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Citizens of the Year — Rev. Andy Anderson was named Man of the Year and Vickie Schwiening was named Woman of the Year by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce during its annual meeting held Tuesday night, Jan. 27, 2004, at the Memorial Building.



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Top teacher — Melissa O'Harrow (L) was congratulated by Chamber of Commerce President Staci Jurecek (R) Tuesday night when she was named Educator of the Year at the annual Chamber membership meeting.

Hospital trustees review year-end financial reports

Schleicher County Hospital District trustees learned Monday evening that the district's financial position improved by \$138,814 during 2003. The news came as trustees pored over end of year financial statements during the group's regular monthly meeting.

Board President Randy Mankin explained that the news means the hospital had not needed all of its tax subsidy during 2003.

As the trustees reviewed the numbers they noted several large purchases and outlays of cash including a onetime payment to Dr. Patrick Taylor that was made in lieu of giving him a 60-day notice that his contract was being terminated. The hospital also installed new telemetry equipment and initiated a new employ-

ee health insurance program. A \$27,500 payment was also made to Dr. Randall Sloan in order to settle a lawsuit he had brought against the district after the two sides were unable to agree on a panel of jurors last year.

"Considering all that we went through last year with Dr. Taylor's departure, recruiting two new physicians, and paying locums to staff the ER for two months during the transition, I'd say that we came out pretty well," Mankin stated.

It was also noted that the hospital had undergone a major computer software upgrade and had purchased a new X-ray machine.

The meeting was the first of the year

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Chamber of Commerce names Anderson and Schwiening as its Man & Woman of the Year

Melissa O'Harrow claims Educator of the Year award

Rev. Andy Anderson of First Baptist Church was named Man of the Year while his secretary Vickie Schwiening was named Woman of the Year by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce at its annual meeting Monday night at the Schleicher County Memorial Building. A crowd of about sixty people were on hand for the occasion.

Other award recipients included Doug Garvin, Richard Gibson and Mike Sproul who received the Business of the Year honors for G & G Fiberglass and Potbelly Deer Blinds.

Also, Melissa O'Harrow was honored as Educator of the Year. She is a 4th grade teacher at Eldorado Elementary School and has taught at SCISD for 34 years.

An hour-long reception preceded the awards ceremony, as did the Chamber's annual business meeting where Melissa Stanford, Danny Crowder and Mason Vaughan were elected to the group's board of directors.

During the business meeting the Chamber's mission statement was discussed, as was the possibility of changing the group's name as well as possibly renaming Schleicher County Days. It was also announced that the Chamber's board of directors would attend a board retreat in February.

EHS Librarian Debbie Griffin then spoke to the group regarding the Schleicher County Community Network and its high speed wireless internet service. She explained that in addition to the governmental entities that sponsored the project, there are currently 5 business and six individual subscribers on the system. Griffin noted the intention of the project was to provide high speed Internet access until a commercial provider could be persuaded to offer the service here. She noted that Verizon customers in some parts of Eldorado may now connect to that company's DSL service.

Becky Silva, Helen Brame and Irene Minor, representing Schleicher County Medical Center, then updated the crowd on new equipment and new personnel at the hospital. They noted that a considerable amount of money has been invested in bringing the latest health care technology to Eldorado and said the lo-

cal hospital compares favorable to any facility in the area.

Outgoing board member Stan Meador served as the meeting's emcee. He introduced Albert Torres who, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus, introduced Richard and Carolina Mendez as the group's Family of the Year and Javier Sanchez as Knight of the Year.

Nominees for Man of the Year were then read. They included Jim Runge, David Creek and Andy Anderson who was announced as the winner.

Next, nominees for Woman of the year were read, including Kara Sue Garlitz and Vickie Schwiening, who claimed the honor.

Anderson and Schwiening were presented with plaques in recognition of the honor.

Nominees for Business of the Year were then announced, including Creek Swabbing, The Eldorado Success, Griff-Ko and G & G Fiberglass and Potbelly Blinds. Doug Garvin and Richard Gibson accepted the honor on behalf of G & G, Mike Sproul was not present.

Nominees for Educator of the year were then announced. They included Katrina Gonzalez, Teresa Vasquez and Melissa O'Harrow, who won the honor and was presented with a transparent engraved star trophy denoting the honor.

Chamber board member Stan Meador then updated the attendees on efforts by the Tourism Partnership to expand tourism in and around area that encompasses Schleicher, Sutton and Crockett counties.

A drawing for door prizes saw Cherie Niblett win a card holder, David Creek win a set of bookends and Kathy Mankin win a lamp. The door prizes were constructed with native Texas limestone and bore the five-pointed Texas star.

Stan Meador then announced that Vickie Williams has resigned as Chamber Secretary and he credited her hard work on behalf of the organization. He further noted that the Chamber has moved its office to the Eldorado Woolen Mill building.

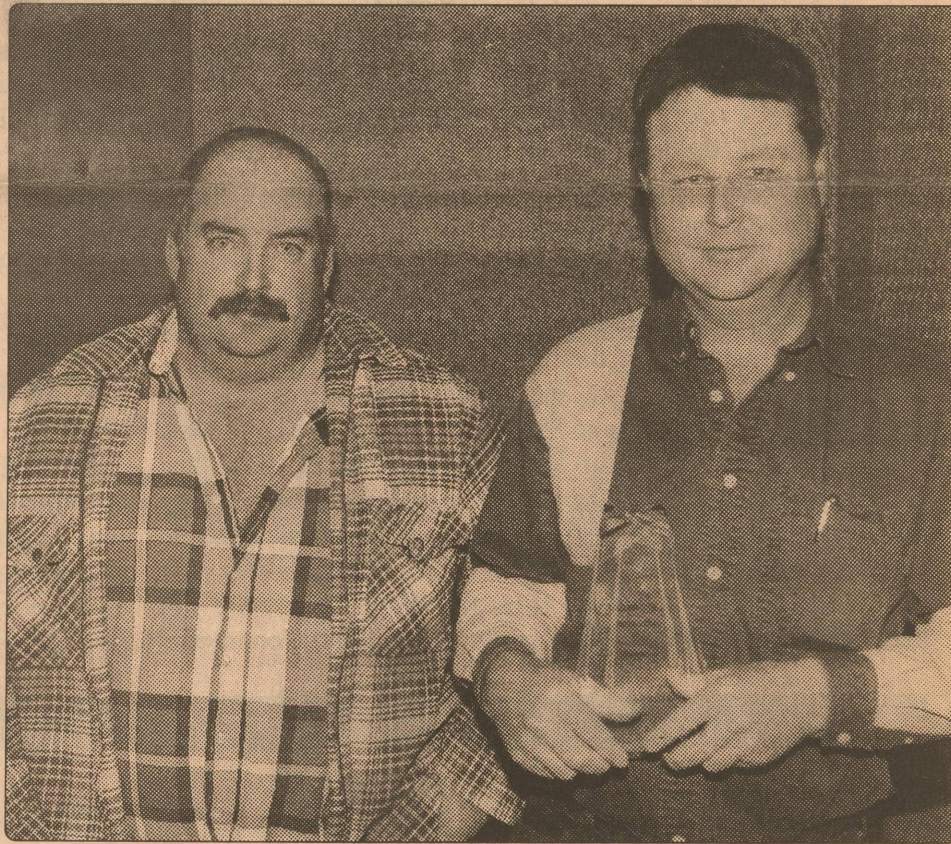


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Richard Gibson (R) and Doug Garvin (L) accepted the award for Business of the Year on behalf of their company, G & G Fiberglass and Potbelly Blinds, at the annual meeting of the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce held Tuesday night in the Memorial Building. Mike Sproul was not present.

County to rethink Cemetery Chapel plans

Schleicher County Commissioners met Monday with members of the Cemetery chapel committee, including Juanice Orr, Helen Aldridge, Dorothy Harris, Wenona Issacs and Norma Lynn Mund, to discuss a higher than expected price tag on the proposed chapel. Also joining the discussion was Bill Hodges.

County Judge Johnny Griffin pointed out that \$50,000 set aside by the county for construction of the building was not going to be enough, especially if the building is constructed as designed by architect Gary Donaldson of San Angelo. Also discussed was the need for the building to be designed by a licensed architect or engineer since it is a public facility.

The commissioners also met with building contractor Kevin Tulley of San Angelo, who agreed to review the plans for the building and come back with recommendations for saving money. Among the items being considered is the elimination of a native rock exterior, downgrading the standing seam metal roof that is called for in the plans to a standard metal roof and eliminating the suspended ceiling and going with a more

conventional cathedral ceiling.

At the present time, the commissioners intend for the county to act as the general contractor for the project and bring in subcontractors as needed in hopes of saving money.

The meeting was called to order by Judge Johnny Griffin with Commissioners Bill Clark, Johnny Mayo, Kirk Griffin and Matt Brown in attendance. Among other business, the men met with County Extension Agent Scott Edmonson and District 7 Extension Administrator Scott Durham, who updated the commissioners on efforts to recruit a County Extension Agent with a Family and Consumer Science background to replace retired County Agent Nancy Lester. It was explained that the when the job is filled, the new agent will continue to serve Schleicher and Irion Counties.

