



The Gator Swim Team held their annual barbecue dinner fundraiser on Sunday, July 28. Helpers included: pictured from left to right in back are Taylor Alvarado, Leroy Alvarado, Christi Stancik, Victoria Alvarado, Allyssa Young, Sharon Marsalia, Kelly Almanza and Becky Almanza; in front from left to right, Cameron Marsalia, Madisyn Stancik, Maisyn Stancik, Keshie Perez, Emma Kelley, Sophie Kelley, Ryan Almanza, Jadelynn Almanza, Lee Fields and Aaliyah Almanza.



At right, pictured are members of the Houston Redbirds that captured the 10u Division in the Houston World Series Baseball Tournament recently with a 7-0 record. Zachary Gasca of Eagle Lake is one of the team members.

The players included from left to right, Noah Purvis, Ryan Heth, Holton Manak, Zachary Gasca, Kaleb Manak, Noah Hess, David Molnor, Bo Coleman, Justin Frajal, Coach Manak, Coach Grant, and Coach Bob.

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## Try A Delicious Omelet Sandwich For A Treat

While kids look forward to days with no homework and time spent outside in the warm summer sun, parents sometimes see the first day of summer vacation as the day the countdown to the first day of school officially begins.

For stay-at-home parents, summer vacation can be both more fun and more challenging. With the kids around, there's certainly more company. But there's also a lot more to do.

During the school year, many parents trust their local school to take care of the lunch menu. However, summer vacation offers no such crutch, and parents must find new and creative ways to make lunch for both their children and whoever happens to be stopping by that day.

But creative doesn't need to be synonymous with expensive. In fact, as "The Wonder® Bread Cookbook" (Ten Speed Press) illustrates, that loaf of Wonder® Bread in the pantry can go a long way and not break the bank.

While kids might grow tired of the traditional peanut-butter-and-jelly fare, there's a host of inexpensive options available, such as Arizona native Sue Ross' "Wonder Omelet Sandwiches."

### WONDER OMELET SANDWICHES

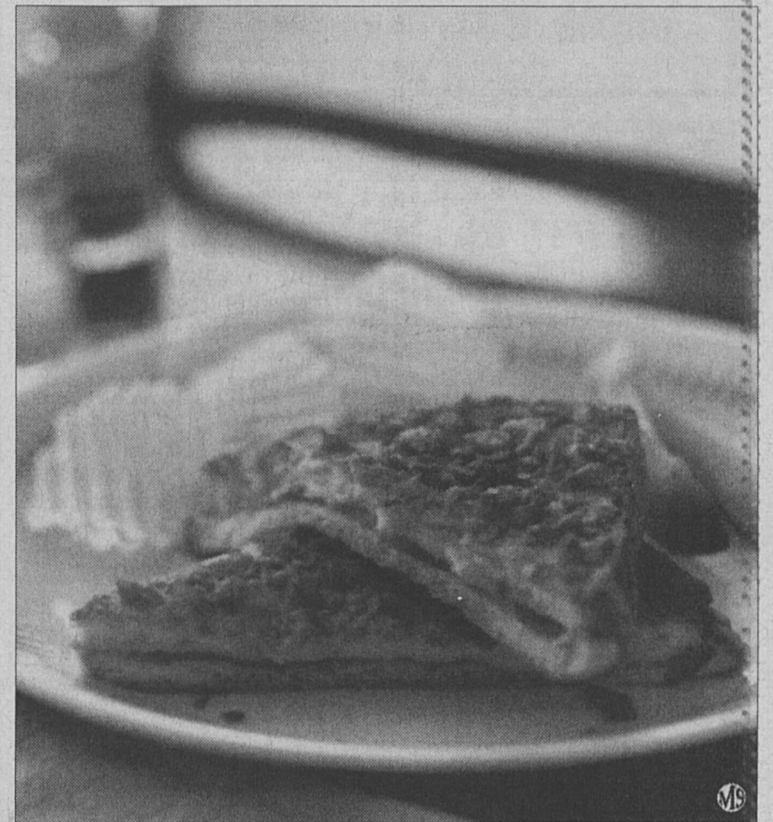
Serves 8  
4 to 6 tablespoons butter, at room temperature, plus 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted  
16 slices Wonder® Bread  
8 slices American, cheddar or Swiss cheese  
8 thin slices cooked ham  
6 eggs  
3 cups milk  
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard  
1 cup crushed cornflakes or potato chips

Salt to taste  
Lightly butter one side of each slice of bread. Top 8 slices of buttered bread with a slice of cheese and a slice of ham.

Top with a second slice of bread, buttered side down. Arrange the sandwiches in a greased 12-by-18-inch roasting pan or 11 1/2-by-17-inch jelly roll pan.

Whisk together the eggs, milk, mustard, and salt and pour slowly over the sandwiches. Cover and refrigerate overnight.

Preheat the oven to 350 F. Mix together the cornflake crumbs and melted butter; sprinkle over the top of the sandwiches. Bake uncovered for 1 hour, or until golden brown.



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## Kelton To Appear At Nesbitt Library

Elmer Kelton, one of the most distinguished literary figures in Texas history, will appear at the Nesbitt Memorial Library in Columbus on Tuesday, August 7. Kelton, who lives in San Angelo, has won more Spur Awards, seven, than any other writer.

The Spur Award is given annually to the best Western fiction of the year by the Western Writers of America since 1953. In addition, the Western Writers of America gave him the Saddleman Award for lifetime achievement in 1977, and voted him the greatest Western author of all time in 1995.

At the library, Kelton will discuss his recently published memoir, Sandhills Boy. Copies of the book, and others of Kelton's books, will be available for purchase and autographing.

Kelton is the author of nearly fifty novels, including the classics The Day the Cowboys Quit (1971), The Time It Never Rained (1973), The Good Old Boys (1978), The Wolf and the Buffalo (1980), and The Man Who Rode Midnight (1987). His first novel, Hot Iron, was published in 1956. Early editions of all these books are now very valuable collector's items.

In addition to writing fiction, Kelton worked as an agricultural journalist for forty-two years. Much of his work as a journalist is collected in Elmer Kelton Country.

The Short Nonfiction of a Texas Novelist (1993). Five of his speeches were published in My Kind of Heroes (2004).

Kelton has also earned four Western Heritage Awards from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame, received the Barbara McCombs/Lon Tinkle Award for continuing excellence in Texas letters from the Texas Institute of Letters, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the Western Literature Association, and the first Lone Star Award for lifetime achievement from the Larry McMurtry Center for Arts and Humanities at Midwestern State University. In April 1997, the



state legislature honored him with Elmer Kelton Day.

He was born in Andrews County, Texas, in 1926. He grew up on the nearly 150,000 acre McElroy Ranch in Crane and Upton Counties in West Texas, where his father was foreman and general manager. In later years, he used the penname Lee McElroy for some of his books.

He met his wife, Anna, in her hometown of Ebensee, in Austria, while serving in the United States Army during World War II. They were married at Midland, Texas, on July 3, 1947.

They recently celebrated their sixtieth anniversary with a special concert by the San Angelo Symphony Orchestra.

They have two sons, a daughter, four grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Anna Kelton, who wrote the afterword for Sandhills Boy, will also be at the library on August 7.

Kelton's talk is scheduled to begin at 7:30. Afterward, he will take questions, then remain to meet the public and autograph books. The event is free and open to the public. The public will be admitted to the room beginning at 7:15.

The event is sponsored by the Friends of the Nesbitt Memorial Library. Members of the friends will be allowed into the room before 7:15.

The library is at 529 Washington Street in Columbus.

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