



From left to right Terry Hlavinka, Vice President Hlavinka Equipment, Dealer Operator Traditions Chevrolet; Joe Hlavinka, President Hlavinka Equipment and Traditions Chevrolet; and Dusty Leopold, Store Manager Traditions Chevrolet.

## Hlavinka Buys Ellison's

Hlavinka Equipment Company has finalized its purchase of the assets of Ellison Motors, Inc. in East Bernard.

The new business is operating under the name Traditions Chevrolet.

Hlavinka, with main offices in East Bernard, also currently operates seven farm and construction equipment dealerships throughout Southeast Texas and the Texas Gulf Coast.

The addition of Traditions Chevrolet compliments the company's offerings to current customers and expands its presence in the rapidly growing consumer market.

Chevrolet, a division of General Motors, is traditionally the number one retailer of autos and trucks in the United States.

Hlavinka offers other leading brands including Case-IH, Terex, and Kubota.

"The Chevrolet brand is alive and well in East Bernard", said dealer operator Terry Hlavinka.

"Issues with General Motors pushed back our closing a bit later than anticipated.

"Fortunately, General Motors is now positioned to be more competitive than ever.

"Traditions Chevrolet has received the full support and endorsement from General Motors.

"We are proud to be the very first dealer signed by Chevrolet and the new General Motors.

"We are also proud to represent Chevrolet and their tradition for quality and affordability.

"These cars and trucks are sleek, reliable, and highly fuel efficient.

"It is a great time to own a Chevy."

The name, Traditions Chevrolet, was selected after input was solicited throughout the Hlavinka organization.

The name, offered by George Tripplett, received unanimous support from the selection committee.

"Employees were given certain criteria that we were trying to portray in our image," said Terry Hlavinka.

"We wanted to exemplify the historical significance of the area and the culture.

"We intended to depict the customary service that was the norm during the heyday of the U.S. automobile industry.

"We still insist on providing this iconic level of service. Chevrolet continues to lead American industry with innovative products and expect to see local advances as well."

Dusty Leopold, a life-time resident of Colorado County, was appointed to lead operations.

He has previous experience in many aspects of sales and management with the Lawrence Marshall group of dealerships in Hempstead.

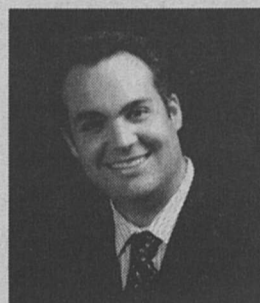
Traditions Chevrolet has

added other key employees in all departments of the business. Hlavinka family members and other company personnel are also active in certain aspects of daily operations.

"It is exciting to be part of a business with this much potential," said Dusty Leopold. "The previous owner was committed to providing outstanding customer service and this effort can never be compromised. We invite everyone to experience this personally along with our new and aggressive approach for pricing autos, parts, and service. Huge incentives offered by Chevrolet and the government make owning a new auto less costly than one might realize."

Traditions Chevrolet plans to participate in the federal CARS program that offers customers \$3500 to \$4500 incentives for replacing older inefficient autos and trucks. Information on this program can be found at [www.cars.gov](http://www.cars.gov) or a link from [www.traditionschevrolet.com](http://www.traditionschevrolet.com).

The Hlavinka family has previous experience in the motor vehicle business dating back to 1939 with its International Harvester heritage. As recently as the 1990's, the company participated as an investor in this same Chevrolet dealership. Traditions Chevrolet is operated as an independent company but is an integral part of the Hlavinka business strategy.



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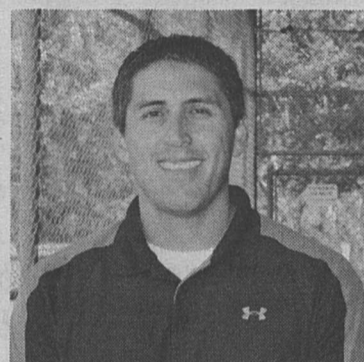
Dr. Judson Severson received his Medical Degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center and completed his training in internal medicine and nephrology at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas.

Dr. Severson is Board Certified in both Internal Medicine and Nephrology by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

He lives with his wife and three children in El Campo. Dr. Severson's wife, Dr. Sarah Wendel Severson, is a Family Practice physician in El Campo.

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Javier Solis

### WCJC Names Solis Head Baseball Coach

With a lifelong love for baseball and a competitive spirit, Javier Solis takes the reins as head baseball coach at Wharton County Junior College. He spent the last six seasons as head baseball coach at Galveston College, leading his team to the regional tournament in 2007 and 2009.

Solis has coached at the collegiate level since the late 1990s, first as a graduate assistant while attending Hardin-Simmons University. He also coached while playing professional ball for the Lafayette (Indiana) Leopards and the Abilene (Texas) Prairie Dogs.

### News From Sheridan By Melba Castillo

Another beautiful young lady from Sheridan had a momentous birthday recently. Ora Kincheleoe celebrated her 95th birthday on July 14. Her son, George Kincheleoe, treated all of her family members to a wonderful dinner at Schoebel's, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Ora has four children, Jane Welborn Svek, Donna Gullett, Carol Tesch and George Kincheleoe. She has 13 grandchildren. On Sunday, July 19, her granddaughter, Angie Zbraneck, had another birthday party for her at the Sweet Home Community Center where everyone had a great time celebrating with a dinner party and dancing. Her friends say that she is a delightful person, full of life, always cheerful and entertaining. She belongs to the Sheridan Red Hats Club, loves to jump in her red truck, race down the road and go to fun places.

The Weimer Caring Hearts extended an invitation last week to the Sheridan Go-Getters Club

for a get together at the Lutheran Church in Weimar. Attending from Sheridan were Joyce Ohm, Dixie Koonce, Ann Moore, Shirley Moore, Ruby Prasatik and Kathy Ricks.

Everyone brought a covered dish, salads, desserts and spent a delightful afternoon visiting, chatting and enjoying each other's company. After lunch they played dominos and had some competitive, rowdy fun games.

Sheridan volunteer instructors, Kathy Ricks and Shirley Moore participated in a Summer Day Camp sponsored by the Colorado County 4-H. It was a program presented by Extension Agent, Janis Pfeffer and Program Coordinator, Sharon Grahmann. It's was an all day event held at the Ag Building in Columbus on Monday, July 20.

The participants learned how to do the Continental stitch and Straw Hatch stitch on plastic canvas to make bookmarks and

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Justin Semora, right, caught this alligator gar that was six and half feet long and weighed 160 pounds on Saturday, July 25, on Matthews Bayou near the intersection of FM 950 and FM 102. He said he speared the large fish when he was wading in water. He said the fish fought for about five minutes before he could land him.

Also shown with Justin are Anthony Castaneda, left and Dustin Kneseck, center.