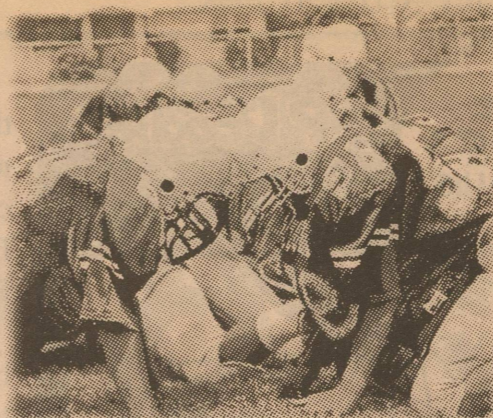


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School trustees recommend 6.59 cent tax increase

The Schleicher County Independent School District board of trustees met Monday night, August 17th and voted 5-1 to pursue a 6.59¢ tax increase. Trustees Ilse Williams, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Phil McCormick and William Edmiston voted in favor of the measure while trustee Eddie Albin was opposed. Trustee Ruby Minor was absent.

A public hearing on the proposed tax increase is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26th at 6:00 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the school administration building, located at 205 W. Field St.

Official adoption of the tax increase won't happen until Monday, August 31st when two board meetings have been called — the first to adopt the 1999 budget and the second to set the tax rate necessary to fund the budget.

Schleicher County Appraisal District's chief appraiser Ray

Ballew was present for Monday night's meeting to explain the school board's options.

Ballew noted the district's current tax rate is 1.4316 cents per \$100 valuation. He explained that the district could increase taxes by as much as 6.59 cents without triggering an automatic rollback election.

It was explained that by increasing taxes the school district stands to gain substantially through a State funding mechanism known as "Tier Two". Superintendent of Schools Hal Porter provided the trustees with a chart denoting the amount of additional state money SCISD would receive for each penny are raised. (See chart below)

In 1998 the district's tax rate of 1.4316 cents raised \$2,302,939.00 in local taxes and \$460,233.00 in Tier Two funds. The proposed tax hike would raise the tax rate to 1.4979 and would net the district

\$2,409,589.00 in local taxes and \$661,508.00 in Tier Two funds.

Ray Ballew told trustees the school's tax levy has actually declined since 1994. While the proposed tax increase generate extra revenue, the 1999 levy would still be below 1994.

School trustee William Edmiston said he favored the plan because it would allow the district to purchase buses and computers next year without having to arrange financing.

Trustee Berta Nicholson commented that she saw the Tier Two funds as an, "opportunity".

Trustee Phil McCormick made it clear he viewed the tax hike as a "one year deal" and that the district should make the purchases it needs in the 1999 budget. Referring to the 2000 budget McCormick said, "I'd like to see us start working on it now and see what we can trim out. A six million dollar budget scares me to

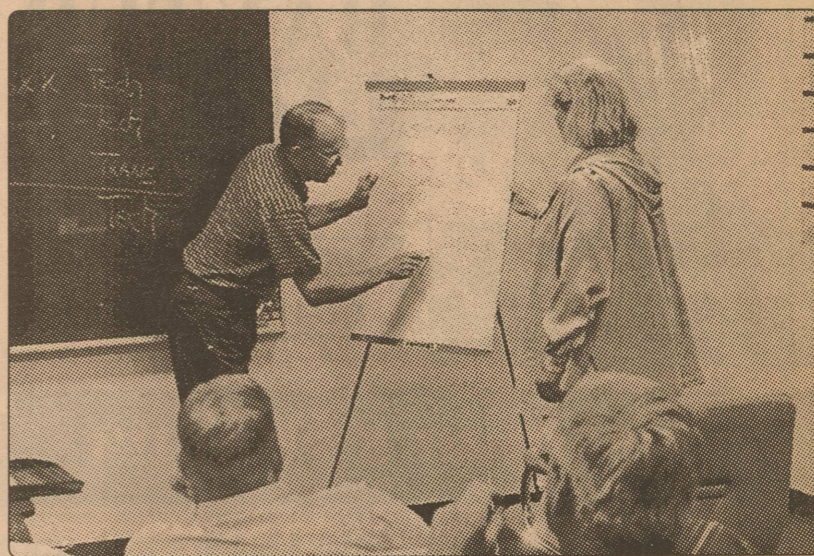


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Crunching the numbers — Tax appraiser Ray Ballew explains tax options to school trustees at the school board's meeting Monday night.

death."

Trustee Eddie Albin cast the only dissenting vote Monday night. Following the meeting he said that while he was happy that the school district could fund some of its needs with State money, he ques-

tioned the appetite for spending that had developed in recent years.

If the 6.59¢ tax increase is adopted, the taxes on a \$50,000 home would go up \$32.95. The average home in the county would

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For Your Information

Congressman's Aide

JoAnne Powell a staff member of Congressman Lamar Smith's will be available Monday, August 31, 1998, 9AM-12Noon at the Schleicher County Courthouse to assist residents with problems or questions they may have involving federal agencies or programs (No appointment necessary).

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On This Date

On this date in 1619 the first African slaves arrived in Jamestown, Virginia. In 1847 U.S. General Winfield Scott defeats a Mexican army at the Battle of Churubusco during the Mexican-American War. In 1940 exiled Russian revolutionary Leon Trotsky is assassinated with an ice-pick in Mexico City. In 1991 crowds of Russians protesting the coup against Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev raise the old white, blue, and red Russian flag around the Parliament Building.

Birthdays of note include: 1833 23rd U.S. President Benjamin Harrison; 1889 Adolf Hitler; 1921 or 1926 author Jacqueline Susann; 1924 country music singer Jim Reeves 1946 journalist Connie Chung.

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Texas Department of Health

Texas Department of Health will be in Eldorado on the following dates in August:

Tuesday - August 25, Clinic 10:30-6:30; Immunizations 2PM-6PM

For more information call 853-2574.

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News from Yesteryear

The September 3, 1964 edition of The Success reports:

"When newly elected football captains Mike McCravey, Bobby Halbert, and Richard Preston lead the Eagles out on the Crane High School field tomorrow night, they will be making some more school history. Reason: it will be the first contest ever between the two teams..."

"This past Monday, Coach Earl Barnet named the following starters for the Eagles: LE Rick Jones, LT Mike McCravey, LG Jimmy Belk, C Bobby Halbert, RG Steve Blaylock, RT Joe Phillips, RE Richard Preston, LHB Pat Childers, RHB Ronnie Griffin, FB Sam Henderson, and QB Scott McGregor."

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Social Security Rep.

A representative of the San Angelo Social Security Office will be in Eldorado on Tuesday, August 25, 1998 at the Community Resource Center, 105 W. Callender, 1:30-2:30.



photo by Kirk Curtis

Helping out a neighbor — Volunteer firefighter Jeff Chancellor helps clean up following a fire at the Page residence located at 304 W. Liveoak on Tuesday. The fire reportedly began when a candle ignited a curtain in the living room of the home. The blaze was quickly extinguished. Firefighters report the dwelling sustained slight damage.

Sales tax rebates reported

State Comptroller John Sharp delivered a total of \$255.8 million in monthly sales tax payments to 1,094 Texas cities and 118 counties this week, a 12.4 percent increase over the \$277.6 million allocated in August 1997.

In that allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$8,112.63, up 4.36 percent over August's payment last year. The city's year to date total is \$52,507.62, down 4.65 percent from the same period one year ago.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate totalled \$9,299.45, up 55.42

percent over August of 1997. Schleicher County has received \$98,788.57 this year to date.

The Schleicher County Health Service tax rebate was \$7,454.55, up 24.04 percent from last year's August totals.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in June and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in July.

Due to the Labor Day holiday, the Comptroller's next sales tax allocation normally delivered on the second Friday of each month, is scheduled for Monday, September 14.

Eldorado Elementary recognized

Eldorado Elementary School was recently listed among the top ten schools in the state in terms of percentage of fourth grade students passing TAAS Mathematics in 1996-97. The list was compiled by the Texas Education Agency.

Brian Brownlow, Elementary Principal at S.C.I.S.D., finds the news a great encouragement to the school, considering it instrumental in the uphill climb of the school.

"It's a credit to the way the teachers at Eldorado Elementary have high expectations of their students," Brownlow said of the honor.

According to Carol V. Francois of the Texas Education Agency, the list came about as part of a study to determine why some schools with high poverty levels can outperform other, more affluent schools.