Next, the men met with Eldorado City Administrator Randy Mankin about an upcoming water improvement project in the Orient Heights Addition. It was noted that the cable TV facility owned by Cebridge Connections, formerly known as Classic Cable, is located in

the middle of an alleyway owned by the county. Mankin advised that the city is eager to complete the project, which is being funded with a grant through the Texas Community Development Program, so that it will be eligible to compete for another grant in the upcoming grant cycle. He went on to say that the city's engineer has redrawn the plan for the water project so that it avoids the alley where the cable facility is located.

Judge Griffin explained that attorney James Kosub has sent a letter to Cebridge demanding that it move the facility but that so far the company has not replied.

Mankin advised the men that the franchise agreement between the city and Cebridge has expired and that attempts to contact the company about negotiating a new franchise agreement have not been fruitful. He urged the county to continue to push Cebridge to relocate its facilities to land it owns adjacent to the alleyway since the city also has natural gas lines in the alley and someday hopes to extend sewer lines, as well.

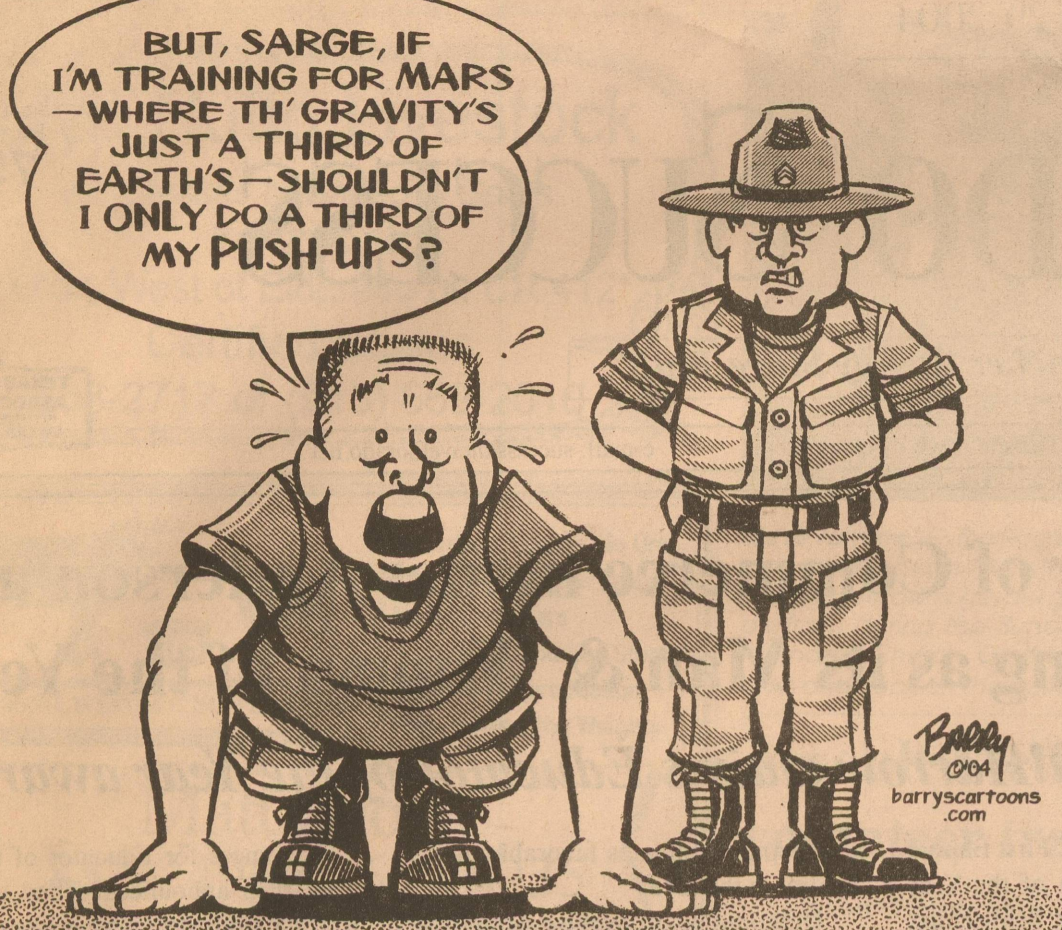
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PRESIDENT BUSH SAYS AMERICA WILL OCCUPY MARS ...

A Collection of Antique Motorcycles

Jim Watson of Fredericksburg has some real treasures in a building behind his garage: some old motorized two-wheelers with brand names I didn't know existed. They're all road worthy. Jim has gathered and restored all of them over a long period of time. He got his first one while he was in college.

He has three BMW's (two from the 1960's) which he doesn't include in his collection. Those are for running around the country. One has more than 100,000 miles on it. Another has 80,000 miles. Jim likes to ride. One has a sidecar on it. He uses that to run local errands.

He lists the items in his collection: "I have two Indian motorcycles, one a 1918 Power Plus that I've had since 1968, the other one is a 1948 Indian Chief, which I've only had about three years. There's also a 1927 Harley Davidson and a 1912 Pierce (which he worked on during his 26 years as a petroleum chemist). That's by far the rarest motorcycle I have. It was made by the same people who made the Pierce motor cars in Buffalo, New York back in the 20's and 30's but they only built motorcycles 4 years, from 1909 to 1913. There's probably less than a dozen of those in existence



by Tumbleweed Smith

worldwide. Finally I've got a 1922 Cleveland, a brand that was built in Cleveland, Ohio from the mid teens until about 1924. Today it seems like everybody has a Harley Davidson.

That company is over a hundred years old now. Indian was the largest manufacturer up to and through the first world war. They were made in Springfield, Massachusetts. The last Indians were made in 1953. Most of the other brands of motorcycles went out prior to the great depression of the late 20's. There have been more than 200 manufacturers of motorcycles in the US. I used to have a 1928 Henderson, but I sold that."

The first motorcycle was made of wood, built by Daimler-Benz in 1885.

Indian came into existence in 1901. Harley Davidson started in 1903. By 1910, Indian, Harley and Excelsior and others were selling in the tens of thousands a year. In the early days, motorcycles were transportation. They were not sport vehicles. Henry Ford dimin-

ished the use of motorcycles. In the early 1900's you could buy a Model T cheaper than you could buy an Indian.

The headlight on his 1918 Indian looks like a train light. It's actually an acetylene lighting system. Both the headlight and tail light are lighted with a match. At the time, the lighting system was optional.

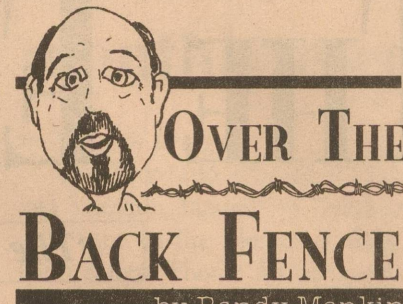
Swap meets are good places to find parts. The biggest motorcycle swap shop is in Davenport, Iowa over Labor Day.

Jim started riding motorcycles when he sold his '57 Chevy to pay college fees. He had some change left and he bought an old Italian scooter from a guy in the dorm. He's had some sort of motorcycle ever since. He says they tend to accumulate. His cycles are beautiful and attract attention when he rides them.

A sign on his wall reads: **WHY SPEND A REASONABLE AMOUNT OF MONEY ON A NEW MOTORCYCLE WHEN YOU COULD SPEND AN UNREASONABLE AMOUNT ON A USED ONE.**

Jim calls his hobby an addiction. "These old things have intrinsic value. I think we have an obligation to try to preserve some of this stuff for posterity."

Lincoln, FDR and the U.S. Patriot Act



by Randy Mankin

No less a proponent of freedom and liberty than Abraham Lincoln argued during the darkest days of the Civil War that the only way to guarantee the preservation of those precious rights was to guarantee the preservation of the Republic. Consequently, he unilaterally suspended the right of Habeas Corpus, ignored Supreme Court rulings and jailed hundreds of dissidents, including a number of northern newspaper publishers and at least one political rival, without trial and without the right of appeal, for the duration of the war.

The courts later found that he acted improperly, but by that time, the South had surrendered, the Union was preserved and Lincoln was in his grave.

Now universally revered as one of this nation's greatest presidents, Lincoln's heretical actions are all but ignored. "A dangerous necessity during a dangerous time," is how historian Myles Kantor referred to Lincoln's actions. He points out that the U.S. Constitution specifically permits the suspension of Habeas Corpus, the right of a person to appear before a judge as a protection against illegal imprisonment, during times of rebellion or invasion or when the public safety may require it.

Flash forward some 140 years to the adoption of the US Patriot Act

in the days following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on New York City, Washington, D.C., and aboard four commercial jets, one of which crashed into a field in Pennsylvania. As the bewildered nation struggled to pull itself up and out of the ashes, its citizens looked to the federal government to prevent such tragedies from ever happening again. What resulted was the Patriot Act, a piece of far-reaching legislation so popular it drew only one dissenting vote in the U.S. Senate, that of Russ Feingold, Democrat of Wisconsin. As a matter of fact, some of the Bush Administration's most outspoken critics, including Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton and John Kerry spoke eloquently on behalf of the legislation.

