

TWO POSITIONS OPEN

SCISD trustee election set May 7

The election of school board trustees has been called for May 7, 1988.

There will be two positions elected for a term of three years. These positions are the one currently held by Ronnie Mittel and the one previously held by Wm. Chris McCravey.

There are changes made to the election code that candidates need to check when applying for a place on the ballots. Applications can be obtained in the superintendent's office between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The deadline

for filing is midnight, April 6, 1988.

The following calendar should be helpful to applicants and voters alike.

February 22 - First day to apply for candidacy.

March 8 - First day to accept applications for absentee ballots to be voted by mail.

March 23 - Absentee voting clerk may begin mailing absentee ballots to applicants.

April 4 - Last day to post notice of ballot position drawing.

April 6 - Midnight deadline to file application for place on the ballot.

April 7 - Last day to register to vote in upcoming election.

April 18 - Absentee voting by personal appearance.

Last day to post notice of election on the bulletin board used for posting notices of meetings of the governing body of the political subdivision.

5:00 p.m. Deadline, last day for a candidate to withdraw or be declared ineligible of to have his name omitted from the ballot.

April 20 - Last day for posting notice at entrance to absentee

voting clerk's office.

April 27 - Last day of period for publication of election notice.

April 28 - A voter who becomes ill after this day may vote a later absentee ballot.

April 29 - Candidate must file Report of Contributions and Expenditures.

May 2 - Last day to receive applications for absentee ballots to be voted by mail.

5:00 p.m. Deadline for opposed candidates and political committees to file second statement of contributions and expenditures.

May 3 - Last day to vote absentee by personal appearance (NO REASON NECESSARY!)

May 4 - First day to vote late absentee ballot because of death in immediate family that occurred on or after four days before election.

First day to vote late absentee ballot because of sickness or disability originating five days before election.

May 6 - Last day to vote late absentee ballot by personal appearance because of death in immediate family.

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BY T.B. NEILL

A CUPID A DAY....

Valentine's Day is about the only special day of the year that has not been lost in a maze of commercialism and hype.

Oh, the companies that want you to buy their candy, flower arrangements, etc. are not bashful about asking for your business, but at least Valentine advertising doesn't start until after Thanksgiving.

Valentine's is especially neat for the young and the not-so-young couples that find themselves (or remain) in love.

Of course most of the young ones do not realize that they will probably be in love several more times during their lifetime. The lovers that have been together for 30, 40 or 50 years or even longer, are the true benefactors of the February day.

And of course there are those older Texans who have only recently found a mate and who because of their experience probably appreciate love and a firm relationship more than a lot of us.

The little ones are excited by the mystery of receiving Valentines from their classmates and those who are already aware of the opposite sex are anxious to see who will claim them with cupid's arrow.

A simple Valentine card remains the best such gift for the average spouse, we think, because it can't put pounds on him or her, and won't wilt and die two days after Valentine's.

Hopefully a card will last as long as the relationship.

And if you split up you can always use a card to help start the fireplace.

Reenactment set at Fort

Ft. McKavett State Historic Site, an 1870s era frontier will come to life on February 20 and 21 with the sounds of bugles, cannon shot and the jinkling of cavalry riding gear.

The Living History Program will draw reenactment groups from San Antonio, Victoria, Amarillo, San Angelo, Lubbock, Seguin and Waco to celebrate the heritage of military life on the Texas plains.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officials have said, "The historic reenactment groups coming to this event have performed in numerous movies, they have died at the Alamo with Col. Travis and been victorious at the San Jacinto Battleground with actor Sam Elliot playing General Sam Houston. Their costumes and gear are well prepared and representative of the 1870s."

One day in the life of a Texas fort will be highlighted including reveille, meal calls emphasizing period foods, infantry and cavalry drills, artillery drills, and a

civilian buffalo hunters camp.

The two day event also features the Crossroads of Texas Living History Association consisting of both infantry and artillery. The Ft. Concho 16th Infantry will provide mules and a wagon in addition to more infantry.