State Funding Mechanism Tier Two

Tax Rate	Tax Revenue	Tier Two Revenue
1.29	\$2,075,162	\$ -0-
Tax Rate	Additional Tax Revenue	Additional Tier Two Revenue
1.30	\$ 16,086	\$ 60,716
1.31	32,172	91,075
1.32	48,258	121,433
1.33	64,344	151,792
1.34	80,430	182,150
1.35	96,516	212,508
1.36	112,602	242,867
1.37	128,688	273,225
1.38	144,774	303,584
1.39	160,860	333,942
1.40	176,946	364,300
1.41	193,032	394,659
1.42	209,118	425,017
1.43	225,204	455,376
1.4316*	227,777	460,233
1.44	241,290	485,734
1.45	257,376	516,092
1.46	273,462	546,451
1.47	289,548	576,809
1.48	305,634	607,168
1.49	321,720	637,526
1.4979**	334,427	661,508
1.50	337,806	667,884

* denotes 1998 tax rate
** denotes proposed 1999 tax rate

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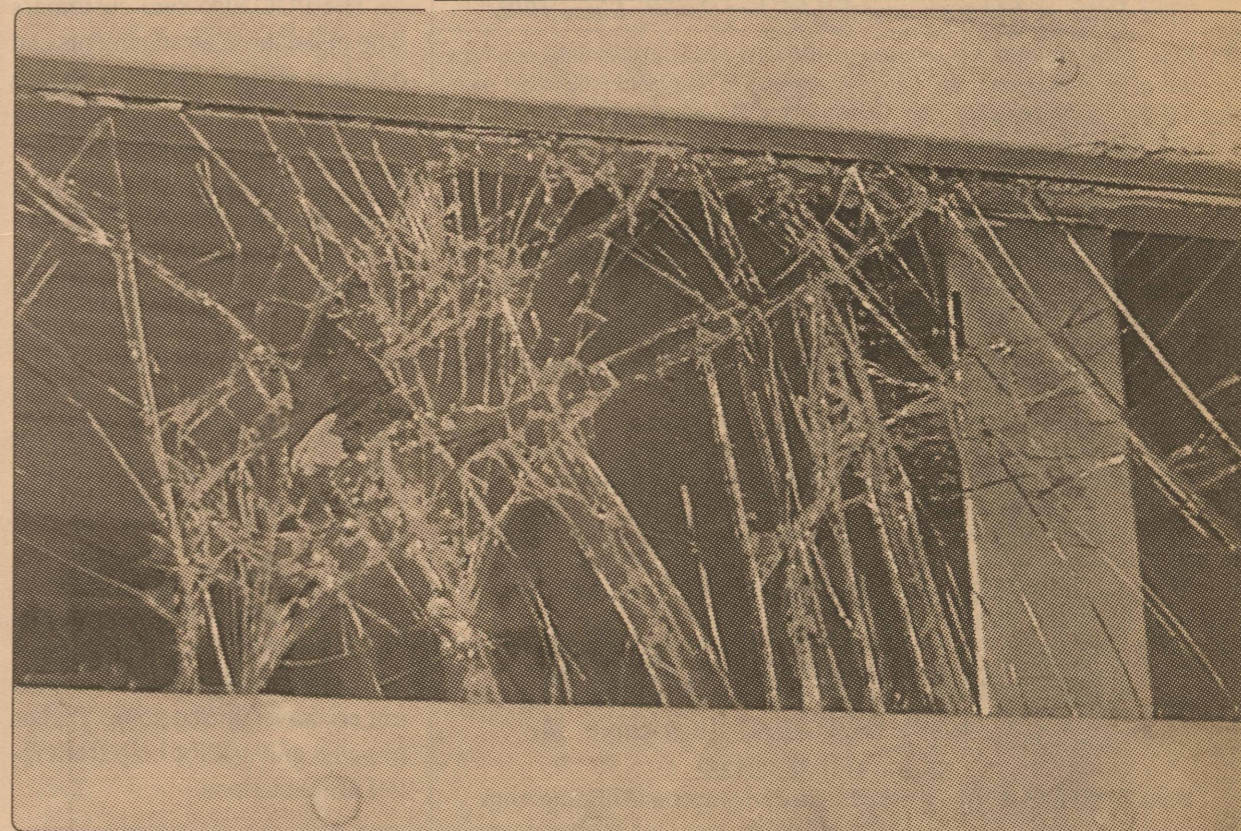
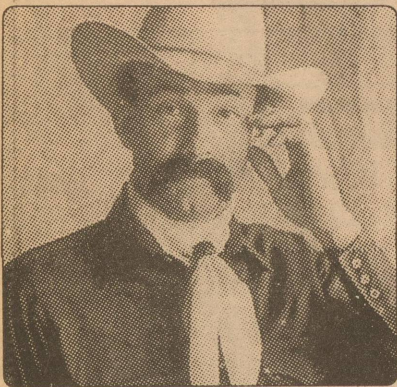
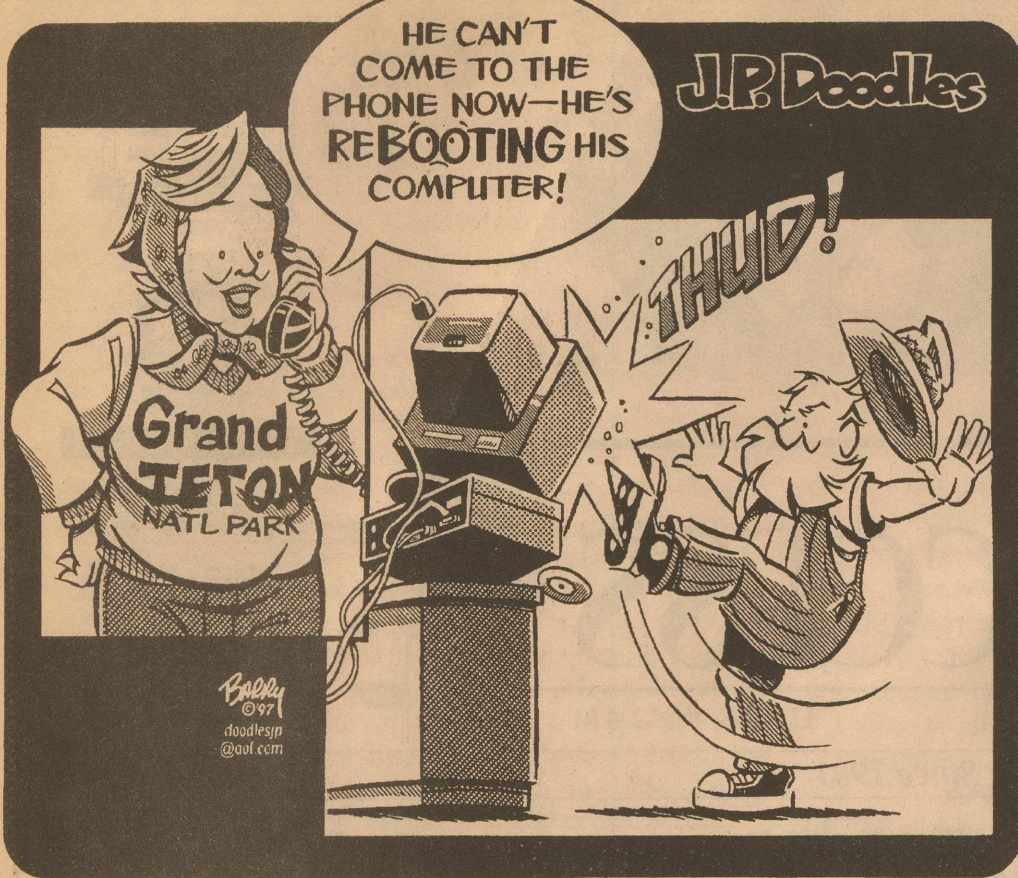


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Breaking and entering — Vandals broke a window, entered Eldorado Elementary School and discharged at least two fire extinguishers in the hallway. The incident was discovered Sunday afternoon and remains under investigation by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department.



BAXTER BLACK

ON THE EDGE OF COMMON SENSE

Salesman's Delima

I had sold a magic bolus to a farmer.
It was guaranteed to rid his herd of flies
It would pass out with the pucky
and if everyone got lucky
It would kill the eggs the flies laid in the pies.

He had bought enough to do a hundred critters.
"These had better work," he said, "They cost enough."
"I can guarantee they'll do it,
I'll come out and take you through it,
You just follow the directions for the stuff."

I drove out and found the farmer nearly finished
But the scene I saw sent shivers up my spine
Was the A.I. tech invited?
Had the farmer grown near sighted?
'Cause a crowd was gathered 'round the cow's behind.

In the middle wearin' goggles and a slicker
Smear'd with green effluent like he'd hit the fan,
Dressed in pre-composted splendor,
Poised at ready to rear-end her,
Stood the farmer with a balling gun in hand.

