

# There was fun for everyone at Schleicher County Day and the Eldorado Open Rodeo

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## F.Y.I.

### For Your Information

#### Sales Tax Numbers Improve

Sales tax rebates from the State Comptrollers office to the City of Eldorado, increased this month. The city received \$9,354.37 last week. That's a 15.30 percent increase over the August rebate last year. The city's year-to-date total of \$50,178.33 is still below 1998's year-to-date number, but the gap narrowed considerably.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate continues to lag behind last years. The August rebate this year totaled \$6,882.83, 25.98 percent below the same month last year.

The Schleicher County Health Services Tax totaled \$6,632.55. That's down 11.02 percent from August's total last year.

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#### Honey Means Money

Texas produces about five percent of the honey in the U.S., with beekeepers earning \$4.3 million in 1998 from hives that produced an average of 77 pounds of honey per colony of bees.

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#### On This Date

On this date in 1812 the U.S. frigate *Constitution*, commanded by Commodore Isaac Hull, defeated the British ship *Guerriere* off the coast of Nova Scotia. After this victory, the *Constitution* is forever known as "Old Ironsides." In 1942 Canadian and British troops suffered disastrous losses during a raid against the Germans at Dieppe, France. Less than half of the 6,000 men who set out on the mission returned. In 1950 Saturday morning television for children is born when ABC aired *Animal Clinic* and *Acrobat Ranch*. In 1977 legendary vaudeville, film, radio, and television comedian Groucho Marx died in Los Angeles at the age of eighty-six.

Birthdays of note include: 1871 aviation pioneer Orville Wright; 1903 Pulitzer Prize winning novelist James Cozzens; 1919 publishing magnate Malcolm Forbes, Sr.; 1921 Star Trek creator Gene Roddenberry; 1931 jockey Willie Shoemaker; 1946 President Bill Clinton; 1948 "Tipper" Gore, wife of Vice President Al Gore.

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#### Odds and Ends

If you have three quarters, four dimes and four pennies, you have \$1.19. That is also the largest amount of money in coins that cannot be used to make change for a dollar.

## Grass fire chars 12,000 acres in western Schleicher County

### Catalytic converter + dry grass = wildfire

A pickup truck's catalytic converter sparked a grass fire Saturday, August 14th which eventually claimed more than 12,000 acres of rangeland and an undetermined number of sheep and cattle. A fire truck, was also damaged in the blaze when it struck a rock and was disabled with a disconnected drive shaft. The unit's crew, narrowly escaped the flames which quickly overtook their stalled vehicle.

The fire was reported to the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office at 2:20 p.m. by Stanley Spinks. But, by the time lead units of the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department reached the scene, the blaze was out of control and growing rapidly.

Assistant Fire Chief Joey Jones noted the firefighters were able to respond quickly. "We had all of our trucks in the parade this morning," Jones said. "Most of us were still on the courthouse square for Schleicher County Day...so we got out here really quick."

The Eldorado volunteers couldn't catch up with the fire, though, and Jones soon put out a call for help from area fire departments. That call was answered by volunteers from Sonora, Ozona, Big Lake and Barnhart. In all, 70 firefighters manned the line Saturday afternoon and evening. Several area ranchers, utilizing stock sprayers, also joined the battle to contain the fire's leading edge. That task was greatly complicated, however, by shifting winds and an afternoon temperature that soared well above 100 degrees.

The blaze began at the Ensinger place on County Road 423 and spread northwest onto the Mertz 09 Ranch and the Ford Oglesby Ranch. A command post was established near the fire line on County Rd. 425. But, efforts to contain the fire proved in vain as it continued to grow toward the northwest.

As reinforcements arrived from surrounding towns, a second attack on the blaze was launched from Woodward Lane, five miles to the west.

"We hope to stop it at Woodward Lane," Joey Jones said Saturday. "If it gets around us there, we may never catch it."

Ron Perry, Regional Fire Coordinator for the Texas Forest Service, joined the fight late Saturday afternoon. After meeting with Jones and assessing the fire, Perry requested assistance from the Texas Air National Guard, which maintains helicopters with fire fighting capability in San Antonio. That request was denied, however.

"We were told the fire was too small," Jones said. "They didn't understand how quickly one of these things can grow."

So, local and area firefighters continued fighting the blaze into early Sunday morning when it finally subsided. But, the fire wasn't dead.

Sunday, as the sun climbed in the sky, the temperature was on the rise, as well...and, so was the wind. By early afternoon, the fire had broken out again all along the west-



photo by Randy Mankin

**Airborne firefighter** — A Texas Air National Guard "Blackhawk" helicopter maneuvered around power lines and trees Sunday to reach a water tank on Tom Enochs' ranch. The chopper dipped 900 gallons of water from the tank then carried it to Ford Oglesby's ranch a few miles to the northwest, where it dropped the load on an out-of-control range fire.

ern edge of the burn.

By that time, Joey Jones and Ron Perry had used a Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) airplane to survey the burned area from the air. "We estimated it at over 10,000 acres, and called again to check on the helicopters," Jones said.

This time the men were told the

aircraft, a pair of Blackhawk helicopters belonging to the Texas Air National Guard, were enroute to the fire. After refueling in Sonora, the helicopters arrived at about 2:30 p.m., circled the blaze then landed on Tom Enochs' ranch, a few miles to the southeast. There, crew members attached large, balloon-shaped bags to the undercar-

riage of each helicopter. Once airborne, the bags were lowered into a water tank on Enochs' ranch and filled with water.

With an airborne spotter in the DPS airplane and Jones and Perry coordinating from the ground the choppers made repeated runs to the fire line, dropping 900 gallons of

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## Stolen pickup recovered in Bell County

A 1979 Chevrolet pickup truck stolen from the Schleicher County Road Department's yard on April 9th of this year was recovered Sunday on a farm near Temple by the Bell County Sheriff's Department. One individual, Philip Charles Franzoni, 32, of Bell County was arrested in connection with other stolen property recovered at the same location. A second individual, Robert Paul Lenhart, 40, of Belton, Texas, is wanted for questioning concerning the pickup stolen in Schleicher County.

According to Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe, both Franzoni and Lenhart have long police records, including such offenses as burglary, theft, possession of dangerous drugs and weapons charges.

It was reported that Schleicher County's insurance has already paid on the theft and that the company was given information regarding the recovery. The pickup, which was impounded in Bell County, has been repainted and a fuel tank, once mounted in the truck's bed, is missing.

Franzoni reportedly told Bell County officers that Lenhart stole the truck shortly after being released from jail. However, there is no record of his being held in the local lock-up.

## School board agrees to \$5.827 million budget

SCISD trustees met Monday evening, August 16th and agreed to a \$5,827,000.00 budget for the 1999-2000 school year. That figure is \$470,867.00 below the budget for the 1998-99 school year.

A large portion of the savings, \$313,580.00, came from a general obligation bond for the school's new gymnasium, which was recently paid off. The remaining cuts were realized in the technology and transportation areas of the budget.

Before the trustees could begin discussion on the budget, however, they had to decide on an employee health insurance plan. T. Cy Griffin and Will Ashmore were on hand to discuss the district's insurance options. The trustees, all of whom were present for the meeting, tabled the discussion for

awhile, but took it back up later in the session. They eventually voted to purchase a Blue Cross-Blue Shield policy which will cost the school \$190 per employee, per month, a considerable increase over last year's premium.

Before the vote was taken, however, trustee Phil McCormick expressed his displeasure with the way the insurance/employee benefits issue was brought before the board. "I resent the way this whole thing has been handled," McCormick stated. He went on to say that an employee benefit committee, appointed by Supt. Hal Porter, had not given the trustees enough time to adequately study the issue.

Trustee Eddie Albin expressed

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photo by Kathy Mankin

**Remount and reload** — Firefighters stocked up with water before returning to the fire line Saturday night as a wildfire burned out of control on the Mertz 09 Ranch and the Ford Oglesby Ranch.

## Trevino arrested, charged with felony theft

Rosa A. Trevino, 29, of Eldorado was arrested Tuesday morning, August 17th and charged with stealing more than \$12,000.00 from her former employer, Mittel Insurance Agency. Trevino was taken into custody by Chief Deputy George Arispe after a warrant was issued by Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle.

The arrest stems from an investigation begun by Sheriff David

Doran and Deputy Arispe shortly after Trevino's employment was terminated at the insurance agency two weeks ago. It is alleged that Trevino took money from Mittel Insurance Agency over a 31-month period.

Trevino reportedly declined to consult with an attorney after her arrest and gave officers a voluntary statement concerning the charges. She was later released on a \$2,000.00 bond.

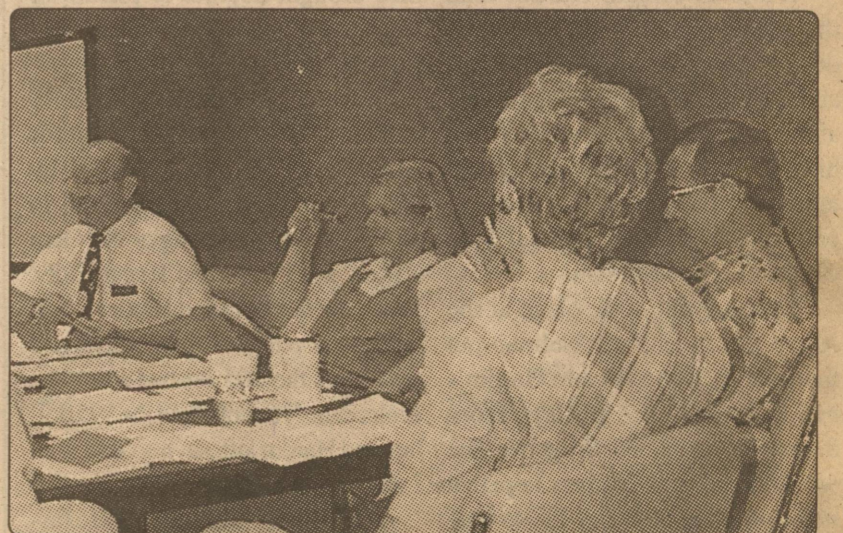
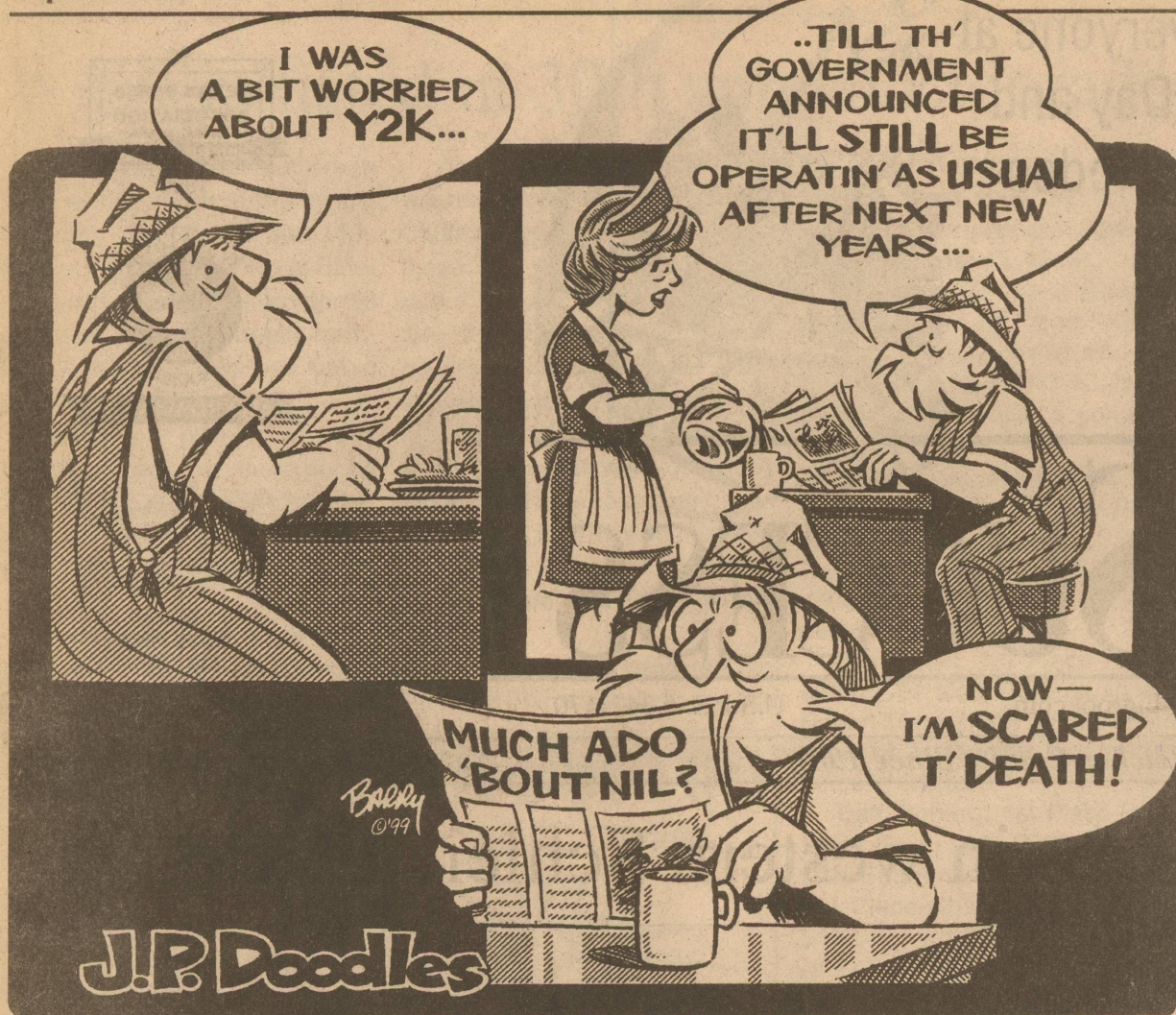


