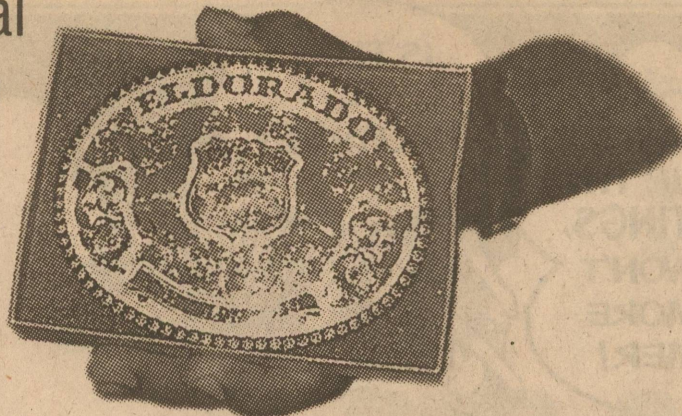


Schleicher County Days '99

30th Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo slated for weekend

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Welcome to school — Edward Hernandez was greeted by pre-kindergarten teacher Gerilyn Beach Tuesday morning as local students headed back to school for the fall semester.

F.Y.I.

For Your Information

That's a Lot of Food

In a single school year, more than a half a billion cafeteria meals are served. Of the 389 million lunches served, 222 million were free, 35 million were reduced price and 132 million were paid for at full price.

Of the 140 million breakfasts served, 109 million were provided free, 11 million were reduced price and 20 million were paid for at full price.

Each day during the 1998-99 school year, on average, 2.2 million students, or 57.8 percent, ate lunch in 6,377 cafeterias statewide, and 6,241 school cafeterias served breakfast to about 800,000 students, or 16.1 percent of those enrolled in school.

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On This Date

On this date in 1851 - Isaac Singer, of New York City, patented the double-treadle sewing machine. In 1865 Joseph Lister became the first doctor to use disinfectant during surgery. In 1877 Thomas A. Edison finished completed work on the world's first phonograph. In 1982 the Dow Jones Industrial Average hit bottom this day, closing at 776.92. The next morning, a bull market began that lasted until the 500-point crash of 1987.

Birthdays of note include: 1849 artist Abbott Thayer, he created the camouflage pattern for military use; 1881 epic movie director Cecil B. DeMille; 1929 - country singer Buck (Alvis Edgar) Owens; 1930 country singer Porter Wagoner; 1971 tennis champion Pete Sampras.

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Free Things To Send For

Information on how to help build the World War II Memorial can be obtained by calling toll free at 1-800-639-4WWW

For information on how to choose a good nursing home contact the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging at 1-800-675-9253

Win America's Savviest Home Manager Contest and a trip to the Islands of the Bahamas. You may call 1-888-FSI-0881. Contest deadline is Sept. 15, 1999.

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Odds and Ends

Did you know, that besides being a monarch and ruler of the British empire, Queen Victoria was also the mother of nine children and filled 110 albums with family photographs

About six million cars are registered in the 5-county area of Los Angeles. That's one car for every two people, the highest ratio in the world.

Open House planned by EMS

The Schleicher County Volunteer Emergency Medical Service will be hosting an Open House on Friday, August 13th from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. in their new headquarters on East Murchison Ave., adjacent to the Fire Hall. The EMS staff and volunteers encourage everyone to stop by and see their new facility. Refreshments will be served.

Schleicher Co. Day & Rodeo planned for this weekend

Eldorado's traditional end of summer celebration is planned for this weekend when Schleicher County Days and the Eldorado Open Rodeo will be held. Festivities will begin Friday evening with the opening performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo. The show starts at 8:00 p.m. and tickets are only \$6. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

The 1999 Rodeo Queen and Rodeo Princess will be crowned during the performance. As usual, a dance is planned on the slab at the rodeo grounds and will begin immediately after the Rodeo.

A pancake breakfast will open Saturday's activities as Schleicher County Medical Center will be flipping flapjacks on the south side of the courthouse square. The Schleicher County Day/Rodeo Parade will wind its way through town beginning at 9:30 a.m. Parade entries are asked to assemble near the EHS tennis courts at 9:00 a.m. Anyone interested in participating in the parade is encouraged to contact parade chairman Jerry Jones.

Awards are planned for the best parade entries.

Beginning at 9:00 a.m. craft and food booths will open on the courthouse square. Anyone interested in having Schleicher County Day booth is encouraged to contact Connie Andrews at 853-2576.

The Schleicher County Historical Society will announce its Pioneer Family award recipients at 11:00 a.m. on the outside stage near the courthouse. This year's honorees are Charlene Mund Edmiston and Ed Meador.

Throughout the day, live entertainment will echo from the free stage as several groups take turns providing music. Festival-goers will be able to spend the spare time between events meandering through the many food and craft booths which will dot the courthouse lawn.

The second performance of the Eldorado Open Rodeo will begin Saturday evening at 8:00 p.m. Trophy Buckles will be awarded after each event.

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Public notice law & internet website advise citizens of whereabouts of sexual offenders

A public notice in this week's Eldorado Success (see page 8) is the first published in Schleicher County since the creation of the Texas Sexual Offender Database. Under a new law, adopted by the state legislature two years ago, sexual offenders convicted after Sept. 1, 1997 must register with local law enforcement whenever moving into a community, or changing addresses within a community.

Another provision of the law requires the offender's address, age and the offense for which they were convicted be published twice

in a local newspaper. However, the offender's name is not released.

But, the sexual offender's name is available to the public through the Texas Sexual Offender Database. That database is maintained by the Texas Department of Public Safety in Austin. An online version of the database is maintained by the Internet Open Records Project, Inc. It may be viewed, free of charge, by accessing it on the internet at

http://www.openrecords.org/records/sexual_offenders/texas/

To research a specific community, enter the town's name or zip

Edmiston, Meador receive Pioneer Family recognition from S.C. Historical Society

Charlene Mund Edmiston and Ed Meador will be honored with the 1999 Pioneer Family Award during the Schleicher County Day celebration on Saturday, August 14th. The pair will serve as Grand Marshals of the Schleicher County Day Parade which will begin at 9:30 a.m. that morning and wind its way through Eldorado. At 11:00 a.m. they will each be honored by the Schleicher County Historical Society on the courthouse square.

Interesting facts from each of their lives in Schleicher County follow below:

Charlene Mund Edmiston

by Nell Edmiston

When Charlene Edmiston says her roots are deep in Schleicher County, she is not exaggerating. Not only were both of her grandparents early day pioneers here, but she married into another pioneer ranching family.

Her story begins in 1904 when her paternal grandfather, Henry Mund, brought his wife and three sons to Schleicher County from Gillespie County. He purchased land for farming and ranching 12 miles southwest of Eldorado in the Bailey Ranch Community.

In 1906, Green Parks brought his wife and seven children to the Bailey Ranch Community from Williamson County, settling eight miles west of Eldorado on Highway 190 West, very close to the Mund property.

Both families were very active in the Bailey Ranch Church. It was there that Henry Mund's oldest son, Charles, met Green Parks'

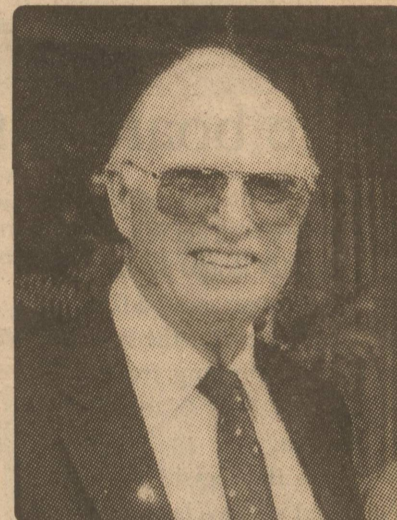
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Ed Meador

Ed was born on the family ranch in the old Bailey Ranch community of Southwest Schleicher County on June 30, 1921, the second child of Claude and Edith Meador. He was formally named Edward Franklin, but it did him little good. Juan Cerrada, a family ranchhand kept telling Claude that little brat was worth only "Dos Reallos" so "Two-bits" became the youngster's nickname.



photo by Kathy Mankin



courtesy photo

True pioneers — Charlene Mund Edmiston and Ed Meador are the 1999 Schleicher County Pioneer Family Award recipients. They will be honored during Schleicher County Day on Saturday, August 14th.

Ed lived on the ranch and attended the Bailey Ranch School through the 8th grade. As time for the fall term came the following year, Eadie and her sister, Annabelle DeLong, made arrangements to use their deceased mother's home (Mrs. Tom Moore) so that Ed and his sister, Edda Lou, and Jetty Grace, Annabelle's youngest daughter, could attend the Eldorado schools. They took turn about, each staying in town a week at a time, caring for the students. In the meantime, Johnny Clement, an early-day buddy needing a place to

stay, also moved in and became a part of the group. Football became a way of life for Johnny and Ed. The Eagles tied with Rocksprings for district championship, and moved to Regional Champions in 1937. As a senior, Ed established a scoring record of 155 points as the Eagles outscored their opponents 408-8.

