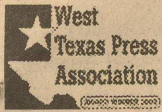


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Temple construction begins at YFZ Ranch

The already rapid pace of construction at the YFZ Ranch picked up sharply this week as walls began going up on a building many believe will be the first-ever temple built by the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. Aerial photos obtained by the Success reveal that concrete forms have been erected around a large foundation just west of several log cabin-style buildings.

Also noteworthy is a visible increase in the number of people at the YFZ, many of whom are believed by authorities to have been brought in to help with the new construction.

The size of the new building has led many FLDS observers to speculate that the temple will be patterned after the current LDS temple in Nauvoo, Illinois, a building that FLDS Prophet Warren Jeffs is said to admire.

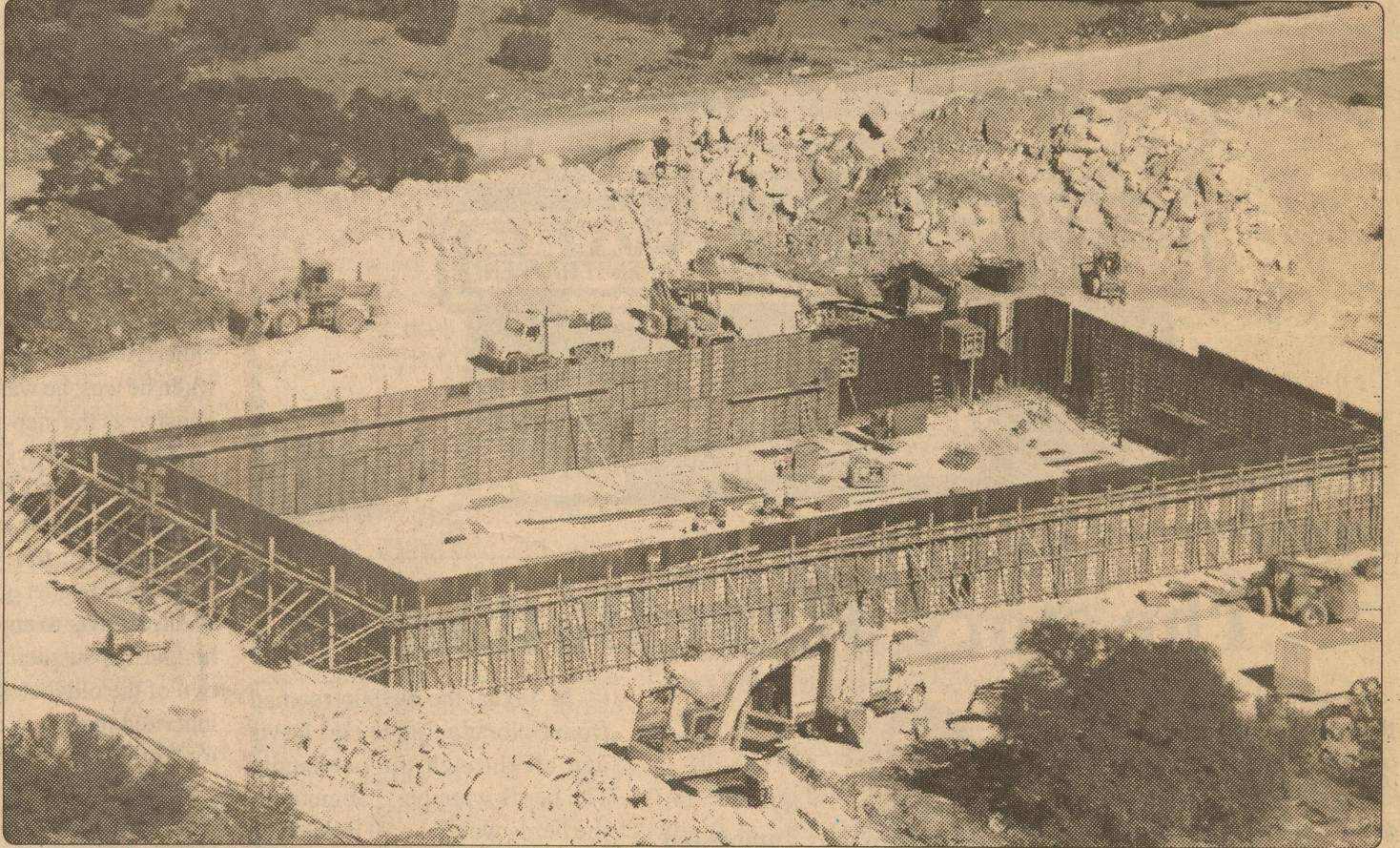
Even the pattern of twelve large "footers" seems to roughly approximate the dozen interior columns that support the upper floors of the Nauvoo temple. The floor plan of the original Nauvoo temple, which was destroyed by fire in

1848, following the assassination of LDS prophet and founder Joseph Smith. Floor plans, tin type photos and architectural sketches of the original temple may be viewed on the Internet at: <http://users.marshall.edu/~brown/navuoo/nt-par-ent.html>.

In 2002 the LDS Church completed construction of the new Nauvoo temple. It was dedicated on June 22, 2002.

If the large building going up on the YFZ Ranch does turn out to be a temple, it will represent a major shift in the practices of the FLDS Church. Fundamentalist Mormons split with the LDS Church over a century ago when it abandoned the practice of plural marriage, or polygamy. Since that time, fundamentalists, including the FLDS have believed that they might someday win the "mother church" back to themselves.

There are presently three completed LDS temples in Texas, located in Dallas, Houston and Lubbock. A fourth is under construction and nearing completion in San Antonio. The San Antonio temple is scheduled to be dedicated on May 22, 2005.



Concrete forms go up as workers prepare to pour the walls of a large building on the YFZ Ranch. FLDS insiders tell the Success that the building will be the church's first-ever temple and will be faced with native limestone which is cut and stacked nearby.

Polygamy Primer now available

The Attorneys General of Utah and Arizona jointly released a "Polygamy Primer" last Thursday, aimed at helping those whose job it is to assist the victims of polygamy.

"The Primer -- Helping Victims of Domestic Violence and Child Abuse in Polygamous Communities" is intended as a tool for case workers, law enforcement officers and others who need to learn about the beliefs, practices and vocabulary used by various polygamous groups, including the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Included in the Primer is a brief his-

tory of polygamy, its rules and training exercises, a glossary of terms, descriptions of various fundamentalist groups, and other factors to consider when dealing with victims of polygamy.

The guide may be of benefit to some in Eldorado who are interested in learning more about the FLDS church, and its followers who have settled on the YFZ Ranch. It may be found on the Internet at: <http://attorneygeneral.utah.gov/polygamy.html> or by logging onto the Success web site at www.myeldorado.net where a convenient link has been provided.

Annual Jr. Livestock, Food and Project Show slated this weekend

by Scott Edmonson
County Extension Agent, Ag

The annual Schleicher County Livestock, Food and Project Show will be focusing on our youth this upcoming weekend. January 13-15 is the date for the annual show.

The show will begin on Thursday with the judging of the Creative and Industrial Arts. The livestock show portion will begin on Friday at 2:30 p.m. with the sheep show. We will follow this up with the Swine show at 4:00 p.m. and the Cattle show at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday's activities will begin with the goat show at 8:30 a.m. and will also include the judging of the food show entries and the exhibition goat show. The exhibition goat show is a new addition to this year's show and will allow youngsters an opportunity to get out into the show ring with an animal to see if they like it. At 12:00 noon, we will have a BBQ Lunch followed by our presentation of awards.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension office at 853-2132.

Annual Chamber of Commerce banquet planned for Tuesday

The Eldorado Chamber of Commerce is having its annual Chamber Dinner / Community Awards Banquet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, January 18, 2005, in the Memorial Building. Each year the banquet features the naming of the Man and Woman of the Year. This year's nominees for Man of the Year are: Doug Garvin, Gary Grubbs, Bill McCutcheon, Stan Meador, Jim Martin and Jim Runge. Woman of the Year nominees include: Annie Arispe, Debbie Griffin, Laura McCutcheon and Juanice Orr.

Several other awards will be presented, including Business of the Year and Educator of the Year.

Dinner tickets include: brisket, sausage, ribs, all the sides, dessert, tea,

water, beer, wine and the chance at door prizes. Following the meal, a brief business meeting will include the election of new directors for Chamber board. Nominees this year include Jim Runge, J.D. Doyle, and Mike Carter.

The meeting will end with the presentation of a variety of community awards. All businesses and organizations are invited to present (or re-present) their awards for 2004 at the community awards banquet. To reserve a place for your organization, call the Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109 before Tuesday.

Dinner tickets are \$9 in advance or \$10 at the door. For more information contact the Chamber of Commerce at 853-3109.

Hospital trustees look to state legislators

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees moved a step closer last week to abandoning the at-large system of electing board members and converting to single-member districts (SMDs). The group met at noon on Thursday, January 6, 2005, in the hospital board room, where they discussed the matter with their lawyer James Kosub, and his associates Chad Elkins and Jesus Lopez. The trustees then voted unanimously to have the attorneys prepare a bill that the board hopes to have its state legislators, State Senator Robert Duncan and State Representative Harvey Hilderbran, introduce in Austin.