photo by Randy Mankin

**Puttin' the pencil to it** — The SCISD board of trustees met Monday evening and agreed on a \$5.827 million budget for the 1999-2000 school year.



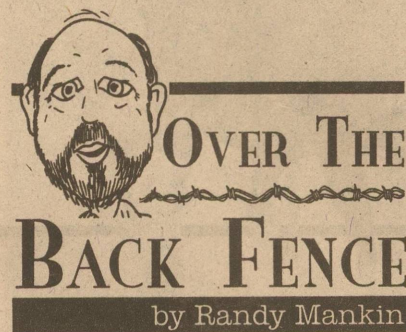
## 105° in the shade...just one of the reasons why Schleicher Co. Day shouldn't be held in August

When Kathy and I first moved to Eldorado more than twenty years ago, I made the regrettable mistake one day of mentioning that some things, not all, but some, were done differently in my hometown. I was immediately instructed to butt out and keep my opinions to myself.

The nice lady who issued the directive explained that there were very good reasons why things were done the way they were in Eldorado. Tradition...and all that.

Besides, she added, I was a newcomer and as such I should keep my opinions to myself until I had paid my dues around here.

Well, she was right, I was new to town and didn't have any business poking my nose into local tradition...a-ahem, there's that word again.



### OVER THE BACK FENCE

by Randy Mankin

Over the next two decades, Kathy and I paid our dues, and a lot of taxes. We also started a family. Both of my kids are something I can never be...a Schleicher County native. And, we've learned all the reasons why things are done the way they are in Eldorado.

But, the truth is, most of those reasons have very little to do with logic and everything to do with...uhm, you guessed it, tradition!

Take this past weekend, for example, when Schleicher County Day was held. It's always been held on the second Saturday in August so, keeping with tradition, that's what we did again this year.

Never mind that school started the week before. Never mind that mid-August means, more often than not, trans-100 degree temperatures. Never mind that most folks, and by that I mean almost everyone, thinks we would be better off moving the celebration to June...or October.

"We have to keep Schleicher County Days when it is so it will coincide with the Rodeo," one person told me this week. "Besides, it's a tradition."

Hey, how's this for an idea...let's move the Rodeo, too!

Now that I've thoroughly irritated the Chamber of Commerce and the Schleicher County Rodeo Association, let me go one step farther and include the Mias Amigas Club.

There's no good reason, I can see, why Schleicher County Day, the Eldorado Open Rodeo and the Mias Amigas reunion can't be held on the same weekend.

In fact, I can think of plenty of reasons why this would be preferable.

First of all, it would mean better attendance at all three events. That would mean more interest from vendors which would result in a better selection of booths at Schleicher County Day.

Secondly, better attendance would mean the rodeo could offer a larger purse. That would attract more entrants, which would mean a better show.

Thirdly, more people would come to Mias Amigas if there were other things to do while they were in town...things like stroll through the booths at Schleicher County Day or attend the Rodeo.

Now, let me say right here that I am not a member of the Rodeo Association. And, since I didn't attend or graduate from EHS, I can never be a member of the Mias Amigas Club. Neither am I on the board of the Chamber of Commerce. But, I know most of the officers of the three organizations and I think they just might be willing to consider a change. Or, at least look at the possibility of starting an entirely new batch of...traditions.

## Bush, Cornyn file brief supporting student-led prayer

AUSTIN — Gov. George W. Bush and Texas Attorney General John Cornyn last week filed a friend of the court brief in the U.S. Supreme Court supporting Santa Fe Independent School District's policy of allowing students to have voluntary prayers at graduation ceremonies and sports events.

Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee also joined the amici curie brief filed by Bush and Cornyn for the state of Texas. The nine states want the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the school district's case, in hopes of resolving a split over the issue in two U.S. circuit courts of appeals.

Currently, a decision by the Fifth

### State Capital Highlights

Compiled by Ed Sterling

Circuit in New Orleans requires school officials to censor student-initiated and student-given prayer at graduation ceremonies and prohibits voluntary prayer at school-sponsored sporting events.

The Fifth Circuit's decision conflicts with a recent 11th Circuit ruling holding that student-initiated religious speech is fully protected by the free-exercise and free-speech clauses of the U.S. Constitution.

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### Funds Target Illegal Gambling

Bush and Cornyn also pulled at the same yoke last week on another hot-button issue: gambling.

Bush announced a \$1.5 million grant to Cornyn to prosecute illegal gambling in Texas over the next three years.

With this grant, Cornyn will form a task force to prosecute all forms of illegal gambling, including Internet gambling, "eight-liner" slot machines and casinos.

"If it looks like a slot machine and pays like a slot machine, then it is illegal in Texas," Bush said.

Most eight-liner slot machine businesses operate as casinos with at least 10 slot machines and are organized solely for the purpose of facilitating illegal gambling, the attorney general's office said.

Illegal gambling via the Internet is gaining in popularity, Cornyn's office also reported. States including Missouri, Minnesota and New York have obtained injunctions against the operation of gambling web sites within their state lines.

### Agency Faces Budget Shortfall

The Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

is facing a \$60 million budget shortfall in 2000-2001, twice the projected deficit.

Cuts in funding to community mental health centers and medication programs could result.

Coupled with a \$28 million decrease in federal funding, including Medicare payments, to the agency, MHMR revealed to its board of directors that it had made an error in coding its budget request that added \$15 million to its revenue projections.

MHMR director Karen Hale said the agency would cooperate with state lawmakers, who will look at ways to solve the shortfall after reviewing reports from the state auditor.

### Other Highlights

• Anyone who has a computer and Internet service can look up information on registered sex offenders by typing in this address: [http://openrecords.org/records/sexual\\_offenders/texas/](http://openrecords.org/records/sexual_offenders/texas/). The web site allows searchers to type in their ZIP Code and obtain an offender's name, street, description and data about offenses.

• A new study by the Texas Turnpike Authority says toll roads would do much to relieve traffic congestion in the northern part of Austin. The study proposes two toll roads, "Mopac turnpike" hooking up with Interstate 35 and "Texas 45 turnpike" forking west from Mopac to U.S. 79. Required public hearings are expected to be scheduled and conducted later this year and in 2000.

• Pascal "Pat" Forgione Jr., 54, former chief of the National Center for Education Statistics in Washington, D.C., has been named superintendent of troubled Austin Independent School District. AISD is under investigation for falsification of test results.



## ROLLING ALONG

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### John Wesley Hardin

Hut Brown of El Paso portrays one of the state's most famous gun-fighters, John Wesley Hardin. Hut, a former educator, goes to schools around El Paso and tells youngsters about the legendary outlaw.

John Wesley Hardin was born at Bonham in 1853, named for the founder of Methodism. He spent his early years in Trinity and Polk counties. His father was a Methodist preacher. John Wesley killed his first man when he was 15. He added six victims to his list before he was seventeen. He killed about 30 more during his career as a gunman.

In May of 1874 Hardin shot and killed a Brown County deputy sheriff, Charles Webb, while visiting in Comanche. Lawmen pursued him all over Texas, Alabama and Florida. He was apprehended by Texas Rangers in Pensacola, Florida and brought back to Comanche for trial. He was sentenced to 25 years in Huntsville.

While in prison, Hardin read theological books, was superintendent of the prison Sunday school and studied law. He was pardoned after serving seventeen years. Upon his release in 1894 he was admitted to the bar to practice law. He was shot to death a year later by Constable John Selman.

The shooting took place at the Acme Bar in El Paso. Selman put three slugs from a 45 into Hardin's head. One of the bullets from Selman's gun landed on the bar. The owner of the establishment kept that bullet in an apothecary jar so customers could see it. Selman was acquitted of the crime.

The story is that Hardin was hired to defend a cattle rustler, Mar-

tin Morose, who was hiding in Juarez. He sent his wife to find an attorney. She found Hardin and liked him so much she didn't want to return to her husband. The situation deteriorated to the point that Hardin hired Selman and some others to kill Morose.

Hardin is buried in Concordia cemetery in El Paso. His grave is a popular visiting place for tourists. Someone regularly puts flowers by the headstone. Nearby are the graves of Selman and Morose. Hardin was a handsome, gentlemanly man who considered himself a pillar of society. He maintained he never killed anyone who didn't need killing and that he always shot to save his own life.

One of John Wesley's guns, a Colt Model 1877 Lightning, recently sold at an auction for \$189,500. His business card, reading "John Wesley Hardin Esq., Attorney at Law," two cardboard poker chips and a pair of dice brought \$3,450. A picture of Hardin with his business card sold for \$16,100.

