Middle School students receive end-of-year awards

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Tanks, a lot

Fuel tank filled with Pot sends seven to jail

Speeding through Schleicher County proved costly last Thursday for a Del Rio couple after 97 lbs. of marijuana was found hidden in the false fuel tank of a 1995 Dodge pickup. Roberto Valdez, Jr., 24, and Maria C. Delapaz, 21, both of Del Rio, were taken into custody and transported to the Schleicher County Jail where they eventually agreed to carry out the delivery of the load in Vernon, TX.

Once in Vernon, the pair left the truck in a parking lot where it was picked up by two other subjects, who were immeadiately detained. A search warrant was then served on a residence in Vernon where three more individuals were taken into custody. Schleicher County Sheriff's deputies Jason Chatham and David Olivan followed the load from Eldorado to Vernon, along with narcotics investigators from the Texas Department of Public Safety, and were there to assist with the arrests

Those arrested in Vernon include: Cardenas Nicholas, 23, of Lubbock; Jose Antonio Deleon, 25, Rigoverto Deleon, 23, and Lance Allen Trammell, 22, all of Vernon; and Marvel Marisa Murphy, 22, of Fallon, NV.

At that time, the officers seized the marijuana, \$7,300.00 in cash, and five vehicles, including the 1995 Dodge pickup, which was returned to Eldorado.

Schleicher County Sheriff David Doran said he is pleased that the work of his officers could be carried forward in Willbarger County and lead to breakup of a major dope smuggling ring.

"We know the stuff is coming through here," Doran said, "And, we've been fortunate to intercept a substantial amount of it in recent months."

The Sheriff went on to say that the success his officers have had is the result of persistence and hard work.

"These types of cases are produced by officers who go out there every day and do their job." Doran stated.

That's what Deputy Jason Chatham was doing last Thursday when he pulled over the '95 Dodge on a routine traffic stop. After finding a usable amount of marijuana in the cab of the truck, along with drug paraphernalia, Chatham conducted a more thorough search, uncovering numerous bundles hidden in the fuel tank. Those bundles later proved to hold 97 lbs of marijuana, with a street value of over \$43,000.00.

Valdez and Delapaz were charged in Schleicher County with possession of marijuana with intent to deliver, a first degree felony. They were later released, each on a \$5,000.00 surety bond.



individuals and the seizure of the dope, wrapped in more than 70 yellow packages. Also seized during the operation were \$7,300.00 in cash and five vehicles.

Hospital trustees opt to terminate contract with Dr. Patrick Taylor

The Schleicher County Hospital District board of trustees voted last Thursday to give Dr. Patrick Taylor 60day notice that they would be terminating their contract with him. The trustees met again on Monday evening, June 2, 2003 and voted to pay Taylor for two month's service in lieu of notice. They also agreed to purchase the doctor's accounts receivable. By accepting the payment, Taylor agreed to waive the 60-day notice and end the contract immediately.

Prior to each of the votes, the trustees spent time in executive session with attorney James Kosub. When they returned to open session last Thursday and voted to give the 60-day notice, it was stated that the action was in the best interest of the hospital district. No other reason was given.

The surprise move leaves Physician Assistant Ike Whitten seeing patients in the hospital's Family Clinic. It was explained that he is being supervised by Dr. Gordy Day of San Angelo. Day will also serve as the hospital's Director of Medical Staff. Meanwhile, emergency room coverage will be provided by temporary doctors, or locum tenens, until other arrangements can be

The hospital has begun a search for a new physician. The trustees voted Monday evening to authorize Hospital Administrator Sharon Dietz and consultant Andy Freeman of Preferred Management to begin looking for a new doctor.

Thursday's board meeting was the group's regular monthly session and was held on Thursday, instead of the previous Monday, due to the Memorial Day holiday. The meeting began with newly elected trustees Delia Pina, J.D. Doyle and Randy Mankin taking the oath of office. The group then moved to elect officers with Randy Mankin being reelected as the board president. Jim Martin was elected Vice-President and Delia Pina was elected as Board Secretary. Next, the trustees voted to appoint Shirley Joiner and Frank Williams to fill two vacancies on the board. They will serve one-year unexpired terms.

After voting on the 60-day notice to Dr. Taylor, the trustees reviewed the district's financial reports. It was noted that the district used only half of its monthly tax subsidy during April, a trend that is expected to continue through May.

Following the Monday meeting, Sharon Dietz noted that ER coverage has been arranged for the foreseeable future, and that Ike Whitten PA-C, will continue seeing patients in the clinic.

Historical Society gives Pioneer Family Award to Mittel and Sauer families

The Schleicher County Historical Society will honor the William Mittel and Otto Sauer families this Saturday as the 2003 Pioneer Families of the Year. An awards presentation is slated for 11:00 p.m. on the stage near the Memorial Building during the annual Schleicher County Day festival. Raymond Mittel will be on hand to accept the award on behalf of the Mittel family while Bertha Sauer Lux will accept the award on behalf of the Sauer family.

A brief history of the two families follows:

Mittel Family

William and Christena Strackbein Mittel moved from Squaw Creek in Gillespie County to Sutton County in 1907. Their family at this time consisted of five sons John, Henry, Perry, Ben,

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William and Chrisena Strackbein Mittel



Otto and Louise Sauer, Irene & Gertrude

COURTESY PHOTO



A curve ball only God could hit

It was very early in the morning, in fact, only a few minutes after sunrise, when the minister arrived at his church in western Indiana. Entering through a back door, he set about opening windows and doing all the other the things he did every Sunday morning in order to prepare for worship services.

Outside the windows, birds flittered back and forth in the trees and a squirrel stopped halfway up the trunk of a giant oak to bark a warning. Everywhere he looked, the world was full of life.

window. The chards of glass that altar but he could clearly hear a low ing getting ready for church servicspread across the floor pointed murmuring sound, punctuated by away from the window and toward a scuffed-up leather ball. Well, that explains that, the minister thought aisle, the minister soon found himto himself as he picked up the ball and tucked it in his coat pocket. Returning to his routine, he gave the ball little, if any, thought.

to afford a nice pop-up camper

regular session rode off toward the

sunset, but one piece of legislation

Passed by the Senate on May

The measure does not make

Texas History Month. All it needs

any new holidays (March 2 recog-

nizes Texas Independence Day)

but it formalizes the importance of

now is the governor's signature.

HB 294.

trailer with the extra \$8,000.