Now, with political season in full swing, President Bush's opponents, many of whom voted for the Patriot Act, are trying to hang it around his neck like a noose. They decry the loss of civil rights under the act and point to Bush's "henchmen," particularly Attorney General John Ash-

croft, as neo-Nazi hell-bent on hijacking the government and wresting control away from the people. These same Democrats, who like to claim the legacy of Abraham Lincoln, thump their chests at every opportunity and declare with straight (if not bald) faces that only someone as secretive and mean-spirited as George W. Bush could have crafted anything as fiendish as the Patriot Act. Surely, they argue, no freedom loving Democrat would agree to such a thing, especially not the ones currently running for President.

Flash back now to April of 1942 when American citizens of Japanese ancestry were rounded up and placed in detention camps, at first in and around San Francisco and Los Angeles, but finally across the nation.

President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, another of this nation's great Presidents, and as non-Republican as you can get, regretted the action but said, "Desperate times call for desperate measures."

Does anyone anywhere believe that freedom and liberty would have been advanced by a Confederate victory in the Civil War? Can it be argued that the Empire of Japan would have cared one whit about America's civil liberties? Do you think we would fare any better under Al Qaeda?

Military bases gear up to defend realignment

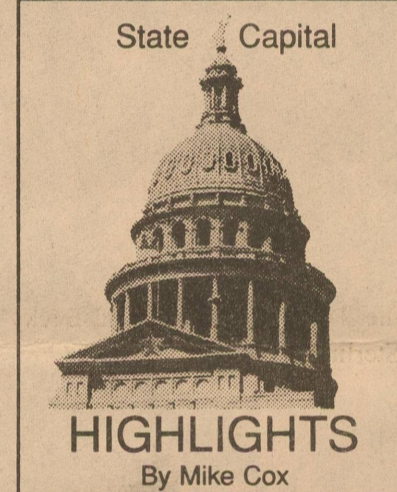
AUSTIN — Texas is gearing up for another war. Last year, troops at Fort Hood in Killeen, Fort Bliss in El Paso and Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio as well as Air Force and Navy facilities across the state were preparing for the March invasion of Iraq. This year, it's Texas officials getting ready for the coming war over military base closures.

Unlike some conflicts that pop up like spring thunderstorms, the 2005 round of what the Pentagon calls "base realignment and closure" decisions has been on the schedule for several years. And when the balloon goes up, it could get ugly.

The Department of Defense has estimated that one-fourth of the nation's military installations could be closed or realigned. Obviously, a closure or significant realignment could mean heavy economic casualties for the community nearest an affected installation. That makes the political stakes pretty high.

Gov. Rick Perry last week sent a letter to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld announcing Texas' acceptance of the Pentagon's rules of engagement in the coming

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politically-wrenching process.

The governor said the Texas Military Preparedness Commission will be visiting the 17 major military installations in Texas by April 1 to learn more about the bases and the communities around them and to explain what the state has been doing by way of preparation.

Steps already taken include discounted electrical utility rates for military bases, better educational benefits for members of the military and their dependents, and a \$250 million low-interest revolving loan fund for use by defense communities to make improvements to infrastructure in their area.

A positive economic sign...
The Veterans Land Board announced recently that Texas veterans received more than \$684 million in VLB home loans last year, more than twice the amount approved in 2002 and more than three times the amount loaned in 2001.

In fact, the amount loaned was the highest since the creation of the loan program in 1983. "I wish I could claim credit, but I can't," Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said. "This success is no doubt due to the state of the economy, our low rates, and ... the hard work of our Veterans Land Board staff."

A beachhead against litter...
Winter seems like a strange time to be heading to the beach, but thanks to the warm water of the Gulf of Mexico, the days are seldom too cold for at least a walk on the sand.

If you're interested in picking up more than sea shells, the Seventeenth Annual Winter Texan Beach Cleanup is set for Feb. 20 on South Padre Island, where by that time it could be positively spring-like.

Sponsored by the Texas General Land Office's Adopt-A-Beach program, the effort will begin at 8:30 a.m. with registration at the Edwin Atwood Park Pavilion at Beach Access 5 off Highway 100 in South Padre Island.

For more information on the cleanup, visit www.glo.state.tx.us/ or call 1-877-TXCOAST.

Know any rural heroes?
The Texas Department of Agriculture is accepting nominations for the department's 2003 Rural Heroism Award.

The department is looking to honor Texans who have performed a heroic act related to farming or ranching. (Incidents related to accidents caused by negligence are not eligible.)

Nominations need to include a written account of the incident, contact names and numbers, and newspaper clipping or photographs. They must be sent by Feb. 16 to Lola Lemmon, TDA Safety Coordinator, P.O. Box 12847, Austin, TX, 78711.

The recipient of the 2003 heroism award will be honored on March 22 in San Antonio at the Texas Safety Association's annual conference.

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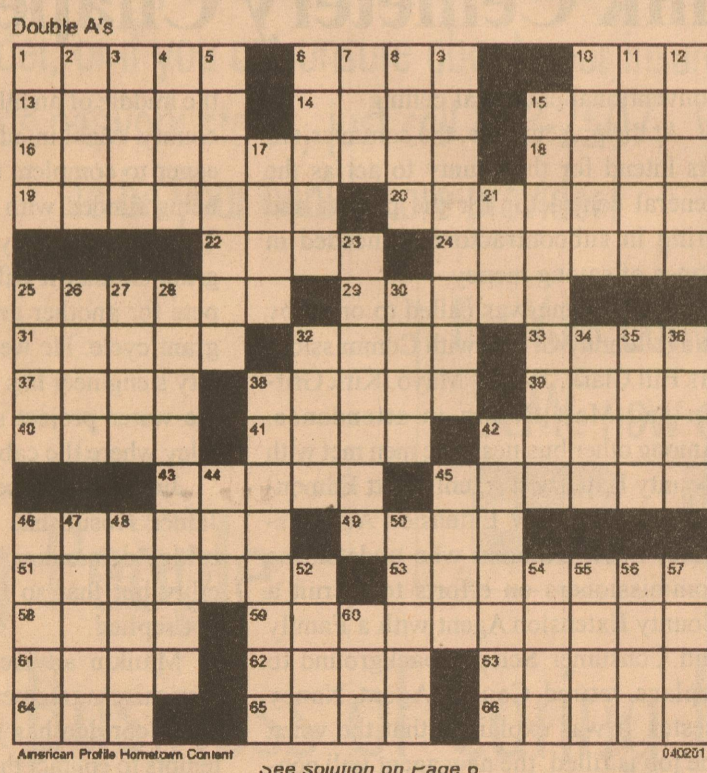
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6. Cakedom's ___ Lee
10. Grad's topper
13. Packed with cargo
14. Jab with an elbow
15. Jason's craft
16. Component of vinegar
18. Place for polish
19. Old Washington baseballer
20. Fit for habitation
22. Crude cartel
24. Advertising tactic
25. Word on a dog-owner's sign
29. Disney's Little Mermaid
31. Pile up
32. Que. or Ont.
33. SALT I weapon
37. Sausage unit
38. Analyze, as a sentence
39. Give a hoot
40. Utah ski spot
41. Small bills
42. Bogs down
43. Closer to extinction, perhaps
45. Words to the black sheep
46. Place into cubbyholes
49. School founded in 1440

DOWN

1. Le Sage's "Gil ___"
2. Doily material
3. Mideast's Gulf of ___
4. Prefix with physics
5. They wield blue

65. Declare untrue
66. Martinique erupter
6. Bowler's pickup
7. Kind of welder
8. Churn up
9. STP, to gasoline
10. Grumpy sorts
11. Quick on one's feet
12. Gondola guider
15. "Falcon Crest" actress
17. Manage
21. Churchillian sign
23. Tia of "True Lies"
25. ___ Cynwyd, Pa.
26. Early Oscar winner Jannings
27. Have a yen for
28. Seek information, in a way
30. Antarctica's ___ Sea
32. Glazier's unit
34. Auto fuel mixer, for short
35. La ___ Tar Pits
36. Flat formation
38. Oregon or Maine city
42. Femme fatale
44. "Odds ___"
45. ___ fide
46. Analyze, as ore
47. Nasal partitions
48. Catcher's posture
50. Colored like lion's coat
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OBITUARIES

Mattie Pearl Ferguson

Mattie Pearl Ferguson 73, died Thursday, January 22, 2004.

Mattie was born on June 19, 1930 in Uvalde Texas. She lived with her brother and sister-in-law, Marvin and Hazel Ferguson for 48 years, they all lived in Eldorado for 33 years.

Mattie's mother, Stella Perkins preceded her in death when Mattie was 3 years old. She lived with a special aunt and family, Dolly and Bill Preece until she was 6 years old.

Mattie was an active member of Agape Assembly of God in Eldorado.

Mattie has a half-brother, Robert Compton and his wife Sue and family.

She loved everyone and had many friends. Some of which are special friends including Tracy Ford and family, Mary and Steve Evans, and also many church friends and lots of aunts, uncles, and cousins who loved her very much and will miss her.