Camp Comander Riley Flynn, of San Antonio, will bring Eagle Scouts and reenactors representing the 4th U.S. Memorial Cavalry. Other groups expected include the First Texas Light Artillery of Seguin and, from Lubbock, another 4th U.S. Cavalry Memorial Regiment.

The reenactors will be setting up camp in tents near the parade ground on Friday, February 19. Reveille on Saturday morning will start the living history program and it will close at 1 p.m. on Sunday following a Retreat Ceremony.

Ft. McKavett is located in Menard County 23 miles west of Menard on FM 864. Admission is free for both the program and to the park.

SCOTTISH RANCHER CAME IN 1883

Powell brought first herd to county

In 1879, an 18-year-old lad left his native Scotland, like many of his fellow countrymen at the time, and came to the West to seek his fortune. Industry and persistence over a period of 50 years have crowned his efforts with success in the ranching business.

The initiation of this Scotchman to the West was made in 1883 in herding sheep on the open ranges in West Texas. At that time the livestock industry

was booming all over the country. Prices were high and ranges were in demand. The cattlemen had first settled in the country and for a number of years had control of the ranges but by 1883 sheepmen were coming onto the range and disputing with the former for possession. They were not welcome and their reception was not cordial.

For a time John Rae herded sheep for George Hobbs. During the winter they would drive the

sheep about over the country and in the spring would take them back to some good stream for the lambing season. Once while herding his sheep in McCulloch County, cowmen shot into the herd and killed over a hundred head. Before the shooting the sheepman had been warned to move. After the losses he took the warning. Later he returned to McCulloch County and one night when he started to take a drink of coffee at the campfire, the cup

was shot from his hand.

In 1883, Mr. Rae brought his first sheep into what is now Schleicher County, and made his winter quarters about 15 miles northwest of where Eldorado now stands. He had Mexicans for herders and for weeks at a time he would not see a white man. The Mexicans were paid about \$12 per month. Each Mexican herder would be given an "A" tent and some provisions and placed in charge of a flock of

sheep to care for. They could be depended upon to stay on the job and protect the sheep from wild animals and keep them from scattering. It was Mr. Rae's task to visit each herder regularly to see how he was faring and to supply him with provisions when necessary. In the spring of the year they drifted the herds back to Dove Creek where they would be herded near water until the next winter. The first sheep brought into this section by Mr.

Rae were graded Mexican sheep. For several winters the sheep were herded in Schleicher County on the open prairie.

In 1885, Mr. Rae and Will Grinnell formed a partnership in the sheep business. In 1887 they bought a section of school land in Schleicher County and from that time on Mr. Rae has spent all his time in the county, and not just the winter months. The partners had a well drilled upon their land

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LOTS OF FUN is predicted Eldorado gym. They will be next Friday night when the playing members of the Eldorado "Arkansas Gems" invade the Lions Club. [Contributed photo]

ON LOCAL COURT NEXT FRIDAY

Gems to play Lions

Area fans won't want to miss the opportunity of their lifetime when the "Arkansas Gems" glitter their way into town on Friday, February 19. Appearing at the Eldorado High School gym at 7 p.m., the girls will be led by "Miss Basketball" herself, Elvera "Peps" Neuman.

Miss Neuman is a living legend in the sport of womens basketball. Currently averaging

36 points per game, "Peps" is a sparkling example of everything right. Whether shooting a hook shot from half court, a 35 foot swisher, a twisting-driving lay-up, or free throws from her knees, fans will be amazed at her remarkably high shooting percentage.

Originally hailing from Eden Valley, Minnesota, the 5'6" ball of fire could easily make any girls

team in existence on her outstanding dribbling and ball handling alone.

She's rated number one in this category. Known as the "Bob Cousy" of women's basketball, Miss Neuman is the only female to have her uniform enshrined in the Haismith National Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts.