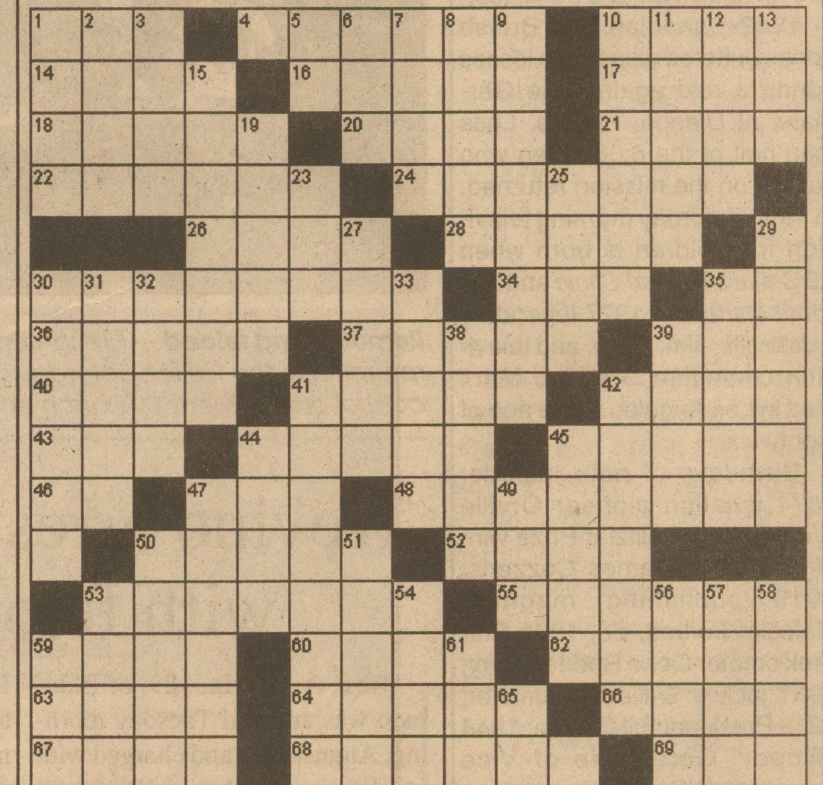
Another of Hardin's guns, a 41 caliber Colt Thunderer, sold for \$112,500. That gun was used by Hardin shortly before his death in 1895. He was gambling at the Gem Saloon in El Paso and losing badly. When the dealer called Hardin a "jail rat" Hardin pulled out his revolver and reclaimed the \$95 he had lost. The dealer calmly counted out the \$95 dollars and Hardin left, saying "that is all I want, just my money and no more."

Hut Brown says the kids are fascinated by the antics of John Wesley Hardin. "I always tell them he died at an early age and never knew much peace."

### HOMETOWN CROSSWORD

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1 Hallucinogenic drug	47 Mamma's boy	13 Electrocardiogram
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16 Titaness mother of Eos in ancient mythology	53 Egyptian paper reed	25 Eldorado's first postmaster
17 Got ___?	55 A sugar extracted from wood or straw; used in foods for diabetics	27 Schleicher Co. sheriff
18 Opinions or actions far beyond the norm	59 Speech disorder	29 Secure
20 Narration	60 He's on the way up everywhere, except	30 EHS mascot
21 Promote, as a product	61 Mayberry	31 Cover loosely with cloth
22 Coupling	62 Obviate	32 Compartment
24 Street in northwest Eldorado	63 Blue dye	33 Canonical hour
26 Was deceptive	64 Extemporaneous	35 Approximate date
28 Attire	66 Wild mango tree	38 Harsh or corrosive
30 Brian _____ member of SCMC board of directors	67 Fundament	39 Froth
34 Purpose	68 Speckled	41 Bypass
35 US most populous state	69 ___ the season to be jolly	42 Spoke at great length
36 Move upward	<b>DOWN</b>	44 Schleicher Co. pioneer
37 Cook in an oven	1 A street in eastern Eldorado	45 Resin in adhesives and paints
39 Display of bad temper	2 Annual pay raise	47 Flexible
40 Earth goddess in Greek mythology	3 Short golf swing	49 Sherry ____, serves on Eldorado City Council
41 Many people in Schleicher Co. own one	5 That thing	50 Desert water
42 Separate	6 Thee, ____, thou	51 Surpass
43 Nurse licensed to provide routine care for the sick	7 Listen	53 Delia ____, serves on SCMC board of directors
44 Buffet car	8 Broadcasted	54 River deposit
45 Speedily	9 How much of Schleicher Co. property was claimed	56 Death notice
	10 Levy	57 Fermented rice beverage
	11 Grain towers	58 Epochs
		59 Scientist's workplace
		61 Pose for a portrait
		65 Exist

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# OBITUARIES

## Juan Mocada

**SWEETWATER** — Juan Sanchez Moncada, 65, died Wednesday Aug. 11, 1999, in a local hospital. Funeral services were held Thursday, August 12th at St. Albert Catholic Church. Burial followed in the Roscoe Cemetery. Arrangements were by Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home.

He was born May 2, 1934, in

San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico. He worked for Sweetwater Cotton Mill for 27 years and was a Catholic.

Survivors include his wife, Juanita Moncada of Sweetwater; a brother, Nick Moncada of Sweetwater; two sisters, Pauline Rodriguez of Eldorado and Gabb Villanva of Del Rio; and several nieces and nephews.

## Lavoy Stone

**FAYETTEVILLE, ARK.** — Lavoy Gibbs Stone, 83, died Sunday, Aug. 8, 1999, in a local nursing home.

Graveside services were held Friday, August 13th in Lakeland Hills Memorial Park in Burnet County. Arrangements are by Nelson's Funeral Home.

She was born Sept. 15, 1915, in Coleman and had been a long-time resident of San Angelo and

Kingsland before moving to Fayetteville in 1986. She was a homemaker and a member of the Springdale First Baptist Church. Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Vickers of Fayetteville and Janice Tullos of Midland; a sister, Mrs. J.L. Buchanan of Eldorado; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

## Shannon West accepted to Flight Attendant's school

Shannon West, a 1995 graduate of Eldorado High School has been accepted to Southwest Airline School in Dallas. Shannon is a second semester senior at Texas Tech University in Lubbock and is excited at this opportunity to pursue her dream of becoming a flight attendant.

Shannon is the daughter of Floyd West and the granddaughter of Mora Lee (Honey) West and Helen Williams, all of Eldorado.



*courtesy photo*  
Shannon West

## For His Glory to perform at Community Baptist Church



*courtesy photo*  
**Glorious singers** — "For His Glory" a women's gospel trio from San Angelo will be performing in concert at Community Baptist Church on Sunday Morning, August 22nd. Members include (L-R) Nancy Gant, Twyla Martin and Wanda Pittman.

"For His Glory" a women's gospel trio from San Angelo will be featured in concert at Community Baptist Church on Sunday, August 22nd at 11:00 a.m. The group's performance will be included as a part of the church's morning worship service.

"For His Glory" consists of Twyla Martin, Nancy Gant and Wanda Pittman. The three women have all been blessed with musically talented families and enjoy singing harmony. They say their desire is to praise the Lord in music and song.

Martin and Gant are members of Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo. They each sing lead and high tenor. Pittman is a member of Lakeview Baptist Church. She sings alto and low tenor.

The group performed in Eldorado only last week, appearing on the stage during Schleicher County Day on Saturday, where they were a big hit with the audience.

Community Baptist Church is

located at 12 E. Warner Avenue in Eldorado, directly across from the courthouse square. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. with the morning worship service commencing at 11:00 a.m.

Dr. R. Byron Orand, pastor of Community Baptist Church, and his congregation invite the community to join them Sunday morning to hear "For His Glory."



*courtesy photo*

F. Scott Edmonson and Maela Katherine Kothmann

## Edmonson/Kothmann to wed

Maela Katherine Kothmann of Ft. McKavett and F. Scott Edmonson of Eldorado announced their engagement this week. The couple plans to marry on November 20, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Menard.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kothmann of Ft. McKavett. A 1984 graduate of Menard High School, she earned a Bachelor of Science in education from the University of Texas and a Masters of Science in administration from Texas A&M University. She is employed by Irion County I.S.D. where she is the Middle School principal.

The prospective bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Edmonson of Duncan, Oklahoma. He graduated from Empire High School in Duncan in 1984 and earned a Bachelor of Science in

mechanized agriculture and a Master of Science in agricultural education from Oklahoma State University. He is currently employed as the Schleicher County Agricultural Extension Agent.

## It's A Girl!



A star is born! Starlynn Renee Foley arrived on August 3, 1999, weighing 6 pounds and 1 ounce, 18 1/4 in length and first place of residence was Shannon Women's and Children's Center.

Parents are Jerrie Clifton and Lewis C. (Carl) Foley.

Maternal grandparents are Susan and Leonard Lloyd and Dale Clifton and Cindy Cole.

Paternal grandparents are Lewis B. and Judy Foley.

## Meals for Friends Menu



### Monday, August 23

Fried Catfish w/Tarter Sauce, Hominy, Fried Okra, Dinner Rolls, Apple Crisp

### Tuesday, August 24

Oven Baked Pork Chop, Zucchini/Yellow Squash, Cream Corn, Wheat Rolls, Fresh Fruit Parfait, Milk

### Wednesday, August 25

Meatloaf, Black-eyed Peas, Honey Glazed Carrots, Cornbread, Melon Salad, Milk

### Thursday, August 26

Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Whipped Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Peach Cobbler, Milk

### Friday, August 27

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## Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce

The Chamber wishes to thank everyone who came and enjoyed Schleicher County Days.

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I also want to thank all my neighbors who helped to battle the fire. Many have since called and offered their assistance. A person really doesn't know how many friends they have until something like this happens.

I also thank everyone else who helped to contain the fire. The Schleicher County Sheriff's Department, Texas Forest Service, Texas Air National Guard, Department of Public Safety, B.J. Services, Niblett's Oilfield Service, Crowder Services and many, many others.

Thank you, one and all!  
Ford Oglesby

## Year 2000-Related Fraud Advisory

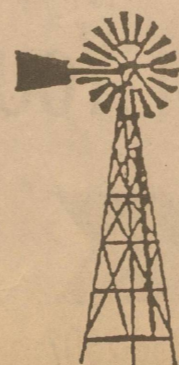
Concerns about possible Year 2000 computer problems present opportunities for criminals to defraud customers of banks, thrifts, and credit unions. Be assured that the federal regulators have been working closely with your federally insured financial institution to ensure that it has taken steps to prepare for Year 2000. Financial institutions are making excellent progress, and we expect the industry will be prepared for the century date change. This alerts you to some fraudulent schemes involving the Year 2000 and advises you on how to avoid becoming a victim of these schemes:

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- To help protect yourself from becoming a victim of fraud, the regulators recommend that you:
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  - Contact your financial institution to report any suspicious request for confidential account information. Don't hesitate to make these calls. If you're being approached, chances are others in your community or around the country are also being targeted.
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#### Tuesday, August 24

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#### Wednesday, August 25

Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Slices, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

#### Thursday, August 26

Turkey-Pot-Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Pear Halves, Peanut Butter Cookies

#### Friday, August 27

Barbecue-on-a-Bun, Tater Roundabouts, Dill Pickle Spears, Apple Crisp

#### BREAKFAST

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#### Monday, August 23

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#### Tuesday, August 24

Apple Slices, Biscuits/Gravy/Ham

#### Wednesday, August 25

Orange Juice, Breakfast Pizza

#### Thursday, August 26

Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls

#### Friday, August 27

Pineapple Slices, Toast/Cream of Wheat

#### FAST FOOD LINE

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Sausage & Cheese Pizza, French Fries, Mixed Fruit, Applesauce Cake/Icing

#### Tuesday, August 24

McRib Sandwiches, French Fries, Carrot Sticks, Peach Cobbler

#### Wednesday, August 25

Ham & Cheese Sandwiches, French Fries, Pineapple Slices, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

#### Thursday, August 26

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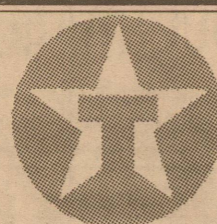
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## War Birds prepare for the '99 season

by David Hill  
Success Sports Writer

The Eldorado Eagles have been preparing in the West Texas heat the last two weeks for their upcoming season. The Eagles will face their first test of the season tonight at Eagle Stadium when they host the Sterling City Eagles. The team is anxious to face an opponent rather than another teammate as they have for the last several weeks.

Overall Eldorado will have good speed both offensively and defensively. Another strong point for the Eagles will be their overall size and depth. Coach Fryar said of this year's team, "we have some experienced kids coming back for us this year, our line will mature as the season progresses and their size should really wear some folks down."

