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For Your Information

The Dreaded Day is Here

Today is the day when American's fork over their income tax payments to Uncle Sam. The Internal Revenue Service requires all returns to be post-marked on April 15th, unless an extension has been filed.

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That's a Lot of Beef

Texans spent \$14.82 billion at restaurants in 1997, the most recent year for which figures are available. Hamburger's led the way, accounting for \$3.2 billion of that total. American food restaurants were second totalling \$3.1 billion followed by Mexican restaurants at \$2.3 billion. Pizza accounted for \$1.2 billion in sales while Chicken and Seafood restaurants totalled \$920 million and \$800 million, respectively

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On This Date

On this date in 1865 U.S. President Abraham Lincoln died of a gunshot wound he received the previous evening at Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C. In 1912 the "unsinkable" luxury liner, "Titanic" sank off Newfoundland after striking an unseen iceberg on its maiden voyage. In 1923 the "miracle drug" insulin became available for general use. In 1947 Jackie Robinson played his first major-league baseball game for the Brooklyn Dodgers. In 1955 Ray Kroc opened the first McDonald's in Des Plaines, IL. In 1971 actor George C. Scott refused to accept the Best Actor Oscar for his performance in "Patton" saying that it was degrading to have actors in competition with each other.

Birthdays of note include: 1452 artist Leonardo da Vinci; 1894 blues singer Bessie Smith; 1933 actress Elizabeth Montgomery; 1933 country singer and musician Roy Clark 1951 newspaper columnist Heloise Cruse Evans; 1957 4 time Olympic gold medalist Evelyn Ashford.

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Odds and Ends

Dr. Samuel A. Mudd, sentenced to life in prison for splinting the fractured leg of Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, became a hero to guards and inmates of his island prison when he stopped a yellow-fever epidemic there, in 1868, after the army doctors had died. President Johnson, Lincoln's successor, pardoned Mudd in early 1869.

The oldest playing cards date back to 11th century China. In Las Vegas, the average dealer can deal a deck of modern cards in under 40 seconds.

Clark questions county's policy regarding private road work

Schleicher County's long-standing policy concerning private road work was challenged Monday by Pct. 2 Commissioner Bill Clark, during the bi-monthly meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners' Court. Clark, who is the newest member of the court, questioned if county equipment and crews aren't taking business away from private dirt contractors in the county.

The county's current policy does allow county crews to perform private road work. However, the person requesting the work is required to pay full commercial rates for the service which is only done when the county's equipment is working in the area.

Clark said that puts the county in direct competition with local businesses. "These people live here, pay taxes here and try to employ people here," Clark stated. "I question if we wouldn't be better off getting completely out of the private road work business."

The issue was raised when a citizen in Pct. 3 asked for road work

on his ranch. Although county policy allows the work, normally, individual requests are brought before the entire commissioners court. "That way, everybody knows what's going on," County Judge Johnny Griffin stated.

Griffin explained to Clark that in recent times ranchers couldn't get road work done in a timely manner. "Most of the jobs are fairly small and private contractors aren't interested in hauling their equipment across the county," Griffin said.

"That may have been true in the past," Clark countered, "but with the way the economy is now I think it's time to look into changing the policy."

Clark went on to note that ranches in surrounding counties are being divided into smaller and smaller parcels. "I predict we're going to see the same thing here. Instead of one and two section ranches we're going to see more and more of these two hundred acre ranchitas," Clark said. "They're all

going to want us to do private road work and that's work that a private contractor could be doing."

Commissioner Johnny Mayo noted that changing the policy could trigger other problems, like alienating the landowners who sell caliche to the county. "We're already having a hard time getting caliche," Mayo said. "Till there is more of a demand for private road work I don't see a need to change."

Clark asked that the issue be placed back on the agenda for the court's next meeting.

In other business, the commissioners met with David Hill, representing the Eldorado Youth Baseball League. Hill noted that 149 children have signed up for youth baseball this year. "I believe that's a record," Hill stated.

Hill went on to note that the league had taken over responsibility of the 13 & 14 year old "Pony League" team. He requested permission for the team to play on the county's field, currently being used by the EHS baseball team. The commissioners granted his request and asked him to coordinate the use of the field with the high school team and the A's, Eldorado's semi-pro team, which also plays on the field.

Next, the men met with Bobby Andrews, president of the Schle-

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photo by Kathy Mankin

Picking up the pieces — Chief Deputy George Arispe collected shards of a tail light cover and other evidence near the county barn last week after a 1979 Ford pickup was stolen and driven through the fence which encloses the yard.

Culprit steals Schleicher Co. pickup, crashes through fence

A thief went to the trouble of peeling a Schleicher County decal from the door of a 1979 Ford pickup before stealing it and driving it through the fence at the county barn on U.S. Hwy. 190 East last Thursday.

Schleicher County Chief Deputy George Arispe investigated the incident. He found remnants of a Schleicher County decal on the ground near where the vehicle had

been parked. Also, broken tail light covers and reflectors littered the area where the pickup was driven through a 6-foot tall chain link fence. Tracks at the scene indicated the pickup headed toward Menard after exiting the yard.

According to Arispe, the keys were left in the pickup.

At press time, the pickup has not been found and there are no other leads in the case.



photo by Randy Mankin

\$20,000 richer — Schleicher County Volunteer EMS president Bobby Andrews (center) met with the Schleicher County Commissioners Court on Monday and informed them that the ambulance service had received a \$20,000.00 grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation. The volunteers plan to use the money to help construct two new ambulance bays and an office at the Fire Hall.

