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## Sonora students qualify for State Debate Meet

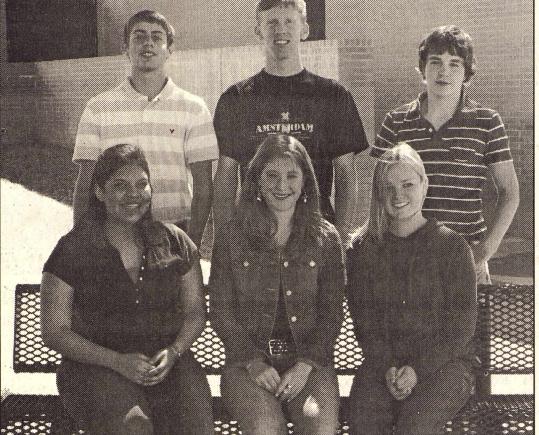
Sonora High School has qualified four students for the 2004-05 University Interscholastic League State Cross-Examination Meet, to be held March 14-19, at The University of Texas in Austin.

Qualifiers include Tara Green and Chelsea Seaton - 1st place; Craig Leonard and Stacy Sanchez - 2nd place; and Austin Wagoner and Warren Wallace - 3rd and Alternate to

The students qualified for the state meet by placing first or second at the UIL Cross-Examination District Meet, held in Wall on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.

"UIL debate competition develops skills in our students that directly prepare them for real world situations by challenging their problem-solving and critical thinking abilities,' said Jana Riggins, UIL Debate Director. This year's crossexamination debate topic required students to research extensively the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

UIL academic contests range from social studies to accounting and from computer science to poetry interpretation. Of the 2.2 million students who participated in UIL activities last year, 637,000 competed in one or more of the 23 general



Sonora Cross-Examination Debate Team: Back row: Craig Leonard, Austin Wagoner, and Warren Wallace. Front row: Stacy Sanchez, Chelsea Seaton, and Tara Green

academic contests.

Spotting Scholarship Scams

Through participation in the State Meet, students qualify for Texas Interscholastic League Foundation scholarships. Since its inception in 1954, the TILF

has provided \$19 million to have funded these academic over 14,500 students. This year, TILF expects to award an estimated 520 new and renewed grants, valued over \$1,000,000. Grants and donations from

scholarships. Each dollar that the TILF receives goes directly for scholarships and no administrative or other overhead expenses are deducted.

#### **Dollar General is here to help**

The new Dollar General is open for business and wants to encourage everyone to stop by for all your shopping needs. The friendly staff is available to help you find what you are looking for and wants everyone to know how happy they are to be in Sonora. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce had a special Ribbon Cutting to welcome the new store on Saturday, February 5, 2005. Stop by and look around today.

## Friends of Historic Sonora invite all to tie up Yellow Ribbons

The Friends of Historic Sonora, Main Street Program, Sutton County, The City of Sonora, The Devil's River News, KHOS Radio and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to invite every one to join two families next week, as they tie Yellow Ribbons on the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Courthouse Lawn. Clay Barrow and family will tie a ribbon on for their son, John J. Cunningham on Wednesday, February 23, at 11:00 a.m.

Mark and Mallory Rousselot and their family will tie a ribbon on for their son, Reid Rousselot on Thursday, February 24, at 11:00 a.m. Join us as we honor both of these young men and their families and wish them all the best as they serve our country.

## Community invited to Lenten Lunches

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance wants to remind everyone that the 2005 Community Lenten Lunches began this week, February 16, 2005, with First United Methodist Church and Lighthouse Community Church hosting. Reverend Don Longoria shared devotion with the community. The host churches and ministers for the noon meetings are as follows:

February 23 - Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church and Hope Lutheran Church, Devotional speaker: Reverend Lewis Allen March 2 - First Baptist Church, Devotional speaker: Reverend

T. Wayne Price March 9 - St. Ann's Catholic Church, Devotional speaker:

Reverend Michael Dinio March 16 - St. John's Episcopal Church, Devotional speaker:

Reverend Milton Black. For several years, the Lenten Lunches have been exceptional-

ly attended. It is hoped that 2005 participation exceeds recent

## Dance floor stays packed at **Daddy Daughter Date Night**



by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce annual Daddy Daughter Date Night was an evening to remember for many young ladies and their dates on Thursday, February 10, 2005. The Sutton County Civic Center was transformed into a Valentine haven of hearts and balloons, with frilly dresses adding just the right touch. Young ladies from Kindergarten through 8th grade posed for pictures with their dads, granddads, brothers, uncles, or borrowed buddies, before taking to the dance floor to dance the night away. From waltzing, to the Cumbia, to the Chicken Dance, not one song was played to an empty floor. The men got quite a workout, between tossing their little angels in the air for Van Halen's "Jump", to gettin' down down to the Macerena done backwards, the dates were all good sports and seemed to be enjoying it as much as their escorts. Some dads might want to polish up on their dance steps before next year, it will be hard to beat Brant and Madison Myers in the Jitterbug contest if they continue to get better in the next year!

The annual event continues to grow, and talk of a Mother-Son event are already being discussed at the Chamber office. A special thank-you to all the volunteers, board members and donors that helped make the 2005 Daddy Daughter Date Night one for the diary! For more Daddy Daughter Date Night fun, see page 5.

2005 San Antonio Livestock Show Angora Goat Results, **February 8, 2005 Junior Show** 

Buck Kid: Meredith Earwood 6th, Emily Earwood 7th, Laura Martin 11th

Yearling Buck: Meredith Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 3rd & 6th, John Duke Hudson 4th & 8th, Word Hudson 7th &

Aged Buck: Meredith Earwood

Champion Buck: Meredith Earwood Reserve Champion Buck:

Meredith Earwood Doe Kid: Laura Martin 2nd & 9th, Emily Earwood 3rd, Mark Holman 4th, Keeli Taylor 13th Yearling Doe: Meredith Earwood 3rd & 4th, Laura

Martin 5th & 7th, Mark Holman Aged Doe: Laura Martin 3rd, Meredith Earwood 4th & 8th,

Kelsey Watkins 10th Premier Exhibitor: Meredith Earwood

Other Exhibitors: Cash & Hunter Jennings and Garrett



Foreign Exchange Student Ramona Van Dyke, Judge: Mac Gilliat, Emily Earwood, Kelsey Watkins, Meredith Earwood and Garrett Watkins with the Champion and Reserve Champion

County residents in regards to telephone scholarship scams. Sheriff Fincher asked that Sutton County residents be aware of who they are talking to and be careful who you agree to spend money with. The following information is adapted tee that you'll get a scholarship. from: Free \$ For College For Always be extremely wary of any unsolicited scholarship

several complaints have recent-

ly been logged by Sutton

offers, especially the ones that you've never heard about before. Think about it. Unless you have perfect SAT scores, you lettered in varsity track, basketball, and football, scored 100 percent in all your final high school courses, and were named state valedictorian, why would a scholarship foundation seek you out? The answer is: It wouldn't. Ah, but scam operators will. You, and thousands like you, are a potential source of revenue for scholarship scam operators! With the exception of gov-

ernment-based loans and grants, few third-party scholarship funds are regulated, and that means anyone can send you an envelope full of promises or make a phone call full of guarantees. Students who spend hard-earned money for the chance to win a scholarship, grant, or low-cost loan are tossing their money down the proverbial drain.

One of the best ways you can tell that a scholarship offer is bogus is when it contains many promises. Legitimate organizations don't promise or guarantee anything, other than the honest, straightforward way that the award process works. Real organizations give you realistic deadlines, tell you whether or not they will respond to your application if you don't win, provide clear criteria for winning, and almost exclusively do not require an entry fee.

No legitimate organization will promise you that you'll win - these organizations don't even make it clear that you're likely to win. If an organization is giving away free money, why would it have to go to the trouble to track down someone like you who is willing to receive it? Millions of students will track them down. Scholarship services can't guarantee results, either, because it would be illegal for them to have any influence over the awards process. If an organization doesn't choose its award recipients based solely on its stated criteria (such as high marks), it's guilty of fraud and

Sutton County Sheriff Joe can be indicted on criminal Fincher reported this week that charges and sued privately. Legitimate organizations don't want to take those kinds of risks.

Whether they contact you through mail, by telephone or via the Internet, scholarship scammers generally make one or more of these false promises:

\* "Our results are guaranteed." In fact, no one can guaran-Nobody. Be especially wary when a third-party, such as a scholarship service, says that it can guarantee the actions of another (usually real) philanthropic organization.