"How's it goin', boys," I asked with trepidation.
"Well, this bothers some cows more than I'd 'uve thought.
This procedure don't impress her."
I said, "Try a tongue depressor."
But I knew that all his work had been for naught.

So I watched him put the bolus,....I can't say it.
My commission check was goin' up in smoke.
I was gonna take a skinnin'
Then the whole crew started grinnin'
And I realized they'd staged it as a joke!

At the office when I told my boss the story
He got livid, said I'd bolluxed up the sale,
"Now we'll have to go redo'em,
What the heck did you say to em?"
"Nuthin. Since they only had ten left... I held the tail."

I've known for a long time that the scoundrel was guilty. But, no matter how hard anyone tried, they could never pin anything on him. But finally, on Monday night all that changed.

There he was, caught red handed, having to confront the truth. I found myself feeling sorry for him. One by one, he tried to fool me with those same old tricks. But none of them worked.

Neither did that look. You know the look...I'm sure you've seen it, too. First he hangs his head a little, then he peers at you with those droopy eyes. Just then his chin begins to quiver ever so slightly.

Well, that's where I usually give in and say, "Awwww, he's not so bad." And, at this point I would always forgive him. But no more. I've learned my lesson. Monday night did it for me.

I knew from the beginning that he was bad news. In fact, when he first showed up I told Kathy that he wasn't the one for us. But, she wouldn't listen...neither would my daughter, Sarah. They loved him

OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

and didn't understand why I was so hesitant.

He has this way of worming his way into your heart and he did finally win me over. He wasn't my first choice, but he was better than some of the others, I told myself. So what if he wasn't a saint. Who was?

So it was that I began overlooking his...well, let's just call them his little indiscretions.

Everything was fine for awhile but before long the indiscretions began to add up. Then they began to multiply.

Each time he was accused others would clamor to his defense and he, being the sly fox that he was, would shrink back and let them.

I'm not exactly sure when it all started to go wrong for him. He

was doing pretty well, it seemed. Then, somewhere around the first of the year, his world began to unravel. Monday night it came crashing down.

As I watched him, caught like a rat in a trap, I wanted to gloat and tell everyone, "See, I told you so!"

But, there was no need. They had all seen it, too.

So, as he stood there, shifting his weight from foot to foot, still trying to impress me with that look, I leaned down and said, "Bad dog! Bad, bad dog!"

Not only had been caught jumping on the kitchen table, he had chewed up more than one pair of my socks. Now, with water dripping from his still quivering chin, he had been caught in the act...drinking from the toilet.

"Bad dog! Bad, bad dog!" I always knew the scoundrel was guilty and Monday night it was confirmed.

He's been banished from the house but already his supporters have begun to chime in, "Come on now, give him one more chance. He's really sorry, this time!"

Hockey: The Fastest Growing Sport

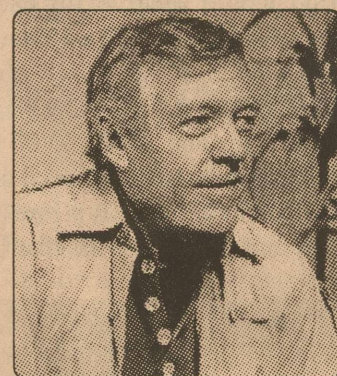
Hockey is the fastest growing sport of the 90's. Ice hockey, roller hockey and in-line skating have experienced phenomenal growth in the past five years. The growth of hockey in non traditional markets, those hot weather areas with little or no hockey history, has been dramatic in recent years.

The Southwest began to discover the joys and thrills of ice hockey in 1996 when the Western Professional Hockey League began its inaugural season.

The sport, which had its start in Montreal, Canada, combines the elements of football, basketball and rodeo. It is probably the fastest sport being played today. Fans of hockey are increasing daily.

In 1995, league officials took numerous surveys to determine which cities in the Southwest lacked a winter identity and could support a professional sports

Rolling Along With



Tumbleweed Smith

team. They thought that hockey could fill the void, just as it has in places like Oklahoma City, Tulsa, Wichita, Charleston, Charlotte and Greensboro, all successful franchises in the Central and East Coast Hockey Leagues.

In most cases, the WPHL discovered pre-existing rivalries

through high school football or minor league baseball. Most have a population base of 100,000 to 1,000,000 people and have modern facilities with a minimum of 6,000 seats. All the target cities were extremely supportive to the possibility of bringing professional ice hockey to their communities. For most of the cities, it would be their first professional team of any sport.

In early 1996, a press conference was held in Austin to announce the league would begin play in October of 1996. The six franchises playing that first season were the Austin Ice Bats, the Waco Wizards, the Central Texas Stampede, the Amarillo Rattlers, the El Paso Buzzards and the New Mexico Scorpions.

Now the league has three divisions: Western, Central and Eastern. The Western division teams are the Abilene Aviators, the Amarillo Rattlers, the El Paso Buzzards,

the New Mexico Scorpions, the Odessa Jackalopes (1998 WPHL Franchise of the Year) and the San Angelo Outlaws.

The Central division teams include the Austin Icebats, the Corpus Christi Ice Rays, the Central Texas Stampede, the Fort Worth Brahmas and the Waco Wizards.

The Eastern division has the Alexandria Warthogs, the Arkansas Glacier Cats, the Lake Charles Ice Pirates, the Monroe Moccasins, the Shreveport Mudbugs and the Tupelo T-Rex.

The latest team to join the league is the Alexandria Warthogs. The team's unique logo features a snarling, stick-wielding warthog. It was created by a firm in Alaska and was released to the media at a press conference held at the Alexandria Museum of Art.

The name Warthog was chosen from over 1,000 names as part of a "Name the Team Contest."

PUC passes measure to prevent electrical power cut-offs

AUSTIN -- State law says it's illegal for a power company to shut off customers' electricity until the National Weather Service cancels the excessive heat advisory presently in effect.

On Aug. 12, the Texas Public Utilities Commission went a step further, passing an emergency rule preventing power companies from cutting off before the end of September customers who have arranged a electricity bill payment plan.

The PUC also said customers who make those arrangements can pay their bills off over a six-month period.

Trouble is, many Texans don't know about the law or they're switching off their air conditioners to avoid huge utility bills. Either way, they could be endangering their health, and that's why the PUC passed the emergency rule.

"What is an emergency is developing into needless tragedy because people aren't getting the message," said PUC Chairman Pat Wood.

PUC officials and consumer advocates reported disconnection notices and late-payment notices mailed or hand-delivered to customers have caused some Texans to panic and ask for help from relief organizations.

AGs Win Collections Settlement
Texas Attorney General Dan Morales and the attorneys general

of other states on Aug. 7 reached a multi-million dollar settlement with General Electric Capital Corporation and Montgomery Ward Credit Corp. regarding unlawful collection of debts from bankrupt customers.

The agreement filed in State District Court in Travis County settles claims that the defendants were collecting debts in violation of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code and state's consumer protection law.

About 6,000 Texas customers can expect to receive about \$4.8 million in refunds.

Among the many requirements listed in the settlement, GECC and Wards must:

- Forgive consumer debt it improperly obtained.
 - Repay about \$70 million to affected customers nationwide, including any interest and fees paid.
- Morales obtained a similar settlement with Sears in September 1997, resulting in about \$1 million in refunds to about 11,000 Texans.

Assistant Attorney General D. Esther Chavez of Morales' Consumer

Protection Division handled the case.

Bush Suspends Law on Hauling

Drought has caused the depletion of pasture forage and hay supplies, creating the need for many Texas ranchers to buy farmers to buy hay from suppliers outside their immediate areas.

But a Texas law requires anyone hauling hay beyond 150 miles of his or her home to obtain a commercial license.

Gov. George W. Bush ordered the temporary suspension of the requirement for 90 days, effective Aug. 5.

"The drought has been devastating for many Texas farmers and ranchers," Bush said. "I hope this action will help farmers and ranchers weather this crisis and get feed to their livestock."

The Texas Disaster Act allows the governor to suspend any regulatory statute that prevents, hinders or delays the response or recovery from a disaster.

Other Capital Highlights

• Figures compiled by the Texas Department of Public Safety show

the number of traffic fatalities dropped in 1997 for the first time in four years. Last year, 3,508 Texans died on Texas roads compared with 3,738 in 1996. That's a decline of 6.2 percent.

• Texas prison officials plan to spend \$100 million for the construction of 2,000 solitary-confinement cells. These "Super Max" cells will be used to isolate violent gang members who recently have become more disruptive.

• Austin police are investigating a death threat against the Texas Funeral Service Commission. The staff of the funeral agency allegedly was threatened by a former apprentice embalmer for a company being fined for alleged violations of state embalming laws.

