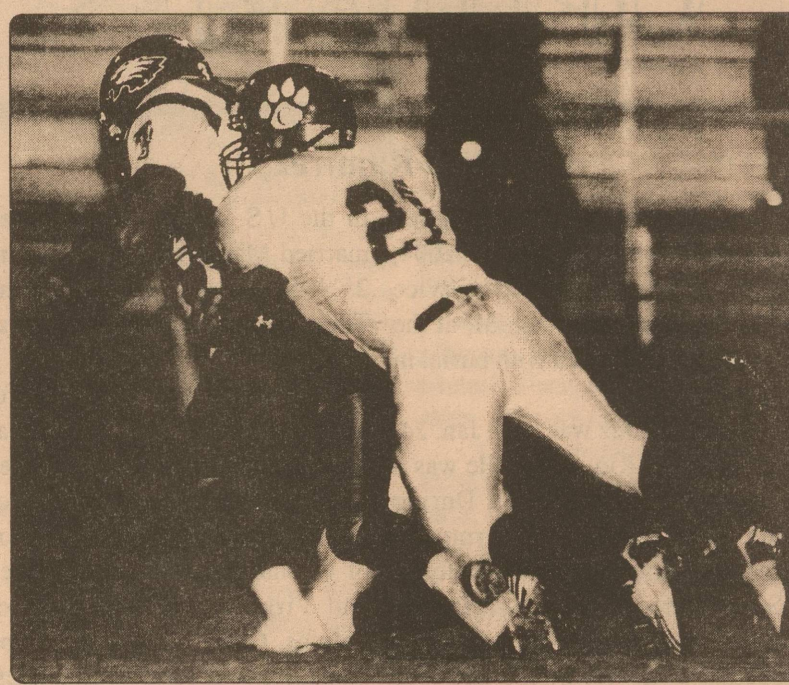


PHOTO BY J.L. MANKIN  
 Eagles runner Andy Mejia took this Christoval defender for a ride Friday night as Eldorado defeated the Cougars 14-6 in the season opener for both teams.

Boysaw caught seven passes that totaled 48 yards and a TD. Jorge Bustos, who caught the Eagles first TD pass, totaled 47 yards receiving on the night. Ryan Cathey added 31 yards on the ground and counted for another 28 yards passing. Andy Mejia carried the ball 11 times for 43 yards.

Defensive stats were not available at press time, but the Warbirds "D" limited the Cougars to a mere five first downs on 159 yards of total offense.

The Eagles will host the Forsan Buffaloes here Friday night as Eldorado High School celebrates Homecoming. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

"From watching Forsan on film, they look like they have some talent. I feel like they will be a formidable opponent," Grubbs told the Success. "We're going to have to show some improvement this week if we expect to win again."

"It's a big week. Our community loves Homecoming. The kids get excited about it. Along with that excitement obviously comes some distractions from the football game, but I feel like our kids are mature enough to handle those distractions."

## Eagles JV upends Christoval 44-6

CHRISTOVAL -- Russell Cathey exploded for three touchdowns and 216 all-purpose yards and David Hernandez scored twice last Thursday to lead the Eldorado Eagles to a 44-6 win over the Christoval Cougars in the season opener for both junior varsity teams.

Cathey finished the contest with 81 yards rushing on only four carries. He also had a 37-yard kickoff return, three punt returns for 82 yards, and he caught a 16-yard reception.

"Russell is a great athlete," Eldorado coach Don Richters

said. "He loves to play the game whatever game there is. He is a true competitor."

The Eagles finished the contest with 11 first downs and 208 offensive yards, including 170 rushing and 38 passing. The Cougars had four first downs and 54 offensive yards, all on the ground.

"I was very happy with the way our kids played," Richters said. "The defense put the offense in good shape all night."

Manny Gonzales rushed for 37 yards on five attempts, while Hernandez tallied 25 yards on three totes and J.P. Joiner had 13 yards on three carries.

Hernandez was 4-of-6 passing for 38 yards. Jeremy Ussery had two catches for 22 yards. Neal Higgins led the Eagles' defensive attack, intercepting two passes and returning them 41 yards.

"Neal Higgins, the defensive line and the offensive line all played well, and Jeremy Ussery blocked well at receiver all night," Richters said.

Eldorado struck first in the first quarter when Cathey broke loose on a 23-yard scamper. Hernandez

connected with Neal Higgins for the conversion and an 8-0 lead.