It was still early, too early, in fact, for any of his parishioners to arrive, so he was surprised to hear noises coming from inside the chapel. Opening the door slowly, the minister peeked inside. At first he didn't soft whimpers.

Making his way quietly up the self looking down at a small blonde-haired boy. The youngster, in front of his tear streaked face, lost his index finger." was praying through his sobs.

really didn't," the little boy sput-

"It just sort of happened," he added as he opened one eye to peer "Because you sound just like him." toward heaven.

caught a glimpse of the man towering over him. Convinced that God and returned to the matter at hand. Lawmakers were still shooting to do it!."

Slowly, the minister sat down

"Please, God," the frightened made fun of me...they said I couldn't throw the ball that far. I am really sorry!"

"I see," the minister replied as curve ball.

he retrieved the ball from his pocket and placed it on the floor in front of the lad. "Think no more of it," he told the boy. "All is forgiven."

After several moments of silence, the boy dared to take another peek. Looking up and seeing nothing, he glanced quickly behind him, but he was too late. The minister had already slipped out of the chapel and the boy saw only the door as it swung shut. Noticing the ball laying before him, the lad picked it up and hurried home.

The few weeks later, as the min-Just then, he noticed a broken notice the tiny figure kneeling at the ister again went through the buildes, he found another broken window, and that same leather ball.

> Looking inside the chapel he found the same blonde-haired boy kneeling quietly at the altar. A bandage on lad's right hand failed to his hands clasped tightly together hide the fact that he had somehow

"Is that you, God?" the boy "I didn't mean to do it, God....I asked as the minister approached.

"No son, I'm not God," the man

"Are you sure?" the boy asked,

"Were you needing to speak to That's when the youngster the Lord about something?" the

"Well, he helped me out before had come to hear his petition, the and I was sort of hoping he could, boy squeezed his eyes even tighter help me out again," the youngster said, holding up his injured hand. "I promise you God, I didn't mean "I was hoping he could help me with my curve ball."

The story is true. The conversabeside the boy and asked, "Now, tion occurred about 120 years ago. just what was it that you didn't The boy's name was Mordecai Brown. Later, as a big league pitcher, he was known as "Three Finger boy blubbered in reply, "I didn't Brown." Baseball historians claim mean to break the window. But they he was the best curve ball pitcher ever to play the game. One of his contemporaries claimed that only God could hit Mordecai Brown's

Clock stops as house considers tort reform

AUSTIN — If your cable pro- State Capital vider carries live broadcasts from the Legislature, or if you drop by the Capitol, the proceedings likely will seem pretty boring.

The presiding officers of the whurst) sometimes aren't even deceiving.

duty being to call out the number of a particular piece of legislation, intone, "The clerk will read the indicate the time was still 11:59 p.m. bill," recognize members wishing a bill passes.

Well, it wasn't so."

was not a target.

they were eating.

to the restaurant.

the men in uniform.

shop next door."

ty days."

Rosa Acker of Huntsville was

cathedral because the cathedral

mealtimes, they never asked what

don't ache from hunger pains."

that was a popular meeting place



To the uninitiated, it looks like House and Senate (Speaker Tom an assembly line. But, as the old Craddick support a \$250,000 cap. Texas History Month update... Craddick and Lt. Gov. David De- saying goes, appearances can be

Take the clock hanging in the A representative or senator Senate. Early last Thursday mornholds the gavel by temporary aping, well past the midnight deadline Pleasant) wants a higher cap, no one had any trouble with was mean to do?" pointment, his or her principal for any action to be taken on a bill, \$750,000. the clock still said there was time. The official clock had been reset to pushing the Legislature closer to 22, the bill designates March as

The issue so powerful that it to speak and hitting the gavel when could stop the ticking of the clock was House Bill 4, the controversial tort reform measure.

ROLLING ALONG

Experiences of an Italian War Bride

"I was born in Pompeii, Italy Acker, started to date. The ro-

We thought that all the Americans cided to get married. Rosa's wed-

were wealthy. Really and truly. All ding gown was made from a Ger-

nineteen years old when World took it all apart and made dresses

War Two started. Just before her for me and all my attendants. I

city was bombed, leaflets were could do that, since I was a seam-

Food was scarce. She was one It was their daughter and she was

"We were eating cats, dogs, Isle of Capri. After the war, she

donkey. We didn't know what we joined her husband near the pan-

were eating. Just so the tummy handle community of Nazareth. In

for American soldiers. Rosa had an country. They get up early to milk

embroidery and sewing shop next cows. In Italy, we don't get up un-

Rosa and the soldier, Herman look so good any more."

idents to go to the basement of the brothers a shirt."

of nine children in her family. At marrying an American.

Her family owned a restaurant long way from Capri.

WITH TUMBLEWEED SMITH

The final sticking point delay-

ing passage of the bill was the size salary is \$32,000 a year and that of the cap the new law would im- means the average state worker pose on the size of "pain and suf- who chooses to retire could be able fering" judgments in medical malpractice suits.

Gov. Rick Perry, Dewhurst and

So does the Texas Medical Association, which represents some it out in the figurative sense as the 30,000 Texas doctors.

But Sen. Bill Ratliff (R-Mount

That difference of opinion was a special session with Perry saying he would keep lawmakers in Austin this summer until they get the tort bill passed.

Big bills still pending...

With the clock ticking toward adjournment, the biggies were still hanging fire: HB 2, which would do some drastic reorganization of state government and the biggest of the bills this session, the budget bill.

Thinking about retirement?

The Legislature has passed a measure providing for a lump sum payment of 25 percent of a state employee's annual salary if that employee retires between Aug. 31 and Aug. 31, 2005.

About 12,000 state workers are right next to the ruins of Pompeii. mance flourished and the pair de- or will become eligible to retire during that time frame.

Since hiring replacements we thought was that if you went man parachute, a war souvenir won't cost quite as much, the Legto America you'd have it made. donated by one of Herman's islative Budget Board estimated the bill would save the state a lit-"Some of my girlfriends and I tle more than \$21 million.