Barrera complains to school board about hiring practices

The Schleicher County I.S.D. board of trustees went behind closed doors Monday evening to hear a complaint lodged by Marie Barrera against district personnel. Present for the meeting was SCISD's attorney, Sarah Leon of Austin.

Mrs. Barrera told the trustees that her complaint was specifically directed against Superintendent Hal Porter. Thelma Bosmans went into the executive session with Barrera to lend "moral support".

When the school board emerged into open meeting they took no action on the matter except to direct Supt. Porter to set administrative procedures to ensure equal access to all substitute teachers.

Later, Barrera told the Success she was troubled that her application for employment as a substitute teacher had been misplaced. Barrera said that during that time period, another person, who lacked a high school diploma, had been

hired to work at the school as a substitute teacher.

While Supt. Porter declined to comment on the specifics of Barrera's allegations, he noted that he has the authority, in emergency situations, to hire substitute teachers who lack educational credentials.

"These occasions are very rare," Porter said, "but in the Spring of the year, things can get busy and we have to look for help where we can find it."

"In any case, I would never hire a person if I didn't think it was in the best interest of the children," Porter concluded.

The school board meeting began with a presentation of a certificate from the Texas Education Agency to Eldorado Middle School in recognition of if the campus being honored as a Title I Distinguished School.

Next, the board heard a pre-

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State Board of Ed. recognizes 9 local scholars

Nine Eldorado High School Students were among the 5,300 high school students honored April 13, 1999 for outstanding academic achievements during the State Board of Education's Celebrations of Educational Excellence awards program.

These students were joined with other students from the area at a ceremony at Angelo State University.

EHS students attending were:

Seniors - Juan Montalvo, Jennifer Stafford, and Hannah Wolfe; Juniors - Haley Edmiston, Hillary Hodges, and Sarah Mankin; Sophomores - Lindsay Beach, BreeAnne Davis and Staci Nicholson. EHS principal Ken Newman and counselor Maureen Hodges accompanied the students to the ceremony. These students were recognized for TAAS Academic/Highest Academic Averages.

This marks the fifth year that the

State Board of Education and board and higher education institutions have joined together to host the celebrations of excellence. In 1998, some 7,500 students were honored for their academic accomplishments.

During the ceremonies, the students received Celebrations of Educational Excellence medallions along with a congratulatory letter signed by Governor George W. Bush.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Scholarly endeavors — (Front L-R) Haley Edmiston, BreeAnne Davis, Jennifer Stafford, Hillary Hodges (Back L-R) Juan Montalvo, Hannah Wolfe, Staci Nicholson, Lindsay Beach and Sarah Mankin were honored Tuesday by the State Board of Education during a ceremony at Angelo State University. The nine EHS students were honored for their academic achievements.

OBITUARIES

Wilma Patrick

SONORA — Wilma Nixon Patrick, "Mamaw", 80, of Sonora died Sunday, April 11, 1999, in a Seminole hospital.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Friday, April 16, 1999 at the First Baptist Church of Sonora. Burial will follow in Eldorado Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Wilma was born Jan. 27, 1919, in Schleicher County to Hall and Annie Faught Nixon. She was mar-



courtesy photo

Pretty Baby — Montana Dawn Terry, daughter of Greg and Amber Terry of Eldorado, competed in the Miss San Angelo Scholarship Organization's baby pageant last weekend. She was named "Most Photogenic" and received the trophy for "Prettiest Eyes".

Kindergarten & Kids Kampus 1999-2000 Registration

When: Thursday, April 22
Time: 11:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Where: Elementary Kitchen

REQUIREMENTS

Kindergarten - must be 5 years old before September 1, 1999.

Kids Kampus - children ages 4 and 5 who meet eligibility requirements.

FYI- Call Marilyn Whitten at 853-2770, ext. 521 between 8:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m or come by Elementary Office on the 22nd.

BIRTHDAY LIST

- APRIL**
15th Randy Mankin, Jose Sanchez, Nita Lozano, Christina Huichapa
16th Marivel Avila, Sherlene Robinson, Meagan Stevens, Dustin Stewart
17th Jeff Leggett
18th Sherry Joy, Eluterio Guerrero, Nell Edmiston, Randy Spears, Ramond Ray Barajas, David Templeton
19th Bob Bland, Brenda Joyce Lacy, Lilia Martinez, David Ray Gonzales, Naomi Gonzalez
20th Patricia Hernandez
21st Jay Behrens, Sally Velasquez

ANNIVERSARY LIST

- APRIL**
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McCalla among N.H. advocates recognized by Governor Bush

Vernell McCalla of Eldorado is one of hundreds of volunteer ombudsmen who help improve the lives of residents in nursing homes or personal care homes. Recognizing the significant and effective service, Governor George W. Bush proclaimed April 19 to be Long-Term Care Ombudsman Day 1999. Ombudsmen dedicate energy and time to ensure the rights of these individuals who are among the most vulnerable.

McCalla is Eldorado's certified volunteer ombudsman. She is one of the 700 certified volunteers who regularly visits her local nursing home residents. Ombudsmen listen to their concerns, resolve complaints, or provide information and assistance.

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley provides training to individuals who then advocate for resident's quality of life and quality care and who investigate and resolve any complaints. After completing the state-approved training course, the Texas Department on Aging certifies them as ombudsmen.

Mrs. McCalla is a remarkable woman, being caring, giving and volunteering for a cause that is

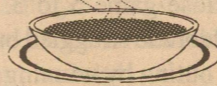


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Vernell McCalla

needed by so many Texans. Eldorado is fortunate to have such a volunteer.