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—top of the divide—

BY THOMAS GIOVANNITTI

I really have a problem with Valentine's Day as a Holiday. When I was in grammar school I hated giving and getting Valentines. It never failed that the girl I least wanted to be around always gave me the largest Valentine she could find. On the other hand, if I did have a crush on someone I was to embarrassed to give that girl any card that was too different because then all my buddies would know and would razz me mercilessly. So from an early age I never liked this holiday.

I have to admit as I got older I received less cards and there were a few years there when no one wanted to get one from me. About the only Valentine that was ever much fun to give was the one I would make for my Mom. It made sense to give her a card that said "I will love you forever", since I was (and I still am) pretty sure that I would love her forever. In high school I knew I didn't love any girl forever since I often didn't love one girl more than a few days.

My Dad always got my Mom a boy of "Whitman's Samplers" which Mom generously shared with all of us. Dad never ate any of the candy. I liked the Whitman's because they had a chart on the inside of the lid that told you where the carmel candy was. If I could get to it before Carlo, I was happy and satisfied. Carmel was Carlo's favorite. I loved getting it before he did since in the early years when he could read and I could not he always pointed me to the one

with the green mint jelly. When I would bite into that terrible mint jelly I would make a terrible face and ask for another piece which, of course, I could not have, unless I finished that mint.

Well, once I could read I took my revenge by eating that carmel piece so Carlo couldn't have it. There was nother piece of carmel in the second layer but my Mom had another rule which required that we had to eat the entire first layer before we could start on the second layer. That meant that some one had to eat the green jelly piece. Tension would mount as we got down to that one piece left on the top layer. By the way, no one ever considered throwing that piece away. Food of any kind was never thrown away in our house. To be honest usually my mother ate it to save time and arguments as to whose turn it was and all that sort of thing.

You know, I think I have just discovered why my Dad never ate from the Sampler, he doesn't like that green jelly either and it would have been his job to eat it.

■■■ HERD

and a windmill erected. The well was 224 feet deep and the drilling cost \$1 per foot for the first 100 feet and \$1.25 per foot after that. This was the first well in that section of the country and it marked the permanent occupation of the country. Before that time both cattlemen and sheepmen had drifted about over the country and had no permanent improvements. Two years later the partners drilled their second well. It was drilled near a water hole that had a solid rock bottom and which had held water most of the time before but was not a permanent watering place. Water from the well was pumped into the natural lake and since that time has never been dry. This water hold became the camping place for travelers, cowboys on the spring roundup and hunters. In the winter cattle from the Tom Green country and north drifted southward and in the spring were rounded up and started back toward the home ranges. Mr. Rae's ranch became the stopping place for these many herds for the water hole was the only permanent water between Devil's River and Dove and Spring Creeks. Mr. Rae did not have any trouble with the cattlemen for the company of the cowboys was more than welcome in those days.

Other ranchmen who came into the same section and became neighbors to Mr. Rae were the late S.E. Couch of Ozona, Ed Crosson, John Drake and his son-in-law, John Young, the central figure in "The Vaquero of the Brush Country," and many other stories.

The partners gradually improved the ranch by erecting a house and corrals and sheds. In 1891 they enclosed about 300 acres with barbed wire fencing for a buck trap and horse pasture. About the same time

they began the experiment of putting about 16 acres of land in cultivation for raising feed. In 1893 the partnership between Mr. Rae and Grinnell was dissolved and the 32 sections owned and leased was divided. From that time to the present Mr. Rae has continued to improve his ranch. At the present it is one of the best in this section of the state. His ranch home is an ideal country home, modern and convenient in every detail. His industry and work have brought him good returns.

John Rae, white haired, rugged, friendly after his 50 years in West Texas—is often hurrahed about his Scotch ancestry and Scotch jokes are frequently told in his presence. But his reply to all this is to sit quietly by with a twinkle in his keen blue eyes and then he has a comeback that usually silences those who try to joke him. He has a keen sense of humor. Few can get the best of him, for he will get a joke in return if it takes him weeks to do it. He tells numerous stories on himself from out of his vast experience in West Texas.

