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## A Holiday Weekend in Sonora **Broncos' playoff run ends in Sweetwater**

Don't miss Sonora's celebration of the season, as the Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomes the holidays to our community. The fun starts with "The More the Merrier" on Friday, December 5, 2003. This Christmas tradition from long ago was once held in the old Ford house, but as with all good things, has grown to be bigger and better. The Christmas Bazaar will be at the Sutton County Civic Center from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday. The extended hours give all shoppers a chance to check their list twice and find that special gift for their loved ones without ever leaving Sonora. Arts, crafts, food, gifts, clothing, jewelry and much more will be available to purchase. Adding to the fun will be Mr. Christmas himself, Santa Claus and his lovely wife, Mrs. Claus. The two will be available for hugs and pictures, starting at 3:00 p.m.

But the festive fun doesn't stop there. Saturday is a whole new day. If you weren't able to fill your sack on Friday, vendors will be open Saturday, December 6, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the "Christmas Fair and Lighting" ceremony on Main Street. Hot chocolate, wassail, Christmas cookies and caroling, shopping and Santa, who could ask for more. Mr. Claus will make his annual trip down Main Street around 3:00 p.m., stopping at City Hall to pose for pictures with some of his favorite good little boys and girls (and he might even tell those on the verge of being bad that they watch out, he watching them!).

Main Street and the Sutton County Courthouse will take center stage as the sun begins to set. Miss Sutton County, Kelly Kearney, will throw the switch at approximately 6:15 p.m., lighting the streets and courthouse lawn.

Don't miss this opportunity to share the holiday spirit with friends and neighbors while supporting local merchants and organizations.

## It's time to deck the halls with Christmas decor



by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Manager

Christmas decorations are a way we reach out and touch each other during the Christmas Season. Each year the town of Sonora is divided into four parts for a Christmas decoration contest.

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street will be awarding a winning business (new award for 2003) and home each week in the four parts of town until Christmas. There will be a sign placed in the yard for the winning home and a sign placed in front of the winning business, proclaiming the winners for that week. A small gift will also be awarded to the winners each week.

The judges will be out on Sundays, judging the homes and businesses in our community for the "Best Decorated for Christmas 2003 Award" for that week. The Devil's River News and KHOS Radio will announce the winners each week.

Christmas is a time to share and give out God's blessings to our friends and neighbors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Directors, Main Street Staff and Ann Kay!

If you need more information please call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 325-387-2248 or visit us at 232 Main

## The flu bug spreads through Texas, bites Sonora residents

The latest flu report from the Texas Department of Health for the week ending Nov. 29 classifies flu activity in the state as "widespread." The classification is based on influenza being recorded in at least half of the state's 11 public health regions. Flu was recorded in seven public health regions last week. "Widespread" is the highest occurrence category. Last week was the seventh consecutive week that flu activity has been classified as "widespread" in Texas.

Sonora is no different, with the local doctors' offices being standing room only, and the hospital being full on a regular basis. Attendance has been down at the schools, due to sick kids and many businesses have

been hit, causing employees to miss days of work.

Laboratory tests have confirmed that influenza type A/Panama-like and type A/Fujian-like viruses are circulating in Texas this season. Influenza type B has also been confirmed, but strain information is pending.

This season's vaccine was formulated to protect against type A/Panama, type A/New Caledonia and type B/Hong Kong and is expected to offer some protection against the Fujian strain.

TDH strongly recommends getting a flu shot.

The Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, is part

See Flu back page

by Nancy Glascock

The young Sonora Broncos team came to play against the seventh ranked Holliday Fighting Eagles. The Broncos were able to both run and pass the ball against the team from District 7. What the Broncos had trouble with was stopping the hard running of #47 Colin Leggett. Halfway into the fourth quarter, Leggett had gained 190 yards on 22 carries. It often took three or four Broncos to tackle him. He became the first runner to gain over two hundred yards rushing against the Broncos in several years.

Holliday's first score came after Clint Cearley bobbled the snap from center and was hit while trying to gain control of the ball. Holliday recovered on the Bronco 27. Their first score came at 8:48 with a hard run by Leggett up the middle.

The Broncos responded with a 70 yard scoring drive. Chris Martin, Caleb Ramos, and Cearley moved the ball down the field with the longest gain - a run of 30 yards by Cearley. Ramos romped thirteen yards into the end zone for the first Sonora score. Austin Wagoner kicked the PAT at 6:27 left in the first quarter.

The Eagles answered with a 65 yard drive of their own. Holliday moved the ball down the field using misdirection plays, a counter play, and quarterback keepers by Joe Mike Fouts. On third and ten, Dustin Carey broke free of Wagoner's coverage and grabbed Fouts' pass for their second score. The first quarter ended with the Eagles leading 14 - 7.

Things definitely did not go the Broncos' way in the sec-



Bronco coaches give the boys in red a pep talk at the Holliday game.

ond quarter. They were unable to sustain their drives and could not stop the Eagles. The half-time score was 31 - 7 in favor of Holliday.

Most teams would have given up, but the Broncos were determined to give their all. Wagoner fair caught the second half kickoff at the 30 yard line. Cearley just caught the snap from center and fired pin point passes for quick completions: Martin for eight, Longoria for four, and then the big gainer to Martin over the middle for 36 yards. From the 19 yard line, Ramos ran for three. After an incomplete pass, Cearley kept the drive alive with a third down pass to Wagoner for a first down. Martin caught Cearley's touchdown pass in the right corner of the end zone. Wagoner's PAT split the uprights.

The Broncos caught the Eagles by surprise with an

onside kick. Bunched up like a huddle, they all came forward in a bunch. Wagoner kicked the ball outside of the Eagles. Brett McDaniel covered it up. Ramos handed the ball to Martin who made eleven yards out of nothing. A perfectly executed timing pass play by Cearley and Anthony Longoria resulted in a first down. A Bronco holding penalty appeared to have stopped the Bronco drive. On fourth and long, Scottie Moore was stopped just short of the first down yardage when two Eagles hit him late. After the automatic first down, Ramos made it from the 19 yard line to a first and goal with two fine runs. Three plays from the Husker failed to score and the Broncos called time-out. Once again, the tackle eligible play to Steven Duhon completely fooled the Eagles. He was

wide open for the touchdown pass from Cearley. The score was 31 to 21 with 1:56 left in the third quarter. The Eagles had still not touched the ball on offense.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles used their superior size and speed to put the smaller Broncos out of the playoffs. The final score was 45 to 21 in favor of Holliday.

Oscar Chavez, Peter Duran, AJ Hernandez, Chris Martin, Scottie Moore, Zed Snodgrass, Tom Valliant, Wilson Wallace, and Devon Yearout played their last high school football game. Their leadership helped the many underclassman achieve a three deep playoff run that no one could have predicted earlier in the Fall. Thanks to all of the Broncos, coaches, cheerleaders, and the Bronco Band for a great 2003 football season.

## Probation department welcomes Jimenez as new Juvenile Officer



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The Sutton County Crockett County Juvenile Probation Department welcomes aboard Jerry Jimenez. Jerry is a native of Sonora and graduated from Sonora High School in 1984. Jerry attended Angelo State University, where he secured his Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Government with a Criminal Justice minor. Upon graduation from ASU, Jerry went to work for the Dallas County Community Supervision and Corrections Department. While working for Dallas County CSCD, Jerry carried a direct caseload of offenders placed on electronic monitoring. After three years working in the big city Jerry resigned and moved back to Sonora. Upon return to Sonora, Jerry worked for his father at JJ's Automotive and became a volunteer youth football and baseball coach. He coached YMCA football for four years and City League baseball for seven years.

Jerry is also very active in St. Ann's Catholic Church where he has been teaching Catechism classes off and on for the past five years.

Jerry has been happily married for five years to his wonderful wife, Nancy, and is the proud father of Juan Miguel, his five year old son, and Danica, his two year old daughter. Jerry and Nancy are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of a new addition to their family.

The Sutton and Crockett County Probation Departments are privileged to have someone on board who is committed to working with the juveniles in the two county area.

For more on Probation Department personnel, see back page.

## Filing dates for Spring primaries coming soon

New voter registration cards are due to be sent out sometime in the near future for next Spring's Democratic and Republican primaries which are scheduled for March 9, 2004.

Candidates may begin filing for offices on December 3rd. The deadline for filing for office will be January 2, 2004.

County offices coming up for election in 2004, and the present incumbent are as follows:

- Sutton County Sheriff - Joe Fincher;
- Sutton County Tax Assessor-Collector - Dedie McIntire
- Sutton County Attorney - David Wallace
- Sutton County Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Miguel Villanueva
- Sutton County Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Milton Cavaness


## RadioShack® expands their doors



John and Dell Tedford are happy to announce the grand opening of the expanded "Christmas Shop" RadioShack® for the holiday season. The 1926 building housed the local drug store for most of its history and was recently fully restored. Tedford decided to use the space for the holiday season to display the fun toys for all ages they now have available (see related story page 4). John, Dell, Tony and Nathan invite everyone to stop by and see what they have today at RadioShack® and Tedford Jewelry.



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**Sonora Church  
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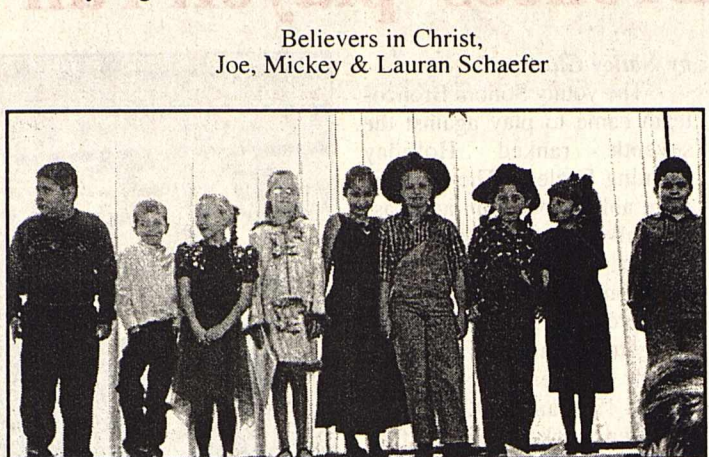
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**Card of Thanks**

To Our Extended Family,  
The news of cancer came to rock our world last week and so many of you gathered so quickly to stand by our side. We pray that no one ever have such troubled times but we highly recommend the love and prayers that followed. Joe is home now and on the road to recovery, but we continue to need your prayers. A special thank you goes to both of our employers for their concern and understanding, to the staff at Sonora Middle School for taking such good care of Lauran and to Dr. Pajestka for the insight to send Joe for the testing. Words can not describe how grateful we are to our church family. Your immediate response to our single phone call displays the true meaning of a Christian. God answered our prayers. You will never know how thankful we are to have such wonderful people in our lives. Scripture reminds us that we are not to be set back when trials come into our lives, rather we are to rejoice that God is refining in us the precious jewel of faith, which is of far greater worth than anything on earth.

