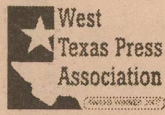


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Voters to decide school rollback, 16 amendments on Tuesday

Schleicher County voters head to the polls on Tuesday, November 6th to decide whether or not to allow Schleicher County ISD to adopt a tax rate of \$1.17 per \$100 valuation. The election is required because the proposed rate is 13 cents higher than the rollback rate. A vote FOR counts as a vote in favor of the proposed tax rate. A vote AGAINST is a vote to roll the tax rate back to \$1.04.

Schleicher County ISD trustees intentionally triggered the rollback election in hopes that local voters would allow the adoption of the tax in order to fund a facilities improvement program.

SCISD Superintendent Billy Collins notes that the proposed \$1.17 rate is still 20 cents lower than last year's rate.

In addition to the school's rollback election, the State of Texas will have 16 Constitutional Amendments listed on the ballot.

Early Voting continues until 5:00 p.m. at the office of Election Administrator Brenda Mayfield in the Schleicher County Memorial Building.

Ms. Mayfield reported late Tuesday afternoon that 57 early votes had been cast in the election.

General Election day is slated for Tuesday, November 6th with polls opening at 7 a.m. and remaining open until 7 p.m.

Precinct 1 voters will cast their votes at the Methodist Church's Education Building while Precinct 2 polling will be held in the Memorial Building. Precinct 3 will vote in the Schleicher County Courthouse while voters in Precinct 4 will cast their ballots at the Catholic Church Head Start Building.

Listed below for your consideration are the amendments being considered this year.

Proposition 1 - HJR 103

"The constitutional amendment providing for the continuation of the constitutional appropriation for facilities and other capital items at Angelo State University on a change in the governance of the university."

Proposition 2 - SJR 57

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of \$500 million in general obligation bonds to finance educational loans to students and authorizing bond enhancement agreements with respect to general obligation bonds issued for that purpose."

Proposition 3 - HJR 40

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide that the maximum appraised value of a residence homestead for ad valorem taxation is limited to the lesser of the most recent market value of the residence homestead as determined by the appraisal entity or 110 percent, or a greater percentage, of the appraised value of the residence homestead for the preceding tax year."

Proposition 4 - SJR 65

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the issuance of up to \$1 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for maintenance, improvement, repair, and construction projects and for the purchase of needed equipment."

Proposition 5 - SJR 44

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit the voters of a municipality having a population of less than 10,000 to authorize the governing body of the municipality to enter into an agreement with an owner of real property in or adjacent to an area in the municipality that has been approved for funding under certain programs administered by the Texas Department of Agriculture under which the parties agree that all ad valorem taxes imposed on the owner's property may not be increased for the first five tax years after the tax year in which the agreement is entered into."

Proposition 6 - HJR 54

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt from ad valorem taxation one motor vehicle owned by an indi-

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Up in Flames

Volunteer firefighter T.J. Rodriguez used his cell phone last Thursday to give directions to other fire units as they responded to a blaze at the home of Mike Blaylock, some 9 miles north of Eldorado on C.R. 302 (Old San Angelo Highway.) Firefighter Oscar Martinez can be seen spraying water into the attic in hopes of quenching the flames that had virtually destroyed the home's interior before emergency units arrived. The fire is believed to have sparked from a brush fire left smoldering near the building overnight.

Prospects of the 'Big One' entice hunters

AUSTIN — Last year's Texas deer hunting season was considered text book by state wildlife biologists. This season, hunters may have to throw out the book.

Indicators leading into the Nov. 3 season opener point to potentially great hunting across much of the state, according to Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologists. But, as they say in advertising disclaimers, individual results may vary.

"Generally speaking, it's a banner year for (fawn) production," said Mitch Lockwood, TPWD deer program leader. "As far as the quality of the animals, the deer we're seeing are in pretty good condition and I expect antler quality and body weights to be above average. Not only do we expect this year's crop to be better, but there are more mature bucks out there simply because harvest was down in 2006."

Whitetails have responded well from last year's extended dry spell, thanks to an unseasonably wet spring and summer, and have taken advantage of resurgent plant growth, Lockwood noted. That bodes well for the deer, but could pose a challenge for hunters hoping to find success from a blind over supplemental feed.

Biologists point to 2004, when timely spring rains created ideal range conditions, healthy deer and high expectations from hunters. Due to the abundance of vegetation available to

deer that year, hunters observed fewer animals during the season and overall harvest numbers were down.

When conditions became relatively dry in 2005, deer harvest jumped considerably and, in particular, more mature bucks were killed that season.

"That's what makes this year tough to predict," Lockwood noted. "There will be more deer on the ground this fall, but hunting could be tough early in the season."

Because some parts of the state are drying up as rainfall slacked off in September and October, deer movements and hunting conditions could change. "Deer were seeing so much good native groceries all year, corn was something new to them," he said. "In the Edwards Plateau, we're loaded with acorns. Once those food sources run out, deer should return to feeders."

With the expected high percentage of recruitment into the deer population this year, biologists are urging hunters and landowners to actively manage whitetail numbers.

"It's important for hunters to use those antlerless tags this season and get those excess animals off the range before winter sets in to ensure there's enough food to go around," Lockwood said. "If folks want help determining how many deer to remove from their property they are welcome to contact their local TPWD biologist for as-

sistance."

TPWD provides wildlife management consultation at no cost to landowners. The agency offers a variety of conservation planning assistance, from habitat enhancement incentives to wildlife resource management. Details about these programs are available on the TPWD Web site or from your local wildlife biologist.

While there are no major changes to deer regulations this year, hunters in

eastern and central Texas are reminded that special buck antler restrictions are in effect in 61 counties. Under the regulation, a lawful buck in the designated counties is defined as any buck having at least one unbranched antler OR an inside antler spread of at least 13 inches. The bag limit in the affected counties is two lawful bucks, no more than one of which may have an inside spread of greater than 13 inches.

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COURTESY PHOTO

Marge Laird of Houston dropped this 10-Point Buck on the Kerry Joy Ranch last season. The county seems to be overrun with large bucks this year which bodes well for those hunters fortunate enough to be here Saturday for Opening Day.

It's finally time to Fall Back

Daylight Saving Time officially ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 4th. However, for those who choose not to stay up until the wee hours of the morning, the best bet is to set them back before you go to bed Saturday night.

Central Standard Time will remain in effect until March 9, 2008, at which time the clocks will spring forward again.

The Children's Crusade — Socializing Medicine

Democrats are altogether too modest in the claims they make for the SCHIP children's health-insurance program. They talk only about what it does to cover needy families with uninsured kids, but never about all the wondrous things it can do for middle-class families with their own private insurance.

President Bush vetoed the Democratic re-authorization of the bill as too profligate. The House upheld his veto, but not without Democrats gleefully portraying the president as an enemy of children's health.

At bottom, the argument is about whether the government will extend public coverage further up the income scale -- including to families already with their own insurance -- in a push toward national health insurance. All children below the poverty line (\$20,650 for a family of four) are eligible for Medicaid. So the argument over SCHIP is not about "poor kids." Congress enacted the program in 1997 to help cover kids whose families aren't poor, but still can't afford insurance, basically in the income range of up to 200 percent of the poverty line.

The Congressional Budget Office says that the rate of uninsured among these kids fell from 22.5 percent in 1996 to 16.9 percent in 2005. Many of these children, if uninsured, would get publicly funded health care anyway, through public clinics and the like. For them, SCHIP makes sense.

The problem is that, as families earn more, they are more likely to have private insurance, and SCHIP lures them from private insurance onto government insurance. The CBO estimates that for every 100 children enrolled in SCHIP, 50 children are dropped off private coverage.

The technical term for this phenomenon is "crowding out"; the nontechnical term is "socializing medicine." Since the federal government picks up two-thirds of the tab for state-administered SCHIP programs, states have an incentive to expand coverage -- for every \$1 they spend on the benefit, the feds pony up \$3.

And expand they have. Fifteen states cover kids and families above 200 percent of the poverty level. New Jersey covers kids up to 350 percent of the poverty level. New York wants to go to 400 percent. By throwing an additional \$35 billion at the program throughout the next five years, the Democratic bill guarantees the program will grow well beyond its original purpose of insuring "near-poor" kids.

Of children in families between 200 percent and 300 percent of poverty, only 9.8 percent were uninsured in 2005. There are less-sweeping means -- like tax credits -- to help these families get coverage in the private health-insurance market.

Meanwhile, there are 5.5 million poor or near-poor kids -- roughly 60 percent of all uninsured kids -- who are eligible for public insurance now, but aren't enrolled. These kids are likelier to come from single-parent or no-parent families and families where all parents are unemployed. The focus should be on them rather than families with the wherewithal to fend for themselves.

Few things are as destructive of good public policy as outraged invocations of the "children." Democrats probably will benefit politically from their ploy on SCHIP, and advance a goal that goes far beyond low-income kids.

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Not What Mother Nature Intended

Whose idea was it that, after marriage, men and women had to live in the same house? Whoever made up that rule must've been a real idealist. Either that or maybe he was stoned.

I have met lots of couples who say they still love each, in spite of sharing the same house for years, but think how much the divorce rate would decline if we didn't have to do that.

Women could have their perfectly decorated house with beautiful accents, tasteful furniture and matching towels and bed linens. There would not be single stuffed head of a dead animal hanging over the fireplace.