The average state employee's

the month to Texas. \$6.00 Adult/\$3.00 Child/Senior \$3.00 Bargain Wed. (• RESTRICTED) 949-9984 3598 Knickerbocker Rd. \$3.00 Matinees before 6:00 p.m

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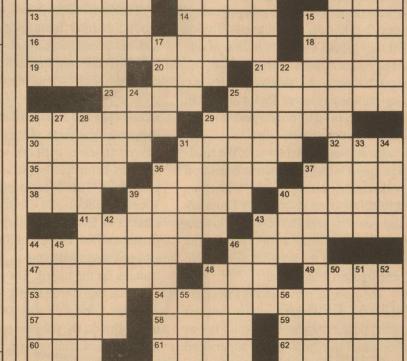
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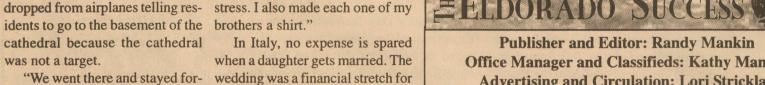


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til ten because at night we go to One time some soldiers wan- the casino, the night clubs, places dered into her place of business like that. The first morning in my and bought some items. Weeks lat- in-laws' house I heard my motherer, when the same soldiers showed in-law say 'come and get it.' I up at her family's restaurant, she looked out the window and it was was there and recognized some of still dark. I wondered what was the matter with her. And here I come "I walked up to one and said, out with a beautiful long dressing 'Hello, Joe.' I think he thought I gown that I made, with ruffles all was selling something besides over it, and she said 'where do you food or clothing. But then he rec- think you're going? You've got to

over at my husband and he didn't

the parents, but they didn't mind.

The honeymoon was spent

along the Amalfi drive and on the

both distance and culture, that's a

"He and his family lived in the

OBITUARIES

Paula Aguilar Arispe

Arispe, 89, died Friday, May 30, lix Arispe, all of Eldorado; broth-2003 in a local nursing home. Ser- ers, Juan Gauna of Eldorado and vice was held Monday June 2, Manuel Gauna of Dallas, and a 2003 at Our Lady of Guadalupe sister, Luz Moreno of Ciudad Catholic Church with burial in El- Acuna. dorado Cemetery.

Survivors include sons, Juan Funeral Home.

ELDORADO - Paula Aguilar Arispe, Porfirio Arispe and Fe-

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"Truth Trackers" VBS slated at Primera Iglesia Bautista

Primera Iglesia Bautista locat- cret of the Stone Tablets, a kiosk ed on El Paso Street in Eldorado of crafts, fun music in the Music will hold its annual Vacation Bi- Courtyard, and theme related reble School, June 9-13th from 9:00 freshments and recreation for all a.m. to 12 noon.

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The expedition is open to all ture journey through the deserts of children Pre-K through the 6th Egypt and the Middle East, the grade. For more information week will be filled with exciting please call 853-1755 or 853-

Mankin graduates from MSU

among 547 graduates receiving 3.89 for magna cum laude and 3.5degrees from Midwestern State 3.69 for cum laude. University on May 10, 2003. She Bachelor of Music degree.

Holly Leanette Mankin, was 3.9-4.0 for summa cum laude, 3.7-

Holly Mankin is the daughter of graduated cum laude, receiving a Mike and Annthinette Mankin of Greenwood, formerly of Eldorado. Honor requirements at Mid- She is the granddaughter of James western are grade point average of E. and Dora Mankin of Eldorado.

Haynes on honors list at Blinn

been named to the Distinguished 3.74 as Distinguished Students and Students list at Blinn College at those with at least a 3.75 as Presi-Bryan Texas.

The college recognizes those students who take a minimum of graduate and is the son of Mike 12 college credits hours and earn and Stacy Haynes.

Tanner Haynes of Eldorado has a grade point average of 3.25 to dent's Scholars.

Haynes is a 2002 Eldorado

Community Action Council to be at Resource Center

tric bills that have the last half of WTU or their electric provider. April and the first half of May on elderly part of the program this them, or call Patsy at 853-2574.

OH NO THE BIG"

Dobie is Five-OH!

Scripture.

He has showed

you, O man, what is

good: and what

does the Lord re-

quire of you but to do

justice, and to love

kindness, and to

walk humbly with

Micah 6:8

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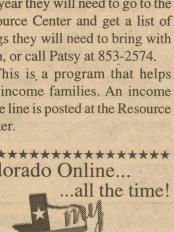
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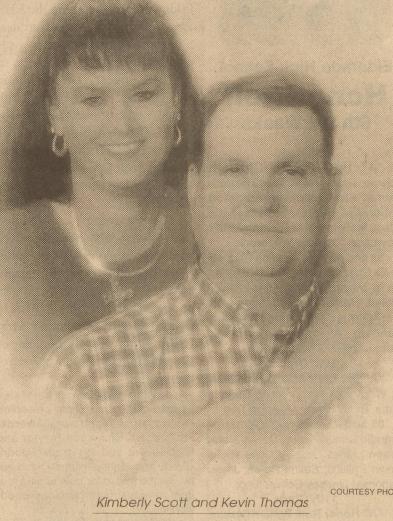
If a client has not been helped their bill as the service period. Eld- this year they will need to go to the erly clients can be helped if the Resource Center and get a list of have not been helped under the things they will need to bring with

This is a program that helps If any of the clients have been low income families. An income guide line is posted at the Resource Center.

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A wedding date of July 24, teacher at McCamey ISD and 2003 at Lake Tahoe, Nevada, has Kevin works for American Sales

Grandparents of the bride are Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Scott, Jr. of Winters and the late Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Speck, Jr. of McCam-



COURTESY PHOTO Phillip Charles and James Randall Edmonson

's a Boy!

Phillip Charles Edmonson proudly displays his new little brother, James Randall. James was born on May 13, 2003 at 12:14 p.m. weighing in at 7 pounds, 41/2 ounces and measured 191/2 inches long. Grandparents are Charles and Lill Kothmann from Fort McKavett and Ray and Janell Edmonson of Duncan, Oklahoma. The proud parents are Scott & Maela Edmonson from Eldorado.