Believers in Christ,  
Joe, Mickey & Lauran Schaefer



Nine elementary students participated in the talent show held on Monday, November 24, 2003 hosted by the Sonora Elementary P.T.O. Participants included (L to R) Fabian Guzman, Jeremy Doran, Kaitlyn Gibbens, Sidney Dermody, Kelsey Favila, Abby Creek, Marci Parks, Chanel Martinez and Brandon Nuñez. The P.T.O. would like to thank all the parents and teachers who supported these young students as they performed. A special thanks to Mrs. Irma Pincince and her students who made all the decorations for the stage. Thanks also to Mary Perez and those P.T.O. members who helped organize this event.

  
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The Devil's River News  
keeps giving all  
year long.

**School Lunch Menu • Nov. Dec. 8 - Dec. 12, 2003**

**Breakfast**

**Mon.** - French toast sticks, syrup, orange juice.  
**Tues.** - Muffin, assorted juice.  
**Wed.** - Scrambled eggs, toast.  
**Thurs.** - Biscuits, ham slice, juice.  
**Fri.** - breakfast burrito, orange juice.

**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**

**Mon.** - Pepperoni pizza, mexicali corn, tossed salad, trail mix cookie.  
**Tues.** - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, jello with fruit, hot roll.  
**Wed.** - Chicken enchilada casserole, pinto beans, coleslaw, pineapple cake.  
**Thurs.** - Chili dogs, mustard, baked beans, carrot sticks, dressing, pudding, topping.  
**Fri.** - Cheeseburgers, French fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fruit (canned or fresh)

**Senior Center News**

**Dec. 8** - Bingo. (Loteria) after lunch.  
**Dec. 10** - CEAP energy won't be back to Center till January 2003!  
**Dec. 11** - Hearing Sounds from San Angelo won't be at Senior Center till January 2004.  
**Dec. 12** - Christmas Party at Center. 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Join us for a good time, food, door prizes, live music.

**Senior Center Menu**

**Dec. 8** - Meatballs & spaghetti with sauce, spinach, garlic bread, banana pudding, milk.  
**Dec. 9** - Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, roll, broccoli, green salad, cherry cobbler, milk.  
**Dec. 10** - Pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, milk, fruit cocktail.  
**Dec. 11** - BBQ chicken, pinto beans, mustard greens, cornbread, sliced tomatoes, peaches, milk.  
**Dec. 12** - Pork roast with gravy, mashed potatoes, peas, carrots, tossed salad, lemon cake, milk.

**Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.**  
**\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others. \*Menu is subject to change.\***  
**\*New Sound "Hearing Tests" will be at Senior Center in January 2004! Call San Angelo 1-888-297-1963**

**Obituaries**

**Pauline Fisher**

Pauline left this life Saturday, November 22, 2003, in the Crosbyton Hospital for a joyous reunion in heaven with her Jesus and her loved ones. Pauline was born August 16, 1910, in Childress, to Clifford and Alice Bradshaw. She graduated from Childress High School and married Lindsay Fisher on March 29, 1930. They moved from Childress to Lorenzo in 1953 and farmed there until moving to Knox City, Texas, to enjoy their retirement years fishing at Lake Stamford. Lindsay died December 1, 1984. Pauline devoted her life to her family, friends, and church. She spent many hours sewing and crocheting, but her life was fullest when she could spend hours of each day in her yard working in her flowers and garden. She was honored by her community for her beautiful yard. A member of First Baptist Church in Knox City, she moved to Ralls in March 2003. She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Burma Niell, in February, 1993, and a great-grandson, Dane Parrish, in May, 1981. She is survived by her son, Glen and daughter-in-law Linda of Sonora, Texas; her daughters, Joan and son-in-law Pat Yoakum of Cone, Texas, Mary and son-in-law Walter Rauch of San Angelo, and Kay and son-in-law Bill Ardis of Garland; 10 grandchildren, Patti (Yoakum) and Rick Ketron, Roger Yoakum, Barry and Debbie Niell, Paula (Niell) and Tracy Parrish, Michael and Rhonda Rauch, Leah Rauch, Angela Ardis, Peggy (Ardis) and James Booth, David and Stayce Fisher, and Tammy Fisher; 13 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-granddaughters. Memorials may be given to the church of your choice.

**Alejandro G. Gonzales**

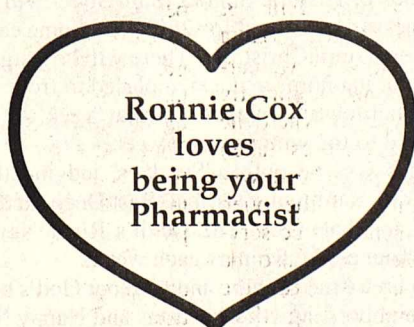
Alejandro G. Gonzales, a longtime Sutton County resident passed away Friday, November 28, 2003, at the Crockett County Care Center at the age of 82. Services were at 10:30 a.m., Monday, December 1, 2003 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral home. Born on April 24, 1921, to Eljio and Paula Gonzales, he was one of seven children. He was a WWII Veteran. He was awarded the Bronze Star. For years he was employed by Western Drug and was the downtown watchman. Alejandro was preceded in death by his parents Eljio and Paula Gonzales, two brothers Eugenio and Genaro Gonzales, and one sister Esperanza Gonzales. He is survived by his sons Juan Carlos Gonzales and his wife Lilia of Pflugerville, Alfredo Gonzales of Pensacola, Florida, Alex Gonzales and wife Norma of Sonora, two daughters Rosemary Rodriguez and husband Abel of Sonora, and Diana Gauna and husband Tony of Junction. Alejandro is also survived by two sisters Petra Gonzales and Engracia Hernandez, both of Sonora, and one brother Luciano Gonzales of San Angelo, 14 grandchildren, Emily Rodriguez, John Gonzales, Marc Gonzales, Crystal Nicole Carr, Alex "AJ" and Desiree Gonzales, Abel, Alex, Albert, Alfred, and Austin Rodriguez, Arturo and Traci Lopez, and Marisa Gauna. 12 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Eristeo P. Virgen**

Eristeo P. Virgen, 74, died Saturday, November 29, 2003, in an Abilene hospital. Rosary was Monday, December 1, 2003 in McCoy Funeral Home Chapel. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, December 2, 2003 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with military burial in Sweetwater Cemetery. Survivors include his wife, Margaret Virgen, and son, Edward Virgen, both of Sweetwater; daughter, Yvonne Hutchings of Colleyville and Sandra Swanzey of Abilene; brother, Joe Virgen of Sweetwater; and sister, Odilia Virgen and Esperanza Torres, both of Sweetwater, and Juanita Gandar of Sonora.

**Carolyn J. Owens**

Carolyn J. Owens, 74, of Fittstown, Oklahoma, passed away Friday, November 28, 2003, in an Oklahoma hospital. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m. Monday, December 1, 2003, with graveside services following in Highland Cemetery. Carolyn was born on July 21, 1929 in Sonora, Texas, to Clifton Carlyle Johnson and Audrey Marie Archer Johnson. She married Allen A. Owens, Jr. in 1950 and came to Oklahoma from Wichita Falls, Texas, in 1960. She worked at The Valley View Cafeteria for 12 years and was a cook at McLish School for 12 years, retiring in 1986. She was a Methodist. She was preceded in death by her husband Allen A. Owens on October 6, 1988, and granddaughter, Cassie Renee Slinger. Survivors include two sons, Allen A. Owens, III, Fittstown, Clifton Lee Owens, Fittstown; two daughters: Carla Beth Biggers, Arkansas, Janet Lynn Owens, Fittstown; one sister: Joyce Pace, Texas; one brother: Jack Johnson, Texas; four grandchildren: J. Allen Slinger, Ada, Anthony Kyle Slinger, Arkansas, April Lynn Ryan, Fittstown, Patrick Shane Ryan, Fittstown.



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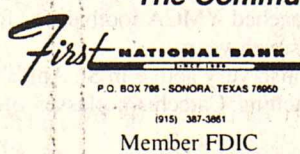
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**Community Calendar**

<p><b>Dec. 5</b> Christmas Bazaar • Civic Center 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Dec. 6</b> Christmas Fair &amp; Lighting Downtown Sonora 3:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Dec. 8</b> County Commissioners 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.</p> <p><b>Dec. 16</b> City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall</p> <p><b>Dec. 18</b> Santa Bucks Auction 4-H Civic Center</p>
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## Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann Palmer  
Sutton County Historical Society Secretary

Q. My friends all collect Beanie Babies, Pokemon cards, and Barbie Dolls. Are there any collectibles that don't cost a lot of money?

A. People collect everything you can imagine and much of it costs them nothing. There are several people around the world trying to break the record for the largest ball of twine. They pick up a piece of string every time they see one and add it to their collection. Their balls of twine are so huge they take up their carports. There are others who collect aluminum foil. They started many, many years ago by peeling the foil off cigarette wrappers and gum wrappers and making it into a ball. Now they pick up foil where ever they find it, and some have balls of foil so huge they must use ladders to add to the top of the ball and have their friends help them turn them. Their whole purpose is to break a standing record.

Some people collect bottles, all kinds of bottles, and cans. Some have huge collections of every kind of beer they can find. Others collect different types of soda cans or perfume bottles. Some people collect bells. One lady I knew had over 100 bells in her home. They were small bells, perfume bottles shaped like bells and bells brought back when friends and family went on vacations. I even knew one man who collected soda bottle caps and a lady who saved all the little labels that come on bananas. Some told the country they came from, some had the manufacturer's name. Another person had a huge collection of cigar bands. He had started saving as a child and had a huge collection mounted on round sticks and displayed on a long table under glass. Most of them had cost him nothing but were now collectibles.

Candy companies come out with collectibles. M&M's have many dispensers that come with candy in them. Most people throw out the dispenser after they eat the candy. I save them and have quite a little collection of different tins, figures, and dispensers. Pez candy dispensers are another favorite. Hershey and some other compa-

nies make cardboard tubes full of candy that are topped with small plastic figures.

Different food companies have come out with collectibles. Spaghetti-O's had a collectible bowl and spoon. You could even have your name put on the spoon. During the 1950's Kellogg sold Rice Krispies figures stamped on cloth. You could cut them out, sew them together and have stuffed dolls of Snap, Krackle and Pop. They too have sold many different types of bowls, cups, glasses, etc. over the years.

Many young people collect stamps. They are inexpensive and fun to collect. You can buy new ones or have your friends and family save all their envelopes and collect the used stamps. There is a much smaller value with the used stamps but they are still collectibles. You can put them into albums or use the used stamps that are extra to decorate small wooden boxes then cover them with a layer of polyurethane and give them as gifts.

A lot of people are collecting the new quarters for the 50 states. Many are trying to get some of the older ones and save them before they are all gone. They collect one quarter for each year from each mint.

