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Stacy Haynes and Shirley Joiner

PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

## Haynes & Joiner promoted to new posts at FNB Eldorado

Stacy Haynes was promoted to Vice President by the board of directors of First National Bank of Eldorado at their March board meeting.

Ms. Haynes joined First National Bank in 1982 and has spent twenty-five years working in all areas of the bank, most recently as a loan officer. She had previously been named Assistant Cashier in 1995, Senior Personal Banker in 1997 and Assistant Vice President in 2003.

Shirley Joiner was elected to the Board of Directors of First National Bank at the annual

stockholders meeting in February. She also joined First National Bank in 1982 and has managed all areas of operations including audit, compliance and technology. Ms. Joiner was named auditor in 1989, Vice President in 1995 and Executive Vice President and Advisory Director in 2006.

"We are very proud of and want to congratulate Stacy and Shirley for the responsibilities that they assumed and the leadership that they provide for our organization," stated First National Bank president Hyman D. Sauer.

## Sheriff warns of phony check scam

Local residents among thousands targeted nationwide

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran announced this week that a number of Eldorado and Schleicher County residents have been targeted in a phony check scam that has claimed victims across the nation. Doran urged local citizens to be suspect of any unexpected checks they might receive or any communication, whether by letter, telephone or e-mail, revealing that they have won a prize or a lottery contest.

Doran further urged anyone who suspects they have been victimized in such a scam to file a report with his office. He also asked that people who have been targeted by this or similar scams to report them to the Better Business Bureau.

Last month the BBB issued the following statement concerning these types of scams:

Potential victims across the

country are receiving notifications via mail that they are 'lucky' lottery winners. The solicitation and check offer is a scam whose only intent is to defraud the recipient rather than bring good financial news. The volume of these types of letters currently going around is substantial, so if you think that you have been singled out as a lucky winner in a drawing or a lottery that you don't ever recall entering, think again before responding.

If an unsolicited letter with a notification that you have won an award is received in the form of a final notification or you are a winner it will also urge your direct and immediate response. In many occasions the recipient will find a check included with your own name on it. Exercise caution as you are being targeted by a scammer.

According to Steve J. Bernas,

President & CEO of the BBB of Chicago and Northern Illinois, "These types of scams that feature phony lottery and drawing winners are burgeoning and consumers need to be extremely vigilant if they are targeted. Do not under any circumstances send a check or wire transfer money to any individual or company that you don't know. If the offer looks too good to be true it probably is."

The Better Business Bureau has reported this fraudulent activity to several law enforcement authorities and is working closely with the Federal Trade Commission, the Illinois Attorney General's Office, The U.S. Postal Service and the City of Chicago Department of Consumer Services who are working in concert with us to help shut down these scams. Unfortunately, Bernas

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## Schleicher County withdraws application for Colonia grant

Confusion over exactly how the county should proceed in the next round of Colonia grant applications, prompted Schleicher County commissioners on Monday to withdraw the county's application for funds to pay for street paving.

Judge Johnny Griffin explained that grant administrator Kay Howard prepared paperwork to pursue a grant for water and wastewater improvements in the Orient Heights neighborhood and the Three Sisters Addition. Meanwhile, the county's engineer, Tim Glendenning, had prepared to ask the grant committee for money to repair roads and streets.

Judge Griffin explained that Ms. Howard had informed him there was virtually no chance of getting a grant for anything other than water and wastewater projects since those types of projects are the ones favored under the government's grant scoring criteria.

With that, the commissioners agreed to withdraw the grant application since none of them believed that the neighborhood needed a water or sewer project large enough to warrant pursuing a grant. Judge Griffin explained that the few remaining projects, including connecting two residences to the sewer system, could be done cheaper with county funds and manpower.

The action came during the commissioners' first meeting of April. The session was called to

order by Judge Johnny Griffin with commissioners Johnny Mayo, Lynn Meador and Kirk Griffin in attendance. Commissioner Matt Brown was absent.

Among other business, the commissioners agreed to spend \$24,500.00 to pave Mary Street from where it leaves the Eldorado City Limits to where it connects to Denny Street. Johnny Mayo noted that the county is furnishing crushed rock and preparing the grade for the project and expressed concerns about the overall cost, which he calculated to be in excess of \$40,800 per mile. Mayo said that the county wouldn't be able to do much paving in the future at that rate.

It was noted, however that there aren't many paving contractors who are willing to bid on a small job — Mary Street measures only 0.6 miles in length. Judge Griffin said he was confident the county could get a lower price on larger jobs, especially after a contractor moves its equipment into the county. After discussing several options, including the possibility of installing speed bumps on Mary Street, the men agreed to proceed with the paving as soon as the weather allows.

The commissioners also voted to call for bids for a transport load of diesel fuel. The bids are to be opened at the May 14th meeting.

Before adjourning, the commissioners briefly reviewed a draft copy of the county's personnel handbook, but chose not to adopt it until changes could be made. They also approved the purchase of a new slide for the county swimming pool for \$3,500. The men also heard from Phil McCormick who advised that the cart paths at the golf course have been paved and that the club is well pleased with the results. The men then reviewed and approved the county's regular bills.

The next meeting of the Commissioners Court is slated for 9:00 a.m. on Monday, April 23, 2007 in the first floor meeting room of the Schleicher County Courthouse.



AP PHOTO

Photo enhancement of the above note revealed that Warren Jeffs attempted to tell his trial judge that he was not the prophet of the FLDS Church. Jeffs' attorneys Walter Bugden and Richard Wright intercepted the letter before it could be handed to the judge.

Wendell Nielsen (shown at right with Warren Jeffs at a 1999 picnic in Bountiful, Canada) is the man many believe will take over leadership of the FLDS if Jeffs actually gives up his position as prophet.

COURTESY PHOTO



## Who is in charge of the FLDS?

Jeffs' note to judge prompts leadership questions

Warren Jeffs apparently doesn't believe he should be prophet of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. A digitally enhanced photo obtained by The Deseret Morning News confirmed last week what jail house rumors had been saying for the past month — that Jeffs doesn't believe he is the man to lead the church his father Rulon Jeffs once presided over as prophet.

The photo was one of many obtained by a pool photographer during a hearing before Utah District Judge James Shumate on March 27, 2007. Jeffs made a couple of attempts to approach the bench and speak with Shumate, but was rebuffed and ordered to confer with his attorneys. Jeffs then

penned a note and attempted to hand it to the judge. That's when a pool photographer, tasked with taking pictures of the event for several newspapers, snapped the now famous photo.

Judge Shumate declined to accept the note again ordered Jeffs to speak with his attorneys. But for digital enhancement and expert photo analysis, the contents of the note might have been lost forever. Instead, The Deseret Morning News was able to report on April 5, 2007 a couple of phrases found in the note including, "I have not been a Prophet and am not a Prophet."

Another passage reportedly said, "failed (to) SEE WHO'S IN CHARGE ON PAGE 7

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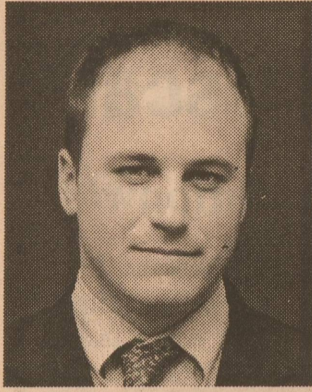
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# Chew On This

Any policy that taxes similar products differently is inherently unfair and should be changed. The Texas House of Representatives is considering a bill that gives them the opportunity to stand out as a leader in tax equity and fairness. The bill only affects moist smokeless tobacco products (such as Copenhagen, Kodiak, Hawken, and Skoal) and brings the treatment of this product more in line with traditional excise taxes.



## Commentary

by Jonathan Shore

not by its weight.

The tax on moist smokeless tobacco is an excise tax. Excise taxes tax the consumption of a product. Federal and state governments impose these taxes on commodities such as gasoline, alcohol and tobacco products. In all of these instances, however, state excise taxes are imposed based on a unit or weight of the product (i.e., a gallon of gasoline, a liter of alcohol, a pack of cigarettes).

The beneficial result of an excise tax based on unit or weight is that similar products are taxed equally regardless of price, and the tax is spread evenly. For example, a gallon of 87-octane gasoline is taxed at the same rate as a gallon of 93-octane, a pack of premium cigarettes is taxed at the same rate as a pack of generic cigarettes.

The bill before the Texas House of Representatives will effectively change the excise tax on moist smokeless tobacco to a weight-based system. It will level the playing field so that all tobacco products are taxed at the same rate.

Currently, in 40 states, moist smokeless tobacco products are being taxed as a percentage of their price. Because tobacco products also carry the state sales tax (based on price), this is like imposing a second sales tax. Texas' current excise tax imposes a 40 percent tax on moist smokeless tobacco products based on the manufacturer's price. Tack on the sales tax and the result is certain products are subject to a much higher tax than similar, less expensive products. Changing to a weight-based method would also eliminate a tax preference for inexpensive products that could harm state revenues.

