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## UIL realignment leaves Eldorado in Conference 2A

*Eldorado High School is smallest in District 2-2A; also ranked among smallest 2A schools in the state*

EHS officials learned this week that the school will remain in Conference 2A following the biennial realignment announced by the University Interscholastic League. The UIL, which governs interscholastic competition in athletics, band, drama and academics, changed the enrollment numbers for all five conferences. That, coupled with shifting enrollments, caused a total of 94 schools statewide to move into larger or smaller conferences. An additional thirteen schools were moved into the 4A and 5A conferences at their own request.

Locally, the news came as a disappointment to most EHS coaches and fans. After years of being ranked as the smallest school in the district, many thought Eldorado's declining enrollment, plus the shift in the UIL's enrollment requirements, would finally bump EHS down into the 1A Conference where it could compete against schools nearer in size. But the realignment fell just short of that goal. Eldorado High School's enrollment on Oct. 29, 2003, the day all Texas schools had to report their attendance numbers, stood at 195, a mere six students above the 189 ceiling for 1A.

"I was hoping we would drop down to 1A stated EHS Athletic Director Gary Grubbs, "but I had prepared myself for the possibility that it might not happen."

He went on to explain that the UIL's announcement of the enrollment numbers didn't surprise him nearly as much as finding out that his Eldorado Eagles would be competing in a larger, eight-team district.

Part of the reason for that was the fact that the top number in the 2A enrollment moved up from 344 to 389, leaving Grape Creek, which would otherwise have moved up to 3A in Conference 2A for at least two more years. Also, Junction and Mason, schools that had previously competed in District 2-2A, were returned to the district where they joined Eldorado, Sonora, Ozona, Reagan County, Sonora, Ozona, Reagan County, Wall and Grape Creek.

**"Instead of running into Mason at State, now we'll have to get past them in district."**

— EHS tennis coach Matt Rutherford

Coach Grubbs noted that the football schedule for upcoming

school year has already been decided. The Eagles will open their non-district schedule against the Christoval Cougars on August 27, 2004, followed by games with Forsan and Menard. The site of the non-district games has yet to be determined. A bye week will precede the Eagles district opener in Grape Creek on Sept. 24, 2004. The Eagles will then host the Sonora Broncos before traveling to Reagan County and Junction. A home game with Ozona comes next, followed by a trip to Mason. The Eagles will wrap up their 2004 district schedule by hosting the Wall Hawks.

Eldorado wasn't the only West Texas school awaiting the UIL's decision. Longtime 3A powerhouse Ballinger learned that it will be moving down to 2A where it will be matched up with Jim Ned, San Saba, Early, Coleman, Bangs and another former 3A power, Early.

Ballinger's neighbor Winters, avoided being placed in that district by moving down to 1A. Also making the move to 1A were Forsan, Goldthwaite, Haskell, Marfa, New Deal, Seagraves, and Van Horn.

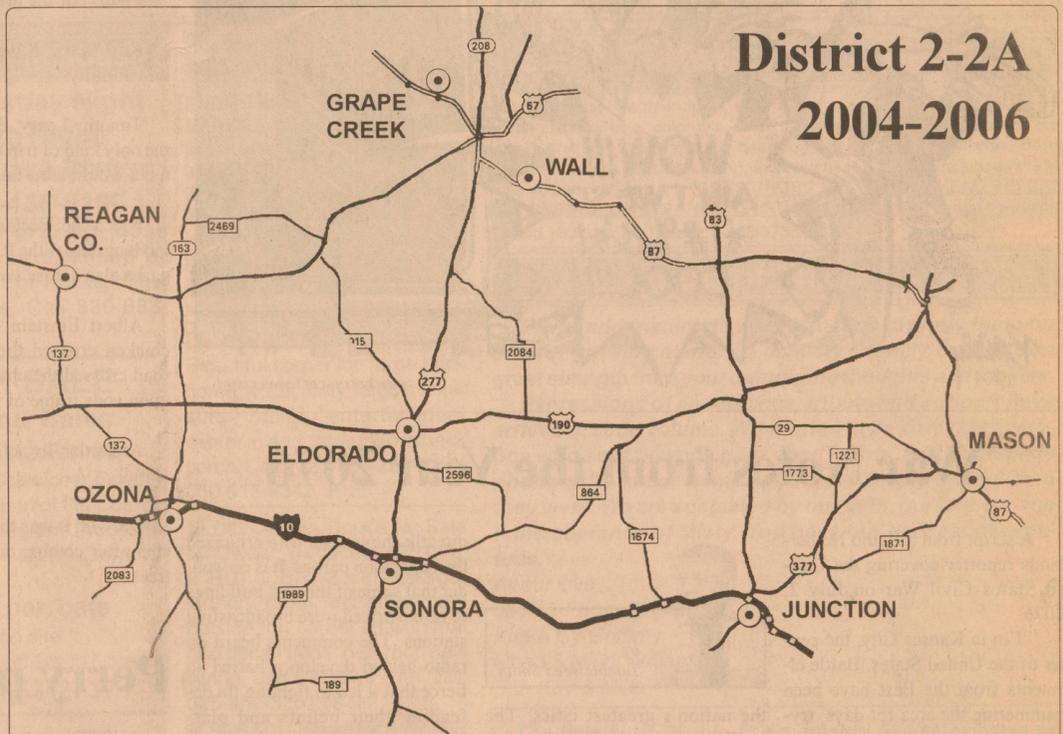
Celina, Childress, Denver City, Kermit, Tulia and Slaton all dropped from 3A to 2A.

The realignment affects more than football and basketball, though. Just ask EHS tennis coach Matt Rutherford. Eldorado and Mason have long dominated the tennis scene among Texas 2A schools. They find themselves once more paired in the same district.

"Instead of running into Mason at State, now we'll have to get past them in district," Rutherford commented.

Barring an official protest, which seems unlikely, Eldorado will have two more years in District 2-2A. Two years to grow it's enrollment, or to look forward to moving down to 1A.

UIL realignments are announced at the beginning of February in every even numbered year.



*Eldorado's in the middle of it all — Eight schools will comprise District 2-2A during the 2004-05 and 2005-06 school years including Eldorado, Grape Creek, Junction, Mason, Ozona, Reagan County, Sonora and Wall. The 90-mile trip to Mason will be the farthest the Eldorado Eagles will travel for a district contest.*

## Trail ride organizers seek participants

Yes' there is still time for any Eldoradoan with a steed or wagon to participate in the first annual San Angelo Stock Show - Devil's River Trail Ride. The three day ride begins the morning of February 18 in Sonora. The first day will end at the rodeo arena in Eldorado on Wednesday evening with the group setting up camp for the night.

The trail riders leave Eldorado on Thursday morning and eventually wind through Christoval with camp site set up at Pugh Park that evening. The riders then leave Christoval the morning of February 20 and are scheduled to arrive at 4:00 p.m. in San Angelo at Fort Concho. The trail ride grand finale is the San Angelo Stock Show Parade to begin at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 21.

The trail ride will begin on Wednesday, February 18 at the Sutton County Park Complex (Rodeo Ground) located 3 blocks south of 1-10 in Sonora.

Riders are reminded to have proof of your animal's current Negative Coggins Certificate with you during the entire ride.

Main registration begins at 5:00 p.m. February 17, in Sonora at the Sutton County Park complex followed by supper provided by the West Texas Cham-

bership Cook Off committee and entertainment provided by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Trail ride registration is free but meals will cost \$30.00 per day including breakfast, lunch and an evening meal. The cost of entertainment is covered in the fee.

Any Schleicher County resident wanting to participate may register free online at [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com). Rules and regulations are also posted on the website. Additionally, riders may register at the beginning of each day at any of the stop overs.

The Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce will host the festivities on Wednesday evening, Feb. 18, at the local rodeo arena. A supper of beef stew, corn bread and dessert will be provided along with entertainment by cowboy poet Tom Taylor Barksdale, TX. Persons not participating in the trail ride may enjoy the evening meal and the entertainment for a mere \$12.50 per person. To register in advance for the meals in Eldorado call 325-853-2245 or 325-853-3109.