Another collectible that is easy to find and inexpensive is a rock. You can find rocks all over the place. Most people will be glad that you take them out of their grass. Sutton County is full of them. But you want to try to collect all different kinds of rocks and go to the library and look them up. You put them onto a card and carefully mark what they are, where you found them and the date. The dried up streams south of Sonora are full of interesting rocks that have washed down from many places. Some are very light and of volcanic origin. Some, when broken open, have beautiful crystals inside. All it takes is time, patience and a strong back to collect rocks.

Many people collect expensive glass that is called collectible. Remember that if there isn't a limit on the amount of pieces produced, the market will be flooded with these pieces, and they aren't the best of bargains. Look for pieces with a very low number of reproduc-



Sonora 8th graders 1936-1937. Can anyone help us name these people?

tions. Some people collect figurines of dogs or cats or owls or some other animal. They have extensive collections of their little figurines and wouldn't part with them. They aren't worth a lot of money but they mean a lot to them.

Others collect railroad memorabilia, or toy trains. Some collect old toys which, if well preserved and in their original box, can be worth quite a bit of money. Some that sold for \$2.98 when new are worth over \$100 now. So take good care of all your toys. The first Star Wars figurines that came out with the first Star Wars movie are worth quite a bit now. Of course my poor daughter had every one of them and the space station and her mean mother made her give them away during a military move. She had out-grown them and didn't play with them anymore. We had limited pounds we could move and the space station was given away to a younger child in the neighborhood. She reminds me from time to time how much money I made her lose on her toys.

Some people collect Santa figurines and keep them up in their home all year long. Others have figurines called Snow Babies or wizards and dragons. You would be amazed at what some people collect: Old cans, boxes, clothing, books, photographs, Coca-Cola bottles, cans, trays, ice chests, machines, fur-

niture, lots and lots of things. So if you can't afford to collect the expensive toys your friends have, find something inexpensive you can afford and enjoy seeing in your room. It doesn't matter if they like it as long as you like what you are doing.

Collecting is supposed to be fun, not a competition to see who can spend the most money. So find some little thing you enjoy, be it leaves, feathers, different types of nuts, arrowheads, rocks, cans, bottles or funny containers and have some fun.

On Saturday, December 6, the Sutton County Historical Society will have a small exhibit of collectibles on display in the office at 307 Oak Street. We hope some of the parents and children will stop by and enjoy them.

If you have any questions, concerning Sutton County history, send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Tx 76950-0885 or e-mail them to [schs@sonoratax.net](mailto:schs@sonoratax.net). You may call the offices with questions or come in to look things up Monday and Friday mornings at 387-5084. We work every Saturday on projects around the grounds or down at the old ice house. If you need help finding something in the old papers, just stop and ask one of us to go up and open the building and we will be glad to assist you.

## Brownie Troop 104 gets graphic print training at Team Graphics



Brownie Troop #104 visits Marla Percifull and Lydia Lopez at Team Graphics.

submitted

On Wednesday, November 12, Brownie Troop #104 visited Team Graphics on Main Street in Sonora. Marla Percifull and Lydia Lopez greeted the girls and showed them what goes on in their shop.

Lydia started with explaining the high tech sewing machine used for embroidery jobs. She showed the girls how they sew patches on jackets and vests.

The girls were then taken downstairs, where Marla demonstrated how the stencil for t-shirt print jobs begins. The Brownies were then given the opportunity to print their very own t-shirts.

Mrs. Tammy Favila, Mrs. Marissa Faz, and the girls in Troop #104 would like to thank Marla and Lydia for showing the girls the ins and outs of Team Graphics. They would also like to extend their gratitude to Mrs. Sharon Creek and Mrs. Betty Hernandez for helping with the trip.

## Chamber Chatter

### 'Tis the Season to Shop Sonora

by Ruthie Bounds, Executive Director

The Christmas Season is Here! This weekend is the "Holiday Weekend in Sonora" beginning with "The More the Merrier" Christmas bazaar on Friday at the Sutton County Civic Center from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. "The More the Merrier" Christmas bazaar will feature over 30 vendors and merchants all under one roof for your shopping convenience. There will be gifts, jewelry, cosmetics, Christmas decorations, baked goods, and a gift wrapping booth. The West Side Lions Club will be selling food & drinks throughout the day. On Saturday from 3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. you can come to Downtown Sonora to take part in the "Christmas Fair & Lighting Celebration". Santa will arrive in a horse drawn carriage at 3:00 pm and go directly to Sonora City Hall where he will be having pictures taken with the children. The downtown merchants will be open and many of them will be serving treats. There will also be vendors set up all over the downtown area selling their wares. Everyone is welcome to attend and there is no charge to set up a booth. As the sun sets the Christmas lights will be turned on and the festivities will continue until 7:30 p.m. This is truly an opportunity to do all your Holiday shopping right here in Sonora. Please come join us for this joyous season and see all that Sonora has to offer.

On Tuesday, December 9, 2003 from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., there will be a Grand Opening for Flowers by Irene & Gifts. After having to close her shop due to illness, Irene is opening her new shop in the Highway 277 Shopping Center. She will be located right next door to Corner Drug & Gifts Galore & More. Irene Friess brings many years of skill and talent to her new location. She is very well known in this area as a premier florist. She will be featuring many great Christmas decorations, as well as gifts, and silk & dried arrangements. We hope you will come join us in welcoming Irene back to our business community and to her

new location. Congratulations, Irene, we are glad to have you back.

We also want to welcome the expansion of Tedford Jewelry/Radio Shack. The Tedfords have expanded their business just in time for the Holidays. Radio Shack will be featuring a full line of electronic toys for children and adults alike. Be sure to stop at Tedford Jewelry/ Radio Shack to register for the Grand Opening Prizes. Congratulations on a great store expansion!

I know from personal experience that this can be a very hectic time of the year for all of us, and sometimes in the hustle and bustle, we forget what Christmas means. I hope that we will all take time to remember what the Christmas Season is really all about. In our rush to get everything done, we must take time reflect on the true meaning of this Joyous Season. There are so many organizations here in Sonora that volunteer and do great things for people in need. Give the gift of your time by contacting your church or community organization and helping someone out during this season of giving. Take a moment to recognize a good friend or family member that shows you that extra consideration. Most of all have a very Safe & Merry Christmas!

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### A Holiday Weekend in Sonora

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#### Christmas Bazaar

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*Arts & Crafts, Food, Gifts, Clothing, Jewelry and Much More!*

#### "Christmas Fair & Lighting"

Celebrate the Season  
Saturday, December 6, 2003  
Downtown Sonora  
3:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.  
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### Sonora's Radio Shack is expanding for Christmas.

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## Mallory Conner Derrick

Drs. Chris and Susen McCleery-Derrick and their daughter Courtney of McKinney, Texas would like to announce the birth of their daughter and sister Mallory Conner Derrick.

Mallory was born November 26, 2003 at 5:55 p.m. in Presbyterian Hospital in Allen, Texas. She entered the world weighing 6 lbs. 8 ozs. and 19 1/4" long. Many proud family members including paternal grandparents Pam and Cecil Derrick of Longview, Texas, aunt Summer Derrick of Longview, Texas, maternal grandmother Mary Lou Hudman of Dallas, Texas, aunt and uncle Mike and Michelle Krieg of Sonora, Texas, uncle John Paul Hudman of Dallas, Texas, and cousins Meghan, Cassie and Cade Krieg of Sonora, Texas welcomed her arrival.



## Main Street Traffic

### Historic preservation project adds charm to Main Street

by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Main Street Sonora Manager,

Extra! Extra! Have you seen the new historic preservation project in downtown Sonora? It is located next door to Tedford Jewelry and is a dream come true for the kids of all ages in Sonora.

Well, if you haven't, jump in your car and visit historical downtown Sonora. On the corner of Concho Street and Main Street, in the downtown historic area, you can step back in time by experiencing the warm friendly smile and helping hand which help you find the perfect Christmas gift in Tedford Jewelry and the new RadioShack®.

RadioShack® has extended their location, to include the corner building on Concho Street and Main Street for the Christmas season. You can shop for some wonderful items for Christmas for that favorite person in your life so don't you forget to Shop Sonora for

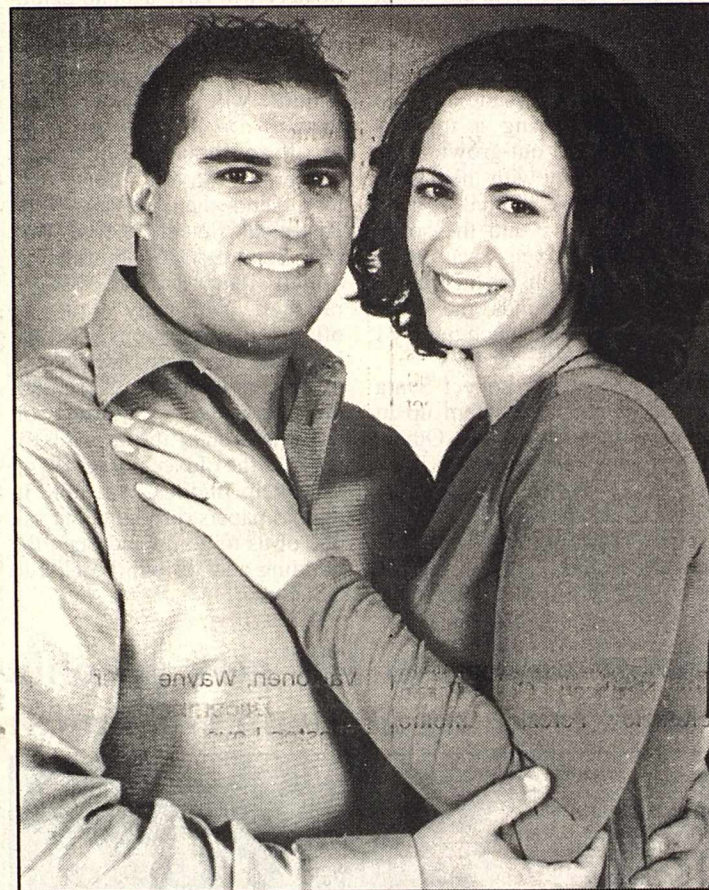
Christmas! Radio Shack has received toys for the special small child on your Christmas list.

John and Dell will add to your surprise by having a drawing for an RCA 27 inch TV (adults only). For the young people, 18 years and under, register for two \$75 gift certificates to Radio Shack. Children under 12 years old must be accompanied by and registered for drawing by an adult.

RadioShack's® grand opening will be Friday, November 18, 2003, through Saturday, December 6, 2003, and you may pick up your new free toy catalog.

Come and visit the new historic preservation project that will be ready for you to shop for Christmas and sign up for some magnificent gifts to be given away to celebrate your Christmas in style. We welcome the expansion of RadioShack® to the historic downtown from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program.

### Blanco, Gonzales plan to start New Year with wedding



Al & Viola Gonzales, of Pensacola, FL, are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Marc Gonzales, to Lori Blanco of Morgan City, LA.