Entering Southern Methodist University in 1938, Ed played football and participated in campus activities. He was elected president of the Class of 1942, and having

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Mutton Bustin' to debut at Eldorado Open Rodeo

The youngsters will be getting into the action at this year's Eldorado Open Rodeo on Friday and Saturday night when "Mutton Bustin'" debuts as a featured event. It will pit a wild and "wooly" sheep against the area's best young busters. The event is open to children ages 3-7, weighing less than 55 lbs.

Protective vests and helmets will be provided by the Schleicher County Rodeo Association. Anyone wishing to enter their lil' buster is encouraged to contact Eddie Albin at Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. The phone number there is 853-2544.

The Mutton Bustin' event is being sponsored this year by Ronnie and Maggie Middleton.

A full slate of timed and rough stock events is also scheduled for each night as cowboys and cowgirls vie for "Skyline" trophy buckles.

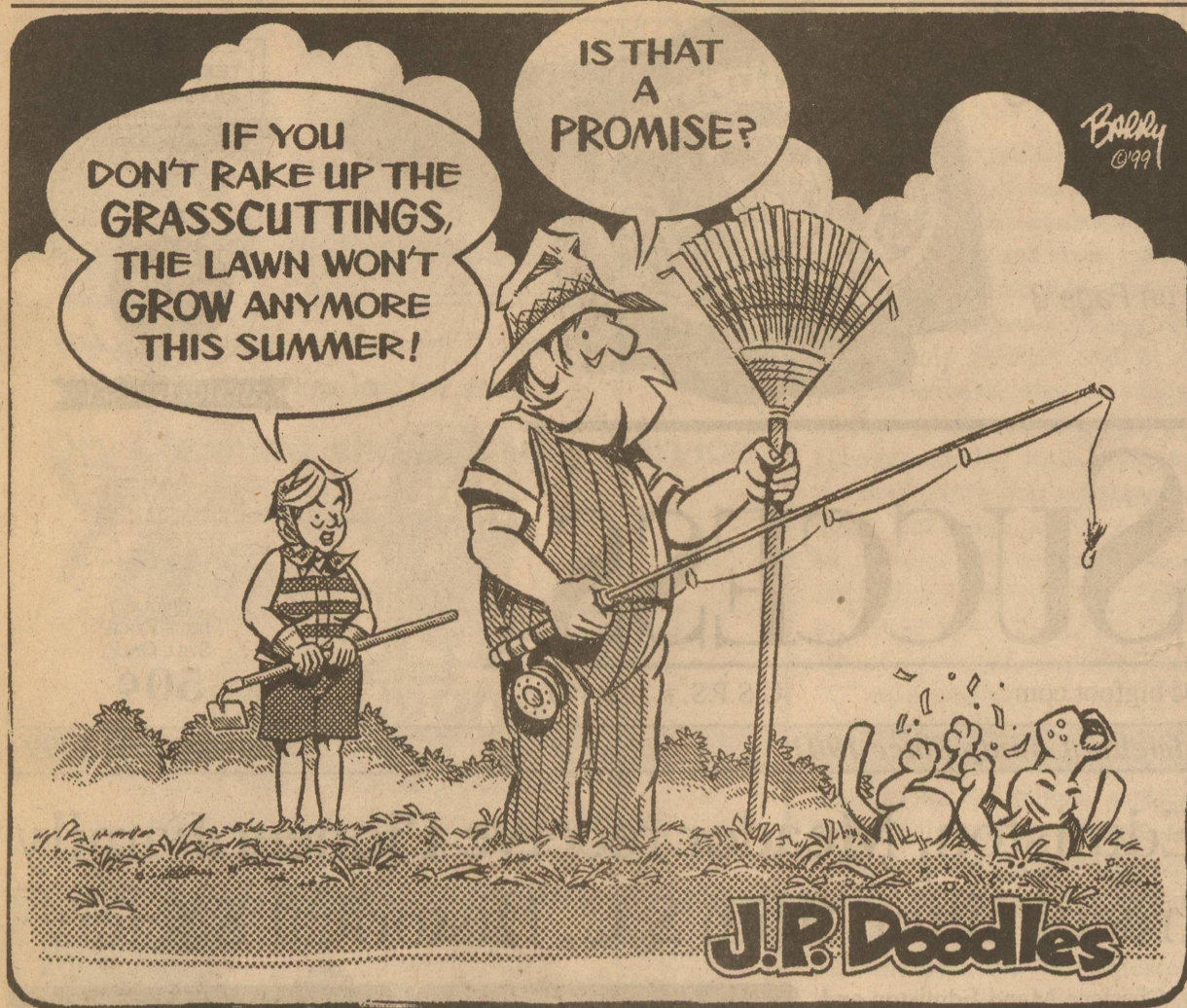
Performances will get underway at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings. A dance will be held on the slab immediately following each night's show. Saturday night, live music will be provided by the band "Shiloh."

The Eldorado Open Rodeo is sponsored each year by the Schleicher County Rodeo Association.



photo by Cam Campbell/Devil's River News

Comin' outta the chute — Julia Pope, daughter of Cade & Carol Pope participated in the Outlaw Mutton Bustin' last Saturday in Sonora. A similar event will be staged this year at the 30th Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo.



Yes, Igor, democracy is a messy business



much the same troubles, you and I."

Igor Abakumov, editor-in-chief of a weekly newspaper in Moscow, the name of which I can neither spell nor properly pronounce, and Alexander Molchun, a Russian physician, ended a 10-day visit to Texas last week. Most of that time, was spent in and around Schleicher County.

Judge Griffin explained to the visitors that in our state problems of that nature are usually referred to the Texas Rangers. At that point the Russians were all smiles as Igor asked, through the interpreter, "Do you mean Walker, Texas Ranger?"

Igor asked about censorship and what happens when government officials don't like things that are printed in the Success.

The pair, accompanied by two interpreters, began their visit at the Schleicher County Courthouse where County Judge Johnny Griffin issued a warm welcome.

Igor and Alexander were but two of over 3,000 Russians visiting cities, towns and hamlets across the country. Their visit was sponsored by the U.S. Library of Congress in hopes of instilling a basic understanding of democratic principles in advance of the Russian general election which, I understand, is scheduled in the very near future.

"Sometimes they shake their fist at me and call me dirty names," I told him.

They asked many questions while at the courthouse, most of which concerned law enforcement. Igor was especially curious about how Americans in general and Texans in particular deal with crooked cops. Apparently police corruption is a huge problem in Russia these days.

"You are fortunate," Igor said. "In my country, journalists get killed. Democracy isn't so easy as Americans make it look."

After briefly discussing the 1st Amendment freedom of the press, I asked Igor if such a right is outlined in the new Russian Constitution. He waved his hand and said, "No, not in so many words."

"Freedom of the press is the cornerstone of our democracy," I told him. "If government is allowed to control information, it will eventually control everything else."

Again he nodded. "It's difficult," he told me.

Our conversation then turned back to police corruption. "You elect police to protect you?" Igor asked.

"Yes, we do," I replied. "Who protects you from the police?" he questioned.

"We do," I told him. "You do?" he asked pointing at me. He apparently thought I meant the newspaper.

"No, not me," I said pointing to myself. "But, all of us...we do."

"Democracy is messy," he said.

"You're right," I told him. "It is very messy...but it is wonderful!"

State board estimates revenue loss from sales tax holiday

AUSTIN — The Texas Legislative Budget Board recently predicted a loss of about \$10.5 million in revenue from the state sales tax holiday running from 12:01 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, to midnight Sunday, Aug. 8.

During the legislative session that ended in May, lawmakers approved the sales tax holiday as part of a \$2 billion tax cut.

Cities, counties and other entities that charge a sales tax were expected to lose about \$7.6 million, the *Austin American-Statesman* reported last week.

On the list of non-taxable items over the sales tax holiday were school clothes and shoes with price tags under \$100. Among items not included were protective sports-



Compiled by Ed Sterling

wear, backpacks and purses. In the next state budget, which covers 2000 and 2001, the state expects to lose about \$60 million as public awareness of the annual sales tax holiday increases, the *American-Statesman* reported.

Florida and New York initiated sales tax holidays before Texas.

Because of the sales tax holiday, Texas merchants were expected to enjoy an influx of across-the-border shoppers from Oklahoma, southeastern Colorado, southwestern Kansas, New Mexico, Arkansas and Louisiana.

Oversight of Executions a Duty
Lt. Gov. Rick Perry serves as acting governor when Gov. George W. Bush is out of state, and recently, the governor has been on the presidential campaign trail.

When Bush is away, it is Perry's job to decide — if the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles recommends clemency — whether to grant a 30-day reprieve or commute a death sentence to life in prison.

Six Texas prison inmates have been scheduled for execution in the first half of August.