• Under a program initiated in July by the Texas Department of Insurance, nearly 100 drivers who had trouble obtaining insurance or had none are now covered. The Market Assistance Program assists drivers who live in ZIP codes designated as underserved.

• Nora Linares, former director of the Texas Lottery, has reached an out-of-court settlement in her lawsuit against the lottery operator, Gtech Holdings Corp. Terms of the lawsuit were not specified. Linares sued Gtech after she was fired by the lottery commission in January 1997.

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Avin R. Luedecke

SAN ANTONIO - Maj. Gen. Alvin R. Luedecke (USAF, retired) passed away Sunday, Aug. 9, 1998, in San Antonio after a short illness.

He was born Oct. 1, 1910, in Eldorado. General Luedecke, a veteran of World War II, retired from the U.S. Air Force in 1958 and served as general manager of the U.S. Atomic Energy Commission for nearly five years. He then served as deputy director of the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, overseeing the successful Voyager and Surveyor spacecraft missions. He then served his alma mater, Texas A&M University, in the School of Engineering and later as acting president of the Texas A&M University system. He remained in Bryan but pursued ranching interests in West Texas for a period of time.

General Luedecke was preceded in death by his first wife,

Gussie Lee, and his second wife, Lee Synan. He leaves behind his wife of 11 years, Isabelle; and his three children, Jan Lee Maynard, Miriam Adair Luedecke and Alvin Rouble Luedecke Jr. Six sisters, Thelia Mayo, Corene Draper and Alma Corbell of Eldorado, Elta Redford of Hamilton, Sammie Pruett and Edna King of Hobbs, New Mexico. He also is survived by three grandchildren, one great-grandchild and numerous sisters, nieces and nephews. Additionally, he leaves three stepchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Friday, Aug. 14, in Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with a memorial service on the same day at 11:30 a.m. at Air Force Chapel No. 1 at Air Force Village. Arrangements were by Mission Park South in San Antonio.

Dr. Rachel Ford Spiller

HOUSTON — Dr. Rachel Ford Spiller died August 7, 1998, in Houston, Texas.

Dr. Spiller was born November 25, 1924 in Austin. She attended the University of Texas for two years, then graduated from the UT Medical School-Galveston, with an M.D. in 1948.

Dr. Spiller was the first Resident in Dermatology at Baylor University in Houston, the first woman President of the Houston Dermatological Society, and the first woman President of the Texas Dermatological Society.

She and her husband practiced

Mary Dell Howell

SAN ANTONIO — Mary Dell Howell, age 82, died Sunday, August 9, 1998, at the Southwest Methodist Hospital in San Antonio.

Born in 1916 to homesteaders Sam and Delorah Williams, she grew up on the family's Schleicher County ranch with her three brothers, Floyd, Otto, and Alton. She went to high school in Eldorado and graduated from the Baptist Academy in San Marcos, Texas, as valedictorian of her class.

While in San Marcos, she met her future husband of 48 years, Henry Howell. After attending the University of Texas at Austin, the couple married and lived in San Marcos, Houston, El Paso, where he was a newspaperman. They settled permanently in 1945 in San Antonio where her husband was a well-known newscaster in radio and television.

She had three children, two daughters, Deborah and Pamela, and one son, Ghent. While raising her children, Mary Dell was an active participant in the community of Northside Independent School District. She served as president of the Parent-Teacher Association and was a member of the Marshall High School Band Boosters.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1986, and her son in 1997. She is survived by daughter, Deborah Howell and son-in-law, C. Peter Magrath of Washington, D.C.; daughter Pamela Wagner, grandson Christian Wagner, and granddaughter Amy Wagner, of Austin.

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Relatives from the old country — Martha Henderson (L) of Eldorado and her mother Jewell Roach Bailey (2nd from Right) are joined by their distant cousin Margaret Kelly (Center) and her husband John Kelly (2nd from Left). Margaret and John live in Enniscorthy in County Wexford, Ireland. Also, pictured is Jim Roach (R) of Eldorado

School board considers tax hike

Continued from Page 1

After the vote, the board moved to other business. They unanimously approved a budget amendment which would allow funds to be moved from one category to another in the 1998 budget. They also voted to support a resolution opposing school vouchers.

Next the trustees adopted policies for the district's new AEP (Alternative Education Program) campus. It was noted that students assigned to the AEP program will need 21 credits to graduate. Supt. Hal Porter explained that graduates from the AEP program will not be included in the high school's May graduation program. "They will have a very nice but separate graduation ceremony at the AEP center," Porter explained. "Since the requirements for graduation are lower it was felt that the ceremonies should be kept separate."

"So, those least able to afford a tax increase won't see a tax increase?" trustee Steve Sessom asked.

"That's correct," replied board president Ilse Williams.

"Or, you could say that the ones who are already heavily taxed will pay even more," added Eddie Albin.

When asked about the effect on agricultural land Ray Ballew told the board that the tax on an acre of pasture land would rise 2¢ if the proposed rate of 1.4979 is adopted.

FBC Senior Ambassadors

The First Baptist Church's Senior Ambassadors met Monday night, August 17th, for their regular meeting.

A prayer circle was formed at the meeting, and Jim Broome led the group in prayer.

Mary B. Robinson was the hostess of a sandwich supper with mem-

bers bringing various foods. There were 22 members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Robinson. Minutes were read by Dana Owens, and they were approved.

Mary B. Robinson proposed a thirteen-day trip to Yellowstone and other National Parks for May of 1999. Everything is yet to be detailed after Mary scouts the trip this month.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mabel Blaylock led the group in a game which was enjoyed by all.

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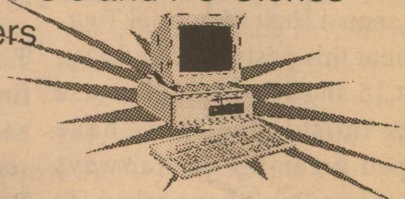
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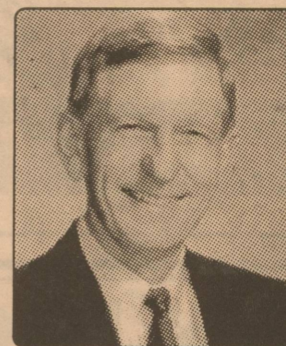
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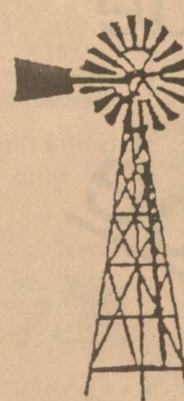
Mary L. Curtis has given hundreds of free drawings and watercolors to the National Wildflower Research Center, the Daughters of the Alamo, the Alaska Rapture Rehabilitation Center, the Alaska Forest Service, the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum and various local charities. Her work is amazing.

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by Mabel Freitag

A great turn-out, as usual, for our annual Hext Memorial Tournament this past week-end, August 15 and 16. Our golf course is beautiful; the rains have helped green-up our fairways and we couldn't have asked for two more beautiful days to play golf in memory of Jack Hext.

We had a total of 51 teams from Menard, Mertzon, Sonora,

San Angelo, Houston, Eldorado, Arizona, and Louisiana.

In the Championship flight, T. Gray and S. Whitten placed first with a score of 116, D. Hill and Miller placed second with a score 117, and J. Scott and J. Bailey placed third with a score of 117.

In the First Flight, Bland and Wallace placed first with a score of 123. In second place was

Cook and Speck with a 123, and Mitchell and Gallagher placed third with a score of 124.

In the second flight, Gaunga and Valdez placed first with a score of 123, and M. Hill and Belman placed second with a 123. In third place was Marshall and Kading with a score of 125.

Vordick and Enriquez placed first in the third flight with a score of 127. McGinnes and Snelson placed second and Plemons and McGregor placed third, both with a score of 128.

All ties in each flight were played off on score cards.

The Largest drive was won by Dennis Wallace on the number 4 hole while the closest to the pin was John Pitts on hole number 5.

The closest to the line was won by Keith Nance on hole number 8, and the largest put made was by Mike Peters on hole number 1.

Our next tournament will be a 2-Lady on September 5th. Get your team together, we are getting a lot of calls. Call Mabel Freitag at 853-2335 to enter.

Meet the Eagles

Eagles head coach Jim Fryar invites the public to meet the Eagles Tuesday, August 25th at 6:00 p.m. in Eagle Stadium. Not only will the Eagles varsity squad be introduced, but so will the Junior Varsity, 8th Grade and 7th Grade teams. Also, the Eagles coaching staff and the Eagles Varsity, Junior Varsity and Middle School cheerleaders will be introduced. As will the EHS Flag Corps and Drum Major.

Refreshments will be from the concession stand. The EHS Booster Club is offering \$10 family memberships and \$25 and up business memberships.

