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Sutton County EMS looking for volunteers willing to help

The life of your loved one could depend on you! Are you ready?

Are you looking for a good way to give back to your community? Our residents deserve prompt EMS Response to their emergencies. To provide them with prompt response time Sutton County EMS needs your help! The Sutton County EMS is a way to help others and to feel good about yourself. Being an EMT can be very exciting, as well as gratifying. Several of the Sutton County EMS members have been on the service in excess of 15 years, including Tim and Leslie Thorp, Carla Garner and Keith and Rose Butler.

The Sutton County EMS is offering an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Program from January 31, through May 5, 2005, just three short months. The course is held on Monday and Thursday from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. at the Sutton County EMS Training Facility. The course can certify you to be a member of the Sutton County EMS, but there is no obligation. Taking the course is a good opportunity to teach anyone how to cope with an emergency.

The EMT-B course teaches initial evaluation, treatment and transport of patients with medical problems and/or trauma. Students learn to recognize and provide initial care for ailments like shock, heart problems, breathing problems, strokes, burns, diabetes, drowning and accidents. Don't think you can't do it. Sick and injured people have to be picked up and tended to. What if it were your loved one that needed the ambulance? Would you be ready?

The Sutton County EMS runs two people on 12-hour shifts. Members sign up at their convenience to take calls. Although it is volunteer in the sense that you pick when and whether you can take calls each week, Sutton County compensates the EMTs very well for being on call. This is a good way to make extra money while serving others.

The cost of the course is \$125.00. Arrangements can be made for the fee. If you decide to join the Sutton County EMS, the cost of the course is refunded to you. For more information contact Jackie Smith at Sutton County EMS office, 325-387-5132, or Carla Garner at 387-2711 or 387-3654. New members are needed and it is guaranteed that you won't regret it.

"To the world you might just be one person, but to one person you just might be the World." *author unknown*
Help us help you!

Local Boy Jeromy Yager finds success with Hog Legg Ellis

HogLegg Ellis



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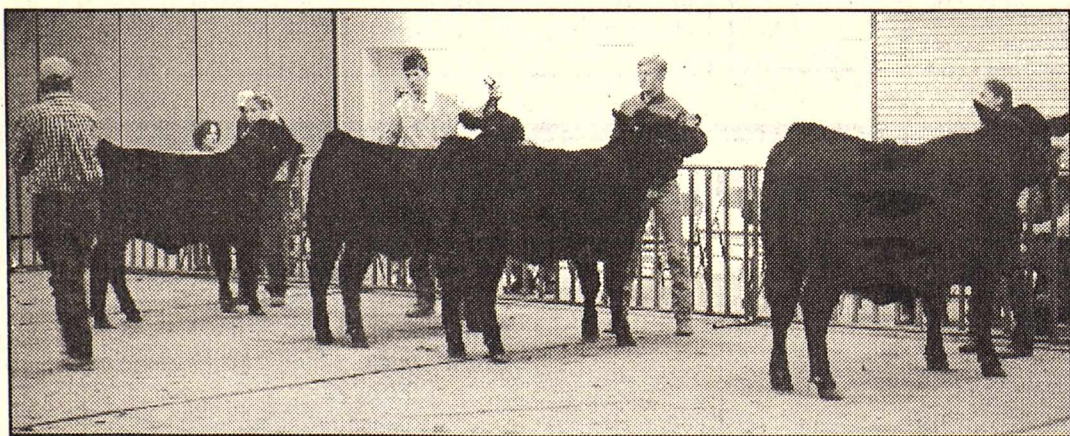
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Local boy Jeromy Yager who was raised in Sonora is making his way back to the area. It should be noted that he is part Hog now but still a Bronco at heart. He is the backbone in the band Hog Legg Ellis and plays the drums with nine pound hammers. Hog Legg Ellis has a new CD on the "cuff" and "success is up their sleeves."

The band, like most bands, has had their fair share of struggles & endless road stories and is finally "seeing a light at the end of the tunnel & it's not a train." The have turned their backs to well established management groups and have Texas-Based record labels "knocking" at locked doors. For now, "they can just keep looking thru the curtains." We're staying independent and keeping that "Small Town Way of Thinking" (featured track of the new CD, "Home Grown"). Hog Legg Ellis, all reared in the COUNTRY, turned over the first layer of topsoil to find ROCK.

So come out and support the Sonora Boy on Saturday January 29th, for the Hog Legg Ellis CD Release Party at The Steel Penny Pub in San Angelo!!!!

Cattle show prepares exhibitors for larger stockshows



Kaija Valkonen, Ty Love, Jack Turney and Kyla Turner show their heifers at the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show.

They may not be as popular in Sutton County as the sheep, goats and swine, but to these four Sutton County exhibitors, heifers are just as special.

Kaija Valkonen, Ty Love, Jack Turney and Kyla Turner worked hard to prepare these angus and brangus heifers to have them ready for the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show, even though it is just practice for them. Heifers are only shown in Sonora as "exhibition". The judge still places

them as in the larger shows, but no awards are officially presented.

Heifers have been slow to catch on in Sutton County, an area predominately known for sheep and goats. The Hicks Family were some of the first to introduce show cattle in Sonora and only a few have chosen to show the larger animals. The heifers are larger and more expensive than the smaller sheep, goats and pigs, but can bring big bucks at the larger shows including Kerrville, San

Antonio, San Angelo and Fort Worth.

Sutton County's entries will be competing as "breeding" animals and will be judged on their appearance, weight, breeding line and possibilities, and much more. Currently only about three families in Sutton County show heifers, but they are hoping that more will become involved. If you are interested in showing heifers contact your county agent or FFA teacher.



Sonora Downtown Lions Club crowns new Queen

Jessica Chavarria was crowned the 2005 Lions Club Queen at the Sonora Downtown Lions Club annual event on January 17, 2005. Chavarria is the daughter of Raul and Jamie Chavarria and is a senior at Sonora High School.

The Sonora Downtown Lion's Club holds the event each year, with out-of-town judges helping to choose a representative from junior and senior girls at S.H.S. The Lions Club Queen will attend events hosted by the Lions Club, the weekly lunch meetings and assist where needed throughout the year. Chavarria will also go on to compete at the District Lions

Club Queen's contest later in the year. The queen and runners-up, Connie Rose Isenhour and Erika McClintock, will receive scholarships for continuing their educations.

The girls are judged on an interview session, their overall poise and appearance during a dinner and a presentation in the Sonora High School Auditorium. The 2004 Lions Club Queen, Courtney Caruthers, presented Jessica with roses and a crown after all the girls were introduced.

Master of Ceremonies this year was Judge Jim Stephen of

Sonora, with special entertainment provided by the S.H.S. Speech and Drama Club while the judges made their final decisions.