The bride-elect is the daughter of David and Marcia Blanco of Morgan City, LA. She is a Morgan City High School graduate and attends Nicholls State University. She is employed as a social worker.

The prospective bridegroom is the grandson of Pedro and Alicia Virgen, and Rosa Elena Sanchez and the late Alejandro Gonzales. After graduating from John Ehret High School in 1994, Marc attended the Nicholls State University. He is currently living in Coffeyville, KS, where he is a basketball coach at Coffeyville Community College.

The couple will marry at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Morgan City, LA on January 2, 2004.

## Parkinson and Preston exchange wedding vows



Mr. and Mrs. Trey Preston enjoy their first dance as husband and wife.

Michelle Escalera Parkinson and Richard Edward "Trey" Preston were united in marriage in an afternoon ceremony on September 20, 2003, at the T-Saucer Ranch Country Retreat in Sonora.

The bride is the daughter of Rita Gamez of San Angelo and Hector Escalera of Sonora.

The groom is the son of Richard and Jill Preston of Eldorado.

Officiating the double ring ceremony was Conrad Archer, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

The ceremony was performed on the lawn under a grove of trees, next to the pool on the T-Saucer grounds. White tulle and greenery lined the iron fence.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a gown of champagne satin. The strapless bodice was detailed with delicate beadwork. The soft A-line skirt fell gracefully to the floor and swept into a mid-cathedral train. The headpiece was made by her mother, Rita, with a hand beaded crown and a satin trimmed veil.

She carried a bouquet of ivory, mauve, and peach flowers from her sister's wedding, also made by her mother.

In keeping with the tradition, the bride wore "something old", a pearl necklace and earrings from her aunt, Elizabeth Escalera. The "something new" was the veil made by her mother, and the "something borrowed" was her sister's bouquet. Her garter took care of the "something blue".

Gloria Dienert, sister of the bride, served as matron of honor. Flower girls, in matching white gowns, were daughters of

the bride, Mary Beth and Mary Jane Parkinson, who carried baskets of rose petals.

The groom wore a traditional black tuxedo, with a champagne vest and tie.

Hunter Preston, brother of the groom, stood as best man. Serving as ring bearer was Cody Snyder, son of the bride. He wore a traditional black tuxedo.

Ushers were Steven Whitten of San Angelo and Howard Ledbetter of Eldorado, both friends of the groom.

Following the ceremony, the guests were treated to cake and hors d'oeuvres on the patio by the pool, as the bride and groom cut their cakes. The bride's cake was multi-layered, divided into several flavors and covered in white icing with peach colored rose petals adorning the tops. The groom's cake was chocolate, with chocolate icing and chocolate covered strawberries covering it.

After enjoying an afternoon of recreation at the T-Saucer, guests were treated to a barbeque meal, catered by the Sutton County Steakhouse, and a dance with music by local band, Border Trash.

Following a week of honeymooning in Jamaica, the couple resides in Sonora.

The bride is a Sonora High School graduate and attended Angelo State University. She is now a registered nurse at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital in Sonora and in the Intensive Care Unit at San Angelo Community Hospital in San Angelo.

The groom graduated from Eldorado and attended Angelo State University. He is currently a salesman for Jet Specialty and Supply in Sonora.

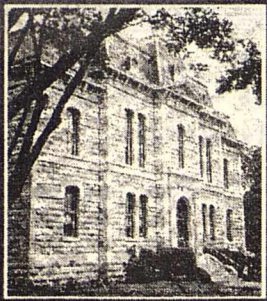
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## Make Your Holiday Shopping Stress Free

It's that time of year when you're frantically rushing from store to store in search of the perfect Christmas gifts for family and friends.

According to financial experts, Americans are expected to charge \$127 billion during this holiday season. With retailers anxious to increase sales, you'll find yourself bombarded with advertisements for holiday sales.

Your local community banker offers suggestions to ensure you spend wisely this holiday season and that the joy of the Christmas season in December doesn't turn into a nightmare of credit card debt in January.

Make a holiday budget with the total amount of money that you can afford to spend on gifts, decorations and entertaining. As you make your purchases, deduct that amount from the total balance.

If your current financial sit-

uation is less than rosy, scale back on either the number of people you buy gifts for or the amount of money you spend on each person.

If you have a large family, you may either want to put a dollar amount on the amount you spend on each person or draw names so that you don't have to buy gifts for everyone in the family.

As you look at each name on your list, determine the amount of money you can spend on each one. Then take that amount of money with you when you go shopping and leave the credit cards at home.

If you don't like carrying cash and prefer shopping with a credit card, pre-determine the amount you can charge on your credit card and stick to it. It is easier to dispute charges for unsatisfactory goods or services with a credit card rather than by cash, check or debit card.

Keep your receipts for

exchanges and for help in reconciling your credit card statements.

Shop around to make sure the item you're looking for isn't less expensive from a different merchant. You might also check out arts and crafts shows where you can often find unique items for less money.

If you order gifts from a catalog or online, make sure to order early in time for shipment. You may also want to check with the Better Business Bureau to make sure you're dealing with a reputable company.

Remember that there is a merchant dispute process for credit cards that is not available on debit cards.

Most of all, slow down and enjoy the season. After all, it's people, not gifts, that make the holidays special.

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## 7th Grade Lady Colts

by Larry Jennings

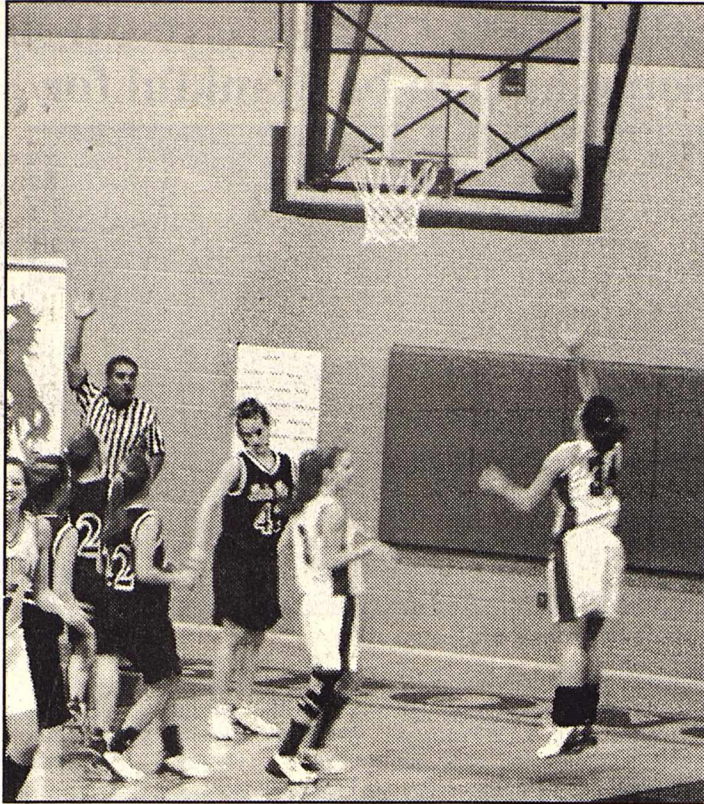
The 7th grade Lady Colts played Reagan Co. on November 17, 2003. Sonora came out on top in overtime, 25 to 20. Savannah Leonard led the scoring with 13, followed by Azeneth Villanueva with 5, Jessica Snyder 4, and Kaitlyn Henderson 3. The girls made 7 of 17 attempted free throws.

The Eldorado 7th grade girls defeated the Lady Colts on Monday, November 24, 2003, with a final score of 24 to 7.

Jessica Snyder had 4 points, Azeneth Villanueva 2, and Savannah Leonard 1.

The Lady Colts were at home on December 1, 2003, hosting the 7th grade Wall girls. Sonora was defeated 24 to 20.

Savannah Leonard had 11 points, followed by Steely Ingham with 5, Azeneth Villanueva and Jessica Snyder each had 2.



## Lady Bronco Basketball

The Lady Broncos took on the Lake View Maidens last week on their home court. The girls were coming off a 39 to 32 victory against Bronte, but were defeated by the Maidens, 49 to 45.

## 8th Grade Lady Colts

by Bill Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts lost to Eldorado Monday, November 24, 2003, with a final score of 29-25. The girls fought back from a ten point deficit, but came up a little short when Eldorado hit a 3-pointer to seal the game.

Leading scorers for the game: Kimble Luna 6, Emily Earwood 6, Heather Hughes 5, Kyla Turney 4, and Kayla Garcia 4 points. The ladies hit 8 for 20 free throws.

The 8th grade Lady Colts played well Monday night. The girls played aggressive defense and tried to work the ball around for a good shot. The girls are progressing from one game to the next. We play Ozona, there, next Monday. Kelsey, Kayla, Laura, Kyla, Chelsea, Katrina, and Elbe, all played some strong defense. Thanks for the effort.

Leading scorers for Sonora: Kimble Luna 10, Emily Earwood 5, Heather Hughes 4 pts.

## 8th grade Colts fall to Eagles of Eldorado

by: Danni Price

The 8th grade Colts played their second game of the season against the Eldorado Eagles on Monday, November 24, 2003 at the Junior High Gym in Sonora.

The Colts definitely had a better showing during this game than their first outing. The first half was a little shaky with too many turnovers, but after the break, they looked steady, serious and ready to play basketball.

The final score of this game; Sonora Colts 33, Eldorado Eagles 36. Zadrion McGee and Alonzo Pena led the scoring in this game with 10 points each, A. Pena with 5 rebounds and McGee with 2 rebounds. Other Colts rounding out the scoring were: Riley Sanchez 9 points, Nick Peña 4 points & 3 rebounds, Juan Dominguez 2 rebounds, and Colton Moore 1 rebound.

## Local Marine completes basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. Hector Aparicio Martinez, son of Maria M. Martinez and Hector Aparicio of Sonora, Texas, recently completed 12 weeks of basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

Aparicio Martinez and fellow recruits began their training at 5 a.m., by running three miles and performing calisthenics. In addition to the physical conditioning program, Martinez spent numerous hours in classroom and field assignments which included learning first aid, uniform regulations, combat water survival, marksmanship, hand-to-hand combat and assorted weapons training. They performed close order drill and operated as a small infantry unit during field training.

Martinez and other recruits also received instruction on the Marine Corps' core values - honor, courage and commitment, and what the words mean in guiding personal and professional conduct.

Martinez and fellow recruits ended the training phase with The Crucible, a 54-hour, team evolution culminating in an emotional ceremony in which recruits are presented the Marine Corps Emblem, and addressed as "Marines" for the first time in their careers.