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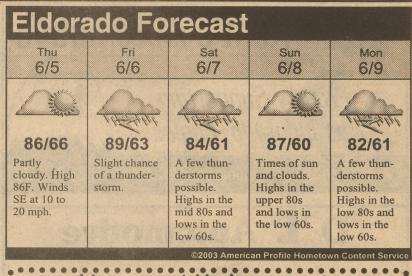
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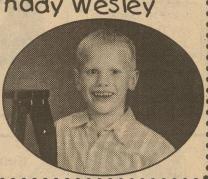
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9th Grade

Lauren Brown, William Edmiston, Esperanza Fuentes, Michael Hill, Maxie Holley, Rachel Joiner, Allison Reynolds, Chandra Wanoreck;

85 and Above: Josefina Diaz, Micaela Gonzalez, Melinda Hernandez, Philip Meyer, Brence Minor, Taylor Niblett, Heather Powell, Myra Robles, Chelci Rodriguez, Karina Sanchez, Alison Sproul, Antonio Vasquez, Frank Wipff;

10th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kolby Dombroski, William Griffin, Daniella Guadarrama, Emily Newman, Anna Troy;

85 and Above: Laurie Almazan, Brandie Cross, Ashley Doran, Betsy Green, Jared Grubbs, Julie Hight, Justin Phillips, Selina Rojas, Javier Sanchez, Lindsey Schwiening;

11th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: William Dykstra, Clara Herrera, Mikinzie Holley, Heather Homer, Travis Joiner, Seth Taylor, Courtney Whitten;

85 and Above: Kasey Boysaw, Jeffrey Bybee, Scott Cawley, Gregory Fuentes, Koda Lozano, Robert Parker, Lacy, Ragsdale, Joshua Trejo, Michael Wedum;

12th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Courtney Brown, Brandi Davis, Quisto Gonzalez, Ross Hodges, Lori Loomis, Philip Martinez, Luis Munoz, Helen Redish, Hannah Robledo, Courtney Sauer, Mayci Schwiening, Blake

85 and Above: Loida Almazan, Ray Buitron, Jessica Cook, David Doran, Jessie Guadarrama, Daniel Iglesias, Martha Lively, James Mankin, Georgina Maritz, Layna Murr, Landon Nixon, Bobby Phillips, Armandina Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Reese Schwiening, Amanda Wanoreck.

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Middle School academic awards assembly

Eldorado Middle School's academic awards were presented on Friday, May 23, 2003 in the EHS Auditorium , with Alicia Corrales, Student Council President welcoming the parents and guests of the EMS students. The invocation was led by J. Lynn Barajas, 8th Grade Student Council Representative. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Chris Minor, Student "A" Honor Roll: Charlotte Council Secretary and Tyler Dom-Adame, Taylor Baker, Diego Barrera, broski, Student Council President-

> The out going Eighth Grade Class, in a special graduation recognition ceremony was presented special certificates from retiring Middle School Julie Griffin. At the end of the assembly Middle School faculty presented Mrs. Griffin with a lovely bouquet of flowers, in recognition of her retirement.

> Individual awards were presented as follows: Mr. Jim Wyatt presented the Industrial Technology Awards. 7th graders Rhapsody Swyter and Rigo Rivera and 8th grade Sandra Garza and Bryron Hibbs each received the award for outstanding student in industrial technology-wood-

Perfect Attendance Awards were presented to 5th Grade: Marco Medrano and Austin Whitten; 6th Grade - Jesus Vazquez; 7th Grade-Luis Huichapa and Rico Rivera, and 8th Grade-Liz Lacy and Kristin Mittel. These students were neither absent nor tardy for the entire year.

Reading Awards went to the highest reader in each class. They are: Eighth Grade 1st-Felipe Martinez (7,947pgs.), 2nd-Liz Lacy (4,868 pgs.), 3rd -AnaKaren Esparza, (3,527pgs.); Seventh Grade: 1st-and overall highest-Jorge Chavez (23,211 pgs.), 2nd-Leslie Cruz (12,338 pgs.), 3rd-Chelsey Stone (10,344); Sixth Grade: 1st-Chris Minor (5,175 pgs), 2nd-Corie Williams (3,543), 3rd-Rance Cathey (3,435); Fifth Grade: 1st -Marco Medrano (4,938) pgs),



Scholastic achievement — Kristin Mittel and Neal Higgins displayed the Lions Club Awards they received at the Middle School Awards Program on the last day of school. The awards were given to recognize the highest ranking girl and boy in the 8th grade.

2nd-Adriana Hernandez (4,227 pgs.), 3rd-Dylan Dombroski (3,172 pgs.)

Schleicher County Soil and Water District awarded cash prizes for the top three students.1st place poster went to 6th Grader Victor Cardenas; 2nd Place- Marcela Huerta and 3rd place was won by Christopher

Citizenship Awards winners are selected by teachers in each grade level. They are: Eighth Grade: Krista Troy and Felipe Martinez; Seventh Grade: Amika Gonzalez and Manny Gonzalez; Sixth Grade: Victoria Fuentes and Brent Martinez; Fifth Grade: Patrica Hernandez and Ramiro Perez.

Most Improved: 5th Grade- Alicia Hernandez and Shane Young; 6th Grade-Haley Higgins and Rene Vaquez; 7th Grade-Nancy Hernandez and Luis Huichapa; 8th Grade-Ericka Buitron and Byron Hibbs.

Most Congenial: 5th Grade-Samatha Dominguez and Garrett Lux; 6th Grade-Darci Graves and Joseph Turnbull; 7th Grade-Maygen Eu-

banks, and Lalo Sanchez; 8th Grade-Tiffany Hernandez and Neal Higgins.

New student Sarah Trickett was recognized with a special award for her hard work to catch up academically with her class by teacher Betty

Scholarship Awards were given to the top ten students academically in each grade level. Receiving Scholarship Awards in alphabetical order were: Eighth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Neal Higgins, Felipe Martinez, Kristin Mittel, Ridge Ann Sudduth, and Krista Troy; Bottom 5 Medalist-AnaKaren Esparaza, Sandra Garza, Brittany Jennings, Logan Jones, and Abel Montalvo; Seventh Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Macy Chatham, Jorge Chavez, Caleb Daniels, Tyler Dombroski and Matthew Hill; Botton 5 Medalist-Lupe Contreras, Lynley Glass, Clayton Sauer, Chelsy Stone and Brandy Van Horn; Sixth Grade-Top 5 Medalist-Rance Cathey, Meg Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Kirstin Stubbs; Botton 5 Medalist - Victoria Fuentes, Austin Grubbs,

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Eldorado Middle School Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

5th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Timmy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez;

lo, Patricia Hernandez, Marcos Me-Greg Rodriguez;

6th Grade

Rance Cathey, Meg Griffin, Marcela Huerta, Kirsten Stubbs, Sara Trickett, Corie Williams;