Judging the young ladies this year was Lions Past District Governor Sabino Garcia, Lion Elizabeth Garcia, Lions District Governor Joyce Downie, Lion Ron Downie, Lions Vice District Governor Zac Gray and Audie Gray.

Jessica was escorted by Garrett Watkins, son of Tina and Jerry Watkins. Isenhour was escorted by Diego Cardona and McClintock was escorted by Chris Castro.

This year's Lions Club Queen contestants were: Seniors - Amanda Word, escorted by Dustin Creek; Tara Green escorted by Stetson Perez; Sara Baggett escorted by Brian Payton.

Juniors - Julie Villanueva escorted by Roland Solis; Lauren Smith escorted by Cameron Cox; Kristina Hernandez escorted by Nash Traylor; Jillian Gulley escorted by Hilton Bloodworth; Desirae Boldt escorted by Embr Smith; and Hillary Lawson escorted by Cullen Parker.

D.A.'s Office cracks down on sexual abuse of children

On January 12, 2005, Marcelo Rodriguez Diaz plead guilty in two separate cases of Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child. Aggravated Sexual Assault of a Child is a First Degree Felony. The child in each case was younger than ten years old when the sexual abuse occurred in Sonora, Texas. The punishment range for a First Degree Felony is 5-99 years of life and can include a fine not to exceed \$10,000.00. District Judge Brock Jones sentenced Diaz to twenty (20) years in the Institutional Division of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice for each case as a result of a plea agreement. Diaz will also be a registered sex

offender for life. The Sonora Police Department and Child Protective Services investigated these cases. Hope House of San Angelo conducted interviews of the children.

Laurie English, District Attorney, stated "The investigating agencies did a great job! The five counties of the 112th Judicial District have been plagued with sexual abuse involving children. Our children need to be protected and my office is taking an aggressive approach in these cases."

School Board hears construction report for Intermediate building, enrollment up for year

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2005. Board president Tryon Fields called the meeting to order, with trustees Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, and Tom Payton present. Dean Dermody and Barbara Jennings were absent from the meeting.

Fields began with agenda item VI, in which Superintendent Dr. Brant Myers announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. He presented the board with certificates of appreciation for their service to the school district.

Chief Tax Appraiser, Rex Ann Friess stated that the current levy was \$13,774,790.00, with approximately 20% collected and with heavier collections expected at the end of January.

Dr. Myers reviewed comparison of revenue to budget, expenditures to budget, cash position by bank account, and current bills in the amount of \$283,148.19.

Mike McGee, Construction Superintendent, gave information regarding various areas of the construction project. He stated that board members needed to consider adding some sort of simple sprinkler system for the Elementary playground.

Fields expressed his opinion that new windows needed to be installed at the Intermediate School to make the project look more finished. Mr. McGee stated that because of costs, it was his recommendation to re-caulk and reseal the windows.

A general discussion was held regarding other issues dealing with construction, with McGee stating that the project should move fairly quickly because he did not expect to encounter the number of problems that had been faced at the 100-year-old Rock Building.

The board requested that McGee get them an estimate of costs for resealing and re-caulking the windows at the Intermediate school, along with costs for total replacement of the windows and to present them an estimate of time involved for both resealing and replacing windows. Additionally, Dr. Myers stated that the Open House at the Rock Building went very well and that visitors were extremely complimentary. He expressed his personal thanks to Mr. McGee for all his efforts on behalf of the project along with thanking his administrative staff for the work they did in hosting the Open House.

After a short review of the policies contained in Update 74, a motion was made to add, revise, or delete (LOCAL) policies as recommended by TASB Policy Service and according to the instruction sheet for TASB Localized Policy Manual Update 74. The motion carried.

Dr. Myers reported that there was no official enrollment report, due to school having just resumed from the Christmas break; however, he stated that there were approximately a dozen new enrollees, which would put the total at almost 1000.

Dr. Myers reviewed December maintenance in the following areas: Campus - The

Special Education Department and Pre-K and 3rd grades have moved to the Rock Building; First grade has moved to the Intermediate building; the air control issue at the High School is ongoing, and repairs need to be made to the outside lighting at the Middle School, Middle School Gym, and Vocational Building. Dr. Myers thanked Maintenance Supervisor Danny Hardin and custodians for the many hours they spent in helping with the move into the Rock Building. He also thanked Mike McGee and his staff and the High School off-season football players for their help with the moving project.

Tom Payton stated that the outside light at the High School Gym exit door was not working and the Superintendent stated that he would inform Mr. Hardin.

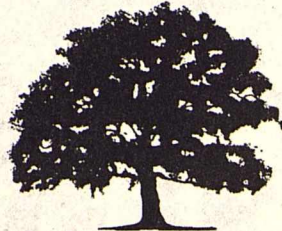
In the Extra-Curricular areas, the existing long jump pit has been removed, the new long jump pit behind the visitor bleachers is complete, and work is pending on the water well controls.

In housing, school houses are in good shape for the most part with the exception of some major repairs needed at one of the Prospect Street houses.

Once again, Dr. Myers stated that the Open House at the Rock Building had gone extremely well and he had seen lots of excited faces and heard lots of interesting stories from people who had either attended school in the building or who had worked in the building as teachers. Myers again expressed

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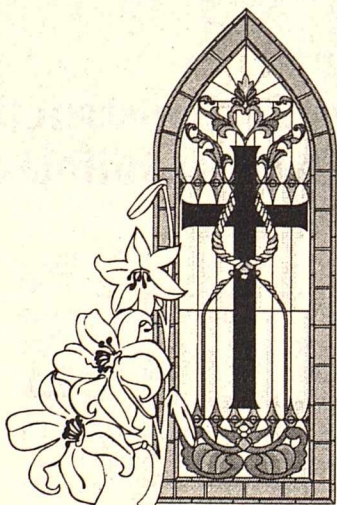
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School Board from page 1

his appreciation to board members for the good job they do and for their efforts on behalf of the students of Sonora ISD.

In Board Member Comments, Fields pointed out that the board had just received a document which was running a total of what had been spent out of tax notes, and that the board would continue to receive this information. He also read the notes from various staff members for bereavement flowers that the board and administration had sent.

Dr. Myers stated that he had received a large number of emails from staff members, thanking the board for the December stipend.

Jesse Bustamante thanked Elementary Principal, Louise Dermody, for the pen wallet sets

she had given each of them.

President Fields announced that there would be a short recess, after which the board would enter closed session to consider the Superintendent's contract. He announced that no action would be taken in executive session.

The board reconvened in open session at 6:40 p.m. A motion was made and unanimously approved to extend the Superintendent's contract by one year (until June 30, 2007). There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The Sonora Board of Trustees meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

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Senior Center News

Jan. 24 - Bingo!

Jan. 28 - Kooking with Kelly! Noon.
Nutrition Education.

Senior Center Menu

Jan. 24 - Chicken fried steak with gravy, oven fried potatoes, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding with fruit, milk.