Hernandez then scored back-to-back touchdowns on runs of 3 and 29 yards, respectively, to put the Eagles on top 20-0 at the half.

Cathey returned the opening kickoff of the second half 37 yards, and on the very next play scampered 40 yards for another score. Hernandez ran in the conversion to give Eldorado a 28-0 advantage.

The Eagles' iced the victory with scores on defense and special teams. Epolo Herrera returned a fumble 7 yards for a score, and then Cathey returned a punt 60 yards for a TD. Gonzales and Joiner each ran in a conversion to put Eldorado up 44-0.

Christoval's only touchdown came late in the fourth quarter on a 53-yard fumble return. Herrera recorded a sack on the point-after to deny the conversion attempt.

The junior varsity Eagles return to action tonight at 6:30 in Forsan. Eldorado's seventh- and eighth-grade teams host Forsan in a double-header today beginning at 5 p.m.

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**Monday, September 6**  
 LABOR---- DAY BE SAFE--  
 -- SEE YA TUESDAY  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
 Pig-n-blanket, Choice of Juice, Peaches, Milk  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, September 9**  
 Cheese Toast, Choice of Cereal, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk  
**Friday, September 10**  
 Cream of Wheat, Toast, Choice of Juice, Fruit, Milk  
**BASKET LINE**  
**Monday, September 6**  
 LABOR---- DAY BE SAFE---- SEE YA TUESDAY  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
 Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Spicy Fries, Carrot Stixs, Dip, Apple Halves  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
 Steak Burger, Sandwich Salad, Corn on a Cob, Pineapple Slices  
**Thursday, September 9**  
 Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Tossed Salad, Pear Halves, Jello/Topping  
**Friday, September 10**  
 Hamburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves  
**CAFETERIA LINE**  
**Monday, September 6**  
 LABOR---- DAY BE SAFE---- SEE YA TUESDAY  
**Tuesday, September 7**  
 Burritos, Pinto Beans, Carrots Stixs, Dip, Apple Halves  
**Wednesday, September 8**  
 Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Black-Eyed Peas, Creamed Potatoes, Hot Rolls, Pineapple Slices  
**Thursday, September 9**  
 Lasagna, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Jello/Topping  
**Friday, September 10**  
 Hamburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

## Two rollovers, same spot, two days apart

Local emergency personnel responded two rollovers, two days apart, at the same spot, some six miles south of Eldorado on U.S. 277.

Early Saturday morning, August 28th, a 2002 Red Pontiac rolled once sending the 20-year old driver to Schleicher County Medical Center. Israel Arevalo of LaPort, Texas was traveling north bound on US Hwy. 277 when his vehicle veered into the south bound lane. Investigators indicated that the driver overcorrected, sending the vehicle straight into the shoulder of the north bound lane where the car hit soft dirt and rolled.

Then, on Monday, August 30, 3:36 p.m. a 9-1-1 reported a second rollover East of Eldorado and emergency crews scrambled in that direction but had to retrace their steps when a second 9-1-1 call came in reporting the accident was actually south of town.

Police, EMS and Fire units arrived at the scene of the accident to find a 24-year old driver and

3 young children had survived a wreck at the same spot they had been dispatched to only two days earlier, except it was on the other side of the road.

Susan Del-Real of Sonora was transported by EMS ambulance along with three young children to Schleicher County Medical Center. DPS Trooper Danny Nunez reports that Ms. Del-Real was traveling northbound when her Mazda minivan veered into the southbound lane. The vehicle traveled some 650 ft. with one set of tires off the pavement before the is swerved back across the roadway sideways, causing the van to spin and roll.

Nunez notes that Ms. Del-Real and the children, ages 1-5, were all buckled in at the time of the accident. He credits the seat belt with preventing a much worse accident and possibly even saving the lives of one or more occupants.

Nunez notes that since the drivers of both vehicles were taken for medical treatment, the accidents remain under active investigation.



Emergency Medical Technician Connie Andrews tried to comfort two young girls Monday as other emergency personnel cared for 24-year-old Susan Del-Real of Sonora. The woman, the two children, and another child were taken to Schleicher County Medical Center for treatment after the van in which they were traveling overturned some six miles south of Eldorado.

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Sheep & Goat Field Day slated today in San Angelo



### County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmonson

The annual Sheep & Goat Field Day is scheduled for Thursday, September 2, 2004 at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center. The center is located approximately 5 miles northwest of San Angelo on U.S. Highway 87.