SMDs have been considered in the past, but were prohibited by the legislation that created the district in the late 1960s. The arrival in Schleicher County last year of a sect of fundamentalist Mormons caused the idea to resurface as the board looked for ways to prevent a take over of the district.

Currently the hospital district is the only governmental entity in Schleicher County that elects its representatives using an at-large system. There are

seven seats on the board, but in recent years, several of the seats have remained vacant as fewer citizens have been willing to run for the non-paying job. Even now, there are only six trustees on the board.

During last Thursday's board meeting the trustees discussed the possibility of converting to a five member board while at the same time switching to single-member districts. One option under consideration is to adopt a four SMD and one at-large system. That idea would allow the hospital district to base its SMDs on the four commissioner precincts now in use by Schleicher County and make it easier to redistrict every ten years when the census is reported.

Yet another idea would be to copy Schleicher County ISD's five SMDs. The school district currently uses a 5-2 system with two of its board members being elected at-large.

Other changes the hospital board hopes the state legislature will provide is a cap on the amount of indigent health care expenses. Currently the state has placed a limit on the amount counties

must spend on indigent care, a limit the hospital trustees believe should extend to the hospital district.

Yet another change being sought by the trustees is to the portion of the district charter that restricts the local hospital from doing business outside the boundaries of Schleicher County. It was explained that in years past, the restriction prohibited the hospital from partnering with neighboring hospital districts, thereby limiting their ability to recruit physicians and offer expanded services to the local citizens.

It was also noted during the meeting that the new legislative session begins this week and that a decision will be needed soon if any action is expected from Austin during this legislative session.

Ultimately the board directed James Kosub to prepare a draft bill that would allow the district to change its current seven member at-large system, without necessarily requiring it to do so. They will meet again today, Thursday, January 13, 2005, in the hospital board room, to consider the draft legislation one final time before voting on the matter.

SCISD students take action on Tsunami disaster

"Can't we do something to help those people in the Tsunami areas?" asked several students in Eldorado's school. Now an entire army of students is swarming out to raise funds for UNICEF USA, an organization on the front lines of bringing help to the more than 1 million (!!!) children directly affected by the disaster.

According to UNICEF,

- 6 cents can provide a packet of Oral Rehydration Therapy to treat one child's dehydration and diarrhea.

- 5 dollars can provide an emergency health kit for one person for three months.

- 87 dollars can provide a basic family water kit for ten households, with detergent, soap, wash basin, towels, bucket, and water purification tablets.

- 188 dollars can provide one "school-in-a-box" kit containing basic education supplies for 80 children.

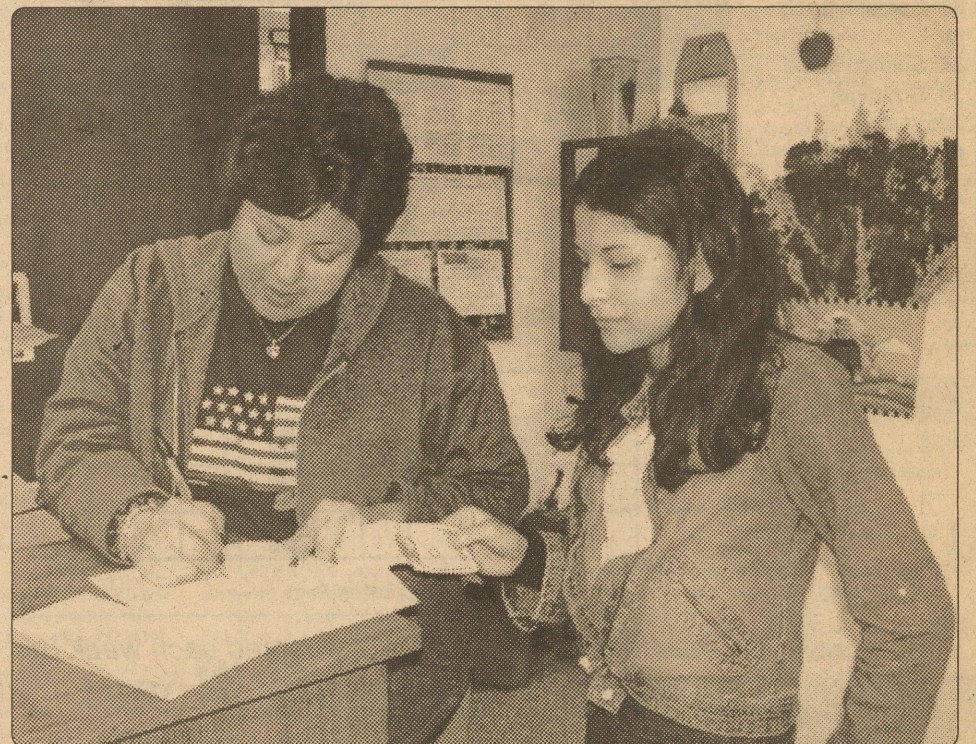
Without the support structures of parents, schools, and basic necessities, a child's chance of survival drops rapidly. UNICEF works to provide safe drinking water and set up sanitation facilities to prevent the spread of diseases like cholera and diarrhea. Vaccines, vitamins, high-protein biscuits help children suffering from malnutrition and diseases. Construction of temporary classrooms and shelters help children begin the heal-

ing process by bringing some semblance of a normal life.

The students collecting funds are not only serving a good cause, they are also becoming educated and aware of the difficulties faced by their global peers. In numerous classes, the students work on Tsunami-related materials, whether it be science, geography, or language

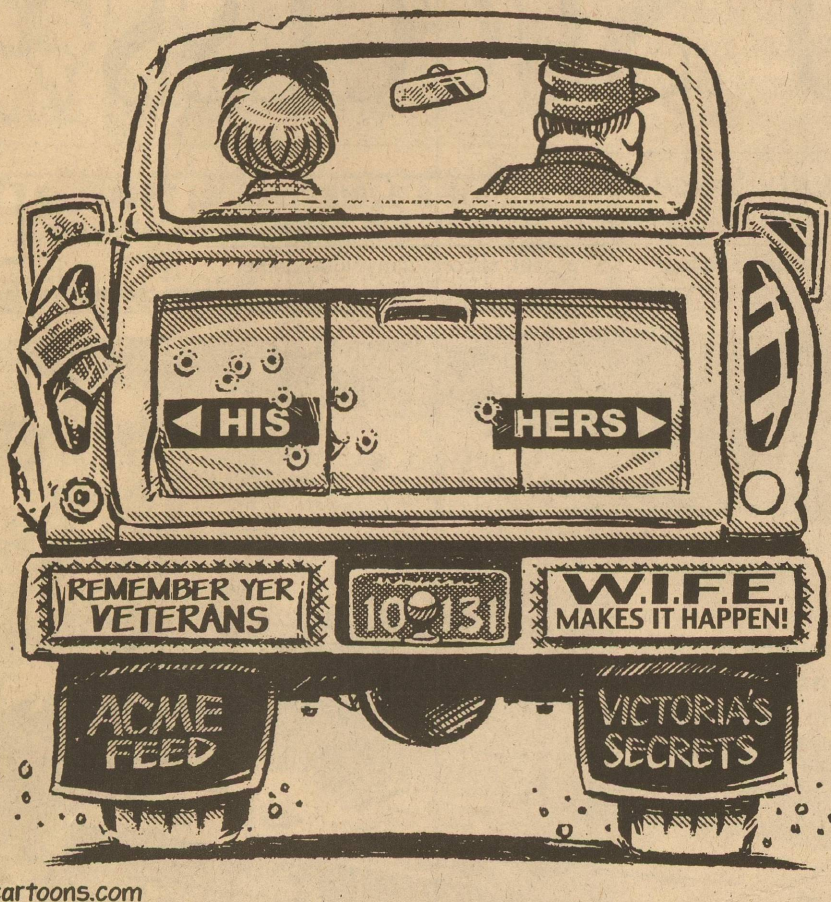
arts, or contributions to the school's newsletter.

The local fund drive is short-- all donations will be turned in by Friday, January 14th. Donation forms carry the seal of Eldorado Middle School. For questions, please contact Ilse Williams, Service Learning Coordinator, Eldorado Middle School, 853-2514 ext 421.



6th grader Rosy Iglesias (L) receives one of her first donations from Blanca Charboneau (R) as she seeks to raise funds to benefit the victims of the recent Tsunami in the Indian Ocean.

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The story of the Buffalo

Jack and Elizabeth Longbotham of Abilene own a small herd of buffalo on their ranch in Brown County. They sometimes load one of the bison onto a trailer and take it to western gatherings or schools to help explain the buffalo's history. Jack is a retired educator who served as dean of the Education Department at Hardin Simmons University. Elizabeth is a member of the pioneer Prude family in Fort Davis and taught education at McMurry University.

"A buffalo is unpredictable," says Elizabeth. "They're very, very smart."

Jack says they are strong and unbelievably quick. "Quickness is the most outstanding characteristic about buffalo. They can outrun a horse two to one."

Based on their interest in the buffalo, the Longbothams have collaborated on a series of children's books about the buffalo. Jack did the illustrations for the books.

"Some of our buffalo are actual characters in the books," says Elizabeth. "They have names like Buffalo Bill and Cody. The books



by Tumbweed Smith

tell about their life on the plains."