Opponents of this bill claim that taxes based on price discourage teenagers from using tobacco products. But in reality, all this does is shift demand from the premium snuff to the low-end more affordable product.

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), a nonpartisan free-market membership organization of state legislators in Washington D.C., fully endorses the change to a weight-based tax for moist smokeless tobacco products. Additionally, ALEC believes this tax change would simplify tax policy and make it easier for companies to compete on the free-market without preferential treatment from the tax code.

This year, 11 states including Texas, have introduced bills to change their excise tax on moist smokeless tobacco products to a weight- or unit-based system. Texas has the opportunity to stand out as a leader in the states by adopting this important reform and continue to be at the forefront of sound and fair economic policy. Snuff said.

*"Jonathan Shore is the Director of the Commerce, Insurance, and Economic Development Task Force for the American Legislative Exchange Council, based in Washington, D.C."*

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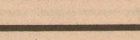
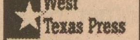
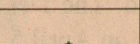
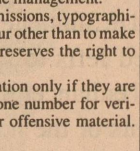
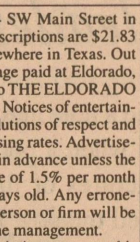
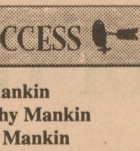
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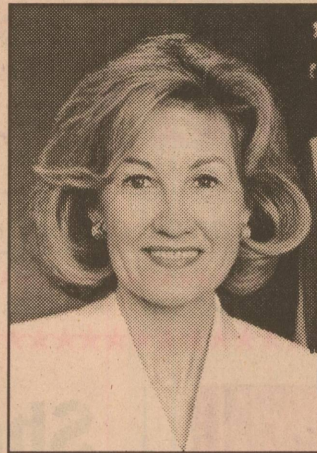
# Digital Television Alert

On April 7, 1927, a short speech given by then-Commerce Secretary Herbert Hoover was sent from Washington to New York as part of the first successful long distance television transmission. Headlines in newspapers the next day beamed, "Television Now Reality," and a new era of American history was born. Eighty years later, we are embracing a new technology that will significantly improve television resolution and quality while also offering many new services.

Beginning February 17, 2009, all television programming will be digital, as stations will no longer broadcast analog signals. Digital technology will provide viewers with superior picture and sound, as well as offer multiple programming choices and interactive options. This transition will also make additional broadcast spectrum available for public safety uses and for advanced wireless applications.

One byproduct of digital television is the ability for a station to multicast multiple signals from the same station at the same time. Among the numerous potential multicast offerings are local options that could include news and weather, foreign language content, and educational programming.

Furthermore, when all broadcasts become digital, analog spectrum previously used for television will now be dedicated to public safety services. One of the lessons



## Commentary

by U.S. Senator  
Kay Bailey Hutchison

of 9/11 and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita is that emergency first responders, police, and firefighters require improved systems of communication. The transition to digital television will provide these responders with new frequencies to increase interoperability and allow officials from all jurisdictions and levels of government to more easily share information. This will ultimately save lives.

Remaining analog spectrum will be auctioned by the government to wireless companies, which is expected to generate billions of dollars in proceeds to help reduce the federal deficit. The sale of this spectrum will also lead to the implementation of even more new technologies as services such as wireless broadband becomes

available.

For many people, digital television is actually already here. Over 1,600 television stations are now broadcasting digital signals, and many consumers are currently enjoying these additional options. One product made possible by digital technology is High Definition TV, which has a far superior picture than standard definition television. HDTV has already changed the way many people watch sporting events on television. Digital technology makes possible crystal clear details previously impossible to see on television. Programs about nature and the outdoors are also vastly improved when viewed with digital technology.

Since March 1, 2007, all new televisions with screens 13 inches or larger have been required to be capable of receiving digital signals. If you have a converter box, cable or satellite service, you are ready for the arrival of digital television. However, it is important for those who currently receive television over the air to prepare for the digital transition, because their current televisions may not be equipped to receive digital signals.

Beginning January 1, 2008, all U.S. households will be eligible to request two \$40 coupons from the Department of Commerce to purchase two digital-to-analog converter boxes. In the coming months, additional information will be made available by the De-

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# Senator wants increase in college funding

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Higher education continues as a top issue for Texas.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, said he wants more state funding to help more kids from low and middle income families get into college.

In an April 8 Houston Chronicle copyright story, Ellis said he wants to double state funding for the Toward Excellence, Access and Success (TEXAS) grant program to \$1 billion. Ellis said if action isn't taken Texas will be in crisis.

The Chronicle reported that about 70,000 students lost their tuition grants in the past two years, and according to U.S. Department of Education statistics, the Lone Star State is 41st in the nation in producing college graduates.

About 158,000 families are enrolled in the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan, formerly called the Texas Tomorrow Fund. Enrollees locked in the cost of tomorrow's college tuition and required fees at "today's prices." Plan benefits are protected by a constitutional guarantee from the state.

The fund debuted under then-Comptroller John Sharp in the booming economy of 1996.

Waco economist Ray Perryman in early April published a 72-page report, "Thinking About Tomorrow, The Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan: An Economic Assessment of Recent Evidence and Options for the Future."

Perryman proposes that the fund can and should be open to new enrollees. His report contrasts with a recent study by the state comptroller that warns the fund, which has been closed to enrollment since June 2003, is headed toward bankruptcy and should not accept additional enrollment.

Perryman says reopening enrollment makes sense when coupled with improved financial markets and a slowdown in tuition hikes. Those elements working together could return the strength to the fund, he said.

## Measure puts road plan on hold

The Trans Texas Corridor also continues as a major issue as the 80th session of the Texas Legislature inches closer to its late May finale.

Opponents of the proposed road system criticize the state's policy of entering into "comprehensive development agreements" that transfer the state's traditional role to private entities who build and maintain the roads.

When such deals are made, the public is left out of the loop, opponents say.

The Senate Transportation and Homeland Security Committee on April 4 approved a measure to halt all comprehensive development agreements for 24 months to allow the state to study the issue further.

## Child restraint bill passes Senate

Also on April 4, the Senate passed legislation strengthening child passenger safety.

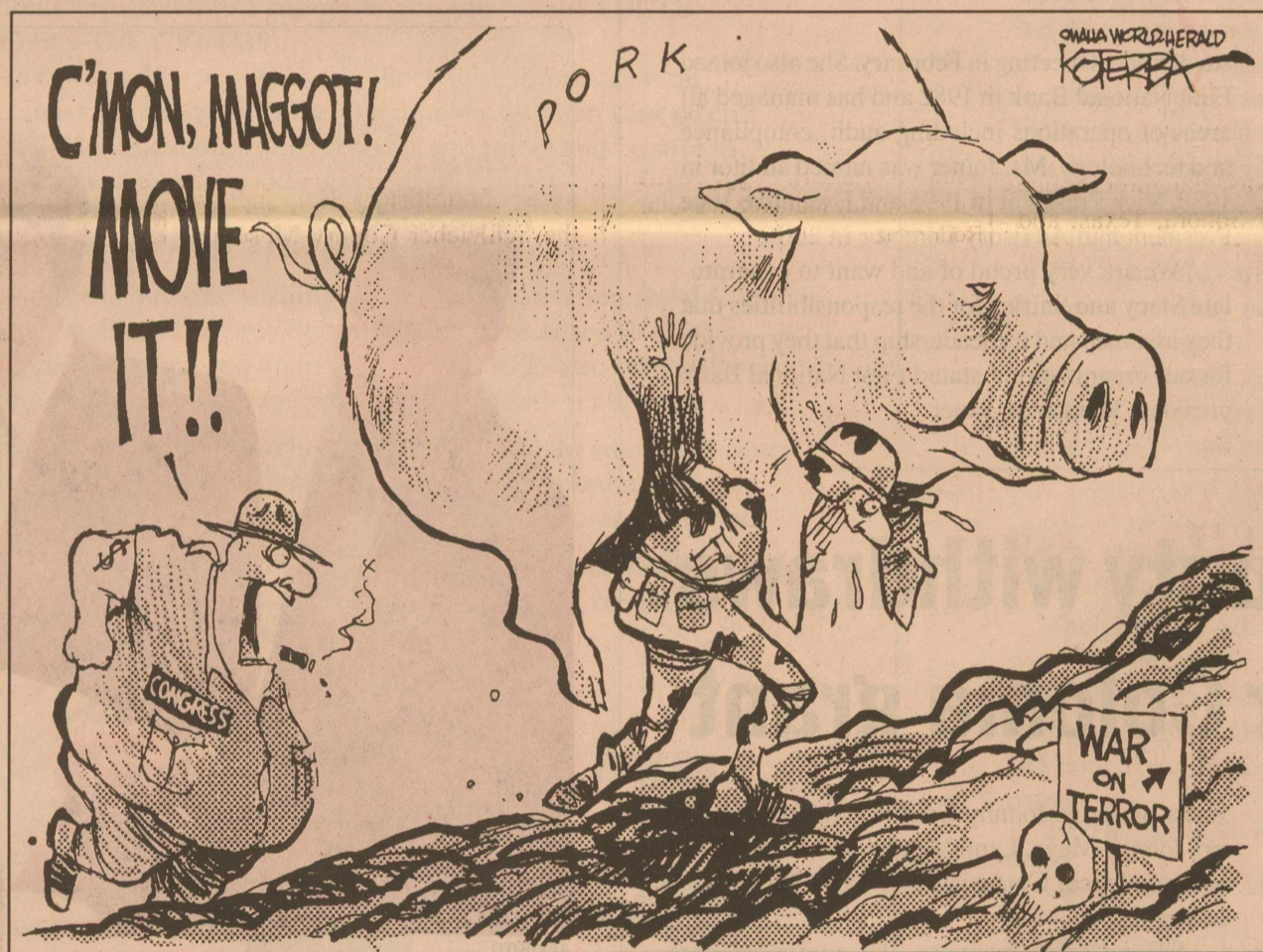
S.B. 60 by Judith Zaffirini, D-Laredo, requires that children 7 years and younger, unless they are more than 4-feet 10-inches tall, be secured in a child passenger safety seat while riding in a motor vehicle.