Offensively, EHS will be sporting a new look this year. Eldorado will feature a one back set, shotgun formation. Another difference will be that Eagle fans will see a lot of the no huddle. EHS hopes to take advantage of the speed of their wide outs and the strong running of Lance Mitchel.

Joey Bullard returns to QB the "new look Eagles". The line is rebuilding due to graduation, but size should not be a problem as several Eagles tip the scales at over 250 lbs. According to Fryar, "We are going to use a lot of people up front," this should help alleviate the lack of experience in the front five.

Another change this year, Cory Lloyd who played center last year has been moved to Tight End. All in all with the new offense, and good experience in the skill posi-

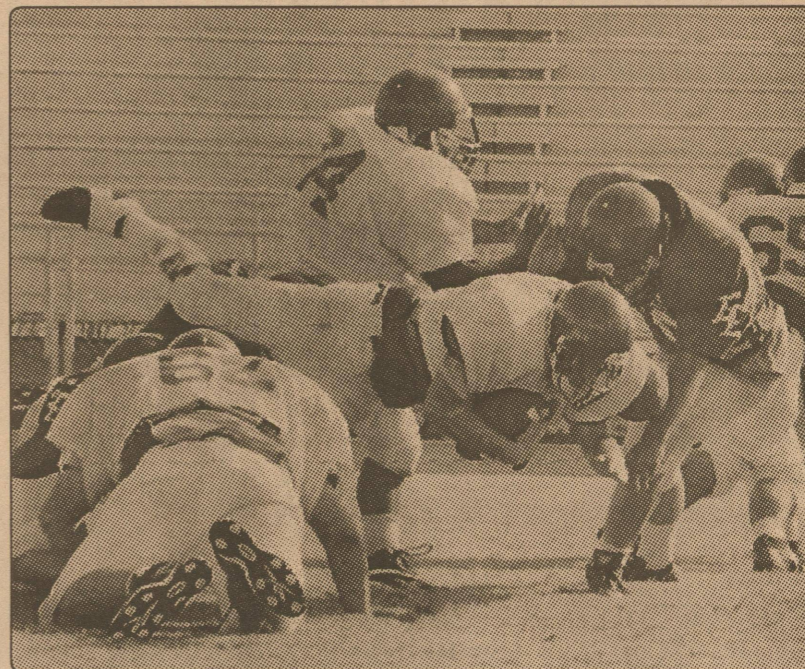


photo by Kathy Mankin

**Extra effort** — Lance Mitchel stretched for extra yardage during an inter-squad scrimmage last week. The Eagles will host the Sterling City Eagles tonight in a scrimmage in Eagle Stadium.

tions, the Eagles should have a good year on the offensive side of the ball.

Defensively, Eldorado will stay primarily with the same basic schemes as in the last several years. Again, the defensive line is young, however, it's as big as any in the last several years. As an offense, this portion of the defensive unit should continue to improve week to week and we will see several different combinations early on.

The strength of the defense will be in the Linebackers; all four are returning starters and lettermen. This should be the backbone of this side of the ball for the Eagles as two of the four are in at their third season.

Coach Fryar states, "Our linebackers will definitely be our

strength on the defensive unit as everyone is back." The defensive backs as the line are young. Will Robledo is the lone returning starter. Fryar was quick to point out that in spite of the inexperience, "Our speed should help us where we are short on playing time and experience."

The Eagles will have plenty of experience in special teams, as most of those positions will be repeat performers from last year's squad.

All in all Eldorado looks to continue to improve through the scrimmages and preseason so they can fight for the District title.

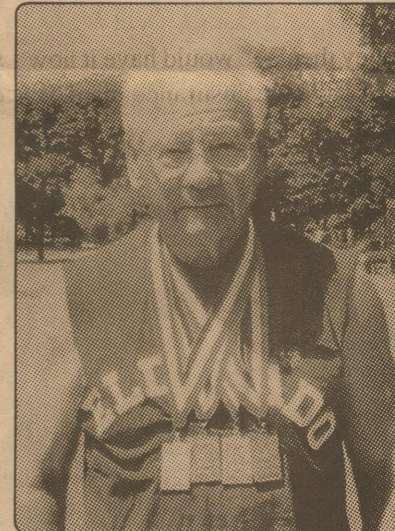
Remember that Eldorado faces Sterling City tonight at Eagle Stadium. Wear your green and back the Eagles!

## Callison claims four medals at West Texas Classic in Lubbock

John Callison of Eldorado brought home four medals from the West Texas Classic Senior Games held in Lubbock August 11th-14th. He won a gold medal in basketball (round-the-world); a silver in basketball (free throw shooting); a silver in horseshoe pitching and a bronze in golf.

Since Callison began competing in Senior Games a couple of years ago, he has won a medal in every event he has entered. In all, there are 15 medals in his trophy case — 7 gold, 5 silver and 3 bronze. Two of the 15 were won in the State round of the Senior Games.

At 73 years young, Callison wears a green jersey, emblazoned in white with ELDORADO, when he is competing. He says that the rules require him to wear a uniform

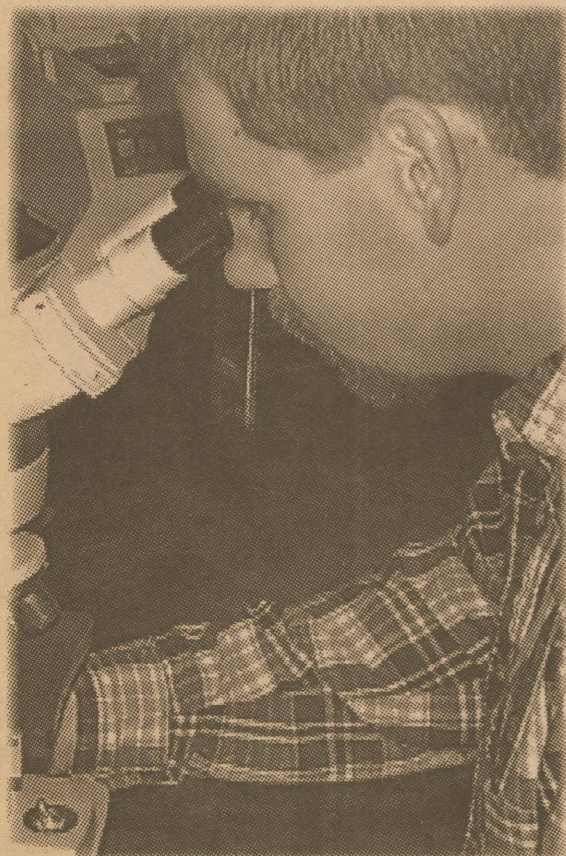


courtesy photo  
John Callison

of some sort while in competition. So, it was only natural to adopt Eldorado's colors. On the back of the jersey is his number, 73...same as his age.

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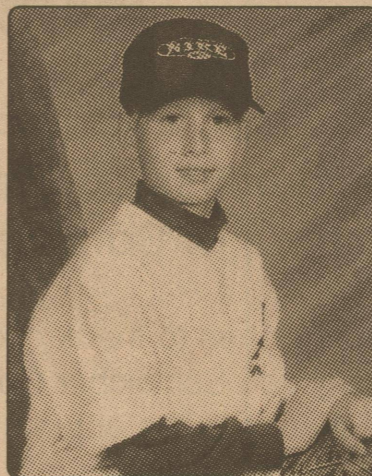
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# Elections, reports, and prizes highlight SWTEC's annual meeting

A West Texas breeze and the shade of pecan trees on the lawn of the Schleicher County Courthouse kept the heat from bothering the 900 plus members and guests gathered for the 54th annual meeting of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative.

The 100 plus temperatures and lack of rainfall had members talking as they arrived for the meeting on August 10th to register for attendance prizes, enjoy a catered barbecue meal, and hear reports about the status of their co-op.

Board President, Fred Case, began the business meeting by introducing Buff Whitten as the new manager of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative. He quickly turned the meeting over to Board Secretary Jerry Johnson for the proof of quorum and approval of the minutes from the previous year. After telling the members that a quorum was achieved, the official business of the cooperative began.

Consumer services supervisor Eddie L. Albin introduced the cooperative's special guests before turning the microphone over to President Case for his introduction of State Representative Bob Turner.

Turner told the audience that the last legislative session was very "challenging" and cited the issue

of deregulation of the electric industry. Representative Turner commented that a more appropriate wording should be "re-regulation" of the industry.

New cooperative manager Buff Whitten came to the podium and recognized the 43 years of service of Jim Martin, recently retired cooperative manager. Whitten acknowledged "Jim will be a tough act to follow". Whitten also recognized C.F. Dacy, data processing supervisor, who will be retiring in December after 34 years of service.

Whitten continued his comments by stating that, "the cooperative is facing many challenges associated with the local economies." He noted that both agriculture and the petroleum industry has seen a substantial decrease in kilowatt-hour sales and revenue. Whitten continued by saying, "We have our work cut out for us," but assured the audience that he and the board would, "make decisions in the best interest of our cooperative membership."

Treasurer Steve Williams then presented service awards to five employees and one director. All six received a pin for fifteen years of service. Receiving pins were Dick Runge, Eddie L. Albin, Edmundo Martinez, Mack Redish, Delwin

Greer, and Robert Flores.

Tom Gregg, attorney for Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, then turned the members' attention to the election of directors and briefly reminded them of the applicable bylaws. He then called on Nominating Committee chairman Albert Ward of Sonora, Texas to give his report.

Ward told the members that the committee had nominated Jerry Johnson, Dick Runge, and Bill Ferguson. A motion from the floor closed nominations and Johnson, Runge, and Ferguson were elected by acclamation to each serve a three-year term.

It was then time for the awarding of a long list of attendance prizes, which included many small electric appliances, a charbroil grill, a VCR, a microwave, and numerous electric credits. Garrett Lux, son of Mike and Becky Lux helped draw names from the drum of entries. After the 39 prizes were awarded, the business meeting was officially adjourned.



photo by Eddie Albin

Reporting on recent developments in Austin — Board President Fred Case looked on as State Representative Bob Turner addressed the annual membership meeting of the Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative on Tuesday evening, August 10th. Turner spoke to the group about recent action by the State Legislature to deregulate the electric utility industry in Texas.

## \$5,827 million budget proposed by school board for 1999-2000

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him to find the funds in the budget that was already proposed. Board president Ilse Williams suggested that some money might be made available by lowering pay raises from 5 percent to 3 percent, for all non-teacher employees, except the ones earning less than \$12,000.00 per year. Williams reasoned that the lower paid employees would need a 5% raise in order to pick up the employee share of the new insurance plan.

When no consensus could be reached on the pay raise question, the board voted unanimously to propose a \$5.827 million budget. It was estimated that a tax rate of \$1.36 would be required to fund that amount.

Some money may be coming from the State to offset a portion of that tax rate. Supt. Porter told the board he would have information concerning those funds at a budget hearing slated for Monday, August 30.

When the vote was finally tallied, all trustees voted in favor except Albin who was opposed. Talk then moved on to the final budget number. Supt. Porter explained that an increase in pre-kindergarten enrollment at the Kids Kampus would require another part-time teacher be added. That would add an additional \$14,000.00 to the budget, Porter said.

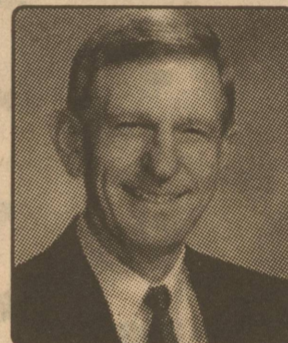
But the trustees weren't willing to provide the additional money. Instead they directed Porter to hire an extra part-time teacher but told



photo by Eddie Albin

Ready for the meeting — These members of Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative were ready for the group's business meeting to begin while others, in the background, made their way through the serving line for barbecue and all the trimmings.