In some of their presentations about the buffalo, they tell how the buffalo nearly became extinct.

"It was the buffalo hunters who were greedy and wanted the hides to send up to New York for the wealthy ladies to have coats made out of them," says Elizabeth. "It was not the Indian who destroyed them."

Jack says at one time the buffalo numbered over sixty million head.

"Gradually as they were hunted they became fewer in number and were almost wiped out. In 1900 there were less than 800 buffalo in the United States. Now there are more than 220,000. Most of them are in private herds and state and national parks in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota."

In Texas, the buffalo roamed from Colorado City to Fort Davis and all through the panhandle. The herds were big. "Sometimes the herds would be 50 miles long and 15 miles wide," says Jack. "That's lots of animals."

The Indians used everything on the buffalo: meat, horns, hide and hoofs. They depended on the buffalo for shelter, blankets, sewing needles, cookware, clothing and nearly everything else.

"The buffalo was the Indian's commissary," says Jack. "Indians killed them by running herds off cliffs."

Buffalo hunting took place between 1965 and 1890. The hunters used a Sharp's rifle, which could fire a 50-caliber bullet several hundred yards. Buffalo bones littered the countryside and were sold to make fertilizer.

"The bones were sold by the pound," says Jack. "Hunters brought them into wagon areas close to the train yards and loaded up boxcar after boxcar with bones. Later a trainload or two were put together and exported to England to make china dishes."

Judge decides no-win custody battle

It was one of those heart-rending cases that judges hate to see in their courtroom — a custody hearing for a battered child.

As much as the surly old magistrate disliked the prospect, the case had dropped in his lap, and it would be he who have to sit through endless hours of testimony, expert and otherwise, as family and friends battled over what was best for the 9-year-old boy in question.

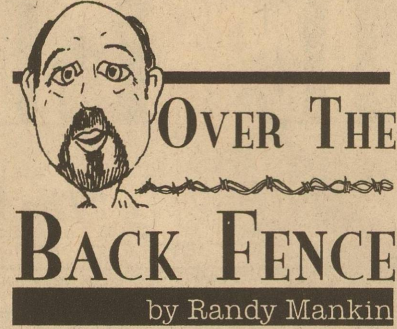
And so it was. The step-mother, it was alleged, beat the boy at every opportunity. One witness after another confirmed the stories and even the mother couldn't refute much of the evidence against her.

The boy's father was no prize either. He wasn't around much, but when he was, he was apparently as abusive as the step-mother.

None of the boys siblings, many of whom weren't blood relations to the boy, would be of any help. They were all too young for the judge to consider giving custody of the lad over to any of them. Plus, he had his suspicions that one or two of the older step-brothers had inherited too much of their behavior from their mother.

So, the parade began. First, the boy's biological mother appeared but she seemed more interested in having the boy taken away from her ex-husband and his new wife than she was in providing her son with a loving and nurturing home.

Then came a series of aunts



and uncles, each of whom made the case that the boy should be given to them. So did a couple of the boy's neighbors. None of them were at all convincing and the judge suspected them of halfheartedly offering their services as a way of assuaging any guilt they might feel about the boy. Neither did any of them seem to actually expect they would get the boy.

So, with no compelling reason to award custody of the lad to any of the prospective guardians, the judge did the only thing he knew to do, he brought the boy into his chambers and sat him down for a talk.

"Do you want to live with your father and step-mother?" the judge asked.

"No, they beat me," the boy replied.

"Okay, how about your real mother? How would you feel about that?" the judge continued to question.

"No, she doesn't love me," the boy answered sharply. "Besides, she used to beat me, too."

"How about your grandmother then," was the judge's next ques-

tion, followed by the same answer. "She beat me, too."

Aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors — the answer was the same each time.

Finally, convinced the boy was telling him the truth, and equally convinced that he had to do something with the youngster, the crusty old judge leaned back in his chair, glanced at the boy's court-appointed advocate and said, "Okay, then. I know what I have to do."

A few minutes later the interested parties were called back into the courtroom and stood silently as the judge made his way to the bench.

"This is a unique case," the old man told the audience, "and it calls for a unique solution."

"This young man has been beaten by everyone in his life. His mother, his father, his step-mother and his siblings, and if I had my way everyone of you would go to jail for the rest of your natural lives," the judge said solemnly.

"But, I seldom get my way in matters like this one," the judge continued. "There is one thing I can do, however. I can give custody of this boy to someone who couldn't possibly beat him, or anyone else for that matter."

With that, the judge picked up his gavel, slammed it down on his desk and said, "I hereby award custody of this young man to... the Dallas Cowboys. They can't beat anybody."

Legislature eyes non-property tax hikes to fund schools

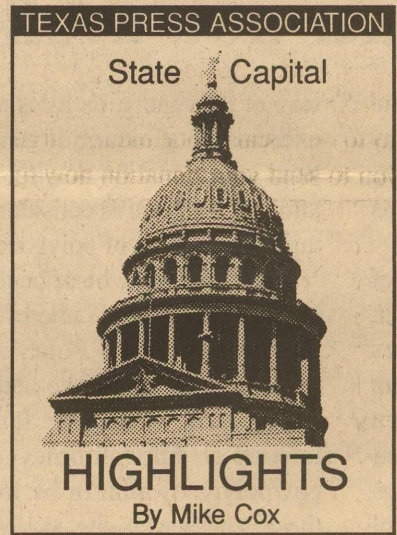
AUSTIN — With the 79th Legislature getting under way in Austin this week, lawmakers are putting the final touches on a plan that will erase the chalkboard on how Texas handles public school funding and put up a whole new set of numbers.

Key lawmakers have been saying for months that the plan likely will cut property taxes by a third while raising badly needed revenue for schools from other sources.

The buzz is that legislators will seek to come up with "new" money by changing how the franchise tax works, increasing the sales tax by half a penny, increasing the motor vehicle tax, raising the cigarette tax by 50 cents and implementing various other adjustments to existing taxes.

The possibility of a new form of business tax has been bandied about, but whether enough support to pass it can be developed remains to be seen.

Bottom line, it's all preliminary



— no bills have been filed — but the way the state finances public schools could change.

More money for CPS...

The money the Legislature earmarks for schools will be in the billions of dollars, but lawmakers also will be considering a \$329 million plan to overhaul the Child Protective Services component of the Department of Family and Protective Services.

Gov. Rick Perry said last week that he will be asking lawmakers to fund the hiring of more than 800 new caseworkers and hundreds of support staffers for what a press release from his office termed a "beleaguered agency."

For those still on the agency's payroll, the governor asked for a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise and \$5,000 retention bonuses for current CPS investigators.

Reacting to the announcement, Center for Public Policy Priorities executive director Scott McCown said the plan only amounted to a starting point. He said the governor's plan would reduce agency caseloads to 45 per investigator even though national accreditation standards call for a caseload of only 12 to 15.

Who could have guessed?

Gov. Perry's campaign apparatus, Texans for Rick Perry, put out a press release last week saying that seven statewide elected officials support his reelection in 2006.

The list includes the lieutenant governor, attorney general, commissioner of agriculture, General Land Office commissioner and the three members of the Railroad Commission.

One state official absent from the list was Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn, who was not asked.

University funding may pick up some strings...

Texas' universities gained legislative authority to set their own tuition and other fees in 2003, but legislators will be looking at attaching some accountability strings to that new-found financial freedom this session.

With some schools having raised their tuition and fees by as much as 25 percent, the Legislature is expected to come up with up a system to assess how good of a job universities are doing in using the money they get.

One notion being considered is that if a university could not show where the money from higher tuition was being used, the Legislature might do away with that school's tuition-setting power.

Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. Like luxurious carpeting
6. River to the Baltic
10. 1982 Robin Williams role
14. Popular women's mag
15. Horrible-tasting
16. Sailor's salutation
17. Tough to climb, perhaps
18. Guitarist Clapton
19. Unmitigated
20. Seance communication, perhaps
23. Sleep acronym
24. GI entertainers
25. Wire diameter unit
28. Cincinnati nine
31. Speak irritably to
36. Spirited steed
38. Courage, informally
40. Cockamamie

41. Be influential in November, perhaps
44. Red Sea peninsula
45. "The Blackboard Jungle" novelist
46. ___European (language group)
47. Train puller
49. Engrave on glass
51. Kayo count
52. ___mo (replay technique)
54. "You bet!"
56. Add extra spices, maybe
63. Natural balm

64. Z ___ zebra
65. Get a grip on
68. Menial laborer
69. Riverbed deposit
70. Roaring Camp creator Bret Hunter
71. Old U.S. gas brand
72. Norway's capital
73. "Tippecanoe and ___ too"