"Our offer is exclusive, and awarded to you because you're in the top five percentile (or whatever) of all students statewide." Do some soulsearching. Despite what your proud grandparents may think, ask yourself whether you're really so special that you warrant the attention of people you've never heard about before? And, for that matter, how could they possibly have heard about you unless your grades or achievements are the subject of major press cover-

\* "Our service will reduce the costs of getting scholarships." Scholarships don't cost anything, except, of course, the thousands of hours it takes you to develop the academic, artistic, athletic, or public-speaking skills for which real scholarships are awarded. If a scholarship (or another unsolicited offer) costs you money, it's most likely a

\* "We do all the work for you." Scholarships are work, but most real scholarship applications consist of a form, plus some supporting material, such as an essay (writing that awardwinning essay for you would be fraud by the third party), a performance video (is the third party going to play the piano or score that winning touchdown for you?), or other impressive accomplishment (that must be accomplished by you).

"We're making you this time-limited offer over the phone." Legitimate scholarships are pretty much always offered through the mail; you may receive telephone notification that an offer is on the way, especially when you interact personally with the awards committee, but you always receive followup correspondence by mail. Besides, you always have a reasonable amount of time to accept an offer — sometimes months. If you're pressured in any way,

hang up the phone.
When it comes to scholarships, here's a simple rule that you can follow to avoid getting burned: If it seems too good to be true, it probably is!

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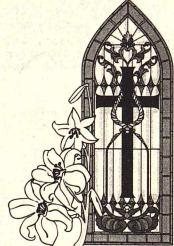
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#### Letter to the Editor

It's heartrending to go to my brother's grave. A young man who lived a short life, never hurting a soul, afflicted with Down's Syndrome. At his grave, I remember the joyful times that I had with my brother and I take small trinkets that I know he would have appreciated. Trinkets, that at a moment's glance, remind me of him. Things that he enjoyed: toys, a nativity set, fanciful fairies...nothing expensive, but rich in feeling. Left there... for him. I know he'll never get to enjoy them... but still, they are for HIM! But when I return, they are always gone. Sometimes never to be seen again, but at other times placed at some other person's grave. I'm exasperated when I see my brother's trinkets placed at some other person's gravesite. Who does that? Is nothing sacred? And then, that they would think so little of their own loved ones to go empty handed... and worse to actually pick something up at someone else's grave.

To those of you who are doing this: please reconsider your actions. You are stealing. Stealing what little we have to give. Those trinkets represent the sentiments that I feel, feelings that are alive and real. It is these same feelings that are hurt at the callous actions of those who rob his grave. I implore you to stop this behavior! Raquel Navarette

#### **Obituaries**

#### **Charles Giddion Pharis**

Charles Giddion Pharis passed away on February 11, 2005, at his home in Schleicher County, Texas, at the age of 91 years. He was born February 1, 1914 on the Rancho Rio in Sutton County, Texas, the son of James M. "Jim" and Elizabeth Whiddon Pharis.

He attended Sonora schools, graduating in 1932, and attended Sul Ross College in Alpine, Texas. He worked as a Ranch Foreman the Sol Mayer Family for most of his life.

Charlie married Barbara Ruth Ward on August 5, 1942, in Fort Stockton, Texas. She passed away April 28, 1969. Charlie re-married on March 14, 1972 to Doris Terry at Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Charlie was preceded in death by his parents, one sister and his

first wife. He is survived by his wife, Doris, and children: Connie Mayes, Dennis Terry, Melvin Terry, Deana Brown and Alvin Terry: 13 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Graveside services were held at 11:00 a.m. Monday, February 2005 in the Sonora Cemetery. Pallbearers were Gordon Emmons, Richard Emmons, Bill Doran, Leo Rodriguez, Rick Stricklin and Ronnie Mittel

Family requests that in lieu of flowers, all donations be made to VistaCare or a charity of your choice.

Vanessa G. Perez, 41, of Sonora, died Sunday, February 13, 2005 in a San Angelo hospital. Services were held Tuesday, February 15, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church, with burial following in Sonora Cemetery.

Vanessa is survived by her parents, Isael and Rebecca Perez of Sonora, two brothers, Hector Perez and Marcos Perez, both of

#### School Lunch Menu • Feb. 21 - 25, 2005

**Breakfast** 

Mon. - Pancake/syrup, assorted juice. Tues. - Waffles/syrup, assorted juice. Wed. - Biscuits/gravy, assorted juice. Thurs.- Toast w/peanut butter, assorted juice.