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LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$726,672.58
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$726,672.58
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$179,567,349
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.4047/\$100

THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:	
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY) = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$726,566.93 \$163,302,589 \$0.4449/\$100

THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:	
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Unencumbered Fund Balances**  
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General Fund	\$335,538.00

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at **The Hospital Administrative Office or the County Tax Assessor's Office.**

Name of person preparing this notice **Lou Ann Turner**  
Title **Tax Assessor/Collector**  
Date prepared **8/11/99**

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**AUGUST**

- 19th Michael Hill, Will Kessler, Paul Michalewicz, Justin Paxton, Trey Walker, Jerry Richards
- 20th Katey Blair, Brent Moore, Craig Gutierrez, D.J. Criswell, Keith Corley
- 21st Mary Etta Stricklan, Hal Porter, Juan Carlos Escobar
- 22nd Johnny Lozano, Rebecca Rodriguez, Milton Fitts, Amy Henderson, Winona Isaacs, Linda Creel, Colleen Swartzell, Sonia Covarrubiaz
- 23rd Benita Fuentes, Charlotte Crain, B.J. Key, David Lloyd, Stoney Harriman, Gary Thomson Sr., Kasey Lynn Gonzales, Caleigh Bunty, 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

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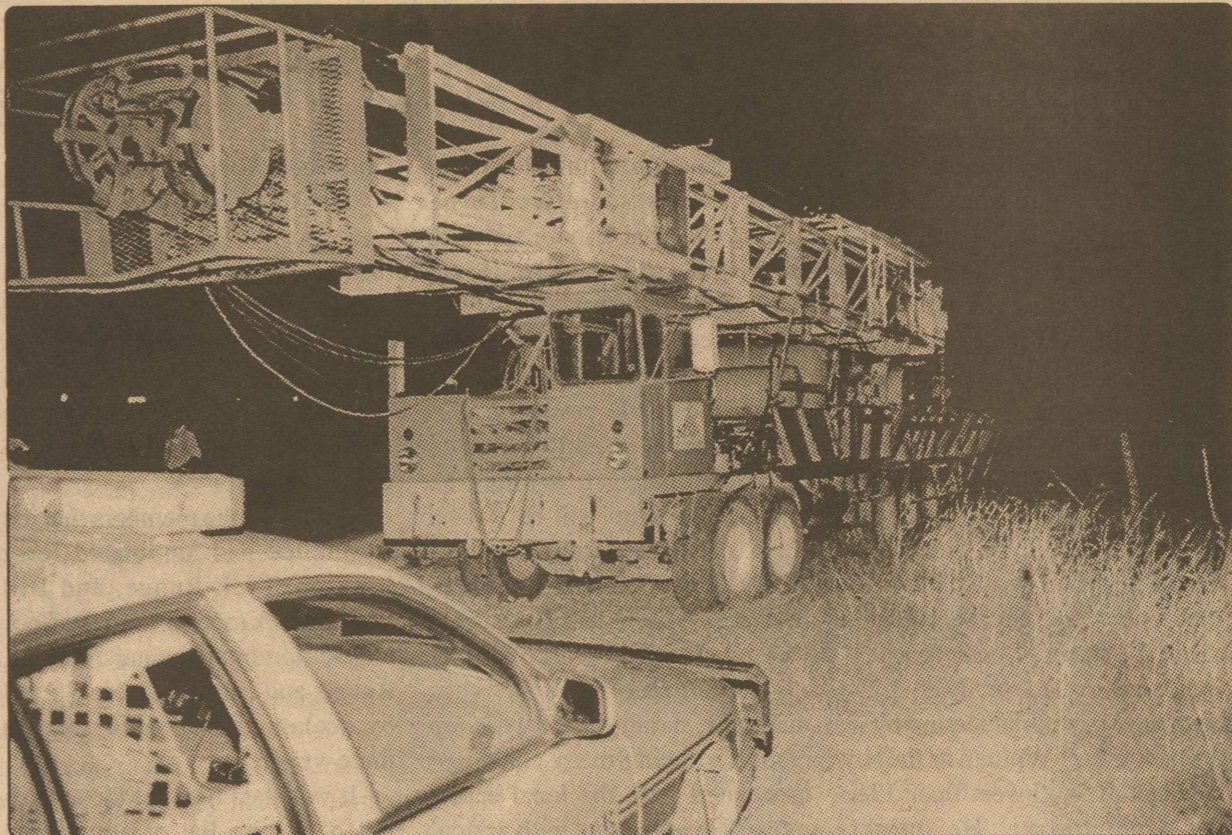


## Small grains workshops slated here

by Scott Edmonson

There will be small grains workshop on Thursday, August 26, 1999 here in Eldorado. The program will be at the Memorial Building from 6-9 p.m. Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist will be on hand to discuss small grain production and maximizing forage production. Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension Entomologist will be discussing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) relative to small grain insects and their control. Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension Economist, will be on hand to discuss marketing and marketing alternatives while Travis Booher will discuss the new Risk Management program.

There will be 3 Continuing Education Units available for persons with a Private Applicators License. For more information, please contact the Extension office at 853-2132.



Who pulled the chocks on the pulling unit? This well service rig, belonging to Sierra Well Service in Midland, was left overnight last Friday in Scurlock-Permian's yard, just north of the Eldorado City Limit. Sometime shortly before midnight, the vehicle began rolling eastward, crashed through the fence at the back of the yard and rolled downhill for more than a quarter mile across pastureland belonging to Charlie Kellogg. It then crashed through another fence, on Rudd Road and was headed directly toward homes across the street when it came to rest on the edge of the pavement. Schleicher County Deputy Eddie Rodriguez investigated the incident.

photo by Randy Mankin

## Schleicher County ISD recognized by State along with all three local campuses

Eldorado Elementary School was awarded the State's highest recognition Monday, an "Exemplary" rating, by Commissioner of Education Mike Moses. Schleicher County ISD, Eldorado High School and Eldorado Middle School each received "Recognized" ratings.

The awards were presented in recognition of outstanding academic performance at the school district and on all three campuses.

The standings were exactly reversed from last year, when the Eldorado Elementary School was honored as a Recognized Campus while SCISD, Eldorado High School and Middle School were designated as Exemplary.

"This is a very unique place," SCISD Superintendent Hal Porter told the school board Monday evening as he informed them of the awards. "To be in a district where achievement is so high and is the norm, that when a good report comes in we're disappointed if it's not higher."

Porter went on to note that in a school as small as Eldorado, one student's test scores can dramatically impact a campus' standings. He noted that the Middle School and High School each missed the Exemplary designation by one student.

Porter offered his praise to Elementary Principal Brian Brownlow, his staff and faculty on a job well done and he repeated his appreciation for the jobs done by the Middle School and High School campuses.

"At our meeting this morning I explained that our goal is to have all three campuses to receive an Exemplary rating in the same year," Porter said. "We will continue to work very hard toward that goal."

Statewide, a record number of Texas school districts and campuses earned Exemplary and Recognized ratings.

Commissioner of Education Moses announced that the schools and districts earned these high marks even though the ratings criteria became tougher and an additional 192,284 number of students were included in the accountability system.

"Texas students and educators lived up to the high expectations we set for them. We are very proud of their remarkably strong showing," Moses said.

"We thought we might see a drop in the number of schools and districts receiving the top two ratings this year because we added a significant number of tested students into the accountability system. Instead, our students continued to build on the legacy of excellence that is developing in Texas public schools," he said.

Accountability ratings are based on dropout rates, attendance rates and passing rates on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS), an examination given to students in grades 3-8 and 10. Individual schools can earn ratings of exemplary, recognized, acceptable, low-performing or acceptable: data issues. Alternative edu-

cation schools can apply for and be evaluated under alternative procedures. Districts can earn ratings of exemplary, recognized, academically acceptable, academically unacceptable, unacceptable: special accreditation investigation or unacceptable: data quality.

This year, for the first time in the six-year history of the Texas accountability system, ratings for alternative education schools and year-round schools were released at the same time ratings were made public for all other schools. Schools rated under the alternative accountability procedure can earn ratings of acceptable or needs peer review.

This year, 1,110 campuses earned an exemplary rating, compared to 1,048 in 1998. The highest rating also went to 121 districts, up from 120 the previous year. To achieve this prestigious rating, a school or district had to have at least 90 percent of its total students, as well as its African-American, Hispanic, white and economically disadvantaged students, pass the reading, writing and mathematics portions of the TAAS test. Exemplary standards also require an annual dropout rate of 1.0 percent or less for all students and each student group and an attendance rate of at least 94 percent.

The second highest rating, recognized, was awarded to 1,842 campuses and 381 districts today. In 1998, 1,666 schools and 329 districts earned this notable rating. To achieve a recognized rating, the district or campus must have an annual dropout rate of 3.5 percent or higher and a TAAS passing rate for all students and each student group of at least 80 percent in each subject area.

The number of campuses earning a rating of low-performing rose from 59 in 1998 to 106 in 1999. The number of districts with the comparable rating of academically unacceptable rose from six last year to nine this year. This rating was assigned when a district or campus had a TAAS passing rate below 45 percent for all students or any student group, a dropout rate above six percent for all students or a student group and failed to meet required improvement standards.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2

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Happy 3rd Birthday  
**Jerry Pina**



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### 1999 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN SCHLEICHER GENERAL

THIS NOTICE CONCERNS 1999 PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR SCHLEICHER COUNTY. IT PRESENTS INFORMATION ABOUT THREE TAX RATES. LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE IS THE ACTUAL RATE THE TAXING UNIT USED TO DETERMINE PROPERTY TAXES LAST YEAR. THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE RATE WOULD IMPOSE THE SAME TOTAL TAXES AS LAST YEAR IF YOU COMPARE PROPERTIES TAXED IN BOTH YEARS. THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE IS THE HIGHEST TAX RATE THE TAXING UNIT CAN SET BEFORE TAXPAYER'S CAN START TAX ROLLBACK PROCEDURES. IN EACH CASE THESE RATES ARE FOUND BY DIVIDING THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF TAXES BY THE TAX BASE (THE TOTAL VALUE OF TAXABLE PROPERTY) WITH ADJUSTMENTS AS REQUIRED BY STATE LAW. THE RATES ARE GIVEN PER \$100 OF PROPERTY VALUE.

	General Fund	Farm/Market Fund
<b>LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:</b>		
LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAXES	\$1,030,059.10	\$285,301.56
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$19,470.52	\$ 0.00
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$1,049,529.62	\$285,301.56
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$176,986,142	\$176,986,142
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$ 0.5930/\$100	\$ 1.612/\$100
<b>THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:</b>		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY)	\$1,048,128.34	\$284,921.23
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY)	\$160,439,999	\$160,439,999
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$0.6532/\$100	\$0.1775/\$100
<b>Total Effective Tax Rate</b>	\$0.8307/\$100	
<b>THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:</b>		
LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND INCLUDING TAXES FOR STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE MANDATE)	\$1,028,685.83	\$284,921.23
/ THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE	\$160,439,999	\$160,439,999
= THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE	\$0.6411/\$100	\$0.1775/\$100
X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE	\$0.6923/\$100	\$0.1917/\$100
+ THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE	\$0.0000/\$100	\$0.0000/\$100
= THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE FOR EACH FUND	\$0.6923/\$100	\$0.1917/\$100
THIS YEAR'S TOTAL ROLLBACK RATE	\$0.8840/\$100	
- SALES TAX ADJUSTMENT RATE	-\$0.0463/\$100	
= ROLL BACK TAX RATE	\$0.8377/\$100	

#### Schedule A

##### Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
General Fund	\$65,000.00
Interest & Sinking Fund	\$1,700.00
Farm/Market	\$20,000.00

#### Schedule B

##### 1999 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1998 Ltd Tax Not	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-	\$-0-

#### TOTAL REQUIRED FOR 1999 DEBT SERVICE

- AMOUNT (IF ANY) PAID FROM FUNDS LISTED IN SCHEDULE A	\$ -0-
- EXCESS COLLECTIONS LAST YEAR	\$ -0-
= TOTAL TO BE PAID FROM TAXES IN 1999	\$ -0-
+ AMOUNT ADDED IN ANTICIPATION THAT THE UNIT WILL COLLECT ONLY 97% OF ITS TAXES IN 1999	\$ -0-
= TOTAL DEBT LEVY	\$ -0-

#### Schedule C

##### Expected Revenue from Additional Sales Tax

In calculating the effective and rollback tax rates, the unit estimated that it will receive \$61,883.50 in additional sales and use tax revenues. For County: The county has excluded any amount that is or will be distributed for economic development grants from this amount of expected sales tax revenue.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The County Tax Assessor/Collector's Office.