Last week, Perry said it was "a very sobering experience" to have the final say in an execution.

"I look at the technicalities of the case, making sure that due process was served. In (upcoming) executions, it appears that due process was served — certainly more than the victims of these horrible crimes received," he told the Associated Press.

"The message is clear in Texas. The vast majority of Texans support the death penalty. If you're going to commit a heinous crime that fits the death penalty, you're going to be given the ultimate penalty."

The governor has overseen 14 of the 16 executions carried out in Texas this year. Perry has overseen one and Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, president pro-tem of the state Senate, oversaw the other.

An Aug. 4 execution was the 181st execution since executions resumed in Texas in December 1982.

Other Highlights

Last week, Austin's fifth Ozone Action Day in 1999 was declared. An Ozone Action Day is declared when ozone gas is expected to exceed 84 parts per billion — a safety standard set by the

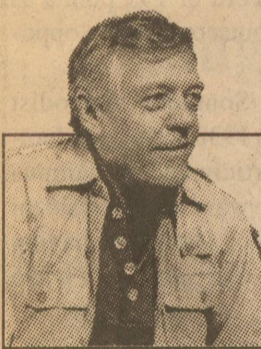
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Internal combustion engines in cars, trucks and lawnmowers are the primary emitters of lung-irritating ozone gas in Austin.

Austin city leaders proclaimed Monday, Aug. 9, to be "Yellow Shirt Day" in honor of 1999 Tour de France winner Lance Armstrong of Austin. Bicyclists were invited to join Armstrong for a ride up Congress Avenue, and a parade and festivities were planned.

The U.S. Justice Department last week approved a motion by the Texas Department of Public Safety to relinquish 12 tons of evidence collected from the site of the Branch Davidian compound near Waco. U.S. District Judge Walter S. Smith Jr. of Waco will take control of the evidence until he determines which governmental agency should have custody of it.

The Texas Department of Health dismissed rumors that due to alleged lack of funding there will be no licensing or inspections of kidney dialysis units. Doug McBride, spokesman for the agency, said the dialysis program is intact and money for the \$300,000 to \$400,000 program is on the way. About 250 dialysis units serve about 20,000 patients statewide.

Aug. 1 was the 33rd anniversary of the murder of 17 people and the wounding of many others by sniper Charles Whitman. University of Texas officials dedicated a garden space just north of the clock tower on the UT campus as a memorial to the victims. Over a 99-minute period, Whitman, a derailed student, fired deadly shots from the observation deck of tower before being gunned down by police officers.



ROLLING ALONG

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A Visit To Dialville

People who live in Dialville, between Rusk and Jacksonville, don't pronounce the "l" in the name of their town. They say "Die-ville."

Lisa Odom grew up in Dialville. She now runs Myrt's Store there. She remembers going to the store as a child, playing with the cash register and watching men play dominoes in the back part of the store, the part that didn't have any flooring. The table legs rested on dirt. "When you think that your grandmother used to walk these streets and she could tell you how they used to swap chickens for groceries or put their things on ticket until they brought produce in here, I think that's really neat," says Lisa.

She bought the store in 1991 "because my children were small and I knew they could be here with me. The locals were great with them. I put a sofa in back so they could take naps or watch TV. It's just a family oriented thing, you know."

She sold the store in 1998, but missed it and came back to run it. Myrt's is not a high pressure type situation. When you walk in, you're liable to see Lisa sitting down with a customer playing dominoes or skip-bo or putting a puzzle together. She fixes sandwiches for customers who want them. She sells mostly gas, cigarettes, chips and sandwiches.

The store has central air, but is heated in the winter by a wood burning stove.

One day Lisa was visiting with a friend when cars started pulling into the parking lot. The number

of vehicles increased until the parking lot was overflowing and they were having to park along the road in front of the store. People got out of their cars with cats and dogs and other pets. It was the annual visit to Dialville by the veterinarian to give the animals shots and check for fleas and ticks. "It was a big surprise to me," says Lisa. "I didn't know they had started doing that."

Even more exciting than that was when Lisa found a nest of wood ducks in a tree in front of the store. "There's never a dull moment around here," she says.

One customer, Casey Moore, who lived just a block from the store, used to drive his car to the store, get out and get a Dr. Pepper and maybe a candy bar. "We'd sit here and play dominoes, then he'd go get in his car. You might think he would leave, but he would just take a nap, then come back in the store. He did that all day long until close to closing, then he'd go back home."

Another customer, Mr. McKnight used to walk to the store every day. "I'd heat his milk up in the microwave and fix him a sausage and biscuit and we'd sit around the fire and visit. He'd go home for lunch, then he'd come back."

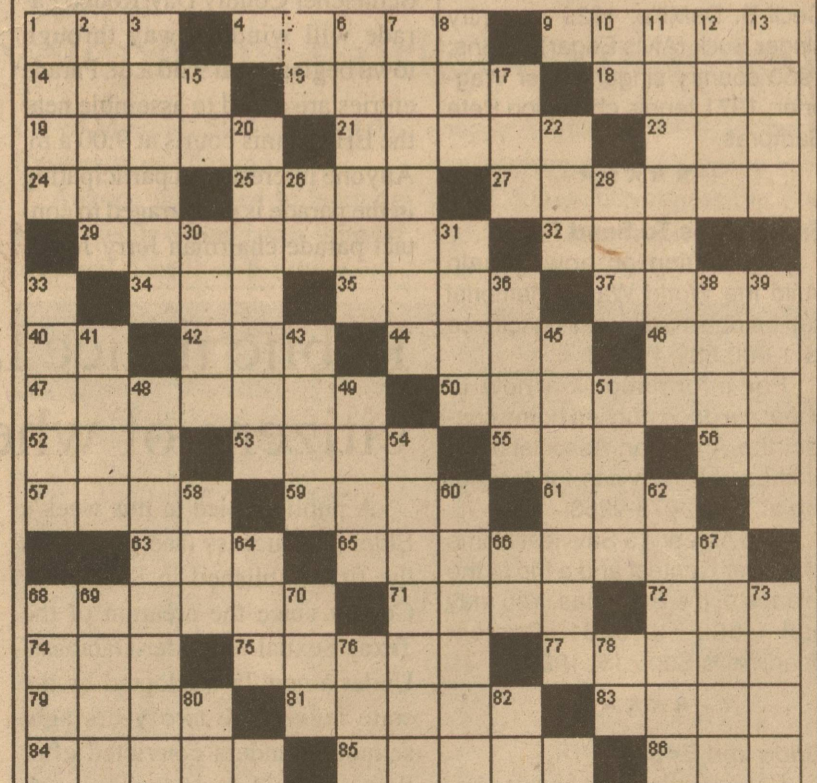
Lisa likes running the store in Dialville. "Everybody is living their busy lives and here, everything is slowed down and I like it that way. Makes me sleep better at night."

Myrt's store is the only retail business in Dialville.

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Longino Pina

ELDORADO — Longino Pina, 87, went to be with the Lord at his home on Aug. 7, 1999, with his children at his side.

Services were held Tuesday, Aug. 10, at the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Andy Anderson, the Rev. Carlos Estrada and Don Bailey, chaplain at Family Hospice of San Angelo, officiating. Burial

OBITUARIES

followed in Eldorado Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Longino was born March 15, 1912, in San Pedro de las Colonias, Mexico.

At a very young age, Longino's parents came to Eldorado but soon decided to go back to Mexico. At the age of 12, Longino decided to come back to Eldorado with his uncle, Luz Pina and family.

His first job at age 12 was with Mr. Newte Williamson, then he worked for Sam Calhoun. In 1940, he went to work for Bill McWhorter until he retired from farming in 1975.

For a short period, he and his wife, Golla, worked as custodians

at the courthouse and would relieve some at the landfill.

Most of his life he worked as a farmer and was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista. On Nov. 27, 1936, T.P. Robinson Sr. married Longino and Golla at his home. Both families were neighbors for many years.

Survivors include two sons, Domingo and wife, Delia, and Manuel and wife, Elena; three grandsons, Danny and wife, Debi, Steven and Victor; one granddaughter, Debbie; two great-grandsons, Jordan and Jacob Pina; also six brothers and sisters.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 62 years, Golla, on March 3, 1998, and also by four sisters and brothers from Mexico.

The Pina Family requests memorials be made to Primera Iglesia Bautista in care of the Rev. Carlos Estrada, Box 1141, Eldorado, TX 76936; Senior Ambassadors of First Baptist Church, Box 458, Eldorado; Family Hospice, 1121 S. Bryant Blvd., San Angelo, TX 76903; or Eldorado Meals on Wheels, in care of Cindi Stuckey.

Justin Cole Behrens

SAN ANGELO — Justin Cole Behrens, 19, of San Angelo died Saturday, Aug. 7, 1999, in Shannon Medical Center.

Services were held Monday, Aug. 9, in Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. R. Byron Orand officiating. Burial followed in Fort McKavett Cemetery.