Jan. 25 - Smothered steak with onions, whipped potatoes, green beans, orange juice, rolls, apple crisp, milk.

Jan. 26 - Meat with spaghetti sauce, noodles, zucchini squash, juice, milk, garlic bread, white cake with caramel icing.

Jan. 27 - Salmon pattie, macaroni & cheese, turnip greens, orange juice, roll, coleslaw, peach half, milk.

Jan. 28 - Chicken enchiladas, pinto beans, broccoli, tossed salad, crackers, fruit cup, milk.

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

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.

Card of Thanks

The family of Robert Duran would like to say thank you to all our friends and family who showed support while he was in the hospital in San Angelo. We appreciate all the prayers, cards, calls, visits, flowers, food, and support. Thank you also to First Baptist Church, Church of Christ, Don and Carol Sessom, Don Siegelar and Doris, and the Concho Valley Baptist Association.

Obituaries

Madalyn Shanelle Whitehouse

Madalyn Shanelle Whitehouse, 1 year old, died Tuesday, January 11, 2005, in Rockdale. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Monday, January 17, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include her parents, Mary Jo Whitehouse of Rockdale and Fernando Ramos of Sonora; brother, Brandon Tyler Whitehouse and sister, Savannah Jane Whitehouse, both of Rockdale; and grandparents, Amelia Ramos, Jane Ramirez and John Arispe.

Mary Maude McMillan

Mary Maude McMillan of Mason passed away on Tuesday, January 11, 2005, at the age of 84.

Mary Maude is survived by her husband, Norris McMillan of Mason; a daughter, the Reverend Mary Margaret Persky of Mason; and a grandson, Neal Persky and fiancée Shayna Blackmar of Austin. She is also survived by two sisters, Jane Hoerster and Gloria Lehmborg, both of Mason; and two sisters-in-law, Lucille McMillan of Sonora and Verena McMillan of Fredericksburg as well as countless nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Friday, January 14, at the First United Methodist Church in Mason. Bishop Janice Riggle Huie of the Texas Conference of the United

Methodist Church and Pastor Pam Kilpatrick of Mason officiated. Burial followed in Gooch Cemetery.

Serving as pallbearers were: Neal Persky, Lee McMillan, Bill McMillan, Dick McMillan, Roy Hoerster, Brandon Moneyhon, and Lex Lehmborg. Honorary pallbearers: The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church, Mason, the San Angelo District and the Southwest Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be made to Steady Steps Children's Weekday Ministry of First United Methodist Church or the Mason County M. Beven Eckert Memorial Library.

Condolences can be sent to the family online at www.masonfuneralhome.net.

Texas Talks Told By Tumbleweed Smith

Colors of the Sea



Tumbleweed Smith

When you cruise out of New Orleans, the Mississippi is a blend of khaki colors. It stays that way for a hundred and twenty miles down the delta until you reach the point where the river empties into the Gulf of Mexico.

We left at sunset and the colors of the sky were reflected in the water. There were shades of pink, blue, crimson and gold. As darkness fell, the water turned black with a silver path of moonlight stretching to the horizon. The foam on top of the waves was white, providing an ethereal panorama. As morning developed, the black water had shades of copper as the sun

made its way upward into the sky. While we stood at the railing, a dancing rainbow appeared just above the water. The red, yellow and green apparition was in contrast to the dark color of the water.

Later, during the first day of the cruise, schools of flying fish the color of platinum played alongside the ship. By noon, the water became a shimmering, silver sea. At mid afternoon the water was a deep, dark blue, the color only found on large bodies of water.

The ship left a trail of light green with white highlights. When we docked at Cozumel, the western Caribbean displayed its best colors: dazzling

aquamarine close to shore, a rich light blue that turned darker as the water got deeper.

But the water closest to the beach wasn't just one color. It had at least a dozen hues of green and blue. In shallow areas, the sea showcased the pure whiteness of the sandy bottom; the rusty red of the coral reef and the unbelievable bright yellows, blacks, reds and blues of tropical fish.

We stopped for a day at Roatan, a place I had never heard of before. It's an island off Honduras. The temperature was ninety degrees outside but the white sand was cool and almost moist, just right for walking on the beach and squishing your toes in the silky sand. The water was glass-clear and again had the color of a tropical paradise.

At Belize, we didn't spend much time on the water. We explored Mayan ruins. We did the same thing at Cancun, a city with a surprising population of nearly a million people. While looking at the ruins on a hill, two palm trees provided a perfect frame to view the beautiful water.

Returning to New Orleans, the ship passed over some rough, angry seas. The clouds were black and gray and we went through rainstorms with streaks of lightning and roaring thunder. The water was black and fierce, with mist dancing off the tops of giant waves. When we docked at New Orleans, the city was covered in snow. We picked a good time to travel to warm places.

Community Calendar

Jan. 24

Commissioners Meeting
Annex Bldg. • 9:00 a.m.

Feb. 10

Chamber of Commerce Meeting
Noon • Chamber Office
Daddy/Daughter Date Night
Civic Center • 6:30 p.m.

Al-Anon Family Meetings

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room
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The Community Calendar



Member FDIC

Feb. 14

Commissioners Meeting
Annex Bldg. • 9:00 a.m.
School Board Meeting
Admin. bldg. • 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 22

City Council Meeting
2:00 p.m. • City Hall

Feb. 28

Commissioners Meeting
Annex Bldg. • 9:00 a.m.

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Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. Who was Keziah H. Barksdale?

A. Keziah H. Barksdale was the 7th child of Louis Barksdale. Louis was born April 20, 1803, in Virginia and died in 1855 and was buried at Lockhart, Texas. He had been married twice; his second wife was Mary Louise Gilliland, born in 1834. Mary's father was Elijah Gilliland, born 1784 at Pro Green Co., Tennessee, and died August 25, 1867, buried at Tarrant County, Texas. Elijah's first wife, whom he married in 1806, was Keziah Haynie who was born in Tennessee and buried in Kimble County, Texas. Keziah H. Barksdale was named for her Grandmother.

Keziah H. Barksdale was born on August 16, 1851, at Lockhart, Caldwell Co., Texas and died at 6 P.M. on May 4, 1940, at the Halbert Headquarters Ranch on the Ozona Road. She was buried in the Sutton County Burial Park.

Keziah was a spinster lady who had the following brothers and sisters: William Perry born in 1835, died of cholera in Brownsville, Texas in 1865. He had served in the Civil War and was a Texas Ranger. Sarah Elizabeth, born in 1840, married Jerry J. Ellis and one of their children was Kidie Ellis who married Basil Manley Halbert, Sr. at whose ranch Keziah died. Dora Gertrude was born in 1840, and married Dr. Jim Hargus. Louis Franklin was born in 1842, and married Laura Pullen. James O. Clark was born in 1844, and married Mary Ann Crenshaw. Mary Louise was born in 1847 and married Jack R. Hargus. Wiley Jones married Leddia Sheely and there is no record of a marriage for Smith Henry Barksdale. Martha Caroline married Charles O. Ellis.