A woman would be perfectly content with a small discreet TV screen hidden away in a cabinet up held his veto, but not without Democrats gleefully portraying the president as an enemy of children's health. At bottom, the argument is about whether the government will extend public coverage further up the income scale -- including to families already with their own insurance -- in a push toward national health insurance. All children below the poverty line (\$20,650 for a family of four) are eligible for Medicaid. So the argument over SCHIP is not about "poor kids." Congress enacted the program in 1997 to help cover kids whose families aren't poor, but still can't afford insurance, basically in the income range of up to 200 percent of the poverty line.

Women would have bathrooms that magically stay clean for more than a day, because unless she is somehow deformed, a woman doesn't stand up and treat the whole bathroom to a shower while using the commode. Liquid splash-

Laura on Life

by Laura Snyder



es. It's simple physics. The higher the height it falls from, the bigger the splash. People don't pour milk into a glass by holding the jug three feet above the glass, do they? I'm talking about adults, here.

Towels could be used more than once, because a woman will dry herself off in the shower and hang her towel back up to save herself extra laundry. She doesn't throw the towel on the floor and stomp all over it because the floor became wet. Again, simple physics. Water will, unerringly, go to the place you least want it, if left on the body too long. Well, okay, this rule probably was not taught in any school, but given the last lesson in physics, there will be other liquids on the floor besides water, too. So the towel now needs to be washed.

Kitchen towels will never be used to wipe up a chocolate milk spill as long as there is a single paper towel in her house.

Of course, there will always be paper towels in the house, because she will never take the whole roll out to the garage to clean engine parts. If she was to clean engine parts, which will be rare, she will only take the towels she needs, and

leave the roll where it belongs.

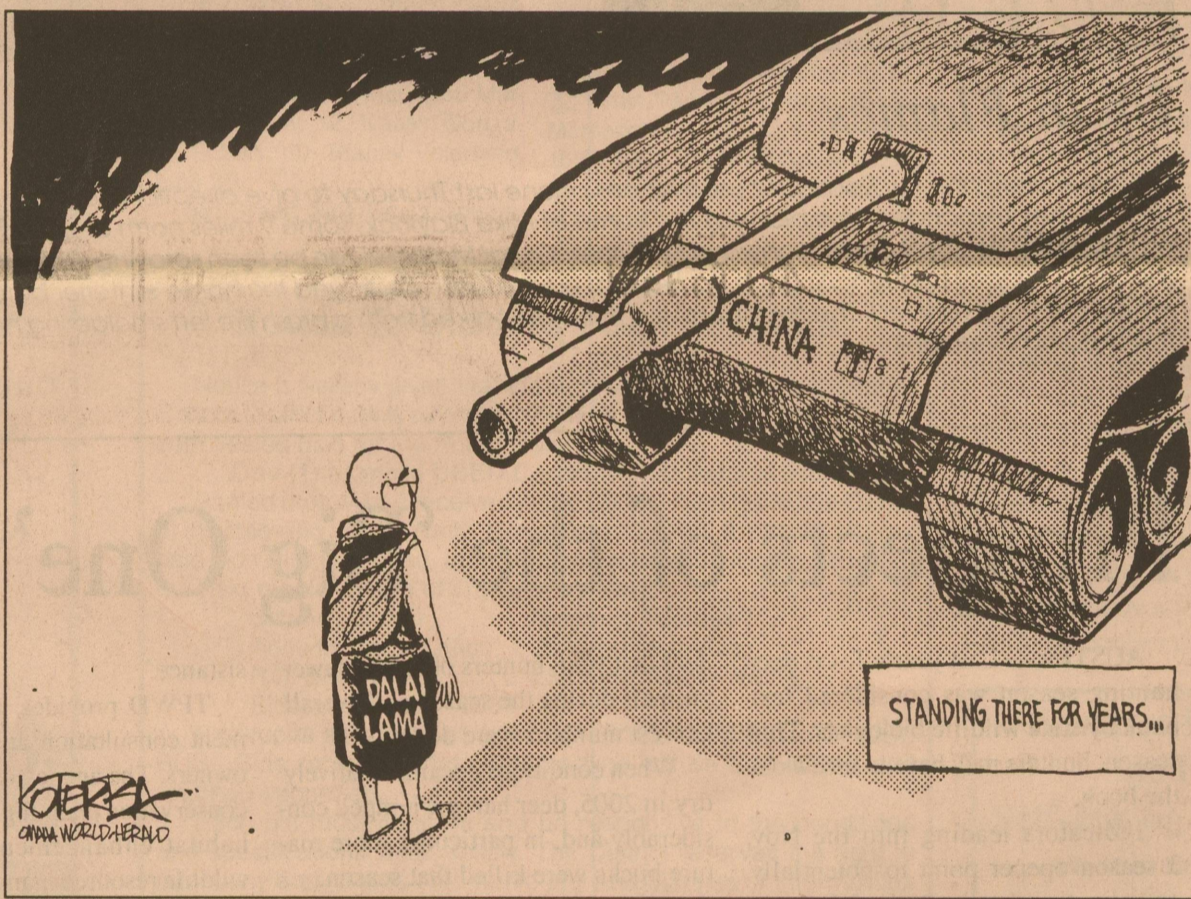
If women and men had separate houses, we would not need a bazillion cable channels because after Mythbusters, Survivorman, Dirty Jobs & ESPN what else is there? I don't know. I never get to watch anything else.

If men had their own man cave, they could stomp in there with their size 14 mud collectors without anyone raising a single eyebrow, because obviously that rule is only for the kids.

If men had their own man cave, they could collect pizza boxes by the door and delude themselves for months that they'll "take them out tomorrow morning." If they kept them in a closet somewhere, no one would ever know, but instead they'll stack them right next to the entrance of their man cave like a modern art doorstopper.

Unfortunately, most women need men close by to clean those engine parts and most men need women close by to make sure they don't wear anything inside-out to work. That's what marriage is all about; helping each other. But I don't think Mother Nature ever intended us to live together. After all, you've never heard of a Father Nature, have you?

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A Song for the Battleship Texas

Bill Sava of Dimmitt heard about a statewide competition to compose some original music to be played at the re-opening of the Battleship Texas near Houston. He entered the competition and was notified that his song was a finalist. He was told to be in Pasadena so he could perform his song before a group of judges.

On the recording he submitted, Bill sang the song and a lady friend of his accompanied him on the piano. When the time came to go to the judging, the piano player told Bill she couldn't make the trip. So Bill recorded her accompaniment on a cassette recorder and headed for the competition in Pasadena.

"As I pulled up there to the school where the judging was to take place," says Bill, "I noticed there was a big crowd of people around there. I was pretty impressed. There were buses that had names of bands on the sides of them. There were people in tuxedos getting out of those buses. They were all carrying instruments. I was standing there taking all this in, not really connecting with the fact that these people were there to do the same thing I was going to do. A former Miss Texas was in



by **Tumbleweed Smith**

the competition."

Bill got up to the front of the building where they were registering people.

"The gentleman who was registering me asked me my name and I told him. Then he said, 'and you're one of our finalists.' I told him I was. He told me he needed some information from me and asked me what my musical background was. I told him I was the Postmaster of Dimmitt, Texas and didn't really have a musical background. He asked me who would be playing for me while I sang my song. I reached into my pocket and pulled out my tape and told him this is the tape of the music. He said, 'you plan to do this with a tape?' I told him yes, I was going to use the tape. The man asked me if I was nervous. I told him I was not nervous at all. I asked him if he knew who I was. He told me no. I said well, if I mess up down here and you don't know

who I am, I can go back home and it's not going to make any difference to anybody. Now if I was doing this in front of some of my friends I would probably be extremely nervous. I got on stage and sang the song just like I had good sense. I didn't win anything."

Bill said it was an expensive trip. He paid for his plane ticket and car rental and hotel room. When he was filling up the car with gas on his way to the airport, he gave the man behind the counter his credit card. When he signed the ticket, he told the man he didn't give him back his credit card. The man told him that he had indeed given him back his credit card and he had already put it in his wallet. Within a month, Bill's credit card invoice had charges on it that he did not make. The man at the gas station had kept the card. Bill got that cleared up after a few months.

"I will tell you one thing. I had so much fun. It was great to go down there and show off for a while. If I had it to do all over again, I would."

Bill is now County Judge of Castro County. He just sings for pleasure these days, not in competition.

Funds restored for community college health coverage

by Ed Sterling

AUSTIN — Back in June, Gov. Rick Perry used the line-item veto to kill funding passed by the Texas House and Senate that would have continued paying for health benefits of most people who work at community colleges.

Perry's veto prompted criticism from community college employees, state lawmakers, students and students' families who faced tuition and fee increases to make up for the loss in funding.

On Oct. 23, Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and Speaker Tom Craddick announced an agreement to allocate \$99 million for the state's share of health benefits, a one-time \$55 million transitional payment for fiscal year 2009, and the development of an incentive funding program for community colleges.

As part of the agreement, the governor's office said, community colleges are asked to rescind tuition, fee or tax increases adopted for fiscal year 2008 and any tuition, fee or tax increases under consideration for fiscal year 2009 meant to offset the original veto.

Court hears Capitol tape case

Closed-circuit security cameras record human activity in the halls of the state Capitol.

Texas' 3rd Court of Appeals heard arguments in the Texas Observer's attempt to get access to videotape recordings of activity in the back hallway outside the House Chamber on May 23, 2005.

The Texas Observer, a biweekly investigative journal based in Austin, filed a request with the Texas Department of Public Safety to view the tapes under the Texas Public Information Act, a law that makes most government documents available to all citizens.