For more information on this free ombudsmen service or on volunteer opportunities call Marci Aranda, Staff Ombudsman at 1-800-728-2592.

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, April 19, 1999

Swiss Steak w/Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Cornbread Muffins, Tossed Salad, Orange Sections, Milk

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Chicken Nuggets w/Gravy, Zucchini Squash w/Tomatoes, Potato Wedges, Dinner Rolls, Peaches, Milk

Wednesday, April 21, 1999

Chopped Steak, Parslied Potatoes, Cooked Carrots, Wheat Bread, Cucumber & Tomato Salad, Tapioca Pudding, Milk

Thursday, April 22, 1999

Baked Ham, Candied Yams, Broccoli, Dinner Rolls, Pineapple Rings, Cherry Cheese Cake, Milk

Friday, April 23, 1999

Baked Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Mixed Vegetable, Dinner Rolls, Tossed Salad w/Tomatoes, Sugar Cookies, Milk

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Beta Sigma Phi Report

By Barbara Jackson

Dorothy Clark was hostess for Kappa Delta Chapter of BSP business meeting on April 12, 1999. Six members answered roll call and repeated the Opening Ritual led by Flora Hubble.

Business discussed was the Founders Day Banquet to be held April 29 at the Bluebonnet Restaurant. Flora Hubble and Barbara Jackson reported invitations were made and would go out this week to former members of BSP. They are ask to celebrate the final Founders Day of the millennium with current members. This will be an exciting time for everyone. Linda Lindsey reported arrangements have been made with Char-

lotte Steele.

Dorothy Dacy gave a report on proceeds from the casserole-bake sale in March. Sorority uses most of the monies earned to sponsor scholarships for Eldorado High School seniors attending a college or trade school. Applications for this Scholarship can be picked up at the High School office.

The chapter voted to donate \$100 to the Ministerial Alliance to help them with their current endeavors to help the needy in Eldorado.

After the closing ritual the hostess served sandwiches, chips, dips and chocolate cake.

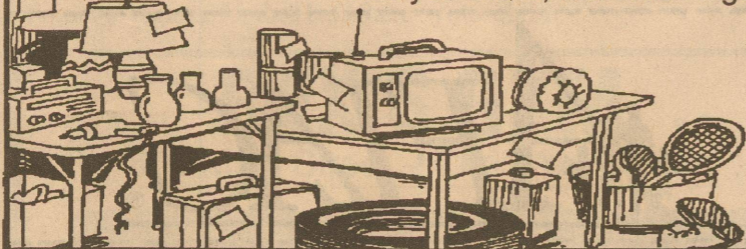
The next meeting will be April 26 at Mary Leigh Dunagan's home.

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Eagles Ace — Eldorado hurler Manuel Hernandez stymied Wall's batters Tuesday, striking out three in the Eagles 9-4 win over the Hawks. Eldorado's district record stands at 6-0 with two games left to play.

Eagles continue 2-2A dominance
Eldorado nine undefeated at 6-0

by David Hill

Eldorado's baseball club continued to dominate the rest of District 2-2A as they ran their record to 6 wins and 0 losses this past week.

Last Friday, Eldorado traveled to Junction to take on the Black and Gold Eagles of the district. EHS won a close game 5 to 3. Offensively Eldorado struggled but again a strong outing by winning pitcher Ricky Huichapa kept Junction in check. Casey Poynor again had another good game behind the plate. Jason Brock had a solo home run and Victor Perez had a 2 run dinger. Joey Bullard had a double and Poynor and Rocky Robles also got hits.

The win runs EHS's record to 5 and 0 in District 2-2A.

Tuesday the second place Wall Hawks came to town for an important contest. EHS came out on top 9 to 4 in a good ballgame. Winning pitcher for the Eagles was Manuel Hernandez who went the distance for EHS with 3 strike outs and gave up only 9 hits. The Eagle outfield played an outstanding game with no errors. Will Robledo also had a

good day in the field. Offensively, Robledo went 2 for 4 with a triple, Casey Poynor had a double and a triple, Joey Bullard had a single and a triple, and Asa Nixon went 2 for 3. All in all it was an excellent outing for the Eagles. Coach Steele commented, "we had another good day at the plate and Manuel had a great day on the hill."

The win put Eldorado at 6 and 0 for the season and in sole possession of first place. Eldorado hosts Sonora next week at Eagle Field.

Eagles JV beats Menard

The JV Eagles defeated Menard on Monday 20 to 16. Erin Fuentes went 3 / 4, Blake Leggett 4 / 5, Johnny Arispe 5 / 5, Jimmy Aguilar 4 / 5 with a HR, Benji Gonzles 1 / 3, Chad Williams 2 / 4, Anthony Leal 2 / 4, Kenny Covarrubiaz 1 / 2. The JV travels to Menard next Monday.

Lady Eagles drop game to Wall

The Lady Eagle softball team traveled to Wall Monday and lost a tough ball game to the Lady Hawks. Coach Griffin said, "we hit real well, but our pitching which had been very strong the last two games just wasn't there today." The loss dropped the Eagles to 2 and 2 in District play and they are the runner up in the district. The playoffs will begin in about 2 weeks. More information will be available after next week as district play is completed around the state.




Way out in front — Jennifer Rodriguez led the field to the tape during the 8th grade girls 2400 Meter Run at the district track meet in Wall last weekend.