Honor Roll: Cassandra Buitron, Deyanira Cruz, Victoria Fuentes, Marc Garcia, Isidro Granados, Darci Graves, Haley Higgins, Timothy Maskill, Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Joseph Turnbull, Joel Varna-

thew Hill, Michael Redish, Brandy Van

Honor Roll: J. Lynn Barajas, Louie Buitron, Blake Chatham, Macy Honor Roll: Hunter Alvizo, Ma- Chatham, Lupe Contreras, Misti son Baker, Wes Brown, Ryan Castil- Daniels, Erika Estrada, Maygen Eubanks, Lynley Glass, Amika Gonzadrano, Cory Ragon, Dustin Ramos, lez, Manny Gonzalez, Adriana Granados, Chelsey Hill, Luis Huichapa, Ashley Lazano, Lalo Sanchez, Clayton "A" Honor Roll: Tracy Brenner, Sauer, Chelsey Stone, Kassaundra Tyler, Desiree' Valeriano, Alexandria Vandensen

8th Grade

"A" Honor Roll: Kristin Mittel, Ridge Ann Sudduth;

Honor Roll: Russell Cathey, Amy Doran, Anakaren Esparza, Sandra Garza, David Hernandez, Marcos Hernandez, Tiffany Hernandez, Neal Higgins, Marcus Hinojosa, Logan Jones, Liz Lacy, Abel Montalvo, Artie

HONOR ROLL

Eldorado Elementary

Honor Roll 6th Six Weeks

Second Grade

Mrs. Beach's Class "A" Honor Roll: John Cody Brenner*, Lori Escobar*, Nicholas Gonzales*, Avery Nolen*, Stacey Valeriano*

Honor Roll: Paige Boysaw*, Nancy Iglesias*, Blaine Mitchell*, Rudy Montez*, Rose Turner*, Chasity Willis Mrs. Sessom's Class

"A" Honor Roll: Miranda Arispe*, Jalen Garza*

Honor Roll: Camron Capps*, Shelby Daniels*, Veronica Fuentes*, Lane Griffin*, Brooke Guerrero*, Edward Hernendez*

Mrs. O'Harrow's Class

"A" Honor Roll: Ryan Espinosa*, M'Kenna Gillespie*, Mary Lou Martinez*, Victoria Olivan*, Brian Parsley* Honor Roll: Marcus Perez*, Hagen

Porras*, Ruben Vasquez*

Third Grade Mrs. Mikeska's Class "A" Honor Roll: Evan Joiner*, Os-

car Robles*, Charli Swinford* Honor Roll: Melisa Bullard*, Karina Granados*, Polli Guerrero*, Fran-

cisco Mendez* Mrs. Jones' Class "A" Honor Roll: Canu Acosta*,

Brianah Creek* Honor Roll: Sierra Arispe*, Maddi-

son Bilbrey*, Clarissa Gomez*, Melissa Gonzales*, Sean McCord*, Christian Sanchez*, Jessica Sellers*, Domingo Torres*, Lauren Trickett*, Nelly Hernan-

Mrs. McGregor's Class "A" Honor Roll: Austin Barajas*, Morgan Gillespie

Honor Roll: Abby Fuentes*, Amanda Garcia*, Nancy Granados*, Colt Jones*, Ashby Ragsdale*, Brianda Torres*, Dacy Whiddon*

Fourth Grade Mrs. Edmiston's Class "A" Honor Roll: Miles Mikeska*,

Shelby Seymore* Honor Roll: Deisy Aranda*, Brenda Galan*, Laura Garcia*, Trevor Harrington*, Allyson Jarrett*, Kymberlin

Conn*, Carli McAngus' Mrs. O'Harrow's Class "A" Honor Roll: Amy Alvizo*, Ben

Honor Roll: Eloy Bustos*, J.R. Martinez*, Baily Minor*, Aaron Parsley*

Mrs. Newman's Class "A" Honor Roll: Jaymie O'Harrow* Honor Roll: Torey Griggs*, Rose Iglesias*, Josh Jurecek*, Ashley Paul-

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celebration, 1st Community

Federal Credit Union will be

giving away the playhouse pictured at right. Stop by the

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playhouse are (L-R) branch

manager Dorothy Dacy,

Kim-et Nelson, and Misty

part of its 50th birthday

July to accept the honor at NAF- ly has four offices in San Angelo, at a young age, to our website, and CUs annual convention. This along with one each in Eldorado, our Senior Citizen checking ac- Misty Key joined the staff later, award is even more special since Ballinger and Fort Stockton. 50th anniversary this June. 1st Community is currently vices to its members while main-their life. serving over 24,000 members lo-taining low rates on loans, higher

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cial project area, one for the Twin \$1,344,717. Buttes Project Area and then one

lypear are of highest priority. Con- 325-853-3535 Ext. 3.

Agriculture producers in Schle- tance for eligible conservation trolling these three plant species icher County have until June 13, practices that address the natural was also identified as the major

> Each County within the State Brush Control Project watersheds. have received additional funding. Schleicher County will have The Spring and Dove Creek three separate EQIP funding. One Project received \$129,691 and the for the Spring and Dove Creek spe- Twin Buttes Project received

> For additional information or to for the remainder of the County. make application for cost-share, For those falling within the interested individuals should conspecial project areas, brush con- tact the local NRCS office at 510 trol on juniper, mesquite and prick- South Divide in Eldorado or call

2003, to make application for par-resource concerns identified by the concern for the rest of the county, ticipation in the Environmental Local Work Group (Soil and Wa-however pricklypear control was

Letters to the Editor

Letters to the Editor express the opinions of their author. They do not necessarily reflect the views or opinions of the staff, management or ownership of the Eldorado Success.

We hear our readers

Dear Editor.

Keep the "news" coming to me! I look forward to "catching up" on the news of my friends and neighbors. I've made lots of acquaintances, nice people, and new friends here. It's good.

Change can be good, as well as tough, but sometimes, they're necessary. Old friends are "gold" in our memories.

Surely do miss all of you, but here is where I needed to be now, near my children. I'm adjusting and doing fine.

> May God bless you all, Lucille Littlepage

Dear Sirs,

Please give all my good friends in Eldorado my best regards!