Justin was born Dec. 8, 1979, in San Angelo. He was a member of Community Baptist Church in Eldorado.

Survivors include his mother, Kyla Behrens; his grandparents, David and Barbara Behrens and Jim and Patti Corley; his great-grandparents, Roscoe and Emma Behrens, Jim Lee and Allene Brown and E.E. Dubuque; his great aunt and uncles, Bob and Nell Skurlock; his aunts and uncles, Jay and Becker Behrens, Lester Paul and Kymm Nixon, Lee and Ronda Behrens, Jim and Penny Corley, Patrick Corley and David and Debra Behrens; his cousins, "My Buddy's" Leticia, Brandy, Chance, Landon, Matt, Colten, Hallie, Emily, Bradley, Tyler, Cassie, Bennett and Victoria; and numerous friends and loved ones. He never met a stranger.

The family request memorials be made to the Concho Valley Council Boys Scouts of America.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, August 16

Chicken Fried Steak w/Gravy, Butter Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Sunshine Fruit Cup, Milk

Tuesday, August 17

Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Bun, Fresh Grapes, Milk

Wednesday, August 18

King Ranch Chicken, Carrot Salad, Steamed Broccoli, Wheat Rolls, Oatmeal Cookies, Milk

Thursday, August 19

Chicken Fajita Salad w/Cheese, Tomatoes & Lettuce, Macaroni Salad, Crackers, Pumpkin Pie, Milk

Friday, August 20

Roast Beef, Scalloped Potatoes, French Green Beans, Wheat Rolls, Fresh Fruit Mix, Milk

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Stan Meador and Gloria Safont

Meador/Saffont to wed

Gloria Safont and Stan Meador, both of Eldorado, will be married on Saturday, August 28, 1999. The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jose Safont of Castellon, Spain. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lynn Meador of Eldorado.

Rev. George Lumpkin, of St. Luke's Methodist Church in San Angelo will officiate at the ceremony which will be held in Ft. McKavett.

Miss Safont is a graduate of the Polytechnic University in Valencia, Spain. She has a degree in Computer Science. She is employed by Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative in Eldorado.

Mr. Meador is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Texas Tech University, where he earned a degree in Public Relations and Marketing. He is employed by X-Bar Ranch.

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Schleicher County Days ~ Eldorado Open Rodeo

Friday & Saturday, August 13th & 14th

Friday, August 13th

8:00 p.m. at the Rodeo Arena south of Eldorado

30th Annual Eldorado Open Rodeo begins
Ridin' & Ropin Bulldoggin' & Mutton Bustin'!
Rodeo Sweetheart & Jr. Sweetheart will be crowned

Pull on your boots, grab your hat, and come on out & join the fun!

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Saturday, August 14th

7:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse Square

Pancake Breakfast sponsored by Schleicher County Medical Center

9:00 a.m. parade forms near SCISD tennis courts

9:00 a.m. arts & crafts booths open on courthouse square

9:30 a.m. parade begins

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Gillespie joins ESC Region XV Social Studies Center team

Alan Gillespie has been selected as one of five team members from Region XV to be part of SSCED, the Social Studies Center for Educator Development. Gillespie is a teacher and coach at Eldorado High School. He has been teaching for 18 years in social studies areas such as Texas History, American History, World History, World Geography, School Within a School Programs, and has been assigned Economics and Government for the 1999-2000 school year.

SSCED is a multi-faced project designed to systematically enhance social studies education in Texas. The Center is funded by the Texas Education Agency and managed collaboratively by Texas A&M University and Education Service Center VI.

One of the key SSCED missions is to support the dissemination and implementation of the new Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills (TEKS). SSCED resources include social studies research, web sites, integration of technology, teaching strategies and innovative methods, and professional development opportunities. Team members travel to various workshops for training and shared learning opportunities. The training and travel are entirely funded by the SSCED program. Eldorado High School ESL teacher Katrina Gonzalez was formerly a member of the Region XV SSCED team and has helped Gillespie to become involved.

Other team members include Elaine Howard from from Region Center XV, Jill Crawford from Ozona Middle School, Ann Abbot from Del Rio High School, and Penny Watson from Holiman Elementary in San Angelo.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Coolin' down — Eagles football players Wes Jones and Johnny Herrera took a break during 2-a-day workouts last week and quenched their thirst from a perforated water pipe running alongside the practice field. The players have nicknamed the pipe the "water cow".

"Meet the Eagles" slated Aug. 23rd

The annual "Meet the Eagles" night will be held Monday, August 23rd at 7:00 p.m. in Eagle Stadium.

Athletic Director and Head Football Coach Jim Fryar advises that each member of every Eagles football team, 7th grade through varsity will be introduced as will the Cross-Country track team, and the middle school, junior varsity and varsity cheerleaders.

The Mighty Eagle band will also be on hand that night.

Everyone is encouraged to turn out and meet the young men and women who will be representing Eldorado during the coming season.



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Tradition-rich band program — The Mighty Eagle Marching Band took its first steps toward the U.I.L. State Marching Contest last week when practices began at the school. Since this is a State qualifying year, the band will be putting in lots of hours in the next few weeks in preparation for competition.



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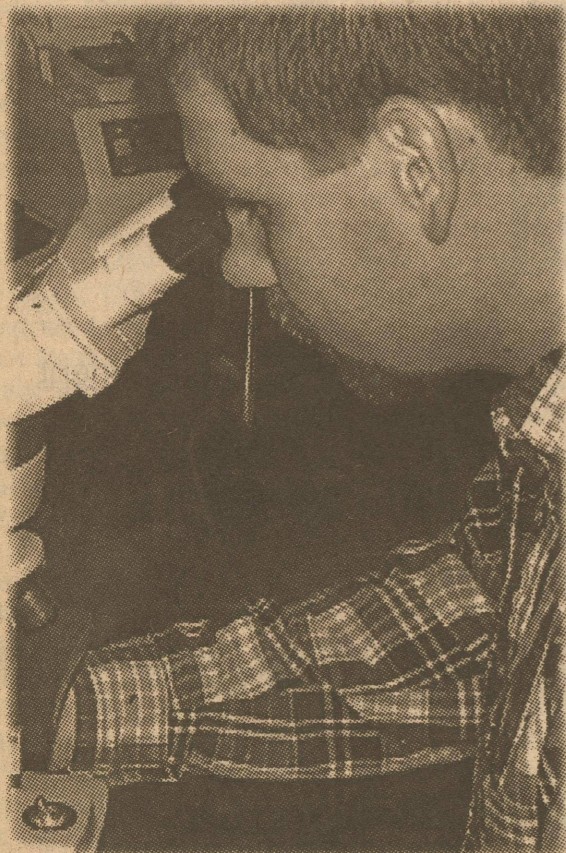
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Ginger Reynolds receives Federal Land Bank scholarship

The Federal Land Bank held their regular meeting, Tuesday, August 3rd, in the Caverns of Sonora. The meeting began with a tour through the Sonora Caverns, where midway through the Cavern staff had assembled seating in one of the larger rooms. After the meeting the A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarship Award was presented to four students.

Receiving the award from Schleicher County was Ginger Reynolds, daughter of Sidney and Melonie Reynolds of Eldorado. Among the honors Reynolds received during her high school career were: National Honor Society; District Tennis Team; State Tennis Team; State Solo & Ensemble Contest; State Marching Contest; Who's Who Academic Award; and the Lions Club Academic Award. She will be attending Texas A&M University this fall and plans to major in Ag Business.

Other recipients included: Anthony Renfro, Sutton, County;

Rachel Murr, Crockett County; and Brice Plemons of Edwards County.

Officers and Directors present at the meeting included: Rick Rothe—Chief Executive Officer, Directors—Shelby Henke, Jack Kingsbery, Jane Crittendon and husband Lynn, Glen Richardson and wife Rosalie, Bill Savell and wife Barbara, De Lux and wife Sherry; Roy West—Executive Vice President and Chief Credit Officer; Doug Wadsworth—Vice President and Senior Credit Analyst; Joyce Herndon—Vice President / Marketing; Patti Gonzales—Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Levi Modgling—Appraiser; Jack B. Smith Jr.—Vice President / Branch Manager and wife Lauri; Linda Johnson—Office Manager; Pat Gill—Office Assistant and husband Randy.

After the ceremonies the members and guests enjoyed a barbecue dinner provide by the Land Bank.



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Ceremony in Sonora Caverns — Receiving A.E. Prugel Memorial Scholarships from the Federal Land Bank recently were: (L-R) Rachel Murr, Crockett County; Anthony Renfro, Sutton County; and Ginger Reynolds, Schleicher County. Brice Plemons of Edwards County was not present.

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very important for that purpose. The commitment of time will be from 8 to 10 hours on both days, and this planning team will be composed of 25 to 35 members. If you are interested in serving in this capacity, please contact Rachael Nixon (Ext. 221) at 853-2771.