EMS tracksters compete in district meet at Wall

- 7th Grade Girls**
Team Standings: 1. Sonora, 166; 2. Wall, 139; 3. Junction, 80; 4. Ozona, 77; 5. Eldorado, 64; 6. Forsan, 61
- Shot Put:** 1. Jennifer Bybee, 23'10"; 2. Sonia Mills 23'; **Discus:** 4. Sonia Mills 60'9"; **Triple Jump:** 5. Clara Herrera, 25' 9 1/2"; **400 M Relay:** 4. Eldorado, 58.10; **800 M Relay:** Jennifer Bybee, 2:46.94; 5. Lori Loomis 2:59.86; **100 M Dash:** 2. Courtney Whitten, 14.31; **100 M Hurdles:** 4. Jessica Cook, 20.10; **800 M Relay:** 5. Eldorado, 2:10.93; **400 M Dash:** 4. Clara Herrera, 71.77; **200 M Dash:** 5. Courtney Whitten, 31.14;
- 7th Grade Boys**
Team Standings: 1. Wall, 152 1/2; 2. Junction, 149 1/2; 3. Ozona, 110; 4. Eldorado, 67; 5. Sonora, 55; 6. Forsan, 17; **Shot Put:** 2. Chris Sanchez, 37'7"; 3. Travis Joiner, 36"; **Discus:** 5. Travis Joiner, 95' **400 M Relay:** 4. Eldorado, 53.60; **800 M Run:** 3. Arispe, 2:33.20 **100 M Dash:** 3. Chris Sanchez, 12.91; **400 M Dash:** 4. Tony Chavez, 66.13; **200 M Dash:** 4. Chris Sanchez, 27.65; **1600 M Run:** 5. Jeff Bybee, 6:06.30; **1600 M Relay:** 5. Eldorado, 4:38.34
- 8th Grade Girls**
Team Standings: 1. Wall, 237; 2. Junction, 104 1/2; 3. Sonora, 103; 4. Eldorado, 75; 5. Ozona, 43; 6. Forsan, 19 1/2
- 2400 Meter Run:** 1. Jennifer Rodriguez, Eldorado 10:27.67; **Shot Put:** 1. Christina Redish, 27' 9 1/2"; 4. Amanda Wanoreck, 26'2 1/2"; 6. Liza Sanchez, 24'8"; **Discus:** 6. Christina Redish, 70'; **Long Jump:** 5. Brandi Davis, 13'2 1/2"; **Triple Jump:** 5. Brandi Davis, 27' 7 1/2"; **400 M Relay:** 3. Eldorado, 58.38; **100 M Dash:** 6. Brandi Davis, 14.76; **800 M Relay:** 3. Eldorado, 2:05.07; **400 M Dash:** 3. Courtney Sauer, 67.64; **1600 M Run:** 1. Jennifer Rodriguez, 6:16.64; **1600 M Relay:** 5. Eldorado, 5:13.67
- 8th Grade Boys**
Team Standings: 1. Sonora, 201, 2. Ozona, 117, 3. Wall, 95; 4. Junction, 51, 5. Forsan, 47; 6. Eldorado, 27
- High Jump:** 2. Bobby Phillips, 5'2"; **Triple Jump:** Quisto Gonzalez, 34'3/4"; **800 M Run:** 4. Buddy Greer, 2:27.35; **400 M Dash:** 5. Bobby Phillips, 62.80; **1600 M Run:** 6. Buddy Greer, 5:47.15.



All Eldorado finals — (L-R) Quisto Gonzalez and Bobby Phillips placed first while Heath Andrew and J.L. Mankin were second in the 8th Grade Boys Doubles at the Eldorado Middle School Invitational Tennis Tourney held here recently.



SCOREBOARD

District 2-2A Baseball			District 2-2A Softball				
	W	L	GB		W	L	GB
Eldorado	6	0	-	Wall	4	0	-
Wall	4	2	2	Eldorado	2	2	2
Sonora	2	2	3.5	Ft. Hancock	0	4	4
Junction	1	5	5	* Ft. Hancock forfeits all games			
Ozona	1	5	5				

ELDERADO YOUTH BASEBALL

MAJORS			MINORS				
	W	L	GB		W	L	GB
White Sox	1	0	-	A's	1	0	-
Tigers	1	0	-	Astros	0	1	1
Red Sox	0	1	1	Rangers	0	0	1/2
Braves	0	1	1				

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Tigers 12 - Braves 10

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Cafeteria Line

Monday, April 19th
Super Nachos, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit, Cornbread, Apple Pie

Tuesday, April 20th
Turkey-Pot-Pie/Vegetables, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peaches, Peanut Butter Cookies

Wednesday, April 21st
Beef Stew/Vegetables, Grilled-Cheese Sandwiches, Pineapple Slices, Cornbread, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Thursday, April 22nd
Pork Chopets/Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Early June Peas, Applesauce Cake/Icing

Friday, April 23rd
Cheeseburgers, French Fries, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Chilled Fruit/Topping

Breakfast
1/2 Milk & 1/4 Juice Offered with each breakfast

Monday, April 19th
Apple Slices, French Toast Sticks/Syrup

Tuesday, April 20th
Pears, Donuts, Cheese Stick

Wednesday, April 21st
Grape Juice, Buttered Rice/Toast

Thursday, April 22nd
Grape Juice, Egg & Sausage Burrito

Friday, April 23rd
Applesauce, Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal

Fast Food Line

Monday, April 19th
Same as Cafeteria Line

Tuesday, April 20th
Chef Salad, Crackers (8), Sliced Peaches, Peanut Butter Cookies