Mary L. Smith

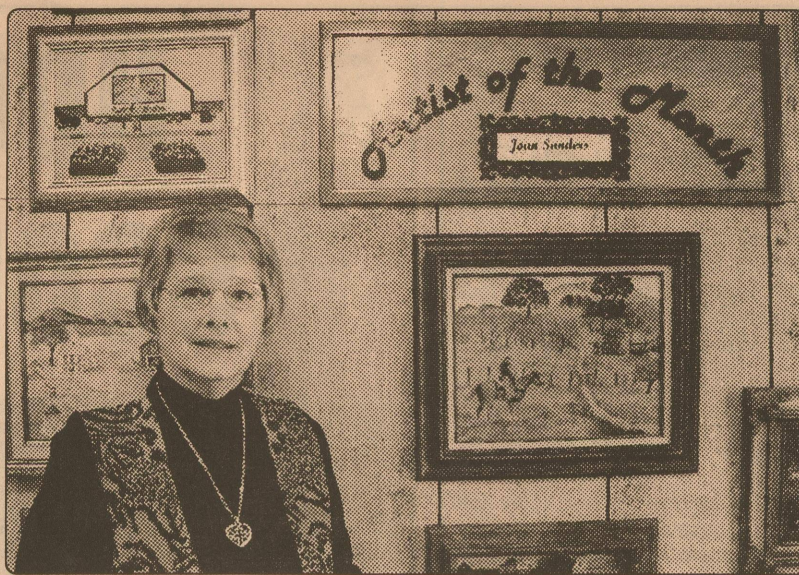
ELDORADO — Mary L. Smith, 69, of Eldorado passed from this world on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2004, at her home.

Graveside service was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 24, in Eldorado Cemetery.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1934, in LeDay, Texas. She was a waitress and a member of the Baptist church.

She is survived by her husband, Lee Roy Smith of Eldorado; one son, Don Smith of Sonora; two daughters, Rhonda Corbell and her

husband, Allan, of Eldorado, Jackie Smith of Sonora; five grandchildren, Ronny Smith and his wife, Betsy, and Josh Smith, all of Sonora, Jason Corbell of Brady, Shannon Corbell of Eldorado and Michelle Cucci and husband, Anthony, of Arlington; five great-grandchildren, Justin, Bryce, Emillio, Hayden and Kodee; and very special friends, Jennifer and Mario Arevalo and children, Ricky Carbaugh and Dorsey Legendre; one brother and four sisters.



Artistic ability — Eldorado native Joan Dell Griffin Sanders was named Artist of the Month by the Llano Fine Arts Guild.

Sanders named Artist of the Month by Llano Arts Guild

Joan Sanders is recognized as January Artist of the Month by the Llano Fine Arts Guild. Although she has worked in all media, Sanders considers herself an oil painter and has worked only in that medium for the past few years. Her style of painting is considered to be primitive or folk art, similar to the work of the famous artist Granma Moses.

Born and raised in the countryside around Eldorado, Texas, she has vivid memories of those days when money was in scarce supply but love and family life were abundant. Her paintings reflect the things that she either experienced or heard about as a small child, in a different and in some ways more difficult era.

Looking at a group of Sanders' paintings, it soon becomes apparent that one of her favorite colors is a true, clear red. Almost every painting contains some red object: a bicycle, a flower, the red of a barn roof, someone's dress, or a child's ball—something is always red.

As an artist, she is totally self-taught, relying only on her memories and the occasional family photograph. She cannot remember a time in her life when she wasn't painting, drawing, or scribbling lines of poetry on bits of paper. Soon, the two vocations—artist and journalist—began to merge.

Joan Sanders became a member of the Llano Art Guild, and frequently participates in the informal group painting sessions of the Guild. She would talk about the meaning of the painting she was working on, telling why this object was included and another left out, and who this person was and what that grouping meant. Fascinated by her stories, the members urged Sanders to write a book based on her works: to tell

these "painted stories".

For the past three years, as work progressed on this project, Sanders credits her friends in the Llano Art Guild for keeping her on track as she began work in earnest on her book. Concentrating on the painting and writing of her early years and the funny things that can happen when life is lived in the country became a form of therapy during difficult times for Sanders.

This resulted in the creation of her book: "Growing Up in Texas Barnyard Humor and Outhouse Ways", Told in Painting, Poems, and Story by Joan Dell Griffin Sanders.

The original painting from the book hang on the wall on honor in the Llano Fine Arts Gallery at 503 Bessemer. Currently, copies of Joan Sanders book may be purchased from the Guild and from Ft. Llano Mercantile on the Square in Llano. Sanders is presently at work on her second book.

Joan Sanders work may be viewed on the web at www.buysoftexas.com.

Eldorado Forecast

Thu 1/29	Fri 1/30	Sat 1/31	Sun 2/1	Mon 2/2
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Partly cloudy and windy. High around 55F. Winds S at 20 to 30 mph.	Partly cloudy. High in the low 60s and lows in the mid 30s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 60s and lows in the upper 30s.	Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the low 70s and lows in the low 40s.	Sunny. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the low 30s.

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Texas Tech releases honors list for 2003 Fall semester

Over 5,000 Texas Tech University students made either the Presidents List or the Dean's List for the Fall 2003 semester. To be on the Presidents's or the Dean's List, a student must have taken 12 quality hours during the semester and maintained either a 4.0 or 3.5-3.9 grade point average, respectively.

Kayla McCravey and Andrea

Lea Sterling both made the Fall 2003 Dean's List.

Kayla McCravey is a junior, majoring in Early Childhood. She is the daughter of Chris and Chris McCravey of Eldorado.

Andrea L. Sterling is a senior majoring in Visual Studies. She is the daughter of Rick and Becky Sterling.

Haynes on Blinn honors list

BRYAN — Blinn College has announced its academic honor students for the 2003 fall semester on its Bryan campus. The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of 12 college credit hours and earn a grade point average of 3.25 to 3.74 as Distinguished

Students and those with at least a 3.75 as President's Scholars.

Tanner Haynes of Eldorado has been named to the Distinguished Students list.

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31st Shonda Ferguson, Louann Clark, Shea Polite, Linda Mungia

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VARSITY GIRLS
 Wall
 January 20, 2004
 Eldorado 06-07-02-05 = 20
 Wall 17-20-02-11 = 50
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 7, Betsy Green 2, Chandra Wanoreck 4, Clara Herrera 2, Jessica Robertson 1, Taylor Baker 4. Also playing: Maxie Holley, Britney Sellers.

Ozona
 January 23, 2004
 Eldorado 04-06-09-10 = 29
 Ozona 04-09-11-17 = 41
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 7, Britney Sellers 2, Clara Herrera 2, Jessica Robertson 14, Taylor Baker 4. Also playing: Maxie Holley, Britney Sellers, Betsy Green, Chandra Wanoreck.

7TH GRADE BOYS
 Reagan County
 January 26, 2004
 Eldorado 09-08-06-02 = 25
 Reagan Cnty 00-09-03-10 = 21
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Rance Cathey 10, Austin Grubbs 2, Milo Vallejo 2, Dustin Gauna 4, Joseph Turnbull 5, Dustin Ramirez 2. Also playing: Troy Russell, Paul Martinez.

7TH GRADE "B" BOYS
 Reagan County
 January 26, 2004
 Eldorado 10
 Reagan Cnty 06
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Mark Garcia 2, Jonathan Belman 2, Paul Martinez 4, Josh Taylor 2. Also playing: Rolando Gonzalez.

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 honoring
Eldorado High School Boys and Girls Golf Team
 When: February 7, 2004
 Where: Eldorado Golf Course
 Time: 1:00 p.m.
 This will be a 2-man select shot tournament for \$25.00 per person.
 Weather: If there is inclement weather the tournament will be re-scheduled.

School Lunch Menu
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 Menus Subject To Change
Breakfast
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Monday, February 2
 Buttered Rice, Toast, Jelly, Orange Juice, Milk
Tuesday, February 3
 Waffles/Syrup, Pineapple Tidbits, Choice of Juice, Milk
Wednesday, February 4
 Biscuits/Sausage, Choice of Juice, Jelly, Milk
Thursday, February 5
 Cinnamon Rolls, Apple Juice, Milk
Friday, February 6
 Pancake on a Stix/Syrup, Pears, Grape Juice, Milk
Cafeteria Line
Monday, February 2
 Pepperoni Pizza, Whole Kernel Corn, Tossed Salad, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, February 3
 Lasagna, Peas & Carrots, Hot Rolls, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, February 4
 Hot Ham & Cheese Sandwich, Potato Chips, Sliced Peaches, Choc. Pudding/Topping
Thursday, February 5
 Cowboy Beans/Cornbread, Potato Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, February 6
 Cheeseburger, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad/Pickles, Orange Halves
Fast Food Line
Monday, February 2
 Corn Dogs, Tator Tots, Pickle Spears, Mixed Fruit
Tuesday, February 3
 Steak Burger, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Peaches & Pineapple Tidbits
Wednesday, February 4
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Thursday, February 5
 Crispos, French Fries, Tossed Salad, Pineapple Chunks, Cowboy Cookies
Friday, February 6
 Cheeseburgers, Spicy Fries, Hamburger Salad, Pickles, Orange Halves