The program will vary some from past years as all of the talks will take place inside the auditorium and demonstrations will be held during the break times outside. Talks will be conducted by industry experts and leaders instead of focusing solely on research conducted at the center.

Registration is from 8-9 a.m. and the program will kick-off at 9:00 a.m. A lunch will be available and the program will conclude around 3:00 p.m.

## 4-H sign-up slated Tuesday

The annual 4-H Sign-up day will take place on Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at the Extension Office. The festivities will begin immediately after school and will conclude at 6:30 p.m.

Remember that you must sign-up for 4-H every year. So get ready, bring along a friend and lets all get ready for a great 4-H year. For more information, please call the Extension office.

## Chatwin visits Eldorado

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Chatwin told the Success. "The people here are good wholesome people and I think I could make some money here. People will pay to climb to the top and look inside Warren's compound. It would be a tourist attraction."

On a more serious note, Cha-

twain said that the numerous environmental problems cited at the YFZ Ranch by the Texas Commission on Environment Quality illustrate how the FLDS does business. "They will promise you anything then they will delay. Then they will promise you something else," Chatwin states. "But they really don't believe they will have to pay any fines. They think the world is ending soon and that they can put it off till then."

## Two cases disposed in District Court

In District Court August 30, 2004: Evans, Tammy, Motion to Revoke non-payment, plea 365 days with credit time served with \$750.00 fine and 643.80 in restitution.

Also, Rocha, Enrique Juan, Motion to Revoke non-payment and alcohol consumption, 274 days with time served credit and \$350.00 fine paid.

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**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS  
OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL  
OIL AND GAS DOCKET  
NO. 7C-0239768  
IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF  
WASTE OF  
CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE  
STATE OF TEXAS**

**Austin, Texas ~ August 10, 2004**

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF ARIES OPERATING, L.P. TO CONSIDER UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY AUTHORITY FOR THE CAMAR SOUTHWEST UNIT CAMAR, SW (STRAWN) FIELD, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq., the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on September 10, 2004, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.

This hearing will be held to consider the application of Aries Operating, L. P. for unitization and secondary recovery authority and recognition of such unit as an entity for density purposes for the Camar Southwest Unit, Camar, SW. (Strawn) Field, Schleicher County, Texas. Applicant has 100% of the working interests and in excess of 90% of the royalty interests within the Unit Area committed to the Unit Agreement and the unit.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Philip Whitworth, at (512) 495-6300. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.

IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas.

PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify.

ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received by the Office of General Counsel no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list.

TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file a notice of intent to appear with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other parties of record.

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT of the hearing, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript, the record will be made by audio tape recording.

ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel Office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this case must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission.



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**Community Builder's Award** - - Masonic Lodge 890 representative Brian Edmiston (L) presented Eldorado's Volunteer Fire Department Chief Jerry Jones (R) with the Masonic Lodge 2004 Community Builder's Award Tuesday evening at the Eldorado Fire Hall. The Community Builder Award was designed to enable a Lodge to formally recognize outstanding non-Masons who have distinguished themselves through their service to the community, to the local, state or national government, to their church or synagogue, or to humanity.

**City council adopts budget**

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who bring in waste from outside of Schleicher County.

With those numbers in place the council voted unanimously to adopt the budget. They then voted to call for a public hearing on the proposed utility rate increases at the council's next meeting on Sept. 13.

With that business done, the council then voted to approve a tax rate of 88.55 cents per \$100 valuation. Of that amount, 33.19 cents is for debt service. It was noted that a portion of that debt is slated to be retired about a year and a half from now, in early 2007.

Thanks in part to a slightly higher tax base, the overall tax rate declined by 1.31 cents, and was able to raise the same amount of money as last year.

Following the meeting, Mayor John Nikolauk explained that the council had decided to hold the line on taxes and to look for revenue in the utility department. He noted that only about 10 percent of the city's budget is funded through

property taxes and that the city tries to fund its operations with utility fees paid by the customers who actually city services.

Nikolauk added that prospects for the 2004-05 budget could improve greatly if water and/or gas sales increase.

Council members present for Monday's meeting included Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Dora Bosmans, Tommy Minor, Richard Mendez and Mayor Nikolauk. Council member Juquin Rojas was absent.

Among other business the council approved the final bills for the 2004-05 budget and authorized Carolyn Mayor to write-off just over \$715 in bad debt from the city's accounts receivable.