The Barksdale family lived in Lockhart until the start of the Civil War then moved to a ranch at Pleasanton. They later came to an area which was called Dixie. When the people of Dixie applied for a Post Office they found there was already a place called Dixie, Texas. The only way they could be granted a post office was to change the name of the town. After some deliberation it was decided to call the town Barksdale, for a member of the family who had settled in the country some years before, Miss Keziah Barksdale. (Source: "Nueces Headwater Country" by A. A. Stovall, historian and former Edwards County Judge.) Some other sources claim the town was named after Louis Barksdale.

Keziah Barksdale was a good woman who helped care for her brothers' and sisters' children and then their children over the years. The photograph with this article shows Basil Manley Halbert, Sr. and Miss Keziah Barksdale at her 88th birthday party. Keziah had been in good health until about a year before her death and had been mostly confined to bed during that last year. Many of her

friends and family came to her birthday celebration at the Halbert Ranch. She didn't die a lonely woman, she had many friends and relatives to mourn her passing.

Q. What were "CC Boys"? Did any come from Texas?

A. They were young men, at least 17 years of age but not more than 23 years and 6 months of age, who had to be of good character. These young men had applied to their local County Welfare Offices and, after screening, most of the Texas boys were sent to Civil Conservation Corps camps in Texas, Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Wyoming. They were considered to be civilian employees of the United States Government. These young men were paid a small salary and given room and board, a uniform, and a place to sleep, which was usually a cot in a tent. A large part of their salary was sent home to their families and the rest was given to the boys to buy needed clothing articles that weren't supplied by the Corps or a few treats each week. These young men cleared brush, planted trees and grass, helped to build public restrooms and cabins at National Parks. They cut trails into areas that tourists had not had access to in the past and helped to replant burned out forests.

Many of the old cabins and main buildings are still standing today that were built by the Civil Conservation Corps. Not only in the west, but in every state of the Union great improvements were made to federal lands by the members of the CCC. They don't list who from Sonora joined the CCC but I am sure more than a few men from here helped build the west. If you were a CC Boy or know of anyone from Sonora who was, please give us a call so we can put a list of these young men in our records.

Here is an article on Margaret Owens I thought some of you might enjoy. The Devil's River News, Friday, February 23, 1940: Ropes are twirling every day now down in the sheep and goat raising country of Southwest Texas because Miss Margaret Owens, 17, of Ozona, is practicing for her appearance at the world championship rodeo in Fort Worth.

Miss Owens will be one of the ranch girl honor guests at the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show, March 8-17. She can rope and tie a calf under rodeo rules and stack up a record with the best of the ropers. Miss Owens will represent the far-flung sheep and goat-country of Southwest Texas, having been chosen in Fort Worth last December during the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' convention. A daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Owens, well known ranch family in Crockett and Reagan counties, Miss Owens is now ranching in her own right since her graduation from the Ozona High School last year. She spends many hours practicing her roping and riding over the ranges in looking



Basil Manley Halbert, Sr. and Miss Keziah Barksdale at her 88th birthday party.

after her flocks.

Other news included: A good will dance will be given tomorrow night, February 24, by a group of Sonora residents who are known as the Fling Ding Club. This is the second annual dance given by this club, and the 21 members have issued 800 invitations. This is a complimentary affair and attendance is by invitation only. The music will be furnished by Ray Alderson and his 11-piece orchestra, well known by Sonora dance attendants, as being one of the best dance orchestras ever to appear at a Sonora dance.

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 give us a call at our office, at 307 Oak Street, any Monday, Friday or Saturday morning, at 387-5084. You may e-mail your questions to schs@sonorax.net. We do research on organizations, family trees or single family members for a \$10 an hour research fee and 35 cents a copy. We are a non-profit organization and have no paid employees. All our money goes into currently used building upkeep, office equipment and supplies and work on the future Old Ice House Museum. We are supported by dues of \$10 a year and donations from individuals and groups in this area who care about seeing our history preserved, not just for our use but for the use of future generations.

Rentals of the Old Depot, John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building, may be made by calling the same number or calling me at home at 387-2855. For group tours of the museum on a morning or afternoon we are not open we need about a week's advance notice to get a volunteer lined

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State takes in extra \$6.4 billion in revenue

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox
AUSTIN - Most of the state's political movers and shakers will be in Washington this week for President Bush's second inauguration, but before they started packing, the governor exhorted the Legislature to "go get the job done." The lieutenant governor laid out a school finance plan and the comptroller announced how much revenue the state is likely to have.

When the 79th Legislature convened last Tuesday, Gov. Rick Perry told the Senate he has "great optimism" for the session. He followed that with a speech to the House in which he recalled the beginning of his political career 20 years ago as a representative.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst outlined Senate Bill 2, a 23-point school finance plan he said each member of the upper chamber supported. The plan calls for a local school property tax cut of up to 33 percent and higher teacher salaries. The bulk of the new money would come from revamping the state's franchise tax.

Comptroller Carole Keeton

Strayhorn said the state should have \$64.7 billion in available revenue, \$6.4 billion more than was available two years ago. Four days later, the Legislative Budget Board released its recommended budget for fiscal years 2006-2007: \$134.4 billion with \$63.5 billion from general revenue.

Comings and goings...
Coming: Former Rep. Elizabeth Ames Jones (R-San Antonio) has been appointed to the Texas Railroad Commission. She will replace Charles Matthews, the new chancellor of the Texas State University System. The Senate still has to approve both appointments (and Jones will have to run for a full six-year term in 2006).

Petroleum engineer Ernest Angelo of Midland has been named to the three-member Public Safety Commission, the Department of Public Safety's policy-making body. He replaces Bobby Holt of Midland.

Going: Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor, appointed in 1999 by then-Gov. George W. Bush, has announced he won't ask to be reappointed when his six-year term ends Feb. 1. No word yet on who the governor will name as his replacement.

Eric Opiela of Karnes City, defeated by Democrat Yvonne

Gonzalez Tourelles last November, dropped his House challenge.

With former Rep. Jack Stick of Austin having earlier withdrawn his legislative challenge, that leaves only former Rep. Talmadge Hefflin, who has stuck with his challenge of Houston Democrat Hubert Vo's apparent election.

Shapiro elected president pro tempore...

In the Senate, members elected Sen. Florence Shapiro (R-Plano) as president pro tempore. That means she presides over the body in the absence of the lieutenant governor, and is next in line as governor after Dewhurst.

Four bravest Texans?

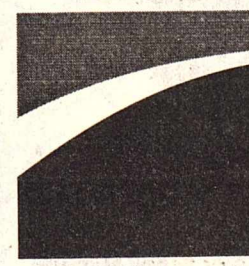
Jim Bowie, Davy Crockett, William B. Travis and Sam Houston come to mind.