The trail ride through Eldorado will  
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### Quick View

A Closer Look at the Numbers

#### District 2-2A (2004-06) High School Enrollment

as reported on 10-29-03

GRAPE CREEK	376
WALL	324
OZONA	282
REAGAN CO.	274
SONORA	268
JUNCTION	254
MASON	212
ELDORADO	195

#### UIL Enrollment Guidelines

Conference	Enrollment
1A	189 and below
2A	190 to 389
3A	390 to 899
4A	900 to 1924
5A	1925 and above

## 6-year old found safe and sound

A 6-year old Eldorado boy was found safe and sound Tuesday morning just north of the Eldorado city limits on FM 915 a half-hour after being reported missing by his mother.

6-year old Jeremiah Geneau reportedly wandered away from the Eldorado Place Apartments, where he had spent the night with friends. Officers still aren't sure when the boy left the apartment, but his disappearance was reported to the Sheriff's Office at 7:35 a.m.

Sheriff Doran and Deputy Jason Chatham began a grid search around the apartments, while dispatchers notified school personnel in case he showed up there. As the search progressed, citizens began calling in to report seeing the boy and the officers quickly adjusted their search area. Sheriff Doran located the youngster near the old B & H Construction building, just north of the Eldorado city limits on FM 915. The boy, was reportedly walking north at the time he was found.

## Failure to dim headlights leads to marijuana bust

A routine traffic stop for a driver who failed to dim his headlights last Friday night resulted in the arrest of two passengers on possession of marijuana charges and a citation for the driver for driving with an expired license.

Deputy Kevin Herbert encountered a 1986 Ford Thunderbird driven by Alexander Perez, Jr. 26, of Hanford, California at about 8:00 p.m. on Friday night and pulled the car over when the driver failed to dim his headlights.

Herbert soon learned that Perez had an expired drivers license and issued a

citation for the offense as well as failing to dim his headlights. Herbert said he noticed drug paraphernalia in the car and called for Deputy Jason Chatham to back him up.

A subsequent search revealed that two passengers, the driver's brother, John Perez, 19, and Cristine Renobato Ruiz, 38, both of Hanford, CA, were in possession of marijuana. The pair was arrested and booked into the Schleicher County Jail. They were later released on bail when \$1,000 surety bonds were posted for each.

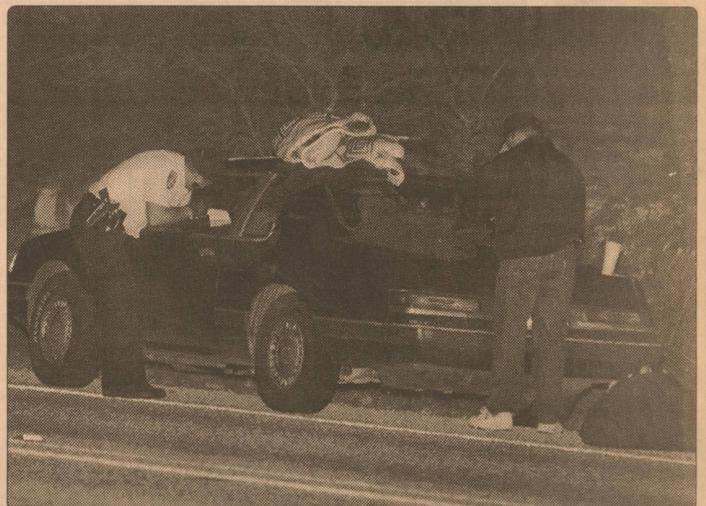


PHOTO BY KATHY MANKIN

**Fine tooth comb** — Deputy Kevin Herbert (L) and Deputy Jason Chatham (R) searched a 1986 Ford Thunderbird last Friday evening after Herbert pulled the car's driver over for failing to dim his headlights. The search turned up a quantity of marijuana and resulted in two arrests.

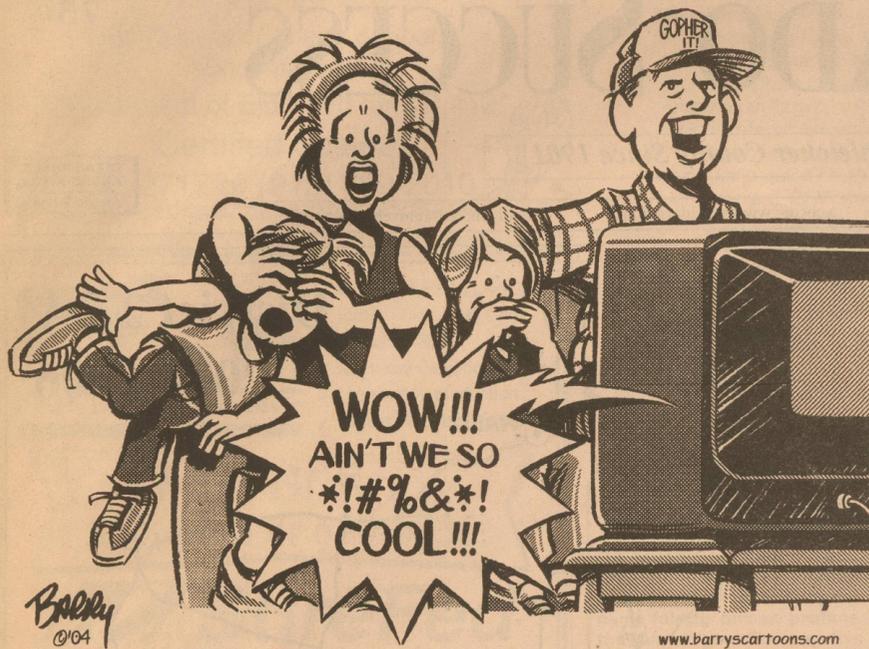
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War Notes from the Year 2076

A script from a Radio Netherlands reporter covering the United States Civil War on July 2, 2076:

"I'm in Kansas City, the center of the United States. Battle elements from the East have been hammering the area for days, trying to break through the strong Western defenses.

"This is a part of the country that once served as the nation's bread basket. The midwest supplied wheat, vegetables, fruits and meats to all parts of the US. Herds of cattle used to roam these plains, now strewn with missile fragments and bombed out plane and automobile bodies. The scene is reminiscent of the middle east 72 years ago.

"The war has taken its toll on every aspect of American life.

Communication, transportation, education, utilities and security are practically non-existent. The US is now a nation of desperate souls.

Professional sports arenas, once the great symbols of prosperity and leisure time, have been turned into poorly equipped and understaffed hospitals. Nuclear weapons have destroyed some of



by Tumbleweed Smith

the nation's greatest cities. The ineffective government has left Washington, DC and is operating in undisclosed locations.

"The war's origin is no different from the elements that start most wars. It's a matter of differing points of view as to how to run a country. Spirited competition between the two major political parties, Democrats and Republicans, erupted into riots at political rallies. The two groups kept squaring off against each other in several cities until a full-scale, nationwide war broke out. Republicans have taken over the western part of the country while Democrats headquarter in the east.

"And as it was during America's first civil war 215 years ago, families have been divided. Brother is fighting against brother.

"The chasm between the two parties was widened in the early part of the century by zealous ra-

dio talk show hosts who criticized the opposition parties. It is no wonder that some of the first buildings to be destroyed were broadcasting stations. The comments heard on radio helped develop a hatred so fierce that it led to fighting. In defending their beliefs and platforms, party loyalists have nearly destroyed the country. If the war continues, there won't be much of a country left to govern.

"Both parties have created chaos in the military, turning service personnel into mercenaries, who brought with them dangerous arsenals.

Terrorists from traditionally enemy nations have come to the US to join in the fight. While their paychecks come from Democrats or Republicans, I can't help but believe they have designs of taking over the country.

"This war can't last much longer. There are just a few bombs and missiles left in the world.

"On the eve of this country's 300th anniversary, the United States' experiment in democracy seems to have been brought down from within.

"This is Pieter van Dyke for Radio Netherlands."

Maybe the bird just wanted to!

Everyone is a philosopher these days, even the non-philosophical types. Perhaps it was such a person who directed the following anonymous Email to my inbox.



Why did the chicken cross the road?

Plato: For the greater good.

Karl Marx: It was a historical inevitability.

Timothy Leary: Because that's the only kind of trip the Establishment would let it take.

Nietzsche: Because if you gaze too long across the Road, the Road gazes also across you.

Albert Einstein: Whether the chicken crossed the road or the road crossed the chicken depends upon your frame of reference.

Aristotle: To actualize its potential.

Darwin: It was the logical next step after coming down from the trees.

Epicurus: For the fun of it all.