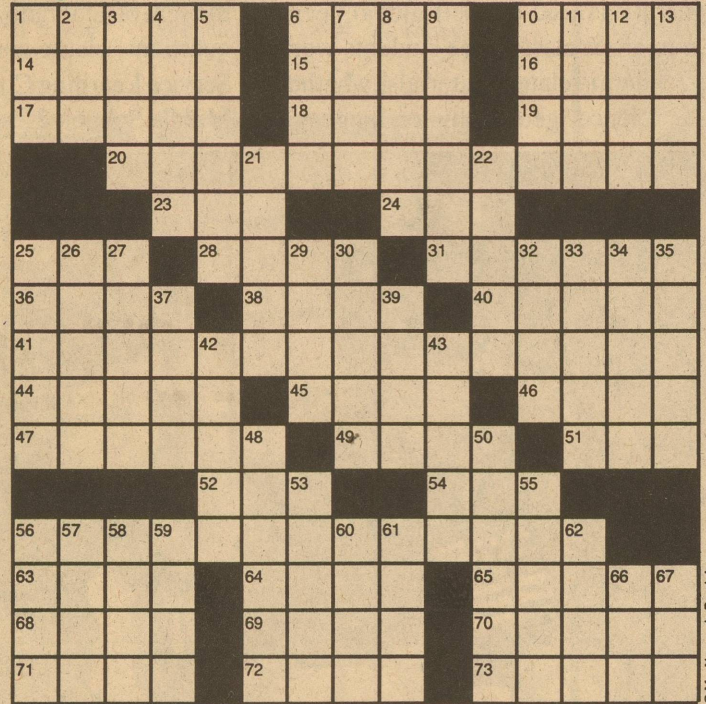
DOWN

1. Alternatives to Macs
2. Place to park
3. Exploitative type
4. Dirty political tactic
5. Hedda of

- Hollywood
6. Bakery appliance
7. Gossip, slangily
8. Yale or Root
9. School break
10. Totally smitten
11. Moby's pursuer
12. Parker House, for one
13. Gomer of Mayberry
21. Last Greek letter
22. Mixer with gin
25. Tricky pool shot
26. Professor ___ Corey
27. "The Divided Self" author R.D. ___

29. Desert hill
30. Carlton of Cooperstown
32. Opposed to
33. Work with oils
34. Battery terminal
35. Mortise mate
37. ___ B'rith
39. Venetian blind part
42. Super-sharp knife
43. Multivolume ref.
48. Rio Grande city
50. Driver's license datum
53. Caravan's stopover
55. Deodorant type
56. Make fun of
57. Pub pints
58. Bronx and San Diego attractions
59. Original Stoic
60. Small stream
61. Inner: Prefix
62. ___ Grey tea
66. Sault ___ Marie, Mich.
67. ___ capita income

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OBITUARIES

Luke Thompson Jr.

BRADY — Luke Thompson Jr., 78, of Brady passed away Friday, Jan. 7, 2005, in Hurst. He was born Oct. 4, 1926, in San Angelo to Luke Thompson Sr. and Francis Woodriddle Thompson.

Luke earned a degree in animal husbandry from Texas Tech University. He played football for the Red Raiders and was a member of the Double T Association. He was also a World War II Navy veteran.

Luke married Nancy Lee Wilson on Aug. 20, 1949, in Claude. He retired from Roddie Wool and Scouring in Brady, but his passion was his farm in Eldorado. He had lived in the area since 1957 and was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Luke was a loving husband, father, grandfather and friend, and loved by all who knew him.

He was preceded in death by his parents and wife, Nancy. Survivors include daughters, Nancy Echart and husband Jim of Dallas, Charlotte Banks and husband Ron of Hurst, and Debbie Wright and husband Dave of University Park; sister, Francis Peters of Eldorado; grandchildren, Will Echart, Abby Banks, Douglas Banks and Jon Wright; and several nieces and nephews.

Services were held Monday, January 10, at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Sheldon Johnson officiating. Interment followed in Rest Haven Cemetery.

The family received friends Sunday, Jan. 9, at Leatherwood Memorial Chapels.

Pallbearers were Clifford Grubbs, Jim Underwood, Roddie Grubbs, Kim King, Leroy Keese, Kirk Roddie, Darrell Keese and Frank Roddie.



Mr. and Mrs. Sam Houston Henderson, III

Tisdale/Henderson wedding

Jennifer Leigh Tisdale and Sam Houston Henderson, III were married on October 16, 2004 at the First Baptist Church of Eldorado with Andy Anderson officiating.

The ushers were Robert E.T. White of New Orleans, LA, and Dusty Barton of Austin. The ceremony was preceded by the lighting of candles in memory of the couple's late grandparents: Mrs. Elizabeth Wingo, Mr. and Mrs. Woodrow W. Tisdale, Mrs. Vi Henderson, and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Griffin.

The bride is the daughter of Lisa W. and Dale White of Lafayette, LA, and James C. Tisdale of Amarillo. The bride is originally from Jackson, MS. The bridegroom is the son of Sam H. and Karen Henderson, all of Eldorado.

The bride earned a bachelor's degree in Foreign Language and International Trade from Mississippi College in 2000. She is the deputy tax assessor/collector in Schleicher County.

The bridegroom is a 1989 graduate of Eldorado High School. He helps run the family water well business in Eldorado.

The couple will reside in Eldorado.

A Family Has Been Created
Our prayers, our faith, our patience has been rewarded
Canyon Brent Faull
Became a part of our forever family on
November 2, 2004.

Honoreed Parents
Michael and Belinda Faull
Grandparents
Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Turner
Mr. and Mrs. Chris Faull

Extension office hosting reception for Fentress

The Schleicher County Extension office is pleased to announce the arrival of our new Family and Consumer Sciences Agent. Roxanne Fentress started on January 1 of this year and we are excited that she has joined us.

To give everyone an opportu-

nity to meet her, we will be having a reception in her honor on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 from 1:30-4:30 at the Extension Office. We would like to invite everyone to drop by and say hello and welcome Roxanne to Schleicher County.

Rehab telethon this Saturday

Under the leadership of Schleicher County telethon coordinator Mary Roden, Eldorado volunteers will be manning a local phone bank during the show. Their goal: To help Rehab raise money provide outpatient physical rehabilitation therapy to all who enter its doors—regardless of their financial status.

"This is such a critical fundraiser for Rehab—and Rehab is such an important health care provider to our community—that I hope every family will make a telethon donation," said Roden. "Sometimes people think that only large gifts matter to charities. At Rehab, every gift matters...every donor makes a difference!"

"So," Roden continued, "if you

think you might not be able to call in your telethon pledge on January 15 to our local phone bank, I urge you to send your donation now to WTRC Telethon, P. O. Box 381, Eldorado, TX 76936, and I'll make sure it's included in Schleicher County's telethon total."

"If you are at home on telethon night, I hope you'll help keep volunteers busy taking calls. We'll be set up at the Southwest Electric Co-op of Eldorado, where our phone number will be 853-2544. Remember: if you NEED help, West Texas Rehabilitation Center is a great place to go; if you can help, the Rehab Center is a great place to give," Roden concluded.



Eldorado High School Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

9th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski, Chelsey Stone
"85 & Above" Honor Roll: Richmond Adame, Steffani Barler, Jose Buitron, Blake Chatham, Maria Contreras, Misti Daniels, Maygen Eubanks, Marybel Fuentes, Emmanuel Gonzalez, Lorenzo Hernandez, Luis Huchapa, David Ramirez, Jorge Sanchez, Rhapody Swyster, Kassandra Tyler

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: AnaKaren Esparza, Felipe Martinez, Ridge Sudduth

"85 & Above" Honor Roll:

Drew Bosmans, Josue Chavez, Edward Dominguez, Amy Doran, Samuel Estrada, Holly Ford, Anna Fuentes, Mariana Guzman, Tiffany Hernandez, Jileesa Hibbs, William Higgins, Brittany Jennings, Richard Jones, Barryn Lane, Kristin Mittel, Abelarso Montalvo, Rachel Rios, Raul Rios, Justina Rodriguez, Kimberly Samaniego, Chelsi Sellers

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, Lauren Brown, Josefina Diaz, Esperanza Fuentes, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Chandra Wanoreck

"85 & Above" Honor Roll:

Charlotte Adame, James Ballew, William Edmiston, Joel Esparza, Micaela Gonzalez, Sandra Guzman, Nester Hernandez, Maxie Holley, Philip Meyer, Caleb Nixon, Chelci Rodriguez, Jeremy Ussery, Frank Wipff

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Katey Blair, Brandie Cross, William Griffin, Ashley Minor, Emily Newman,

"85 & Above" Honor Roll:

Laurie Almazan, Manuel Arispe, Terrell Boysaw, Hortencia Cruz, Brett Dacy, Kolby Dombroski, Linda Fuentes, Antonio Garcia, Julie Hight, Blanca Huichapa, Maria Huichapa, SanJuanita Huichapa, Brence Minor, Jessica Robertson, Luis Rodriguez, Britney Sellers

Meals for Friends Menu



Monday, January 17
Chicken Fried Steak, Oven Fried Potatoes, Carrots, Hot Rolls, Vanilla Pudding w/ Fruit, Milk

Tuesday, January 18
Chicken Enchiladas, Pinto Beans, Mexican Corn, Toss Salad, Lemon Pudding, Milk

Wednesday, January 19
Meat w/ Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Zucchini Squash, Garlic Bread, White Cake w/ Caramel Icing, Milk

Thursday, January 20
Smothered Steak w/ Onions, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Apple Crisp, Orange Juice, Milk