Once his horse threw him and he came to earth in a sitting position but not upon any seat of ease and comfort for he landed squarely upon some prickly pear. He was in considerable pain and his anger was great but he arose and started for the ranch house, leading his horse. A Mexican

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hand on the ranch saw him leading his horse and hurried up to Mr. Rae, saying, "Mr. Rae-e, why you no ride?" "If you had what I have in the seat of your pants, you wouldn't ride either," grunted Mr. Rae as he trudged on toward the house.

EDITOR'S NOTE--This information was taken from the May 3, 1934 issue of the Standard Times. The John Rae Powell house was built in 1897.

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Having a career high of 108 points in a single game, this gem has plenty of supporting help from her teammates--6 footers, Judy Oilrich, Phyllis Parkhurst. Eldorado's Davina Vannett along with Vicky Nelson and Lori Korhonen.

Looking at their roster, it's easy to see why the "Arkansas Gems" are the worlds finest and funniest womens basketball team. On any given night, any one of these gals can toss in 25 points or more!

Also, a special half time show is performed.

Advance tickets are available through any Lions Club member or McCalla's. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

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Now (Seuss), The Strawberryland Choo-Choo (Gondosh), I am Not Going to Get Up Today (Seuss), Drawing From Nature (Arnosky), Drawing From Life in Motion (Arnosky), and Bad Egg (Hayes).

Of Special Interest: The Discovery of the Titanic (Ballard)---NEW! This book has lots of fascinating pictures showing items from the Titanic along with written material.

Need a Program??? The Library has a new projector and films are available for loan through the Big Country Library Association. Check it out!!!!

SIMPLE TEST

The Pap test, a microscopic examination of cells from the cervix, is a simple test that is associated with the marked decrease in deaths from uterine cancer over the past 40 years, according to the American Cancer Society. Make a Pap test part of your regular cancer checkup.

Computer classes to begin

Angelo State University's division of adult and continuing education in cooperation with Schleicher County Independent School District will be hosting classes in the fundamentals of Microcomputers.

The classes will be held Monday and Thursday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning February 15 and will run through February 25. The classes will be held in the computer lab of the Eldorado High School.

This program includes Microcomputer terminology, hands-on Microcomputer instruction, A word processing program demonstration, an electronic spreadsheet demonstration and more.

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Enrollment is limited. Register by February 12. For information call 915-942-2339.