## Happy Birthday

December 4

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December 5

Erika Campbell, Sabrina Surber, Becki Harris

December 6

Logan Luttrell, Kaija Valkonen, Wayne Tyler

December 7

Preston Love

December 8

Cameron Sims, Bobby Mogford, Quincy Crain, Mike Fay, Willie Gutierrez,

December 9

Rose Hooper, Chris Lopez

December 10

Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder, Tyler Edmondson, Kristen Hardgrave, Melanie Smith, David Lopez

## Sonora High School Honor Roll and Perfect Attendance

### 2nd Six Weeks Perfect Attendance

David Adkins, Joseph Ainsworth, Desiree Alvarado, Delilah Alvizo, Carlos Aparicio, Andrew Barthelemy, Amanda Berry, Megan Berry, Hilton Bloodworth, Desirae Boldt, Mandy Brister, David Buitron, JE Carrillo, Courtney Caruthers, Jose Casillas, Amanda Castilleja, Adriana Castillo, Evelyn Castillo, Jacque Castillo, Clint Cearley, Oscar Chavez, David Cook, Dustin Creek, Will Crittendon, Chealsey Daniels, Karla Dominguez, Swade Draper, Dustin Duhon, Steven Duhon, Peter Duran, Elizabeth Elliott, Nicolas Favela, Noemi Fay, Kayla Fields, Megan Fitzgerald, Marisol Fraire, Lisa Frye, Frank Gallegos, Eduvina Garza, Filemon Garza, Deneyra Gloria, Pedro Gloria, Jennifer Gonzales, Ana Govea, Jessica Govea, Crystal Guerra, Evan Gulley, Jessica Gutierrez, Laramie Hall, Savannah Hedgecock, A.J. Hernandez, Erica Hernandez, Stevie Hernandez, Marc Hernandez, Veronica Hernandez, Kate Higdon, Brea Hughes, Alyssa Ibarra, Jacob Ibarra, Bobby Jackson, Marco Jimenez, Kelly Kearney, Meghan Krieg, Luis Lira, Anthony Longoria, Missy Longoria, Elijah Lopez, Melinda Lopez, Shane Love, Mikey Lozano, Steven Lozano, Liano Luna, Chris Martin, Christina Martinez, Evangelina Martinez, RC Mata, Danielle Matthews, Brett McDaniel, Thia McKissack, Queena Mendez, Ruben Mendez, Israel Mendoza, Amelia Moreno, Maricela Moreno, Marcos Morin, Nathan Mungia, Brandy Neff, Erin Newton, Aaron Nitsch, Armando Noriega, Kathryn Pacheco, Brian Payton, Chris Perez, Cody Perez, Stetson Perez, Maggie Ramirez, Shaun Ramos, Trent Reiner, Abraham Rivera, Ilse Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Nicky Samaniego, Stacy Sanchez, Chelsea Seaton, Nick Shurley, Angel Silva, Ivan Silva, Treva Smart, Embre Smith, Lauren Smith, Roland Solis, Zedekiah Snodgrass, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street, Antonio Torres, Nash Traylor, Jack Turney, Trapper Valliant, Travis Valliant, Agustin Vaquera, Vicky Vara, Austin Wagoner, Wilson Wallace, Garret Watkins, McKenzie Watkins, Michelle Weingart, Amanda Word, Laura Word,

### All A's Freshmen

Amanda Berry, Jose Casillas, Starlyn Chadwick, Chealsey

Daniels, Jaimee Duran, Jennifer Gonzales, Marc Hernandez, Craig Leonard, Stacy Sanchez, Nicholas Shurley, Travis Valliant, McKenzie Watkins

### Sophomores

Hilton Bloodworth, Desirae Boldt, Swade Draper, Kristina Hernandez, Christina Martinez, Dee McGee, Erin Newton, Kathryn Pacheco, Kaleena Samaniego, Embre Smith, Lauren Smith, Nash Traylor, Jack Turney, Warren Wallace

### Juniors

Dustin Creek, Connie Isenhour,

### Seniors

Oscar Chavez, Dainah Hernandez, Brea Hughes, Tamika Marshall, Hanna Scott, Sheryl Strauch, Susanna Street, Laura Word

### A's & B's Freshmen

Emily Butler, Allyse Edmondson, Kayla Fields, Madeline Higdon, Jacob Ibarra, Marco Jimenez, Meghan Krieg, Melinda Lopez, Steven Lozano, Ryan Martinez, Nathan Mungia, Brandy Neff, Aaron Nitsch, Justin Northcott, Cody Perez, McKenzie Perez, Antonio Torres, Victoria Tovar

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### Juniors

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### Seniors

Joseph Ainsworth, Megan Berry, Elizabeth Elliott, Megan Fitzgerald, April Flores, Danielle Galindo, Crystal Guerra, Kate Higdon, Kelly Kearney, Missy Longoria, Evangelina Martinez, Thia McKissack, Marcos Morin, Nicky Samaniego, Treva Smart, Zed Snodgrass, Cady Taylor, Wilson Wallace, Michelle Weingart, Devon Yearout

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### Varsity

Dec. 4-5-6

Ballinger Tournament

Dec. 9

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Dec. 11-12-13

Ozona Tournament

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Dec. 4-5-6

Wall Tournament

Dec. 9

Monahans • Here • 5:00 pm

Dec. 11-12-13

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JVB

Dec. 8

Ozona • There • 6:30 pm

Dec. 9

Monahans • Here • 4:00 pm

SMS

Dec. 8

Ozona

Girls • There • 5:00 pm

Boys • Here • 5:00 pm

Dec. 15

Grape Creek

Girls • Here • 5:00 pm

Boys • There • 5:00 pm

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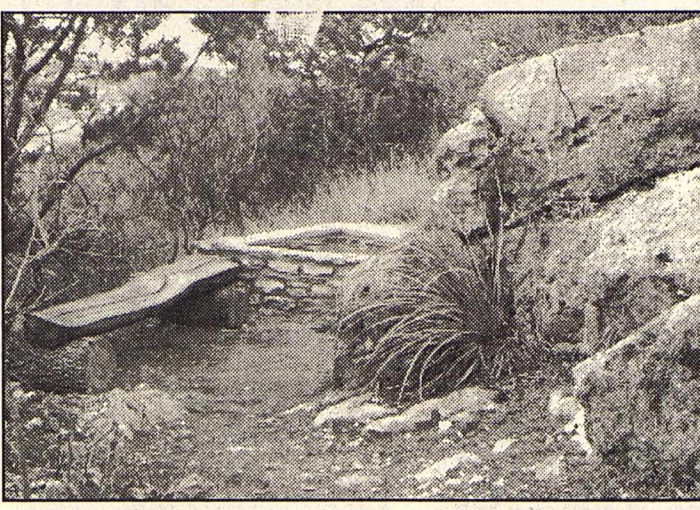
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**Up on Eaton Hill**

**Eaton Hill gives something to be thankful for**

by Delyse Jaeger

As the golden leaves turn to brown and the chilly air whispers the possibility of a white Christmas (forgive me ranchers), Thanksgiving trips off our tongues. The dimensions of my personal gratitude were amplified through the experience of our Community Thanksgiving Service, hosted by the Sonora Ministerial Alliance. Prayers for strengthened unity and recognition of commonality colored the evening. In a world where differences can sometimes create white-knuckled hatred, celebrating our connections is inspirational and our local ministerial alliance is a brilliant example of bridges among humanity. The public forum of a church service is the exception rather than the rule for the Sonora Ministerial Alliance. Most of their work is behind the scenes, lending a helping hand, whenever the need arises. A mother who needs milk for her baby, a family befallen on hard times or a stranger passing through town, find kindness and brotherly love in the generosity of spirit that is the core of Sonora's Ministerial Alliance. Walking the walk, so to speak and never seeking recognition. Today, however, I would like to publicly recognize the contribution of the Sonora Ministerial Alliance to Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. A distinctive feature of Eaton Hill is Inspiration Point, sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance. Inspiration Point provides a sanctuary area conducive to



A place to reflect, on Eaton Hill.

meditation and reflection, recognizing the Creator through his creation. The 23rd Psalm is displayed among the rock outcrops and a wooden cross, adorned with a crown of thorns, subtly dissects the horizon. Visitors can even take pleasure in the sounds of trickling water. The addition of a pool along the trail and a beautiful tiered water fall and pool beside the resting bench complete this quiet nook of serenity. I believe the intent of this special alcove on the hill is summed up in a quote by John Berryman: "Master of beauty, craftsman of the snowflake, inimitable contriver, endower of Earth so gorgeous and different from the boring Moon, thank you, for such as it is my gift." Thank you, Sonora Ministerial Alliance for this precious gift to our community. May we all take to heart the message from our Community Thanksgiving

Service and determine to cultivate within our hearts, a deeper, persistent attitude of thankfulness. Happy (belated) Thanksgiving!

In keeping with the season, I offer thanks to the many individuals, businesses and organizations who have donated time and expertise to the Eaton Hill project. And to Jimmy Cahill, on behalf of the constant stream of appreciation I receive from the public, thank you for your inspired vision and continued commitment to creating a unique and worthwhile park which serves our community and visitors through education and appreciation of nature and history. A special thank you to the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation for undertaking a tourism project with such broad and long term impact not only economically but through the education of

**San Angelo Civic Ballet to perform The Nutcracker**

The Nutcracker will be performed the first two weekends of December at the Angelo State University Auditorium located at 2601 Avenue N, in San Angelo. Presented by the San Angelo Civic Ballet, and exclusively sponsored by KSAN, News Channel 3, this year's production features the choreography of Guest Artistic Director, Joy Xu McCarthy, formerly a principal and lead dancer for the Shanghai Ballet Company of Shanghai, China. General-seating tickets are \$12

for Adults, and \$8 for Children, Students, Military, and Senior Citizens. Tickets may be purchased weekday afternoons at the Angelo Civic Theatre, on Sherwood Way, or by phone at 949-4400. Performances are: Friday, December 5, and Saturday, December 6, at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday Matinee, December 7, at 2:00 p.m. AND Friday, December 12 and Saturday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Matinee, December 14, at 2:00 p.m.

**Hill Top Wine Market to host Open House**

The Hill Top Wine Market announces their Christmas Open House and Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on Monday, December 8th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at their wine store located at the corner of 11th Street and Ratliff in Ozona. Hill Top Wine Market is owned by Belinda and Steve Wilkins and was opened in June of 2002. They now carry nearly 300 wines, most under \$20, from all over the world. Hill Top Wine Market is open from 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. M-F. For more information call 392-2343.

**Government grows fourth arm - litigation**

**State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association**

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - If it's been a while since you studied government (they used to call it civics), there's been a slight change in how things work. Used to be, there were three branches of government at both the federal and state level - the executive, the legislative and the judicial. Those who framed our Constitution envisioned a governmental system of checks and balances. If a judge or judges ruled an action taken by either of the other two branches to be unconstitutional, that was that. Now, in a figurative sense, the fourth branch of government is litigation. One example is redistricting, a constitutional requirement of the legislative branch. But in Texas, a federal lawsuit will be the final arbiter. The same thing is happening with the complicated issue of school finance. Gov. Rick Perry has said he will call a special session some time next spring to come up with a new way to finance public school districts in Texas. But a large number of both poor and wealthy school districts have joined forces in a lawsuit aimed at equalizing funding. The only thing students of Texas politics can write down in their notebook right now is that in 2005, somehow, the way we support public schools likely will change.