Zaffirini said her legislation would save lives, preclude tragedies and injuries and qualify Texas for \$3.2 million in federal funds while saving the state \$17 million in health care expenditures.

## House passes CHIP legislation

The Texas House on April 4 passed H.B. 109, relating to the Children's Health Insurance Program.

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# A Unique Fundraiser with a Funny Name

Last year I did some interviews with the folks who put on the Texas Testicle Festival south of Jacksonville. I wrote a column about it and received dozens of calls and emails from curious readers who wanted to know more. This year I attended the festival for the first time.

It started some 15 years ago when a few families who work with cattle got together to eat calf fries at Chris and Patti Holman's place on Highway 69. It was originally held around New Year's but has since moved to the second Sunday in March. The word got out and more and more people started showing up. Five years ago the families decided to make it a fundraiser for Boys Ranch in the panhandle. They made a big sign, put it on a cattle trailer and parked it near the highway. The sign reads: THE TEXAS TESTICLE FESTIVAL. HOPE YOU HAVE A BALL. Passing motorists stop, take pictures and attend the festival. Announcements over



by  
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a public address system remind people about caps and t-shirts for sale, a raffle and auction.

The event begins with a brief sermon from Mike Morrow, the pastor of a cowboy church near Tyler. The church's song leader, Sandy Dickey, provides special music. Then people line up for the meal, which consists of beef brisket, wild hog, fish, calf fries, vegetables, salads, iced tea and desserts. The families who started the event and neighbors furnish most of the food. The 200 pounds of calf fries come from a cattle company where Chris is employed.

This is not a serious event. People are in a good mood and you hear plenty of giggles about the name. Young kids play in a

pasture on the property and teenagers rope a stationary plastic calf. The cooking and eating take place in Chris's barn. Additional tables and chairs are set up on a concrete slab between the house and barn.

Here are some random comments I got from various folks:

"I was expecting something round and nasty."

"I'm a cowboy at heart and have been eating them for years."

"There's nothing better. I could eat them three times a day."

"It's a great event for a good cause. It's God's work."

"Just drag 'em through some catsup and you won't know the difference. You'll think it's fish."

"If you can get past the mental part of what they really are, you can deal with it."

"Some people wouldn't eat them if you paid them, but that's what people come for, the calf fries."

About 400 people attended this year's Testicle Festival and donated \$5,000 to Boys Ranch.



# OBITUARIES

## Calvin Lee Mitchel

BRADY — Calvin Lee Mitchel of Brady passed away on Friday, April 6, 2007, in San Antonio at the age of 79 years, 11 months and 22 days.

The funeral service was on Monday, April 9, at Heritage Funeral Home in Brady. The Rev. Blake O'Dell and the Rev. Ray Ash officiated.

Calvin was born on April 27, 1927, to Robert and Mary Ruth (Pierce) Mitchel in Salt Gap, Texas. He married Margaret Leach on July 2, 1949, in Brady. Living in the area for most of his life, Calvin attended school in Lohn and Melvin and was a United States Army veteran of World War II serving in Germany. Calvin worked for Loadcraft for several years, then worked and retired from the City of Brady as the supervisor of parks and cemeteries.

After retirement he was a funeral assistant with Heritage Funeral Home and was a Deacon Emeritus of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret Mitchel of Brady; one son, Larry Mitchel and wife Randy of Eldorado; one daughter, Linda Ewing and husband

David of Arlington; two brothers, Buford Mitchel and wife Betty of Rockdale and Pete Mitchel of McCamey; two sisters-in-law, Mildred Mitchel of Midland and Olna B. Mitchel of Harker Heights; three grandsons, Ty Mitchel and wife Lynnette and Todd Mitchel and wife Danielle, all of Oxford, Kan., and Lance Mitchel of Houston; one granddaughter, Victoria Box of Brady; one great-granddaughter, Payton Box of Brady; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers, Leslie Mitchel, Cecil Mitchel, Basil Mitchel and Ralph Mitchel; and four sisters, Mavis Nance, Eva Shuffield, Christine Sanders and Janie Garner.

Pallbearers were Keith Mitchel, Dennis Snodgrass, Royce Lewis, Kenny Garner, David Mitchel and Curtis Mitchel. Honorary pallbearers were Winifred Short, James Patton, Jack Goff, Herbert Goff, Bill Tuckness, Harold Tuckness, Norman Chew, J.B. Lewis, Lonnie Holloway, Ronnie Holloway, Randy Holloway, Jerry Laird and Tom Bishop.

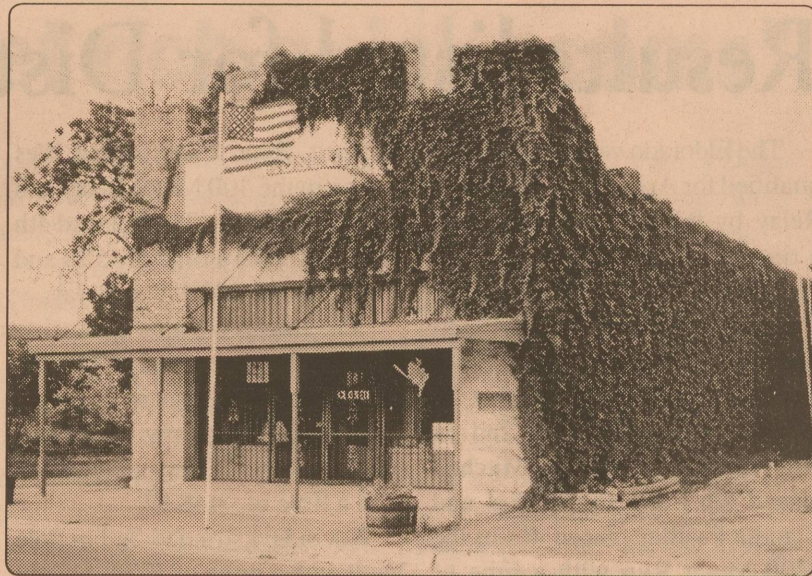


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The Schleicher County Museum located on West Murchison as it appeared in the late 1980s, before the ivy that covered the north and west walls was removed.

## Touch of History

by Rene Caloote

April, 1975, the idea of opening a museum for Schleicher County originated from plans for a long term history project to commemorate the 1976 bi-centennial year. The national theme for the bi-centennial year was, "A Past to Remember - A Future to Mold." Opening a new museum would be perfect, but was it possible?

Committee Chairman, Margaret Frost and co-members: Elton McGinnes, Ruth Baker, Annice Murchison and Ruth Harper took on the challenge. At least to check into the possibility.

The plan started to look prom-

ising when Ida Hill donated the old Hill Hardware building, in memory of her late husband Ernest, to house the museum. The building was old, and had not been used in several years, but a great location. Real nostalgic, too.

The Schleicher County Historical Society agreed to sponsor the museum. The next most important task was to get a charter. With the help of a former Eldorado man, "Pokey" Kent, and dozens of letters to Austin, the museum had a charter, tax forms set and a memorial fund set up.

All kinds of fund raisers were started, and lots of folks got to work on the old building. Donations for display poured in from local families.

The Schleicher County Museum had its grand opening June 26, 1976. Over three hundred guests signed the register on that momentous day.

Do not forget the importance of keeping our history alive. Even if you are a new resident, you are still a part of our history. Help support the Schleicher County Museum, and our history.

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## Jeanette "Jan" Dickerson Grider

SONORA — Jeanette "Jan" Dickerson Grider of Sonora died Thursday, April 5, 2007, at her residence, at the age of 78.

Service was Saturday, April 7, at the Lighthouse Community Church in Sonora, Texas, with the Rev. Don Longoria officiating. Burial followed in the Sonora Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

Jan was born Jan. 17, 1929, in Dierks, Ark., to Lloys Dickerson and Paulene Williams Dickerson. She married Don A. Grider on Oct. 3, 1958, in Abilene, Texas.