> Yours truly, Bill Rountree

Meals for Friends Menu

Monday, June 9 Roasted Chicken, Pinto Beans, Spinach, Corn Bread, Cherry Cobbler,

Tuesday, June 10 Chicken & Rice Casserole, Broccoli, Dinner Roll, Peach Halves, Chocolate Cake, Milk

Wednesday, June 11 Roast Beef w/ Gravy, Mashed Potato, Brussel Sprouts, Wheat Roll, Brownie w/ Nuts, Juice, Milk

Thursday, June 12 Pork Chop w/ Gravy, Baked Potato, yellow Squash, Corn Bread, Pineapple, Waldorf Salad, Milk

Friday, June 13 Hamburger on Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Oven Baked Fries, Carrot Salad, Fresh Apple, Milk

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the Gas Utility Regulatory Act as set forth in the Texas

Utilities Code, hereby gives notice of its intent to implement

a new schedule of rates for natural gas service to be charged

to all of the customers served by the Company in the incor-

porated municipalities and unincorporated areas in the

Company's statewide gas utility system (the "System"). The

proposed revisions to the respective rate schedules will

impact all classes of service and all fees and charges present-

ly being assessed by the Company on its transmission and

distribution systems. As of the filing date of the Company's

Statement of Intent to change rates, the proposed rates are

expected to approximately produce a \$69,524,311 or a 7.24

percent increase in the Company's annual revenues from

customers in the System. The proposed change will affect

approximately 1,344,030 residential, 125,603 commercial,

and 1,441 industrial sales and transportation customers in

the System. The proposed change constitutes a "major" change as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. The proposed changes will have differ-

ing impacts on individual customers, depending on con-

sumption and current applicable rate schedules. The pro-

posed changes in rates will not become effective for environs

customers until similar changes have become effective with-

in the nearest incorporated city or town. A residential cus-

tomer receiving a bill for 6 Mcf will see a bill of approxi-

mately \$41.69, which would constitute an average increase

of approximately \$3.59 per month or a 9.4% increase. A com-

mercial customer receiving a bill for 30 Mcf will see a bill of

approximately \$173.04, which would constitute an average

increase of approximately \$13.91 per month or a 8.7%

increase. The effect of the proposed changes to rates and ser-

vices for industrial sales and transportation customers,

which may be significant for individual customers, will vary

depending on type of service and consumption. The proposed

change would constitute an increase of \$0.00 or a 0%

increase in annual revenues to the Company for industrial

sales and transportation customers. A complete copy of the

Statement of Intent, filed with the Railroad Commission of

Texas and all of the System cities and towns on May 23,

2003, is available for inspection in the Company business

office located at 1601 Bryan St., Dallas, Texas 75201.

Persons with specific area questions or who want informa-

tion about this filing may contact TXU Gas Company at 1-

800-460-3030. Any affected persons located inside of the city

limits of a municipality served by the Company may file

written comments or protest concerning the proposed change

in rates with their respective municipality. Any affected per-

sons located outside of the city limits of a municipality

served by the Company may file written comments or protest

concerning the proposed change in rates with Docket

Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission

of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, but have

a limited time to do so. Pursuant to the Rules of the Railroad

Commission of Texas, Title 16 of the Texas Administrative

Code Section 7.230, any affected persons may file written

comments or a protest concerning the proposed change in the

environs rates with the Docket Services Section of the

Railroad Commission of Texas, at any time within 30 days

following the date on which the change would or has become

effective. The Company is proposing to have these proposed

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tando un aumento en la tarifa de gas. Este aumento afectara

a todos los consumidores de gas de la Compañía en el estado

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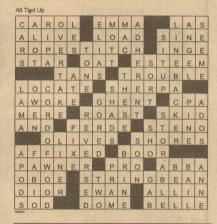
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2003 Kindergarten Mrs. Griffin's Class: (Front L-R) Whitney Perez, Melissa Hernandez, Breana Crofoot, Fabian Gomez; (Center L-R) Tres Whitten, Victoria Guerrero, Arden Mertz, Martin Iglesias, Abby Nolen; (Back) Mrs. Griffin, Jessica Gonzalez, Kyle Spinks, Alejandro Rodriguez, Jonah Griggs.



2003 Kindergarten Mrs. Homer's Class: (Front L-R): Jessica Gandar, Okshana Hernandez, Jacob Sanchez, Hannah Trickett; (Center L-R) Elizabeth Guerrero, Lucas Santellano, Claire Wideman, Baylee Griffin; (Back L-R) Juan Trujillo, Garet Swinford, Jaqueline Castro, Angel Estrada, Abbigal Spradley and Mrs. Homer.

Middle School academic awards program

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Bridgett Mitchell, April Porras, Corie Williams Fifth Grade-Top 5th Grade Medalist- Wes Brown, Timothy Cuevas, Dylan Dombroski, Emily Espinosa, Adriana Hernandez; Bottom 5 Medalist-Hunter Alvizo, Ryan Castillo, Tanya Hibbs, Maureen Martinez, tie-Dustin Ramos and Hugo Rios;

were presented to a 6th grade girl and boy who were elected by their classmates for their display of good citizenship. This year's award was presented to Marcela Huerta and Rance Cathey by Principal Julie Griffin.

The first annual Presidential Student Service Award signed by President George W. Bush- was present- in each class, every six weeks, from

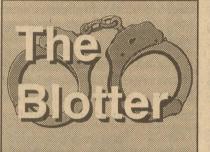
cipal Julie Griffin who recognized their 50 hours of volunteer work. The group came to be known as The Do Something Council who participated in three the highest scholastic average for different service projects. Members of The Do Something Council were presented a with a signed certificate and a pin. They are Amy Doran, Ridge Ann presented by Middle School Princi-The American Legion Awards Sudduth, Jileesa Hibbs, Chelsi Sellers, AnaKaren Esparza, Kimberly Samaniego, Liz Lacy, Marianna Guzman, Candace Engdahl, Enrique Mercado, and Joshue Chavez.

Miss Kristin Mittel was the sole recipient of the Principal's Honor Roll Award. This award is given to the student with an" A" in every core subject

ed to Middle School students by Pringrade 5 through grade 8. It was presented by principal Julie Griffin.

Lions Club Award is awarded to the 8th grade boy and girl who had the 2002-2003 school year. Recipients of this award were Neal Higgins and Kristin Mittel. The award was pal Julie Griffin.

The Leadership Award was presented to Alicia Corrales and Abel Montalvo both 8th graders who where chosen for outstanding citizenship, friendship, and sportsmanship throughout their middle school years. These students are nominated by the 8th grade and voted on by the entire student body.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County male age 54, arrested by SC Officer, trolled burn on North of Pave Paws. Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be orderly Conduct. Released on Cita-fight on W. Avenue. Officers respondreported separately. Subjects reported to tion. have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law. ARRESTS

age 21, arrested by SC Officer, of- a police report. Officer responded. Assault/Family Violence, Motion To Revoke/Evading Arrest Detention. Bond.