Everyone is encouraged to attend and meet the Eagles!



Teaching proper technique — Coach Bob Wanoreck drilled his 8th grade Eagles in blocking and tackling Tuesday afternoon.




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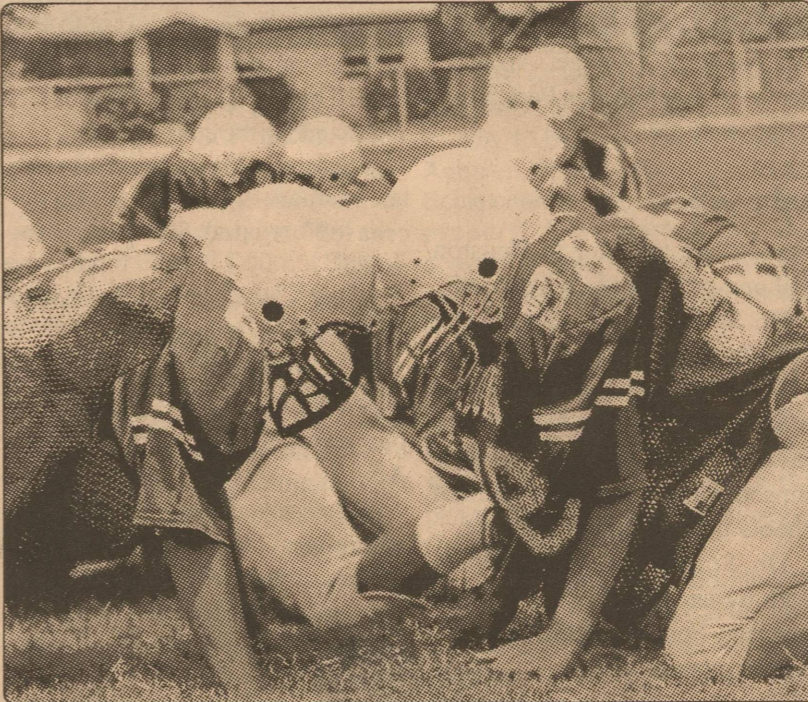
Pizza Pro's Fan of the Week Returns to the Success in two weeks! Watch this Space

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Eagles season tickets go on sale Monday

Season tickets for the '98 EHS football season will go on sale in the high school office beginning Monday, August 24th. There will be 5 home games this year. Reserved section tickets will sell for \$25 for the entire season. General Admission tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students.

Anyone wishing to reserve their season tickets is encouraged to call 853-2549 ext. 221 and speak with Abbie McCormick.



Buttin' heads — Two 8th grade Eagles practiced Tuesday afternoon in preparation for the upcoming football season.

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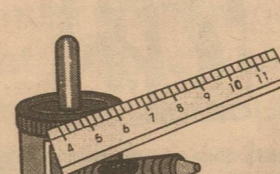
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- Cafeteria Line
- Monday, August 24th**
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Tuesday, August 25th**
Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Combread, Lemon Pudding
- Wednesday, August 26th**
Sausage & Cheese Pizza, Tossed Salad, Peach Halves, Jello/Topping
- Thursday, August 27th**
Fried Chicken/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Harvest Cake/Icing
- Friday, August 28th**
Hero Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Orange Halves.
- Breakfast
- Monday, August 24th**
Peach Halves, Pancakes/Syrup
- Tuesday, August 25th**
Sliced Pineapple, Breakfast Pizza
- Wednesday, August 26th**
Orange Juice, Biscuits/Gravy/Steak Fingers
- Thursday, August 27th**
Apple Juice, Cinnamon Roll
- Friday, August 28th**
Sliced Apples, Eggs/Toast/Jelly
- Fast Food Line
- Monday, August 24th**
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Tuesday, August 25th**
Chili Crisпитos, French Fries, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Lemon Pudding
- Wednesday, August 26th**
Turkey Sandwiches, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Jello/Topping
- Thursday, August 27th**
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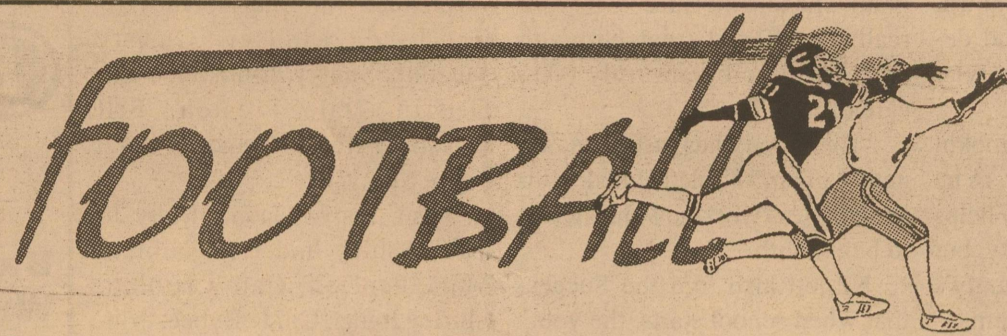
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Varsity Football Schedule**

Date	Time	Opponent	Place
8/21	6:00 pm	Sterling City - scr.	There
8/27	5:30 pm	Llano - scr.	Here
9/4	8:00 pm	Bangs	Here
9/11	8:00 pm	Menard	There
9/18	8:00 pm	Iraan	There
9/25	8:00 pm	Rocksprings**	Here
10/2	8:00 pm	Reagan County	Here
10/9	8:00 pm	Wall*	There
10/16	8:00 pm	Junction*	There
10/23	8:00 pm	Ozona*	Here
10/30	8:00 pm	Forsan*	There
11/6	8:00 pm	Sonora*	Here

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Methodists' "Ministry on Wheels" fills need in Eldorado

by Kirk Curtis

A steaming bowl of soup has always been associated with the comfortable retreat of being home—an escape from the troubles of the world.

Recently, The First United Methodist Church, a 'home' to many Eldorado Christians, has been operating a soup kitchen on the weekends for elderly residents.

Miraculously, this program was not established as the result of intense planning or design. It quite literally just... "happened".

In the beginning, Jerri Holley had a catering business, and she would cook a little extra on Friday night or early Saturday morning. Jerri would then deliver the meals to local shut-ins on Saturday.

And thus, "Ministry on Wheels", as it has come to be called, was born.

Now, the program has more than 40 volunteers who cook meals, which include soup, cornbread, and desserts, and deliver them to Eldoradoans who cannot cook for themselves.

FUMC pastor George Lumpkin is ecstatic over the program, as he realizes the program not only helps the people of the community, but also enhances Schleicher County's current meal delivery program.

Recently it was discovered that Schleicher County's "Meals for Friends" program is suffering from low funding, mainly due to lower than expected client donations. The county's program delivers hot meals five days a week, while the

"Ministry on Wheels" program covers the other two days of the week.

Cherie Niblett currently serves as chairperson for the church's program. She told the Success that she really never had to search for volunteers; the program truly takes care of itself.

"Everybody has just pulled together great," Niblett stated, "It is actually less work now than it was to begin with."

Niblett also told the Success that when school starts, the youth group will begin to deliver meals, pointing out that it becomes extra special to the elderly when kids make the deliveries.

Other volunteers for the program include Brian and Debbie Brownlow, Elton and Mary

McGinnes, Teresa Baker, Julie Holley, Jackie Napier, Cindy McGinnes, Myrta Rathbone, Buff and June Whitten, Charlotte Steele, Carrie Hill, Marian Overstreet, Jim and Nelva Martin, Linda Lindsey, Christy Meador, Sherry Johnson, Julie Griffin, Dale Preston, Bill Dykstra, Pete and Frances Peters, Joyce Speck.

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- ** Early Release
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Aug. 11 - Sept. 25 31 Days
- 2nd Six Weeks
Sept. 28 - Nov. 6 29 Days
- 3rd Six Weeks
Nov. 9 - Dec. 18 27 Days
- 4th Six Weeks
Jan. 4 - Feb. 12 29 Days
- 5th Six Weeks
Feb. 15 - Apr. 1 29 Days
- 6th Six Weeks
Apr. 6 - May 21 33 Days

Cloud seeding effort continues

by Cindy Cawley

Some areas of Schleicher County have been blessed with clouds and rain in the past few weeks.

At a meeting on Tuesday, August 11th in San Angelo, the West Texas Weather Modification Association members listened to pilots describe their seeding missions in Schleicher County. A combination top seeding and base seeding were used on the storm system that came through our area on August 4th.

On August 5th, however, the pilot explained that the clouds were

efficient, i.e. the cloud system was going to produce all the rain possible without intervention of seeding material.