Jan was a hairdresser and owned her own shop when she and Don met. Their daughter Janice was born in Abilene before they moved to Sonora, Texas, in 1972,

where they owned Grider Trucking Company. Jan and Don followed the Sonora Broncos for many years, and these last few years, Jan has enjoyed the country home they built a few miles from Sonora.

Survivors include her husband, Don; son Kerry Grider of Red Oak, Texas; daughter Paula Grider of Abilene, Texas; daughter Janice Caruthers of Sonora, Texas; and stepdaughters Nancy Tovar of Dallas, Texas, and Karen Ann Duke of Longview, Texas. Also surviving are grandchildren Donald Bean, Jennifer Grider and Courtney Caruthers.

The family requests that memorials be made to Lighthouse Community Church, P.O. Box 135, Sonora, TX 76950, or the charity of your choice.

## BIRTHDAY LIST

### APRIL

- 12th Clay Whitten, Debbie Griffin, Harper Hargraves, JoAnn Heffernan, Henry Robles, Bonnie Deilavechia, Ryan Smrkovsky,
- 13th Meg Anderson, Madison Avery Albin, Christina Galvan, Christina A. Gonzalez, Kevin Nance, Connie Fryar
- 14th Dan Halbert, Peggy Whitten, Ariana McKay Martinez, Yanatta Rodriguez
- 15th Randy Mankin, Jose Sanchez, Nita Quintana, Maria Lopez, Cora Hastings, Mason Sudduth, Griselda Martinez
- 16th Marivel Avila, Sherlene Robinson, Meagan Stevens, Dustin Stewart, Johnny Factor
- 17th Jeff Leggett, Fred Robles, Samantha Lozano, Okshana Hernandez, Nautika Cline Pina
- 18th Sherry Joy, Eluterio Guerrero, Nell Edmiston, Randy Spears, Ramon Ray Barajas,

## ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

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The legislation, authored by Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, returns coverage to thousands of families who lost coverage for their children due to cuts enacted by the Legislature in 2003.

- Determine eligibility based on net income, not gross; and
- Create outreach programs to inform families about the availability of CHIP and children's Medicaid.

### Major things the bill would include:

- Restore continuous 12-month eligibility;
- Eliminate the 90-day enrollment waiting period;
- When calculating family income include child-care expenses;

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## Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, April 16**  
Steak Fingers w/Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Sliced Tomatoes, Biscuit, Heavenly Hash Cake, Orange Juice, Milk.
- Tuesday, April 17**  
Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk
- Wednesday, April 18**  
Chicken Fired Steak w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Carrots, Hot Roll, Milk, Vegetable Salad, White Cake w/Caramel Icing
- Thursday, April 19**  
Glazed Ham, Cooked Cabbage, Sweet Potato w/Apples, Wheat Roll, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, April 20**  
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Leanne Higgins was one of last week's \$20 Easter Egg Winners. She is shown here accepting her prize from Linda Gonzalez.



Daniel Martinez was one of last week's \$20 Easter Egg Winners. He is shown here accepting his prize from Glenda Harris.

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by Linda Thistle

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7		2		8	5
8	3	6	9		

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: \*\*  
\* Moderate \*\* Challenging \*\*\* Hoo Boy!  
Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.  
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## Results listed for District 11-A Track Meet

The Eldorado varsity girls track qualified for Area in the 400 Meter Relay by taking 4th place with a time of 54.08. Relay members are Chelsey Hill, Haley Higgins, Cassandra Buitron and Bridgett Mitchell. The same relay team placed 5th in 800 Meter Relay.

Haley Higgins placed 2nd in High Jump, 4-8, Bridgett Mitchell placed 4th Long Jump, 15-4 and Claudia Pasillas placed 4th in the 3200 Meter Run with a time of 14:29.06.

Swyter, Mitchell, Hill ribboned but did not qualify for Area.

Rhapsody Swyter placed 5th in the 300 Meter Hurdles and 6th in the 100 Meter Hurdles. Bridgett Mitchell placed 5th in the 100 Meter Dash and Chelsey Hill placed 5th in the 200 Meter Dash.

Varsity Boys qualifying for Area were Russell Cathey, Ivany

Sanchez, Ryan Castillo and Wes Brown in the 400 Meter Relay and 800 Meter Relay. They placed 4th in the 400 with a time of 45.10 and 1:36.71 in the 800 Meter Relay.

The Eagles are also advancing in the 1600 Meter Relay. 1600 M. Relay runners are Dustin Ramirez, Ryan Castillo, Johnny Mejia and Ivany Sanchez. They placed 4th with a time of 3:48.57.

Kevin Dykstra tied 2nd in Pole Vault with a jump of 10'0", Dustin Gauna placed 3rd in Discus with

a throw 120-7, Dustin Ramirez placed 2nd in the 400 Meter Run with a time of 54.34 and Josh Hash placed 4th place in the 3200 Meter 11:52.5.

Placing but not qualifying for area were: Tim Maskill 5th place Shot Put; Jorge Mata placed 5th Triple Jump and 6th in High Jump; Wes Brown 6th in Long Jump; Louie Buitron 6th in the 3200 Meter Run; Zach Hash 6th in the 800 Meter Run; Kevin Dykstra 5th in the 300 Meter Hurdles; Dylan

Dombroski 5th in the 1600 Meter and Josh Hash 6th place in the 1600 Meter.

Area meet is this Thursday, April 12 at Curry University in Abilene where the top 4 will qualify for Regional at Abilene Christian University in Abilene on April 26th and 27th.

JV Boys placing were: 400 Meter Relay-6. 52.8 (Juan Carlos Escobar, Marcos Medrano, Marty Powell, Jesus Sanchez) Juan Carlos Escobar 5. 400 Meter, 60.45

## 8th grade boys take gold at GC

Eldorado Middle School 8th Grade Eagles took the gold at the Grape Creek Middle School Invitational Meet with a team total of 170 points on March 29, 2007.

8th Grade Boys Results:  
Discus: 1. B. Wipff, 109-6; 4. B. Ledbetter  
Shot Put: 1. B. Wipff, 35-8; 2. Ledbetter, 34-10  
2400 M. Run: 2. R. Franco, 10:03.25; 4. M. Barker, 10:58.53  
800 M. Run: 1. J. Jurecek, 2:37.76; 2. M. Baker, 2:43.52; 4. J. Medrano, 2:52.31  
100 M. Dash: 5. I. Cardenas, 13.54  
400 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado 50.13  
800 M. Relay: 3. Eldorado, 2:00.86  
7th Grade Boys Results:  
2400 M. Run: 5. R. Franco, 10:24.94;  
400 M. Relay: 2. Eldorado, 55.63  
800 M. Run: 4. R. Franco, 2:47.96;  
100 Dash: 2. I. Cardenas, 13.24  
400 Dash: 4. E. Joiner, 1:04.65  
1600 Relay: 3. Eldorado, 4:38.42

## 8th grade boys 2nd in District

Eldorado Middle School competed at the District 11A Track Meet in Mertzon on April 6, 2007. The 8th Grade Boys placed 2nd with a score of 153. Irion County place 1st with a score of 176.

8th Grade Boys Results:  
Long Jump: 4. Eloy Bustos, 15-7.25  
Discus: 1. Ben Wipff, 113-2; 2. Briley Ledbetter, 111-2  
High Jump: 3. Bailey Minor 4-10  
Shot Put: 2. Briley Ledbetter, 37-2.5; 3. Ben Wipff, 35-4.75  
2400 Meter Run: 1. Mason Baker, 10:15.79; 2. Morgan Barker, 10:49.70  
400 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado, 50.00  
800 Meter Run: 2. Josh Jurecek, 2:31.92; 4. Jorge Medrano  
100 Dash: 3. Bailey Minor, 12.64  
800 Relay: 4. Eldorado, 2:03.29  
400 Dash: 2. Miles Mikeska, 1:01.27; 4. Josh Jurecek, 1:03.60  
200 M. Dash: 3. Eloy Bustos, 26.70; 6. Aaron Parsley, 28.57  
1600 M. Run: 1. Mason Baker, 5:42.38; 2. Jorge Medrano, 6:12.44; Morgan Barker, 6:38.67  
1600 M. Relay: 2. Eldorado, 4:07.67  
7th Grade Boys Results:  
Long Jump: 3. Evan Joiner, 12-6.75  
Discus: 2. Allen Espinosa, 4-0  
Shot Put: 2. Oscar Robles, 23-11;  
2400 M. Run: 1. Ricardo Franco, 10:40.50;  
400 Relay: 1. Eldorado, 55.14  
800 M. Run: 2. Ricardo Franco, 2:46.36  
100 M. Dash: 2. Ivan Cardenas, 13.22  
1600 M. Relay: 1. Eldorado, 4:32.70  
The 7th Grade Boys placed 4th in District.