The Texas Observer argues that it would be in the public's interest to release the tapes, but the DPS has consistently refused, saying that releasing them would compromise Capitol security.

What makes May 23, 2005, so interesting? It is the day Republican activist and campaign donor James Leininger of San Antonio allegedly met with lawmakers in the hallway when a vote on legislation to allow a pilot school voucher program was up for a vote.

The Texas Observer wants to see if the tapes reveal interaction between Leininger and lawmakers.

Now, after many months in the legal process, the matter may take the 3rd Court of Appeals' three-judge panel days, weeks or months to rule on the matter.

Agency to reduce license fees

The Texas Commission of Licensing and Regulation voted to reduce 21 licensing and registration fees.

Before lower fees can take effect, agency rules will have to be amended and that takes time.

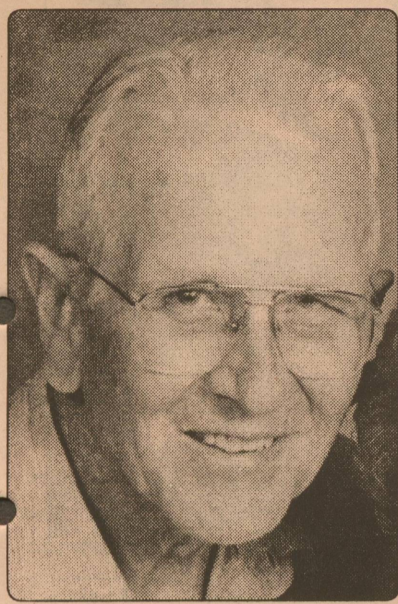
Fee reductions range from 8 percent to as high as 80 percent and are projected to exceed \$1.3 million per year, the agency said.

- Barber licenses, from \$90 every two years to \$70;
- Master electrician and master sign electrician licenses, from \$65 annually to \$50;
- Journeyman electrician and journeyman sign electrician licenses, from \$40 annually to \$35;
- Elevator contractor licenses, from \$300 annually to \$115;

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OBITUARIES

Granvil Hext



ELDORADO — Granvil Andrew Hext of Eldorado, Texas, was called home to his Heavenly Father on Sunday, Oct. 28, 2007, at the age of 89.

Service was held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 31, at First Baptist Church, Eldorado, with interment in Eldorado Cemetery.

Granvil was born May 13, 1918, in Brady, Texas, to William Andrew and Delia Dean Wootton Hext.

He was preceded in death by his parents; sister Lucille; and brother JD.

Most of Granvil's younger years were spent on the family farm between Hext and Mason, Texas. He lost his father at age 16 and soon decided it was time to "become a man" and support himself. Some of his first jobs were in the restaurant business, cowboying, farming, grocery stores, and setting up bowling pins. A self-taught man, he never lacked for wisdom and never quit trying to learn.

He met the love of his life, "Mary" Schafer from Voca, Texas. They eloped and married Nov. 27, 1937, in Eastland, Texas. They were blessed with a son, Morris Dwain "Butch"; and daughter Deanne Hext Walker.

He was proud to have built government ships during World War II. After the war, they moved back to Texas and farmed at Whon, Texas. They attended First Baptist Church where Granvil was ordained a deacon.

In 1950, they opened a 24-hour restaurant in Mason, Texas. It was very hard work, and they were elated when an opportunity to farm in Mozelle, Texas, was offered.

Their faith was a "lifeline" that kept them going when the drought began. They held on as long as they could, and then moved to Albuquerque, N.M., where Mary's sisters lived. They stayed until 1962 when they had an opportunity to go into the grocery business in Eldorado. He had found "home" at last and never wanted to move again. Granvil's faith sustained him when Mary suddenly passed away Sept. 5, 1984.

On Jan. 8, 1987, Granvil and Corrine Sanders Whitten were married and shared 20 years of love, laughter, travels and trials. They played dominoes and fished with a special group of friends for many years. He loved to golf and took great pride in playing until the age of 88.

As a deacon, Granvil is remembered for being a true servant of God — always willing to lend a hand whether it was a project or helping someone in need.

Survivors include his wife, Corrine; son Butch of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughter Deanne and husband Herman of Eldorado; grandchildren Rodney Hext and wife Sandy, Clay Hext, Michelle Walker Fairchild and husband Jack, and Trey Walker and wife Marcia; his great-grandchildren, Braden, Austin and Jackson Fairchild, Kaitlyn and Nathan Walker, and Bella Hext; sister-in-law Aileene Wootton Warnack and husband Dave; many nieces and nephews and "special family" Bobbie Sanders; brother-in-law William Palmer and wife Adeline; Ross and Marilyn Whitten; and special friends Les Bassinger, Nevella Sallee and Myrt and D. Williams.

Pallbearers were Ronnie Mittel, Mike Moore, Charles Allcorn, James Larry Davis, Ross Whitten and John Hext. Honorary pallbearers were R.V. Rodgers, Guy Whitaker, Leslie Bassinger, Gene McCalla, D. Williams and the deacons of First Baptist Church.

Memorials may be made to First Baptist Church, Eldorado; Schleicher County Nursing Home, or Hospice of San Angelo.

"There is a special rest still waiting for the people of God. For all who enter into God's rest will find rest from their labors, just as God rested after creating the world. Hebrews 4:9-10" Rest well, Daddy!!

Peggy Sue Whitten

ELDORADO - Peggy Sue Whitten, 73, of San Angelo, passed away Thursday, Oct. 25, 2007, in San Angelo.

The family of Peggy Whitten gathered Saturday, Oct. 27, at the residence of Hal Whitten in Eldorado. Service was held Oct. 27, in the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel. Burial followed in Eldorado Cemetery.

Peggy was born April 14, 1934, in Bedies, Texas. Peggy and her twin sister Nancy attended Lake View High School, where they were track stars and went to the national high school track meet.

Peggy was a hairdresser for many years and she and "Tooter" became lifelong friends with their patrons. In the late '80s, she and husband Sam A. bought "Green Acres" and reopened it as "The Pasture" after a fire destroyed the original building. They found their true calling feeding their customers and keeping them laughing each visit.

After retiring, their passion became their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, all of whom loved their Nana. Even as her illness weakened her little body, she insisted on being wheeled to all of their ball games. Even near the end

of her time on Earth, she would become agitated if the door wasn't open so she could hear the babies' laughter and the boisterous family that she so loved.

She will be loved forever and missed by her family and friends.

Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Alvin Borden Lewis and Sybil Blanche Parker; sister and brother-in-law, Lavonia and Jack Garner; sister Ruth Alyne Baker; and brother-in-law Troy King.

She is survived by her husband, Sam A. Whitten of San Angelo; son Terry Clingan and wife Sandy of San Angelo; son Sam Whitten Jr. and wife Penny of Comanche, Texas; daughter Candice Richards and husband Jerry of San Angelo; sister Marynelle Tucker and husband Richard of Plano; sister Nancy Lou King of Bakersfield, Calif.; grandchildren Tracy and husband Don Kennemer, Sonya and husband Richard Reyes, Brooke Surber and Glenn Quinney, Katy and husband John Owens, Dusty Clingan, and Courtney and husband Rocky Robles; nine great-grandchildren; and special nieces Susie Mendes and Susan Williams.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to Hospice of San Angelo.



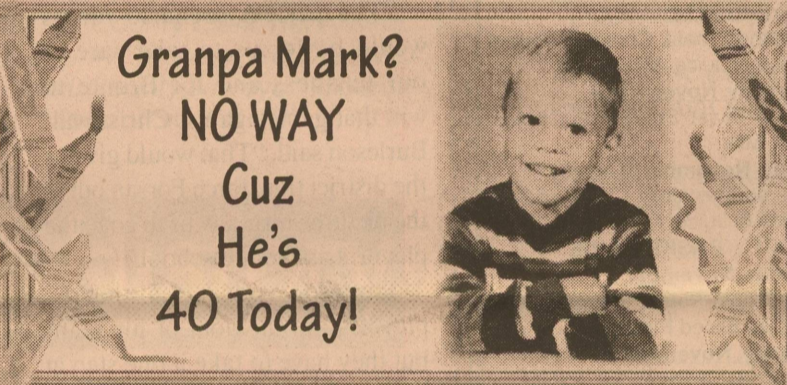
Mrs. Christopher Scott Pandolfo

Kosub/Pandolfo exchange vows

Mr. and Mrs. James A. Kosub announce the marriage of their daughter Kathryn Lauren to Christopher Scott Pandolfo of Plano, Texas. The couple were married at the Kosub ranch home in Schleicher County on October 6, 2007.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech and is employed by Frost Bank in Dallas. Mr. Pandolfo attended Texas Tech and is a branch manager for Helio in Frisco.

After a wedding trip to Montego Bay, the couple will reside in Plano.



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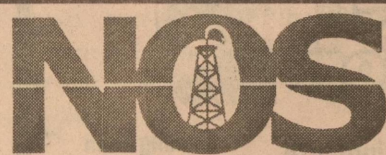
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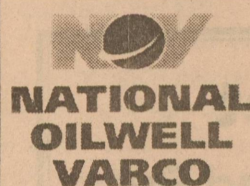


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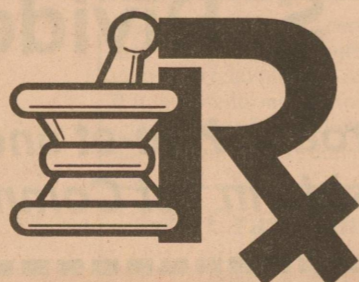
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Eagles in 3-way tie for lead in 16-1A

The Eldorado Eagles kept their playoff hopes alive with a 42-28 victory over Irion County Friday night.