But a case could be made that the four bravest living Texans are Reps. Joe Moreno (D-Houston), Paul Moreno (D-El Paso), Lon Burnam (D-Fort Worth), and Jessica Farrar (D-Houston) - the only members of the 150-member House of Representatives who didn't vote "yes" when the House picked Tom Craddick (R-Midland) for another term as speaker last week.

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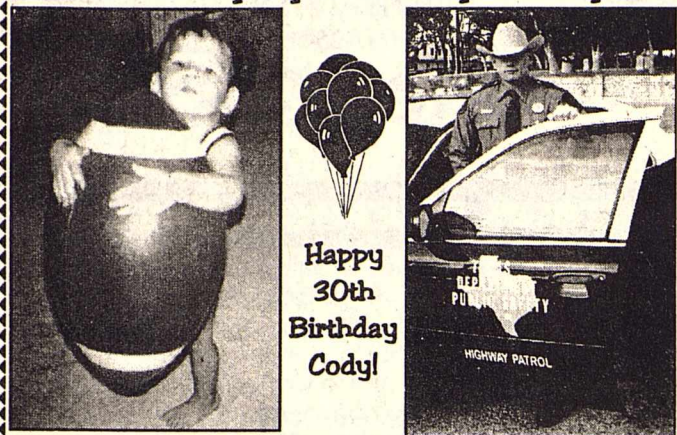
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Chamber Chatter

Chamber preparing for sweet treat, Daddy/Daughter Date Night scheduled for February

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce staff and board of directors are getting ready for the annual "Daddy/Daughter Date Night". On Thursday February 10th from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Civic Center, we will be hosting the third annual "Daddy/Daughter Date Night". This event is one of Sonora's favorites and gives all the little ladies a night on the town with their favorite beau - their Daddy. Since we have this dance every year during February the theme is Valentines.

All the little princesses from kindergarten through eighth grade are eligible to bring their best beau and come join us for an evening of dance and fun. There will be a photographer taking portraits of all the Daddies & Daughters from 6:30 p.m. until the end of the dance. There will be advance tickets for sale at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center for the price of \$7.00 per person. The price of the tickets goes up to \$10.00 per person if you wait to purchase them at the door the night of the dance. Each student must bring a parent or adult with them to purchase

their tickets, because a registration form must be signed by a parent or guardian, and the order form for photographs needs to be filled out by an adult.

We strive to make this a very special occasion for all our little princesses and their prince charming (Daddy). It is always a really fun evening. We will provide punch and cookies for refreshments and there will be a Disc Jockey who will have lots of music, games and fun for the participants. Many of these little girls will be attending their first dance and will receive their very first corsage. It is so exciting to see all their little faces when they get all dressed up to go dancing with their prince charming. The girls are ready to dance every dance, so Daddies, put your dancing boots on and be prepared to boogie!

For more information about this event or any other Sonora event you can contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880 or e-mail us at soncoc@sonoratx.net. We are here to help serve our community and welcome any and all questions that may help us serve Sonora & Sutton County.

College Board designates Sheryl Strauch as AP Scholar

Sheryl Strauch, 2004 SHS graduate, has earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of her exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program® (AP®) Exams.

The College Board's Advanced Placement Program offers students the opportunity to take challenging college-level courses while still in high school, and to receive college credit, advanced placement, or both for successful performance on the AP Exams. About 17 percent of the more than one million high school students in almost 15,000 secondary schools worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to merit the recognition of AP Scholar.

Students took AP Exams in May 2004 after completing challenging college-level courses at their high schools. The College Board recognizes several levels of achievement based on students' performances on AP exams.

Perception

Angelo State University - Small Business Development Center Business Tips

Have you ever thought about the fact that any information you hand out (brochures, reports, and newsletters), represents an image of you and your company? Let's say you are a consultant and you meet face to face with clients, you talk to them over the phone, you correspond with them via email and postal mail, and you provide them with a written report upon completion of the project.

Businesses sometimes forget that an image is perceived from every form of contact made. This includes the people who represent you and your business.

If the receptionist is having a bad day, his or her attitude over the phone could be perceived as "don't bother me". What if a potential client comes to your office and the reception area is filled with clutter - maybe boxes of paper for filing, or the receptionist desk is overflowing with phone messages and files? Several images could be perceived here: the clutter could mean lack of organization, the overflowing desk of files could mean they are shorthanded and could possibly run late on any work they are hired for, a lot of phone messages could be interpreted as there is no one in the office to return the calls, or the secretary isn't reliable in delivering phone messages to the appropriate personnel. What would your interpretation be?

Emails and postal mail - how do you feel when you get a letter from a firm you are paying and there are misspelled words, improper grammar and punctuation? Now put yourself in your client's shoes. What do they perceive after reading a document like this? Handwritten notes are more

personal, but if your handwriting is illegible, maybe you should consider sending a typed note and then adding your personal signature. Have the secretary go over these documents before they are sent out. It could save you a client.

Maybe you simply provide a report of some type to your client. If there is no cover page, no cover letter, no page numbers, no index, no consistent format throughout the document, what would your perception be? Is your document easy to read or do you make the reader hunt for specific information? A well prepared report/document would be interpreted as professional, accurate, and reliable. Most importantly, if the client is pleased, they can send referrals and become repeat customers.

Think about your clients and if they think you care about them. All of the above mentioned items can help you show your clients that you do care. You care about them individually as people. If you have lost clients to competitors, think about what the competitor did better than you did. Learn from your mistakes and remember...it isn't just how good you are, but it is how people perceive you.

Business Tips is provided by Ms. Lisa Michalewicz, Business Development Specialist with Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. As each SBDC counselor is assigned a specific area to counsel, Lisa counsels in Coke, Schleicher, and Sutton counties.

For more information on this topic, please contact Lisa at Lisa.Michalewicz@ange-

Inaugural milestones



Congressman Henry Bonilla

For more than two hundred years Americans have witnessed the inauguration ceremonies of the President of the United States. This week we will once again celebrate this remarkable American tradition. President-elect George W. Bush's inauguration ceremony on Thursday, January 20th will mark a great milestone. With this milestone comes more than two centuries of history and tradition.

Many of us take for granted that today's inaugural ceremonies usually go off without a hitch. But that was hardly the case when our nation began. When the Constitutional Convention convened in 1787, the proceedings associated with today's presidential inaugurations were entirely new. While drafting the Constitution, our Founding Fathers thought ahead and included several guidelines for the presidential inauguration. Many of those guidelines are still in place today. Our Constitution requires that the president must be a natural born citizen of the United States, has lived in this country for at least fourteen years, and has attained the age of thirty-five. It even specifies the specific oath of office that the new president should affirm. But beyond that, the Constitution remains silent. This silence has left room for a variety of ceremonies, locations and advances in technology.