Name of person preparing this notice Lou Ann Turner

Title Tax Assessor-Collector

Date prepared 8-11-99

**SUTTON COUNTY DAYS**

25th Annual Silver Anniversary  
**August 18 - 22, 1999**  
**SONORA, TEXAS**  
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Ed Meador and Charlene Edmiston were honored as Pioneer Families.



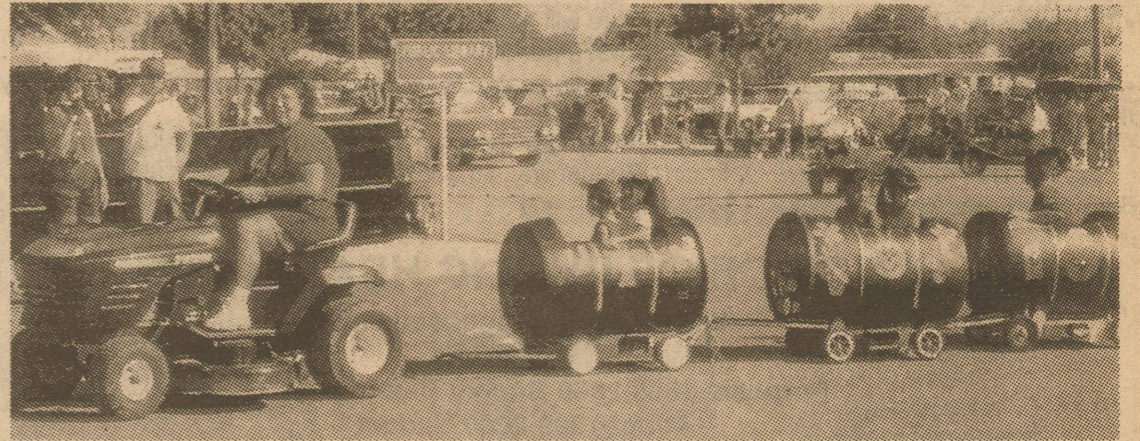
The flags were flying



Ryan Cathey went for a spin...a real spin!

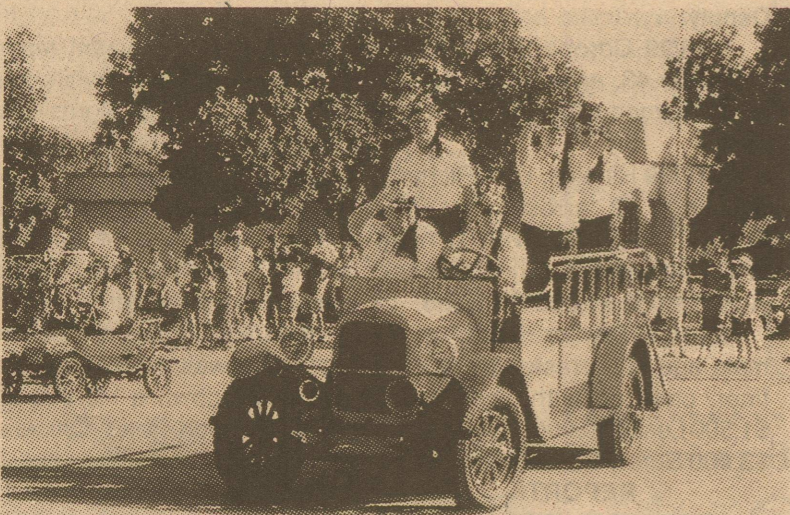


Randy Mitchel and Jennah Richters compared their injuries



Delia Herrera was the engineer on the Schleicher County Day train

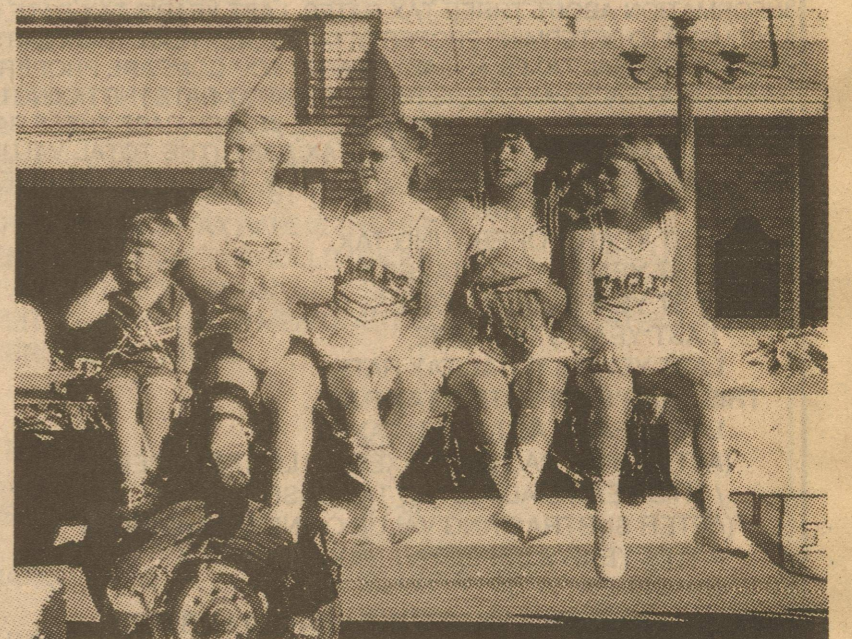
# Looking Back at Schleicher County Day '99



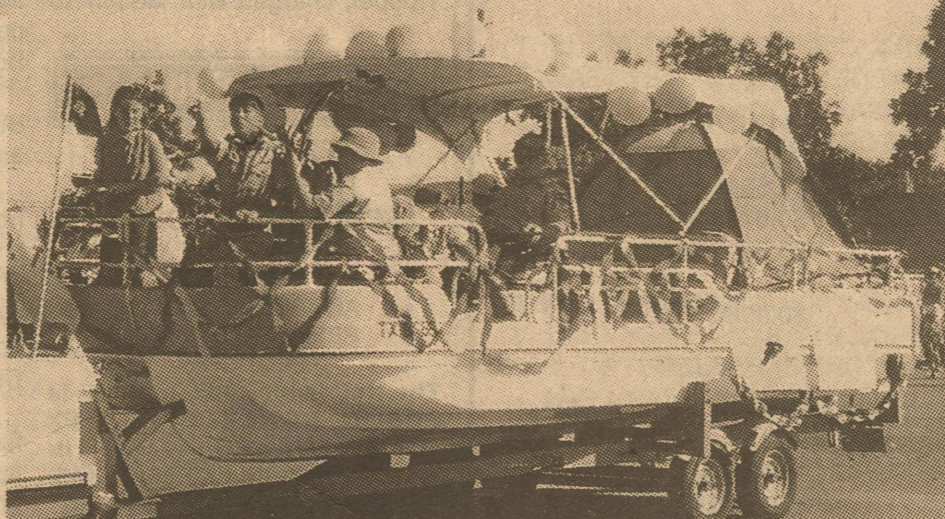
The Shriners' entry won 2nd Place float. Hey, where were these guys when the fire broke out?



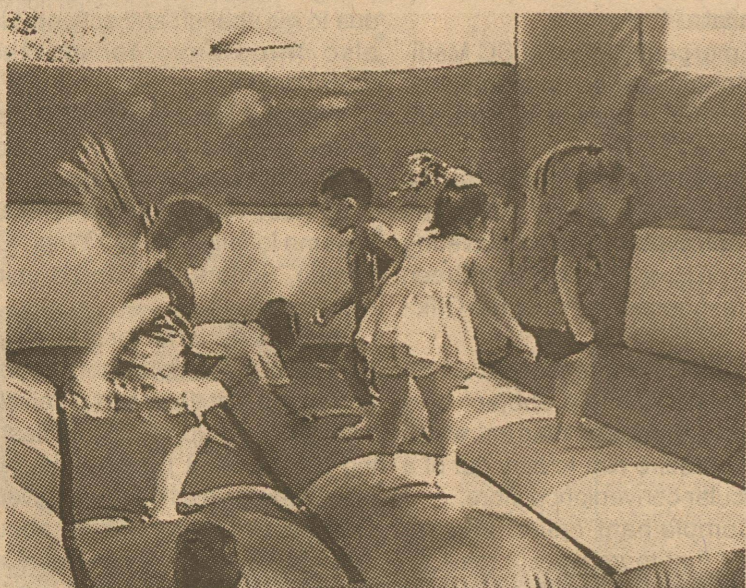
Bill Freitag drove the official pace car



The Cheerleaders had the 3rd Place Float



Boy Scouts looking for Gilligan and the Skipper in their 1st Place float.



Would this be a kid safe room?



Nothing to it, just roll five 6's in a row and you're a Bronco



Wayne Joiner proves that when it comes to dependable transportation, wider is better!

# 12,000 acre wildfire puts local and area firefighters to the test

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water on each trip.

Local firefighters continued to fight the blaze on the ground, even as the helicopters rained down water from above. One fireman, T.J. Rodriguez of Eldorado, was overcome by heat. He was transported by Sheriff David Doran to the Schleicher County Medical Center where he was hospitalized overnight for observation.

By dusk on Sunday, the fire had been contained again and the fatigued firemen made their way home.

The respite would be short-lived, however. At 1:14 p.m. on Monday, August 16th, firefighters were again dispatched to the fire which had broken out again on the north side of the burn. Units from Sonora and Ozona were called in for assistance.

This time the fire was quickly

contained, however, as firefighters made use of a narrow dirt road on the Mertz 09 Ranch as a fire break.

Tuesday, a bulldozer kept busy clearing a fire break around the blackened area as volunteer firefighters returned to their jobs. A new smoke report on Tuesday afternoon proved to be a false alarm. Jones, who rushed to check out the report, said that what spotters had thought was smoke turned out to

be a series of "dust devils" which lifted soot and ash from the burn zone high into the air.

At press time on Wednesday, all was quiet along the fire line. The weekend blaze is believed to be the largest the Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department had faced in several years. "I haven't been on one this big in a long time," said Jones. "It just about stretched everything to the breaking point."

On factor which contributed to the severity of the fire was the fact that the affected area had received good rains during the spring and early summer. Thanks to that moisture, grass grew thick and tall, only to wither in the dry heat of July and August.

Jones offered his appreciation to all the volunteers who helped put down the fire. "We had a lot of help on this one," Jones said. "If it hadn't been for our neighboring fire departments we would have been in real trouble."

Jones went on to praise all the volunteer firefighters. He also spoke highly of area ranchers and farmers who brought their livestock sprayers and helped battle the blaze.

"We also got a lot of help from the Sheriff's Department," Jones said. "The inmates worked straight through, fixing flats and keeping our trucks running."