New Texas Ranger now on duty

by Linda Moore
The Ozona Stockman

As a youth, Texas Ranger Brooks Long never planned to go into law enforcement. His college degree, with a major in English and a minor in business administration, was the fastest way to get a degree, said Long. "I didn't know what I wanted to do." After completing his studies at Pam American University in McAllen, near his home town of Sebastian. Long began work for an insurance company.

One day he was pulled over for speeding by a Department of Public Safety trooper who had been his ag teacher in high school. "I went on a ride along with him, and I couldn't believe he got paid to do that. It was so much fun."

The rest is history. Long went to work for the DPS, taking close to a \$50,000.00 pay cut do so. "It was not a job for money, but for self-satisfaction," he explained.

Long, who has worked along the Mexican border all his career until coming to Ozona, advanced with the DPS, first becoming a law enforcement trooper and then being assigned to the narcotics serve for three years in Laredo. He was promoted to sergeant investigator in the narcotics service in 1992. He was a narcotics investigator for four years in the Rio Grande Val-



courtesy photo
Texas Ranger Brooks Long

ley, which included Starr County-Rio Grande City and Roma.

Then Long took the Ranger test and was "lucky enough to get selected." Before testing for the Rangers, candidates must have been commissioned officers for the DPS a minimum of eight years unless they have four years of previous law enforcement service and four years with the DPS.

While his primary function as a Ranger is to assist local law enforcement, Long says "anytime a citizen needs assistance with anything of a criminal nature, my door is open."

Ranger Long's territory includes Crockett, Schleicher, Sutton and Reagan Counties.

S.C. Day & Rodeo planned

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Following the rodeo, a dance will be held on the slab adjacent to the arena. Live music will be provided by Shiloh.

For a complete list of events see schedule on Page 3. Make your plans now to attend Schleicher County Day and the Eldorado Open Rodeo. Join your friends and neighbors and take part in all the fun!

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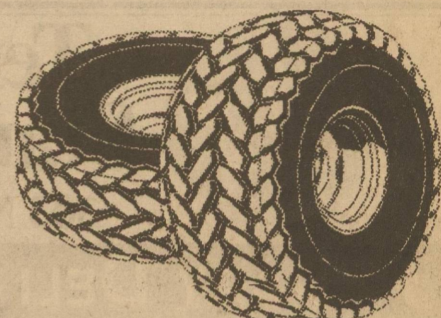
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Schleicher County Pioneer Family Award recipient: Ed Meador

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 III. volunteered for the Navy, was able to remain at classes until graduation in June of that year, the first formal degree earned by a member of the Meador family. He reported for active duty as a U.S. Navy Midshipman on July 11, 1942, and was commissioned an Ensign on November 15th at Northwestern University, Chicago,

Ed met Martha Lee Dudley when they were freshmen at SMU. She was the eldest daughter of P.S. and Nellie Louise Dudley, born November 28, 1920, in Goosecreek, Texas, now known as Baytown. She entered school in Brenham, Texas, and although her father was production superintendent with Sun Oil Company, she

was able to complete her high school and most of her college career before the Dudley's transfer to Freer, Texas.

Martha Lee also entered Southern Methodist University in September, 1938. She became a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority, was elected to Kirkos, an organization of outstanding women on campus, and was a campus favorite. Ed and Martha Lee were married November 26, 1942, while he was on leave from the Navy and they left Texas the next day for their first duty station in San Diego, California. In January of 1943, orders came for Pearl Harbor, and subsequent duty on the USS Waters (APD8), an old 1918 destroyer that had been converted to a fast attack transport. So Martha Lee came home to Texas to wait out the war while Ed headed for the south and central Pacific campaigns. Homecoming came 22 months later after the Central Pacific campaign. The Meadors were reunited and finished out the war in Florida at Miami's Naval Training Center. Their first son, Lynn Edward, made his presence known there on November 20, 1945.

Released from active duty in January of 1946, Ed, Martha Lee and six-week old Lynn, moved back to Eldorado, and began to build their future. Ed and his father became ranch partners and in 1950, Ed also began operating as an oil and gas lease broker, John Dale (Rusty) their second son, had made his appearance on Novem-

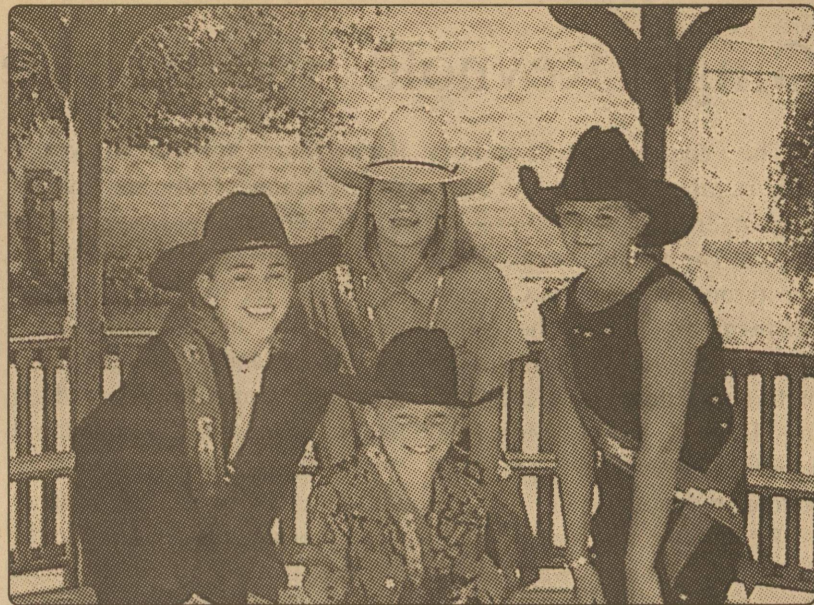
ber 13, 1949, and he was followed by Claudia's arrival on September 10, 1952.

Drought, low prices and high feed bills weren't too conducive to making money in ranching business in the early 1050's. While Ed set about making a living Martha Lee lent herself to participation in community affairs, being active in PTA, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, and church leadership. All three children spent their early school days in Eldorado, and each one graduated from Southern Methodist University. The family now claims six degrees from SMU (Christy Moore Meador, Lynn's wife, also got converted) and when Rusty married Dawn Ziegler on November 18, 1978, along came a degree from Michigan State to break the chain.

Eldorado has been home to Ed and Martha Lee, as it is also for Lynn, Christy and family. Claudia teaches and lives near Dallas. Their family took first place in their lives. Martha Lee died April 16, 1998 at the age of 78. Their marriage having lasted 55 years and 5 months.

Ed continues to live at their home at 104 Elm, is still active in ranching, and takes particular pride along with grandson Chris Meador, in the development of X Bar Ranch, a working guest ranch operated by son Lynn Meador and grandson Stan Meador, which is attaining both national and international attention and success.

With the return of Stan and Chris to the ranch and guest ranch operation, five generations of the Meador family have lived on, operated and enjoyed live on the X Bar Ranch. C.L. (Uncle Dink) and Mattie Meador arrived in Eldorado with their four sons and all of their possessions in 1901. Their early-day heritage continues to this day.



Hey hey, good lookin' — This year's Rodeo Sweetheart and Jr. Sweetheart candidates are: (clockwise from L) Sweetheart candidate Whitney Edmiston (15), daughter of Jed Edmiston and Lori & Ricky Jones; Nancy Cawley (16), daughter of John Ben & Cindy Cawley; Britney Sellers (12), daughter of Darrell & Becky Sellers; and Corie Williams (8), daughter of Dean & Vicki Williams. The Sweetheart and Jr. Sweetheart will be crowned during the Friday night rodeo performance.

Pioneer Family Award recipient: Charlene Mund Edmiston

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daughter, Frances. They were married in the small church in 1914 and purchased land next to the Mund ranch. They raised four children. Charlene was their third child. Her early days were spent attending the Bailey Ranch school. In the seventh grade, she began going to school in Eldorado. Charlene was always active, playing basketball and volleyball and being a cheerleader in high school. Graduating from high school at the early age of 15, she was too young to go to college, so she stayed at home for one year before attending Sul Ross University for two years. She had planned to be a physical education teacher. Her roommate was Shine Edmiston. In 1942, she married Shine's brother, Sgt. Orval Edmiston, grandson of another pioneer ranching family from the other side of the county.

Charlene became very busy as three more children, Phil, Joe Max and Chris, arrived.

In 1957 Orval won the race for the county sheriff's position. The family moved to the old jail in Eldorado. In 1958, another son, Jim Bob, was born.

Their move to Eldorado began a new career for both Orval and Charlene. As long as the family lived in the cramped jail, Charlene not only raised her family, took part in many community affairs, and helped with the family ranching interests but also cooked for the prisoners and served as the sheriff's dispatcher after hours and on weekends, without pay. Because of the limited living quarters in the jail, the four Edmiston boys slept in a room on the second floor next to the prisoners' cells. Charlene can tell many interesting stories about prisoners fighting or escaping and many antics performed by her own sons in the old jail. (There is a rumor that some prisoners returned to jail because of Charlene's excellent cooking.)