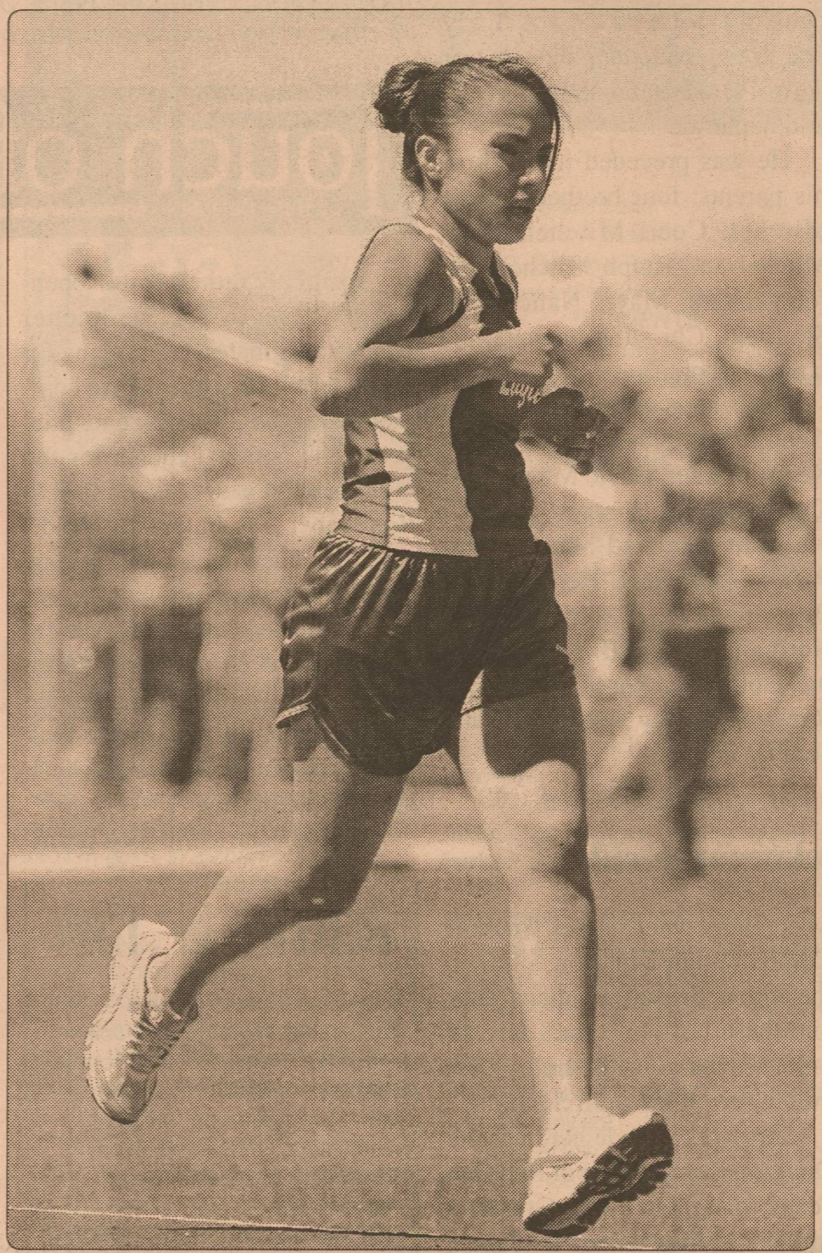


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Claudia Pasillas took 4th place in the 3200 M. Run with a time of 14:29.06 at the District 11A Track Meet held in Rosco on April 5. Pasillas will advance to Area Thursday, April 12 at Curry University in Abilene. Top 4 of each event will advance to Regional.

## Lady Eagles to play for 2-1A crown

The Eldorado Lady Eagles softball team will take on the Winters Lady Blizzards for the District 2-1A championship at 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 14 in Winters. Eldorado fans are encouraged to make the trip and show their support for the Lady Eagles!

## Athletic banquet tickets on sale

Eldorado Eagle Booster Club cordially invites you to attend the EHS Athletic Banquet, May 14, 2007, 6:30p.m., Civic Center, steak dinner catered by Sutton County Steakhouse. \$12.00/plate ages 12yrs & up, \$6.00/plate 6-11yrs, Free 5yrs & younger.

For tickets call Leanne Higgins 853-2730, Syllas Politte 226-3577, or Vikki Cathey 853-2616. No tickets sold after May 4, No tickets sold at the door. There will be 2 special awards presented this year. Join us in honoring our outstanding athletes.

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## It's a Boy, a Girl and Another Girl!

Triplets were born to John and Jana Lyn Kennick of Pflugerville, Texas on Wednesday, March 14, 2007.

Brothers Reece age 5 and Ryan 3 welcome home two sisters and a brother: Mollie Jacquelyn who weighed 6 pounds 4 ounces; Maci Claire, 5 pounds 5 ounces; and Max Weldon 4 pounds 8 ounces.

Grandparents are Jacque Davis Wilson and Charlie Wilson of

Pearsall and George and Shirley Kennick of Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

Great-grandmothers are Opal Wilson of Pearsall and Sena Chraikill of Minot, North Dakota.

The children are great grandchildren of Ruth Davis and the late Weldon Davis of Eldorado. Ruth spent a month with the Kennicks in Pflugerville.

## Bridger/Sweeney Wedding

Miss Emily Katherine Bridger and Mr. Ryan Allen Sweeney were united in marriage on Saturday, March 24th, 2007 at eight o'clock in the evening at Chapelwood United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas. The double-ring candlelight ceremony was officiated by Dr. James F. Jackson. Music for the ceremony was provided by Encore Strings, Mr. Vaughn Pederson, trumpeter, and The Fort Bend Boys Choir. Scripture readings were given by Mr. Herbert Timothy Harkins, uncle of the groom. Following the ceremony, the bride's parents hosted a reception at Lakeside Country Club with music by the Pictures. On the eve of the wedding the groom's parents hosted a rehearsal dinner at the Houstonian.

The bride is the daughter of Doctor and Mrs. John Norman Bridger of Houston, Texas. She is the granddaughter Mrs. Velma June Bridger and the late Horace Everett Bridger of Longview, Texas and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Tole of El Paso, Texas. Her aunt is Mrs. Susan Francis Buchholz of Eldorado, Texas.

The groom is the son of Mrs. Mary Lee Sweeney Stigall of Houston, Texas and Mr. Robert Roy Sweeney of Dallas, Texas. He is the grandson of Mrs. Rita Sweeney Mitchell and the late Robert Roy Sweeney of Kalispell, Montana and the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Burton Harkins of Alice, Texas.

Given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, the bride selected an exquisite couture gown custom designed by Monique Lhuillier. The bodice was fashioned of re-embroidered Alencon lace with a full skirt of draped tulle. Her waistline was accented by a satin sash. To complement her gown the bride wore a petal cut chapel length veil. The bridesmaids wore strapless peach dupioni silk gowns.

Mrs. Kourtney Kachler Cyrus served as Matron of Honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Lauren Carrigan Allen, Miss Brooke Ann Ballases, Miss Koetting Marie Broussard, Miss Kimberly Clare Cordell, Miss Mimi Emily Duff, Miss Katherine Ann Jones, Miss Ramsey Christina Miller and Miss Brittany Locke Werme, all of Houston, Texas, Miss Jacquelyn Bateman of Austin, Texas, Mrs. Kristen Clark Nix and sister of the groom, Miss Erin Lee Sweeney, both of Dallas, Texas and Miss Emily Nalle Rowland of Washington, D.C. Members of the House Party included Miss Anne Elizabeth Christian, Miss Shaun-Elizabeth Hopson, Miss Hillary Ann Reisman and Miss Kelly Crystal Wade, all of Austin, Texas, Miss Alyssa Neil Gardner of Houston, Texas, Miss Natalie Lawrence Sabin of Dallas, Texas and Miss Krystal Brandt Shanahan of Washington, D.C. Cousins of the groom, Miss Virginia Kathaleene Dolce, Miss Avery Lynn Massengale and Miss Elizabeth Anne Massengale served as flower girls. Brother of the groom, Mr. Robert

Roy Sweeney of Austin, Texas served as Best Man. Groomsmen included Mr. Nicholas Herschel Altman, brothers of the bride Mr. Elliott Norman Bridger and Mr. John Alexander Bridger, Mr. Donald Anthony Cole II, Mr. Andrew Neil Cyrus, Mr. Carlo Samuel Forni, Mr. Kirby James Janke and Mr. Christopher John McCann, all of Houston, Texas, Mr. John William Holland of New York, New York, Mr. Norman Francis Lewis III and Robert Matthew Pohl of Washington D.C. and Mr. Jeffrey David Price of Fort Worth, Texas. Brother of the groom, Mr. Jake Dupre Sweeney served as Ring Bearer.

The bride and groom are both graduates of Memorial High School in Houston, Texas. The bride received her Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Business Honors and Finance from the University of Texas at Austin, where she was a member of the Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority. She is currently employed by BP Energy Company.