**TPEA asks for help...**

The next regular session of the Legislature is more than a year away, but the Texas Public Employees Association already is gearing up to fight for more pay for state workers. During the last session, a state budget shortfall resulted in a mini-budget shortfall for the state's then-200,000 or so person work force. Several thousand employees lost their jobs through layoffs and reorganizations. Lawmakers offered no pay raise and reduced benefits. That reduction, the Employees Retirement System estimates, amounts to about a \$900 annual cut in pay. One manifestation of TPEA's focus on 2005 is a slick re-do of its magazine, Texas Public Employee. The association has hired a public relations firm to do all it can to show the people of Texas that they get their money's worth from state employees. In the most recent issue of that magazine, Andy Homer, TPEA's director of government relations, said the association has sent letters to Perry and the 10 members of the Legislative Budget Board asking that they consider a process called budget execution to shift funds and give state workers their first pay raise in years. That would enable state employees to get some relief prior to Sept. 1, 2005.

**Rest In Peace...**

In one of the first programs of its kind in the nation, the Texas Historical Commission has staff traveling the state to record and investigate historic cemeteries. Funded by a grant from another state agency, the Department of Transportation, THC employees are expanding the Texas Historic Sites Atlas by adding information on historic cemeteries. They're calling it the R.I.P. program. The agency currently is focusing on cemeteries in the state's fastest-growing counties, where historic sites in general are the most vulnerable. The program is expected to continue into 2005. The atlas of historic sites can be viewed by going to the THC Web site, www.thc.state.tx.us. Insurance costs compared... When you write that check for auto insurance, especially if you have a teenage driver living under your roof, you may think it's pretty expensive. But take heart - Texans only pay the 19th highest premiums in the nation. According to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the range of auto premiums in the U.S. is from \$586 to \$1,182 a year. The median national cost for liability, collision and comprehensive was \$817, only \$3 a year below the figure for Texas.

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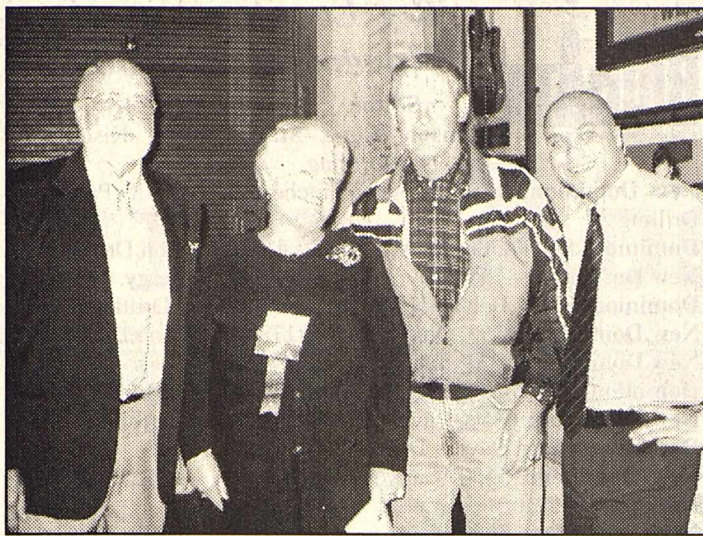
# Texas Main Street Cities Receive National Recognition

Austin - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation recently recognized Sonora as one of the 53 National Main Street Cities in Texas. Other 2004 National Main Street Cities include: Amarillo, Bay City, Beaumont, Bowie, Breckenridge, Canton, Canyon, Carthage, Clarksville, Comanche, Corsicana, Decatur, Denison, Denton, Eagle Lake, Electra, Elgin, Fairfield, Farmersville, Gatesville, Georgetown, Gilmer, Gladewater, Goliad, Gonzales, Graham, Greenville, Henderson, Hillsboro, Huntsville, Irving, Kerrville, Levelland, Lufkin, Luling, Marlin, Mineola, Monahans, Nacogdoches, New Braunfels, Odessa, Pilot, Pittsburg, Quanah, Ron Grande City, Rusk, San Antonio - Midtown on Blanco, San Marcos, Seguin, Tyler, Waxahachie, and Winsboro.

"Our National Main Street Cities have worked really hard to achieve this distinctive honor. Establishing and maintaining an active and successful Main Street Program is a great accomplishment and we are proud of the cities that achieved national recognition," said Kim McKnight, state coordinator or

the Texas Main Street Program. The cities were honored at the recent Texas Downtown Association/Texas Main Street Conference in Austin. The National Trust for Historic Preservation's National Main Street Center will honor these cities at the 2004 National Town Meeting on Main Street to be held May 9-12 in Albuquerque. Cities chosen as National Main Street Cities must show above average performance in 10 categories. The selection criteria focus on planning, staff and volunteers, preservation ethic, training and program assessment. For additional information, visit the National Main Street web site at [www.mainstreet.org](http://www.mainstreet.org) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation web site at [www.nationaltrust.org](http://www.nationaltrust.org).

The THC's Texas Main Street Program is a revitalization program for historic downtown and neighborhood commercial districts. It is based on a four-point approach - organization, design, promotion and economic restructuring, all within the context of historic preservation. Implemented in 1981, the program has assisted more than 130 communities throughout the state. For more information, contact Kim McKnight at



Ann and Jim Kay (center) are joined by Wayne Bell and Robert Johnson at the Texas Main Street Conference in Austin.

512/463-6092.

The Texas Historical Commission is the state agency for historic preservation. The agency administers a variety of programs to preserve the archeological, historical and cultural resources of Texas. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has been a National Main Street City for the last five years. These goals are achieved by all the community working together to promote Sonora and Sutton County as a place to live

and work. The Sonora historical downtown area is very important to the citizens of this community and we all share in the belief that a strong downtown is the heart of the community. The western heritage is our historical background and this is shown by the support of the City of Sonora and Sutton County. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program is very proud to be a part of a winning team and community.

# Laurie English announces bid for 112th District Attorney

First Assistant District Attorney, Laurie English, announces her candidacy for District Attorney of the 112th Judicial District. English graduated Fort Stockton High School in 1981 and attained a Bachelor of Arts degree from Angelo State University in 1997 with a double major in English and Government. She graduated Texas Tech School of Law in 1999. Prior to law school, English worked as a legal secretary from 1992 through 1997. During law school and while awaiting her bar examination results, English worked as a litigation law clerk for the Lubbock City Attorney's Office. English returned to Ozona in 2000 and opened her civil law office. She is a member of the State Bar of Texas, College of the State Bar, and the Texas District and County Attorneys Association.



Justice demands that every case is evaluated on its own merits and that the District Attorney proceed accordingly."

English began prosecuting for the 112th District Attorney's Office in January 2001 and is responsible for three of the District's five counties. English actively participated in the preparation and litigation of eight jury trials, including first degree felony offenses of murder, aggravated sexual assault of a child, and possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver, as well as felony offenses of intoxication manslaughter, credit card abuse, and forgery. English also assisted in writing the State's response brief to Melvin White's capital murder writ of habeas corpus.

"Wrongdoers must be held accountable for their crimes and to the victims they create," continues English. "I am committed to accessibility and accountability in my role as a prosecutor. I intend to continue working closely with our outstanding law enforcement officers and the citizens of this District to increase accessibility and accountability if elected District Attorney."

English researched and authored four appellate response briefs and presented oral arguments in two cases before the 8th Court of Appeals (El Paso). English routinely works with law enforcement to prepare and present cases for grand jury consideration. English is the driving force in prosecuting the numerous felony cases in Crockett, Reagan and Sutton counties.

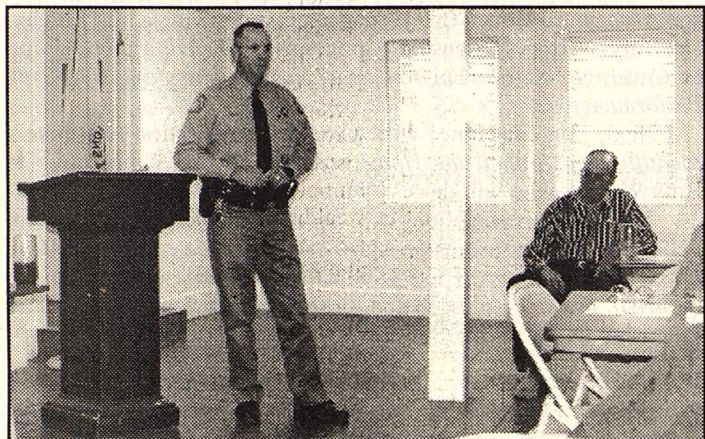
A fourth generation Texan, English lived in McCamey as a young child and in Fort Stockton from 1968 through 1981. English has lived in Ozona since 1989. She is the daughter of Larry and Nancy Lay. English and her husband, Lyndon, have been married for 21 years and have two sons. Layne is completing his senior year at Ozona High School. Logan, a 2003 honor graduate of Ozona High School, is entering the Air Force in 2004.

"The District Attorney's Office is an integral part of the justice system," says English. "The duty of the District Attorney is to do justice and not

English and her family are actively involved in the Ozona First Baptist Church, where she serves on the Personnel Committee. She is a member of the Ozona Women's League and the Baccalaureate Band. English also serves on the Crockett County Library Board and the Crockett National Bank Development Board.

Pol. adv. paid for by Laurie English, 1203 Avenue E, P.O. Box 2069, Ozona, Tex 76943.

Photo by Cameras Two



# Local Game Warden speaks at Downtown Lions Club

Sutton County Game Warden, Will Allison, was the guest of honor at the Sonora Downtown Lions Club on Tuesday, December 2, 2003. After lunch and announcements, Allison was introduced and began his presentation by explaining that game warden positions are down. Due to a large number of retirements, game wardens are few. Now is a good time to become a game warden, and the state tries to place recruits in their home territory. Warden Allison said that there are new game wardens in Rocksprings and Del Rio.

explained that the main mistakes involve placing the wrong tag on a deer, the back of the tag not being filled out or failure to cut out the date.

Allison also told the Lions about an escaped pet falcon that has been seen and is being sought. The bird is obviously domestic because it is wearing a bell. If anyone sees this falcon they are encouraged to contact the game warden office.

The current director of Texas Parks and Wildlife is supportive of game law enforcement. Budget reductions are statewide, so is old, but still being used.

Allison reminded everyone that the Ministerial Alliance is currently collecting and distributing deer in Sutton County. This project has helped to reduce poaching for meat to feed families in our community.

Allison told the Lions that the 17th Game Warden killed in the line of duty was reported last month. Warden Wagstaff was killed in a car accident when responding to a call on Operation Game Theft.