Before adjourning the council heard from Utility Supt. Floyd Fay that a lightning strike at the north water tower had taken down the city's "SCADA Unit," the switching system that operates the city's water wells. Parts to repair the system came from as far away as the Asian nation of Bangladesh.

**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**

**August 24** • Herrera, Sylvia, female age 44, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Interference with Public Duties. Released on PR Bond.

**August 24** • Bell, Charles Thomas II, male age 20, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Out of County Warrant. Released on \$5000.00 & \$1,000.00 Surety Bond.

**August 25** • Aycock, Angela Dawn, female age 27, arresting officer SC deputy, offense MTR Organized Crime.

**August 26** • Covert, Tori Leigh, female age 23, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2 oz.

**August 27** • Rivero, Mauro Rodriguez, male age 29, offense Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$1,000.00 & \$1,500.00 Bonds.

**August 28** • Belman, Mike III, male age 18, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Possession of Marijuana less than 2oz.

**August 29** • Hockett, Tamme R., female age 35, arresting officer Irion County, offense Out County Warrant.

**August 29** • Zamora, Rigberto, male age 37, arresting officer SC deputy, offense Fictitious Registration.

**INCIDENTS**

**August 24** • 9:36 p.m. Officer received complainant of loose livestock on 2129. Officer located livestock and returned to property.

• 10:31 p.m. Eldorado Medical Center requested an ACLS transfer to San Angelo. EMS responded.

**August 25** • 9:42 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for an ACLS transfer. EMS 2 responded.

• 10:31 a.m. Complainant reported some cows out near the X-Bar Ranch. Office responded.

• 6:21 p.m. Complainant stated that stove had gone up in flames and did not know if anything else had caught on fire. Officers and EMS responded.

• 9:55 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. Fire was a rig off of C.R. 113; Flaring gas. Officers and EVFD responded.

**August 26** • 3:37 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance because of bad stomach pains. EMS responded.

• 5:55 a.m. Hospital requested an ACLS transfer. EMS responded.

**August 27** • 8:07 a.m. Complainant needed a ambulance for husband. Officer and EMS 2 responded.

• 9:57 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 2:38 p.m. Complainant reported someone had stolen 2 sets of door locks, four 303 windows, box of screws, and a box of drive pins from the Cemetery Chapel. Officer responded.

**August 28** • 11:35 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious white PC occupied by a Hispanic male. Officers responded.

• 12:20 a.m. Complainant stated that he was missing a spotted Jack Russell Terrier since about 3:30 p.m.

• 1:49 a.m. Caller reported a car chasing a couple of juveniles down her street. Officer responded.

• 2:05 a.m. Caller reported suspicious person. Officer responded advise juveniles to go home.

• 3:12 a.m. Caller reported loud music that was interrupting her sleep. Officer responded.

• 4:53 a.m. Caller reported a wreckless driver possible intoxicated driver. Officer responded.

• 6:05 a.m. Caller reported a roll over. Officers, EMS and EVFD responded.

• 9:29 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.

• 9:34 a.m. Complainant reported a vehicle broke down. Officer responded.

• 10:04 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer. Officer responded.

• 1:07 p.m. Complainant reported kids on golf course riding their bicycles. Officer responded.

9:29 p.m. Received a 911 call from Eldorado of a female having seizures. S.O. called number from 911 and spoke with original complainant. Complainant stated that there was a female having seizures. Officers and EMS 2 responded.

• 10:06 p.m. Complainant reported a grass fire. EVFD responded.

• 10:56 p.m. Caller reported someone throwing rocks at his vehicle. Officers responded.

**August 30** • 7:31 a.m. complainant reported that his wife had fallen and hit her head. Officer and EMS responded.

• 3:36 p.m. Requested an ambulance for a roll over. Officers, EVFD and Ambulance responded.

• 3:48 p.m. Reported two red Craftsman tools boxes missing from 1100 Orient. Officer responded.

• 4:25 p.m. Caller reported an accident. Officers responded.

• 10:01 p.m. Complainant reported someone throwing rocks at a 18 wheeler; busted front windshield. Officer responded.

• 10:01 p.m. Complainant reported a minor being harassed at band practice. Officer responded and criminal trespass will be served.