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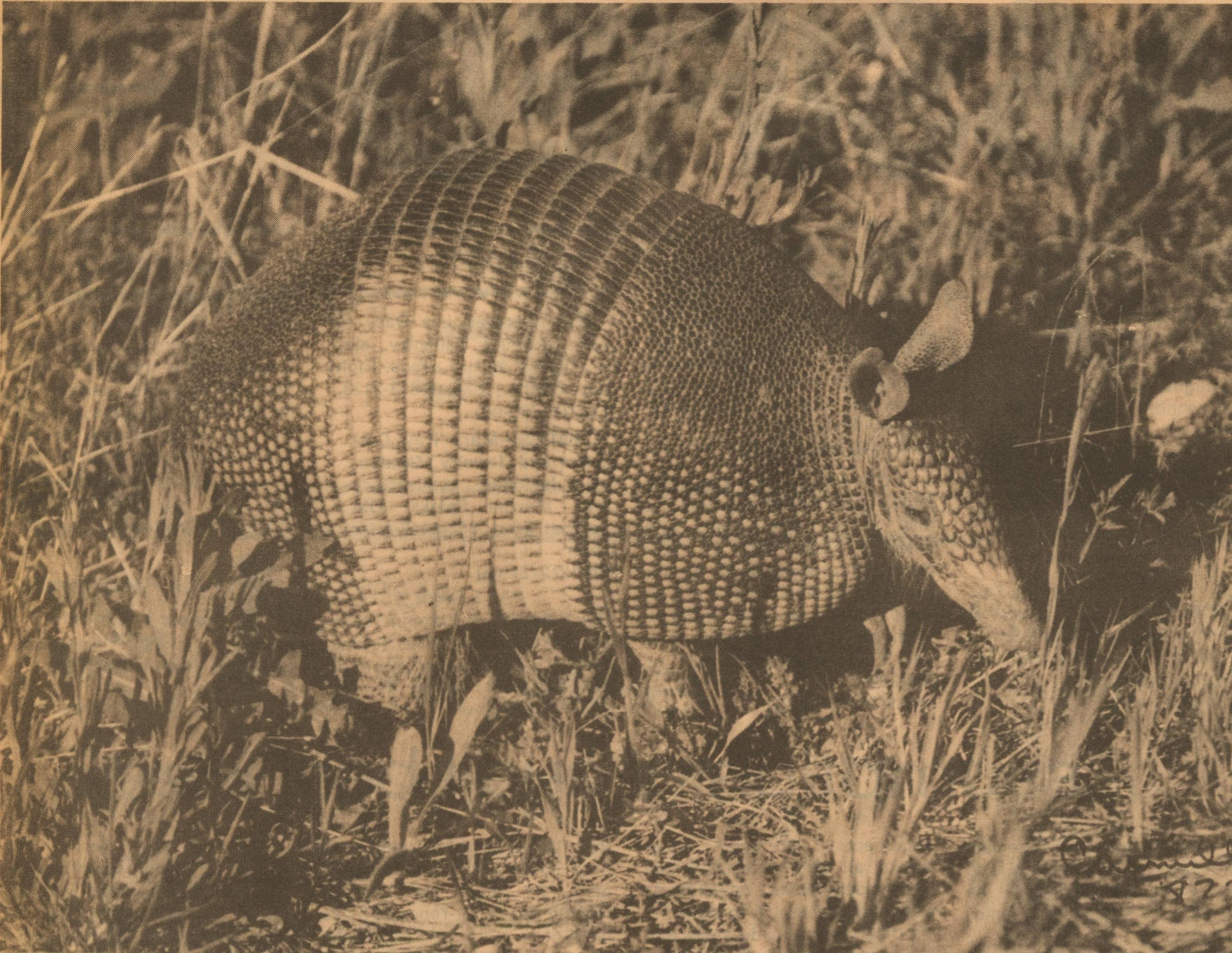


Photo by Carmilla Brown

ARMADILLOS are especially plentiful this year in Schleicher

County, and offer great possibilities for photographers.

Brown plans book

Carmilla Brown, a former Eldorado resident, is continuing her career in photography and is planning to publish a book eventually.

Ms. Brown, who was official photographer for the Sesquicentennial Wagon Train, currently resides in Lubbock. She was featured artist for the Americana Museum Street Festival in El

Paso last summer and her still photos were featured in "Texas By Land", the video filmed by Lee Martin Production about the wagon train.

Ms. Brown is also planning a photo series on working ranches in Texas and plans to photograph spring roundups in the Panhandle and West Texas this year.

GET THE FACTS

A study by the American Cancer Society shows that Hispanic-Americans are not adequately aware of cancer's warning signals or of ways to reduce cancer risk. Everyone should be armed with the facts.

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- proud papa - reports

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Markell of San Angelo are proud parents of a baby girl born Tuesday, February 2, 1988 at 5:03 p.m.

Kristina Hope weighed in at seven pounds 13 ounces and was 20½ inches long.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Sonny Turner of Eldorado, Mrs. Carol Markell and Pete Markell of Argyle, Iowa.

Great grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Auti Turner of Sweetwater and Bland Hope also of Sweetwater.

MOVING?

If you're getting monthly checks from Social Security, be sure to report your new address.

Even if your check goes directly to the bank, keep your current address on file with Social Security to make sure you get other important correspondence on time. If Social Security doesn't have a current address for you, your benefits may be stopped.

-school menu

Friday January 29

Breakfast -- Banana, Choice of Cereal.

Lunch -- Barbecue on a Bun, French Fries, Dill Pickle Strips, Apple Crisp.

Monday February 15

Breakfast -- Peaches, Pancakes, Syrup.

Lunch -- Chalupas, Spanish Rich, Lettuce and Tomato Salad, Applesauce, Orange Cake with Icing.