Ralph Waldo Emerson: It didn't cross the road; it transcended it.

Mr. T: If you saw me coming you'd cross the road too, fool!

Henry David Thoreau: To live deliberately ... and suck all the marrow out of life.

Mark Twain: The news of its crossing has been greatly exaggerated.

Thomas de Torquemada: Give me ten minutes with the chicken and I'll find out.

Howard Cosell: It may very well have been one of the most astonishing events to grace the

annals of history. An historic, unprecedented avian biped with the temerity to attempt such an herculean achievement formerly relegated to homo sapien pedestrians is truly a remarkable occurrence.

Jesse Jackson: The chicken was fleeing the oppression of the barnyard and seeking liberation from the evil overlords of chickendom.

Hippocrates: Maybe it was the bird flu.

The Sphinx: You tell me.

Molly Yard: Give credit where credit is due! That chicken was a hen!

Johnny Cochran: The only evidence linking my client to the alleged roadway crossing exists only in the mind of a dirty cop!

Pyrrho the Skeptic: What road?

Donald Trump: I fired that chicken last week! Security, escort that bird out of the building!

Colonel Sanders: Sorry, I must have missed one.

Perry proposes education funding plan

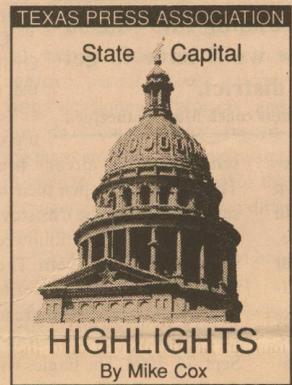
AUSTIN — Anyone who ever fantasized about how to spend the money if they won the lottery will understand recent developments in the Texas school finance issue.

Gov. Rick Perry last week laid out a proposed program to improve education in the state by offering various monetary incentives to schools, not school districts. The achievement bonuses would cost more than \$500 million, but Perry did not say how the state would pay for the plan he proposed.

The governor would not say when or even if he would be calling a special session to come up with a new school finance system for the state, something to replace the current Robin Hood funding method currently under attack in the courts.

"If we have a special session this year," the governor told reporters, "it will be educational excellence. School finance will be an integral part of a session on educational excellence because how we finance education is the course to that destination."

The destination would offer cash to schools for working to reduce the number of high school drop outs, offering more advanced courses, raising test scores and rewarding excellent teachers.



Formally, the components of Perry's plan are called the High School Advancement Incentive, the Distinguished Achievement Program Initiative, the Algebra Proficiency Student Success Initiative, the Teacher Excellence Initiative, and the Student Progress Initiative.

A final piece of the governor's plan is a measure that would make possible more public scrutiny of school financial records.

Reaction to Perry's proposal ranged from an "A-plus" from the Texas Association of Business to an "F" from Comptroller and possibly future political opponent, Carole Keeton Strayhorn. In pub-

lic's grade book the package goes down as "Incomplete" since it is currently only an unfunded idea.

That's a wrap...

Perry's school program remains a work in progress, but the Texas Film Commission reports that 18 film and television projects shot in Austin last year are in the can, as they say in Hollywood.

Austin enjoyed the largest film and television production budget in 2003 for the fourth year in a row, accounting for 84 percent of the total film budget for Texas. The Dallas-Fort Worth area was second, with \$16 in production budgets last year.

The biggest production in the Austin area last year was "The Alamo," set for release this spring.

Speaking of history...

Last year the Legislature designated March as Texas History Month. Plans already are well under way by a volunteer group called Celebrate Texas for the observance of Texas' Fourth of July, which comes on March 2. That's a state holiday in commemoration of the signing of Texas' Declaration of Independence.

Hooking kids on fishing...

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is trying to interest Texas' small fry and their parents in fishing through a Family Fishing Celebration. To encourage parents to take their youngsters fishing, the department has waived the requirement that adults have a fishing license to angle in a state park. Size and catch limits remain unchanged, however.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

**ACROSS**

1. Birth-related
6. Civil wrong
10. Taj Mahal site
14. Roomy dress cut
15. \_\_\_thecounter
16. Home run gait
17. Trip down the Rhine, perhaps?
19. War, to Sherman
20. Driveway application
21. Chem room
22. In \_\_\_ land (spacy)
23. Actor Bogosian
25. Unbeatable foes
27. John, Paul, or John Paul
30. "\_\_\_ to worry!"
32. Actress Winslet
33. Fruity quaff
34. Mortarboard tosser
36. Claro or cheroot
39. Opera's Lily
41. Witch trials town
43. Medical discovery
44. Synthetic fiber
46. Wacky
47. Teachers' org.
48. Take an ax to
50. Hide \_\_\_ hair

**DOWN**

1. Catches redhanded
2. Skin soother
3. Songstress Turner
4. Founder of Shakers
5. Prying tool
6. Cracker Jack bonus
7. Track shape
8. Daughter of Lear
9. "Jeopardy!" host Alex
10. Good at gym
11. Easily bribed TV private eye?
12. Esther of "Good Times"
13. Book of maps
18. Circular gaskets
24. Reef material
26. PC alternative
27. One of the Three Bears
28. Limburger emanation
29. Colonizer William's lockup?
31. Hawk's gripper
35. Interior design
37. Square footage
38. Gather, as rewards
40. Big name in ice cream
42. To a greater degree
45. Watch readout, for short
49. Nairobi native
51. Keep in
52. Bowler's headache
53. Stiller's mate
54. Pee Wee in Cooperstown
56. Scattered, on the farm
59. Nobelist Wiesel
61. Paella grain
62. Author Bagnold or Blyton
63. Some pass catchers
66. Young 'un

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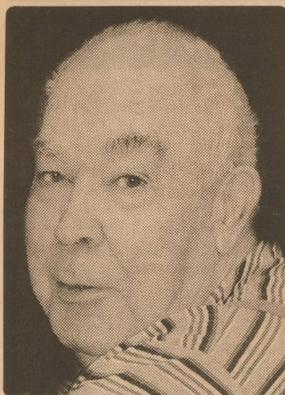
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# OBITUARIES



## Jack Williams

ELDORADO — Jack Williams of Eldorado, 77, died Jan. 31, 2004, in Shannon Hospital. The son of John and Frankie Jones Williams, Jack was born Jan. 4, 1927, in Eldorado.

Jack was a kind and caring man who spent his life in service to others. For many years he made coffee every Sunday morning for the Sunday school, and during the summer, he carefully tended the church and manse yards. In his later years, which were spent in the Schleicher County Nursing Center, he could always be counted to volunteer for the health occupations class from the local high school when they needed patients on whom to practice their skills. It was not unusual for him to let the students shave him two or three times in one day. Jack loved people, and while he could walk, he had a route through town that covered certain businesses; during the week he would stop in for a five- or ten-minute visit with his friends and then be on his way.

Jack's survivors include his brothers, John Sidney Williams and wife, Mozelle, of Houston, Stuart Williams and wife, Betty Ruth, of San Angelo; sister, Martha Dell Thornton of San Angelo; nieces, Jacqueline McDonald and husband, George, of Houston, Avon Blair of Corpus Christi, Susan Wilson and husband, Steve, of San Angelo; nephews, Charles Williams and wife, Cathy, of Katy, Mark Thornton and wife, Kidie, of Baton Rouge, La., and nine great nieces and nephews.

Funeral service for Jack were held Monday, Feb. 2, 2004, in First Presbyterian Church in Eldorado. Pallbearers were Kirk Jones, Mark Thornton, George McDonald, Steve Wilson, George Arispe and Ricky Jones. Honorary pallbearers were Hal Whitten, Sam A. Whitten, George Finley and Billy Green.

Memorials may be made to the Schleicher County Medical Center Auxillary, First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado, or the Eldorado Cemetery Chapel Fund.

## Primitivo Gonzalez, Sr.

SONORA — Primitivo Gonzalez Sr., 97, passed away Wednesday, January 28, 2004, in the Eldorado Nursing Home. Services were held at 2 p.m. Saturday, January 31, 2004, at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial to follow in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He was born June 8, 1906, in Verjel, Durango, Mexico. He and his wife came to Texas and settled in Sutton County, where he went to work on the Cusenbary Ranch. They moved to Sonora in 1928 and Primo took up carpentry work. His

wife preceded him in death.