**August 31** • 1:36 a.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist 3 miles south on 277.

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**PUBLIC HEARING**

**AMENDMENT #12 TO UTILITY ORDINANCE #104-96**

A Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, September 13, 2004, regarding proposed Amendment #12 to Utility Ordinance #104-96. The Amendment address the following items:

• Increased minimum for water billings from \$9.00 for first 3000 gallons to \$10.00 and increase from \$1.50 for each 1000 gallons after the minimum to \$2.00/1000 gallons. (Previous rate increase was made 9/10/2001.)

• Increase gas overhead charge from \$2.00/mcf. (Previous rate increase was made 10/8/2001.)

• Increase all sewer charges by \$1.00/month-Residential rate would increase from \$16.50/month to \$17.50/month. Commercial rates would increase from \$17.50/month to \$18.50/month. (Previous rate increase was made 3/10/1997.)

• Tip fees will be instigated at the landfill for all incoming waste disposal from Schleicher County residents and businesses. Loads less than 500 lbs. shall be charged a \$5.00 minimum fee. Loads over 500 lbs. will be charged a prorated fee based on \$25/ton. Only Schleicher County residents will be allowed to utilize the facilities as well as those companies who have current valid contracts. (Currently there is no charge for disposal at the Landfill except for contract haulers.)

Copies of the proposed Amendment will be available at the City Hall prior to the meeting. Citizens are invited to ask questions and provide either written or oral comment on the above proposed items.

Carolyn Mayo, City Secretary  
September 31, 2004

**Scripture**

Nevertheless in thy great mercies thou didst not make an end of them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

Nehemiah 9:31

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Going to School

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BUDGET, SEPTEMBER 13,  
2004 AT 10:00 A.M. IN THE  
COMMISSIONER'S COURT  
ROOM; SCHLEICHER COUNTY  
COURTHOUSE; PROPOSED 2005  
BUDGET SET ON A PROPOSED  
2005 TAX RATE OF \$.732.**

**PUBLIC NOTICE MEETING  
To Discuss Proposed 2004-2005  
BUDGET AND TAX RATE**  
Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District  
The Plateau Underground Water Conservation and Supply District will hold a hearing at 12:30 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004 at Amigo's Dream, Eldorado for the FY 05 Proposed Budget. Immediately following the budget hearing, the Board shall convene in a regular meeting to consider adoption of the FY 05 Budget and consider adoption of a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2004-2005. The proposed tax rate is 0.0476/\$100 ad valorem value.

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# Tax Assessor says "Point of Sale" sticker printing to begin locally

Point of Sale Sticker Printing (POSSP) and a new vehicle registration sticker design are to be introduced in Schleicher County September 9, 2004. The new registration stickers feature several improvements to deter sticker misuse and eliminate the need for state inventory control.

Registration stickers will now be printed at the point of sale. Information specific to the registration vehicle will be printed directly on the sticker, which will help deter theft. TXDOT switched from license plate stickers to windshield stickers for most passenger vehicles about a decade ago to cut down theft. The new method will enhance these efforts. (Plate stickers will show the last eight digits of the vehicle identification number,

the license plate number, county of registration, and a registration month and year.

Because each windshield and plate sticker is vehicle-specific, it is important for customers who own more than one more than one vehicle to be sure they apply the sticker to the correct one. Also, customers should carefully follow instructions for peeling and applying the sticker. The new windshield sticker must be peeled from the back of the form; otherwise, it could be damaged and a replacement sticker would be necessary. Plate stickers should be peeled from the front.

When the POSSP method is completely implemented, the new type sticker will be issued for all registration renewals. POSSP

prints the sticker on the customer's receipt. Registration transactions will be tracked through the state's automated Registration and Title System in much the same way as the previous method.

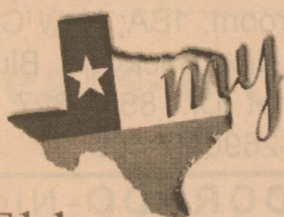
"The new method is a significant improvement in our processes", said Lou Ann Turner, Tax Assessor-Collector. "It offers greater protection for vehicle owners by making the stickers worthless if stolen. We also expect to improve our customer service efficiency. Because POSSP prints the stickers on the customer's receipt, we will no longer have to staple registration stickers to receipts and maintain manual sticker books and inventories".



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Volunteer Firemen Joey Jones, Jerry Jones, Officer David Olivian and Fireman TJ Rodriguez inspect the tires and rims on the 2002 Red Pontiac that overturned during the early morning hours last Saturday. (See story on Page 5).