The groom received his Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance from the University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and the Texas Cowboys. He is currently employed by NewQuest Properties in the Land Division.

Following a honeymoon to Playa del Carmen, Mr. and Mrs. Sweeney will reside in Houston, Texas.

## Relay For Life Team Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th the Relay for Life will be having a team meeting at 6:30 PM in the HS gym foyer. Team registration, dues, and t-shirt sizes are due at this time. Please come and bring a friend!!

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## City Council grants variance for storage units

Joe Key was first on the agenda at Monday night's City Council Meeting. He asked for a variance for eight storage buildings he recently constructed facing Cottonwood and permission to construct seven additional units. There was some discussion among council members about building permits and city right-of-way but the council appeared to be satisfied the already constructed storage units and new units would not interfere with City utilities.

City Secretary Carolyn Mayo told the court it would be acceptable if Mr. Key would have the property surveyed and the survey placed in public record.

The council then voted unanimously to grant the variance provided the property is surveyed and the plat filed at the courthouse for future reference.

The council next met with Mr. Bridgewater, owner of a porta-potty business, who sought permission to dispose sewage into the city's wastewater treatment plant. The council was concerned about chemicals used in the porta-pottys. Bridgewater explained that only bacteria and enzymes are used in the porta-potty tanks and said they would not harm the city's sewer plant. Mayor Nikolauk advised that he would check with the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and respond to Bridgewater's request at a later date.

Carolyn Mayo reported to the council that Surveyor Myrl Suduth delivered a plat on the Sunrise Addition which will help the City of Eldorado get a general easement for city utilities placement.

Also, the city received a \$5,766 equity return from the Liability and Property Funds with the Texas Municipal League Intergovernmental Risk Pool.

The council then approved an amendment to the personnel policy for new employees to pay for pre-hiring cost if they leave employment before the completion of 90 days.

A proposed zoning ordinance was discussed that would address residential, commercial and flood plain districts. The council voted to call a public hearing on the ordinance at their next meeting.

The council then voted to request the assistance of the National Guard in the demolition of abandoned buildings in Eldorado.

The council next approved the minutes of the March 9, 2007 meeting and approved the current bills.

In closing the council voted to certify the election of non-contested council members Dr. Pat Johnson, Stan Meador and Dorothy Dacy to two year terms and Dora Bosmans to a one-year unexpired term.

There will be two vacancies on the City Council when the new terms begin in May.

Council members present for the meeting included Stan Meador, Dora Bosmans, Dorothy Dacy, Richard Mendez, Dr. Pat Johnson and Mayor John Nikolauk. Also present were Utility Superintendent Floyd Fay and City Secretary Carolyn Mayo.

The council's next meeting is slated for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 7, 2007 in the City Hall council chamber.

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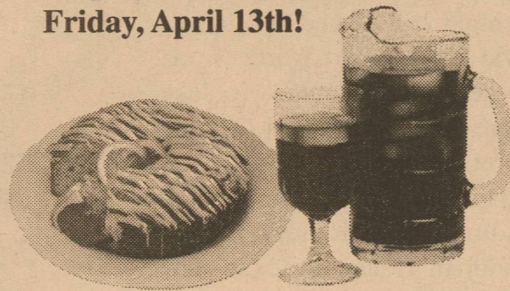


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Winners at the District UIL Academic Meet (L-R) Brittany Jennings, Corie Williams, Marcela Huerta and Katherine Johnson will advance to Regional UIL Academic Meet April 13 and 14th.

## Jennings, Williams, Huerta and Johnson advance to Regional UIL Academic Meet

The Eldorado High School Journalism Team took the gold at the District UIL Academic Meet. The competition was held over a span of two days, March 27 and 28, 2007.

On March 27, 2007 in Christoval Corie Williams received a third place medal in Prose. Brittany Jennings was first place medalist in Editorial Writing. Katherine Johnson was 1st place medalist

in Feature Writing and 2nd place medalist in News Writing. Marcela Huerta was 3rd place medalist in News Writing. All will advance to Regional UIL Academic Meet on April 13 and 14.

On Wednesday, March 28, 2007, in Rotan Jorge Chavez received a 6th place ribbon in Computers. Janelle Pechacek received a 4th place ribbon in Informative Speaking and Chris Minor place

5th in Informative.

In Number Sense Jorge Chavez-tied for 4th place, and received a 4th place ribbon and Tyler Dombroski placed 6th.

In Mathematics Tyler Dombroski placed 8th place.

Other Eldorado High School students who participated at the UIL Academic District Meet were:

In Computer Applications: Clayton Sauer and Janelle Pechacek; Current Issues and Events participants were Adam Dominguez, Felipe Martinez and Abel Montalvo; Editorial Writing: Dylan Dombroski and Maureen Martinez; Feature Writing: Emily Espinosa; Headline Writing: Dylan Dombroski, Timothy Cuevas, and Cassandra Tyler

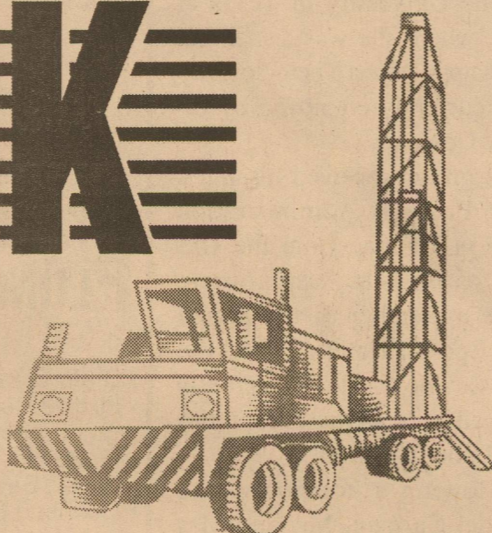
Mathematics: Jorge Chavez, Meg Griffin and Kristin Mittel; News Writing: Timothy Cuevas

Number Sense: Tyler Dombroski, Meg Griffin and Kristin Mittel; Ready Writing: Josh Burleson; Science: Josue Chavez, Jorge Chavez, Tyler Dombroski and Clayton Sauer; Social Studies: Janelle Pechacek, Abel Montalvo, Felipe Martinez; Prose: Blake Chatham, Kaleb Murr, and Corie Williams-3rd place Medalists; Poetry: Tiffany Hernandez and Timothy Maskill; Persuasive: Blake Chatham, Ridge Ann Sudduth; and Spelling: Felipe Martinez

Teachers sponsors were Luann Shipman-Speaking, Ready Writing, Newswriting, Editorial, Headline Writing and Feature Writing: Teresa Vasquez; Computer Applications: Paige Ragsdale; Mathematics and Number Sense: Tom Gray; Social Studies and Current Issues and Events: Teresa Baker-Shirley and Science and Spelling Angela Case.

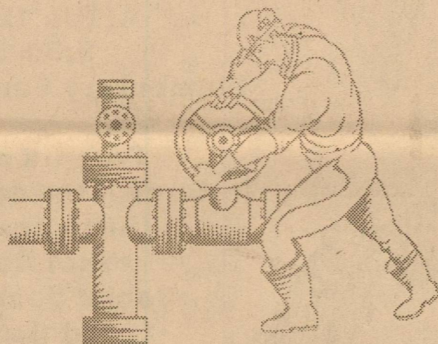
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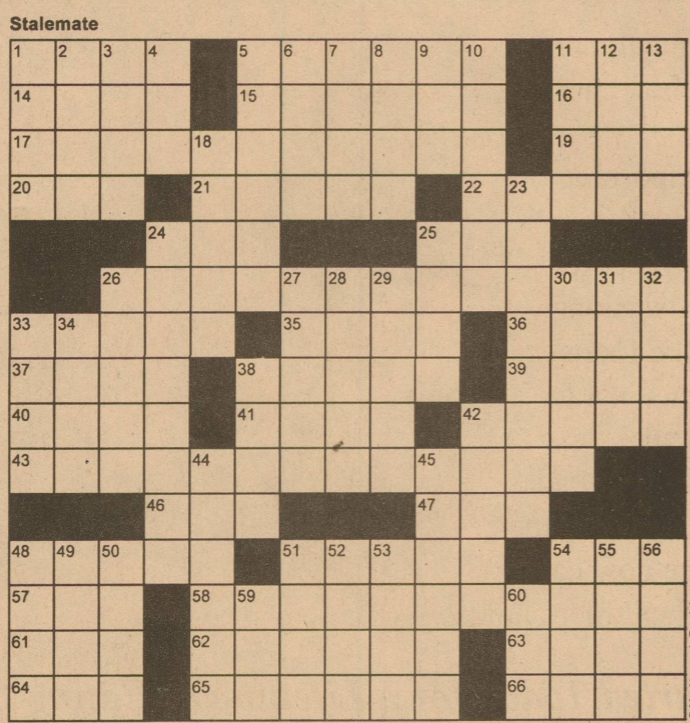
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  26. Right now
  33. Headquartered
  35. Costar of Bolger and Haley
  36. Eye provocatively
  37. \_\_\_ Bader Ginsburg
  38. Bandleader's cry
  39. Poor, as excuses go
  40. Think tank nugget
  41. Sacred bird of Egypt
  42. Bore or basin preceder
  43. Needing a