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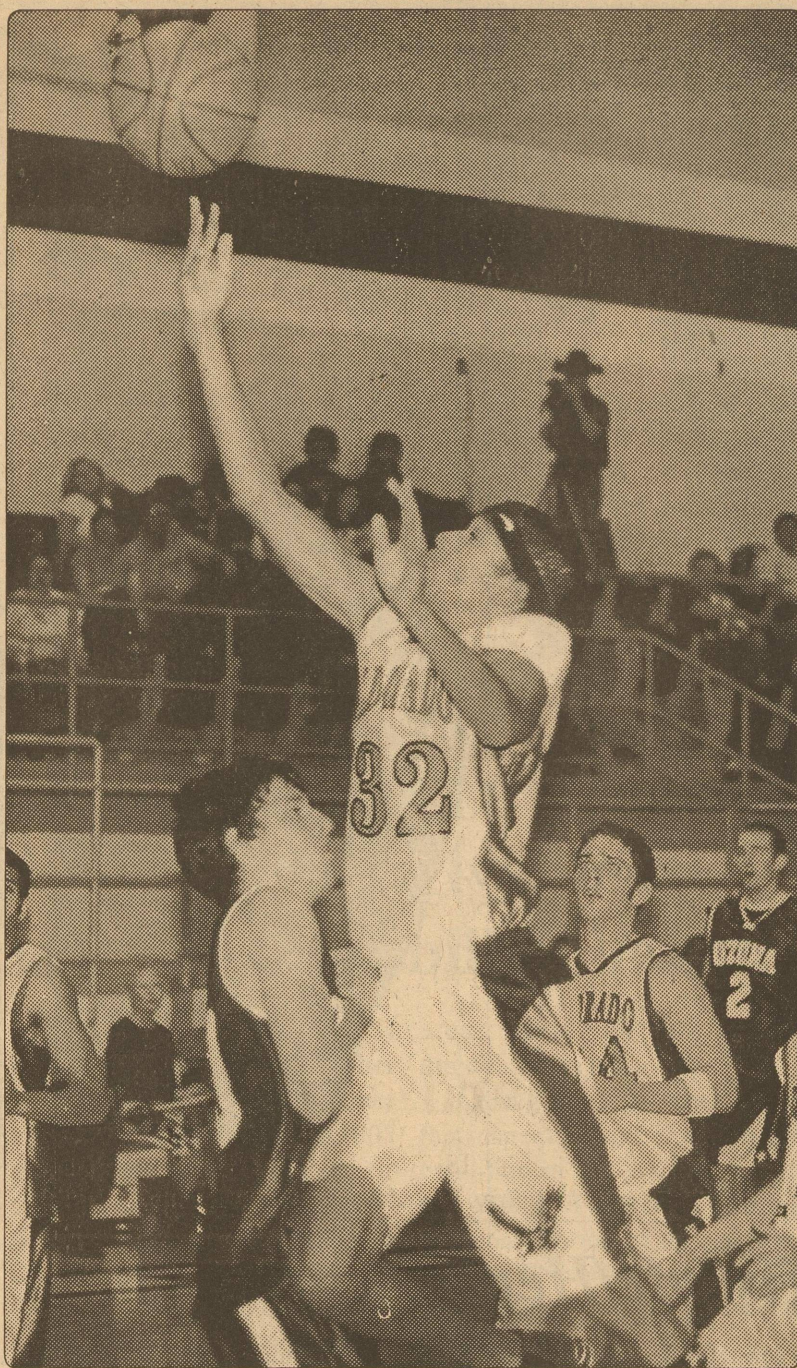
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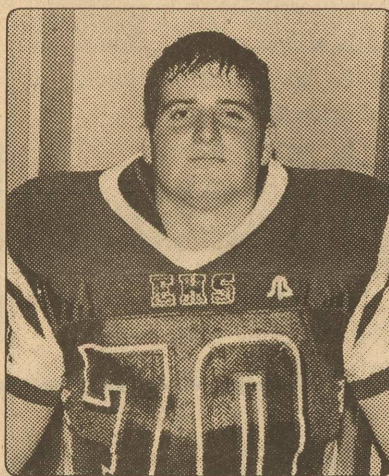


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Jeremy Ussery powered his way to the basket Tuesday night as the Eagles defeated the Ozona Lions 49-46 in District 2-2A action in Eagle Gym.

Griffin & Dombroski named to All-State Academic Football Team



Will Griffin



Kolby Dombroski

EHS seniors Will Griffin and Kolby Dombroski were named this week to chosen the Class 2A All-State Academic Football Team.

Will Griffin was selected to the Class 2A Elite Academic Football Team. He was one of only seven players in the state to receive this high honor.

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VARSITY GIRLS

District Game
 January 5, 2005
 Eldorado 06-12-05-06=29
 Reagan Co. 10-13-15-04=42

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Maxie Holley 2; Katey Blair 10; Karina Sanchez 2; Chandra Wanoreck 5; Taylor Baker 10; Also playing for the Lady Eagles Chelsey Hill, Josie Diaz and Jessica Robertson. Scoring 3 point goal: Chandra Wanoreck (1).

District Game
 January 11, 2005
 Eldorado 11-08-19-09=47
 Junction 16-08-12-08=44

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Maxie Holley 1; Katey Blair 14; Karina Sanchez 3; Chandra Wanoreck 12; Josie Diaz 2; Jessica Robertson 4; Taylor Baker 11; Also playing for the Lady Eagles Chelsey Hill. Scoring 3 point goal: Katey Blair (1) and Chandra Wanoreck (2).

District Game
 January 11, 2005
 Eldorado 07-02-10-08=37
 Ozona 16-06-04-10=36

Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Maxie Holley 10; Katey Blair 8; Chandra Wanoreck 6; Josie Diaz 2; Jessica Robertson 4; Taylor Baker 9; Also playing for the Lady Eagles Chelsey Hill. Scoring 3 point goal: Katey Blair (1).



Maxie Holley scored 10 points against Ozona Tuesday night to help the Lady Eagles beat the Lady Lions 37-36.

7th GRADE BOYS

Wall Tournament
 January 7, 2005
 Eldorado 04-06-07-04=21
 Junction 00-01-02-06=09

Playing for the Eagles: Mason Baker (2), Wes Brown (4), Ivany Sanchez (7), Dustin Ramos (2), David Tirado (6). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Dylan Dombroski, Edward Mata, Ram Perez, J. Trujillo, Ryan Castillo, Juan Medrano, Shane Young and Hugo Rios.

7th GRADE BOYS

Wall Tournament
 January 6, 2005
 Eldorado 04-01-05-03=13
 Wall 09-15-05-02=31

Playing for the Eagles: Mason Baker (3), Ivany Sanchez (8), Dustin Ramos (2). Also playing for the Eagles: Tony McCord, Wesley Brown, Dylan Dombroski, Edward Mata, Ram Perez, J. Trujillo, David Tirado, Ryan Castillo, Juan Medrano, Shane Young and Hugo Rios.

JV GIRLS

December 14, 2004
 Eldorado 06-01-09-06=22
 Sonora 12-04-10-17=43

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Tiffany Hernandez (8), Ashley Lozano (5), Deysi Rios (4), Kassi Tyler (4), Alicia Corrales (1). Also playing: Chelci Sellers, Amika Gonzales, Kristen Mittel, Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez, Leslie Cruz, Leanna Morales.

School Lunch Menu

Milk & Bread Offered
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BREAKFAST MENU
Monday, January 17
 Pig-n-Blanket, Jelly, Diced Pears, Orange Juice, Milk
Tuesday, January 18
 Blueberry Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Apple Sauce, Milk
Wednesday, January 19
 Cream of Wheat, Buttered Toast, Jelly, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
Thursday, January 20
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice of Juice, Milk
Friday, January 21
 Glazed Donuts, Cheese Slices, Choice of Juice, Pear halves, Milk

BASKET LINE
Monday, January 17
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Cole Slaw, Cowboy Cookies
Tuesday, January 18
 Pep. Hot Pockets, French Fries, Pork-n-Beans, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, January 19
 Soft Tacos, Cheese Cup, Pinto Beans, Let. & Tom. Salad, Sliced Peaches
Thursday, January 20
 Fish Burger, Cheese, French Fries, Lettuce, Rosyapple Sauce
Friday, January 21
 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Slices, Ice Cream

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Monday, January 17
 Chicken Nuggets, Gravy, Creamed Potatoes, Black Eyed Peas, Hot Rolls, Cowboy Cookies
Tuesday, January 18
 Taco Rolls, Tossed Salad, Carrot Stix's, Dip, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, January 19
 Ham And Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sandwich Salad, Sliced Peaches
Thursday, January 20
 Lasagna, Broccoli & Cheese, Hot Rolls, Tossed Salad, Rosy Applesauce
Friday, January 21
 Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Pineapple Slices, Ice Cream

December 17, 2004
 Eldorado 05-06-01-06=18
 Sonora 18-13-10-18=59

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Tiffany Hernandez (7), Alicia Corrales (7), Deysi Rios (2), Kassi Tyler (1), Chelci Sellers (1). Also playing: Ashley Lozano, Amika Gonzales, Kristen Mittel, Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez, Leslie Cruz, Leanna Morales.

December 31, 2004
 Eldorado 03-00-02-00=05
 Mason 19-16-15-17=67

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Ashley Lozano (3), Kassi Tyler (2). Also playing: Tiffany Hernandez, Chelci Sellers, Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez.