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## Firewise landscaping training offered San Angelo

It's a well-known fact that beautiful landscaping adds to the aesthetic value of a home, but a well-planned and maintained landscaping can also protect a home from wildfire. Through the use of fire-resistant plants and trees, landscaping can provide a buffer zone against an approaching wildfire.

The Texas Forest Service and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service are offering two Firewise Landscaping Specialist training camps, one in Tyler Sept. 21-23 and one in San Angelo Sept. 28-30. The specialist program, which is designed much like the Fire Ant Specialist Program, will provide Master Gardeners with a basic understanding of fire behavior and steps to take to make a home more resistant to wildfire through the use of Firewise Landscaping. These will be the final trainings offered in the Firewise Landscaping Specialist program, which is funded through a grant from the National Fire Plan.

Each training camp will feature classroom instruction, hands-on projects and tours of neighborhoods in high-risk areas that have not addressed the issue of wildfire, as well as examples of effective Firewise landscaping. Master Gardeners are the primary audience for the training, but Master Naturalists, landscapers, county

agents and others are welcome to attend.

The San Angelo training kicks off 6 p.m. Sept. 27 with a social gathering featuring cowboy poet Mike Loving at the Hawthorne Inn and Suites. Classes will begin 8 a.m. Sept. 28 at the Texas A&M Research Center. The training features tours of San Angelo State Park and the International Lilly Pond, and a chance to visit historic Concho Street. For those who prefer camping, campsites are available at San Angelo State Park or at the KOA Campground at Lake Nasworthy.

After completing the Firewise Landscaping Specialist training, Master Gardeners will be asked to help spread the Firewise landscaping message through the media, public speaking engagements, Firewise demonstrations

and working with individual homeowners.

"Far and away the most important thing that I learned was that no matter how well you fund and train rural fire departments, there is still a huge responsibility on the home/landowner to educate and prepare himself to assist in fighting to save his own property," said Firewise Landscaping Specialist Marva Beck of Centerville. "This is the lesson that I spread everywhere I go."

Those interested in the training should contact their local agricultural extension agent or call Mary Kay Hicks at 254-753-6731. Registration information is available online at <http://texasforestservice.tamu.edu> or [www.tamu.edu/ticc](http://www.tamu.edu/ticc). Deadline to register is Sept. 14. Scholarships are available for those who qualify.

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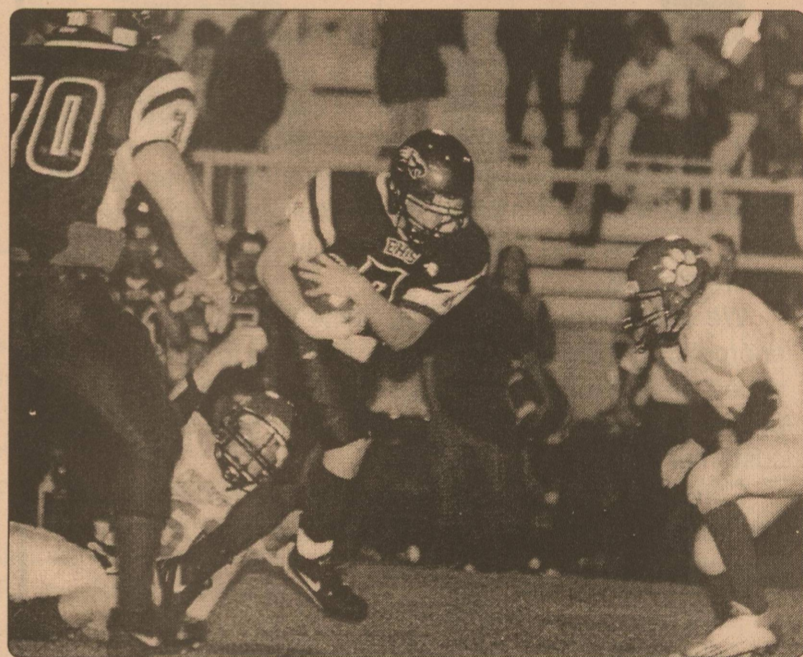


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Frank Edmiston covered the ball as he broke through the line during 2nd half action with Christoval last Friday. Edmiston, was the Eagles starting quarterback, but injured his right thumb and was moved to running back after a serious tape-job. Edmiston proved to be the Eagles leading ground-gainer, in spite of the injury.

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