Our nation's first presidential inauguration was held on April 30, 1789. President George Washington took the oath of office on a balcony in New York's Federal Hall. When the ceremony was complete, President Washington returned to the Senate chamber where he read his brief inaugural address, and called upon "the Almighty Being who rules over the universe" to assist the American people in finding "liberties and happiness" under "a government instituted by themselves."

By 1801, the seat of the U.S. Government had moved to Washington, D.C. The City

of Washington was quite crude in comparison to today's standards. With little fanfare, President Thomas Jefferson marked the first president to take the oath of office at our nation's new capitol building. But for a few occasions, the inauguration ceremonies for our president and vice president would continue in the City of Washington for the next two hundred years.

In 1829, Andrew Jackson marked the first president to be inaugurated on the East Front of the Capitol. Though Jackson's second inauguration in 1833 was moved indoors to the House Chamber because of his ill health, this tradition would continue until 1981 when Ronald Reagan's inauguration was held on the West Front of the Capitol. The West Front tradition continued with the 1989 inauguration of George Bush and those of Bill Clinton in 1993 and 1997. This new tradition will continue this weekend with President-elect Bush's inauguration ceremony.

There have been more changes to the presidential inauguration than just the location. Significant advances in technology have made their marks on these historic occasions. In 1897, the inauguration of William McKinley ushered in a new age, for it was the first to be filmed using the new motion picture technology. The 1925 Calvin Coolidge inauguration was the first to be broadcast live by radio, and the 1949 inauguration of President Truman was the first to be televised live. Just four years ago, the 1997 ceremony marked another first, as it was carried live on the Internet.

Today's City of Washington, as well as the Capitol Building, bear remarkable differences from the fledgling city of two hundred years ago. However, the ideals our presidents are sworn to uphold have remained true and constant. As you watch this week's inaugural ceremony, I hope each of you will keep in mind the history of this great tradition and look forward to a future of peace, progress and prosperity.

May God bless each of you and continue to bless America.

Happy Birthday

January 20

Rusty Garner, Erin Payton, Jessie Burris, Cindy Feagin,

January 21

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Lady Colts Eighth Graders win consolation in Wall

submitted by Coach Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts won consolation at the Wall Tournament January 7 and 8, 2005. The Ladies lost the first game against Wall 20-12. Two hours later, in the second game, Sonora defeated Grape Creek 33-22. Saturday the Lady Colts played Lincoln Jr. High out of San Angelo, winning 28-18.

The girls played very well the entire tournament.

Wall: Savannah Leonard 8, Jessica Snyder 2, Monica Traylor 2

Grape Creek: Savannah Leonard 14, Stephani Morriss 2, Steely Ingham 6, Jessica Snyder 3, Monica Traylor 4, Lyndsey Frasier 2

Lincoln Jr. High: Savannah Leonard 10, Monica Traylor 8, Kaitlyn Henderson 4, Jessica Snyder 4, Steely Ingham 2



The 8th grade Lady Colts show off their trophy in Wall. Photo submitted by Sherry Ingham

Junction girls fall to eighth grade Lady Colts

submitted by Coach Dempsey

The 8th grade Lady Colts defeated the 8th grade Junction Eagles Monday night in Junction. The Lady Eagles came out fighting from the beginning and the Lady Colts were a little stunned. The first quarter ended with Junction up 9-4. Junction put in their second team the 2nd quarter, so the reserves came off of our bench and played a great quarter. These girls were led by

Stephani Morriss with 4 pts. Sam Tidwell 2, and Christie Perez with 2 pts. Lyndsey Frasier didn't score but took over the rebounding and good passing. Sonora got into bad foul trouble, but the girls never quit believing they could turn this game around. In the third quarter the inspired ladies came out with Savannah Leonard scoring 11 pts., one being a three pointer. Monica Traylor finished with a bucket. Kaitlyn Henderson and Steely

Ingham played excellent defense.

In the fourth quarter Steely fouled out after trying to control Junction's big girl, and with 2:03 left in the game, the game stalled. The Lady Colts pulled out a 32-26 win.

Congratulations!
Scoring: Savannah Leonard 14, Monica Traylor 6, Sam Tidwell 4, Stephani Morriss 4, Steely Ingham 2, Christy Perez 2

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Bronco Varsity topples Reagan County

by Nancy Glasscock

The Broncos defeated District 2-2A leader Reagan County at home on 11 January by a score of 54-44. The Broncos only lost the lead once at the half, but then shut down the Owls in the last two periods with a very aggressive defense. The Broncos were led by Brett McDaniel and sophomore Craig Leonard with 17 and 15 points respectively.

The Owls entered the game ranked 17th in state for 2A teams. The Broncos, coming off a disappointing loss to Grape Creek, quickly jumped ahead of the Owls. Led by Brett McDaniel's nine first period points, Sonora built up a quick 12 to 2 lead. Craig Leonard added two points from the free throw line. Evan Gulley buried a three, and Austin Wagoner added a 15-foot jumper. The Owls closed with eight points of their own making the score 17 to 8 at the end of the first period.

The Owls' offense came alive in the second period. They scored 20 points as Colen McPhaul threw in seven points for the Owls. Gulley added another three, McDaniel had a basket, and Justin Northcott put in a layup for the Broncos. The Owls led 28 to 24 at the half.

The Bronco defense stepped it up in the third. Leonard caught fire as the sophomore point guard hit two three-pointers and sank two free throws. Gulley had a free throw, and Wagoner and McDaniel added baskets. The Bronco defense kept the Owls from getting any good looks at the basket. Blocked shots and superior defensive rebounding limited the Owls to only four points. The Owls' two top scorers did not score in the third. The score at the end of three was 39 to 32 in favor of Sonora.

Leonard and Dustin Duhon quickly increased Sonora's lead with two quick jumpers at the opening of the fourth quarter. The Owls had to foul in order to save game time sending Leonard, Steven Duhon, Dustin Creek, and McDaniel to the foul line for fourteen free throws. The Broncos made 11 of 14 and breezed to an exciting 54 to 44 upset victory over the Owls.

Scoring:
McDaniel - 17, Leonard - 15, Gulley - 7, Wagoner - 6, S. Duhon - 3, Creek - 2, Northcott - 2, D. Duhon - 2.

Student of the Week

Evelyn Castillo is the 17-year-old daughter of Pascual and Mary Lou Castillo. She is currently a senior at Sonora High having attended school here since kindergarten. She was born and raised here in Sonora.

Evelyn says that she works a lot and likes to spend her free time with friends. Her favorite class is being the office aide here at the high school.

Her plans are to attend college or massage therapy school in San Angelo.