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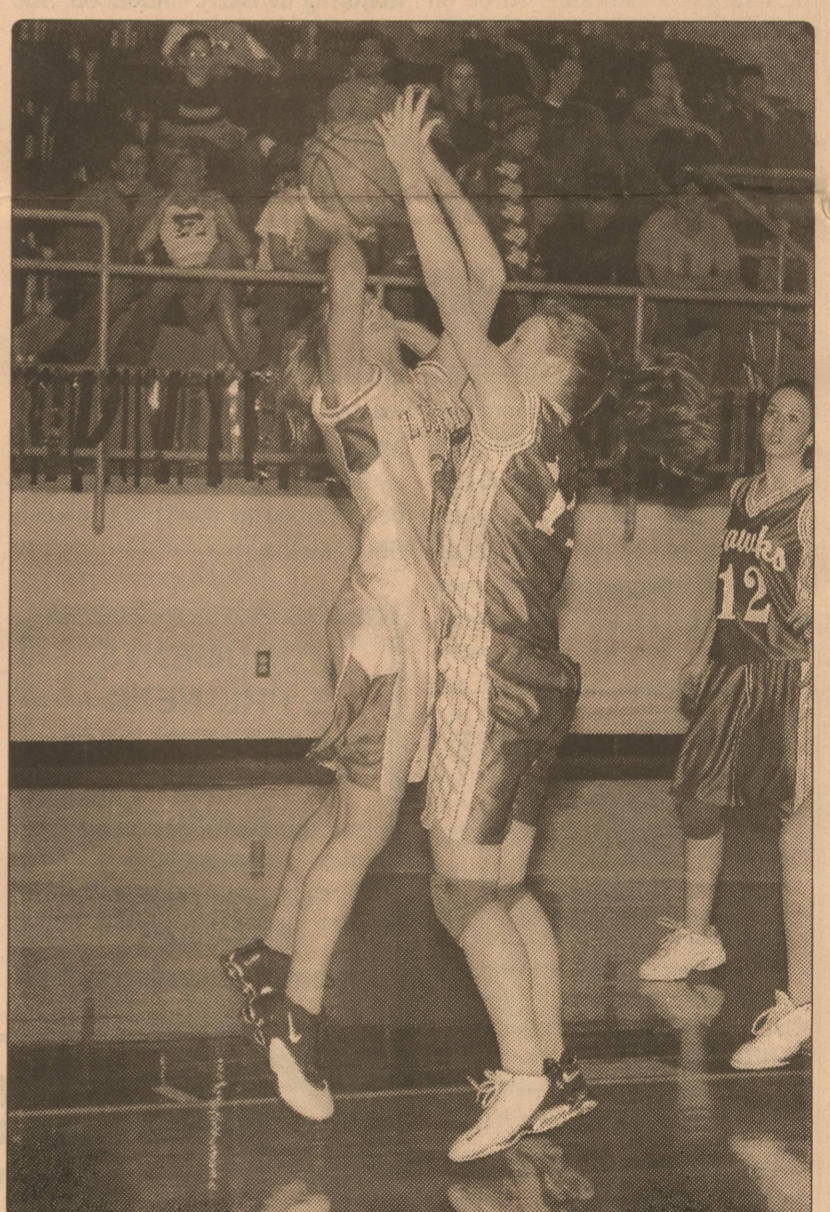


Playin' keep away — Adam Dominguez kept the ball away from this Wall defender while looking for the open man under the basket during JV action here last week. The Eagles JV fell to Wall 34-65.

J.V. GIRLS
 Wall
 January 20, 2004
 Eldorado 11-11-05-07 = 34
 Wall 08-16-06-13 = 43
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Anna Fuentes 2, Karina Sanchez 3, Katey Blaire 23, Josie Diaz 4, Marianne Guzman 1, Myra Robles 1. Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Chelsea Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Kimberly Samaniego, Kristin Mittel, Myra Robles, Krista Troy, 3 Point: Blaire (1).

Ozona
 January 23, 2004
 Eldorado 05-09-00-06 = 20
 Ozona 14-06-11-11 = 42
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 1, Katey Blaire 16, Marianne Guzman 1, Kristen Mittel 2. Also playing: Alicia Corrales, Anna Fuentes, Chelsea Sellers, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Tiffany Hernandez, Josie Diaz, Kimberly Samaniego, Myra Robles, Krista Troy.

7TH GRADE GIRLS
 Reagan County
 January 26, 2004
 Eldorado 02-13-06-09 = 30
 Reagan Cnty 03-01-02-02 = 08
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Haley Higgins 4, Cassandra Buitron 4, Kirsten Stubbs 17, Meg Griffin 2, Bridgette Mitchell 2, Tracy Brenner 1. Also playing: Dee Cruz, Corie Williams, Jessie Valero.



Junior Varsity Katey Blair fought for a shot at the goal. Blair scored 23 points out of the 34 points scored. She made 14 free throws out of the 19 attempts. The Junior Varsity Girls lost to Wall 34 to 43 January 20.

K of C Free Throw tourney set for Saturday
 All boys and girls ages 10 to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2004 Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held Saturday, January 31, 2004 at 10:00 a.m. at the Eldorado Middle School Gym.
 The International Free Throw Championship is sponsored annually by the K of C with winners progressing through local, district, and the state level competition. International champions are announced by the K of C International Headquarters based on scores from the state level competitions.
 All boys and girls 10 to 14 years old are eligible to participate and will compete in respective age divisions (Determine age as of January 1, 2004). Last year more than 247,000 sharpshooters participated in 4,017 local competitions.
 All contestants on the local level are recognized for their participation in this event. Participants will be required to furnish proof of age and written parental consent. For entry forms or additional information contact: Rojelio Adame at 853-3629 or Jimmy Aguilar at 853-3098.

VARSITY BOYS
 Wall
 January 20, 2004
 Eldorado 11-05-07-11 = 34
 Wall 10-17-21-15 = 63
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 11, Michael Ballew 2, John Fay 3, Jorge Bustos 2, Trey Chavez 12, Kolby Dombroski 4. Also playing: Ryan Cathey, Josh Trejo. 3 point: Boysaw (2), Fay (1).

Ozona
 January 23, 2004
 Eldorado 14-09-13-26 = 62
 Ozona 14-21-21-10 = 76
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 18, Michael Ballew 2, John Fay 13, Ryan Cathey 4, Trey Chavez 14, Kolby Dombroski 11. Also playing: Ryan Cathey, Josh Trejo, Jorge Bustos, Frank Wipff. 3 point: Boysaw (1), Fay (3) Dombroski (1).

JV BOYS
 Wall
 January 20, 2004
 Eldorado 06-08-16-04 = 34
 Wall 17-18-14-16 = 65
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Eric Garcia 10, Epolo Herrera 2, Russell Cathey 13, David Hernandez 2, Abel Montalvo 2, Adam Dominguez 5. Also playing: Sammy Estrada, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno.

Ozona
 January 23, 2004
 Eldorado 02-13-12-11 = 38
 Ozona 06-12-22-14 = 54
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Eric Garcia 6, Russell Cathey 4, David Hernandez 4, Abel Montalvo 2, Sammy Estrada 9, Drew Bosmans 13. Also playing: Epolo Herrera, Adam Dominguez, Armando Moreno, Adam Dominguez.

8TH GRADE BOYS
 Reagan County
 January 26, 2004
 Eldorado 03-06-03-04 = 16
 Reagan Cnty 08-02-04-06 = 20
 Scoring for the Eagles were: J.P. Joiner 6, Luis Garcia 1, Lalo Sanchez 1, Manny Gonzales 2, Luis Huichapa 2, Jordan Gesch 4. Also playing: T. Dombroski, Clayton Sauer, Jorge Mata, Richmond Adame, Louie Buitron, Michael Redish.

Batmobile tours of Eldorado now available

The Eldorado Olympic Bid Organizing Committee has hit upon another fund raising idea in their quest to raise enough money to be able to bribe the IOC into bringing the Olympics to Eldorado. They have enlisted the aid of Batman to offer tours of the Bat Cave, followed by a ride in the Batmobile to the noteworthy attractions in Eldorado.

The ride/tours are available at any time by appointment. Junior crime fighters or interested adults will meet at the stately Wayne Manor, at the spotlight on the corner of Highways 277 and 190 East in Eldorado...the only one in town! The visitor's will then be led by Bruce Wayne's butler into his home and meet the reclusive owner. After pleasantries are exchanged they will proceed through the complex labyrinth of the Bat Cave to the Bat Garage where they will enter the magical Batmobile for a tour of the noteworthy EOB-OC exhibits.

On the tour, participants will see the only albino bat colony in North America, as well as an unusual arms shipment confiscated by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Department. At the famous Hysterical District they will see the Deer Blind and Blind Deer, plus the No Eye Deer. Ample time will

be devoted to the reading of the numerous informational signs in the HD. The entire event will be narrated by Batman himself. Riders are encouraged to wear their junior crime fighter outfits if desired, and they will be deputized by Batman to assist when needed.