"I knew this game was a must win for us," Head Coach Johnny Burleson said. "I told the kids all week that we needed to hit the field ready to play. I think the 21-0 first quarter score proved that they did just that."

Eldorado scored on three Manny Gonzalez runs in the first quarter to give the Warbirds a commanding lead.

Irion County scored their first touchdown midway through the second quarter on a seven yard run by Brent West.

Eldorado answered midway through the third quarter when Ivanny Sanchez pounded the ball in from a yard out to sustain the Eagles 21 point advantage.

Irion County found the endzone once again early in the fourth quarter on another West run. Eldorado's Jesus Vasquez responded to their score with a touchdown of his own

from 28 yards out.

Irion County's Garret Barnett hauled in a 27 yard pass from West midway through the fourth for another TD.

The Hornets then attempted an on side kick which Eldorado's Manny Gonzalez fielded over his shoulder. He then spun to the inside and sprinted 55 yards for another Eagle score.

Irion County would score one more time on a one yard West run, but it was too little to late.

"We just played a good game out there," Burleson said. "Defensively we knew they live for the big play. So we just kept pressure on the quarterback and tried to turn everything back inside where the help was."

Burleson and his team turn their eyes to their next district foe, Forsan.

"They have changed their offense since the start of the season," Burleson said. "They started off running the spread and have gone back to their roots...the running game."

Eldorado's hopes of a district championship diminished some last Friday as Forsan dropped their game against Bronte 14-13. The Eagles only shot at the crown now lies in their ability to win their final two district games, and on Bronte's ability to win against Christoval during the final week of the regular season.

As far as the playoffs go if the Eagles win Friday night in Forsan they are in.

"The perfect scenario for us would be for us to take care of our business and for Bronte to win that game against Christoval," Burleson said. "That would give us the district title, force Forsan out of the picture and allow us to go to the playoffs as the big school."

Burleson made it clear that the playoffs are the goal of his team, but they have to take it one step at a time. "We need to get in there and beat Forsan," Burleson said. "It will come down to our defense getting the ball back for our offense. We need to take control of that game and keep it."



PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

Fumble!

Eagles defenders swarmed to the loose ball Friday night during the Warbirds 42-28 win over the Irion County Hornets. The win, coupled with Bronte's upset over Forsan gave Eldorado a share of the lead in District 16-1A. This Friday the Eagles travel to Forsan for a showdown with the Buffaloes.

Eagle Band places 5th at Area

The EHS Mighty Eagle Band competed Saturday, October 27, 2007 in the Conference 1A Marching Contest held in Belton. The band placed 5th overall, narrowly missing a chance to compete at the State Contest in San Antonio.

There were 13 bands in all competing in the 1A division. Eldorado placed highest from among the four bands that advanced from the Region VII contest in Brady.

EHS band director Jerry Barker commented that he thought this year's Eagle band was the best "marching" band he had ever taken to contest. He noted that the band's youth meant that the musicianship needs work, but said the band has developed a good foundation from which to progress. The Area Contest was held in Belton ISD Stadium.

Since high school bands in Texas may advance beyond the Region meet only once every other

year, next year's marching season will necessarily end at the Region VII contest in Brady. However, the band will have plenty of goals. This year the band notched up its 24th consecutive Division "1" rating at the Regional contest. Next year the returning musicians will set their gaze on number 25.

The band will continue to march at football games, but the emphasis will shift to concert and sightreading in hopes of achieving a Sweepstakes award. To win the award, a band must receive Division "1" ratings in Marching, Concert and Sightreading.

It's time for Lady Eagles basketball!

The Eldorado Lady Eagles Varsity and JV teams will have traveled to Iraan this past Tuesday to see action in a scrimmage on the road. This Saturday, Nov. 3rd the Lady Eagles will travel to Comstock for 12 noon opening to a scrimmage against the Lady Panthers for both the JV and Varsity teams.

The regular season will open up with the Lady Eagles traveling to Rankin on Monday, Nov. 5th with the JV scheduled to begin action at 5 pm followed by the varsity at 6:30 pm.

The Varsity Lady Eagles will then travel to San Saba for a tournament scheduled to take place over three days from Thursday, November 15 through Saturday, November 17th. The schedule for the tournament will be announced as soon as it is received.

The JV Lady Eagles will also be traveling on Thursday, November 15th and Saturday, November 17th to the San Angelo Lakeview JV tournament the same weekend.

There have been some changes to the Lady Eagles basketball schedule that were posted earlier in the year due to other teams being in the volleyball and football playoffs.

The Lady Eagles would like to extend congratulations to Coach Gordon and the boys cross country team for capturing the District Championship and best of luck at Regionals in Arlington this weekend.

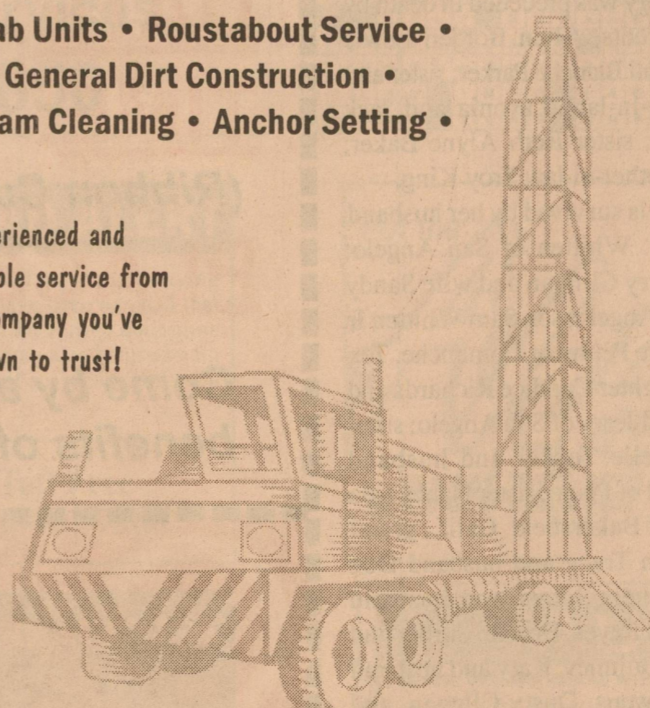
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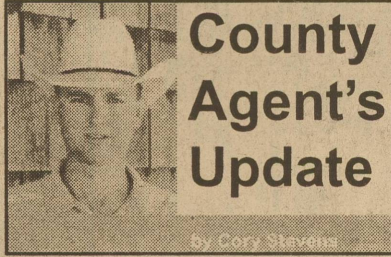
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This is a unique opportunity. (1) You may stay for the morning sessions only and get 3 CEUs, (2) you may come in at 11:00 and get one laws and regulations CEU, (3) you may come for the afternoon sessions and get three CEUs or you can come and stay for the day and



County Agent's Update

By Cory Stevens

get 6 CEUs. 325-853-2132 or cell 325-277-5225.

4H Booth at the Game Dinner

The Eldorado Game Association has again generously included the 4H club in this year's event.

We will have a booth at the Game Dinner selling both raffle tickets and cokes. This was our biggest fund raiser last year, and could really use the help from 4Hers and parents this year. Any and all help would be appreciated.

The money raised during this event will benefit all 4H programs. To help, come out to the civic center around 10:00 AM, and I will put you to work.

For more information call the extension office at 853-2132 or my cell at 277-5225.

2007 4-H County Food Show Results

The 4 H County Food Show was held October 23, 2007 at the First Baptist Fellowship Hall.

The contestants had to make a dish and present it to a panel of judges. The judges then asked questions about the dish and also about general nutrition. After the judging was completed, parents, grandparents and participants all enjoyed eating the dishes prepared.

The youngest "The Clover Kids" entered their recipes but cannot advance to the District level.

Advancing to the District 7

Show in Abilene on November 17 will be Danielle Clark, Lane Griffin, Amber Shipman, Rylea Self, Chasity Willis, Meg Griffin, Branda Gail Arispe and Corie Williams.

Nutritious Snacks and Desserts Division - Clover Kids: Kami Lux, Codee Meador, Micaela Forlano, Colten Arendt, Emelda Arispe, Jessi Taylor, Kathryn Shipman and Emmie Mynatt; Juniors: 1st Place - Danielle Clark and 2nd Place - Canyon Faulk; Intermediate: 1st Place - Lane Griffin.

Main Dish Division - Clover Kids: Sierra Forlano and Christine Lindsey; Juniors: 1st Place - Rylea Self; Intermediates: 1st Place - Chasity Willis; Seniors: 1st Place - Meg Griffin.

Breads and Cereals Division - Intermediate: 1st Place: Amber Shipman

Fruits and Vegetables - Juniors: 1st Place - Branda Gail Arispe, 2nd Place - Kaitlyn Lindsey, 3rd Place - Ivie Kate Mynatt & Clayton Arendt; Seniors: 1st Place - Corie Williams.