In 1989, Orval retired. He and Charlene built the house in Eldorado that they still enjoy today. But that didn't mean that she slowed down any. Charlene has always had an abundance of energy. She and Orval have been active members of First Baptist Church. She has served as president of the Eldorado Woman's Club and held offices in the Schleicher County Historical Society. She is also a member of the Library Board, the Hospital Auxiliary, and the Wednesday Bridge Club.

In addition to all of that, she keeps up with her five children and their spouses, 17 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren. She and Orval still travel to watch their active grandchildren participate in sports and other activities. They continue to ranch and have never missed the annual Texas Sheriff's Convention.

For the extended family she is known as "Aunt Charlie," always greeting any and all with a smile and a hug. With all of her abundance of energy and ability to organize and get the job done, no matter what it may be, it is doubtful that she will ever slow down.

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Lower property values have County & School officials concerned as budget time nears

Meanwhile, last year's oil & gas downturn helps City's tax base this year

When the price of oil dipped below \$11 per barrel last year, elected officials throughout West Texas, including those in Schleicher County, began nervously eyeing the 1999-2000 budget. That's because oil & gas valuations for tax purposes are based on the previous year's average price.

Now, in the summer of 1999, with the price of oil soaring above \$21 per barrel, Schleicher County commissioners, SCISD trustees and Hospital District directors are faced with either significantly cutting their budgets or raising taxes.

Oddly, the City of Eldorado seems to have benefited from the sharp decline in the oil & gas business during 1998. That's because Symbol, an oilfield service company which supplies air compressor packages for drilling rigs, moved much of its equipment into its yard during 1998. And, that yard lies within the Eldorado city limits. So, the compressors go on the tax roll for this year, even though, many of them are already back out in the field working.

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court discussed the dilemma at length Monday morning. Chief Appraiser Ray Ballew explained that last year's tax rate of 75.42¢ will bring in \$117,817.00 less this year because of a 9.4 percent decline in the county's tax base. For the county to receive the same amount of tax revenue next year would require a 82.72¢ tax rate next year, provided that other sources of income for the county held steady.

Another concern for the commissioners is the county's employee health insurance plan. Problems with the plan have been often discussed at commissioner's court meetings in recent months. However, any change in the plan will likely cost the county more money.

Employee pay raises were also mentioned as were repairs to the Sheriff's Department's radio system and tower...all of which would increase next year's budget.

Ways of reducing expenses were discussed, as were ways of increasing revenues to the county, even the possibility of placing personal property, such as vehicles, on the tax rolls. That idea received little support, however.

Finally, the commissioners indicated to Judge Johnny Griffin that he should focus on preparing a budget for 1999-2000 based on an 82.72¢ tax rate. He was then to calculate in requested budget increases from the various county departments and present the plan to the commissioners at their next meeting.

The Schleicher County I.S.D. trustees are facing a tax revenue

decline, state mandated pay raises for teachers, significantly higher employee health insurance rates and a declining student population, all of which have a negative impact on the school's bottom line.

But, in the school's favor this year is the fact that the new gymnasium is paid for. Plus, last year, the school hiked taxes 6.59¢, in order to receive state funds which matched the increase 2-to-1. So, trustees are looking at those items as a source of savings.

At a meeting Monday evening, the trustees discussed their feelings on an budget. Finally, the group tentatively agreed on a \$5.85 million budget, down significantly from last year. They directed Supt. Hal Porter to proceed with budget preparation with that figure in mind.

It was estimated that a tax rate of \$1.30 to \$1.32 would be required to pay for that budget. Last year the

tax rate was set at \$1.4979.

The Eldorado City Council is also looking at its upcoming budget. But, as previously mentioned, the city's tax base actually grew this year. Plus, the city is beginning to collect revenue from its contract with Duncan Disposal. That company is currently placing garbage from Sonora and Ozona into the Eldorado landfill. Duncan pays the city \$26.50 per ton. During the month of June, Duncan placed 623 tons of garbage in the landfill which generated \$16,509.50 for the city.

On Monday night the City Council approved a contract with the City of Rocksprings which will allow it to place its garbage in the landfill, on an emergency basis, only. Rocksprings currently takes its waste to Uvalde. It was noted, however, that occasionally weather makes it impossible to travel the road between the two cities.

Correction

In a story about the SCISD board of trustees last week, the Success incorrectly reported that Roxanne Adame had voted against hiring an additional 3rd grade teacher and that Berta Nicholson had voted in favor. In fact, Adame voted in favor of the measure while Nicholson was opposed.

The Success regrets the error and any misunderstanding it may have caused.



Sparkling like diamonds — Kim-et Nelson and Rojello Adame inspected the Skyline trophy buckles which will be awarded to the winners in individual events at the Eldorado Open Rodeo this weekend.

School Lunch



Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
Menus Subject To Change
CAFETERIA LINE

Monday, August 16
Spaghetti & Meatsauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, August 17
Beef & Bean Burritos, Spanish Rice, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Iced Cupcakes

Wednesday, August 18
Corn Chip Pie, Pinto Beans, Lettuce & Tomato Salad, Cornbread, Chocolate Pudding

Thursday, August 19
Chicken Nuggets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Green Beans, Cherry Cobbler

Friday, August 20
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Fresh Apple

BREAKFAST
½ Milk & ¼ Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, August 16
Apple Slices, French Toast Stix/Syrup

Tuesday, August 17
Orange Juice, Egg & Sausage Burritos

Wednesday, August 18
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast

Thursday, August 19
Pears, Donuts

Friday, August 20
Applesauce, Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal

FAST FOOD LINE

Monday, August 16
Pepperoni Pizza, French Fries, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, August 17
Corn Dogs, Tater Roundabouts, Pineapple Chunks, Iced Cupcakes

Wednesday, August 18
Fish Sandwiches/Cheese, Tater Roundabouts, Lettuce/Tartar Sauce, Mixed Fruit, Brownies

Thursday, August 19
Steak Burgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Cherry Cobbler

Friday, August 20
Hamburgers, French Fries, Lettuce,

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Dear Editor:

I am writing this letter to clarify some issues that might be of interest to citizens in Schleicher County.

1. Schleicher County Medical Center will continue to contract with Shannon physicians, P.A. for physician services in our clinic as well as Schleicher County Medical Center Emergency Room. This is the same group that we have been contracting with since July, 1998.

2. None of the physicians who work here are employees of Schleicher County Medical Center. All physicians who work here are licensed in the State of Texas and are credentialed in Advanced Cardiac Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support as well as Trauma services. Our emergency room is designated as a Level IV Trauma Center under the Texas Bureau of Emergency Management System. Physicians

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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and nursing staff have been required by rule since our designation last year to be trained specifically for trauma and emergent care.

3. With the exception of one new physician, all physicians working here have been here since May, 1999. All credentials have been approved through our regular credentialing process.

4. A mid-level practitioner, Ike Whitten, is staffing our clinic. His supervising physician is Dr. Marcus Sims from Ozona. Mr. Whitten will also be seeing residents in our nursing home under the supervision of Dr. Sims.

5. Physicians who work in our emergency room are also ap-

proved to admit and treat patients who might require hospitalization. Only those patients who would require a higher level of care than we usually provide would have to be transferred out to San Angelo to the hospital of their choice. If someone is transferred, they have the choice of going to Community or to Shannon no matter how they are transferred, whether by private car, ambulance or helicopter.

6. Negotiations are still underway with Shannon for a physician to move to Eldorado. I have no definite date for arrival, but I am confident that this will happen in the near future.

7. The Asbestos Abatement project will begin sometime in September. We should have a definite date by the August 23

meeting date.

8. Construction of the new nursing home beds will begin at some time later in the fall. I know that we need them now, but some other things have to happen before we can turn our attention to that.

9. At this point in time, we DO NOT have Medicare Part A beds in the nursing home; that will come with the expansion.

Schleicher County Medical Center is dedicated to meeting the health care needs of our community. These are very exciting times for us at Schleicher County Medical Center. We are constantly researching new ideas in order to plan for providing additional health care services to our community.

We encourage you to please come by with any suggestions, ideas or just to visit! The coffee pot is always on!

Ann Fagan-Cook, RN, BSN,
LNFA
Administrator/CEO



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

8/4/99 Vasquez, Manuel S. Jr., male age 28, arrested by SC Officer, charged with DPS Outstanding Warrants from Mineral Wells. Released, paid finds of \$315 and served 2 days.

8-8-99 Martinez, Juan Jesus, male age 26, arrested by DPS Trooper, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense).

8/8/99 Evans, Jessie Morgan, male age 36, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (1st Offense).

REPORTS

8/2/99 Complainant stated that an individual had pointed a gun at him and chased him to the Sheriff's Office. Officers found the vehicle, searched it was unable to find anything. Officer stated that it's an ongoing thing between the complainant and the other kids.