January 4, 2005
 Eldorado 02-02-03-00=07
 Reagan Co. 19-13-05-15=52

Playing for the Lady Eagles: Alicia Corrales (4), Ashley Lozano (2), Kristen Mittel (1). Also playing: Chelci Sellers, Tiffany Hernandez, Kassi Tyler, Amika Gonzales, Desiree Valeriano, Joy Martinez, Leslie Cruz, Leanna Morales.

JV BOYS

December 31, 2004
 Eldorado 09-23-14-15=61
 Mason 14-11-03-18=46

Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (10), Russell Cathey (13), Lalo Sanchez (6), Michael Redish (12), Manny Gonzalez (12), Jorge Mata (6), Tyler Dombroski (2). Shooting for 3 point: Michael Redish (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Abel Montalvo.

January 04, 2005
 Eldorado 11-08-12-06=37
 Reagan County 16-10-18-17=61

Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (7), Russell Cathey (14), Lalo Sanchez (2), Michael Redish (3), Manny Gonzalez (7), Tyler Dombroski (4). Shooting for 3 points: Russell Cathey (1) and Manny Gonzalez (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Abel Montalvo, Clark Meyer, Jorge Mata, Cash Lane, Armando Moreno, Clayton Sauer, Adam Dominguez.

January 07, 2005
 Eldorado 02-15-08-12=37
 Junction 05-13-07-07=32

Playing for the Eagles: J.P. Joiner (4), Russell Cathey (9), Lalo Sanchez (7), Michael Redish (6), Manny Gonzalez (6), Jorge Mata (2) and Tyler Dombroski (3). Shooting for 3 points: Russell Cathey (1). Also playing for the Eagles: Abel Montalvo, Clark Meyer, Cash Lane, Armando Moreno, Clayton Sauer, and Adam Dominguez.

Council meets, considers problems at city landfill

The Eldorado City Council learned Monday night, January 10, 2004, that a recent inspection at its landfill had resulted in a list of 18 violations, most of which were termed minor by City Superintendent Floyd Fay. With infractions involving things like not having changed the city's phone number when the 325 area code went into effect, to a crack in the concrete around the base of a sign, Fay said most of the problems had been addressed quickly.

Mayor Nikolauk noted that the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality inspector who visited the landfill was new and was still doing things "very much by the book."

One infraction was more serious, however. It involved city employees pumping water from an area containing garbage into a drainage channel. It was noted that the problem occurred during heavy rains in November of last year when landfill was inundated with water. A concerned citizen saw the pumping and reported it to the TCEQ.

Fay explained that a trucking company was hired to pump the water from the pit and haul it to the city's sewer plant, allowing the landfill to get back into operation.

Another infraction, involving the way the landfill is being filled, was also cited by the inspector. According to the inspector, pits are supposed to be dug in long rectangular cells. Mayor Nikolauk noted that previous TCEQ inspectors and the city's engineer view the rules differently. The mayor explained to the Success after the meeting that current procedures call for a cell to be filled while an adjacent cell is being dug, allowing for soil from the second cell to be used to cover garbage as it is placed in the landfill. He noted that the procedure has not previously been questioned by the TCEQ.

The meeting was the first of the year for the City Council and was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Mayor Nikolauk with council members Bill McCutcheon, Toni Sudduth, Tommy Minor and Richard Mendez in attendance. Council members Dora Bosmans and Jaquin Rojas were absent.

Among other business the council met with Roberto Montalvo and Manuel Gonzales, representing Cebridge Connections, the company that provides cable TV service in Eldorado. The men said that upgrading the company's equipment in order to offer new services such as digital and high-definition TV would be too costly for a small system like the one in Eldorado. Problems with signal quality were discussed as was the need for a franchise agreement between the city and the cable provider. It was noted that the old franchise agreement has expired.

Floyd Fay updated the council on operations in his various departments. He explained that two employees had left the city to take jobs in the oil field and that he had replaced one of them by hiring Felipe Montalvo to work at the landfill.

In other business the council voted to move forward with a pro-

posed ordinance that would grant city employees the authority to enter private property in order to ensure that sewer lines and clean-out taps are properly capped. If adopted, the ordinance would allow the city bill property owners or renters for the costs.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo then up dated the council on the city's finances and recommended one amendment to the budget, which was passed by the council. She also advised that details had been worked out between the city and Renond and Cathy Kuykendall on a trade of real property. The couple is exchanging a piece of property they own for a similar piece that adjoins the lot where they live. The trade will allow the county to close the south end of Colpitts Street at the Kukendall's property line.

Next, the council then reviewed information packets provided by several engineering firms and one grant management firm. They will decide at a future meeting which firms will represent them in the upcoming round of Texas Community Development Program grants.

Ms. Mayo then reported the resignation of billing clerk Juanita Gomez and noted that there will be an opening for a full-time employee in the front office.

The council then approved the minutes of the Dec. 6, 2004 meeting and voted to rescind a vote taken in November regarding the disannexation of property owned by Alma Corbell. It was explained that problems with the original survey needed to be corrected before the council could address the question.

Next, the council reviewed a tentative schedule of council meetings for 2005 and heard from council member Bill McCutcheon regarding a proposed Hotel/Motel tax. It was explained that money raised from such a tax could be used to promote tourism in Eldorado, as well as the arts. McCutcheon said he would like to have an expert on the subject appear at a future meeting.

Before adjourning the council approved an amendment to the utility ordinance, changing the time the city landfill opens from 9 a.m. to 8 a.m. The council also directed Carolyn Mayo to prepare a policy for the use of cell phones and computers by city employees.

The council's next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 7, 2005 at 6 p.m. at City Hall.

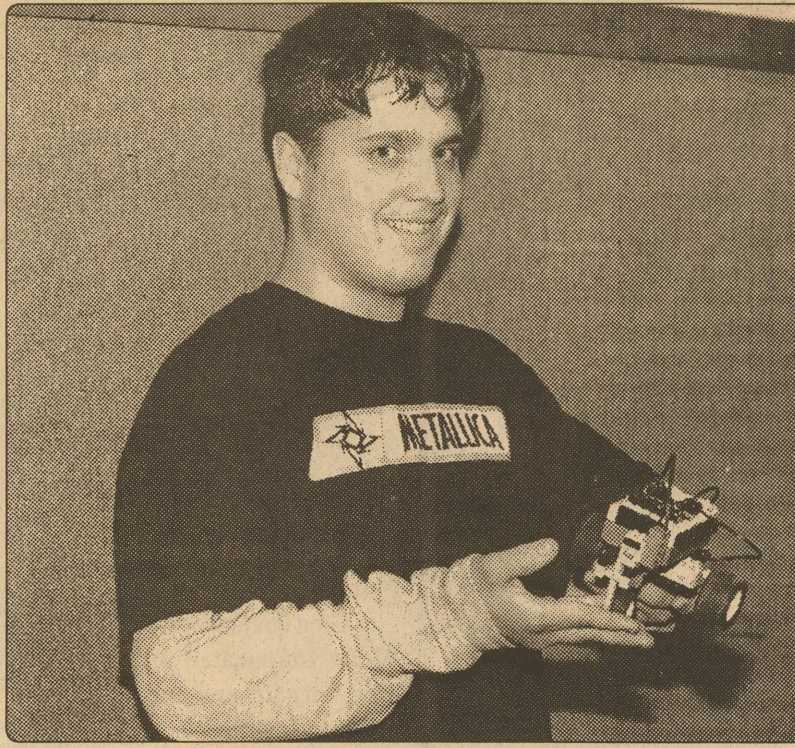


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Byron Hibbs was the lead designer for a group of EHS students who made a robot made with Lego blocks. The group's prototype robot competed last Friday at the Education Service Center in San Angelo where they placed 6th and qualified for a trip to Austin and the statewide contest. Member of the EHS "Trons" team are Byron Hibbs, Jileesa Hibbs, J.P. Joiner, LiAna Danford, and Rhapsody Swyter.

School board meeting held

The Schleicher County ISD board of trustees met Monday, January 10, 2004 in the High School Library. The meeting began a half hour later than normal due a pre-meeting meal scheduled on behalf of the trustee in honor of School Board Appreciation Month.

Board President Jo Helen Kotsch called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. with trustees Jan Wanoreck, Berta Nicholson, Eddie Albin, Kurtis Homer and Lupe Sanchez in attendance. Trustee John Paul Joiner was absent.

Among other business the trustees reviewed and approved the district's financial reports. Business Manager Ray Ballew advised the board that 75 percent of tax revenue has been received as compared to 70 percent at this time last year.

The board then reviewed several bids for a 71-passenger activity bus. After comparing the base bids of three buses and several option packages offered by the manufacturers, the trustees agreed with Superintendent George Blanch's recommendation and authorized the expenditure of \$75,060 for a bus from Longhorn Sales. The bus will have an International body with luggage carriers mounted underneath.

The trustees then reviewed bids received for the sale of vehicles and equipment. The sale of a used cargo trailer was approved at \$500. A used Ford tractor sold for \$557 and a 1984 Chevrolet sold for \$200.

Next the trustees approved moving the March board meet-

ing from March 14th to March 21st due to Spring Break. They also approved a series of "legal policies" and "local policies" as recommended by the Texas Education Agency and authorized an out-of-district field trip for a group of EHS students who will be participating in a robot competition in Austin. The local youngsters placed 5th in a meet held recently in San Angelo in order to qualify for the state meet.