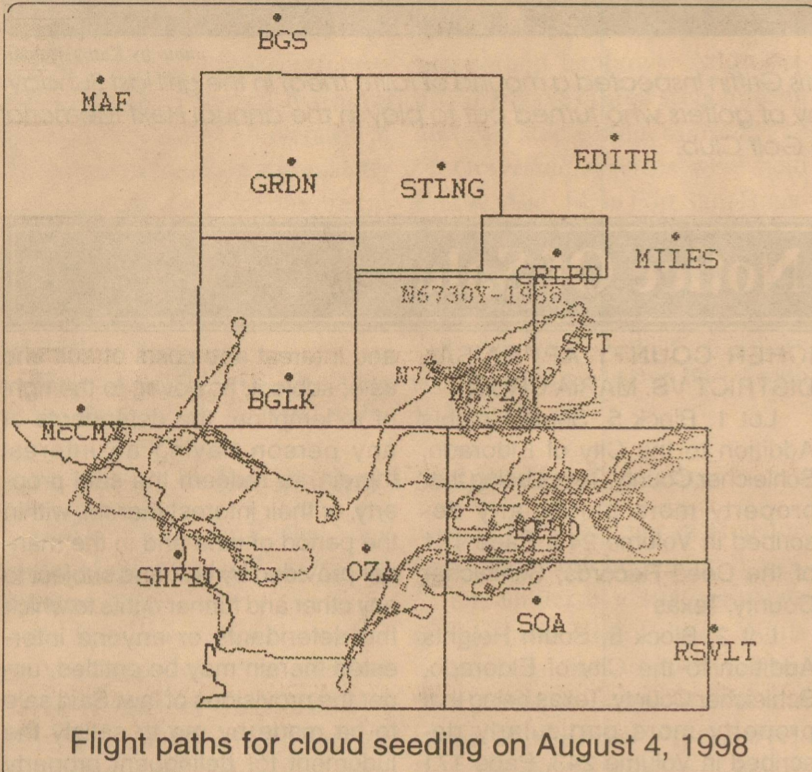
Flight paths showing exactly where the planes flew, flares fired and generators used are available on the internet at <http://home1.gte.net/wtwma/> Also available at that address are current and archived weather radar images.

Copies of flight paths can also be seen at the Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District Office, Schleicher County Annex Building. For more information, please call 853-2121.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Clownin' around — Brenda and George Lumpkin entertained young and old alike at the annual Ministerial Alliance Ice Cream Social and Gospel Sing-a-long held on the courthouse square last week.



Flight paths for cloud seeding on August 4, 1998



photo by Kathy Mankin

In the good ol' summertime — Hungry patrons filed through the serving line at the Eldorado Ministerial Alliance's annual Ice Cream Social held on the courthouse lawn last week.

Utility assistance available

ABILENE — West Texas Utilities Company is providing \$100,000 in emergency funds to assist customers hardest hit by the summer heat wave. The company is also working on an individual basis with customers who are having problems paying their electric bills.

The company's emergency contribution will be to 13 West Texas agencies associated with the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs. The donation will boost the money available for short-term assistance to WTU customers facing financial hardship. These various agencies working through WTU's 52 county service area will be administering the emergency contribution locally. The Tom Green County Community Action Council is currently serving Schleicher County.

Already this summer, WTU has set five all-time company records for power demand by customers. The latest came on August 3, when afternoon peak demand was 1,591,000 kilowatts in a single hour. A kilowatt hour is the amount of energy needed to power ten 100-watt light bulbs for one hour. On July 7, WTU set an all-time record for energy usage over a 24-hour period with 30,806,000 kilowatt-

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E.H.S. Parent - Teacher Conferences scheduled

Eldorado High School will host a two day Parent/Teacher Conference in order to visit with all of the students parents.

Times have been chosen in order to allow parents more flexibility to attend this conference around their work schedule.

The conferences are scheduled for:

MONDAY, AUGUST 31, 1998 from 7:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M or 12:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 1998 from 1:00 P.M. - 7:00 P.M. MEMORIAL BUILDING

Monday's 7:30 A.M. meeting time was chosen in order to assist those parents who may want to meet before they must go to work. The designated times for both days were selected so that parents may have some flexibility in their work schedules to meet with teachers. A private room will be available for those teachers and parents who wish to visit privately.

The high school counselor will

be present to answer questions and to make available various material including information about financial aid for students nearing graduation, various testing options for all students, and graduation requirements and 4-Year Plans for freshmen and sophomores. Spanish translation will be available.

The teachers of Eldorado High School hope each parent of a High School student will take this opportunity to ask questions and get to know who instructs their children.

It's a boy!

Allen and Sharon Lemons are proud to announce the birth of their first grandson, Jarit Allen Lemons.

Jarit was born August 10, at 7:59 a.m. in Hobbs, N.M. He weighed 8.5 lbs and was 21 inches long.

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<p>Family Friday Large 1-topping pizza \$5⁹⁹ + tax</p>		<p>Super Saturday 2 medium 2-topping pizzas only \$8⁹⁹ + tax</p>	
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LCRA seeks court intervention against pipeline

AUSTIN — An oil pipeline which passes through Schleicher County is being converted to transport gasoline. That has drawn criticism from Mark Rose, general Manager of the Lower Colorado River Authority. Rose told reporters at a news conference on Thursday, August 13, the pipeline which passes through the Colorado River watershed, "poses perhaps the biggest threat ever to the water supplies of nearly 1 million people of the region."

"The pipeline cuts through the heart of the lower Colorado River basin, crossing aquifers, creeks, rivers, and other environmentally sensitive areas, and we want to be sure it will operate safely," Rose said.

"When the pipeline carried crude oil, it spilled at least five times that we know about, in our watershed. Gasoline is much more dangerous to the environment than crude oil and could quickly poison

drinking water supplies in the event of a spill," he said.

"The LCRA is not opposed to the project at this point, but since most of the project was built nearly half a century ago, we want assurances it will not harm our waters," Rose said. "Right now, we do not have that assurance because the facts have not been put on the table and the environmental studies have not been done."

Concerned about the threat to the Colorado and its tributaries, the LCRA has filed a request in U.S. District Court in Austin to intervene in an existing lawsuit filed by private landowners against the owners and operators of the Longhorn Pipeline. The LCRA is requesting a thorough federal environmental impact study before the pipeline can be used to ship gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel. The City of Austin also has intervened in the lawsuit against the pipeline.

The pipeline crosses the Colorado River or tributaries at 13 locations in LCRA's water service area in Fayette, Bastrop, Travis, Hays, Blanco, Gillespie, Llano, Mason, Kimble, Menard, and Schleicher counties.

The pipeline enters northwest Schleicher County and travels in a southeasterly direction, passing three miles south of Eldorado. The pipeline leaves the county at a point near where the four corners of Schleicher, Menard, Kimble and Sutton counties converge.

The LCRA believes the U.S. government should require an environmental impact statement before the pipeline is allowed to operate because the pipeline is a major project that requires significant action by the government in terms of permits and right-of-way, Rose said.

"This project has been a step-child in the regulatory world. No federal agency seems to have the responsibility of overseeing the project or providing public scrutiny," Rose said. "The LCRA and other public and private landowners were not informed of the project by anyone, and we have not been given an impartial assessment of the project's overall environmental impact or safety."

The Longhorn Pipeline initially was built in 1950 as a 450-mile line to transport crude oil from Crane in West Texas, to refineries on the Texas Gulf Coast. All but 50 miles of the 450-mile line lie within the Colorado River watershed. The pipeline was sold in 1995 by Exxon Pipeline Co., Williams Pipeline Co., Amoco Pipeline Co., and the Beacon Group.

The new owners are building a 250-mile extension from Crane to El Paso, and plan to convert the entire pipeline for a different use—to transport gasoline, jet fuel, and diesel from the Texas coast to markets in El Paso and other parts of the southwestern U.S. It could begin operating this fall.

Gasoline is a concern because it contains hazardous chemicals such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylenes. Gasoline is thinner and lighter than crude oil and is more likely to seep into soil and groundwater sources if the pipeline leaks. Gasoline disperses more quickly than crude oil and is difficult to remove from groundwater sources such as aquifers. The gasoline in the pipeline may also contain an additive called MTBE, which helps the gasoline burn cleaner. It also makes gasoline much more soluble in water, making it even more difficult to contain a spill.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Is it done yet — Cy Griffin and Curtis Griffin inspected a mound of fajita meat in the grill last Sunday. The pair were cooking for an army of golfers who turned out to play in the annual Hext Memorial Tournament held at the Eldorado Golf Club.