Primitivo's greatest source of pride was his family. They are Eulalio and wife, Rosatina, Ralph and wife, Josie, Gloria and husband, Lemeul Lopez all of Sonora, Felipe and wife, Thelma, of San Jose, Calif., Eusebio and wife, Celia of Gilroy, Calif., Augustina and husband, Filiberto Gonzales of Bridgeport, Primo and wife, Enequina of Fort Stockton, 26 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.



## Viola Estelle Alley Finnigan

ELDORADO — Viola Estelle Alley Finnigan died peacefully on Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004.

A graveside service was held Friday, Jan. 30, in Eldorado Cemetery with the Rev. Leonard Wideman officiating.

Viola was born to John David Alley and Minnie Almyra Langford on Feb. 14, 1904, in Milam County near Cameron and Buckholts, Texas. The family moved west in a covered wagon, looking for a drier climate. Her father bought a 160-acre farm in McCulloch County near Brady. The Finnigan family moved onto the farm next door and soon Vi met Henry Ernest Finnigan. Ernest had a new buggy and a bay mare, which made him quite a catch. They were married on Sept. 2, 1920, in Lohn, Texas.

The next year they had a baby girl, Hazel Ernestine, and they "just all grew up together," as Viola was fond of saying. The family eventually settled in Eldorado, where they ran the Gulf Service Station across from the school. Ernest became the Gulf oil distributor and Vi stayed home to raise Ernestine and in time became the caregiver for her granddaughter, Judy Hext.

Viola will be remembered for her quick laugh and funny sayings. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and even great-great-grandmother.

Viola was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Ernest; daughter and son-in-law, Ernestine and Jack Hext.

She is survived by her granddaughter, Judy Hext Skaggs of Austin; her four great-grandchildren, Harold Skaggs III of Dripping Springs, Susan Skaggs and Sharon Skaggs Herman of Austin and Jack Skaggs and his wife, Amy, of Waco. Her great-great-grandchildren are Caleb Skaggs and Ayla Herman.

The family requests that any memorials be made to the Eldorado Meals on Wheels program.

## Winnie Faye

ELDORADO — Winnie Richard Fay, 88, died at Heritage House Nursing Home on January 28, 2004.

She was born on September 5, 1915, in Crockett, Texas to Richard Hickman and Bertha Walker.

She married Willie Fellow Fay. The couple made their home in Menard and later settled in Eldorado.

Preceding her in death were her parents, husband and four sons: Gene Harrington, Johnny Fay, Harold Fay and Sam Fay; one sister, Lovie Green.

She is survived by one daughter, Dixie F. Green of San Angelo; four sons: Lonnie Harrington of Odessa, Frank Fay of San Angelo, Willie Fay of Euless and Richard Fay of Austin; three sisters: Dorris Banks and Calvin Brown of Carson, CA and Alberta McKenzie of St. Louis, MO.

She was blessed with a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 31, 2004 at First Baptist Church with Rev. H.C. Green, officiating.

Pallbearers were Shannon F. Green, Marcus F. Green, Mitchell Fay, Anthony Fay, Willie Fay III, Rodney Floyd. Honorary pallbearers were Rodney Edwards, Raymond Brown, Shawn Knox and Wendell Fay.

Interment was at Eldorado Cemetery.

## Iguster Green

SAN ANGELO — Iguster Green, 56, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2004, in a local hospital. Services were at 3 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul Baptist Church with burial in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Jo Ann Green of San Angelo; daughters, Zina Franklin and Pamela Tryels, both of San Angelo; brothers, Carl Green of San Angelo and J.R. Green of Christoval; and sisters, Vernia Green and Meredith Ussery, both of San Angelo, Katha Norris of Eldorado and Margie Black of Euless.

## "Hope" Esperanza V. Munoz

"Hope" Esperanza V. Munoz, 57, of San Angelo passed away Monday, Jan. 26, 2004, in a local hospital.

A rosary service were at 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 29, in Robert Massie Riverside Chapel.

Mass of Christian services were at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 30, at St. Mary's Catholic Church with the Rev. Terry Brenon officiating. Burial will follow in Calvary Cemetery.

Hope was born Dec. 28, 1946, in San Angelo, to Ben and Catherine Valero. Hope was a social worker for the Tom Green County Community Action Council. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

Survivors are husband, Manuel Munoz of San Angelo; two sons, Roy Munoz of San Angelo and Michael Munoz of Austin; two daughters, Belynda Delgado of Austin and Melinda Munoz of San Angelo; mother, Catherina Alvarez of San Angelo; two brothers, Ben Valero of San Angelo and Robert Valero of Eldorado; sister, Sylvia Valero of San Angelo; 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

## Eldorado Forecast

Thu 2/5	Fri 2/6	Sat 2/7	Sun 2/8	Mon 2/9
60/35 Cloudy skies early, followed by partial clearing. High near 60F.	61/26 More sun than clouds. Highs in the low 60s and lows in the mid 20s.	49/26 Times of sun and clouds. Highs in the upper 40s and lows in the mid 20s.	57/36 Fair. Highs in the upper 50s and lows in the mid 30s.	55/36 Occasional showers. Highs in the mid 50s and lows in the mid 30s.

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7th Doris Jay, Lindsey Griffin, Lola Squyres, Kayla McCravey  
8th Candi Homer, Enrique Rocha, Haley Higgins, Ana Iglesias, BreeAnne Davis  
9th Cy Griffin, Felix Ramos, Reyes Sanchez  
10th Shannon Wideman, Guillermo Zuniga, Nancy McCray  
11th Nancy Jenkins

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## "EASTER PROMISE"

Author Unknown

I wonder, have you ever tried  
To bargain with the Lord?  
Have you ever begged and pleaded,  
"Oh, please we can't afford,  
To lose her now, we love her so,  
Oh, please just one more year.  
We love her so, we need her so,  
Can't we keep her here?"

And God's answer comes with tenderness  
"Hush, now, I need her, too.  
There are quite a few things in Heaven  
That only she can do."

"Then one more day, or one more hour,  
Just a chance to say goodbye."  
"Goodbye," God smiles, "No need for that,  
You'll see her bye and bye."

"This life, you see is just a step,  
Toward being here with Me.  
Just one small step, I'll take her hand,  
And lead her tenderly.

"My love and hers is still with you,  
She loves you so, you see,  
So dry your eyes, her pain is gone,  
She's safe up here with Me.

"The years will pass, the time will come,  
When you will walk this way,  
We will be waiting side by side,  
Your "life" will begin that day."

"The sun will shine, the birds will sing,  
You'll have eternal love,  
And hand and hand, together forever,  
You'll share My home above."

"My Son, He died, He rose again,  
And now He's here with Me.  
You are all my children, too,  
Could I do less for thee?"



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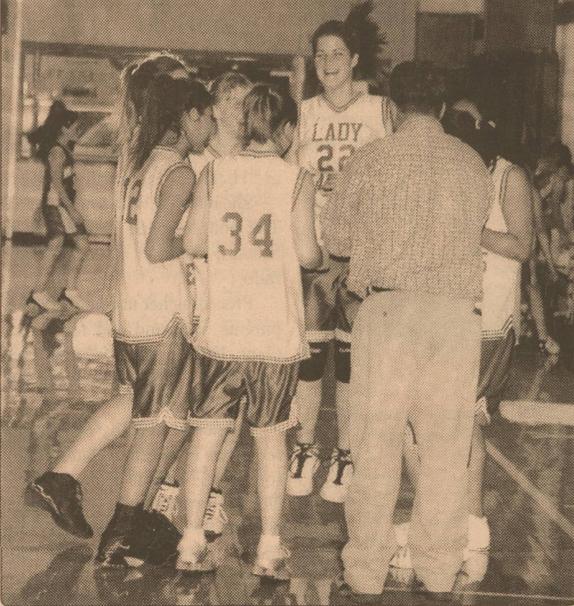
**VARSITY GIRLS**  
 Grape Creek January 27, 2004  
 Eldorado 05 -10 -09 -12 = 36  
 Grape Creek 11 -14 -22 -14 = 61  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 3, Maxie Holley 2, Britney Sellers 4, Betsy Green 4, Chandra Wanoreck 2, Clara Herrera 9, Jessica Robertson 6, Taylor Baker 6. 3 point were: Herrera (3).