Tuesday February 16

Breakfast -- Orange Juice, Hot Oatmeal, Toast.

Lunch -- Spaghetti and Meat-sauce, Whole Kernel Corn, Sliced Peaches, Sugar Cookies.

Wednesday February 17

Breakfast -- Apple Juice, Cinnamon Rolls.

Lunch -- Corn Dogs, French Fries, Pork and Beans, Jello with Whipped Topping.

Thursday February 18

Breakfast -- Pineapple Juice, Hot Biscuits, Sausage, Jello.

Lunch -- Fish Nuggets, Macaroni and Cheese, English Peas, Cole Slaw, Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Icing.

Friday February 19

Breakfast -- Pineapple Chunks, Breakfast Cookies.

Lunch -- Hamburgers, Potato Chips, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Pickles, Banana Pudding.

HOLD THAT LINE

Your first line of defense against oral cancer is prevention and early detection, says the American Cancer Society. Watch for sores in the mouth that don't heal, lumps, patches and other suspicious symptoms. Inspect your own mouth and have your dentist or your physician check regularly for cancer's signs.

LEON to sponsor lunch

The LEON Christian Youth Organization will sponsor a Mexican Food Lunch Sunday, February 14 at the First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The lunch will be served immediately following local church services.

Proceeds raised from donations are used to help pay bus expenses on the annual ski trip and also for community service projects. "All are welcome," a spokesman said.

Hamilton completes Army Basic

Army Private Shawn L. Hamilton, son of Jim T. and Lorain R. Hamilton of Eldorado, has completed basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is a 1987 graduate of Eldorado High School.

AGE INCREASES RISK

As we get older, regular checkups become increasingly important. Because chances of prostate cancer increase with age, the American Cancer Society recommends a prostate exam

Filing begins for Silver Legislature

Prospective members of the second Texas Silver Haired Legislature began filing petitions for candidacy on January 1 in anticipation of this spring's election on May 24, 1988. Four representatives will be elected from the Concho Valley Region.

The filing process, which will continue through February 29 will take place through the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging and through the designated polling places in the Concho Valley Region. Petitions may now be obtained at the following locations:

Reagan County - Reagan County Courthouse, Big Lake, Texas 76932, Poll Manager Pat Guerin phone 915-884-2376.

Schleicher County - Schleicher County Courthouse, P.O. Box 536, Eldorado, Texas 76936, % Judge Griffin, Poll Manager Lorain Hamilton phone 915-853-2610.

Sterling County - Community Center, Sterling, Texas 76951, Manager Pending, Contact Diane Haar for Petitions at 915-378-5191.

Sutton County - Sutton County Senior Center, 106 Wilson, P.O. Box 1001, Sonora, Texas 76950, Poll Manager Estela Acosta phone 915-387-5657.

Tom Green County - Polling places to be announced. Petitions and candidacy forms may be obtained by contacting Sue Fielder, Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, phone 915-944-9666, 5002 Knickerbocker Road, San Angelo, Texas 76904.

The Petition, which is to include 25 signatures to be considered valid, candidacy form and a \$5.00 filing fee may be returned to the polling places or may be forwarded directly to the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, 5002 Knickerbocker Road, P.O. Box 60050, San Angelo, Texas 76902. All Petitions accompanied by the candidacy form and the \$5.00 filing fee received by the Area Agency on Aging or post marked on February 29 will be accepted.

Any Texan who is 60 years of age and over prior to January 1

and is a registered voter living in the area from which he or she is applying for candidacy may run for the Silver Haired Legislature.

The Concho Valley Region has been divided into three areas: Tom Green; a Northern Region (Coke, Concho, Irion, McCulloch, Reagan and Sterling Counties); and a Southern Region (Crockett, Kimble, Mason, Menard, Schleicher and Sutton Counties). Candidates will campaign in their respective regions.

The Silver Haired Legislature is an elected, non-partisan body of seniors who will meet in Austin this year to draft and propose suggested legislation for consideration by the 71st Texas Legislature in 1989.