Shurley, Collier Mitchell, male age 22, arrested by SC Officer, offense Motion To Revoke/Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Released to Sutton County.

May 29 • Delapez, Marie C., female age 21, arrested by SC Officer, offense Possession of Marijuana (less



than 50 lbs., more than \$2,000.) Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

· Valadez, Robert Jr., male age 24, arrested by SC Officer, Possession of Marijuana, (less than 50 lbs., more refrigerator at the entrance to their than \$2,000.) Released on \$5,000 Surety Bond.

May 31 • Morehouse, William, male age 50, arrested by SC Officer, offense Public Intoxication. Released on \$500.00 PR Bond.

June 6 . Hunley, Tommy Lynn,

Hunter, Kyle Wayne, male age 23, arrested by SC Officer, offense Dis-

INCIDENT REPORTS

ported they did not receive the items May 27 • Gandar, Joe David, male they had ordered. Subject requested fense Motion To Revoke/Probation May 28 • 8:32 p.m. Complainant re- ambulance for a basic transfer. quested to speak with an officer about a possible burglary. Officer respond-Released on \$3,000 & \$2,000 Surety ed and complainant showed officer footprints of someone around the res-

> Del Rio Street requested to speak to an officer about someone vandalizing their vehicle. Officer responded.

San Saba Street reported a intoxicated person in yard. Officer responded and found subject was not intoxicat-

was gone before officers arrived.

Sutton County notified.

reported a possible burglary in was unable to locate.

progress. Officers responded and found everything OK.

May 31 • 1:56 p.m. Complainant reported someone had dumped an old ranch on Rudd Road.

• 2:51 p.m. Complainant requested to speak with an officer about receiving harassing phone calls. Officer responded.

• 5:49 p.m. Complainant called into reported they would be having a con-

offense Driving While Intoxicated (1st • 7:23 p.m. Complainant on S. Main. Offense). Released on \$1,000 PR called to reported a rattlesnake was underneath their house. Officer re-

• 9:51 p.m. Complainant reported a

June 1 • 1:15 a.m. Complainant re-May 27 • 3:10 p.m. Complainant re-quested the Sheriff Office notify Goodyear about four of their drivers driving unsafe.

• 2:12 p.m. Complainant requested an

• 4:48 p.m. Complainant reported a swarm of bees on Depot Street. Fire Department responded and reported everything OK.

 7:54 Subject reported that their May 29 • 6:33 p.m. Complainant on neighbor was burning trash and that the smoke was coming into their house and it was bothering them. Officer responded.

May 30 • 6:50 p.m. Complainant on • 8:12 p.m. Complainant called the Sheriff Office to report that her husband did not want to give their daughter back to her. Three officers responded.

• 7:15 p.m. Complainant reported a • 8:49 p.m. Complainant reported a male subject was harassing custom- grass fire on North Hwy. 277 at the ers. Officers responded and subject county line. Christoval Fire Department responded.

• 9:10 p.m. Complainant reported an . • 11:00 p.m. Hospital requested to intoxicated driver in a white crew cab speak with an officer about a child pickup. Officers and DPS Trooper re- abuse case. Two officers responded. sponded and was unable to locate. • 11:33 p.m. Complainant reported a suspicious person outside their home • 10:29 p.m. Complainant on E. Street on Warner. Officer responded and

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If you have questions, please call the courthouse at (915) 853-2766.

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Sealed bids, addressed to the Schleicher County Commission-County Clerk, until 10:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 9, 2003 in regular session when such bids will be opened in the Commissioners Courtroom for:

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Historical Society presents Pioneer Family awards

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William Jr., and two daughters, Velma and Aurie. Their last child, Archie, was born in Sutton County.

The Mittels first purchased the Ranch about eighteen miles southeast of Sonora on the Bond road. sheep, cattle, and cotton. They hauled their cotton by wagon to Rocksprings to be ginned. In the mid-1920's William sold the Nixon place and purchased the Allison Ranch on the Schleicher and tel lived on the Bailey Ranch place Sutton County line. A short time and operated part of the Sutton they built a new home, barn, fenclater he purchased the Hulldale County ranch. Their children are Ranch from N. B. Wilson 12 miles North of Eldorado, and the Bailey Ranch property in the late 1930's.

John served in France during WWI on the Western Front until his unit was gassed by the Germans. He lived about a year after being returned to the USA. All of the children stayed home and worked until they married. Henry, Perry, Ben and Archie were Baptist Deacons and their wives were active in the church. Velma and Aurie were active Methodist wives. Their entertainment was dominoes.

Henry and Mamie Smith Mittel lived on the Hulldale Ranch and raised six boys, Henry Jr., Howard, John Dee, Raymond, Stephen, and Dan. The most dreaded words around Henry's house were "by daylight". You were on the back side, on the bed ground, horses saddled, or whatever you were doing "by daylight".

Perry and Doy Joiner Mittel lived on their farm near Eldorado and operated part of the Hulldale Ranch. They had one son, Gail.

Ben and Myrtis Faulkner Mittel lived on the Sutton County Ranch until drought caused them to move to Evant, Texas, in the mid-50's. Their children are Mari-

lyn, Ben and Melinda.

Velma Mittel Berger and Joe mineral supplementation. Berger lived and ranched at Sonora with their son Wilfred.

Aurie Mittel Hull and Joe Hull Paul and Annie Faught Nixon lived on the Sonora place and had one daughter Charlene.

William Jr. and Bernice Holli-The family raised angora goats, man Mittel operated a portion of the Sutton County place and had two children John and Martha. William Jr. passed away at an early age due to a blood clot.

> Archie and Gladys Perry Mit-Ronnie and Margo.

Sauer Family

Otto and Louise Baethge Sauer resettled in Schleicher County in 1928 after an opportunity presented itself to purchase a section Evans. The couple were stock a section at Bailey Ranch Commu-

before soil fertilization and cattle Alexander Community.