46. Those with clout
47. Suffix with Israel
48. Struck down, biblestyle
51. Spread salt on, maybe
54. Cartoondom's Krazy \_\_\_
57. Once around the track
58. Barn event,

- perhaps
61. Tram load
62. Puts an end to
63. Gets a gander of
64. \_\_\_ XING (road sign words)
65. Most off-the-wall
66. Classic sneakers

3. "Pygmalion" playwright
4. London's \_\_\_ Gardens
5. Kind of martini
6. Heavy burden
7. Blanchett in "The Aviator"
8. Makes a pick
9. Baldfaced \_\_\_
10. Skin layer
11. Commandos'

- arms
12. Karaoke singer's need
13. Takeoff artist
18. Appointed
23. Ill-bred
24. "That's enough!"
25. Opposite of horiz.
26. Lauder of cosmetics
27. Defendant's out
28. Ellington's "\_\_\_ Doll"
29. Ump's broom
30. "Holy moly!"
31. \_\_\_ mater
32. Bow-to-stern structure
33. Beeb watcher
34. Autobahn auto
38. Elvis's swivellers
42. Schleppe
44. Intl. promoter of the arts
45. Most congenial
48. Sty fare
49. Stable parent
50. Pundit's piece
51. Group of two
52. Lighten up
53. Ticks off
54. Place for a patch
55. Scored 100 on
56. "Guarding \_\_\_" (MacLaine movie)
59. Mathematical proof letters
60. "\_\_\_ a stupid question ..."



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# Locals targeted by "get rich quick scams"

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leads "it is extremely difficult if not impossible to recover consumer's money once they have sent it to these scammers."

### Lottery Scam Prevention Tips:

• If you get an alleged award notification letter, several things become evident. The text of the winnings will have a very generic-sounding name, such as USA Mega Direct or USA Lotto Direct, both of which sound like you could have

potentially entered.

• You will then be congratulated on being a winner of a large amount of money, given a reference number, and subsequently asked to not make your winnings public just yet. For convenience's sake, you will almost certainly be given a name of a contact or financial secretary who is to allegedly help guide you through your award claims process.

• What is necessary to keep in mind is that anytime anyone asks

you to pay for something that they claim you have won, a red flag should go up. If anyone asks you to wire a payment via Western Union to Canada, another red flag should go up. If you happen to receive a solicitation of being an awards or lotto winner and then are provided with a check to allegedly cover taxes or fees, turn it into your local Postal Inspector's Office.

• Many of these so-called contacts have in common is that they have a Canadian phone number for

you to call- frequently out of Ontario and British Columbia- regardless of where they claim to originate.

• Included with the letter will almost always be a legitimate looking check, with an amount that can range from several hundred to several thousand dollars. The solicitation will tell you that this check is to help you offset the pay for insurance, taxes, and shipping and handling fees which you will need to pay before you can claim your prize, and will then direct you to call their financial advisor in order to find out how to claim the winnings.

• Sometimes this check may even be addressed as coming from a well-known and/or Fortune 500 company with wide name recognition, which may put you in a fake comfort zone. This is in actuality an instance of identity theft of a business, which may likely not be aware that its name and identity are being fraudulently used in a check scam.

• As soon as you call the number provided on your solicitation, you will be instructed to deposit the check into your personal bank account. Here is where the essence of the check scam lays: as real as it may look, the check will not have any funds to back it up. Shortly after taking out what you think are the funds from the check, you will be instructed to wire a certain amount of money, usually via Western Union or MoneyGram, to a previously undisclosed third party location.

• The money that you will be wiring will be your own, provided that you have enough in your account to cover the amount being sent. If not, within a few days your bank will realize that the check you deposited was a fake one, as a result of which it will bounce and you will be held liable for any insufficient fund fees at the least.

• Contact the BBB to report a scam at [www.bbb.org](http://www.bbb.org).

# Who's in charge of the FLDS?

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lead the people of the Fundamentalist Church."

The news that Jeffs' has abdicated, or is trying to abdicate, his position of power sent shock waves rippling through the FLDS strongholds of Hildale and Colorado City, in reality a single town that straddles the Utah/Arizona border.

Apostates (a name given to people who have left the FLDS church) welcomed the news. But, Jeffs' faithful followers aren't allowed to read newspapers or watch television, so word that Jeffs wants to relinquish his power isn't reaching into those homes.

But the news is slowly trickling into the close-knit community. Most loyalists who heard the news dismissed it as a fabrication, but there are signs that some are preparing to follow a new leader.

Isaac Wyler, a former member of the church who now works for the Special Fiduciary appointed to oversee the property in C-City and Hildale, says he has seen portraits of other men hanging alongside that of Warren Jeffs in many FLDS homes. Some of the pictures feature Bishop William Timpon Jessop, a man believed to be second

or third in line to succeed Jeffs. Other portraits are of Wendell Nielsen, the man many believe is Jeffs' second in command.

Nielsen is the man who once owned Western Precision, the manufacturing company that employed a large number of FLDS faithful. He transferred the company into his wives' names when Warren Jeffs' legal problems spilled over into the United Effort Plan, a charitable trust operated by the church.

Jeffs went underground in 2003 and was eventually named to the FBI Ten Most Wanted List. Nielsen disappeared about the same time and hasn't been seen publicly since, despite the fact that he is believed to be the driving force behind the development of several FLDS compounds, including the YFZ Ranch in Schleicher County, Texas,

where a massive white limestone temple has been built to serve as FLDS headquarters.

Church historian Ben Bistline says he doubts Nielsen would want the job. "He might take it if it were thrust upon him," Bistline said. "But I think he would be more comfortable working behind the scenes."

Wendell Nielsen's son John agrees. "My father is completely loyal to Warren." John said. "He knows what Warren wants. If he appears to be taking charge, then it's only to carry out the things that Warren wants done."

"They have a plan," John Nielsen continued. "My father will stick to that plan, even if Warren is in jail. He may be a standard bearer, but it's Warren's standard he carries."

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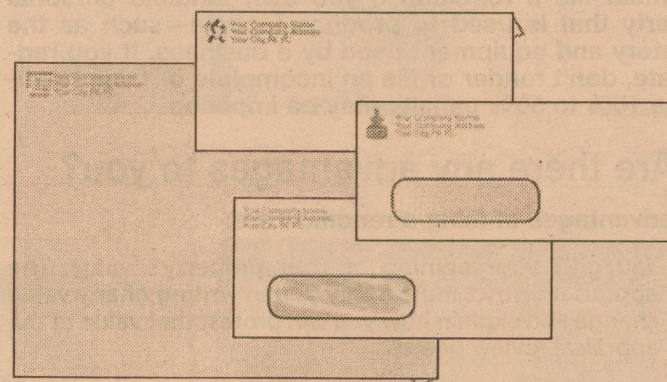
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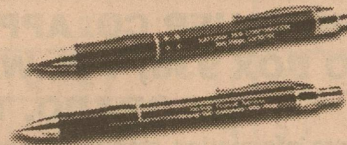
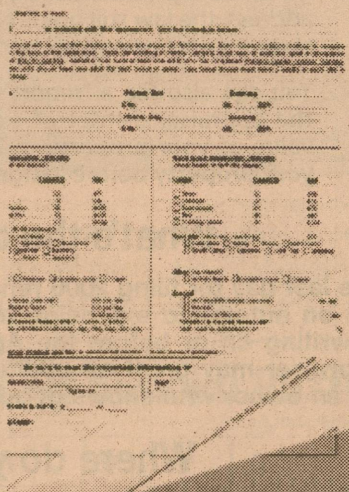
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## County Agent's Update

by Cory Stevens

### Wheat Crop Publication Available

If you ask ten different West Texas wheat farmers what this recent freeze will do to their wheat crop, you will likely get ten different answers. The wheat crop for West Texas farmers was looking very good up until this past weekend, now we will have to wait and see. I have several publications that might be of assistance to anyone needing more information on freeze injury to wheat. If you would like to receive one of these publications, call me at the Extension Office at 853-2132. I will be happy to mail you a copy, or if you would like, drop by and get one.