Breakfast Burrito, assorted juice.

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts. Lunch

Mon.- Burrito w/chili, corn on the cob, fresh fruit, cookie Tues.- BBQ chicken, baked beans, potato salad, fruit cobbler

Wed.- Fish nuggets, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, applesauce Thurs. - Lasagna, green beans, carrot sticks/dressing, Jell-O/topping, hot roll

Turkey and cheese sub, lettuce/tomatoes baked potato wedges, fruit icee

#### **Senior Center News**

Feb. 21 - Center closed for President's Day. Sign up for holiday meals

Feb. 22 - Washington's B-day; Exercise with video Feb. 24 - B-day party for February babies - noon.

Feb. 25 - Blood pressure checks.

#### Senior Center Menu

Feb. 21 - Center closed for President's Day.

Feb. 22 - Grilled chicken breast, rice pilaf, peas, tomato wedges, wheat bread, fruit cocktail and milk

Feb. 23 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onion, tomatoes, pickles baked French fries, sliced pears, oatmeal cookie, mill

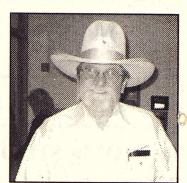
Feb. 24 - Steak fingers w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, cucumber/corn salad, rolls, cake, milk

Feb. 25 - Cheese enchilada, pinto beans, broccoli, tossed salad, 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.\*

## **Monte Jones brings Biscuits** O' Bryan book to Sonora

The Rev. Monte Jones (retired), former Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church, will be signing his new book, Biscuits O'Bryan, Texas Storyteller, on Friday, February 18, at St. John's Parish Hall from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The book was just released and published by State House Press in Abilene. It contains stories of Monte's childhood in West Texas told from the perspective of Biscuits O'Bryan, his storytelling character, who was conceived on the stage of the Covered Wagon Dinner Theatre almost 20 years ago during its first season. In 2003, Biscuits was presented the Will Rogers Award as Outstanding Cowboy Storyteller/Humorist by the Academy of Western Artists in Fort Worth. Biscuits has entertained audiences from Texas/New Mexico



Rev. Monte Jones, A.K.A. Biscuits O' Bryan Photo from www.workingcowboy.com

Connecticut, New York City (NEW YORK CITY?), Wisconsin and other places.

The book, tax included, is \$20, which means Monte doesn't have to take off his boots to figure change. He hopes to see all his Sonora friends, so come

# Texas Tales Told By Tumbleweed Smith

#### Dallas Children's The Theater is not just for kids



TIME magazine has named the Dallas Children's Theater as one of the top five children's theaters in

the country. Robyn Baker Flatt founded the theater in 1984 and has guided it to its present prominence.

"We started out with 500 dollars back in 1984," says Robyn. "We found a school that had a couple of rooms we could lease for not too much money. We put together a season of 4 plays. It was totally insane. We started back then and we're still going."

Although Robyn's title is

Executive Artistic Director, she works hard.

Last fall and winter she directed two plays. She has been in theater since the age of three. Her father, Paul Baker, was head of Baylor's Drama Department in the 1950's when the Baylor Theater was getting headlines around the world for all the creative productions.

"The best place to be in people coming by to act, direct annually.

or just get inspired.
"We had Charles had Laughton, Burgess Meredith and there was always someone from Broadway or Hollywood coming by. It was just vibrating with life and energy and ideas. There's nothing more glorious than being a part of all that."

Robyn had worked with

Tumbleweed the Dallas Theater Center which her father founded. When she started the children's theater, she formed an association with El Centro College to stage the plays. In 1988 her theater moved into a building across from the Crescent Hotel that had once been the hotel's marketing office.

"It gave us an identity. Instead of people saying 'who is this group? I've never heard of them, where are they? Suddenly they were saying 'O, that's Dallas Children's Theater. They're across from the Crescent.

Like her father, Robyn was able to raise money from some of the wealthiest and most influential families and foundations in Dallas and around the coun-Robyn is quick to give credit for the theater's success to the people who work there. The theater has a staff of 25 and hires up to 200 contract workers each year. The theater's budget is approaching 3 million dollars annually. The broad range of services includes the professional season of 11 plays, a national tour that this year will theater was at Baylor at the go to 65 cities. The theater time, with all those fantastic serves around 250,000 people

> Last year the DCT moved into its new multi million dollar theater at Skillman and Northwest Highway. It is state of the art, designed by Robyn's architect husband Richard. Youngsters up to the age of 18 can take courses like movie making or standup comedy.