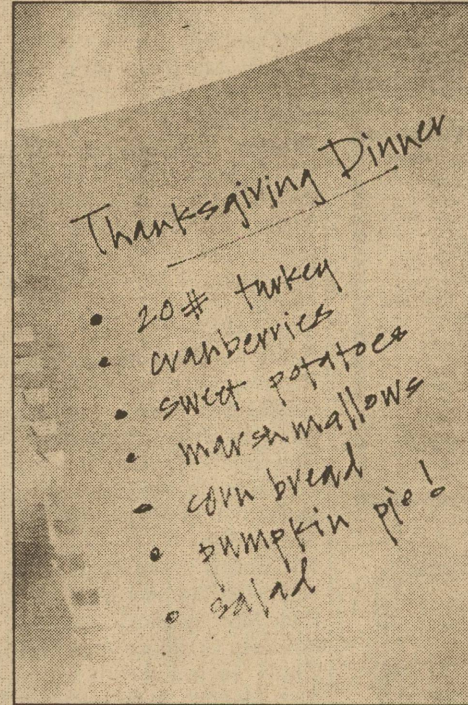
Qualifying for District, Nov. 17th show in Abilene will be Juniors: Danielle Clark, Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, Rylea Self, Main Dishes and Branda Gail Arispe, Fruits & Vegetables Division.

Intermediates: Lane Griffin, Nutritious Snacks & Desserts, Chasity Willis, Main Dishes and Amber Shipman, Breads & Cereals.

Seniors: Meg Griffin, Main Dishes and Corie Williams, Fruits & Vegetables.

Also, 4H Cookbooks created from this event are available at the extension office.

Winners of this week's \$100 drawing are Jim and Nelva Martin. Jim is shown here accepting the prize from Deanne Walker.



Thanksgiving is the time to remember all we have to be thankful for. Holiday meals with family and friends are special and FNB Eldorado is proud to help local families celebrate with their loved ones this year!

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Weekly Sudoku Puzzle

by Linda Thistle

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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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See Solution on Page 8



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Pucker Power

4H Clover Kid Kathryn Shipman sampled her "Perfect Peachy Freeze" entry before handing out samples of her frosty drink. The 4H 2007 Schleicher County Food Show was held Tuesday, October 23 at the FBC Fellowship Hall. There were 25 participants.

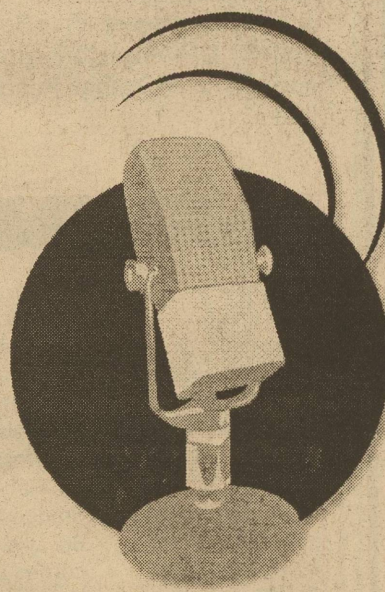
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Tuesday-November 6
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Lunch: Sandwiches: Boston Sub Italian
Soup: Chicken Rice
Ice Cream Cherry Pecan Pie

Wednesday- November 7
Breakfast: Roll Up Biscuits & Sausage
Lunch: Sandwiches: Pita Pocket Chicken Salad
Soup: Cream Cheese Potato
Chocolate Sheet Cake

Thursday - November 8
Breakfast: Pecan Cinnamon Rolls
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2007 High School Cross Country Winners: Front (L-R) sitting: Mason Baker, Claudia Pasillas, Deisy Aranda, Kaitlyn Bluford and Amy Alvizo; Middle (L-R) Joseph Rubio, Corie Williams, Morgan Baker, Aaron Parsley, Maria Pasillas, Michael Rubio and Zach Brame; Back (L-R): David Ramirez, Taylor Jenkins, Josh Hash, Jorge Medrano and Hunter Alvizo. Not pictured: Dylan Dombroski.

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BIRTHDAY LIST

NOVEMBER

1st Dawn Fay, Sam A. Whitten, Paul Harvey Martinez, Amy Newton, Lanis Mikeska, Danielle Wagner, Janis Wilkerson, Evan Joiner, Daisy Mikeska, Lalo Sanchez, Samantha Powell, Oscar Robles Jr.

2nd T.J. Rodriguez, Marian Bland Overstreet, Joe Robert Barajas, Marina Castillo, Lupe Herrera, Tonya Robinson, Aaron Parsley, Victoria Garza

3rd Alison Sproul, Cameron Paulson, Danielle Guadarrama, Rosa Herrera, Sloan Lovette, Rachel Garcia, Bill Green

4th Julie Holley, Brittany Jennings, Red Griffin, Claude Spencer, Ridge Ann Sudduth, Jeff Chancellor, Sonia Mills, Walter Powell, Jr. Martina Almazan

5th Bobby Dale Phillips, Sarah Yates, Trey Morrison, Rudy Sanchez, Betty Murphy, Ricky Jalomo

6th Lucy Guzman, Leonora Garza, Cathy Torres, Frank Edmiston, Stan Meador, Allen Lemons, Scott Edmondson

7th Bobby Jarrett, Jaise Bosmans, Zane Bruce, Billy Dock Hubble, Darcey Ewing, Kristal Nelson, James Wanoreck, Dustin Gauna, Maggie Pena

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EHS Boys head to Regional CC Meet

The Varsity Boys Cross Country Team placed 1st at the District 11A District Meet held at Hamlin Country Club on Tuesday, October 23, 2007. The boys team will be advancing to the Regional Meet on November 3 in Arlington. Ramirez, Baker, Hash and Parsley qualified for Regional as individuals runners, also. Teams are judged on totaled low time scores. The top three teams and top 10 individuals qualify for advancement to the Regional level.

Individual results: 2. David Ramirez 18:10.7; 3. Mason Baker 18:12.8; 4. Joshua Hash 18:14.3; 5. Robert Parsley, 18:15.3; 20. Hunter Alvizo, 19:45.6; 22. Joseph Rubio, 20:02.7; and 23. Dylan Dombroski,

20:03.7. There were 34 Varsity runners competing on the three mile course.

There were 52 runners competing in the Girls Varsity Cross Country division. The Eldorado's Lady Eagles Varsity Team placed 6th. Individual results for the Varsity Lady Eagles: 22. Claudia Pasillas, 14:47.4; 33. Deisy Aranda, 15:41.6; 37. Maria Pasillas, 16:02.4; 44. Amy Alvizo, 6:39.5; 47. Kaitlyn Bluford; 16:46.7 49. Corie Williams, 17:37.6

Eldorado JV Boys placed 1st place as a team. 1. Zack Brame, 20:25.2; 2. Morgan Baker, 20:38; 4. Jorge Medrano, 21:15.5; 5. Michael Rubio, 21:23.6; 6. Robert Jenkins, 25:02.0.

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, November 5

Meatballs & Spaghetti w/Tomato, Seasoned Spinach, French Bread, Toss Salad Banana w/Pudding, Milk

Tuesday, November 6

Roast Pork, French Cut Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Stewed Prunes, Milk

Wednesday, November 7

Turkey Tetrazzini, Broccoli, Toss Salad, Dinner Roll, Raspberry Pears, Milk

Thursday, November 8

Pork Chop w/Gravy, Mashed Potato, Green Beans, Dinner Roll, Coleslaw, Fruit Cocktail, Milk

Friday, November 9

BBQ Chicken Breast, Pinto Beans, Mustard Greens, Corn Bread, Sliced Tomato, Canned Peaches, Milk

Capital Highlights...

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What's more, Austin Mayor Will Wynn is proposing a separate project — a light rail line — to connect Austin Bergstrom airport, downtown Austin, the University of Texas, and other stops. He wants to make it a November 2008 ballot issue.

Early voters have deadline

Registered voters can take advantage of early voting through Nov. 2. Computer users can easily determine polling locations and hours, by going to the Secretary of State's Web site, www.sos.state.tx.us.

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Weekly Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

- Sticks up
- Big bash
- Scissors sounds
- Continental coin
- Author Bagnold
- Fortuneteller's card
- Be particular about formalities
- Apt. feature
- Cleveland's lake
- Halloween color
- Like much of MTV's viewership
- Fourth down option
- Grand ___ Opry
- Dipstick wiper
- Pint, to a quart
- ___ acid (protein component)
- Cut off
- Lav, in London
- Don't play for a full year
- Lyricist Gershwin
- Gogol's "___ Bulba"
- Palm leaf
- Put up on eBay
- Black or chocolate pooch
- Relative of ante-
- Hard to grasp
- Ballerina Moira
- ___-Matic (classic tabletop baseball game maker)

DOWN

- Bowling alley button
- Protruding navel
- "I ___ for animals"
- Business partner, perhaps
- Babe Ruth's given first name

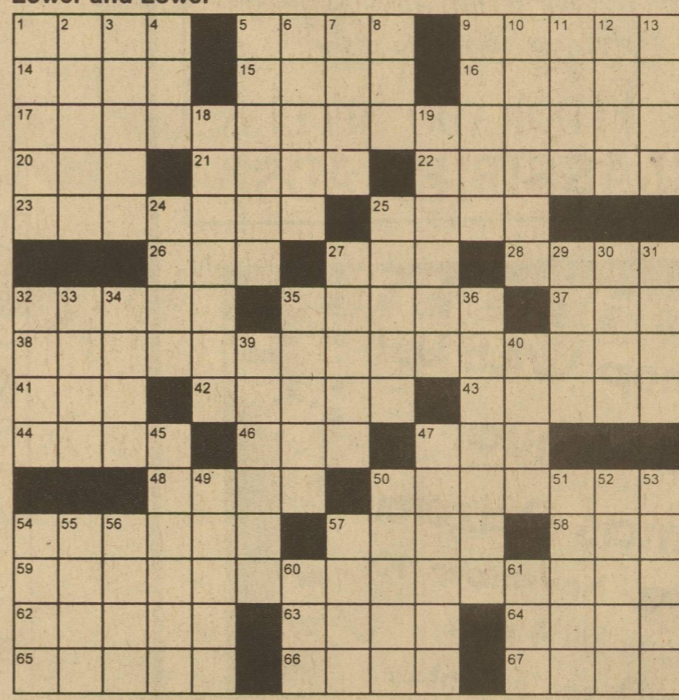
67. Author Silverstein

- Sandy's owner
- Mature nits
- Suffix with cannon
- Howard of Sirius radio
- Football's "Broadway Joe"
- Spinach is rich in it
- Beer ___ (bar game)