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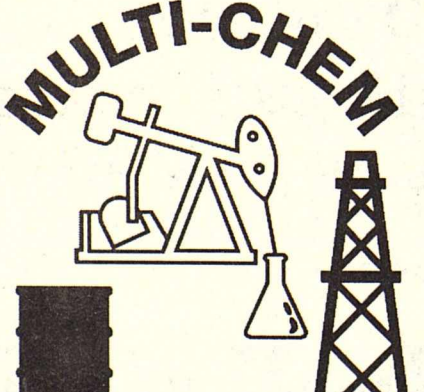
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Powell honored for Lifetime Leadership

by Edith A. Chenault,
COLLEGE STATION - James Powell of Fort McKavett will be given the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award on Jan. 26.

The award will be presented at the Tribute to Texas Leadership reception at the Austin Club in Austin. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has been invited to give the keynote speech.

Powell ranches in Schleicher, Sutton, Menard and Tom Green counties.

A founding member of Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership in 1987, Powell has served as vice chairman of the TALL advisory board and executive secretary of the TALL Foundation. He also provides financial support to the organization and helps recruit participants.

The TALL program teaches volunteer leaders in agriculture to improve the quality of life in their communities and work places, said Dr. Jim Mazurkiewicz, director of the program.

"I've long admired the dedication and commitment that Jimmie Powell has offered to Texas," said Gov. Rick Perry. "The agriculture community, ranching industry and our entire state continue to benefit from his leadership, and I can think of no one more deserving of the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership Achievement Award."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said, "I'm grateful for his hard work, enthusiasm and deep commitment to Texas. Jimmie's contributions to Texas education, agriculture and commerce have improved the lives of countless Texans."

Matt Brockman, executive vice president for the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, agreed, adding that Powell also is a long-time advocate for improving educational opportunities for young people.

Mazurkiewicz said, "It is without question that James Powell stands out as a true 'Texas Icon.' He was instrumental in providing the necessary leadership and encouragement to help establish the TALL program."

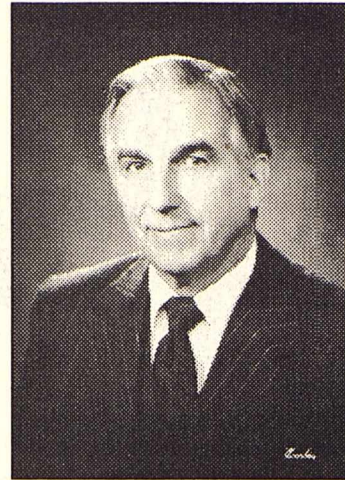
"TALL continues to provide positive action in key issues, theories, policy and economics that has and continues to advance the agricultural industry," he added. "It is through leaders such as Mr. Powell - who had the vision and courage to stand behind programs such as TALL - that all of Texas' agriculture has benefited."

Powell has been appointed to university boards by two governors, and often hosts university groups interested in studying agricultural management at his ranches, Brockman said.

Through the banking profession, Powell helps young people getting started in agriculture and related businesses and sponsors projects that benefit communities, he said.

"Jimmie is known throughout the ranching industry for his wise use of natural resources through such conservation practices as controlling brush and caring for the grasses," Brockman said.

"But he is perhaps better



James Powell

known throughout the nation and the halls of Congress as an expert on how taxes affect agriculture. For years, he has advocated valuing agriculture property based on productivity and ownership and has fought to lower the estate tax rate. He has long provided steady, exemplary leadership to the agriculture industry."

Powell has been president of the board of regents for the Texas State University System and chairman of the board of regents for the University of Texas System.

He is a former chairman and current advisory director of First National Bank of Merton and past director of Texas Commerce Bancshares in Houston.

He was president of the National Wool Growers Association and of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He was also a member of the advisory committee of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Packers and Stockyards Administration and of the Secretary of Agriculture's Technical Advisory Committee for Multilateral Trade Negotiations. He was chairman of the National Cattleman's Association tax committee and a member of the National Livestock Tax Committee.

Powell earned a bachelor's degree from Rice University in 1951 and completed graduate work at the University of Texas. He was lieutenant junior grade on the USS Oriskany from 1952 until 1954 during the Korean Conflict.

In 2002, he received the National Golden Spur Award from the National Ranching Heritage Center. The Boy Scouts of America also gave him the National Distinguished Eagle Award.

Past recipients of the TALL Lifetime Leadership Award are the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, former Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde, and Hal Hillman of Houston. The TALL program has 210 alumni and 25 current participants.

Former Gov. Dolph Briscoe of Uvalde said Powell has "devoted his life to the livestock industry and education."

"Jimmie Powell spent his life working for agricultural livestock improvement through leading numerous (livestock) associations. He has been at the head of every movement for the betterment of the livestock industry for many years. He has served with great distinction and effectiveness as the chairman of the board of regents of the University of Texas System. No one has contributed more to the great State of Texas we all enjoy today than Jimmie Powell," Briscoe said.

Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers announce semi-annual meeting

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be February 11-12, 2005, at the Fredericksburg Inn and Suites in Fredericksburg, Texas. We will have a reception Friday evening, at which time you can pick up your pre-registration or, for those who don't pre-register, you can register. The meeting itself will begin Saturday morning and conclude with the noon meal. Make your plans now to attend in Fredericksburg and update yourself on what the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association has been working on in your behalf.

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Mohair Council of America elects new officers for 2005

The Mohair Council of America held its Annual Membership Meeting January 11 & 12 in San Angelo. Highlighted at this year's meeting were the newest floor covering products being marketed throughout the country under the Christoval Carpet label. Samples of each of the product offerings were on display. Christoval Carpet currently manufactures hand-tufted rugs, machine tufted carpet, and woven rugs. Each of the products is aimed at the high-end floor covering market where both quality and uniqueness are key elements. Executive Director Zane Willard reviewed the product development process and gave attendees a taste of what the Mohair Council hopes to accomplish in the future.

The ten districts of the Mohair Council conducted caucuses to select district representatives for 2005. Officers for the upcoming year were also elected. Pierce Miller, Ozona native and Crockett County rancher, was elected President; Mark Langford, Lampasas County rancher, was elected Vice President; and Justin Stieler, life long Angora goat raiser and Manager of the Ranchman's Wool & Mohair Export, Inc. in Kerrville was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Those chosen to serve as directors for 2005 include Ginger Perner of Ozona, Scott Mitchell of Sanderson, Bill Zuberbueller of Comstock, Gary Speck of Wall, Bill Tullos of San Angelo, and George Sultemeier of Ft. McKavett. Also selected were Ben Ingham, Jimmy Holman, Ben Epps, and Joe David

Ross, all of Sonora; Seco Mayfield and Allen Stieler of Edwards County. Additional directors chosen were Robin Giles of Comfort, Larry Deike of Fredericksburg, Fritz Kuebel of Blanco, James Stotts of Llano, Edwin Hipscher of Santa Anna, Jim Schunke of Goldthwaite, Jule Richmond of Blanket, Kenneth Spence of Sabinal, Lanny Leinweber of Mt. Home, Hayden Haby of Brackettville, Mac Gilliat of Leakey, and Ervin Willard of Uvalde. Elected to fill the at large director positions were Jason Bannowsky of Menard, Allen Belk of Winters, Connie Dittmar of Rochelle, Paul Perner of Ozona, and Jane Rushing of Sonora.