## 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. Accidents 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

- April 4 • Graham, Andrew Jr., male age 42, DPS, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- Clements, Kevin, male age 26, offense Driving While Intoxicated/Tom Green Warrant. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.
- April 9 • Cavness, Billy Monroe, male age 39, offense Prohibited Weapon, Possession of Marijuana (more than 2 ounces, less than 4).
- Smith, Sylvia C., female age 52, offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces). Released on

### \$1,000 Surety Bond.

April 10 • Deaton, Jimmy, male age 50. Offense Possession of Marijuana (less than 2 ounces)

### INCIDENTS

- April 3 • 1:20 p.m. Complainant reported loud music disturbing Elementary students. Officer responded.
- 4:18 p.m. Caller reported 5 donkeys on Depot Street. Officer responded.
- 4:47 p.m. Subject asked to speak with an officer in reference to criminal mischief done to their vehicle. Officer responded.
- 9:52 p.m. Subject requested to speak with an officer in reference to a fight between relatives.
- April 4 • 10:08 a.m. Complainant reported livestock 4 miles south of Eldorado.
- 4:19 p.m. Subject requested an ambulance for grandmother who had fainted. Officer and EMS responded.
- 6:02 p.m. Subject requested a ambulance on Hwy. 277 South.
- April 5 • Complainant at baseball field reported a purse missing from their vehicle. Officer notified and purse was found.
- 10:05 p.m. Complainant reported neighbors playing music to loud. Officer responded.
- April 6 • 4:28 p.m. Complainant reported loss of money. Officer responded.
- 6:03 p.m. Caller reported a possible break in at their residence. Officer responded.
- 6:14 p.m. Caller informed Sheriff's

Office of a controlled burn on McIntosh Road.

- 6:44 p.m. Complainant reported a failure to follow child visitation order by child's mother. Dispatcher advised complainant to speak with the Texas Attorney General's Office.
- 7:31 p.m. Complainant reported juveniles causing mischief at the Golf Course Clubhouse.
- April 7 • 12:07 a.m. Caller reported loud music. Officer responded and music was toned down.
- 10:23 a.m. Complainant reported livestock sign knocked over on CR 312.
- 11:20 a.m. A minor car accident was reported on 10 East Hill. Officer responded.
- 2:15 p.m. Complainant reported torn up mailboxes on FM 1828.
- 5:08 p.m. Complainant reported dog tied to a telephone pole with no protection from the freezing rain. Neighbor's brought a dog house over. Officer responded.
- 5:15 p.m. 911 Caller reported a reckless driver about 7 miles out on Hwy. 277 South going toward Sonora. Subject reported driver already lost control of vehicle and all three subjects in the vehicle were drinking. Officer notified and Sonora Police Department notified.
- 5:55 p.m. Complainant reported a stranded motorist about 2.5 miles on Hwy. 277 south. Officer notified.
- 6:50 p.m. Caller reported a reckless driver on Main Street with two female subject in bed of pickup. Officer unable to locate.
- 7:04 p.m. Complainant requested a wrecker about 1 mile from Hwy. 190 East on Toenail Trail. Lost control of vehicle on icy roads with no injuries. Officer notified.
- April 8 • 911 Caller. Caller requested Sheriff Office to contact San Antonio Police Department in reference to a possible suicide. San Antonio Police responded.
- 8:57 p.m. Caller reported an ambulance for a person with an unknown medical problem. Ambulance responded.
- April 9 • 9:06 a.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a basic transfer.
- 10:28 a.m. Complainant reported mailbox smashed about .2 miles out on FM 915.
- 2:21 p.m. Complainant reported loud music. Officer notified.
- 5:58 p.m. Caller reported a black Camaro abandoned near the road on FM 2129.
- 6:10 p.m. Caller requested an officer at their residence to dispel a domestic dispute. Officer responded.
- 8:48 p.m. Caller reported someone had broken into their residence. Officer responded.
- 9:00 p.m. Parent reported domestic dispute with kids. Officer responded.

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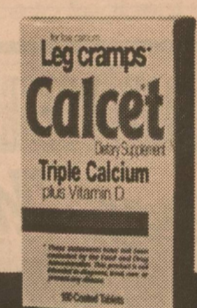
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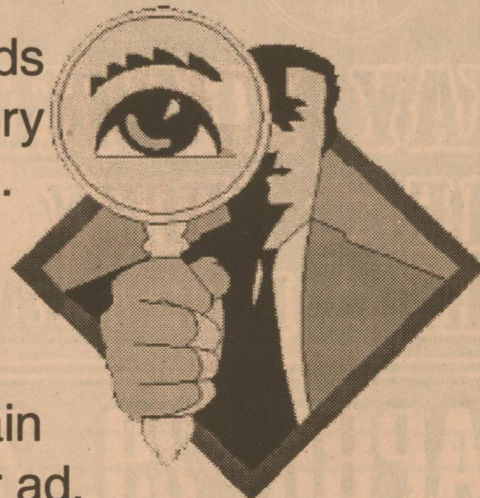
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5	9	4	7	3	8	1	6	2
7	6	1	2	4	9	3	8	5
8	2	3	1	6	5	9	4	7

## Don't get hit with a penalty! "Render" your taxable property by April 17th.

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### Who must file a rendition?

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### Are there any advantages to you?

The advantages of filing a rendition are:

- ☞ You give your opinion of your property's value. The appraisal district must notify you in writing of any value change and explain how you can protest that value to the appraisal review board.
- ☞ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☞ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2005. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2006.

### What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2006 renditions is April 17. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

### Where do you file?

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## Eagles drops pair to district foes

Eldorado dropped a game to Winters 4-3 in extra innings on Tuesday, April 3rd, then fell 7-1 to the Miles Bulldogs on Wednesday, April 4th, as they moved through their district schedule last week.

The Winters game began with Eldorado allowing two unearned runs to cross the plate in the first stanza. The Warbirds defense then tightened to frustrate the Blizzards through the next three innings.

Meanwhile, Eldorado got on the scoreboard in the bottom of the 2nd after Logan Jones was hit by a pitch, then stole a base. He scored on a Neal Higgins sacrifice fly.

The Eagles would tie the game two innings later when Dustin Gauna belted a triple then scored on a Logan Jones sacrifice fly.

The Blizzards weren't done, however, and they pulled ahead 3-2 in 5th inning.

Sammy Estrada sent the game into extra innings when he swatted a double then reached home on a Rance Cathey single.

But an Eldorado error allowed a Winters runner to cross in the top of the 9th and the Warbirds were unable to answer, giving the Blizzards the 4-3 win.

The Miles game began with the Bulldogs scoring twice in the top of the 1st inning. The Eagles added a run in the bottom of the first when Russell Cathey was hit by a pitch, stole second, and was singled home by Dustin Gauna. The single was the only hit of the game for the Warbirds and the run would be the last time an Eagles player crossed the plate as the Bulldogs took charge and pegged six more runs while holding Eldorado scoreless for the remainder of the game. Rance Cathey pitched 7 innings, struck out 9, and allowed 7 runs, 2 of which were earned.

The two losses moved Eldorado's district record to 2-3. They are currently in third place.

## 8th grade boys win Mertzon Meet

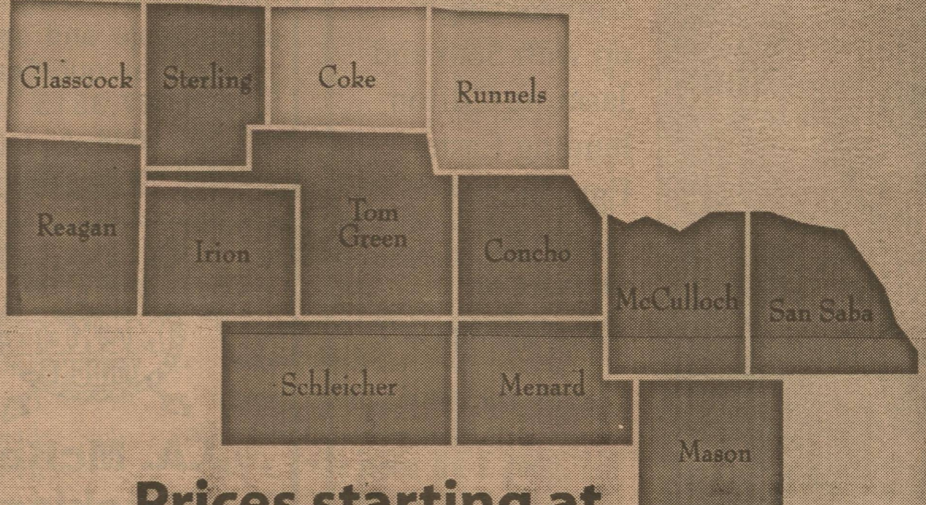
The Eldorado 8th grade boys won the Mertzon Jr. High Track Meet with 170 points. Irion County team scored 16, to Grape Creek's 145 and Reagan County's 90 points.

**2400 M. Run:** 2. R. Franco; 4. M. Barker  
**800 M. Run:** 1. J. Jurecek; 2. M. Baker; 4. J. Medrano  
**100 M. Dash:** 5. I. Cardenas  
**800 Relay:** 3. I. Cardenas, E. Hernandez, A. Parsley and E. Joiner  
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**200 M. Dash:** 3. I. Cardenas, 4. A. Parsley  
**1600 M. Run:** 1. M. Baker, 2. J. Medrano  
**400 Relay and 1600 Relay:** 1. (B. Minor, R. Sanchez, E. Bustos, M. Mikeska)  
**Shot Put:** 1. Ben Wipff; 2. B. Ledbetter  
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