BIRTHDAYS

- August
20th Katey Blair, Brent Moore, Craig Gutierrez, D.J. Criswell, Keith Corley
21st Mary Etta Strickland, Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Winona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swatzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz
23rd Benita Fuentes, Charlotte Crain, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Raleigh Buntyn, Douglas Ussery
24th Jessica Lozano, Steven Valero, Tara Whitten, W.H. Clifton, Jackson O'Harrow, Larry Smith
25th Marcy Glidden, Casey Kidd, Judy Jones, Bently Kennedy, Chris Phillips
26th Jewell Millers, Bob Bailey, Monica Nicole Estrada, J'Lynn Barajas, Ramiro Barajas Sr., Donice Jarrett, Kenny Covarrubiaz, Gregoria Lozano, Scott McCutcheon, J. Lynn Barajas
27th Tiffany Case, Dena Lloyd, John Edward Meador, Douglas Ward, Jody York, Leah Wolfe, Lupe Fuentes, W.F. Edmiston, MaryLou Covarrubiaz, Roxanne Arispe
28th Curtis Short, Norman Kohls, Clea Koenig, Beau Sallee, Russ Dacy, Shalena Allen, Kelsey Tutt, Robin Beach, Rick Sterling
29th Ernesto Ruiz, Eddie Albin, Tracey Richards, Mandy Daniels, Brandy Nixon, Andrew Sauer, Lynn Long, Paige Franklin

ANNIVERSARIES

- August
20th Herman & Deanne Walker
24th Nicky & Fred Case, Gus & Jerrilyn Ward
25th James and Lee Gillaspay, Jack & Pat Moore
28th Kirk & Anita Jones, Red & Debbie Griffin, Wiley & Esther Bunton



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

- 8/11/98 Gill, Matthew Wayne, male age 32, hold for Irion Co., charged with Driving While License Suspended. Released on \$500 Surety Bond.
8/12/98 Waggoner, Bruce Carlton, male age 43, hold for Tom Green County, charged with Theft.
Garza, Oralia, female age 23, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Motion To Revoke (Tom Green County). Released to Tom Green County.
8/15/98 Fuentes, Lee Roy, male age 20, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Minor In Possession. Released on Citation.
Torres, Luis Manuel, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Making Alcohol Available to a Minor. Released \$1,000 Bond.
Garza, Francisco, Jr., male age 17, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Minor In Possession. Released on Citation.
8/16/98 Arredondo, Alonso, male age 20, arrested by DPS Officer,

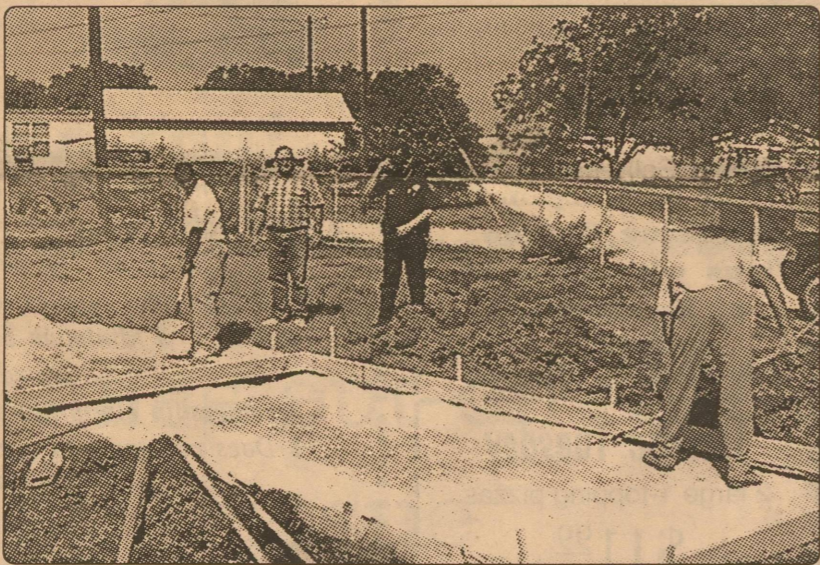


photo by Kathy Mankin
In the doghouse — Two Schleicher County inmates were supervised by DPS Trooper Robert Bybee and Sheriff David Doran last as they worked to construct a new kennel for Bybee's drug dog, Jada.

charged with No Driver's License. Released on \$213 Fine.

8/17/98 Rocha, Rosalio, male age 55, arrested SC Officer, charged with Assault Class "A". Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

REPORTS

8/13/98 Traffic Hazard - 2 Trucks parked in Middle of Hwy 277. One does not have proper back lighting. Caller advises that gas plant will be emitting a large flare that could be confused for a fire 10 miles North on Hwy. 277.
Assault on Cottonwood - Complainant advises an unknown subject assaulted him outside his apartment when he went outside and confronted the subject for prowling outside his window.

Complainant described subject as a white male 5ft 9in - 5ft 11in, stocky build with well trimmed beard and collar length dark brown hair. Wearing Denim shirt and jeans, subject left scene in a late model stretch cab gold or sandy tan colored. Complainant complained of injuries but refused ambulance.

8/14/98 Theft - Complainant reported he had plugged a well in North Schleicher County on May 21, 1998 that is located on a ranch. On August 13, 1998 complainant hired a trucking company out of Mertzon to haul some his equipment off the location, at which time he was notified some of the 2 inch tubing was missing. Complainant reported that 160 joints of 2 inch tubing, valued at \$7,000 was taken from that location. Theft occurred sometime between May 21 and August 13.

Burglary - Complainant reported that property that they had leased had been broken into. Information was given to investigating officer. Complainant was not sure if anything was taken.

Welfare Concern - Complainant requested an officer to check the airport for a aircraft that might have landed due to weather.

Complainant reported a bank alarm tripped. Officer was dispatched to scene. Key holders were notified, also security company. Officer reported all OK.

Complainant reported a party on 190 West. Complainant stated that there were juveniles running out in the road. Officer responded to call.

8/15/98 Assault - Complainant advises her son was at a party at a residence off of Big Lake Hwy when two males at the party assaulted him. Complainant refused EMS.

Burglary on South Main - Complainants reported a possible burglary. Items taken meat.

Burglary on E. Warner - Complainant requested an officer about possible burglary.

Subject came into office to file an assault complaint against husband. Complaint charge was filed and signed in front of Justice of the Peace. Warrant was issued.

Complainant reported a possible drunk driver heading North on Hwy 277. Subject had outstanding DPS warrants.

Vehicle accident - Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Colpitts. Officer responded.

Complainant at local convenience store stated that one of the ovens was on fire.

Complainant reported that someone driving an orange Eclipse nearly hit them.

8/16/98 Criminal Mischief - Complainant reported that there had been some damage done to trees at Centennial Park. Officer responded to call. Officer reported that a group of juveniles had used the mesquite trees to make a fort.

Criminal Mischief - Complainant reported a break in at the Elementary building. Officer responded and reported that 2 fire extinguishers were discharged and 1 window was broken.

Notice Of Sale

NOTICE OF SALE
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF SCHLEICHER
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
DATED August 4, 1998, and issued pursuant to a judgment decree of the District Court of Schleicher County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said Court, I have on August 4, 1998, seized, levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in September, 1998, the same being the 1st day of said month at the Court-house door of said County, in the City of Eldorado, between the hours 10:00 o'clock P.M. on said day, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all of the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suit in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Schleicher and the State of Texas, to-wit:
CAUSE NO. DT-192, SCHLE-

ICHER COUNTY APPRAISAL
DISTRICT VS. MARIA CRUZ;
Lot 1, Block 5, South Heights Addition to the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 243, Page 171 of the Deed Records, Schleicher County, Texas
Lot 2, Block 5, South Heights Addition to the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 243, Page 171 of the Deed Records, Schleicher County, Texas
Lot 3, Block 5, South Heights Addition to the City of Eldorado, Schleicher County, Texas being that property more particularly described in Volume 243, Page 171 of the Deed Records, Schleicher County, Texas;
or upon the written request of said defendants or their attorney, a sufficient portion thereof to satisfy said judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties

and interest and costs of suit and sale; subject, however, to the right of redemption, the defendants or any person having an interest therein, to redeem the said property, or their interest therein, within the period of time and in the manner provided by law, and subject to any other and further rights to which the defendants or anyone interested therein may be entitled, under the provisions of law. Said sale to be made by me to satisfy the judgment for delinquent property taxes and accrued penalties and interest rendered in the above styled and numbered cause, together with interest thereon and costs of suit and sale, and the proceeds of said sale to be applied to the satisfaction thereof, and the remainder, if any, to be applied as the law directs.
DATED August 4, 1998, at Eldorado, Texas
By David Doran, SHERIFF, Schleicher County, Texas

Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Schleicher County Independent School District will hold a public hearing on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll by 4.63 percent. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The public hearing will be held on August 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room.