The trustees then went into a closed-door executive session for the discussion of personnel. They emerged about a half-hour later without taking action on the matter.

The trustees heard from Supt. Blanch concerning enrollment. Blanch noted that the district's "eligible" enrollment stands at 576. The word eligible indicates that a student qualifies for free or reduced lunch, the only children for which the school receives any money from the state. Blanch noted that the district's overall enrollment is 585.

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District Court Report

51st District Court Judge Barbara Walther heard a number of cases on Monday, January 10, 2005. Among those, seven were rescheduled for a February 9 court date. Judgements were entered in five criminal cases (see below) and one case was moved to Tom Green County.
 • Lola Jean Simmons of Vernal, Utah - offense Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance. Plea bargain sentenced 365 days in jail suspended with 4 years probation, \$1,000.00 fine and \$140.00 court restitution.
 • Diana Ramos Virgen of Sonora, Texas - offense Felony Possession of a Controlled Sub-

stance. Plea bargain sentenced 4 years probation, \$1,000.00 fine and \$140.00 court restitution.
 • Pamela Powers Haynes of Round Mountain, Texas - offense 2nd degree Felony Possession of a Controlled Substance. Plea bargain sentenced 6 years probation with \$1,500.00 fine and \$140.00 court restitution.
 • Hector Manuel Adame - offense Burglary of a Habitation. Sentenced of Motion to Revoke Probation.
 • Glen Ramos - offense Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or More. Plea bargain sentenced 7 years in State Institution with License suspended for 2 years.

Jail inspector gives local lock up clean bill of health

State Jail Inspector Russell S. Biehle toured the Schleicher County Law Enforcement Center on Wednesday, January 5, 2005 and reported finding no deficiencies in a written report issued to Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran.

Biehle's unannounced inspection covered twenty-five separate areas, beginning with a walk-through of the jail. Among the items checked by the inspector were the physical condition of the jail, the health and safety of inmates, training and qualification of the jail staff and the policies and procedures for handling the various aspects of jail operation. Biehle noted in his report that the jail showed no deficiencies in any of the twenty-five areas and stated that a certificate of compliance will be issued to the facility by the Executive Director of the Texas Commission on Jail Standards. For his part, Sheriff Doran said that he was very pleased with the inspection and praised the work of his jailer/dispatchers. "It takes a lot to keep a jail up and running, especially under the new and stringent rules the state has put in place," Doran stated. "I'm proud of all my staff and want the people of Schleicher County to know what an outstanding job they are doing. Jail staff include: Jail Administrator Lesa Martinez, Jailer/Dispatchers Stephen Whitten, Farrah Fennern, Frank Estrada, Christina Estrada and Janet Oglesby.

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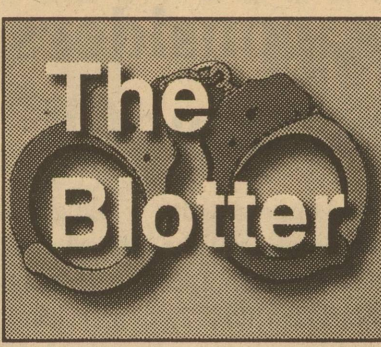
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LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.
 Requested for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).



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
 None this week
INCIDENTS
January 3 • 5:00 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a vehicle rolled over in the ditch 8 miles out on FM 2129. Officer responded.
January 4 • 1:15 a.m. Complainant reported that there was a vehicle turned over 4 miles North on Hwy 277. Officers responded.
 • 9:29 a.m. Complainant reported someone had scratched her vehicle on Wednesday 29th after 8:00 p.m. on Warner. Officer notified.
 • 11:24 a.m. Complainant reported a robbery on South Main Street and he knew the suspect. Officer responded.
 • 12:00 p.m. Complainant reported that his checkbook had been lost. Officer responded.
 • 1:17 p.m. Complainant reported finding a small puppy on Co. Rd. 100. Puppy is chocolate colored. Possibl' a chow or husky.
 • 5:00 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
 • 5:59 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
 • 7:15 p.m. Complainant stated that her daughter was hearing voices. Officer responded, officer reported everything OK there where farmers in the area talking.
January 5 • 10:51 a.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a Hope House interview with a child. Officer responded.
 • 11:12 p.m. Complainant reported house had been broken into on North Divide, house had busted window and door wide open when subject returned. Officer responded.
January 6 • 3:44 a.m. Complainant reported that someone stole her yellow lab on Village Lane. Officer responded.
 • 4:41 p.m. Complainant reported objects missing from garage on North Street. Officer responded.

responded.
 • 10:32 p.m. Complainant reported a break in at the Eldorado Place Apartments. Officer responded.
 • 10:49 p.m. Caller reported male subject had been struck on the head by heavy equipment at work. Officer responded escort to Eldorado ER.
 • 11:55 p.m. Hospital requested a basic transfer. EMS responded.
January 7 • 7:50 a.m. Complainant reported that the rock haulers were blocking the view for traffic that was turning onto East 190. Officer responded.
 • 11:18 a.m. Complainant reported a 3 month old Border Collie missing. Officer notified.
 • 2:01 p.m. Complainant reported that a truck pulling a trailer threw some plywood that hit his tractor trailer and damaged it. Officer responded.
 • 5:41 p.m. Complainant reported an injured doe. Game Warden responded.
 • 9:41 p.m. Complainant reported a brown and white cow on roadway on 277 North. Tom Green County SO was notified.
 • 10:07 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver in maroon Ford Pickup. Officers responded. Sutton County was notified. Vehicle was located by DPS trooper, officer reported everything was OK.
January 8 • 5:04 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer notified.
 • 5:53 p.m. Complainant reported a possible gas leak. City was notified, city notified that they had added chemical to gas which was causing the odor.
 • 6:35 p.m. Complainant requested to speak to an officer. Officer responded.
January 9 • 9:58 a.m. Officer advised someone had slashed two tires on a vehicle on Divide and Murchison.
 • 4:32 p.m. Caller reported a controlled fire on his property.
 • 4:45 p.m. Complainant reported his private fence had been cut through on County Road 300. Officer responded.
January 10 • 1:00 a.m. Complainant requested an ambulance for a basic transfer. EMS responded.

Solution to puzzle on Page 2
 Long Genres

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EMPLOYMENT

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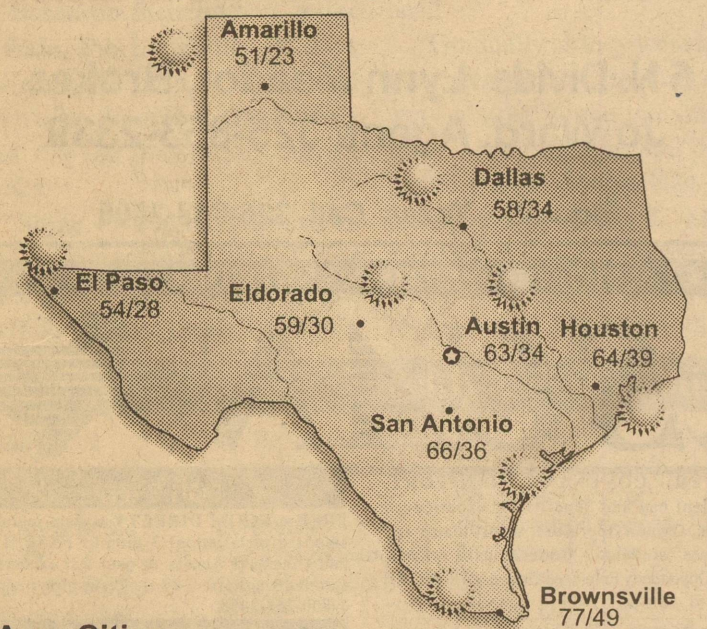
Eldorado Weather

Local 5-Day Forecast

Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17	Tue 1/18
59/30	58/31	53/30	50/25	47/28
Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Mainly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the low 30s.	Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 50s and lows in the mid 20s.	Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the upper 20s.
Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:02 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:03 PM	Sunrise: 7:41 AM Sunset: 6:04 PM	Sunrise: 7:40 AM Sunset: 6:05 PM

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Texas At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Abilene	58	32	sunny	Kingsville	74	43	sunny
Amarillo	51	23	sunny	Livingston	62	35	sunny
Austin	63	34	sunny	Longview	57	36	sunny
Beaumont	63	39	mst sunny	Lubbock	56	24	sunny
Brownsville	77	49	sunny	Lufkin	63	39	sunny
Brownwood	61	33	sunny	Midland	56	28	sunny
Corpus Christi	69	44	sunny	Raymondville	75	45	sunny
Corsicana	59	35	sunny	Rosenberg	64	38	sunny
Dallas	58	34	sunny	San Antonio	66	36	sunny
Del Rio	68	37	sunny	San Marcos	66	35	sunny
El Paso	54	28	sunny	Sulphur Springs	53	32	sunny
Fort Stockton	62	37	sunny	Sweetwater	59	31	sunny
Gainesville	55	29	sunny	Tyler	56	34	sunny
Greenville	56	32	sunny	Weatherford	56	29	sunny
Houston	64	39	sunny	Wichita Falls	54	28	sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	64	43	t-storm	Minneapolis	6	-12	pt sunny
Boston	54	43	windy	New York	59	43	rain
Chicago	36	7	sn shower	Phoenix	61	41	sunny
Dallas	58	34	sunny	San Francisco	55	42	pt sunny
Denver	42	17	pt sunny	Seattle	36	20	cloudy
Houston	64	39	sunny	St. Louis	41	10	mixed
Los Angeles	64	46	pt sunny	Washington, DC	68	43	rain
Miami	80	71	pt sunny				