Sonora January 30, 2004  
 Eldorado 12 -11 -09 -10 = 42  
 Sonora 08 -12 -11 -17 = 48  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Kasey Boysaw 6, Maxie Holley 3, Britany Sellers 2, Chandra Wanoreck 12, Clara Herrera 7, Jessica Robertson 2, Taylor Baker 10. Also playing: Betsy Green. 3 point were: Holley (1), Wanoreck (2), Herrera (1).

**7th GRADE GIRLS**  
 Wall February 2, 2004  
 Eldorado 06 -06 -08 -04 = 24  
 Wall 04 -06 -07 -05 = 21  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Haley Higgins 2, Cassandra Buitron 14, Kirsten Stubbs 8. Also playing: Meg Griffin, Bridgette Mitchel, Tracy Brenner Dee Cruz, Jessie Valero.

**School Lunch Menu**  
 Milk & Bread Offered  
 Menus Subject To Change  
**Breakfast**  
 ½ pt. Milk & 4 oz. Juice offered w/each breakfast  
**Monday, February 9**  
 Cheese Toast / Cereal, Apple Sauce, Orange Juice, Milk  
**Tuesday, February 10**  
 Pig-n-Blanket, \*Choice of Juice, Peaches, Milk  
**Wednesday, February 11**  
 Banana Nut Muffins, Choice of Cereal, Choice of Juice, Milk  
**Thursday, February 12**  
 Scrambled Eggs / Toast / Jelly, Choice Of Juice, Pineapple Tidbits, Milk  
**Friday, February 13**  
 Breakfast Pizza, Choice Of Juice, Milk  
**Cafeteria Line**  
**Monday, February 9**  
 Chili Dogs, French Fries, Cole Slaw, Rosy Applesauce  
**Tuesday, February 10**  
 Burritos, Mexican Corn, Carrots Stix / Dip, Apple Halves  
**Wednesday, February 11**  
 Vegetable Beef Stew / Cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple Slices, Strawberry Jello / Topping  
**Thursday, February 12**  
 Chicken Pot Pie, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Peach Halves  
**Friday, February 13**  
 Bar-B-Que on Bun, French Fries, Pickle Spears, Sugar Cookies  
**Fast Food Line**  
**Monday, February 9**  
 Chicken Strips, French Fries, Hot Rolls, Rosy Applesauce  
**Tuesday, February 10**  
 Pepperoni Hot Pockets, French Fries, Carrot Stix / Dip, Apple Halves  
**Wednesday, February 11**  
 Vegetable Beef Stew / cornbread, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Pineapple Slices, Strawberry Jello / Topping  
**Thursday, February 12**  
 Chicken Burger, French Fries, Sandwich Salad, Peach Halves  
**Friday, February 13**  
 Bar-B-Que on a Bun, French Fries, Pickle, Spears, Sugar Cookies

**HOOP SCORES**



Jumpin' for joy — Meg Griffin (background) jumped for joy Monday night after her 7th Grade Lady Eagles team defeated Wall's 7th Grade girls 24-21 in Eagle Middle School Gym.

**VARSITY BOYS**  
 Grape Creek January 27, 2004  
 Eldorado 18 -02 -13 -16 = 49  
 Grape Creek 15 -17 -16 -16 = 62  
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 14, John Fay 20, Trey Chavez 15. Also playing: Michael Ballew, Jorge Bustos, Ryan Cathey, Kolby Dombroski, Frank Wipff, Josh Trejo. 3 point: Boysaw (1), Fay (6), Chavez (1).

Sonora January 30, 2004  
 Eldorado 06 -31 -09 -09 = 55  
 Sonora 19 -10 -07 -23 = 59  
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Terrell Boysaw 22, Michael Ballew 2, John Fay 15, Ryan Cathey 2, Trey Chavez 6, Kolby Dombroski 6, Frank Wipff 2, Josh Trejo 2. Also playing: Michael Ballew. 3 point: Boysaw (2), Fay (5).

**J.V. GIRLS**  
 Grape Creek January 27, 2004  
 Eldorado 07 -06 -05 -10 = 28  
 Grape Creek 02 -11 -00 -08 = 21  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Karina Sanchez 4, Katey Blaire 19, Tiffany Hernandez 2, Myra Robles 4. Also playing: Josie Diaz, Marianne Guzman, Kristin Mittel, Krista Troy.

Sonora January 23, 2004  
 Eldorado 08 -14 -15 -12 = 49  
 Sonora 07 -06 -15 -14 = 42  
 Scoring for the Lady Eagles were: Alicia Corrales 4, Chelsea Sellers 2, Karina Sanchez 4, Katey Blaire 22, Tiffany Hernandez 3, Josie Diaz 6, Kristin Mittel 1, Myra Robles 7, Marianne Guzman 1, Kristen Mittel 2. Also playing: Anna Fuentes, Liz Lacy, Sandra Garza, Marianne Guzman, Kimberly Samaniego, Krista Troy.

**JV BOYS**  
 Sonora January 30, 2004  
 Eldorado 02 -15 -05 -06 = 28  
 Sonora 14 -11 -09 -15 = 49  
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Eric Garcia 7, Russell Cathey 9, Jorge Bustos 5, Drew Bosman 5, Armando Moreno 2. Also playing: Abel Montalvo, Epolo Herrera, David Hernandez, Sammy Estrada, Adam Dominguez.

**7th GRADE BOYS**  
 Wall February 2, 2004  
 Eldorado 00 -02 -08 -05 = 15  
 Wall 10 -09 -04 -10 = 38  
 Scoring for the Eagles were: Rance Cathey 2, Austin Grubbs 2, Milo Vallejo 4, Dustin Ramirez 3, Troy Russell 4. Also playing: Paul Martinez, Dustin Gauna, Rolando Gonzalez, Josh Taylor, Mark Garcia.

**8th GRADE BOYS**  
 Wall February 2, 2004  
 Eldorado 02 -11 -06 -04 = 23  
 Wall 08 -11 -09 -13 = 42  
 Scoring for the Eagles were: J.P. Joiner 16, T. Dombroski 2, Lalo Sanchez 1, Manny Gonzales 1, Richmond Adame 3. Also playing: Luis Garcia, Clayton Sauer, Jorge Mata, Luis Huichapa, Louie Buitron, Michael Redish.

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**EHS 2004 Tennis Schedule\***

SITE	OPPONENT	SITE
Feb. 6 & 7	West Texas Cham.	San Angelo
Feb. 13	Lake View Invitat.	San Angelo
Feb. 20	Dual-Central JV	San Angelo
Feb. 27 & 28	Ozona Team Tour.	Ozona
Mar. 5 & 6	Regional Team	San Angelo
Mar. 12 & 13	State Team Tennis	Round Rock
Mar. 19 & 20	Reagan County	Big Lake
Mar. 26 & 27	Eldorado Invitat.	Eldorado
April 1, 2 & 3	Mason	Mason
April 5 & 6	District	San Angelo
April 30 & May 1	Regionals	Abilene
May 10 & 11	State	Austin

Tentative Schedule — Watch for Updates

**EHS 2004 SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

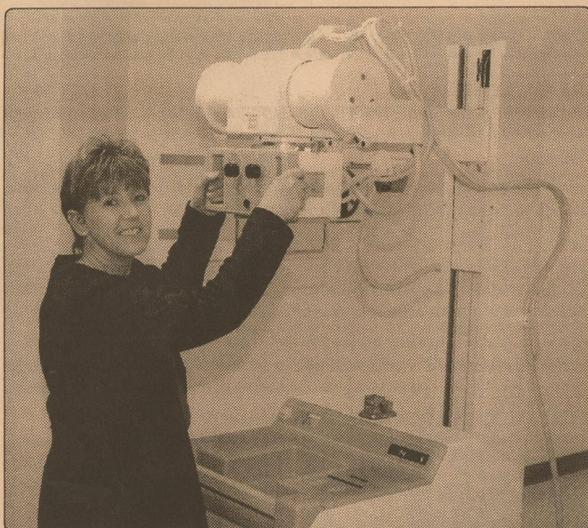
DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TIME
Feb. 17	Brady	Brady	5:00
Feb. 20-21	San Angelo Tourn.	San Angelo	TBA
Feb. 24	Ballinger	Ballinger	5:30
Feb. 27	Miles	Miles	4:30
Mar. 2	Junction	Eldorado	5:00
Mar. 4-6	Ft. Stockton Tourn.	Ft. Stockton	TBA
Mar. 9	Miles	Eldorado	4:30
Mar. 12-13	Mile Tourn.	Miles	TBA
Mar. 16	Winters	Winters	5:30
Mar. 19	Junction	Junction	5:00
Mar. 23	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Mar. 26	Winters	Eldorado	5:30
Mar. 30	Sonora	Sonora	4:30
April 2	Grape Creek	Eldorado	4:30
April 6	Wall	Eldorado	4:30
April 8	Sonora	Eldorado	4:30
April 13	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	4:30
April 20	Wall	Wall	4:30