13. Eyelid woe

- Distribute, as cards
- Red cosmetics
- "___, Nanette"
- Blacktops, say
- "Drying out" program
- To boot
- Bird on a Canadian dollar
- Warmly affectionate
- Buyer's caveat
- Mucky stuff
- Slanted: Abbr.
- Like an alley cat
- Update, as a computer screen
- Soap maker's need
- Surface figure
- Like a sinker
- Particle with zero mass
- Some jackets or collars
- Year-end temp
- Big Indian
- Chip away at
- James Dean persona
- Assault from Moe
- Mah-jongg piece
- Move, in Realtor lingo
- Without company
- Zilch
- Ernie of the PGA

Lower and Lower



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Sixteen Constitutional Amendments on ballot

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Proposition 7 - HJR 30

"The constitutional amendment to allow governmental entities to sell property acquired through eminent domain back to the previous owners at the price the entities paid to acquire the property."

Proposition 8 - HJR 72

"The constitutional amendment to clarify certain provisions relating to the making of a home equity loan and use of home equity loan proceeds."

Proposition 9 - SJR 29

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to exempt all or part of the residence homesteads of certain totally disabled veterans from ad valorem taxation and authorizing a change in the manner of determining the amount of the existing exemption from ad valorem taxation to which a disabled veteran is entitled."

Proposition 10 - HJR 69

"The constitutional amendment to abolish the constitutional authority for the office of inspector of hides and animals."

Proposition 11 - HJR 19

"The constitutional amendment to require that a record vote be taken by a house of the legislature on final passage of any bill, other than certain local bills, of a resolution proposing or ratifying a constitutional amendment, or of any other

nonceremonial resolution, and to provide for public access on the Internet to those record votes."

Proposition 12 - SJR 64

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of general obligation bonds by the Texas Transportation Commission in an amount not to exceed \$5 billion to provide funding for highway improvement projects."

Proposition 13 - HJR 6

"The constitutional amendment authorizing the denial of bail to a person who violates certain court orders or conditions of release in a felony or family violence case."

Proposition 14 - HJR 36

"The constitutional amendment permitting a justice or judge who reaches the mandatory retirement

age while in office to serve the remainder of the justice's or judge's current term."

Proposition 15 - HJR 90

"The constitutional amendment requiring the creation of the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas and authorizing the issuance of up to \$3 billion in bonds payable from the general revenues of the state for research in Texas to find the causes of and cures for cancer."

Proposition 16 - SJR 20

"The constitutional amendment providing for the issuance of additional general obligation bonds by the Texas Water Development Board in an amount not to exceed \$250 million to provide assistance to economically distressed areas."

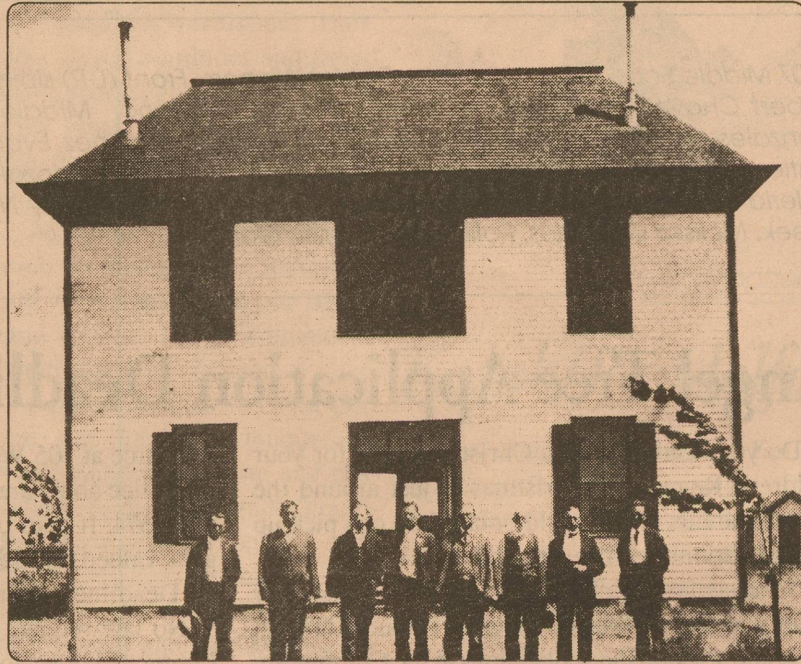


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County officials pose in front of Schleicher County's first courthouse. They were (L-R) J. A. Whitten, 2nd County Judge; C.C. Doty, 1st tax Assessor; F.C. Bates Sr., 1st County Clerk; Henry Mills, 1st Sheriff; P.H. McCormick, 2nd County Treasurer; Ed Cozzens, 1st County Attorney; Joab Campbell, County Surveyor. County Commissioners in 1917 were: C.L. Meador Sr., J.W. Hill, Jr., W.D. Ake and W.S. Wooten.

Book sale slated Friday

The First United Methodist Church Mission and Outreach Committee will hold a Book Sale at the Methodist Office on Friday, November 2 at 8:00 a.m.

The group will also be selling burritos and baked goods. The money raised from the sale will be donated to the new Primera Iglesia Bautista on Cottonwood St. in Eldorado.

Rev. Henry Flores is Primera's new pastor and preaches bilingual services on Sundays. His vision is to win many people to Christ, build a new sanctuary and serve God to the best of his ability. The church plans to have a team of volunteers come in and do the construction on the building once the funds are there.

FUMC's Mission and Outreach Committee asks the community to help this new church by supporting the Book Sale or making a donation.

"Let's serve God together and bless each other."

For more information or if you like to support this ministry, you can contact Jerre Holley at 853-2147.

Eldorado Game Dinner

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There will also be several vendors displaying their products during the Game Dinner and raffle.

Membership in the Eldorado Game Association is \$30.00 a year and comes with a game association hat. Hats can be picked up at the game dinner or at any monthly meeting which are held every second Tuesday of the month.

We hope to make this the biggest game dinner to date.

If you would like to become a member, purchase tickets or make a donation please call 325-650-9559 or mail inquires or donations to Eldorado Game Association, PO Box 553, Eldorado, TX 76936. Raffle tickets can be also purchased at West Texas Feed and Mercantile in Eldorado.

Touch of History

by Rene Calcote

Mysterious fire claimed first Courthouse

March 24, 1917 was election day in Schleicher County. The main issue to be voted on was for tax money to build a new courthouse for the county. The votes were counted, and there would be no new courthouse in Eldorado, the county seat. The issue was defeated.

The very night after the election there was a huge fire, and the old courthouse was destroyed. Everyone suspected arson! Fortunately most of the court records were saved because they were stored in a rock vault. The Commissioners Court of the county offered a \$500 reward to anyone with information leading to an arrest of person or persons responsible for the fire, but

no one was charged in the arson.

The old structure was Schleicher County's first courthouse, constructed in 1902. By 1917 the government of the county had outgrown the old two-story wood frame building, and it was in need of repair. The old courthouse stood exactly where the present courthouse is today. I think some of the trees in this photo are the same trees.

It would be 1924 before Schleicher County would get a new courthouse. Most of the time lap in between the dates was due to the events of the era. WWI was a factor in this gap, as was economic growth.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

On September 20, 2007, Atmos Energy Corporation, Mid-Tex Division ("Atmos" or "the Company"), filed a Statement of Intent with each city within Atmos' service territory to increase its gas rates and implement a new schedule of rates and riders applicable to all customers within all incorporated cities served by the Mid-Tex Division. The proposed effective date of the requested rate changes is October 25, 2007. If approved, the proposed changes will affect approximately 1,428,700 residential, 122,600 commercial, and 960 industrial & transportation customers.

If approved, the proposed rates will increase the Company's annual revenues for the incorporated areas of its Mid-Tex Division by \$ 550,946,000 or 3.5%, including gas costs, or 13.49% excluding gas cost. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. In addition, the Company seeks to recover all of its rate case expenses and all city rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount will not be known until the case is completed.

Based on the proposed rate design, the system-wide average monthly bill for each customer class within the incorporated areas of the Mid-Tex Division will increase by the amount and percent shown in the table below:

| Customer Class | Current Bill | Proposed Bill** | Difference | Percentage Increase with Gas Cost | Percentage Increase without Gas Cost |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Residential | \$70.85* | \$72.42* | \$1.57 | 2.22% | 8.27% |
| Commercial | \$296.15* | \$305.36* | \$9.21 | 3.11% | 22.72% |
| Industrial | \$2,975* | \$3,143* | \$167.89 | 5.64% | 38.95% |
| Transportation | \$19.88 | \$687.77 | \$167.89 | 32.29% | 38.95% |

Note: Bill impact ranges are subject to varying tax rates among the cities.

*Includes Rider GCR Part A cost of \$7.55 per Mcf.

**The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 6 Mcf for residential, 30 Mcf for commercial, and 300 Mcf for industrial and transportation customers.