Sudduth honored

Mrs. Jessie Sudduth was honored with a surprise birthday party given by Florence Hinton, Bessie Clifton and Lillian Mikeska in the Clifton home Friday, February 5.

Those present were Florence Hinton, Lillian Mikeska, Bessie Clifton, Louise Logan, Lois Ethredge, Wenona Isaacs, Dixie Belk, Pearl Enochs, Jake Spencer, Gladys Gunn, Virginia Griffin and the honored guest Jessie Sudduth.

The ladies played 84. Birthday cake and ice cream, coffee and soft drinks was served. Jessie was given a birthday gift by those present and everyone sang "Happy Birthday" Jessie.

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Plans, specifications and proposals are available at the office of Daniel W. Gower, District Maintenance Engineer, San Angelo, Texas. Prebidder Conference for all contracts will be held at the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation, San Angelo, Texas on February 16, 1988 at 10:00 a.m. Usual Rights Reserved. (2X-2/4/88-cg)

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BAKE SALE
The Veterans of Foreign Wars will have a Bake Sale Friday, February 13 starting at 8 a.m. at the Eagle Dairy Mart. (1X-2/11/88-cg)

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The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the fourth grade classes, the fourth grade teachers and Mr. Nix for their support in the Junior Fire Fighters for Rehab. The Eldorado Volunteer Fire Department (1X-2/11/88-cg)

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Assumption of audit best idea

When it comes taxes, the best strategy for record-keeping is to assume your tax return will be audited, says a family economics specialist.

"Although the chances of an audit are small, you should be able to show on a worksheet how you arrived at each deduction, and back it up with canceled checks and receipts," says Nancy Granovsky, a home economist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Extension Service.

She advised beginning in January to consolidate records for the previous tax year and to get organized for the new tax year.

Sort paper, records and receipts into the following categories: income receipts, including Forms 1099 and W-2; bank

statements; mortgage statements; all other categories that match deductions, adjustments and credits you plan to claim.

If you run out of desk space or have cartons of old financial papers in the garage, Granovsky says you may be able to throw some of them away.

"The general rule is that records should be kept as long as they're important for any federal tax law. So records supporting income or deductions should be kept at least until the period of limitations expires for the return."

The specialist notes that the period of limitations for legal action is usually three years from the date the return was due or filed, or two years from the date the tax was paid, whichever is later.

However, she also points out

that the period of limitations does not expire until six years after the return was filed if income was under-reported by 25 percent or more, and action can be brought at any time for false or fraudulent returns or if no return is filed.

"As you clean out old records, remember that some should be kept indefinitely," cautions the specialist. "Keep copies of tax returns, for example, as part of your permanent tax records. They can be helpful as your prepare future returns and are necessary if you file an amended return. They may also be helpful to your survivors and the executor of your estate."

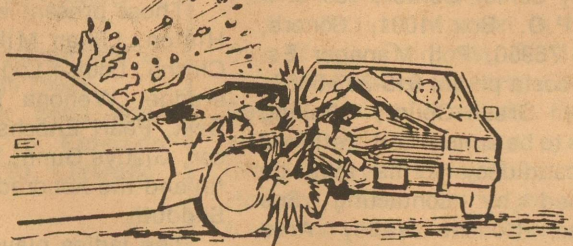
If you are missing a return, you may get a copy from the IRS by sending Form 4506, "Request for Copy of Tax Form" to the IRS Service Center, Austin, Texas 73301.

Records that verify the "basis" of property such as your home, should be kept until no longer needed, which can be many years. This includes documents showing your purchase price, purchase expenses, cost of improvements and any other adjustments to basis, such as depreciation or casualty losses.

The specialist also recommends keeping information about the house you sold and replaced with your current house. If you postponed tax on the gain when you sold the former house, the basis of your current house if affected by the postponed gain.

If you're in doubt about whether to keep some records or not, consult your local IRS office or IRS publication 552, "Record-keeping for Individuals and a List of Tax Publications" for more information.

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