The warden reminded the club that hunting rights are under attack, and our economy depends on hunting. Wildlife research and conservation uses money from hunters. He encouraged everyone to support organizations that support and promote hunting rights.

Locally, Allison reported that cooler weather has brought more kills this hunting season. Deer are healthy and in good condition. Allison said that hunters in Sutton County are of a higher caliber and try to follow the laws. Most citations this year have been due to improper tagging. One Axis deer was reported taken without the property owner's permission. When asked to explain the problems with improper tagging, Allison

The meeting was very interesting and informative, and the Lions expressed their appreciation to Will Allison for sharing his experience with them.

The Downtown Lions Club "Student of the Month" was unavailable this month, and will be honored at next week's meeting, on Tuesday, December 9. Past District Governor, Virgil Polocsek will be "roasted" on December 13. If any Lions have questions they are encouraged to contact Conrad Archer.

# Get your home ready for winter

While winter has not yet arrived in West Texas, planning ahead will help maximize your home's energy efficiency during the cold weather months. WTU Retail Energy offers the following tips to help you manage your home energy expenses this winter.

**Thermostat Settings**  
Turning the thermostat back between 10 and 15 percent for eight hours each day can reduce your energy bill up to 10 percent annually. A programmable thermostat will auto-adjust the temperature according to your schedule. These are available at most home improvement stores and cost as little as \$25. Also, reduce your heating costs as much as \$15 a month by keeping the fan on your central heating in unit set to the "auto" position.

**Furnaces**  
Check your furnace now to ensure it is in good working order. This can help avoid hassles when you need to heat your home in a hurry. If you require repairs by a licensed contractor, you may also enjoy faster and lower-priced services by beating the peak demand for house calls.

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3. The size of the area where you are using the space heater. The smaller the area you are trying to warm, the more effective the heater will be.

**Fireplaces**  
Fireplaces are popular, but one of the most inefficient heat sources. To reduce the loss of warm air up the chimney:  
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closed when a fire is not burning.

- Ensure the seal on the flue damper is tight and that the fireplace hearth is well caulked.

- Consider using a flue sealer to plug and insulate the chimney when the fireplace is not in use. Inflatable versions are available for around \$30 to \$50, or you can make your own by stuffing foam or a pillow into a heavy plastic bag and inserting it up the chimney from inside your home. Remember to attach a long and colorful string to remind you it is there before you start your first winter fire.

To direct more heat from the fire into the room:

- Lower the thermostat to approximately 55 degrees, open the dampers at the bottom of the firebox or open the nearest window slightly, and close doors leading into that room.

- Place a heavy, cast-iron plate called a fireback at the back of your fireplace. When a fire is burning this radiates more heat into the room before it is lost up the chimney.

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- Caulk and weather-strip any air leaks with a few supplies available from your local home center.

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## Sutton County 4-H to prepare for December projects, dance

The 4-H Christmas party and dance will be at the Civic Center on Tuesday, December 9, 2003, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Club officers are each asked to bring two dozen cookies. The club will furnish hot chocolate. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite CDs. Please bring a canned good as entry to the dance. These will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance Food Basket drive.

**Citizenship Project**  
4-H members are invited to help clean out the Wishing Pond at the Caverns of Sonora on Sunday, December 7, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Each member will need to wear non-marking, soft rubber soled shoes. You will probably get your shoes wet, so bring a pair to change in to. You will also need a pair of needle nose pliers. If you have questions, please call Rosie Butler or Louise Ingham-Moore.

**Meat Goat Project**  
Louise Ingham-Moore, project coordinator, has organized several workshops that will be helpful to everyone feeding animal projects.

On Wednesday, December 3, 2003, at 4:00 p.m., in the Langford Building, Parks Tucker of San Angelo will

present a program on preparing your animal for the show and keeping your animal in show condition. He will target those very critical five days prior to leaving for the show and how to keep those animals fresh during travel and confinement at the show. Animals are not needed at this workshop. He will also demonstrate how to keep clipper blades sharpened. He has offered to demonstrate this process using your dull blades, so please bring them with you on this date.

On Wednesday, December 10, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. in the Langford Barn, a workshop will be conducted on keeping your show box stocked and organized. Bring your fully equipped show box... prizes will be awarded accordingly!!

On Wednesday, December 17, 2003, at 4:00 p.m. in the Langford Barn, Preston Faris will hold an in-depth showmanship clinic. Participants should bring their project animals to the clinic. After Preston's clinic, work will begin on the Herdsman Award display to be used at the Kerrville show. It is imperative that everyone showing in Kerrville be here for this workshop.

## Southwest Texas ACA Stockholders Elect Directors

Stockholders recently returned five incumbent directors to the Southwest Texas ACA board, including Robert C. Surratt of Clint, Billy B. Savell of Sonora, Truman De Lux of Eldorado, Paul Aelvoet of Hondo, and Gene S. Walker of Aguilares. New directors elected to the Board were Robert B. Nunley, Jr. of Sabinal and Gary L. Palousek of Raymondville.

According to CEO Eric C. Rothe "Under our unique cooperative structure, the Association is governed by a stockholder-borrower elected Board of Directors and the election of these outstanding agricultural leaders and businessmen to the board provides highly qualified leadership for the Association." They join F. Shelby Henke of Campbellton; Larry McBee of Del Rio; James B. Carlson of LaVilla, Katherine J. Crittendon of Valentine; Jack Kingsbery of Crystal City, Victor J. Niemeyer of Knippa; Danny Parker and Mark Vanham of Uvalde; Roy Grady Wheeler of Pleasanton, Louis Woodward of Girvin, Glen C. Richardson of Sonora and Edwin L. Yanta of Devine as members of the board.

Southwest Texas ACA, is a part of the Farm Credit System, one of the Nation's oldest sources of credit for rural America, and provides financing for livestock, equipment, rural homes, farms and ranches in South and West Texas. Southwest Texas ACA is headquartered at Devine, with branch offices in Edinburg, Hondo, Laredo, Marfa, Pleasanton, San Antonio, Sonora and Uvalde. To learn more about Southwest Texas ACA, visit [www.swtaca.com](http://www.swtaca.com).

## Continuing Education units being offered for Pesticide Applicators

by Scott Edmonson

As part of the requirements for holding a Pesticide Applicators License, individuals are required to obtain 15 hours of continuing education units every five years. Within the next couple of weeks, applicators will have several opportunities to obtain several of these CEU's. The minimum requirements are two hours of laws and regulations, two hours of integrated pest management and the remainder of the 15 may be in any category.

On December 11, 2003, there will be a Vegetation Management Workshop focusing on the Right-of-Way Applicator. This program sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, will begin with registration from 8-8:20 a.m. There will be an "On Your Own" lunch break and the program will conclude around 3:40 p.m. Topics to be discussed include: *Application timing and Herbicide Uptake* with Dr. Darrell Ueckert, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, *Drift Minimization* with Dr. Billy Warrick, Texas Cooperative Extension, *Public Relations and Cut Stump Applications*, Rich Hender with Dow Blanco, *Application Techniques and Equipment Characteristics*, Jim Crosby, BASF Corporation, *Weed Resistance and New Weed Control Methods*, Jason Dunn, Estes Chemical and the final presentation will be on *Laws and Regulations* with Cain Cline, Texas Department of Agriculture. This program will be held at the Texas A&M Research & Extension Center in San Angelo and will offer a total of five Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for those individuals with a Pesticide Applicators License. For more information, contact Cain Cline or Ken Weidenfeller at 210-820-0288.

On December 16, 2003, there will be a six (6) CEU course here in Eldorado at the Memorial Building beginning at 8:30 a.m. with registration. The program will begin at 9 a.m. with a discussion of Pesticide Laws and Regulations presented by Cain Cline with the Texas Department of Agriculture. At 10 a.m. Dr. Alan McGinty, Range Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension will lead a discussion on Range Brush Control Strategies and at 11 a.m., Dr. Chris, Extension Entomologist will give a presentation on Fire Ants and Africanized Honey Bee Management. Following a lunch break, Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension Agronomist will give a presentation on *Coverage vs Drift: Environmental Factors Impacting Herbicide Performance*.

Next, Dr. Sansone will give a presentation on *Insect Identification Around the Home* and he will be followed by Dr. Billy Warrick who will discuss *Winter Weed Identification*.

The final presentation will be made by Scott Edmonson, Schleicher County Extension Agent and will discuss *Tools for More Efficient Applications*. There will be \$10 charge to cover the cost of the meal. For more information, please contact Schleicher County Extension Office at 325-853-2132.

## Extension Office to host Pesticide Applicator Training

by Scott Edmonson

The Schleicher County Extension office will be hosting a Pesticide Applicator Training and Testing on Monday, December 8, 2003, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension office, located at 203 SW Main, in Eldorado. This program will be for individuals who are interested in obtaining a Pesticide Applicators License in order that they may purchase and use restricted use pesticides. This course will be limited to the first 10 registered and paid individuals.

Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the training will begin at 9:00 a.m. A representative from the Texas Department Agriculture will be on hand to conduct the testing following the training session. Anyone wanting to participate in this program must go by the Extension office and purchase a Pesticide Applicators Manual. The cost of the manual is \$20. For more information or to sign up, please call the Extension office at 325-853-2132.

## Mohair Council of America to hold annual meeting in January

The 2004 Annual Membership Meeting of the Mohair Council of America will be Wednesday, January 14, 2004 at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in San Angelo. The Membership Meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. All mohair producers and individuals involved in the Angora goat and mohair industries are encouraged to attend and participate.

Topics that will be discussed include the wool and mohair loan program, progress on each of MCA's value-added processing projects, sales efforts and results of recent nation-wide events, and the industry outlook for 2004. District caucuses will be included on the agenda in order that members from the ten MCA districts can elect directors to represent their area. As always, there will be special guests and representatives from related industry organizations to share insights.

The Membership Meeting is part of a two-day event. On Tuesday, January 13, the Texas Mohair Producers Board will meet at 1:30 p.m. The Mohair Council Executive Committee will convene immediately following the adjournment of TMPB. MCA President and Mrs. Denny Ray Speck will host a reception at their home for all participants beginning at 6:30 p.m.

On Wednesday, January 14, the 2003 MCA Directors will conduct their final business meeting at 8:45 a.m. The MCA Annual Membership Meeting will follow at 9:00 a.m. At 12:15 p.m., newly elected Directors for 2004 will hold their first meeting. At the conclusion of the meeting, a buffet lunch will be served for all in attendance.

Individuals needing overnight accommodations may call the Holiday Inn at 325-658-2828, mention that you are part of the Mohair Council group, and receive the group rate of \$65.00/night. The deadline for reserving a room at this special rate is January 5, 2004.

Everyone planning to attend is asked to RSVP to Kelly Stultz or Suzy Mears at the MCA office, 325-655-3161.