8/3/99 Complainant advised they needed an ambulance to respond. Female has gone into labor. Water has broken and is bleeding. EMS 1 responded.

Hospital requested transfer to San Angelo.

Grass fire reported on 915 West about 16 miles.

Complainant stated that their 1989 White Chevy pickup was stolen in Tom Green Co. Saturday, July 31, 1999 at about 9:30 a.m.

Complainant state that they left their door open to their apartment on E. Field Street when they left to go to San Angelo. When they returned they noticed that their stereo had been stolen from inside the apartment.

8/4/99 Complainant stated that the same individual has been calling their residence and harassing them this is an ongoing thing. Officer advised complainant to report it to GTE.

Complainant stated they needed an officer to speak to their neighbor's kids about throwing rocks at their doors and garage doors. Officer responded.

Grass fire reported on Page Lane around 12:00 Noon. All fire units responded.

8/5/99 Hospital reported that a male subject had his foot run over by his friend from Sonora. Complainant was not sure what subject wanted done about this.

Criminal Mischief reported on Honeysuckle and requested an officer.

8/6/99 Complainant reported a skunk was acting strangely just outside of town. Officer responded.

8/7/99 Accident-Complainant reported they were traveling west bound from Menard on Hwy 190 when a deer ran in front of them striking the front left of their vehicle. Complainant reported that upon impact the driver and passenger's airbags deployed. Both occupants were taken to the hospital were they were treated for minor injuries and released.

8/8/99 Complainant phoned that there was a fight in progress at drive in restaurant. Officer stopped a male subject on North Divide. Officer arrested one male for DWI.

Complainant reported that there was a suspicious vehicle traveling up and down the street doing donuts and squealing the tires on E. Dorris St.

Complainant reported that a vehicle had gone through a gate. Officer responded and photos taken. Reporting officer investigated incident and determined that unknown motorist lost control of vehicle at the end of El Paso St. and ran through City of Eldorado Lift Station gate.

Complainant reported a grey vehicle northbound from Sonora appeared to have a child driving vehicle. Vehicle was traveling at a very slow rate. Officer responded.

8/9/99 Disturbance on Pelt Street. Complainant advised that there were two possible drunk pedestrians fighting in yard. Officer responded.

Complainant reported that they were still having problems with kids on a go-cart. Officer was advised.

Public Notice

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION-SCHLEICHER COUNTY NOTIFICATION AS REQUIRED
ARTICLE 6252-13C.1
REVISED STATUTES SECTION 3

The following information is PUBLIC NOTICE OF A SEX OFFENDER REGISTERED IN ELDORADO, SCHLEICHER, TEXAS:
DATE OF REGISTRATION: 8-05-99
REGISTRANT AGE: 49 GENDER: MALE
DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Indecency with Child By Contact
REGISTRANTS INTENDS TO RESIDE ON: STREET NAME: El Paso CITY: Eldorado, Texas ZIP CODE: 76936

NOTIFICACION REQUERIDA ARTICULO 6252-13c.1 REGULACIONES REVISADAS SECCION 3

La siguiente informacion es NOTICIA PUBLICA DE UN OFENSOR SEXUAL REGISTRADO EN LA CIUDAD DE ELDORADO, CONDADO DE SCHLEICHER ESTADO DE TEXAS:
FECHA DE REGISTRO: 08-05-99
EDAD DE REGISTRO: 49 SEXO: Masculino DESCRIPCION DE OFENSA: Indecencia en Contacto Con un Menor de Edad
REGISTRADOR INTENTA RESIDIR EN: NOMBRE DE CALLE: EL Paso CIUDAD: Eldorado, Texas: CODIGO POSTAL: 76936

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing Announcements

Purpose: 1999-2000 Budget Workshop

Date: Monday, August 16, 1999

Location: SCISD Elementary School Kitchen

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Purpose: 1999-2000 Budget Workshop-IF NEEDED

Date: Thursday, August 19, 1999

Location: SCISD Elementary School Kitchen

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Purpose: 1999-2000 Budget Hearing Adopt 1999-2000 Budget

Date: Monday, August 30, 1999

Location: SCISD Elementary School Kitchen

Time: 6:00 P.M.

It is the intent of the Schleicher County Independent School District Board of Trustees to seek comments from the public and to provide information regarding the listed 1999-2000 Operating Budget.

NOTICE OF WATER QUALITY APPLICATION PERMIT NO. 10165-001

APPLICATION. City of Eldorado, P.O. Box 713, Eldorado, Texas 76936-0713, has applied to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a renewal of NPDES Permit No. TX0092274, which authorizes the discharge of treated domestic wastewater based on a daily average flow not to exceed 385,000 gallons per day. Issuance of the proposed Texas Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (TPDES) Permit No. 10165-001 will replace the existing NPDES Permit No. TX0092274 issued on September 8, 1993 and TNRCC Permit No. 10165-001.

The plant site is located approximately 5000 feet northeast of the intersection of U.S. Highway 277 and U.S. Highway 915 in Schleicher County, Texas. The treated effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary of the South Concho River; thence to the Middle Concho/South Concho River in Segment No. 1424 of the Colorado River Basin. The unclassified receiving water has no significant aquatic life uses for the unnamed tributary. The designated uses for Segment No. 1424 are high aquatic life use, public water supply, and contact recreation.

The Executive Director of the TNRCC has prepared a draft permit which, if approved, will authorize the conditions under which the facility must operate.

PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING. Written public comments and requests for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, at the address provided in the information section below, within 30 days of the date of newspaper publication of this notice. A public meeting is intended for the taking of public comment, and is not a contested case hearing. A public meeting will be held if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application.

CONTESTED CASE HEARING. The TNRCC may grant a contested case hearing on this appli-

cation if a written hearing request is filed within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice. The Executive Director may approve the application unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days after newspaper publication of this notice.

To request a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing;" (4) a brief and specific description of how you would be affected by the application in a way not common to the general public; and (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the proposed activity. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns. Requests for a contested case hearing must be submitted in writing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address provided in the information section below.

If a hearing request is filed, the Executive Director will not issue the permit and will forward the application and hearing request to the TNRCC Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

INFORMATION. Written hearing requests, public comments or requests for public meetings may be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087. For information concerning the hearing process, contact the Public Interest Counsel, MC 103, the same address. For additional information contact the Office of Public Assistance at 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TNRCC can be found at our web site at www.tnrcc.state.tx.us. Issued: August 3, 1999

LaDonna Castañuela, Chief Clerk
Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission

UBS seeks local blood donors

Get ready to roll up your sleeve! It's time to donate blood again. United Blood Services along with the Schleicher County Medical Center will conduct a blood drive Tuesday, August 17, 1999 from 9:00 until 11:30 a.m.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. We also ask that you have proof of identification and know the names of any medication you may have

taken in the past 30 days.

United Blood Services is the area's not-for-profit blood provider. In order to supply the 18 area hospitals UBS services, we must collect more than 300 unites each week. We need your help!

If you would like to make an appointment to give blood, please call Chris Kessler at 853-2507. Please try to make an appointment, it will help you get in and out in a timely manner.

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LUTHER EDWARD DUNHAM
The address of such Executor is P.O. Box 163, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them with in the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Dated THE 9TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1999.
BY **MARIAN BLAND OVERSTREET, ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE**

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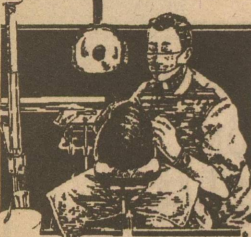
This week the Eldorado Spotlight shines on Corie Williams, daughter of Dean & Vicki Williams. Corie is shown here after she won 1st Place Accessory with her tote bag and Reserve Champion of the Non-Apparel division at the 4-H Fashion Revue in San Angelo on July 20th.

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Notice: Don't get bucked off by new Equine Law

Planning to sell 'OI' Paint? After September 1, Texas law will require that equine, including horses, donkeys, mules and asses, have a test for Equine Infectious Anemia (EIA), (also known as "Coggins" or "Swamp Fever") within 12 months before the animals undergo any change of ownership. The law exempts nursing foals changing ownership with their test-negative dams, and equine sold to slaughter. Persons who sell equine and fail to comply with the law, passed as House Bill 1732 in the 76th Texas Legislature, commit a Class "C" misdemeanor.

"Buying test-negative animals will reduce the chance of taking home an infected animal," said Dr. Terry Beals, executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock health regulatory agency. "It's a real shame to buy an untested horse, get home, and find out later

that the animal is infected and has exposed your best horse to the disease."

EIA is a viral disease spread from an infected equine to a 'clean' equine by blood-to-blood contact. Biting flies can mechanically carry the disease from one horse to another, and unsterilized medical instruments or blood transfusions can also put equine at risk. (Mosquitoes are not capable of spreading EIA.) Like some other viral diseases, EIA can strike as an acute infection, in which the animal becomes very ill and dies. At the

27, issued by a TAHC inspector or veterinarian."