Jones also thanked those who served in other capacities such as delivering food and cold drinks to the firefighters. "It was hot out there," Jones said. "We really appreciated all the refreshments."

On Wednesday, Eldorado Fire unit #35, the truck which broke down and was abandoned on Saturday, was hauled into town. It was reported that the unit would need only minor repairs before it being returned to service.



photo by Randy Mankin

**Look out below** — This Texas Air National Guardsman leaned out from his "Blackhawk" helicopter Sunday and relayed instructions to his pilot, who maneuvered the chopper into position to refill a 900 gallon bag with water from a stock tank. Once full, the aircraft headed back into service against a range fire which blackened about 12,000 acres of land in western Schleicher County.



photo by Randy Mankin

**Repair crew** — Sheriff David Doran (kneeling), Field Corrections Officer David Olivan (background) and inmate Joe Lee Lutrell (working under truck) responded to a disabled fire truck Saturday. Although the unit could not be repaired on the scene, it was not damaged as seriously as first believed. The truck should be back in service in the near future.

## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

### SCHLEICHER COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 1999-2000 BUDGET

SCHLEICHER COUNTY ISD-Board of Trustees  
August 16, 1999  
Called Meeting

The Board of Trustees for the Schleicher County Independent School District approved a PROPOSED BUDGET for the 1999-2000 School Year with the following parameters:

- The final approved 1999-2000 Operating Budget will be fully funded without the use of the District's existing fund balance.
- The necessary tax rate to fund the local share will not exceed \$1.36 per \$100 in taxable values.  
NOTE: The overall 1998 Tax Rate of \$1.4979 per \$100 taxable values
- All increases in projected state funding will be dedicated to reducing the necessary local effort by that dollar amount.
- The Total 1999-2000 Operating Budget (including all programs) will be for \$5,827,000.  
NOTE: The Total 1998-1999 Operating Budget was \$6,325,437. The Proposed 1999-2000 Budget is a proposed decrease of \$498,437.

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### Public Hearing Announcements

**Purpose:** 1999-2000 Budget Hearing  
**Adopt 1999-2000 Budget**  
**Date:** Monday, August 30, 1999  
**Location:** SCISD Multipurpose Room  
**Time:** 6:00 P.M.

**Regular Meeting: Adopt 1999 M&O Tax Rate**  
**Location:** SCISD Multipurpose Room  
**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.

## 1999 PROPERTY TAX RATES IN CITY OF ELDORADO

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### LAST YEAR'S TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S OPERATING TAX	\$121,772.45
LAST YEAR'S DEBT TAXES	\$75,782.17
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAXES	\$197,554.62
LAST YEAR'S TAX BASE	\$22,883,715
LAST YEAR'S TOTAL TAX RATE	\$0.8633/\$100

### THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY) / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE (AFTER SUBTRACTING VALUE OF NEW PROPERTY) = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE TAX RATE	\$197,552.52 \$22,734,000 \$0.8689/\$100
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### THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK TAX RATE:

LAST YEAR'S ADJUSTED OPERATING TAXES (AFTER SUBTRACTING TAXES ON LOST PROPERTY AND ADJUSTING FOR TRANSFERRED FUNCTION / THIS YEAR'S ADJUSTED TAX BASE = THIS YEAR'S EFFECTIVE OPERATING RATE X 1.08 = THIS YEAR'S MAXIMUM OPERATING RATE + THIS YEAR'S DEBT RATE = THIS YEAR'S ROLLBACK RATE	\$121,762.65 \$22,734,000 \$0.5355/\$100 \$0.5783/\$100 \$0.3303/\$100 \$0.9086/\$100
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### Schedule A

#### Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operating	\$5,500.00
Interest & Sinking (I&S)	-0-

### Schedule B

#### 1999 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid From Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
1994 Certificate of Obligation	\$ 7,500.00	\$6,356.88	\$-0-	\$ 13,856.88
1999 Tax Anticipation Notes	\$35,000.00	\$23,916.87	\$-0-	\$ 58,916.87
<b>Total required for 1999 debt service</b>				<b>\$72,773.75</b>
- Amount (if any) paid from funds listed in Schedule A				\$-0-
- Excess collections last year				\$-0-
= Total to be paid from taxes in 1999				\$72,773.75
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 95% of its taxes in 1999				\$ 3,830.20
= <b>Total Debt Levy</b>				<b>\$76,603.95</b>

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. you can inspect a copy of the full calculations at The Schleicher County Appraisal District or The City of Eldorado.

Name of person preparing this notice Ray L. Ballew  
Title Chief Appraiser  
Date prepared 8-16-99

## The Blotter

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

### ARRESTS

8/13/99 Martinez, Juan Jesus, male age 26, arrested by DPS Trooper, charged with Motion To

### 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 6265-13c.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

Revoke (DWI 1st Offense). Released on \$1,000 Cash Bond.

8/14/99 Munoz, Joseph M., male age 26, hold for Irion Co., charged with Family Assault. Released back to Irion County Deputy.

8/15/99 Corona, Mary R., female age 43, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Criminal Trespass.

8/17/99 Hinojas, Dick Richard, male age 42, arrested by DPS Trooper, charged with Driving While Intoxicated (2nd Offense). Released on \$1,000 PR Bond.

8/17/99 Trevino, Rosa, A., female age 29, arrested by SC Officer, charged with Theft More \$1,500 Less \$20,000. Released on \$2,000 Surety Bond.

### REPORTS

8/10/99 Complainant advised there were two illegals walking down 190 East. SC Officer and US Border Patrol responded.

Subject reported a Controlled Burn 10 miles West on Hwy 190 and 3 miles North.

Unknown complainant called from a mobile phone and reported a vehicle on fire on the South side of the Courthouse. Officer and Fire Department were paged. Officer advised the fire was out and Fire Dept. was cancelled.

8/11/99 Complainant stated that his wife had been bleeding for about 30-40 minutes and needed an ambulance to transfer her to the hospital.

Emergency room at SC Medical Center needed an ambulance to transfer a patient to San Angelo.

Complainant reported an 18 wheeler was blocking traffic and was all over the road traveling North on Hwy 277. One Tom Green unit responded with two SC Officers.

Complainant requested an office to notify male subject of a Criminal Trespass Warrant which would require him to stay out of a particular convenience store.

Complainant called and reported that there were 2 male juveniles fighting at the football field. Officer spoke to subject and reported that all was OK.

Male subject came into office and asked for an officer to assist him. His wife had fallen and he was

unable to get her up on his own. Officers responded to call and officer contacted EMS personnel to check on female subject. Subject was transported to Emergency Room at hospital and then to San Angelo.

8/12/99 Complainant reported finding a small black/white puppy with no tags on E. Dorris Street. Complainant put puppy in yard until someone claims it.

8/13/99 Complainant stated that someone had hit her vehicle as they were backing out of grocery store parking lot.

8/14/99 Complainant advised that there was a 18 wheeler that had rolled down a hill through a fence on Rudd Road. Officers responded.

Complainant advised that there was loud music and a possible minor in possession at Apts. Complainant would not give name, number or address.

Male subject came to the Sheriff's Office demanding an officer to escort him to the emergency room. He stated that he was sick, dispatcher offered to call EMS. He declined and wanted an officer. Dispatcher called officer and he advised dispatcher should call the emergency to give them the information on male subject. Dispatcher did so. Male subject became angry and left on foot. Subject was thought to be possibly intoxicated due to his speech and actions. He also threatened to sue the Sheriff's Office.

Male subject called 911 and reported a grass fire off Farm Rd. 1828. All fire units responded.

8/16/99 Report of fire breakout at same location on 190 West. Eldorado, Sonora and Ozona units responded.

8/17/99 Assist Motorist 10 miles E. Hwy 190 - complainant phoned and stated that there was a vehicle with it's hood up and lights flashing on the west bound lane. No other vehicle description was given. Complainant was not sure about description, they did not stop. Officer was notified.

Officer reported that the grass fire on Woodward Lane has flared up. Fire Department dispatched. No fire found, only large dust devil.



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## 853-3125

### CARD OF THANKS

I am fortunate to live in such a caring community. Thank you for the flowers, food, cards, phone calls and prayers.  
Sincerely,  
Duge Yates

I am so honored and proud to be the 1999 SCRA Jr. Sweetheart. I want to thank Wendy Daniels and Mondee Whitten for all the help and guidance.

I also want to thank each of you in Schleicher County and the surrounding counties that bought rodeo or dance tickets from me. I would, not have been able to win without them.

Thank you,  
Corie B. Williams

Dear Eldorado friends,

I've always known that Eldorado folks are special. I've been visiting my parents, Leon and Mary Etta Stricklan, since they moved to Eldorado more than 20 years ago.

During my mother's illness and her death, I've never seen such outpouring of love, prayers and support-not to mention the wonderful meals provided to our family. There is no way to express our heartfelt "THANKS"!!

Then, three weeks ago, I was visiting my Dad in Eldorado and broke my ankle while getting out of my car. I'm sure there was a band of Eldorado angels who came to my rescue...

My Dad, brother and sister-in-law were there to hold my hand, the Adame family called 911, and Sherry Wink was just passing by and stopped to render aid. Then, the team of Emergency Medical folks came and made me as comfortable as possible for my ambulance trip to Schleicher County Medical Center, then on to the Community Hospital in San Angel. Connie Andrews and friend, T.J., comforted me in the ambulance while her husband, Bobby, drove the ambulance-I was treated like a queen throughout the entire ordeal!

Thank you, to everyone who helped me through a very painful injury. I'm much better now, even back at work, and I'm looking forward to another Eldorado visit in a few weeks. (By the way, ladies, don't EVER put your purse in the floor board of your car-the straps are very dangerous when wrapped around your ankle!)

You, Eldorado folks have a lot of pride in your beautiful community, full of beautiful people. May God continue to bless you!

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Tripp  
Odessa, Texas

The Family of Longino Piña, want to express our sincere thanks and gratitude for the many acts of kindness shown to us during the loss of our father-grandfather.

Thank you for the cards, food, flowers, memorials, visits, your love, support and prayers have comforted us.