Wednesday, April 21st
Pepperoni Pizza, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Slices, Yellow Cake/Choc. Icing

Thursday, April 22nd
Taco Rolls, French Fries, Sliced Apples, Applesauce Cake/Icing

Friday, April 23rd
Same as Cafeteria Line

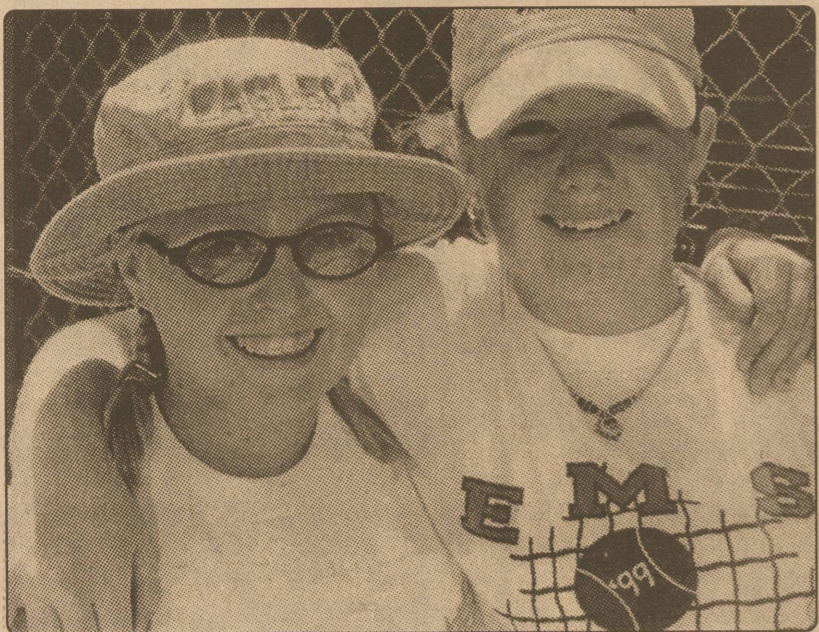


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Winners — Heather Homer (L) and Lacy Ragsdale (R) won the 7th grade girls doubles division of the Eldorado Middle School Invitational Tennis Tournament held here recently.



photo by Kathy Mankin

Only wimps bother to lower the tailgate — Nancy Lester (L) and Liz Anderson (R) were two of the volunteers helping with the annual Great Texas Trash-Off in Eldorado last Thursday. They are shown here unloading a lawnmower in front of the Schleicher County Annex building.

High School Honor Roll

9th Grade
Honor Roll: Andrew Anderson, Tony Fay, Juan Herrera, Tabitha Lloyd, and Tana Williams.
85 and Above: Whitney Edmiston, Maria Hernandez, Brittany Key, Mitzi Milby, Jose Munoz, Leigh Ann Neal, and Gentry Newman

10th Grade
Honor Roll: BreeAnne Davis
85 and Above: Lindsay Beach, Joseph Bullard, Ben Edmiston, Jesus Esparza, Cayla Jeffrey, Kayla McCravey, Stacy Nicholson, Sandra

11th Grade
Honor Roll: Hillary Hodges, Kimberly Jones, Sarah Mankin, and Lance Mitchel
85 and Above: Haley Edmiston, Lycynda Halbert, Kayla Kohls, Jennah Richters

12th Grade
Honor Roll: Catherine Lloyd, Juan Montalvo, Victor Saldivar, Jennifer Stafford and Hannah Wolfe.
85 and Above: Margaret Anderson, Ashley Finley, James Holley, Leland Lacy, and Andrew Sauer.

Thanks to everyone for Cleanup Day help!

by Nancy Lester

Beautiful weather on April 8 helped "Clean Up Eldorado Day" to be a big success! Thanks to the efforts of the County Road Employees, the Sheriff's Department and inmates, the City of Eldorado, the Eldorado Woman's Club, Chamber Pride and just plain volunteers you all made a real difference in tackling some big clean up problems.

This event was sponsored by the City of Eldorado, the Schleicher County ISD and the Texas Agricultural Extension Service on the local level and the Texas Department of Transportation on a statewide level. A wide variety of workers contributed to the effort on Thursday and School Students will be assisting with the cleanup in coming weeks. Highway groups were also out cleaning all week long.

The emphasis for this activity was concentrated on large items that are difficult to dispose of, cleaning main street and other areas. Dump trucks full of old appliances, mat-

resses, furniture, carpet and other household items were hauled off by County employees. City crews were extremely busy with the "chipper-shedder" and will continue to work on this effort! The Sheriff's Department and inmates were busy all day long. The response from the Schleicher County Schools was the usual positive indication that they would be happy to help!

We hope to be able to offer this type of cleanup day on an annual basis in future years. This effort made a big difference!

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Boys Singles — Shay Parker (L) and Dillon Greer (R) placed 3rd and 4th, respectively, in the 7th grade boys singles division of the Eldorado Middle School Invitational Tennis Tournament held here recently.