In addition to the rate revisions in Rate Schedules R, C, I, and T, other proposed tariff changes include changes to Rider GCR, Rider WNA and proposed Riders for a rate review mechanism and conservation & energy efficiency program. The Company proposes to revise its weather normalization adjustment ("WNA") mechanism to exclude non-weather sensitive commercial customers and to modify the WNA mechanism to calculate the WNA adjustment based on weather stations at a regional level rather than under the current practice of associating all towns with a single weather location for purposes of determining the WNA adjustment. The Company proposes a change to its Rider GCR to allow the recovery of the gas cost component of uncollectible expense through the Rider GCR instead of through base rates and to update the Upstream Allocation (Factor D) to reflect the factors as proposed in the Company's Class Cost of Service Study. In addition, the Company proposes a new Rate Review Mechanism ("RRM"), Rate Schedule RRM, to provide for an annual review by the cities of the Company's expenses, revenues and rate base investment and a corresponding adjustment to the Company's rates to reflect annual changes (increases or decreases) in these categories. The Company proposes a gas conservation & energy efficiency program and tariff to authorize the program. Finally, the Company is asking for authority to make future filings with the regulatory authority on an electronic basis, rather than by paper copy.

Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact Atmos Energy Corporation at 1-888-286-6700. Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed rates and schedule changes, are available for inspection at Atmos' offices located at 5420 LBJ Freeway, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75240. In addition, customers can contact their respective municipality for additional information regarding this rate request.

Este es un aviso a los clientes de Mid-Tex División de Atmos Energy Corporation, (la "Compañía"), que la Compañía está solicitando un aumento en la tarifa del gas. Este aumento afecta a todos los clientes de la Compañía en el cuidado de Mid-Tex. Si usted tiene preguntas con respecto a este aumento, por favor llame a Atmos Energy Corporation al 1-888-286-6700.

Hunters return for Opening Day

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For additional deer hunting regulations refer to the 2007-08 Outdoor Annual available wherever licenses are sold and on the TPWD Web site.

Following is a snapshot of conditions and observations for the upcoming season for the South Texas Plains, Hill Country and Trans Pecos regions.

South Texas Plains

Deer should be fat this year and fawn crops should be 50 percent or better, even on marginal ranges, according to TPWD district biologist Joe Herrera in Pleasanton. He reported antler quality should also be excellent this fall.

"The deer are not moving much due to the good habitat conditions, and are eating very little supplemental feed," said Herrera. "With the great range conditions consisting of tall grasses and green brush it may be difficult to hunt this season."

With the high fawn survival biologists are expecting this fall, managers will have their work cut out for them trying to keep the deer

population at healthy levels before the next drought hits.

Panhandle

"We're anticipating excellent body weights and horn development, and even though it has gotten dry whitetails should go into the winter in good shape," noted Danny Swepston, TPWD district biologist in Canyon. "Having too much cover may be a problem during the early part of the season," Swepston added. "In areas where winter wheat is coming up, deer may be moving on that pretty quick. They may be slow coming to feeders in some places."

Swepston recommended in some of the eastern counties of the Panhandle having high deer populations, hunters are encouraged to take does.

Hill Country

The potential for some quality bucks is out there, but predicting where they will be is the catch this season, according to TPWD biologist Mike Krueger in Kerrville.

"It's extremely hit or miss as far as feeders," he explained. "We've got a

tremendous acorn crop and they're not going to be cleaned up before the season. Maybe by the rut deer will start coming to feeders, but I expect it will be very shaky."

Krueger said back-to-back years of low fawn production has had an impact and although the deer are making up ground this year, hunters in some areas still may see fewer deer. That doesn't mean the deer have vanished, just tough to spot. "We did a spotlight survey on Enchanted Rock State Natural Area and didn't see much of anything because the vegetation was so tall," he reported. "The abundance of acorns is affecting deer movement. Things are pretty good for them right now."

He said he's received scattered reports of deer not in good condition. "But, overall the quality should be good," he noted. "When bucks initiated antler growth, rains already started and the deer were able to maintain that through the growing season. Generally speaking throughout the Edwards Plateau, unless you have evidence to back off, hunters need to continue to control deer numbers."

Trans Pecos

Deer condition should be really good antler-wise and body-wise, said Ruben Cantu, TPWD regional wildlife director in San Angelo. "Range conditions are absolutely great with lush forage thanks to good rainfall," he said. "We had a pretty good fawn crop and the thing that's difficult for hunters to do at times like this when everything looks so good is to remember to manage deer populations for drought because that's much more prevalent out here."

Cantu is encouraging hunters to help keep deer numbers below the normal capacity of the land to carry, but admits that might be tough to do early in the season due to the abundance of natural browse.

"Corn is piling up around the feeders," he admitted. "Animals are coming by as creatures of habit, but they are not staying. Things are starting to dry up and look like normal so hopefully by the start of the season the deer will start coming to feed."



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2007 Middle School Cross Country District Winners: Front (L-R) sitting-Brian Parsley, Austin Stapp, Robert Chavez, Eduardo Hernandez, Roman Medrano; Middle (L-R) Sierra Arispe, Amanda Gonzales, John Paul Galan, Nicholas Gonzales, Rico Martinez, Evan Joiner, Nathan Jimenez, Luiz Gutierrez; Back (L-R) Abby Fuentes, Ashby Ragsdale, Kasey Gonzales, Mary Lou Martinez, Stacey Valeriano, Coach Niblett, Nikki Herrera, Miranda Arispe, Avery Nolen, Brianda Torres, Brianah Creek, Melissa Gonzales, Polli Guerrero, Ms. Garlitz.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
The Eldorado City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on the Proposed Ordinance #106-07 providing for continued taxation of tangible goods-in-transit as authorized by Texas Tax Code §11.253.
The Public Hearing will be held at 6:00 PM on Monday, November 5, 2007, at the City Hall. Citizens are invited to offer written or verbal comments at that time. A Draft of the Proposed Ordinance and additional information are available upon request at the City Hall.

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The Blotter
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ARRESTS
October 25 • Ramos, Jesus, male age 26, offense Driving While Intoxicated, 3rd or More. Released on \$10,000 Surety Bond.
October 29 • Rodriguez, Emanuel, male age 19, serving 20 days.
• Miller, Carey Ellen, female age 24, offense Theft of Prop
INCIDENTS
October 25 • 4:18 a.m. Caller reported a green Dodge had peeled out in front of their home and requested an officer. Officer responded and found every thing OK.
• 6:55 p.m. Caller reported loose goats out on Hwy. 190 West. Dispatch

received several calls. Deputy found lock broken at gate.
• 7:20 p.m. Subject was requesting a welfare check on a 90 year old gentleman. Office went to home and found no one.
• 9:41 p.m. Male subject requested officer at convenience store. Officer notified.
October 26 • 8:09 a.m. Officer responded to vandalism of vehicle. Officer spoke to victim of egged vehicle.
• 1:39 p.m. Subject reported a structure fire on CR 302. Fire Department and Officer responded.
• 10:51 p.m. Subject reported their vehicle had been vandalized. Officer responded.
October 27 • 8:39 a.m. Female subject reported their vehicle had been egged the night before. Officer notified and responded.
• 4:55 p.m. Complainant reported graffiti on vehicle and dumpster at their residence. Officer notified.
October 28 • 5:40 p.m. Hospital informed Sheriff Office a 22 year old male subject had been dropped at the emergency room. The male subject had been in a fight and had a swollen eye and lacerations. Officer responded.
• 6:00 p.m. Caller reported a red Ford Expo was running stop signs and had almost hit their vehicle. Officer notified.
• 6:06 p.m. Caller reported a controlled burn out on CR 102. Officer and Fire Department notified.
• 8:04 p.m. Caller reported juveniles hiding out behind the Middle and High Schools. Officer responded and found everything OK.
• 8:30 p.m. Caller stated that her family had been receiving threats from a drunk friend over the phone. Officer notified.
• 9:56 p.m. Caller requested to speak with an officer about domestic problems. Officer responded.
October 29 • Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer to San Angelo.
• 3:55 p.m. Resident ask for officer assistance to get into their house. Two officers responded.
• 4:14 p.m. Caller informed of a large load would be coming through Eldorado going to 190 East. Deputies informed.
• 4:24 p.m. Complainant informed dispatcher a pair of dogs were running around in their neighborhood.
October 30 • 10:23 a.m. Bee Call at residence on US 190 East. Fire Department contacted.
• 3:19 p.m. Caller requested help for the bees at residence on Old Sonora Road. Fire Chief contacted.

Solution to puzzle on Page 6

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Notice is hereby given in compliance with Subchapter B, Chapter 11, Section 11.253, of the Texas Tax Code and Article VIII, Sec. 1-n(d) of the Texas Constitution that the Commissioners Court of Schleicher County, Texas, at the above-named time, date and location, will conduct a Public Hearing on the adoption of an Order to tax tangible personal property in transit which would otherwise be exempt pursuant to Sec. 11.253 of the Texas Tax Code. This action relates to whether certain tangible personal property held temporarily at a location in this county for assembling, storing, manufacturing, processing or fabricating purposes (goods-in-transit) shall remain subject to taxation by Schleicher County as it has in the past.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On October 22, 2007, The Center for Education Nonprofit Corp. (CENC) filed with the Federal Communications Commission two applications for construction permits for new non-commercial educational FM stations at Eldorado, Texas. The 50 kW FM station will be on Channel 205C2, and the 100 kW FM station will be on Channel 209C1; both will broadcast from a 300' tower approximately 7.5 miles southwest of Christoval, Texas. CENC has not yet acquired a main studio. Craig Laird, Scottie Ashley, and Shannon Hinkle are on CENC's Board of Directors. Copies of CENC's application and all related material are on file for public inspection at 204 SW Main Street, Eldorado, Texas.