FOR the proposal: Ilse Williams, Berta Nicholson, Steve Sessom, Phil McCormick, William Edmiston
AGAINST the proposal: Eddie Albin
PRESENT and not voting:
ABSENT: Ruby Minor

The following table compares taxes on an average home in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average home this year. Again, your individual taxes may be higher or lower, depending on the taxable value of your property.

	Last Year	Last Year
Average residence homestead value	\$19,070	\$19,300
General exemptions available (amount available on the average homestead, not including senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$19,070	\$19,300
Average Taxable value	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Tax rate	\$1.4320	\$1.4979
Tax	\$ -0-	\$ -0-

Under this proposal, taxes on the average homestead would not change when compared to last year's taxes. Comparing tax rates without adjusting for changes in property value, the tax rate would increase by \$0.0659 per \$100 of taxable value or 4.60 percent compared to last year's tax rate. These tax rate figures are not adjusted for changes in the taxable value of property.

Farm Service Agency News

Jan Wanoreck, CED of the Schleicher/Sutton County Farm Service Agency announced today a new effort to match farmers and ranchers suffering from hay shortages with producers having surpluses.

"Some areas have surpluses and some have severe shortages," said Wanoreck. "This is a new and exciting way to get producers in both situations in touch with each other."

Hay Net is a national clearinghouse for producers with shortages or surpluses of hay. Farmers and ranchers are encouraged to sign up and register their hay situation at the Schleicher County FSA Office. FSA will use its nationwide computer network to share the informa-

tion. Producers in need of hay will be provided with lists of the closest producers with hay to spare, and vice versa, allowing them to contact each other and make arrangements.

"I'm very pleased to be a part of this effort," said Wanoreck. "It's a great tool for getting badly needed hay to people who need it as quickly and efficiently as possible. I encourage everybody to participate who can, and to come in as soon as possible. The more people sign up, the better the system will work."

Hay Net will remain in operation for six months. Further information on Hay Net is available at the Schleicher County FSA Office, 510 S. Divide, 853-3535, ext. 100.

Perry plans drought workshop

AUSTIN — Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry announced that the Texas Department of Agriculture will host a workshop on Wednesday, August 26, in San Angelo aimed at providing valuable information to drought-stricken farmers. Topics will include the disaster loan application process, resuming production following the drought and working with local banks for new agricultural loans.

The workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. at the Texas A&M Center, 7887 Hwy 87 N., in San Angelo. The seminar is free and open to all agricultural producers in the area.

"Reliable information is a critical tool for farmers to ensure they make it through this drought and remain a part of Texas agriculture,"

Perry said. "I encourage every producer in the area to attend this workshop so they can be better prepared for the coming months."

Perry notes the Texas A&M University System, Texas Tech University, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency will be working with TDA to assist producers at these workshops.

All 254 counties in Texas have been declared an agricultural disaster because of drought. The designation allows farmers in each county to apply for low-interest loans from the USDA Farm Service Agency.

In addition to providing background on the disaster assistance process, the workshop will offer essential information on resuming production following a drought. Ideas on managing farmland, pastures, and water resources will be shared by leading specialists.

Area banking representatives will be on hand to assess the drought's impact on lending practices as well as the effects on agricultural loans for the 1999 crop year.

The San Angelo workshop is one of 10 being held statewide throughout the month of August. TDA workshops are being held in Lamesa, Stamford, Navasota, Weslaco, Victoria, Uvalde, Tyler, Plainview, and Waco.

For more information on the TDA workshops, contact Katie Dickie Stavinoha, TDA special assistant for Producer Relations, at (512) 463-7593.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Timber! These mesquite trees in Centennial Park were cut down recently and used to build a child's "fort". Sheriff David Doran is investigating the incident.

Recycle day at Wall Co-op Gin

The Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) is offering rural Texans the opportunity to dispose of empty plastic pesticide containers, used tires (tires less than 24.5-inch rim diameter), used motor oil, oil filters, lead acid batteries, and metal wire free of charge.

The Texas Country Clean Up campaign has sponsored 42 one-day collection events throughout rural areas of the state this year. The collection will take place from 8:00 a.m. - noon. The purpose of the clean up campaign is to offer rural areas the same recycling opportunities as metropolitan areas.

Empty plastic pesticide containers must be clean, triple-rinsed or high-pressure rinsed to be ac-

cepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted. Tires will not be accepted from businesses that change or collect tires for a fee. Also, there is a 50-tire limit per participant.

Collection days across the state this year have been extremely successful. In 42 cleanups this year, 1,303 participants recycled 46,955 empty plastic pesticide containers, 9,918 tires, 34,468 gallons of used motor oil, 54,060 used oil filters, and 2,108 used lead acid batteries.

The collection will be held Friday, August 28 in Wall at the Wall Co-Op Gin #1, 8 miles east of San Angelo on Hwy. 87.

For more information, please contact your Schleicher County Extension Agent at 201 SW Main, 853-2132.

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Wildlife officials express concern over tainted deer corn

AUSTIN—Hunters looking for a bargain on deer corn this fall may be getting more than they bargained for, say state wildlife officials concerned about the threat to many game and nongame animals from grains tainted with a harmful biological toxin.

Aflatoxins are potent biologi-

cal toxins produced by fungi of the genus *Aspergillus* and can be found on any high starch food item, like corn or other grains that are grown under drought conditions or are stored in hot and humid conditions. Animals ingesting corn containing aflatoxins are susceptible to liver damage and other diseases as the toxins suppress their immune response.

While there is no mandatory testing for aflatoxin, Federal Drug Administration rules do not allow corn tested at more than 20 ppb (parts per billion) of aflatoxin to be fed to dairy cattle, and Texas law requires corn containing more than 20 ppb to be labeled with the concentrations found in testing. Corn exceeding the allowable levels of aflatoxin for livestock is often sold as DEER CORN in untagged sacks to unsuspecting hunters.

Wildlife officials fear poor crop production this year, combined

with stressful storage conditions, are ripe for aflatoxin, and could result in an abundance of tainted deer corn on the market. "Because there's not as much clean corn available this year, prices may escalate," said Jerry Cooke, program director for upland-wildlife ecology with Texas Parks and Wildlife (TPW).

"Land managers and hunters who implement supplemental feeding programs for wildlife, or who simply use corn as bait, will likely be looking out for good deals. When I buy corn or other grains for wildlife use, I don't buy anything that hasn't been tested and proven to contain less than 100 parts per billion aflatoxin. If it doesn't have a tag, I won't buy it, period."

"You've got to remember that just because you intend to feed it to deer, doesn't mean that only deer will be eating it," said Cooke. "There are many other species that

will have access to that feed, and few of the other species are as hardy as deer."

According to recent research conducted by the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Unit (SECWDU) in Athens, Georgia, white-tailed deer fawns fed a diet of corn having 800 ppb of aflatoxin began to show clinical signs of liver damage after only a few weeks of being on the diet. Eastern wild turkeys fed a diet of corn with 125 ppb of aflatoxin showed liver lesions after only three weeks. Chickens and quail are known to be more susceptible to aflatoxins than are turkeys.

Samples processed in 1996 from across the country by SECWDU showed corn labeled as deer corn routinely contained 90-98 ppb aflatoxins.

In 1996, Texas unlabeled deer corn tested as high as 450 ppb and there is good indications that aflatoxins may be more prevalent and in higher concentrations this year than in 1996. Nearly all the corn tested this year (in dry land fields primarily in East Texas) has been positive for aflatoxins.

"Another problem with aflatoxins are that they are concentrated in individual kernels, rather than being spread uniformly throughout a sack, and a bird eating one kernel might ingest an extremely high level of toxins despite a moderate test average for the whole load from which the sack came," Cooke explained. "Levels of aflatoxins may also continue to increase in tainted corn that is stored in a hot, humid place."

Cooke cited several examples of situations where aflatoxins could flourish, such as in deer feeders, when corn is packed in plastic bags, or when sacked corn is stacked in the open as it often is for DEER CORN at many stores.

"These situations can result in significantly higher concentrations of the toxin in a relatively short period of time. If I were using deer corn, I would take precautions to limit the potential for aflatoxin. I don't buy unlabeled corn, I don't use poorly constructed feeders which can allow corn to become wet, I don't pour large piles of corn onto the ground, and I store it like I intended to eat it myself," says Cooke.

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Eldorado Spotlight

Students in summer school with members of the Boy Scout Order of the Arrow from San Angelo. Students are, from left to right, Sandra Guzman, Stacey Ferguson, Anna Marie Codova, Tony Vasquez, Armando Moreno, and Junior Estrada. Indian dancers are from L-R, Jay Medina (drummer), Rick Medina, T.K. Brawner, Luke Burnett and Louis Torres. The dancers came to end an unit on Indians.

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