Eldorado Head Start registration

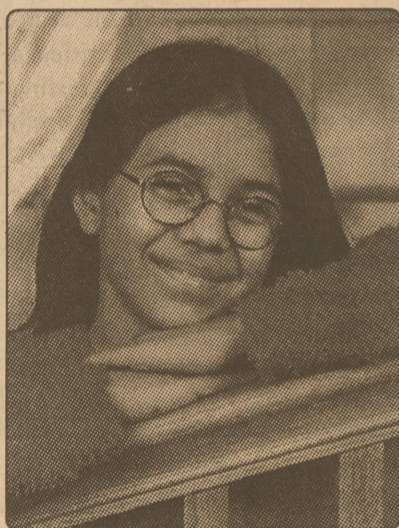
The Eldorado Head Start will be registering 3 and 4 year olds on Thursday, April 22 and Friday, April 23, 1999 from 1:00 PM - 3:30 p.m. at the Head Start Building at 901 North Divide.

Eldorado Head Start is a comprehensive, pre-K program serving children of low-income families. Children receive a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack. They participate in large and small group activities, individual activities, center time, story time and many successful, self-esteem building exercises.

It is required that the child be three years old September 1, 1999, or order to register for the Head Start

Program. Parents or guardians of a child must bring copies of the following: proof of income, (3 recent consecutive check stubs, 1998 W-2/1040 filed tax form, AFDC benefits, proof of child's age (child's certified birth certificate), Social Security Card (for the child), up-to-date immunization record, and if applicable, Medicaid, AFDC, and TANF case numbers. All of these items must be brought with you to register your child for the program.

Children with disabilities are a priority to the program. When applying, please be sure to inform the Center Director if this applies to your child.



courtesy photo

Queen Candidate — Anna Alicia Fuentes is running for Queen Candidate at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Juan and Lizzy Fuentes. Anna is 10 years old and in the 4th grade.

Library features children's book of the month

by Sherri Freeman

Our feature book is Ma Dear's Aprons, by Patricia C. McKissack. Patricia McKissack is a Newbery Honor award-winning author and the illustrator for this book is a Coretta Scott King award-winner, Floyd Cooper. In this children's book, David Earl knows what day of the week it is by Ma Dear's aprons. How? Patricia McKissack writes about the wonderful relationship between Ma Dear and David Earl, based upon her great-grandmother and her father. She captures Southern life as it was for a single mother and her son. It is a heartfelt portrait of a special family for whom a loving home is the one truly important possession.

This book is available in the public library and remember, read to your child, it is the most important 20 minutes of your day!

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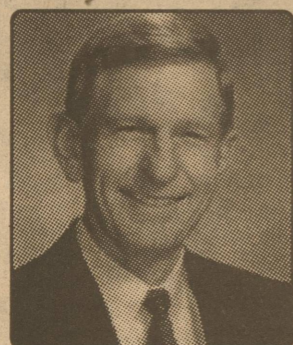
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Registration for Kindergarten & Kids Kampus set for April 22nd

by Mr. Brownlow

Eldorado Elementary will hold registration for all students who will be entering kindergarten during the 1999-2000 school year on Thursday, April 22, from 11:00 a.m. thru 3:30 p.m. in the Elementary kitchen.

Any child who will be 5 years old

before September 1, 1999 is eligible to attend kindergarten. Children ages 4 and 5 who meet eligibility criteria may attend Kids Kampus.

If you are unsure whether your child meets the eligibility requirements call Marilyn at 853-2770, ext. 521 or come by during registration on the 22nd.

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Concho Glory Racers compete in Eldorado this weekend

Concho Glory Racers will be having two jackpot barrel races in Eldorado this weekend. The first barrel race will be held on Friday. Books will be open for entries from 7-8 PM. The second barrel race will be held on Saturday morning with books open for entries from 10-11 AM. CGR offers both barrel and pole classes and has classes that range for all ages and riding abilities from beginner to experienced.

Concho Glory Racers is a Christian barrel racing organization based out of San Angelo, Texas. The organization was started in October of 1995 and had eleven

charter members. Its membership has grown to over seventy with members living in an area covering all of West Texas and much of the Hill County. Concho Glory Racers consists of a group of people who love the Lord and love barrel racing and have combined the two into a "Church barrel race". Each and every barrel race begins with a Cowboy Church Service.

Everyone is invited to come out and join us this weekend! If you have any questions or would like more information about this organization, call Prissy Paxton at 853-2280 or Lori Jones at 853-3733.



photo by Kathy Mankin

She's quite an artist — EHS junior Evelyn Quintana (center) painted this new sign for the Eldorado Woolen Mill. She is joined here by Woolen Mill manager Stacy Jones (L) and SCISD's Rural Challenge Director Mark Marshall (R).

Comptroller Rylander delivers monthly sales tax rebates

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander delivered a total of \$170.7 million in monthly sales tax payments last week to 1,094 Texas cities and 118 counties this week, a 7.5 percent increase over the \$158.7 million allocated in April, 1998.

In the allocation, the City of Eldorado received \$5,217.15, down 12.16 percent from the April payment last year of \$5,939.40. The city's year-to-date total is

\$23,976.91, down 3.77 percent from the same period one year ago when the year-to-date total was \$24,917.97.

Schleicher County's sales tax rebate this month totalled \$5,525.79, down 23.60 percent from the April total last year of \$7,232.96. The year-to-date total for Schleicher County is \$23,150.87. That is down 66.46 percent from the \$69,032.54 received during the same period in 1998.

The Schleicher County Health Service Tax rebate for April was \$4,615.80, down 30.03 percent from last year's April total of \$6,597.66. The year-to-date figure for the Health Service Tax totalled \$20,165.30, down 27.23 percent from the \$27,712.33 delivered in the same period last year.

This month's sales tax rebates include local sales taxes collected in February and reported by businesses filing monthly tax returns in March, 1999.