Representing the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers' Association will be Chico Denis of Vancourt. Representing the Texas Angora Goat Breeders Association will be Edwin Hipscher of Santa Anna, and representing the Texas Wool and Mohair Warehouse Association will be Justin Stieler of Kerrville.

The Mohair Producers Board held its Winter Meeting in conjunction with the MCA Annual Membership Meeting. Sworn in as board members were Allen Stieler of Rocksprings, Jimmy Holman of Sonora, and Mark Langford of Lampasas. Each of these board members will serve a six-year term on the MPB. Officers elected were Robin Giles of Comfort, President, Lanny Leinweber of Mt. Home, Vice President, and Pierce Miller of San Angelo, Secretary/Treasurer.

Hill Country Chapter of Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Auxiliary plans Night Meeting

Are you interested in the sheep and goat industry and the many changes taking place in our farm and ranch land? Have you always wanted to participate in some manner, but work an 8:00 to 5:00 job? HCCTSGRA will hold their second annual night meeting on Monday, January 24th, 2005 at the home of JoBeth Pickens.

Come check us out and bring a friend. JoBeth lives 8 miles west of Harper on Hwy. 290. Social time will start at 6:00 p.m. followed by 6:30 meal and meeting at 7:00. There will be reports on how much we made at the style show held every October for scholarships. Last year we were able to present \$9,500.00 to students from Bandera, Blanco, Edwards, Kendall, Gillespie, and Sutton counties. Students apply from our 13 county memberships. You will also be updated on the latest legislative happenings, and have a program on felting with wool. Please call JoBeth Pickens #830-864-4487 or Brenda Seidensticker 830-995-2589 to RSVP and get simple instructions to the meeting place.

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New Dietary Guidelines Will Help Americans Make Better Food Choices, Live Healthier Lives

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On January 12, 2005 HHS Secretary Tommy G. Thompson and Agriculture Secretary Ann M. Veneman announced the release of the Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2005, the federal government's science-based advice to promote health and reduce risk of chronic diseases through nutrition and physical activity.

The sixth edition of Dietary Guidelines for Americans places stronger emphasis on reducing calorie consumption and increasing physical activity. This joint project of the Departments of Health and Human Services and Agriculture is the latest of the five-year reviews required by federal law. It is the basis of federal food programs and nutrition education programs and supports the nutrition and physical fitness pillars of President Bush's Healthier US Initiative.

"These new Dietary Guidelines represent our best science-based advice to help Americans live healthier and longer lives," Secretary Thompson said. "The report gives action steps to reach achievable goals in weight control, stronger muscles and bones, and balanced nutrition to help prevent chronic diseases such as heart disease, diabetes and some cancers. Promoting good dietary habits is key to reducing the growing problems of obesity and physical inactivity, and to gaining the health benefits that come from a nutritionally balanced diet."

"The new Dietary Guidelines highlight the principle that Americans should keep their weight within healthful limits and engage in ample physical activity," said Secretary Veneman. "The process we used to develop these recommendations was more rigorous and more transparent than ever before. Taken together, the recommendations will help consumers make smart choices from every food group, get the most nutrition out of the calories consumed and find a balance between eating and physical activity."

Eating a healthy balance of nutritious foods continues as a central point in the Dietary Guidelines, but balancing nutrients is not enough for health. Total calories also count, espe-

cially as more Americans are gaining weight. Because almost two-thirds of Americans are overweight or obese, and more than half get too little physical activity, the 2005 Dietary Guidelines place a stronger emphasis on calorie control and physical activity.

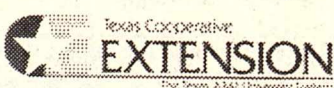
The Dietary Guidelines, based on the latest scientific information including medical knowledge, provides authoritative advice for people two years and older about how proper dietary habits can promote health and reduce risk for major chronic diseases. The 2005 Dietary Guidelines were prepared in three stages. In the first, a 13-member Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee prepared a report based on the best available science. In the second stage, government scientists and officials developed the Dietary Guidelines after reviewing the advisory committee's report and agency and public comments. In the third stage, experts worked to translate the Dietary Guidelines into meaningful messages for the public and educators.

The report identifies 41 key recommendations, of which 23 are for the general public and 18 for special populations. They are grouped into nine general topics:

Adequate Nutrients Within Calorie Needs, Weight Management, Physical Activity, Food Groups to Encourage, Fats, Carbohydrates, Sodium and Potassium, Alcoholic Beverages, Food Safety.

The Dietary Guidelines provide health education experts, such as doctors and nutritionists, with a compilation of the latest science-based recommendations. Consumer-friendly materials such as brochures and Web sites will assist the general public in understanding the scientific language of the 2005 Dietary Guidelines and the key points that they can apply in their lives. To highlight those points, a consumer-oriented brochure accompanies the 2005 Dietary Guidelines. USDA's Food Guidance System also will serve as a tool to educate consumers on the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. The Food Guidance System, currently called the Food Guide Pyramid, is undergoing revision and will be released in the spring of 2005.

Garden Tips for January



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Plant:
* Now is an excellent time to transplant mature or established trees and shrubs while they are dormant.
* Sow seed in flats or containers to get a jump on plant growth before hot weather

arrives. Petunias, begonias and the slow growing transplants should be sown in early January. Warm temperature plants such as tomatoes, peppers, marigolds and periwinkles should be sown later in the month.

Prune:
* Don't forget to plant your spring bulbs!
* When transplanting established trees or shrubs,

prune the top back about 1/3 to compensate for the roots lost in digging.

Fertilize:
* Apply a light application of fertilizer to established pansy plants. Use 1/2 pound of ammonium sulfate per 100 square feet of bed area. Repeat the application every 4-6 weeks depending on rainfall.

Be on the Lookout:
* Check narrow leaf evergreens for bagworm pouches. The insect eggs overwinter in the pouch and start the cycle again by emerging in the spring and begin feeding on the foliage. Hand removal and burning the pouches is an excellent means of reducing the potential damage

next spring.

Miscellaneous Chores:
* Make your flower and vegetable garden plans now before the rush of spring planting. Time spent in armchair gardening before the fireplace will pay off in improved plant selection. Besides, it can be fun to page through garden catalogs.

* Prepare beds and garden areas for spring planting. Add plenty of organic matter for best results. The organic matter improves the structure of the soil by adding nutrients, aeration and water-holding capacity to the soil.

* Remember that in order to prolong the life of the flowering pot plant that you received for Christmas, keep the soil moist but provide good drainage from excess moisture. Keep away from heating ducts and heating units. Most of these plants will prefer 60-65 degrees F.

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