Moon Phases

New Jan 10
First Jan 17
Full Jan 25
Last Feb 2

UV Index

Fri 1/14	Sat 1/15	Sun 1/16	Mon 1/17	Tue 1/18
4	4	4	4	4
Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate

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County Commissioners hold first meeting of the year

The Schleicher County Commissioners Court met Monday, January 10, 2004, and voted to hire the engineering firm of Hibbs & Todd to provide engineering services on a sewer system expansion in the Orient Heights neighborhood. Commissioners Johnny Mayo, Bill Clark, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown reviewed proposals from four engineering firms before deciding to hire the Abilene company to oversee the project that will install new sewer lines in the area just south of the Eldorado city limits and will connect the lines to the city's sewer system. County Judge Johnny Griffin said he couldn't predict when construction would begin. It was noted that the project is being funded with a grant through the Texas Office of Rural Community Affairs.

The meeting was the first regular meeting of the year for the Commissioners Court and was called to order by Judge Griffin at 9:10 a.m. Hospital Board president Randy Mankin met with the commissioners briefly to explain that the hospital district's board of directors is considering asking the state legislature to pass a bill allowing the local hospital district to change from an at-large voting system to a single-member district system. Judge Griffin said he thought the move was a good idea and told Mankin the commissioners would consider a resolution of support when the bill is introduced in the legislature.

Sheriff David Doran then met with the commissioners to discuss problems he is having with heating and air conditioning units at the jail. Noting that the faulty unit is 24 years old, the commissioners voted unanimously to replace the unit instead of repairing it.



Schleicher County officials include (L-R) Judge Johnny Griffin, Justice of the Peace James C. Doyle, Clerk Peggy Williams, Attorney Raymond Loomis, Tax Assessor/Collector Jeanne Snelson, Commissioners Johnny Mayo and Matt Brown, Treasurer Karen Henderson, Commissioner Kirk Griffin and Sheriff David Doran. Commissioner Bill Clark was not present for the photo.

The Sheriff then presented a request for a new patrol vehicle. He explained that the pickup he drives is due to be retired and the commissioners spent several minutes discussing uses for the old pickup. Ultimately it was decided to call for bids for a new pickup and to keep the old truck for use by county personnel. One possible use for the truck was at the cemetery. Doran noted that his department also had a seized pickup that he was willing to turn over for use by county employees.

The commissioners then opened two sealed bids for a transport load of diesel fuel. Griffin Fuel of Eldorado was the low bidder and won the bid at \$1.5515 per gallon.

Among other business, the commissioners voted to hire Kay Howard of A & J HOWCO Services to manage the upcoming grant project in Orient Heights. Ms. Howard was instrumental in helping the county win the grant for the sewer line extension in Orient Heights and it was decided to retain her to manage the grant portion of the project.

Next, the men decided to hire the law firm of Bickerstaff, Heath, Smiley, Pollan, Kever & McDaniel of Austin to represent the county as they attempt to determine the ownership of various county roads. It was noted that House Bill 1117 allows the county to claim ownership of county-maintained roads

that meet specific criteria. The commissioners decided to hire the law firm to guide the county through the process, including the posting and publication of legal notices and the scheduling of public hearings.

The commissioners suggested that County Attorney Raymond Loomis review the proposal by the Austin law firm before the deal was finalized. Judge Griffin estimated the cost to the county would run between \$3,500 and \$5,500. Griffin explained that the cost could be higher if the county runs into opposition from the public.

Discussion then turned to the operation of the county rodeo arena and problems being experienced with ropers who leave their stock at the facility. It was suggested that the commissioners consider new rules for use of the arena for discussion at a future meeting. One suggestion was the arena lights be placed on a timer. Another involved a fee for use of the facility.

Judge Griffin then mentioned a request from the Texas Department of Transportation the roadside park on U.S. Hwy. 190, some 10 miles east of Eldorado, be closed. It was explained that the park gets very little use and has become a dumping site for garbage, especially during hunting season.

Griffin suggested to the commissioners that they ask for a compromise from TxDOT and request a left turn lane be installed on U.S. 277 at the county Civic Center and rodeo arena and that speed limit be lowered through the area. A letter will be sent to District Engineer Walter McCullough with the request.

In other business, the men voted to call for bids for electrical service with a one-year contract term. They also briefly discussed the need to buy a small front end loader but chose to delay that decision until their next meeting.

The commissioners then discussed attending the West Texas County Judges and Commissioners meeting in Odessa and authorized local members of the airport board to attend the upcoming aviation conference in Austin. The men also okayed the expenditure of \$50 for a co-sponsorship of the Texas Department of Agriculture's Family Heritage Land Award. It was noted the award will be presented on March 18, 2005 to families who have maintained ownership of a parcel of land for 100 years. A number of Schleicher County landowners are scheduled to receive the award this year.

Before adjourning, the men approved the paying two request for indigent utility payments. They also authorized County Treasurer Karen Henderson to transfer \$128,484.46 between several of the county's various fund accounts. The men then reviewed and approved payment of the county's bills.

The next meeting of the Schleicher County Commissioners Court is scheduled for Monday, January 24, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the first floor Commissioners Courtroom.

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Elementary Honor Roll 3rd Six Weeks

- 2nd Grade**
 Mrs. O'Harrow
 "A" Honor Roll: Estephanie Estrada, Jessica Gonzalez, Mika Key, Abby Nolan, Whitney Perez, Alex Rodriguez, Tres Whiten, Claire Wideman
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Dalton Buchholz, Elizabeth Guerrero, Tony Rey Martinez, Jacob Sanchez
 Mrs. Sessom
 "A" Honor Roll: Breana Crofoot, Baylee Griffin, McKenzie McAngus, Garet Swinford
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Evelyn Martinez, Arden Mertz, Dominique Ochoa, Yvonne Ramirez, West Ramon, Kiarra Trevino
 Mrs. Vaughan
 "A" Honor Roll: Jacqueline Castro, Victoria Guerrero, Morgan Miller, Caitlyn Self, Abbigal Spradley
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Deonn Fuentes, Jessica Gandar, Adrian Martinez
 Mrs. Jones
 "A" Honor Roll: Sasha Rodriguez, Ashley Sullivan
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Jose Aranda, Aaron Conn, Marysa Espinoza, Elizabeth Estrada, Junior Garcia, Daniel Guerra, Obdulia Huerta, Karren Luna, Sunni McCormick, Guadalupe Pasilla
- 3rd Grade**
 Mrs. Mikeska
 "A" Honor Roll: Odette Barrientos
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Bailey Espinosa, Abriana Islas, Elizabeth Olivares
 Mrs. McGregor's
 "A" Honor Roll: Addye Chatham
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Madison Albin, Michael Bilbrey, Brittany Galan, Roger Gehrels, Macy Mikeska, Jackson O'Harrow, Ysencia Ramirez, Maria Reyes, Adriana Rios
4th Grade
 Mrs. Beach
 "A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe, Mary Lou Martinez, Brian Parsley
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Camron Capps, Lane Griffin, Nikki Herrera, Nancy Iglesias, Avery Nolen, Chasity Willis
 Mrs. Edmiston
 "A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa, Austin Stapp, Stacey Valeriano
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Veronica Fuentes, Kasey Gonzalez, Edward Hernandez, Blaine Mitchell, Jessica Pasillas, Hector Reyes
 Mrs. Newman
 "A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner
 "A-B" Honor Roll: Shelby Daniels, Lori Escobar, Rudy Montez, Marcus Perez

Get to Know Our Director of Nursing-Anita Jones, RN, DON



Anita, a Sonora native, graduated from Angelo State University with an Associate Degree in Science (RN). She has a vast array of experiences in the nursing field. She started her nursing career at the Schleicher County Medical Center in 1971 to 1974 and returned to Eldorado in 1985. Anita work experience includes: ICU staff nurse and supervisor - Houston, TX and Tulsa, OK; Surgery Unit supervisor - Weatherford, TX; Obstetrics and Gynecology practice - Broken Arrow, OK; Hospital and ER staff nurse - Eldorado, TX; Oncology and Chemotherapy practice - San Angelo, TX; Emergency Room Staff nurse - San Angelo, TX; Pediatric

practices - San Angelo and Eldorado, TX; Family Clinic supervisor - Eldorado, TX; Hospital based and private Home Health Care - Eldorado, TX.

Anita now is Director of Nursing at Schleicher County Nursing home and she takes great pride in caring for the residents of the Nursing Home and including family members.

"I look forward to helping make Schleicher County Medical Center-Nursing Home a comfortable home for all of our residents, where the staff works very hard in making our residents feel at ease, safe and becoming an extended part of the resident's family. I am proud of the 24-hour a day quality of care that the staff delivers."

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