Another highlight of the tour will be the touring of the Tagoo Bird Refuge and Sanctuary. This is an area set aside to encourage the return of the Tagoo Bird, an exotic animal indigenous only to Eldorado. First spotted in 1959 by local resident Claude Oran Spencer, the elusive bird has been rarely seen since...and only by Mr. Spencer. A Tagoo Bird nest has been built to attract the rare species with a sign designating it as an "endangered" nest. Don't forget your camera.

For more information or to make a reservation, contact docent Jim Runge at cohoc@hotmail.com or 325-853-2434. Appointments may be made for groups of three or more and the cost is \$5 per person. As many as six may ride at one time, depending on their size. Tours will continue as long as the need exists. The tour is entertaining both for youngsters and the young at heart. Older riders don't have to wear their crime fighter outfits...but they certainly may!



Family of the Year — Richard and Carolina Mendez were presented with the K of C Family of the Year award by the Knights of Columbus during the annual Chamber of Commerce membership meeting Tuesday night, January 27, 2004, in the Memorial Building.

Hospital dist. trustees meet

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for the board. It was called to order at 6:10 p.m. with trustees Frank Williams, Shirley Joiner, Ricky Fuessel, J.D. Doyle, Jim Martin and Randy Mankin in attendance. Following a brief executive session for the discussion of personnel matters in which the board met with Administrator Sharon Dietz and Assistant Administrator Beverly Minor, the group returned to open session without taking action on the matter.

The trustees did move, however, to fill a vacancy on the board, appointing Susie Richters by unanimous vote to fill the vacancy left by the death of Delia Pina. Ms. Richters, who was on hand for the meeting, agreed to be appointed and will be given the oath of office at the next meeting. She will serve until May when an election will be held to for the unexpired term.

In other business, the board approved the minutes of the Dec. 22, 2003 meeting and listened as Administrator Sharon Dietz delivered her monthly report. Dietz told the trustees that clinic visits totalled 495 in December. She also explained that the board's new policy requiring payment in advance of service in the clinic, or payment of co-pay and deductibles for those with insurance, had gone well and is now part of the clinic routine. Dietz further advised that a new portable X-ray machine, ordered last month, is due to be delivered this week. She also noted that the district's daycare center is averaging nine children per day.

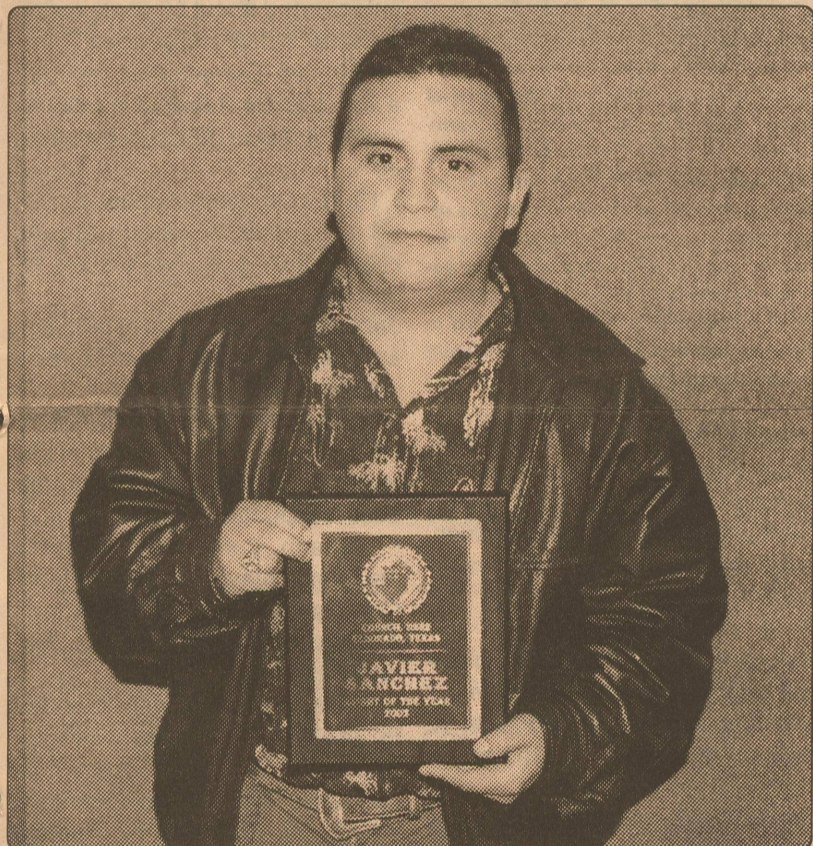
A review of the district's bad debt listing revealed more than \$18,000 in uncollected debts owed by a number of individuals. As the group reviewed the numbers discussion turned to whether the bad debt listing is confidential. All agreed that patient care information is strictly confidential but Randy Mankin argued that money owed to the district is money owed to the public and that as such the names and totals should be made public. It was ultimately decided to seek an Texas Attorney General's opinion on the question and

the group moved to write off the \$18,000 in bad debt.

The board then moved to appoint Francisca Gonzales, ANP, to active medical staff and Rico Forlano, DC, to consulting medical staff. They also approved the hospital's participation in Shannon Health Plan's Legacy Network.

Before adjourning, the trustees authorized staff to negotiate with the Legacy Network for possible inclusion in a HMO the group is planning to form. A vendor agreement with Premier Purchasing Partners was approved and the trustees okayed a mutual aid agreement allowing the hospital to participate in the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council Trauma Service Area-K.

The trustees are scheduled to meet next at 6:00 p.m. in the hospital board room on Monday, February, 23, 2004.



Knight of the Year — Javier Sanchez was named Knight of the Year by Knights of Columbus Council 11282 during the annual Chamber of Commerce membership meeting held Tuesday night, Jan. 27, 2004, in the Memorial Building. Javier is a junior at Eldorado High School.

Texas Big Game Awards honor lifetime license winner

SAN ANTONIO — For more than 12 years, the Texas Big Game Awards (TBGA), a partnership of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) and the Texas Wildlife Association (TWA), have recognized the contributions that landowners, land managers and responsible hunters make to managing and conserving wildlife and wildlife habitat on Texas' private lands.

Although the TBGA program offers no prizes for entries other than recognition, this year the TBGA has again continued the "Early Entry Special" program which will allow hunters who mail in their completed entry form early and include a photo for promotional purposes with the TBGA and statewide media, to be automatically entered in monthly drawings for some great prizes.

The Grand Prize Early Entry Winner is Scott Field of Kempner. He harvested a non-typical white-tailed deer, in Kenedy County. He will receive a Lifetime Texas Hunting License from the Texas Big Game Awards. Smith's Abrasives and Hunter's Specialties, both TBGA Texas Regional Sponsors, sponsored this lifetime li-

cence drawing for the second consecutive year.

There is still time to enter and receive early entry prize recognition. All entries in before Jan. 31 will be eligible for a one-year membership from the Texas Gun Dealers/Owners Association. Entries must include a quality field photo of the hunter and their trophy and entry forms must be complete.

For more information about the Texas Big Game Awards, entry information, or for a local certified TBGA scorer, please visit www.TexasBigGameAwards.com/ or <http://www.tbga.org/> or call (800) 839-9453, Ext. 114, for more information. The final deadline to enter the Texas Big Game Awards for the 2003-04 season is Feb 15.

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The City of Eldorado (hereinafter called the OWNER) will receive Bids for WATER FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS - PHASE I, TCDP Contract No. 723259, until **4:00 PM (local time), Monday, February 9, 2004** in person at City Hall, #6 South Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas or by mail to **Randy Mankin, City Administrator, City of Eldorado, P.O. Box 713, Eldorado Texas 76936-0713**. All Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at: **4:00 PM (local time), Monday, February 9, 2004**.

Consideration for award of the Bid will be made at **6:00 PM (local time), Monday, February 9, 2004**, City Council Meeting, City of Eldorado City Hall, #6 South Cottonwood, Eldorado, Texas 76936.

Bids are invited upon the several items and quantities of work as follows:

Base Bid: Furnish and install 4,976 L.F. of 6-inch C-900 PVC water line, 420 L.F. of 3/4-inch CTS polyethylene service line, 29 Each 6-inch gate valves, 3 each 6-inch dresser coupling, 25 each residential connections, 5 each 6-inch fire hydrant, miscellaneous fittings and 158 S.Y. of pavement patch.

Alternate Bid: Furnish and install 145 L.F. of 6-inch C-900 PVC water line, 115 L.F. of highway boring, miscellaneous fittings and connect an existing 1 1/2 water line.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of **GSWW, Inc., 1030 Andrews Highway, Suite 211, Midland, Texas 79701**.

Copies of the Contract Documents may be purchased for **\$100.00** from GSWW for each set of documents obtained. No refunds will be made.

A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the OWNER, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable Surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the federally determined prevailing (Davis-Bacon) wage rate, as issued by the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs, and as set forth in the Contract Documents, must be paid on the project, and the Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin on the entire project.

Attention is also called to General Condition 148 "Restrictions on Public Buildings and Public Works Projects." The Bidder certifies by the submission of its bid that the Contractor, Subcontractors, and materials used on this project are not of a foreign country included on the USTR list.