Friedrich and Christine Strackbein inherited from his parents. The Sauer of Doss. Otto married Lou- rollers of the mill crushed the sordaughter of Henry and Hannah Nixon Baethge of Doss. The Sauers had 12 children, eight girls and four sons, all born in Gillespie and feeding it to the mill. The proand Blanco Counties.

two older sons loaded up the Model A truck with supplies and headed for Schleicher County where es and pens. The farm land was place the perfectly cooked syrup cleared of trees and rocks. Louise in large containers. and the younger children joined the rest of the family at the new home in January 1929. Their first crops of cotton and maze where put in with hard manual labor which made it possible to purchase of unimproved land about 20 miles a Farmall tractor the next year and farmers near Blanco in the days nity and in the 40's a section in the

The Sauer's also brought with Otto was the son of J.M them a sugar cane mill which Otto ise Baethge in 1907. She was the ghum stalks as a horse hitched to long pole traveled in a continuou circle. The children where responsible for preparing the sorghum cess gave off a syrup which was At the age of 51, Otto and his cooked in a 6 in. by 2 1/2 in. wide tray. A furnace kept the concoction hot while Mrs. Sauer would skim off the impurities or foam which surfaced. She would then

With the arrival of many young families in the area, Mr. Charles Reynolds donated land for a country school, a one-room structure that was appropriately named "The Reynolds School House." Here students in grades one through northwest of Eldorado from R.A. more ranch land in the early 30's, eight would attend school. The children, of various ages, numbered about 25 students per year. The faithful old school house was later used for county elections and community church with singing on Sunday afternoons and fun "42" parties on Saturday nights. Mr. Sauer was one of the school's first trustees. Without school buses in 1937, the 20 mile trip to Eldorado on a dirt road was impossible. So, Mr. Sauer rented an apartment for his children to stay when in school. A year later Mr. Sauer purchased a house in El dorado in 1938 so the remaining 4 children could attended school while Mrs. Sauer kept house.

Otto ranched and farmed until his death in 1959 at the age of 82. Louise lived on the ranch until her death in 1979 at the age of 92. Both are buried in the Eldorado Cemetery.

Five children have followed their parents in death and seven children are still living. Four of the sibling still reside in Schleicher County. They are: Rosa Sauer Faught, Mr. Clemens Sauer, Bertha Sauer Lux and Irene Sauer Reynolds.

Daughter, Emma Sauer Dannhiem and her husband Harvey are both deceased. Emma passed away in 1985. They had three sons and two daughters.

Daughter, Regina Sauer Williams currently resides in Rotan Nursing Home. Her husband Ber nard preceded her in death. They had two daughters and two sons.

Son, Victor Sauer married Alma Castello. Victor passed away in 1976 and Alma is in Schleicher County Nursing Home. They had two sons and two daughters.

Daughter, Cora Sauer De-Longue and her husband Chuck are both deceased. Cora passed away in 1997. They had no children.

Daughter, Rosa Sauer Faught and her husband Milton, who is deceased, where residents of Eldorado. Rosa currently lives in Eldorado and has one daughter by a previous marriage.

Son, Clemens Sauer married Winnie Trimble and they currently live on a farm in the Reynolds Community. They had four daughters.

Son, Edgar Sauer married Louella Reeves. Edgar passed away in 1990 and Louella currently resides in Eldorado. They had two sons.

Daughter, Leola Sauer Cartwright who is deceased married George Cartwright who currently lives in Eldorado. Leola passed away in 1962. They had two daughters and one son.

Son, William Sauer married Lee Gunstead. They live in Midland, and had two sons and two

Daughter, Bertha Sauer Lux married W.V. Lux who is deceased. Bertha lives in Eldorado. They had three daughters and two sons.

Daughter, Gertrude Sauer Perkins and husband Clyde live in Dumas Texas. They have two daughters and one son.

And daughter, Irene Sauer Rey nolds and husband Billy Jack live on a farm and ranch in the Reynolds Community. They have two sons and one daughter.



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- exemptions that may apply to you;
- cancellation of agricultural appraisal;
- whether your property is taxable;
- •which local governments should be taxing your property; or
- eyou think the appraisal district has done something else that adversely affected you.

Informal Review: For an informal review of your property value, contact Scott Sutton, Chief Appraiser, at the appraisal district office located at 1 W Warner Avenue.

Review by the Appraisal Review Board:

If you can't resolve your problem informally with the appraisal district staff, you may have your

case heard by the appraisal review board.

The appraisal review board (ARB) is an independent board of citizens that reviews problems with appraisals and other concerns listed above. It has the power to order the appraisal district to make the necessary changes to solve problems. If you file a written request for an ARB hearing (called a notice of protest) before the deadline, the ARB will set your case for a hearing. You'll receive written notification of the time, date, and place of the hearing. The hearing will be informal. You and the appraisal district representative will be asked to present evidence about your case. The ARB will make its decision based on the evidence presented. You can get a copy of a protest form from the appraisal district office at 1 W Warner Ave, Box 936, Eldorado, TX 76936.

Note: You shouldn't try to contact ARB members outside of the hearing. The law requires you to

sign an affidavit saying that you haven't done so before the ARB hears your case.

Review by the District Court: After it decides your case, the ARB must send you a copy of its order by certified mail. If you're not satisfied with the decision you have the right to appeal to district court. If you choose to go to court, you must start the process by filing a petition within 45 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

If the appraisal district has appraised your property at \$1,000,000 or more, you must file a notice of appeal with the chief appraiser within 15 days of the date you receive the ARB's order.

More information: You can get more information by contacting the Schleicher Co Appraisal District, Box 936, Eldorado, TX 76936, 915-853-2617. You can also get a pamphlet describing how to prepare a protest from the appraisal district or from the State Property Tax Board 4301 Westbank Drive, Building B, Suite 100, Austin, TX 78746-6565.

Deadline for filing protests with the ARB

(The deadline is postponed to the next business day if it falls on a weekend or holiday) **Usual Deadline**

On or before May 31 (or 30 days after a notice of appraised value was mailed to you, which-

Late Protests are allowed if you miss the usual deadline for good cause. Good cause is some reason beyond your control, like a medical emergency. The ARB decides whether you have good cause.

Late protests are due the day before the appraisal review board approves records for the year. Contact your appraisal district for more information.

Special Deadlines

For change of use (the appraisal district informed you that you are losing agricultural appraisal because you changed the use of your land), the deadline is before the 30th day after the notice of the determination was mailed to you.

If you believe the appraisal district or ARB should have sent you a notice and did not, you may file a protest until the day before taxes become delinquent (usually February 1). The ARB decides whether it will hear your case based on evidence about whether a required notice was mailed to you.