## **Happy Birthday**

February 17

Lisa Seaton, Linda Patlan, Emily Gonzales, Doug Hudleston, Toni Vela, George Wallace, Debbi Buitron, April Castro

February 18 Michael Creek, Sammy Mata, Kent McAnally, Taylor Lopez, Chance Dillard, Zadrian McGee, Edward Virgen, Annette Gamez, Belinda Perez

February 19 John Valdez, Paul Ramsdell, Michael Solis, Corbin Geske, Curtis E. Lipham, Brianna Reyna

February 20

Charlotte Longoria, Candi Taylor, Valerie Gonzalez, Becky Allison, Pedro Ramirez, Sr., Corie Avila, Oscar Chavez February 21

Greta Ramsdell, Owen Friess, Melissa Duhon, Hector Garrilo February 22

Ben Ingham, Jacque Baker, Lewis Baker, Kate Jennings, Susan Wood, Juan Reyna

February 23 Karen Hill, Katrina Ramos, Curtis D. Lipham

## Community Calendar

Feb. 18

Monte Jones/Biscuits O'Bryan Book Signing St. John's Episcopal Church 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

> Feb. 20 The Moody's First United Methodist Church

> > 10:55 a.m.

The Community Calendar



Feb. 23 Lenten Luncheon • Noon - St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall Devotional Speaker - Rev. Lewis Allen

Feb. 24

Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting - First National Bank 5:30 p.m.

Feb. 24

West Texas Championship Cook-off Meeting Stagecoach Meat Market • 6:30 p.m.

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#### Historical Society

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

A special thank-you to John Allen Ward, III and Tuffy Whitehead for their generous donations this week to the Sutton County Historical Society and Miers Home Museum.

Q. Some of my ancestors told of a huge fire in San Angelo in 1902. It was just a few weeks before the one that took half of Main St. in Sonora. Do you have any information on the fire at the Landon Hotel?

A. The Sonora fire happened in early September of 1902 and the Landon Hotel fire in mid August of 1902. We have a reprint of the article from the San Angelo Standard of August 16, 1902: CUT OFF FROM ALL HOPE OF HUMAN AID, They Perish in Sight of Hundreds of Helpless Friends-Mrs. Jas. C. Landon Among the Dead-Only Two Buildings Left on the Entire Block, and the Property Damage Totals Over \$100,000-Eye Witnesses Tell of the Terrible Disaster-Guests of the Hotel Tell of Narrow Escapes From a Fiery Death-Notes and Incidents-Funeral of Mrs. Landon.

THE DEAD- Mrs. M. A. Fowler and 9 year old grandson, Martin Glenny, of Houston. Mrs. J. C. Landon of San Angelo. Mrs. Frank Schuplinsky and three sons, Frank aged 10, Bruno aged 9, and Herbert aged 6, all of Houston. D. Henricle of Waco.

THE INJURED- B.C. Alexander, San Angelo, ankle severely sprained and face slightly burned. Sheriff W. M. Moore of King Co., ankle badly wrenched. E.R. Taft of Houston ankle sprained and back and leg burned. Sam Price, Chief of the Fire Dept., feet badly blistered. Ike Copeland and Henry Nimitz, overcome by heat and smoke. George Norton of San Angelo hand and arm burned.

STATEMENT OF J.C. LANDON- "I retired about the usual time Saturday night. Had been told the train was one and one-half hours late, and judging from this that the fire must have been discovered just before it arrived Earl Cain, the night clerk waked my wife and I, telling us the hotel was on fire. We arose at the same time. My first thought was to put out the fire, and I went down stairs, clad in my pants and night shirt, and barefooted. I tried to go through the office, but the smoke was so dense there that it choked me, and I turned and went down the rear way. I got out the small hose and began to throw water on the fire, and about that time a Mexican came in and helped me get out the

large hose, which we kept in readiness for fighting fire. However, by the time we got this hose in readiness the fire was so hot that we were forced to leave the building. I went out through the yard gate at the west side of Chadbourne street, and saw that the hose company had arrived. I helped the boys pull the hose in the yard, and from that time on I remember no more about the fire. I did not see my wife again after coming down the stairs. I thought she was safe, as I knew she was awake and had ample time to have escaped from the building after the alarm was given. I looked for her until daylight. I was barefooted, and my feet were considerably cut and injured by broken glass, etc. C.C. Kirkpatrick finally gave me an old pair of shoes and I continued to search for Mrs. Landon until I knew it was no use. When the bodies were taken from the ruins I identified that of my wife by the size, she being larger than the other ladies, and also by some gold bridge work in the upper front

"When I went downstairs I did not know how bad the fire was. It was perhaps ten minutes from the time I went down until all escape from the upper floor by the stairs was cut off."