The Prime Contractor will review the equal employment opportunity section under the General Contract Conditions - Part I and will take affirmative action to meet minority and female participation goals in each task. The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any informalities in the Bidding.

If the Bid is not awarded at the previously mentioned meeting of the Eldorado City Council on **Monday, February 9, 2004**, then the Bids may be held by the OWNER for a period not to exceed sixty (60) days from the date of the opening for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders.

Date: January 19, 2004

By: Mayor John Nikolauk, City of Eldorado

County fathers consider changes to proposed cemetery chapel

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The men then visited with Mankin about a pending interlocal agreement between the city and county. Mankin advised that the City Council had instructed him to work toward an agreement that would allow both entities to effectively track the services they exchange. The men agreed to a sim-

ple outline that Mankin proposed and asked him to draw up a draft agreement for their consideration at their next meeting.

In other business, the commissioners met with Fire Chief Jerry Jones about a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan being developed by the Concho Valley Council of Governments with grant funds

from the Homeland Security Department. Jones explained that it will be necessary for the county, as well as the city, to sign on to the plan in order to participate in any disaster assistance plan in the future. He explained that the county and the city's portion of the matching funds for the grant will be paid through in-kind services, instead of cash. In a related matter, the commissioners authorized Jones to attend an Emergency Management Conference in Waco.

Next, the commissioners approved a one year contract with the Kerr County for legal assistance with Schleicher County mental commitment hearings.

Judge Griffin then offered for inspection the new copy of the updated lease agreement with Connie Minnix for the 177.12 acres of Schleicher County School Land he leases in Gaines County. Mr. Minnix found a discrepancy on a date in the original lease and asked that the mistake be corrected. The county turned over the old lease to Mr. Kosub who updated the old lease which is for 20 years with a 10 year option.

Commissioner Bill Clark made

a motion to install new 300 foot - 400 foot of fencing and a gate on the US Highway 277 beside the civic center. Commissioners Matt Brown seconded the motion which was approved by the whole court. County Road Superintendent Clay Burleson told the court he had purchased 6 joints of 4 inch pipe at \$1.25 a foot for the construction of the guard rail around the new fueling system at the airport.

The court then voted to approve Sheriff Doran's request for a new patrol vehicle and called for bids.

Next, Justice of the Peace Jimmy Doyle advised the commissioners that in 2003, fines and court costs generated by his office totaled \$233,510.82 with half of that, or \$116,755.41 being retained by the county for use in the road and bridge fund.

County Treasurer Karen Henderson then presented her 2003 year-end financial report. (see report below)

Before adjourning, the men learned that Rodeo Association President Troy Daniels estimated the cost for remodeling the county's rodeo arena to be \$4,000. The men took no action on the matter.

Students have most accidents and speeding violations

Doctors and attorneys not far behind

A recent study that analyzed the driving records of more than 1 million Americans revealed students had far and away the most reported traffic accidents and speeding citations of any occupation. Medical doctors, attorneys, architects and real estate brokers were right behind students as most likely to be involved in a traffic accident.

The study was conducted by the Quality Planning Corporation, which assists insurers with statistical analysis in rating drivers for auto insurance. The data was obtained from the driving records of policyholders in every state over a 22-month period in 2001 and 2002.

Richard Mayer, chairman of the board of directors of the Insurance Council of Texas and an executive with the Republic Insurance Group in Dallas, said the

study has its surprises.

"Insurers have known for years that students or drivers aged 16 to 21, experience the worst driving records of any age group," said Mayer. "What was surprising was the fact that medical doctors were ranked number two on the list of drivers most likely to have a traffic mishap."

Dr. Daniel Finnegan, President of the Quality Planning Corporation, said the work habits of medical doctors most likely has an affect on their driving performance. "Physicians are known for working long hours and we believe that fatigue plays a major role in their accident records," said Finnegan.

Finnegan said the results of other occupations high on the list could have been expected. "Attorneys typically demonstrate aggressive behavior, architects may pay more attention to buildings and landscapes than roadways and real estate brokers spend much of their work day on the road," said Finnegan.

The professions least likely to have accidents according to the study were farmers, firemen, pilots and politicians.

"I'm somewhat skeptical of our data on politicians, but farmers usually travel on less-traveled roadways, while pilots and firemen tend to use caution and pay more attention behind the wheel than others," said Finnegan.

The top five occupations cited for speeding violations were students, enlisted military, manual laborers, politicians and architects. The least ticketed occupations were homemakers, librarians and law enforcement.

Meals for Friends Menu

- Monday, February 2**
Spanish Meatballs, Rice, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Sliced Tomatoes, Pineapple Rings, Milk
- Tuesday, February 3**
Beef Burrito, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Coleslaw, Gelatin w/ Pears, Milk
- Wednesday, February 4**
Oven Pork Chop, Noodles, Carrot, Bread, Tossed Salad, Applesauce, Milk
- Thursday, February 5**
Meatloaf w/ Tomatoes, Black-eyed Peas, Okra, Cornbread, Banana Pudding, Milk
- Friday, February 6**
Chicken Supreme, Herbed New Potatoes, Broccoli, Hot Rolls, Green Salad, Cherry Cobbler, Milk

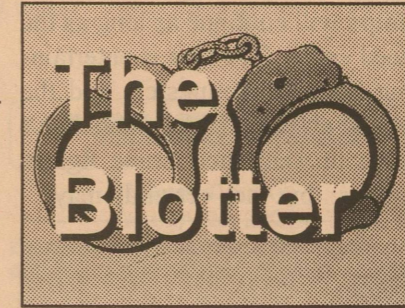
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ARRESTS

January 24 • Sanchez, Alexander, male age 18, offense Driver License Invalid.

January 24 • Rocha, Enrique Juan, male age 21, offense Public Intoxication.

INCIDENTS

January 21 • 8:07 p.m. Complainant reported three 18 wheelers traveling south driving recklessly 12 miles north on US 277. Officer and Sutton County notified.

January 22 • 2:40 a.m. Hospice notified Sheriff Office subject passed away. Two officers responded.

11:25 a.m. Female subject reported possible identity fraud. Officer responded.

2:15 p.m. Hospital requested an ambulance for a ACLS transfer. EMS 1 responded.

8:10 a.m. Complainant on East

Street reported that someone had stolen tools from their truck. Officer responded.

1:20 p.m. Complainant reported a reckless driver in a silver Chevrolet pickup. Officer responded.

January 23 • 2:30 p.m. Complainant reported about 50 goats out on highway. Officer responded.

6:36 p.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle accident on Divide and Murchison. Officers responded.

10:30 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person around High School gym. Two officers responded.

January 24 • 8:27 p.m. Complainant was worried for their mother's welfare. Officer notified.

12:13 a.m. Complainant reported someone may be stuck in the mud around the county park. Officer responded.

2:02 a.m. Complainant reported neighbors playing music to loud. Complainant called back at 2:05 and reported everything OK. Music turned off.

8:42 a.m. Complainant reported to Sheriff Office loose cattle on Schleicher and Irion County line. Merton's Sheriff Office contacted.

1:42 p.m. Complainant reported a fire on Toe Nail Trail. Officer and fire department responded.

4:16 p.m. Complainant reported a minor vehicle accident on Merton Highway. Officer responded.

7:02 p.m. Complainant requested an officer to check on welfare of their father. Officer responded.

January 27 • 8:30 a.m. Complainant reported an assault but did not wish to file charges. Officer responded.

10:00 a.m. Complainant on County Road 220 wanted to speak with an officer about stolen livestock. Officer responded. Cattle ranger was contacted.