\*Denotes District 2-2A Games

**ELDORADO HIGH SCHOOL 2004 BASEBALL SCHEDULE**

DATE	OPPONENT	SITE	TEAM	TIME
Feb. 21	Menard (src)	Menard	JV,V	10:00
Feb. 23	Menard	Eldorado	V	4:00
Feb. 26-28	Sonora Tourn.	Sonora	V	TBA
Mar. 1	Mason	Eldorado	JV	4:00
Mar. 4-6	Eldorado Tourn.	Eldorado	V	TBA
Mar. 8	Lakeview Fresh	Eldorado	JV	4:00
Mar. 9	Miles	Miles	V	4:00
Mar. 11-13	Alpine Tourn.	Alpine	V	TBA
Mar. 15	Mason	Mason	JV	6:00
Mar. 16	Mason	Eldorado	V	4:00
Mar. 19	McCamey	Eldorado	V	4:00
Mar. 22	Grape Creek	Eldorado	JV	4:00
Mar. 23	Grape Creek*	Eldorado	V	4:00
Mar. 26	Ozona*	Ozona	JV, V	5:00
Mar. 27	Junction	Eldorado	JV	12:00
Mar. 29	Sonora	Eldorado	JV	4:00
Mar. 30	Sonora*	Eldorado	V	4:00
April 2	Reagan County*	Reagan County	JV, V	5:00
April 3	Lakeview Fresh	Eldorado	JV	12:00
April 5	Wall	Wall	JV	4:00
April 6	Wall*	Wall	V	4:00
April 8	Grape Creek *	Grape Creek	V	5:00
April 12	Ozona	Eldorado	JV	5:00
April 13	Ozona*	Eldorado	V	5:00
April 16	Sonora*	Sonora	JV, V	5:00
April 19	Reagan County*	Eldorado	JV	5:00
April 20	Reagan County*	Eldorado	V	5:00
April 23	Wall*	Eldorado	V	5:00
April 24	Lakeview Fresh	Lakeview	JV	12:00

\*Denotes District 2-2A Games



**Brand spanking new** — Helen Brame shows off the hospital's new portable x-ray machine. The equipment was delivered last week and represents the latest in a long list of equipment upgrades the facility has undertaken in the past three years.

## A view from the putting green

by Su Scott

The Eldorado Golf Club held its monthly Play Day on Sunday, February 1st. There were 20 adults and one youth that participated.

The results were: two teams tied for first.

1st place-score 58-Rocky Robles, Ronnie Sauer, Joe Garza, Susie Richters, and Lynn Griffin.

1st place-score 58-Mario Rob-

les, Cash Lane, David Robledo, and Javy Robles.

3rd place-score 60-Jon Cartwright, Danny Halbert, Oscar Martinez, and Gordon Jones.

The next Play Day will be Sunday, March 7th.

The Eldorado Golf Club will have a Two Couple (2 Men and 2 Women) Tournament on Saturday, February 14th. Tee time is 11 a.m.

## Sheriff Doran announces associate membership drive

Responding to the increased number of citizens and businesses wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Doran today announced that Schleicher County citizens and businesses are invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriff's Association of Texas.

Membership appeals will go out in the mail shortly. The funding provides critically technical resources, training, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and their deputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions are tax-deductible. "The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to helping us carry out our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Doran.

Citizens and businesses not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can obtain it by contacting the Sheriff's Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35 Austin, Texas 78741 or on the Internet at: [www.txsheriffs.org](http://www.txsheriffs.org)

The Associate Membership Program was begun to provide citizens and businesses with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of citizens.

"As the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement

partnerships in this country continues to escalate, programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Doran. "I encourage every citizens and business receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a nonprofit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses our name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/District Attorney.

## WT A&M Dean's List

West Texas A&M University has named more than 1,200 students to honor lists for the fall 2003 semester. Of that total, 305 were named to the President's List and 949 students were named to the Dean's List. Those named to the Dean's List must have a GPA between 3.25 and 3.85 and carry a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

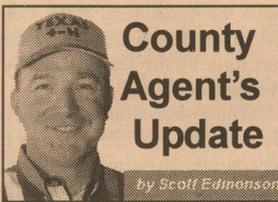
BreeAnne N. Davis a junior majoring in Music was one of the 949 students named to the Dean's List.

## Local 4-Hers compete at major stock shows

Kevin Dykstra recently participated in the Sandhills Stock Show and Rodeo in Odessa. The show was held on January 1-3 and annually brings in some of the best stock in West Texas. Kevin participated in the tough competition of the goat show.

Schleicher County 4-H members recently competed in the Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show in Kerrville. In the Market Goat Show, Jaymie O'Harrow had a 1st place with his class 15 goat and a 6th place in class 14. Jackson O'Harrow took 5th place honors in class 8 and Lauren Brown won 5th in class 15. Wes Brown took 10th place in class 6 while Lauren also had a 12th place in class 11. Other exhibitors in the Market Goat Show were Carli McAngus, Garrett Lux, Seth Taylor, Allison Reynolds and McKenzie McAngus.

In the Steer show, Jeffrey Friar won 1st place in class 2 of the American division and eventually boasted the Grand Champion



### County Agent's Update

by Scott Edmondson

American Steer of the Show. Justin Friar competed in the European division and took 1st place honors in class 4. Jaymie O'Harrow also exhibited in the steer show.

In the Angora Goat Show, Robert Buchholz took 1st place honors with his commercial pen of three in the kid goat division and took home the Grand Champion honors as best Commercial Pen of Three. Robert and his brother Dalton also participated in the Registered Angora Goat Show.

Congratulations to all of our kids. Currently we are at Fort Worth and then will move on to San Antonio, San Angelo, Houston and wind it up in Austin.

## Last chance CEU program offered at Extension Center

There will be Pesticide Applicators Re-Certification course held on Thursday, February 12th, 2004 at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in San Angelo. Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. and the program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$5 and a total of 5 CEUs will be available. There will be 2 in the general category, 1 IPM, 1 Laws & Regulations and 1 Drift Minimization. Speakers include: Cain Cline, Texas Department of Agriculture; Dr. Billy Warwick, Extension Agronomist; Tom-

my Antilley, Coke County Extension Agent; Steve Sturtz, Tom Green County Extension Agent and; John Bagnaud, Tom Green County Horticulturist.

If you are interested in attending this program, please RSVP by Wednesday, February 11th, 2004 at 325-659-6522. This is an excellent opportunity to get a large number of hours or if you are in need of some hours to re-certify you license.

### Meals for Friends Menu



**Monday, February 9**  
Beef Stew, Stew Vegetables, Sweet Peas, Cornbread, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk

**Tuesday, February 10**  
Bar-B-Que Chicken, Black-eyed Peas, Beets, Hot Rolls, Pears w/ Pineapple, Choc. Chip Cookies, Milk

**Wednesday, February 11**  
Fried Fish w/ Tartar Sauce, Hominy, Corn Muffins, Bread Pudding w/ Raisins, Milk

**Thursday, February 12**  
Salisbury Steak, Baked Beans, Mustard Greens, Bread, Peaches, Milk

**Friday, February 13**  
Roast Beef w/ Brown Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Hot Rolls, Coleslaw, Milk

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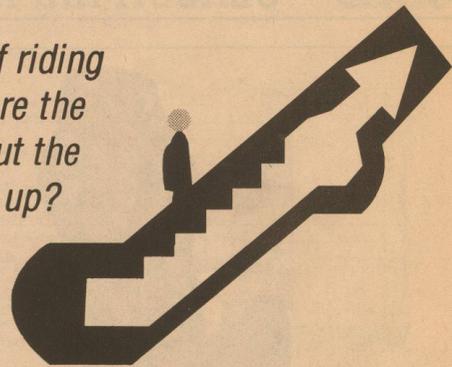
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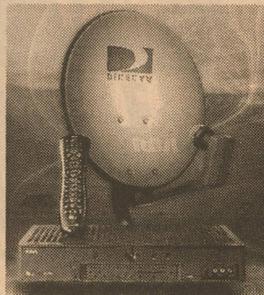
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*I graduated from Eldorado High School in 1972, and from Baylor Law School in 1991. I began practicing law here in Eldorado, my home, in December 1991. Since that time, I have had extensive courtroom and jury trial experience. In 1996, I was appointed County Attorney, and have been elected to 2 full four year terms since. I am a full-time County Attorney, with no other practice or business interest. I have now served in that capacity for about 7 1/2 years. I have prosecuted over 800 criminal cases in that time. My policy has been to prosecute those who break the law, regardless of family name, social position, ethnicity or gender.*