The Comptroller's next sales tax allocation is scheduled to be delivered on Friday, May 14, 1999 and will be reported the following week in the Eldorado Success.

Commissioners court meeting

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Schleicher County Volunteer EMS. He told the commissioners that the EMS had received a \$20,000.00 grant from the San Angelo Health Foundation for the purpose of adding two ambulance bays and an office on the east end of the current Fire Hall. The commissioners authorized the EMS to move ahead with the project but asked that the plans for the building be reviewed by a licensed engineer to make certain that the structure would meet Americans with Disabilities Act requirements among others.

Then, a group of aircraft owners met with the court to discuss construction at the county airport. Smokey Taylor, Doug Garvin, Richard Gibson and Jimmy Doyle were seeking guidance from the commissioners concerning the construction of hangars. They learned that the county would be working on the new runway as county equipment and manpower became available. They also learned that beyond the runway construction the county has no clear-cut plans for the airport.

The men briefly discussed demolishing the existing hangars and rebuilding them at the north end of the new runway. That would allow the airport to be completely fenced off from the county's golf course. It would also require access to and from the airport to be moved to Will Davis Road. There was no consensus, however, about who would build the hangars and who would own them.

Judge Griffin said he would prefer the county to build the hangars, at the north end of the airport, and lease them to the aircraft owners. "That way the county has control over who uses the hangars and what they are used for," Griffin said.

Commissioner Ross Whitten commented that the county should consider asking the aircraft owners to build the hangars. "We could still charge them rent," Whitten said.

The commissioners asked the aircraft owners to consider the options they had discussed and report back to them with a plan they preferred.

In other business the men briefly discussed closing a portion of the county road which connects Old Mary Street in southwest Eldorado

to Oat Avenue in the Orient Heights addition. Commissioner Bill Clark noted that through-traffic on the road is a nuisance to the people who live along either end of it. "Everybody I know out there wants the road closed," Clark said.

Clark noted that during the previous night a vehicle had failed to make a corner at the end of the road and crashed into a residential yard. "That has happened several times," Clark said. "Someone is going to get hurt or killed if we don't do something."

Judge Johnny Griffin told Clark that legal restrictions on closing a portion of a public road might make his request unfeasible. "What we've heard in the past is that if you want to close a part of a road you've got to close the whole thing," Griffin said.

Clark then asked that missing stop signs on the road be replaced while he researched the legality of closing a portion of the road.

Next, Clark advised the commissioners that he had written a letter to the Air Force requesting that the PAVE PAWS facility north of Eldorado be donated to the Economic Development Board of the local Chamber of Commerce. He asked the court to endorse his efforts and the men agreed.

The court unanimously approved resolution of support for the V.A. Hospital in Kerville. It was explained that the facility is in danger of closing. "That would cause quite a hardship for veterans in our county," Judge Griffin stated.

Next, County Clerk Peggy Williams informed the commissioners that he school is converting it's multi-purpose room to a distance learning center. She said the county would no longer be able to hold elections in the room. After discussing several alternative sites, the commissioners asked Williams to report back to them at a future meeting.

Before adjourning, the commissioners authorized Peggy Williams to hire a part-time employee during the summer. They also reviewed and approved the month's bills. The men then asked that Sheriff David Doran appear at the next meeting to review the inmate work program and the Meals for the Elderly Program.

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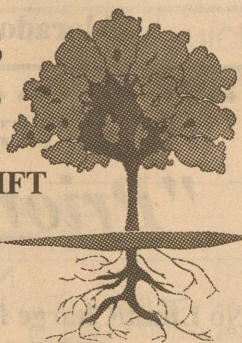
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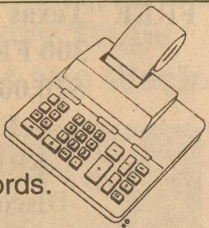
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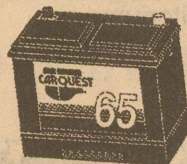
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All Smiles — Eldorado swept the 8th grade girls doubles final at the Eldorado Middle School Invitational Tennis Tournament recently. (L-R) Winning first were Courtney Sauer & Blake Snelson while second place went to Amanda Wanoreck and Courtney Brown.

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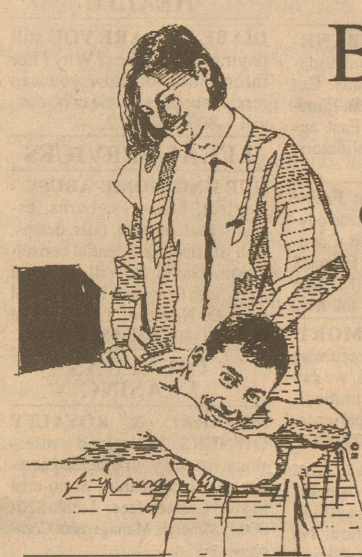
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Elementary Oral Readers displayed their skills for the school board Monday, evening. They are (Front L-R) Ridge Ann Sudduth, Alexandra Taylor, Kristin Mittel, Josue Chavez (Back) Sponsor Becky Moore

School board meeting held

Continued from Page 1
 In other business the trustees accepted the resignations of two EHS teachers, Harold Steele, who is moving to New York state, and Sherrie Pierce, who is returning to school to

pursue her masters degree. Both resignations are effective at the end of the spring semester.

The board then reviewed and approved the district's financial reports and heard reports from the three campus principals, Ken Newman, Julie Griffin and Brian Brownlow. Also, a report from maintenance director John Kotsch.