Eldorado Spotlight



Jaime Chancellor, age 10, a 4th grade student at Eldorado Elementary, shot this buck on Saturday, October 27, 2007 on a morning hunt at a ranch in the southwest part of the county. The buck had a total of 14 points and an outside spread of 18 inches. He is the son of Jeff Chancellor and Tracy Sauer.

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USDA-NRCS Accepting EQIP Applications for 2008

The Natural Resources Conservation Service office in Eldorado is taking Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) applications through November 16. The EQIP program is a cost-share incentive program available to landowners and operators for the purpose of carrying out conservation practices on their land.

Each county within the State receives a base allocation of federal dollars to implement various high priority conservation practices which address identified resource concerns. Last year there were 27 EQIP contracts approved for cost-share.

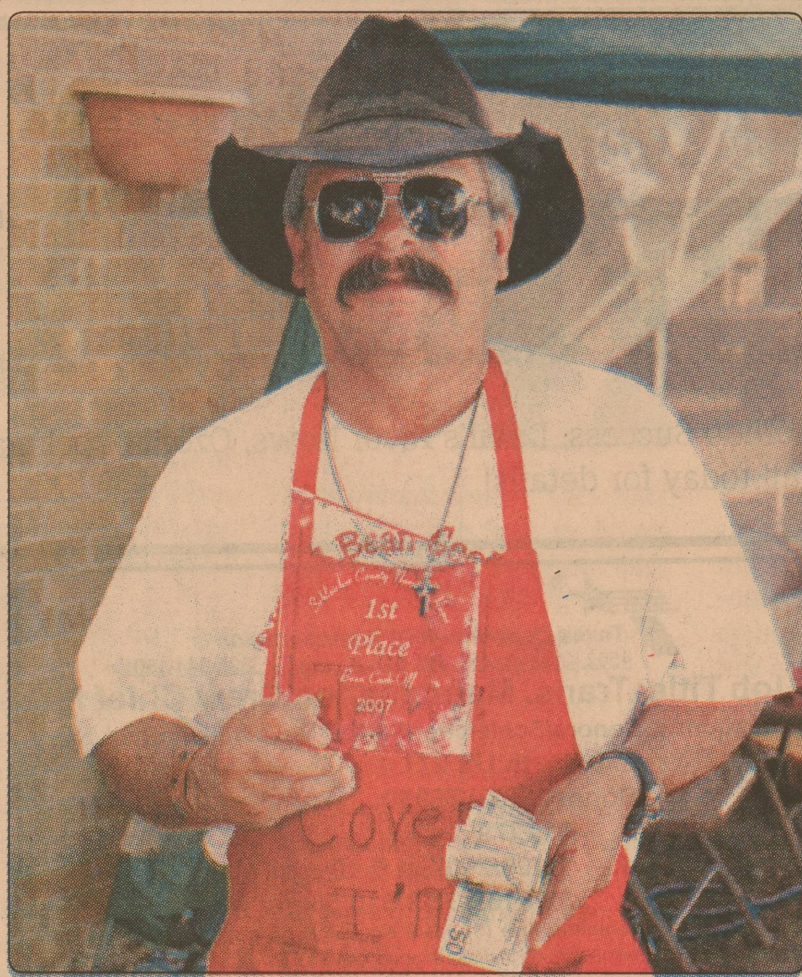
This year's County priority concern (Invasive Plants) is the same as last year. Cedar, mesquite and prickly pear are the identified high priority target species. Chemical and/or mechanical control methods can be carried out to obtain your brush management goal. Facilitating practices such as fencing and water development are medium priority.

Schleicher County also receives additional funding through EQIP to provide technical and payment incentive assistance for Special Resource Concern Areas. A significant amount of federal assistance will be available to carry out conservation practices within the Twin Buttes Watershed. Brush control, fencing, livestock pipelines, water storages and wells are just some of the conservation practices that can cost-shared within these special project areas.

Payment rates will be a flat rate cost. The local NRCS employees will review the application and ranking procedure with you and explain the program in more detail.

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Paul Perez's bean entry won 1st Place in the 2nd Annual Bean Cookoff sponsored by the Schleicher County Nursing Home. He received a plaque and \$250.00 cash.

7th grade girls win District 11A Cross Country Meet

The Eldorado Middle School 7th Grade Cross Country Girls Team placed 1st at the 11A District Meet held in Hamlin, October 23, 2007. The Eldorado Middle School 7th and 8th Grade Boys placed 2nd as a team. Individually Robert Chavez and Avery Nolen each medaled gold. Miranda Arispe received a silver.

7th grade girls individual results: 1. Avery Nolen, 14:27.9; 2. Miranda Arispe, 14:37.6; 5. Nikki Herrera, 15:36.9; 6. Mary Lou Martinez, 15:54.8; 12. Kasey Gonzalez, 17:39.1; 19. Stacey Valeriano, 22:56.2

8th Grade Girls Cross Country

Team placed 5th. There individual results are: 4. Abby Fuentes, 14:16.4; 19. Amanda Garcia, 15:45.0; 22. Brainda Torres, 16:00.0; 23. Brianah Creek, 16:15.6; 24. Ashby Ragsdale, 16:40.3; 29. Sierra Arispe, 17:16.9; 31. Polli Guerrero, 17:38.4; 35. Marissa Gonzales 19:44.

7th and 8th Grade Boys individual results: 1. Robert Chavez, 11:48.8; 7. Evan Joiner, 13:28.9; 11. Luiz Sanchez, 13:48.8; 12. Nicholas Gonzales, 13:49.5; 20. Austin Stapp, 14:49.3. 21. Edwardo Hernandez, 14:57.8; 25. Nathan Jimenez, 15:13.2; 32. Brian Parsley, 15:49.4; 35. Rico Martinez, 16:02.5; 39. Eric Estrada, 16:57.6; 42. John Paul Galan, 19:07.3; 43. Juan Gutierrez; 44. Colten Jackson and 45. Roman Medrano.

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Womans Club enjoys program on local ambulance service

by Noweita Briggs

The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 2:30 pm in the Memorial Building Club Room. Nine members and three guests were present.

President Jerre Holley opened the meeting with a warm welcome to everyone. Jill Preston gave a prayer and led us in pledges to our flags. Cathy Niblett, program leader, next introduced T.J. Rodriguez, program speaker. T.J. gave a very interesting and informative talk. His subject was the local EMS and his association as a member when he was in high school here as well as while he was attending Texas A&M. Currently he is President of our local EMS. His wife Melissa is also a member and their coordinator.

Our local EMS works closely with the Fire Department and hospital staff. At present there are twenty EMS members and they have two ambulances. Members of EMS here have first aid and CPR classes every year. They have an average of thirty calls a month. In small towns the local community and the EMS have to work closely together. Hospital personnel ride with EMS personnel. Our hospital is registered as a trauma center and the emergency patients get excellent care. EMS members keep refreshing up on their training methods so they can remain up to date. They also do blood pressure checks and help with Martha's Angels. Membership costs forty nine dollars a year for the entire family.

According to T.J. the first hour of trauma, such as a stroke, heart attack or broken bones, is the most important. If needed it is important to get a person to a San Angelo hospital as quickly as possible. T.J. said everyone needs to carry a list of their medications and what ailments they have and to keep it with them at all times.

T.J. said EMS members have talks with young people on how to observe safe practices when biking and other play activities. He said EMS volunteers cannot tell anyone about what happens to their clients. There is usually a four minute response time when they are called.

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Each EMS volunteer carries a pager and he said there are lots of places, terrain-wise, that an ambulance can't go. Sometimes a EMS person takes their own truck to the emergency location and the suits they wear have to be fire resistant and get very hot to wear.

We thank T.J. for telling us many interesting things about our local group and how they work very hard to give each person the very best of care if we need their service.

President Holley next opened our business meeting by calling on Ruth Davis to tell us a story about a strange old lady. If anyone knows about the wonderful tales Ruth comes up with you know we thoroughly enjoyed this tale.

Secretary Pat Holt and Treasurer Nelva Martin next gave their reports. Roll call was answered with giving our favorite president's wives name. Some mentioned were Nancy Reagan, Martha Washington, Barbara Bush, Jackie Kennedy and Eleanor Roosevelt. Barbara Bush was mentioned the most times. Continuing last meetings discussion on ways to earn money a motion was made, seconded and moved and passed about the idea of a "no bake sale." Also it was suggested that if anyone who wants to make a memorial donation they could designate it be made towards our newly formed scholarship fund if they so desired. President Holley reminded us that our Thanksgiving meeting would be a luncheon at noon and would be at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. Our next order of business was members taking a secret written ballot to vote on three people, Linda Stuts, Trish Rowe and Elena Rodriguez, who were up for membership. They received an unanimous vote. We are looking forward to these new members and know each will contribute so much to our club's activities. We closed our business meeting by reciting our club collect.

Lunch was hosted by Charlene Edmiston, Noweita Briggs and Penny Bland and Mary Roden. Penny and Mary could not be present so Myrt Williams and Nelva Martin assisted and we thank them so much. A Halloween theme carried out our table appointments. Ceramic Halloween Characters owned by Mary Roden were featured as the centerpiece.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at noon. We will have a catered lunch, and as always we will be saluting our military here with a local veteran giving our program.

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