*Our home town merchants have recovered hundreds of thousands of dollars in hot checks and stolen merchandise due to my actions. I have assisted Eldorado Emergency Medical Services in collecting money due them from Medicare and insurance companies, so that the taxpayers of Schleicher County do not have to bear that additional burden.*

*The criminal case load has increased approximately 400% since 1996. I have worked to stay current in changing State laws so that I can better serve the people of Schleicher County by attending seminars and conferences.*

*I have advised and continue to advise, Schleicher County's individual citizens, County officials, the Commissioner's Court and the Resource Center. I also work on a daily basis with Local Law Enforcement. I regularly help with West Texas Legal Aid and New Bridge Family Shelter on legal issues, cases, and procedures. I served six years on the State Bar Grievance Committee which oversees and makes decision regarding other lawyers. From time to time I aid the Texas Rangers in their local investigations and prosecute Texas Parks and Wildlife cases.*

*I serve as well in the Justice of the Peace Court as prosecutor. I attend Grand Jury as part of the legal team at the request of our District Attorney, Steve Lupton. I work closely with the Community Supervision office to attempt to craft appropriate and helpful probation conditions. On occasion, I am appointed by local judges to assist in guardianship matters.*

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# Duncan to host Forum on Water Conservation

State Senator Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock, will host a producers' forum on February 10, 2004 to discuss the Agricultural Water Conservation Demonstration Initiative set forth by the Texas Water Development Board.

The Demonstration Initiative is an effort by State of Texas to encourage on-farm agricultural water conservation. Historically,

conservation practices were intended to increase yields because more acreage could be irrigated with the same volume of water. The current water needs of Texas identified in the State Water Plan, however, preclude this as a permanent solution.

"The ultimate goal of this initiative is to have a state wide, producer-directed program that will

save water and help producers increase their bottom line," says Duncan.

During the meeting, Duncan hopes to gather ideas and hear insight from agriculture producers.

"We have discussed the background of this initiative with representatives of numerous state and federal groups," says Duncan. "But before we move forward, we

want and need to hear from producers. They are a critical part of this state's economy and should be an equally critical player in this initiative."

Date: February 10, 2004  
 Time: 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  
 Location: USDA-ARS Research Laboratory  
 3810 4th Street, Lubbock

# Resource Center News

by Patsy Kellogg

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency (formerly known as the community action council) will be able to start taking appointments for interviews on February 9th. This is to assist people that qualify with their unpaid utility

ills. You must make an appointment and go to San Angelo for your interview. Call 653-1680 in San Angelo or you may call Patsy at the Resource Center at 853-2574.

On February 21, 2004, starting at 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Memorial Building in Eldorado, AARP will be offering help with income tax return preparation. This service is free to taxpayers with middle and low income. It is offered only one time in Eldorado and you need an appointment. To schedule your appointment call Patsy at the Resource Center at 853-2574. There is still room left on that schedule.

Also at the Resource Center the Department of Public Safety will be there for driver's license on February 10th, 17th, and 24th. Office time is 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

## Solution to puzzle on Page 2

Erin Game

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# Elementary School Gifted and Talented Program Nominations

As part of the school district's policy, all students are eligible to be nominated for screening for the Gifted and Talented program. As parents, we all believe that our children are special and so we feel that they will be easily identified for inclusion in this program. However, the state identification standards say that approximately 2-5% of the entire population is gifted and talented. Accordingly, the standards for identifying students are extremely high. If you would like to nominate your child for this testing and placement in this program, please come to the elementary school office and get a nomination form by February 13, 2004.

# Las Nominaciones del Programa Talentoso de la Escuela Elemental

Como parte del distrito de escuela, todos los estudiantes deberan ser nombrados para la seleccion para el programa Talentoso. Como padres, todos nosotros creemos que nuestros ninios son especiales y nosotros sentemos que ellos sellan indentificacion del estado dicen que aproximadamente 2-5% de la poblacion es talentosa. Por consiguiente, los estandares para identificar a estudiantes son extremadamente altos. Si usted querria nombrar su nino para este probar y la colocacion en este programa, venir por favor a la oficina elemental de la escuela y obtener forma del nombramiento por el 13 de febrero de 2004.



The Blotter is a summary of the previous week's activity by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Dept. For practical reasons of time and space, The Blotter does not include every call made to the Sheriff's office, nor does it include routine security checks, minor traffic stops or routine patrols. Incidents of major impact will be reported separately. Subjects reported to have been arrested are presumed innocent until proven guilty at a court of law.

## ARRESTS

January 29 • Ruiz, Cristine Renobato, female age 38, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.  
 January 29 • Perez, Alex John, male age 19, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$1,000 Surety Bond.  
 February 2 • Lopez, Richardo, male age 39, offense Possession of Marijuana. Released on \$20,000 Surety Bond.

## INCIDENTS

January 27 • 3:43 p.m. Complainant reported a two vehicle accident in front of high school. Officer responded. A 1993 maroon Olds Cutlass Supreme driven by Elisa Torres was driving west bound on W. Fields. A black Ford F-150 driven by Lindsey Schwiening was backing into the west bound lane of West Fields when her vehicle went into the path and collided with the side of the 1993 Cutlass. Schwiening was cited for unsafe backing and Torres was cited for no driver's license.

• 7:06 Complainant requested to speak with an officer about a domestic disturbance. Officer responded.

• 7:43 p.m. Complainant reported a motorist stranded on Hwy. 190 East. Officer responded and found motorist.

January 28 • 7:00 a.m. ASCS Officer stated they would be having a controlled burn northwest of Eldorado.

• 12:50 p.m. Complainant on Dixie Drive requested to speak with an officer about two dogs in their backyard. Officer responded and notified animal control officer.

• 3:15 p.m. Complainant at courthouse requested to speak with an officer about a counterfeit bill. Officer responded.

• 6:10 p.m. Complainant reported 4 horses loose 8 miles down FM 2596. Officer responded and horses were placed on east side of roadway.

January 29 • 1:35 p.m. 911 call to report a grass fire 3-4 miles south just past FM 2129 on US-277. Fire department responded.

• 4:12 p.m. Complainant traveling 17 miles east on Hwy. 190 reported a 18 wheeler driving reckless. Officers notified.

• 10:45 p.m. Complainant reported a possible burglary near swimming pool. Officer responded and was unable to locate subject.

January 30 • 12:44 p.m. Complainant reported two men hitchhiking on US Highway 277 north. Officer responded and held illegals for

Border Patrol.  
 • 3:55 p.m. Complainant traveling 17 miles east on Hwy. 190 reported a silver Mitsubishi SUV driving recklessly. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

• 7:07 p.m. High School reported two individuals around school campus who have a Criminal Trespass served. Officer notified.

• 8:08 p.m. Complainant reported an intoxicated driver on north US 277 traveling south. Officer responded.

January 31 • 5:24 a.m. Complainant called to advise that Pave Paws had no lights.

• 9:42 a.m. Complainant on Rudd Road reported that someone (possible illegals aliens) had broken into a house on a ranch and taken several items. Officer responded.

• 6:19 p.m. Complainant reported a two vehicle accident on East Street. Officer responded. One subject transported by private vehicle to emergency room. According to accident report a white 1997 GMC Sierra driven by Vanessa Gonzalez, was traveling northwest on East St and entered the intersection of East and Cottonwood. A maroon 1991 Chevrolet Lumina driven by Kasey Boysaw, was traveling north on Cottonwood and entered the intersection of Cottonwood and East Street failing to yield the right of way and struck the vehicle driven by Gonzalez. Boysaw received a citation for disregarding a stop sign.