The trustees okayed the renewal of a contract with the Menard Special Ed. Cooperative. They discussed but took no action on a request for a tuition waiver from the parent of a transfer student. The board then approved an amendment to the district's student code of conduct concerning closed campuses.

Next, the board voted unanimously to cancel the election of trustees in Single Member Districts 1 & 5. They declared Steve Sessom and Roxanne Adame the winners in the two SMD's, respectively, since no other candidates had filed in those races. Jo Helen Kotsch will face Sidney Reynolds in the May 1st election for the remaining seat.

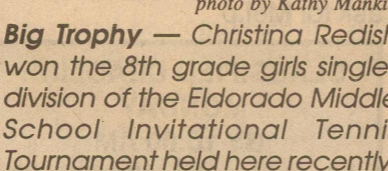


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The Blotter

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
 4/8/99 Moreno, Abel, male age 59, arrested by SC Deputy, charge- Theft less than \$50. Released on \$1,000

REPORTS
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 Complainant advised there was a dirt bike driving fast down a county road. Deputy responded and made contact with subject on bike. All was Code 4.
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 Report of a suspicious person walking around the neighborhood on Olive

Soil and Water Stewardship Week begins April 25th

The Eldorado-Divide Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) has announced they will join in the national observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week to take place on April 25 through May 2, 1999 according to an announcement by Roy Gene Lloyd, chairman of the district.

The theme of this year's observance is "In the Children's Hand." This focus is especially appropriate as our need for stewardship is vital if we are to maintain the productive capabilities of our basic natural resources of soil, water and wildlife. Together, we must work for the good of all to utilize, conserve and properly manage those resources in our care. Participation in Soil and Water Stewardship Week activities offers an opportunity to reflect on the nation's renewable resource problems and consider actions to resolve them or reduce their impact.

The Eldorado-Divide SWCD was organized in 1941 for the purpose of offering farmers, ranchers, and the local community a voluntary conservation technical assistance program through which individuals could seek and request conservation assistance to meet the capabilities and needs of their land.

"Basically it is the district's responsibility to provide technical assistance when requested relative to proper soil use and treatment, erosion control practices, solve drainage problems and assist farmers and ranchers with crop, range, pastureland and wildlife management," said Roy Gene Lloyd.

Information and materials for the 1999 observance of Soil and Water Stewardship Week can be obtained in this area from Amy Redwine at 853-2720.



photo by Kathy Mankin
Six turkeys...nine beards — Ray Smith and Troy Musser (back center) of Jersey Shore, PA, show off six turkeys they killed recently, including one with four beards, on the W.F. Edmiston ranch. Helping display the gobblers are Tim Lemons (L) Caleb Nixon (front) and Gene Nixon (R) of Desert Mountain Guide Service.

Surety Bond.
 Hart, Carl Eugene, male age 35, arrested by SC Deputy, charge- Driving While License Suspended.

4/10/99 Figueira, Bradley Kawika, male age 33, arrested by SC Deputy, charge-Public Intoxication, Disorderly Conduct. Released on Citation.

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4/8/99 Complainant stated that a white female was walking East on Hwy 190.

Theft-Complainant stated that they had two bikes stolen from their residence on S. Cottonwood and wanted to speak to an officer.

4/9/99 Vehicle Theft-Complainant reported that someone had run through the fence at the County Barn. Officer responded to call. Complainant called again an reported one of the county pickup truck was missing.

Complainant advised an 85 year old female had fallen down some stairs and is requesting an ambulance. Deputy responded. EMS 1 was dispatched.

Smoke report- Fire Department was dispatched.

Complainant advised they had some kids broke into their backyard on W. Warner and stole some alcoholic beverages. Complainant advised subjects were in a fairly new pickup with white trim around the bottom. Officer responded.

Complainant advised the Sheriff's Office of some high school kids driving at a high rate of speed on East Street. Complainant advised subjects were driving very fast with kids in the back of truck.

4/10/99 Complainant requested an officer to unlock their vehicle. Officer responded to call. Complainant also stated to Officer that the dumpster behind the Flower Basket had a foul smell. Officer checked the site and found that the Spring Turkey Hunters have been placing the Turkey remains there. Dispatch contacted the City worker on call and told them of the situation.

4/11/99 Complainant on Del Rio Street advised the Sheriff's Office that there was a male subject knocking on the front and back door of their residence. Deputy responded and located subject on Robertson and Del Rio. Subject was intoxicated and was arrested.

Hit and Run on Denny Street-Complainant stated that someone had hit their car and taken off without leaving any kind of information.

Welfare Concern-Complainant stated that their son's wife had come down to Eldorado and had not returned to San Angelo.

4/12/99 Sutton County reported a welfare concern and possible drunk driver. Officer responded.


Complainant requested an officer to go with them to check on a student that will not come to school. Sheriff responded.

4/13/99 Complainant on Hwy. 277 called needing Animal Control to respond to their location. Animal Control responded.

Smoke report 6-7 miles north west of Eldorado. Sheriff responded to call.

Repo Company of Odessa reported to Sheriff's Office that they will be repossessing a vehicle on Hall Street.

Criminal Mischief-Complainant reported road signs knocked down on County Road 316 around Huldale.



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Friday, April 16	Adults	Quilt Racks & Pegs
4 p.m. - 9 p.m.	\$4.00	Coffee & Candy
Saturday, April 17	Seniors	Framed Art Prints
9 a.m. - 6 p.m.	\$2.00	Blacksmith Treasures
Sunday, April 18	Children under 12	Children's Clothes
11 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Free	AND MUCH MORE!

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