"The commissioners will address the proposals and may adopt them as regulations at their mid-September meeting in Austin. The law, however, will be in effect September 1, requiring that the equine have an EIA test within the past 12 months. The person transferring the ownership is responsible for having the equine tested, whether the animal is traded or sold at a public auction or private sale, or is just given away."

"After the USDA establishes guidelines, some horse markets may set up off-site laboratories, to expedite EIA testing just prior to the sale," said Dr. Beals. "Thanks to new technology, test results can be available in only a few hours. To prevent disappointment, sellers should call ahead before hauling an untested horse to a market."

If an equine tests positive at the market lab, the owner may elect to have the animal tested again. After a second blood sample is collected and sent to the Texas Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, the animal is to be taken home, under a restricted movement permit, issued by a TAHC inspector. While awaiting test results, the equine in question, and all other equine on the premise of origin are to be quarantined.

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Water well testing offered

The Plateau Underground Water Conservation & Supply District has an in-house lab available to provide bacteria testing and partial chemical analysis. Some types of bacteria can cause unpleasant gastrointestinal problems. The partial chemical analysis is helpful in determining a baseline for good quality water. This service is provided free to landowners of Schleicher County. Call 853-2121 to have your water tested.

other extreme are infected equine that show no signs of being ill, but test positive for the disease. These equine pose a threat, as no one suspects the animal has a health problem, even though it is a reservoir for disease.

"Our 12 governor-appointed commissioners have proposed regulations that will bring us in line with the new change-of-ownership testing law and clarify conditions for selling equine to slaughter without a test," said Dr. Terry Beals.

"The commissioners have struggled with the question of the untested equine moving through a market to slaughter," he said. "At this point, they are against it. However, until their final vote is cast and regulations are adopted, we recommend that markets require a test for all horses, even if they are expected to be sold for slaughter. If, however, the markets elect to sell untested equine to slaughter, the animals will be allowed to move only to the plant under a restricted permit, known as a VS 1-

which represent the public or a segment of the livestock industry, have proposed the following:

- Foals that are nursing and are less than 8 months old would be exempt from EIA testing, if they undergo change of ownership with their dam. The mare, however, must have tested negative for EIA within the previous 12 months.
- Zebras would be exempt from the change-of-ownership testing rule.
- If an equine is not tested, it could be sold only direct to a slaughter plant, where a blood sample would be collected for testing at state expense.

Testing for EIA is relatively simple. An accredited veterinarian must draw the blood sample, complete the accompanying paperwork, and send the specimen and document to one of the 60+ laboratories in Texas approved by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) to conduct EIA tests. Results generally take three to five days, if the specimens are handled by mail.

"If the confirmation test is positive, this animal will be handled as any infected equine, according to TAHC regulations," said Dr. Beals. He explained that the animal would be permanently identified with the official 74A on the upper left shoulder, unless the animal is euthanized immediately. Other equine on the premises would be considered as exposed to the disease and would remain under quarantine until tested negative for the disease at least 60 days after the infected animal is removed.

To help prevent the spread of disease, TAHC regulations require EIA-infected equine to be euthanized, sold for slaughter or sent to a research facility. If the animal must be kept, it is to remain permanently quarantined at least 200 yards from other equine. In 1998, 370 equine tested positive for the disease in Texas.

"Infected equine will be allowed to move through the market to slaughter, as they are permanently identified with the 74-A brand and are inspected within 24 hours prior to entering the market," he said. As part of the inspection, the TAHC or USDA-accredited veterinarian will ensure that the animal has no clinical signs of the disease and has a normal temperature. The animal will move under the VS 1-27 permit and must remain isolated under a roof at the market, and remain on the premises no longer than 24 hours.

"Other aspects of the EIA regulations will not change," explained Dr. Beals. A negative EIA test within the previous 12 months is required for equine transported to events, races, trail rides, assemblies, or other gatherings, where they will commingle with other equine. The EIA test document, called a VS 10-11, is adequate proof of testing. Equine used exclusively for ranch work are exempt from EIA tests, unless they are undergoing change of ownership.

Focus on the Family

by Dr. James Dobson

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Tough Love for Troubled Marriage Involves Taking a Chance

TOUGH LOVE FOR TROUBLED MARRIAGE INVOLVES TAKING A CHANCE

QUESTION: If you were the counselor who was helping someone manage a crisis situation, your recommendations to exercise tough love could potentially kill the marriage. Doesn't that make you nervous? Have you ever regretted taking a family in this direction?

DR. DOBSON: To answer that question you need to understand how I see my situation. My role is similar to that of a surgeon who tells a patient that he needs a coronary artery bypass operation. The man sits in his doctor's office, hearing the probabilities of success and failure. "If you undergo this operation," the doctor says, "research shows you'll have a 3 percent chance of not surviving the surgery." Wow! Three out of every hundred people who submit to the knife will die on the table! Why would anyone run that risk voluntarily? Because the chances of death are far greater without the surgery.

can I begin to put a sense of togetherness into this harried household? How do you put meaningful activities into your family?

DR. DOBSON: One way to accomplish that is by creating traditions in your home. By traditions I'm referring to those recurring events and behaviors that are anticipated, especially by children, as times of closeness and fellowship between loved ones.

In our family, the centerpiece of our holiday traditions is food. Each year during Thanksgiving and Christmas, the women prepare marvelous turkey dinners with all the trimmings. Another great favorite at that time is a fruit dish called ambrosia, containing sectioned oranges and grapes. The family peels the grapes together the night before the big day.

These holidays are wonderful experiences for all of us. There's laughter and warm family interaction through the day. We look forward to that festive season, not just for the food, but for what happens between loved ones who come together on that occasion.

bolize the blessings he or she is most thankful for that year. A basket is passed, and every member drops in the corn while sharing his or her two richest blessings from God during that year. Our expressions of thankfulness inevitably involve people -- children, grandparents and other loved ones. As the basket moves around the table, tears of appreciation and love are evident on many faces. It is one of the most beautiful moments of the year.

The great value of traditions is that they give a family sense of identity and belonging. All of us desperately need to feel that we're not just part of a busy cluster of people living together in a house, but that we're a living, breathing family conscious of our uniqueness, our character and our heritage. That feeling is the only antidote for the loneliness and isolation that characterize so many homes today.

The "love must be tough" confrontations and ultimatum are like that. They may result in the sudden demise of a relationship. But without the crisis, there is a much higher probability of a lingering death. Instead of bringing the matter to a head while there is a chance for healing, the alternative is to stand by while the marriage dies with a whimper. I'd rather take my chances today, before further damage is done. A blowout is better than a slow leak.

We also have designated foods on other holidays throughout the year. On New Year's Day, for reasons which I cannot explain, we enjoy a Southern meal of pinto beans cooked at least eight hours with large chunks of lean ham, served with cornbread and little onions. It's so good! For many years we invited 30 or more friends to our home on July Fourth and served them barbecued hamburgers and baked beans. This became a prelude to the fireworks display, and much fun and laughter.

Dr. Dobson is president of the non-profit organization Focus on the Family, P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo. 80903; or www.fof.org. Questions and answers are excerpted from "Solid Answers," published by Tyndale House. Copyright 1998 James Dobson, Inc. Distributed by Universal Press Syndicate 4520 Main St., Kansas City, Mo. 64111; (816) 932-6600



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Scorched earth — The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Dept. battled a grass fire on the Bill Taylor Ranch, on Page Lane, last week. Here, firefighters Charlie Bradley (manning the nozzle) and Oscar Martinez (driving the truck) make one last pass down a road where firemen had earlier managed to stop the blaze.

Foundation development workshop planned

The Concho Valley Resource Conservation and Development Area, Inc., a non-profit organization, is sponsoring a Foundation Development Workshop on August 24, 25 and 26, 1999 at the Brady Housing Authority conference room in Brady. The cost of the three-day workshop is \$150, all materials included. Meals and lodging are not included and are the responsibility of the participant.

city of Missouri St. Louis and the University of Oklahoma.

Anyone interested in learning how to set up a foundation is urged to attend. Deadline for the work-

shop is August 18, 1999, so make your registration with Concho Valley RC&D as soon as possible. For additional information, contact Tony Resendez at 915-597-4666.

The Foundation Development Workshop covers two important elements: Creating a foundation and capitalizing your foundation. Subjects to be addressed include types of foundations, creating a foundation, fundraising campaigns, matching funds and other key elements of foundation development.

Learn all about developing a foundation from Dr. Don Udell, a well known professional who has written, reviewed and awarded grants from various foundations. Dr. Udell has been a graduate faculty member of both the Univer-



photo by Kathy Mankin
In the money — Connie Fryar (L) was all smiles Tuesday when she received a piggy bank stuffed with cash from Jeanne Snelson (R) of First National Bank. The bank sponsored a contest to guess the amount of money contained in the piggy bank. Fryar's guess was nearest the mark so she got the cash...and the piggy bank.

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