Schleicher County Annual Treasurer's Report For 2003

FUND	BALANCE JAN 1, 2003	RECEIVED FROM TRANSFERS	RECEIVED FROM AUTO LICENSE	RECEIVED FROM TAX COLLECTION	RECEIVED FROM OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL RECEIVED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TOTAL DISBURSED (INCLUDES TRANSFERS)	TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS	CASH BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2003
GENERAL FUND MMIA*	857,511.68					1,612,881.53	1,594,978.66	45,315.00	886,867.57
GENERAL FUND	39,336.16	91,222.50		1,264,708.72	256,950.31	1,612,881.53	1,594,978.66		27,877.12
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER M.M.I.A.*	5,554.79								0.00
COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTER FUND	2,489.15	5,815.00			11,588.08	17,403.08	23,851.96		1,595.06
RECORDS MANAGEMENT FUND	1,023.22				7,258.64	7,258.64	6,628.28		7,653.58
COURTHOUSE SECURITY M.M.I.A.*	33,214.64								33,579.80
COURTHOUSE SECURITY FUND	5,241.11				7,538.78	7,538.78	2,018.10		10,396.63
ROAD & BRIDGE M.M.I.A.*	162,997.87								101,547.16
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	37,761.49		152,914.46		237,428.30	390,342.76	418,063.73	161,770.09	70,591.23
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEMORIAL/CIVIC BUILDING FUND	1,087.82	73,000.00			3,836.33	76,836.33	74,010.44		3,913.71
HEALTH SERVICES M.M.I.A.*	19,043.00								9,142.44
HEALTH SERVICES FUND	3,868.90				83,652.52	83,652.52	77,470.61		19,951.37
JUSTICE OF PEACE M.M.I.A.*	43,313.66								43,789.88
JUSTICE OF PEACE FUND	4,927.93				43,360.38	43,360.38	34,694.94		13,117.15
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL M.M.I.A.*	8.21								11.47
ROAD & BRIDGE SPECIAL FUND	177.47			26.94	.92	27.86	0.00		202.07
MEALS PROGRAM M.M.I.A.*	0.00								0.00
MEALS PROGRAM FUND	3,415.44	8,000.00			36,520.02	44,520.02	47,399.89		535.57
FARM*MARKET M.M.I.A.*	161,801.60								164,658.43
FARM*MARKET ROAD FUND	42,710.56	25,770.09		235,475.51	1,385.78	262,631.38	276,862.47		25,622.64
LATERAL ROAD FUND	14,361.68				14,105.64	14,105.64	14,361.68		14,105.64
AIRPORT M.M.I.A.*	0.00								22,604.84
AIRPORT FUND	7,912.06	26,000.00			6,783.47	32,783.47	15,928.43		2,162.26
SELF-INSURANCE M.M.I.A.*	89,413.93								101,517.91
SELF-INSURANCE FUND	0.00	11,000.00			1,103.98	12,103.98	0.00		0.00
HOT CHECK FUND	2,553.41				5,458.63	5,458.63	7,021.96		990.08
INTEREST & SINKING M.M.I.A.	0.00								18,157.38
INTEREST & SINKING FUND	0.00	41,412.19		18,129.68	27.70	59,569.57	41,412.19		0.00
CONTINGENCY FUND M.M.I.A.*	346,046.35								208,931.03
CONTINGENCY FUND	0.00	197,852.81			4,496.16	202,348.97	339,464.29	194,800.00	0.00
CIVIC CENTER REMODELING FUND	335,000.00				2,176.79	2,176.79	335,582.99		1,593.80
TOTAL SECURITIES*	1,718,005.73								1,590,807.93
TOTAL FUNDS	501,860.40	480,072.59	152,914.46	1,518,340.85	723,672.43	2,875,000.33	3,309,750.62	401,885.09	194,307.91

THE ABOVE STATEMENT AS COMPILED FROM THE RECORDS OF THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY TREASURER, SCHLEICHER COUNTY, TEXAS IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF.

SIGNED: *Karen Henderson*
KAREN HENDERSON, SCHLEICHER COUNTY TREASURER

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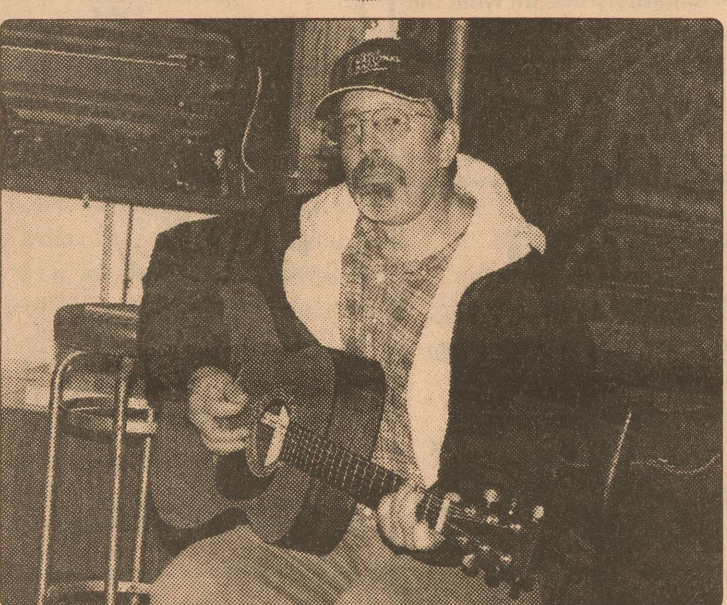
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May God Bless You All,
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We're Jammin' — The Rogers entertained a large group of bluegrass and country music lovers this past Saturday at the 1907 Bank Building. The Rogers are a gospel group from Wimberly who were invited to perform during the Sunday morning service at the First United Methodist Church. On the fiddle is John, Marymicheal on electric bass and Jack on the guitar.

Assault Victim Services volunteer training rescheduled

Assault Victim Services is pleased to announce its Spring 2004 Volunteer Training Academy. We will be changing the date to begin training new volunteer advocates to March 27, 2004. Training is open to men and women, 18 and up, who are interested in becoming an advocate for victims of sexual assault and other violent crime in the Concho Valley. Trainees will complete a 40-hour curriculum covering such topics as the medical and legal as-

pects of sexual assault/abuse and crisis intervention techniques. Space is still available in this class! No experience is required. Upon completion of training, volunteer advocates will be qualified to staff the hotline and provide advocacy and accompaniment services to victims of crime and their significant others. Prospective volunteers must schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance into the training program. For more information, or to schedule an interview and fill out an application prior to entrance into the training program, for more information, please call Sarah Duerstine, Director of Volunteer Services, at 325-944-8728.

Eldorado Womans Club monthly meeting reported

by Nowieta Briggs
 The Eldorado Woman's Club met Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 2:30 p.m. in the Memorial Bldg. Club Room. Theme for our meeting was "What's New at School". Thirteen members and one guest were present. President Myrt Williams welcomed everyone and Linda Spence gave our opening prayer, followed with Jerre Holley leading us in Pledge to our Flags.

Program leader Charlene Edmiston next introduced guest speaker High School Principal Tim Seymore. Mr. Seymore was raised in El Paso, graduated from Angelo State with a math degree and entered the teaching profession because he loves to help others to learn. He taught math for twelve years, loves also to teach English and to write. He also enjoys coaching girls basketball and track. He also enjoys being a Sunday School teacher and substitutes some for a pastor. He and wife Mandy have two children, Shelby and Joshua. As a High School Principal he has the added opportunity to help new teachers and as such as he enjoys being a Principal he still misses being a classroom teacher. He brought us up-to-date on some of the things that concerns teacher and students these days. We had a very informative question and answer time and he explained some of the newest programs at school. We thanked Principal Seymore for his informative talk about some of the current school programs and how well the teachers carry out

their responsibilities. He said the Eldorado school system is a great place for students to learn. The teachers adapt quickly to each new thing that both state and national leaders think up for our kids to master. Schools today are bombarded from numerous sides and our teachers deserve thanks for their abilities to present the things our young people need to know in a way that the students will understand so they will be able to apply what they have learned when they are out of the classroom and into the work force. It is great to hear an educator talk with such enthusiasm about education, who after many year as a teacher, still loves teaching and wants each student to do the best they can. This reporter thanks Mr. Seymore and all the great teachers who try so hard to help our young people prepare for their future. President Williams next opened our business session by appointing Penny Bland as chairman and Jo Callison and Shine Spigarelli to serve as the nominating committee to seek our new officers for our coming new four year term that will begin in September. Further business was a reminder by President Williams that our next meeting would be held at Amigo's Dream Restaurant.

President Williams next called for Secretary Dorothy Harris and Treasurer Nelva Martin to give their reports. Roll call was answered with telling about "A Favorite Teacher". There is nothing more special than sweet memories of a favorite teacher and how they influenced our life for the better. It was so special when we heard about a fine elderly Christian male English teacher who always addressed his female students with Miss before their name or about a local teacher Ruth Howell who was outstanding, or about the mother who was a members first grade teacher, or about Miss Hill who was the high school math teacher here who would stay with the students until they all understood the principle she was teaching, or the Principal at Mertzon who taught History and made it so interesting no student could fail to like history, or the teacher who taught things that are still practiced by her student even to today many years later. We closed our meeting with reciting our Club Collect.

Delightful New Year table appointments and delicious refreshments furnished by hostesses Linda Spence, chairman, and Zee Hickman were enjoyed by all. Our next meeting will be 2:30 p.m. Tuesday, February 10, 2004 at Amigos Dream.



Champion Breeding Goats: Marty Powell (L) had the Reserve Champion Breeding Goat and Neal Higgins (R) had the Champion Breeding Goat at the 2004 Schleicher County Livestock Show held here on January 10.

Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) meeting slated Feb 3, 2003

This is a reminder that the Eldorado-Divide Group Meeting, concerning the 2004 Environmental Quality Incentives Program, on Tuesday, February 3, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Memorial Building in Eldorado. A Local Work Group meeting will follow at 10:00 a.m. This purpose of the meeting is to get input from farmers, ranchers and other conservation minded individuals and agencies concerning natural resource priorities within Schleicher County. The group will also provide input on how they would like to see federal cost-share dollars spent within the County. Cost-share practices as well as cost-share rates will also be discussed. Each Texas County will receive a base EQIP allocation estimated to be anywhere from \$70,000-\$100,000. The Local Work Group and the Designated Conservationist will ultimately decide what the primary resource concern is for the County and which conservation practices will be approved to address the concern. All farmers, ranchers, and other agriculture, wildlife related entities are welcomed to attend. Your input will be greatly appreciated.

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