February 1 • 12:23 a.m. Complainant reported a one vehicle accident on County Road 245, Ft. McKavett. Subject not injured and denied assistance to a medical facility. Complainant and spouse attempted to call 911 and there was no phone service in the area. Caller assisted subject to residence and called in accident. Complainant reported vehicle not obstructing roadway and stated reason for accident subject had fallen asleep. No accident report available.

• 12:50 a.m. Complainant reported her husband was calling her and making threats to commit suicide. Complainant stated husband was intoxicated. Three officers responded.

• 4:30 p.m. Complainant traveling on Hwy. 190 East reported a motorist needing assistance. Driver attempting to stop vehicles for help. Officer responded and was unable to locate.

February 2 • 4:00 a.m. Female complainant reported someone was entering their house. Officer responded.

• 8:14 a.m. Complainant reported someone had broken into their hunting cabin on FM 2596. Two officers responded.

• 6:40 p.m. Complainant came into Sheriff Office to report a finding a dog. Golden lab with blue collar no tag.

• 6:45 p.m. Complainant called to report a vehicle driving recklessly. Officer responded.

• 7:58 p.m. Complainant reported loud music on E. Hill. Officer responded.

• 9:11 p.m. Complainant reported a sewer line behind their home was leaking. City contacted.

February 3 • 7:35 a.m. Complainant at apartments reported their six year old son was missing. Officer responded and found boy walking down Mertzson Highway.

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*The Family of Winnie R. Fay would like to express our most gracious thank you to relatives, friends and neighbors for their kindness and support during our time of need. May God bless you.*

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 — Republican congressional candidate Mike Conaway made a campaign stop in Eldorado Wednesday morning where he was greeted by a group of supporters at Amigo's Dream Restaurant. Posing for a quick photo where (L-R) Mabel Freitag, Ray Willoughby, Jan Barton, Ebba Nikolauk, Ronnie Mittel, Suzanne Conaway, Mike Conaway, Nancy Powell, Jimmy Powell Bill Freitag.



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**Scripture**

"You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another. And you shall not swear by my name falsely, and so profane the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not oppress your neighbor or rob him. The wages of a hired servant shall not remain with you all night until the morning. You shall not curse the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind, but you shall fear your God: I am the Lord."

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**TPWD focusing on Water Conservation**

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is merging its Resource Protection Division into other field divisions, a move agency leaders say will allow it to better focus on critical water resource issues.

Resource Protection is the environmental science division of the state agency, with teams that track fish kills and water pollution, comment about big development projects and research the water needs of rivers, bays and estuaries, among other duties.

"A key goal of this reorganization is to make sure water resource functions are evident in all we do—in wildlife, fisheries, law enforcement and state parks," said Scott Boruff, TPWD deputy executive director for operations, who supervises day-to-day operations for all of the department's field divisions.

"We're about to go into our next round of strategic planning and that process is built around watersheds for the first time, so this reorganization will integrate water conservation functions throughout the agency."

Boruff noted that the agency's Resource Protection Division functions fulfill legislative mandates. Chapter 12 of the state Parks and Wildlife Code requires that TPWD "— investigate fish kills and pollution that cause a loss of fish and wildlife resources; provide recommendations to protect fish and wildlife resources to local, state and federal agencies that approve, permit, license or construct development projects; and provide recommendations regarding instream flows and freshwater inflows to Texas estuaries for the management of fish and wildlife resources."

"So we cannot stop providing those functions and we have no intention of doing so," Boruff said. "On the contrary, we hope that by merging them with Coastal and Inland Fisheries, where the bulk of those functions will go, we will gain efficiencies and provide more resources to support and enhance those functions."

As part of the reorganization, former Resource Protection Director Larry McKinney, Ph.D., will become the Coastal Fisheries Division Director, replacing Hal Osburn, who retired in August.

"I have two broad goals for Coastal Fisheries," McKinney said. "One is the ecological health of our bays and estuaries. The other is sustainable fisheries, both recreational and commercial, so we can continue on the course we set some time ago to make sure all our fisheries are productive and providing economic value to the state. Those two goals are absolutely tied, because you can't have a healthy coastal economy without a healthy ecology."

The Resource Protection Division was created in 1985 as an outcome of a state Sunset Commission review of the department. At that time, the legislature recognized that the agency's ability to conserve fish and wildlife were directly related to the health of the environment and the ecosystems that sustain people and wildlife.

Since then, the division has focused some of the agency's most in-depth scientific expertise on big problems, such as bay inflow studies that took more than a decade to complete. Among other achievements, the division created the department's Geographic Information Systems lab, which today mirrors the way the division supported the entire agency by providing computer mapping and ecosystem scale habitat analysis capabilities for all field divisions. The division has also led wetlands conservation and directed tens of millions of dollars in federal funding to restore Texas coastal habitat. When other state and federal agencies set standards, such as rules for stream water quality, it was Resource Protection employees who bird-dogged the often-tedious process of making sure fish and wildlife needs were adequately considered.

An internal work group at TPWD will iron out details of the Resource Protection Division reorganization, which will be finalized later this year in the agency's FY 2005 budgeting process.

**Devil's River Trail Ride slated**

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begin after registration and breakfast at 8:30 a.m. and travel 3.7 miles north where the horses will be loaded in trailers and hauled approximately 15 miles where the 5.8 mile leg into Christoval will begin after a lunch of sandwiches and chips provided by the Schleicher County Chamber of Commerce.

Lynn Donaho, who serves as one of the event's 53 coordinators, noted that the first-ever event has not come without a few rough spots. However, he hopes that as it develops in future years, the trail ride will help bring tourist dollars into the communities in the southern Concho Valley.

All participants of the Devil's River Trail Ride are encouraged to take part in the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning, February 21, 2004. The lineup for the parade will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the parade will begin to roll at 10:00 a.m.

**Devil's River Trail Ride Schedule**

**Tuesday, February 17, 2004** - Arrive at Sutton County Park Complex (Rodeo Grounds) located 3 blocks south of I-10 (exit 400) in Sonora  
 5:00 p.m. - Registration  
 6:00 p.m. - Supper provided by West Texas Championship Cook Off Committee  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Entertainment provided by Sonora Chamber of Commerce

**Wednesday, February 18, 2004** - Sonora to Eldorado (19.4 miles)  
 6:00 a.m. - Cattle Call  
 6:30 a.m. - Breakfast provided by Sonora Downtown Lions Club; Registration  
 7:15 a.m. - Move rigs to Eldorado  
 7:45 a.m. - Shuttle at Eldorado back to Sonora  
 Leave Sonora - Ride out  
 10:00 a.m. - Break  
 12:00-12:45 p.m. - Lunch provided by Dee Ora Masonic Lodge of Sonora  
 3:00 p.m. - Break  
 4:30 p.m. - Arrive in Eldorado  
 5:00 p.m. Supper provided by Eldorado  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Entertainment provided by Tom Taylor

**Thursday, February 19, 2004** - Eldorado to Christoval (26.3 miles)  
 6:00 a.m. - Cattle Call  
 6:30 a.m. - Breakfast provided by Eldorado; Registration  
 7:15 a.m. - Move rigs 3.7 miles  
 7:45 a.m. - Shuttle back to Eldorado  
 8:30 a.m. - Leave Eldorado - Ride out 3.7 miles then trailering 16.8 miles to break  
 9:45 a.m. - Break 5.8 miles before Christoval  
 10:15 a.m. - Move rigs to Christoval  
 10:45 a.m. - Shuttle back 5.8 miles  
 11:00 a.m. - Lunch provided by Eldorado  
 11:45 a.m. - Ride out  
 3:00 p.m. - Arrive in Christoval  
 5:00 p.m. - Supper provided by Janell Davis  
 6:00 p.m. - Awards presented by Harley Bolding  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. - Entertainment provided by Wilfred & Floy Franke

**Friday, February 20, 2004** - Christoval to San Angelo (19.2 miles)  
 6:00 a.m. - Cattle Call  
 6:30 a.m. - Breakfast provided by Bob Henson  
 7:15 a.m. - Move rigs to San Angelo  
 7:45 a.m. - Shuttle at San Angelo back to Christoval provided by Tree of Life Church  
 8:30 a.m. - Leave Christoval - Ride out  
 10:15 a.m. - Break  
 12:00-12:30 p.m. - Lunch provided by George DeWolf  
 2:30 p.m. - Break  
 4:00 p.m. - Arrive in San Angelo  
 6:00 p.m. - Supper provided by Fort Concho  
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