May God bless each one of you.  
Domingo & Delia and Debbie Piña  
Danny, Debi, Jordan & Jacob Piña  
Manuel, Elena, Steven, & Victor Piña

### Real Estate

**ELDERADO- HOUSE FOR SALE:** 3 BR, 2 BA, Brick Home, All Electric, Fireplace, Covered Patio, Landscaped, Pecan Trees, 2.3 Acres; Residence is outside City limits; Very Private; Hook-up for possible trailer house on property. Large 30' x 40' Barn, plus small storage barn. Call 853-2072.33b

**Eldorado-For Sale: 18' x 80 Fleetwood** mobile home with all upgrades on large City lot with large covered patio, 2-car carport, fenced yards, shop, RV shed and fenced garden area. 201 E. Hill; 853-2939 after 4:00.33p

**Eldorado-Manufactured Home on 15+ Acres For Sale:** 4/BR, 2/BA, 2 Living Areas, Dining, Parent's Retreat & Utility Room; Located 1 mile South on McIntosh Road. \$89,000 Firm. Call 915-656-6428.35b

**Eldorado - Mobile Home For Sale- 1994 3/BR-2BA,** Central H/A; Vaulted Ceilings-Composition Roof on two City lots. Fenced. Storage Building and 30 x 30 Carport. 853-3632.33p

**House for sale by owner: PRICE REDUCED!!!!** 718 Lee Ave. Brick, 4 BR, 3BA, office/BR, tiled sunroom, fireplace, covered patio, 2 car garage, CH/CA, nice outbuilding, large fenced backyard, large pecan trees, sprinkler system, on 2 city lots. Call 853-2203 for appointment.34b

**Sonora - TAKE OVER PAYMENTS - 1993 Palm Harbor. 3/BR, 2BA;** Very Nice. Lots of extras. Call 387-5477, leave message.p

### Services

**REPAIRS AND REWIRING -** Lamps and small appliances. 853-3461 or come by 309 West Ave. Eldorado.33p

### Second Hand Rose Consignment

Furniture arrivals daily  
School Clothes Headquarters  
Hwy 277 South  
Open 10-6  
Mon-Sat. 853-3736

### MISCELLANEOUS

**Schleicher Co. Summer Blowout CO-ED Softball Tournament WHEN/WHERE:** August 28 & 29; Eldorado Legion Field  
**ENTRY FEE:** \$100 per Team  
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The city reserves the right to negotiate with any and all management consultants or firms that submit proposals, per the Texas Professional Services Procurement Act and the Uniform Grant and Contract Management Standards. The city reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

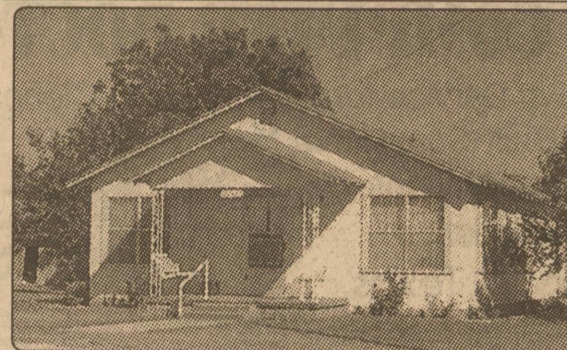
A complete Request for Proposal outlining services required by the city, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria has been prepared. Interested parties may obtain copies of this Request for Proposal by contacting the person below:  
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# Winners listed in 30th annual Eldorado Open Rodeo

The 30th annual Eldorado Open Rodeo was held Friday and Saturday, August 13th and 14th. Cowboys and cowgirls from Eldorado and across the state competed for prize money and trophy buckles in rough stock and timed events.

Whitney Edmiston was crowned Rodeo Sweetheart during the Friday night performance. Whitney is the daughter of Jed Edmiston and Lori and Ricky Jones.

Junior Sweetheart honors went to Corie Williams, daughter of Dean and Vicki Williams.

A new event, "Mutton Bustin'" was introduced at this year's rodeo. Children ages 4-7, weighing less than 50 lbs. were eligible to climb into a bucking chute and onto a ewe. It is still unclear what criteria the rodeo judges used when awarding points in the event. However, length of ride and the most stylish dismount were obviously among the items considered.

Winners in Friday night's Mutton Bustin' were: 1st Place Josh Grange; and 2nd Place Marty Powell

Saturday night's winners were: 1st Place Blaine Mitchell; and 2nd

Place Garrett Lux

Individual standings in the regular events were as follows:

**Friday, August 13, 1999**  
**Barrels:** 1st Place-Darlene Kasper \$294.00; 2nd Place-Justine Owens \$176.40; 3rd Place-LeAnn Neal \$117.60. There were 21 participants with a purse of \$588.00.

**Saturday, August 14, 1999**  
**Barrels:** 1st Place-Jodie Green \$134.40; 2nd Place-Darlene Kasper \$89.60. There were 8 participants with a total purse of \$224.00.

**Bareback:** 1st Place-Daryl Lamb (75) \$252.00; 2nd Place-Robert Fisher (73) \$168.00. There were 10 participants with a total purse of \$420.00.

**Calf Roping:** 1st Place-Scott Baker (8.62) \$862.68; 2nd Place-Don Eddelman (8.64) \$663.60; 3rd Place-Chad Perkins (9.06) \$497.70; 4th Place-Sean Felton (9.24) \$364.98; 5th Place-Tommy Balusek (9.93) \$298.62; 6th-Place Nathan Williams (10.09) \$265.44; 7th Place-Steve Stransky (10.15) \$199.08; 8th Place-Martin Hinojosa (10.55) \$165.90. There were 79 participants with a total purse of

\$3,318.00.

**Ladies Breakaway Roping:** 1st Place-Brandy Denton (3.31) \$307.20; 2nd Place-Debbie Armstrong (3.49) \$230.40; 3rd Place-Tami Nobles (3.77) \$153.60. 4th Place-Mindy Merkin (4.29) \$76.80. There were 24 participants with a total purse of \$768.00.

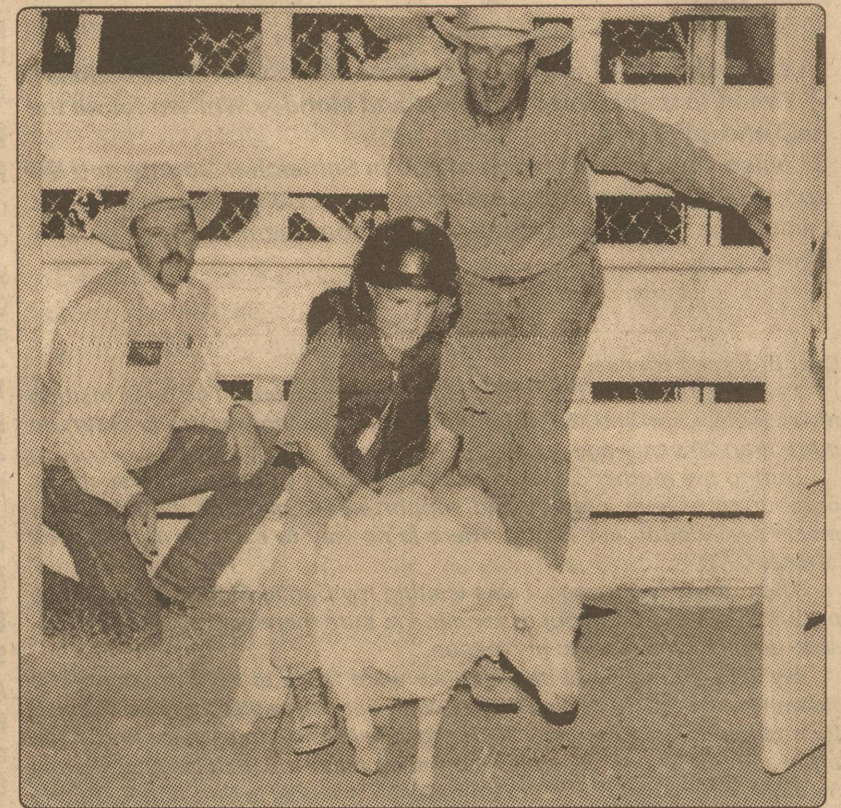
**Team Roping:** 1st Place-Mike Boening/Kyle Stamps (5.41) \$1,724.80; 2nd Place-Shane Brown/Scott (5.56) \$1,355.20; 3rd Place-Mike Boening/Jason Goodson (5.78) \$985.60. 4th Place-Terry Glover/Keegan Duncan (5.79) \$800.80; 5th Place-Tommy Guy/Gary Sutton (6.16) \$554.40; 6th Place-Carey Foster/Monte Kenney (6.37) \$431.20; 7th Place-Cammish Jennings/Trey Whiteman (6.50) \$308.00. There were 70 participants with a total purse of \$6,160.00.

**Steer Wrestling:** 1st Place-Joey Almond (5.27) \$378.00; 2nd Place-Bryan Barley (5.42) \$226.80; 3rd Place-Chance Green (6.55) \$151.20. There were 18 participants with a total purse of \$756.00.

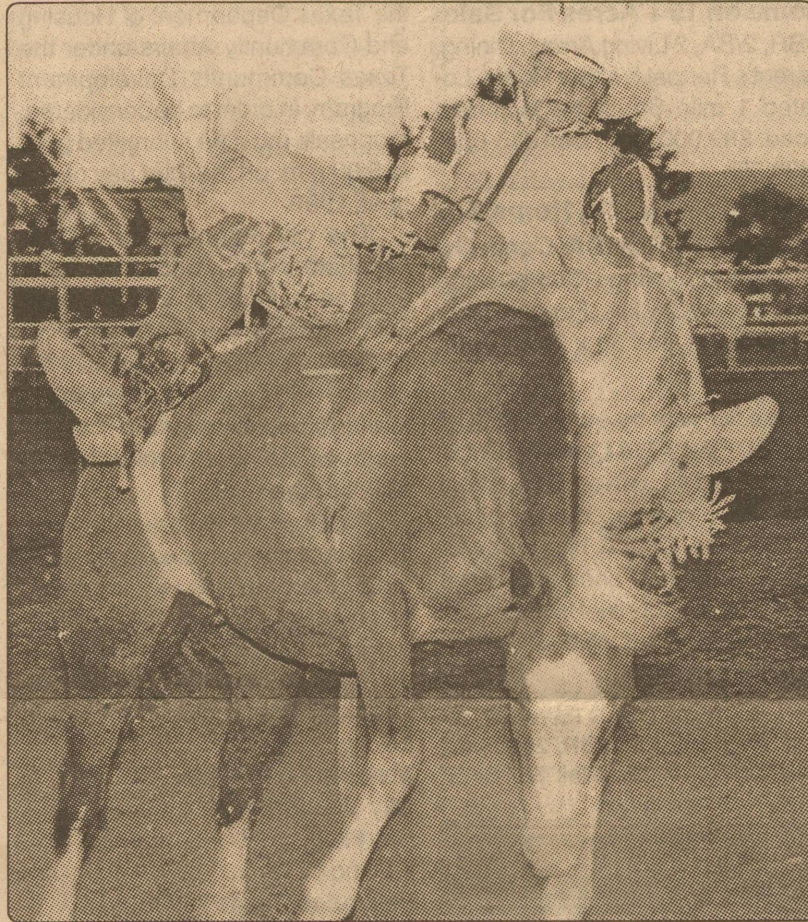
**Bull Riding:** 1st Place-Harley Cayce (79) \$525.00; 2nd Place-Bill Herbert (71) \$315.00; 3rd Place-Richard Mejia (65) \$210.00.



All smiles—Schleicher County Rodeo Association president Eddie Albin posed with Junior Rodeo Sweetheart Corie Williams (L) and Senior Rodeo Sweetheart Whitney Edmiston (R) Friday night after the pair were crowned in the arena.



Hold on tight—Josh Grange, age 7, son of Staci Jones was helped out of the chute Friday night by his Grandad, Kirk Jones (R) and Stanley Spinks (L) during the Mutton Bustin' competition at the Eldorado Open Rodeo.



Comin' right at ya—Cody Smith of Katy, Texas held on tight Friday evening in the Bareback Bronc Riding division of the Eldorado Open Rodeo. Smith finished out of the money in the event, but put on a good show for the fans in the stands.

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An auction, featuring hand-crafted items and merchandise donated by individuals and businesses, accounted for \$5,100 of the total proceeds. A handpieced quilt, which was won in a drawing by San Angeloan Muriel Emerson, added another \$2,750 to the total.

Underwriting for the event, which is given in memory of Mark Lipsett by his mother, helps defray costs associated with the dance and allows all money from ticket sales and auction items to go directly to the Rehab Center which annually serves more than 17,000 children and adults with disabilities.

Also providing sponsorship this year was the Winn-Dixie Marketplace which prepared a deli-supper meal for the 500 attendees.

Originated in 1991, the Silver Spur Ball is coordinated and hosted by volunteers Doodle Dankworth, Floyd and Dottie Frerich, Steven and Jennifer Hoelscher, Dennis Kasberg, Bob and Jean Ann LeGrand, Tex and Jo McCully, Pat and Ruby McDonald and Al and Clara Nell Waters, all of San Angelo. Also, Preston and Pete Dudley of Mertzson, Bill and Mabel Freitag of Eldorado, J.D. and Becky Gould of Carlsbad and Benny and Sweetie Willberg of Paint Rock.

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