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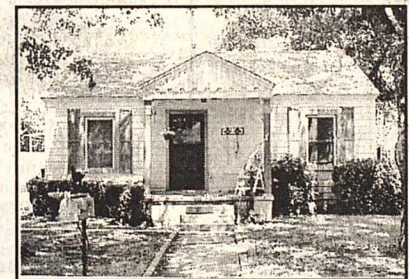
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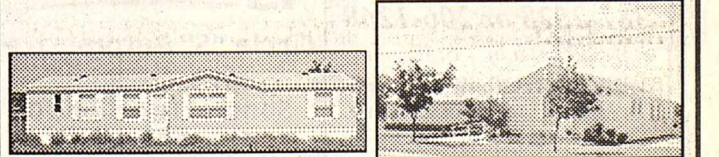
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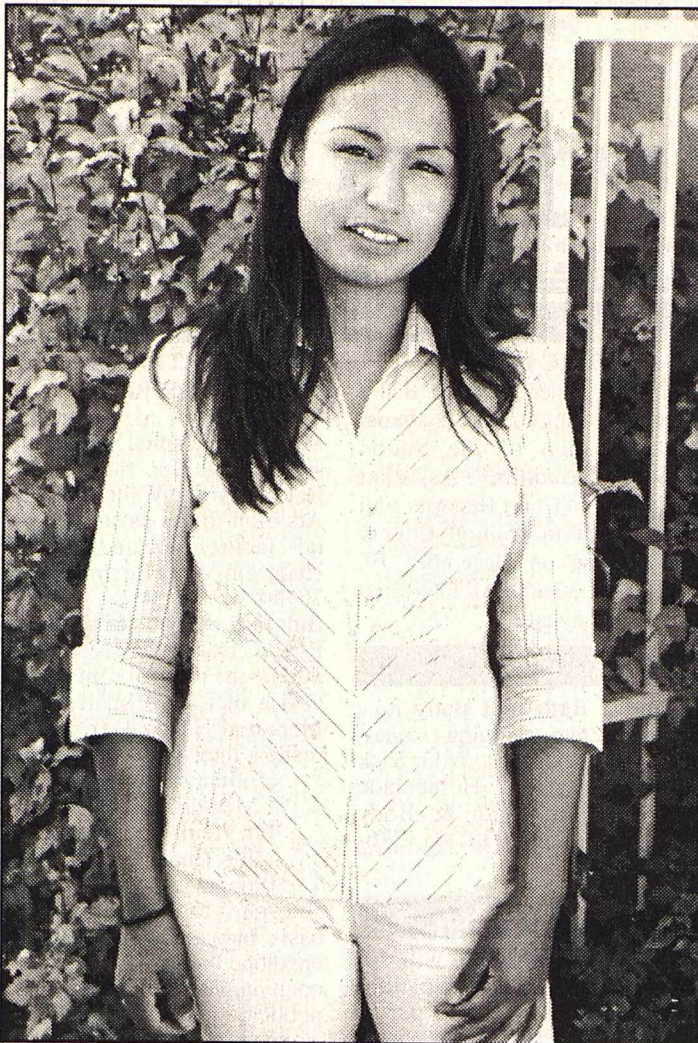
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**Local probation department welcomes new personnel**



Joining the staff at the Sutton County Probation Department office is Janet Salazar. Salazar attended Sonora High School and obtained her GED in 1999. She worked part-time for the probation office in 1997 and then served as a part-time clerk in the auditor's office in 1998.

Janet is the proud mother of Omar Salazar, and her hobbies include fishing, four-wheeling, going to the movies and shopping. When Janet is not spending time with her son and her boyfriend, she likes to read.

Janet's prior work experience with the probation department make her a solid asset to the Sutton and Crockett County Probation Offices. The probation department is privileged to welcome Janet Salazar aboard the Sutton County Probation Department.

**Lending a helping hand to those in need this year**



by **Henry Bonilla**  
 The holiday season is upon us, and what a wonderful time it is to spend with family and loved ones reliving old memories and making new ones. While we cherish these special moments, we should not forget about those among us who are not as fortunate.

All around our communities are hard working folks who, because of unfortunate circumstances, cannot stretch their paychecks for enough food for themselves or their families. Setting aside a portion of your afternoon or weekend to assist those less fortunate than us could make a huge difference -- especially in this holiday season.

This country was built on individualism, which includes an individual's responsibility to his or her neighbors. Part of this responsibility is to lend a hand to a neighbor in their time of need. By giving a little of yourself, you not only empower your neighbor, but you also make your community stronger and more united.

There is perhaps no better example of people uniting and working for the common good of the community than in small towns in South and West Texas. In these small Texas towns people are naturally charitable. Texans haven't forgotten to make it a priority to give something back to our communities. And it's not like you don't have anything else to do. You lead busy lives. You

work, take care of families, go to church, coach little league, and yet still make the time to volunteer.

Many people think heroes are the people who beat the odds and achieve the impossible. But the people who do succeed against the odds aren't the only heroes. America is full of them. Heroes are the people who not only recognize that the world is full of need, they do something about it. They get up in the morning and decide they are going to do something to make their community a better place.

There is nothing more satisfying than helping an impoverished child learn to read or delivering a good, hot meal to an elderly grandmother. Not only do you bring smiles to the faces of those you volunteer to help, but you get a warm feeling in your heart that lasts a long time.

The opportunities to help are boundless. If you're not involved, get involved. Make the decision to just do it. Whether it's stopping along the highway and picking up trash, or organizing a fundraiser to donate money to charity. You can make a difference. And to those who are already doing it, a hearty thank you. Giving to those in need around us, helping our neighbors, and assisting those with special needs - that is the true meaning of the holiday season.

**F.Y.I.**

**Sutton County Historical Society Office, 307 Oak St., "Collecting Can be Fun" exhibit for children of all ages, December 6, 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

**Wool & Mohair Style Show by Dolores' Unique Designs, Saturday, December 6, 2003 at 2:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum. Tickets are available at the Museum.**

**Cub Scout Pack 19 will have their Pack Meeting and Annual Food Drive on Monday, December 8, 2003. The meeting will start at the Scout Hut at 4:30 p.m., with collections taking place until dark. The scouts will then meet again at the hut for pizza and roasting marshmallows! Pinewood Derby cars will be delivered at this meeting. Everyone is encouraged to have their canned goods ready to be donated. You can guarantee a pick up by calling Jan Stephen at 387-5821 or Lauri Smith at 387-2461. Canned goods can also be dropped off at The Bank & Trust c/o Laurie Smith.**

**The Sutton County Sr. Center Support Group will have a Christmas Party for Sonora and Sutton County Senior Citizens on Friday, December 12, 2003, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Join them for a good time, with food, door prizes, music provided by The Old Tyme Band and maybe even a visit from "Pancho Claus" Santa's brother from the South Pole. Everyone is invited to join the fun.**

**Westside Lions Club meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month at the Sutton County Library at 6:30 p.m.**

**Emmaus gathering - 2nd Tuesday of every month at Lighthouse Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Babysitting provided.**

**Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program now has the 2003 Christmas Ornaments. The 24K gold finish brass ornament is a windmill and a turkey on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. The cost is \$10. Visit the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street office on Main Street to get yours today, and add it to your Sonora ornament collection.**

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of the U. S. government. FDA makes sure medicines for illnesses like colds and flu work and are safe.

**Is It a Cold or the Flu? For Your Safety, Know the Difference**

A cold and the flu (also called influenza) are alike in many ways. But the flu can sometimes lead to more serious problems, like the lung disease pneumonia.

A stuffy nose, sore throat, and sneezing are usually signs of a cold.

Tiredness, fever, headache, and major aches and pains probably mean you have the flu.

Coughing can be a sign of either a cold or the flu. But a bad cough usually points to the flu.

**Know When to Call Your Doctor**

You usually do not have to call your doctor right away if you have signs of a cold or flu. But you should call your doctor in these situations:

- \* Your symptoms get worse.
- \* Your symptoms last a long time.

After feeling a little better, you develop signs of a more serious problem. Some of these signs are a sick-to-your-stomach feeling, vomiting, high fever, shaking chills, chest pain, or coughing with thick, yellow-green mucus.

**Try to Avoid Getting a Cold**

Wash your hands often. You can pick up cold germs easily, even when shaking someone's hand or touching doorknobs or handrails.

Avoid people with colds when possible.

If you sneeze or cough, do it into a tissue and then throw the tissue away.

Clean surfaces you touch with a germ-killing disinfectant.

Don't touch your nose, eyes or mouth. Germs can enter your body easily by these paths.

**Try to Avoid Getting The Flu**

A flu shot can greatly lower your chance of getting the flu. The best time to get the shot is from the middle of October to the middle of November, because most people get the flu in the winter.

The shot can't cause the flu. But you may feel sore or weak or have a fever for a couple of

days. **Who Should Get a Flu Shot?**

Almost all people who want to lower their chance of coming down with the flu can get a flu shot.

Flu shots are most important for:

- \* people 65 or older
- \* nursing home patients
- \* people over 6 months old with health problems, like asthma, or with long-term diseases, like HIV or heart disease
- \* children or teenagers who must often take aspirin
- \* people who are often around the elderly or those with health problems

**Who Might Not Be Able to Get a Flu Shot?**

Some people should talk to their doctor first.

Talk to your doctor before you get the shot if you:

- \* have certain allergies, especially to eggs
- \* have an illness, like pneumonia

\* have a high fever

\* are pregnant

**Prescription Medicine Can Prevent Flu, Too**

If you are one of those who should not get the flu shot, ask your doctor about prescription medicine to help prevent flu.

And if you get the flu, taking this medicine within the first 48 hours can make your illness less serious.

**But, Do Not Take Antibiotics For a Cold or Flu**  
 Antibiotics won't work against cold and flu germs.

And, antibiotics should be taken only when really needed.

**Help Yourself Feel Better While You Are Sick**

A cold usually lasts only a couple of days to a week. Tiredness from the flu may continue for several weeks.

**To feel better while you are sick:**

- \* Drink plenty of fluids.
- \* Get plenty of rest.
- \* Use a humidifier -- an electric device that puts water into the air.

A cough and cold medicine you buy without a prescription may help.

Choose the right medicines for your symptoms and make sure the label states that it treats your symptoms.

If You Want to unclog a stuffy nose, choose medicine with nasal decongestant.

If You Want to quiet a cough, choose medicine with cough suppressant.

If You Want to loosen mucus so you can cough it up, choose medicine with Expectorant.

If You Want to Stop runny nose and sneezing, choose medicine with Antihistamine.

If You Want to Ease fever, headaches, minor aches and pains, choose medicine with Pain Reliever (Analgesic).

**Protect Your Children From "Salicylates" In Cold Medicines**

Do not give aspirin or other "salicylates" to children or teenagers with symptoms of a cold or flu.

If you aren't sure whether a product has salicylates, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Young people can get sick or die from a rare condition called Reye syndrome if they take these medicines while they have these symptoms.

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