Mr. Landon was questioned about rebuilding and stated he didn't know if he would but if he did it would be a larger hotel, not less than 75 rooms as a smaller place cannot handle the business. He said it would cost at least \$50,000 to erect the kind of building he considered necessary in San Angelo.

Agent A.B. Loper of the

Santa Fe Railroad made the following statement-"I was at the Corner Saloon just across from the Landon when the first shot was fired. One of the shades over the front window of the saloon was raised, and someone shouted "the Landon is on fire." When I first saw the fire it was located in the office and part of the dining room. By the time I could run out of the back door of the saloon and to the middle of the street on the west side of the hotel the whole front portion of the building, on both the first and second floors was in flames. The fire seemed to come around on the north gallery and whip around to the west, then go down the south side. I saw Bernie Alexander, Mrs. Landon and two other ladies on the west gallery. Saw no others, and could not tell whether the parties mentioned came around from the front or through the west door opening on the gallery. All were huddled together, Alexander in front, and seemed to be making for the west corner of the gallery, the only place where there was no fire. They were undoubtedly all



Gertrude & Hilton North

badly frightened, and were apparently running around in a dazed condition. The ladies had on their night clothes, while Alexander had on his pants, with his coat over his arm. When the part had reached a point on the gallery about opposite the fourth post from the north front of the hotel, I saw a long tongue of flame rush out of the front windows and run around against the roof of the gallery, immediately over the heads of the group, then double back blown by the wind, and barely miss them on its return. I called, "Bernie, for Christ's sake, why don't you come down the post?" He heard me, I know, and ran at once to the fourth post, which he caught, and swung over the edge. Just as he did this the blaze came pouring out along the gallery again was blown back by the wind but this time it enveloped the group of women who stood huddled together near the wall. That was the last of them, and I know they must have died the instant that wave of fire rolled over them. Alexander slipped down the post, but when his hands struck the banister he fell like a stone. I ran and picked him up and found his had a badly sprained ankle. His hair and mustache were singed and his ears blistered by the intense heat from which he had just escaped. No man will ever go nearer the gates of death and come away living than did he that night. I think all were dead before the gallery fell. I know the ladies had no opportunity of escaping from death.'

saved himself and his daughter thanks to help of a large gentleman who helped them kick out a yard fence made of 1x12 planks that were 8 feet tall. Mr. Perry was in his bare feet and without the help of the large man the whole group would have never made it out.

Like the fire a few weeks later in Sonora, this fire caused

Like the fire a few weeks later in Sonora, this fire caused damage to almost a whole block of the city. Only two buildings were left standing. Property damage to the entire block totaled over \$100,000. 1902 seems to have been a year of large fires in cities in West Texas.

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@sonoratx.netYou may call a volunteer at the office on Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings at 387-5084 with your questions or to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building "Old Depot." Speaking of the Old Depot we will be trying to wash more of the walls down on the outside this weekend and could use some help. Bring a scrub brush and bucket, we will supply the soap and help us take over 8 years of dirt of the outside. This would be a great project for any group to adopt and Rick could sure use the help.

**Tedford Jewelry** 

**Bridal Registry** 

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## Senate bill would crack down on identity theft

# State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - One month you notice that your bank statement has not arrived when it normally does. Or maybe your bank or credit union unexpectedly turns down your loan application.

Maybe you aren't your complete self anymore: Someone has assumed your identity, at least your Social Security or driver's license numbers, and is illegally making use of your once-good credit. Generically, it's called identity theft and state officials say the problem is growing increasingly worse.

With that in mind, Sen. Juan Hinojosa (D-McAllen) has filed Senate Bill 122, a bill that would enable the attorney general's office to pursue legal action against anyone who swipes credit card information or personal checks. The bill also would allow the AG's office to seek restitution and even to impose penalties on firms that allow a security lapse in regard to someone's personal information.

For more information on identity theft, check the AG's Web site at www.oag.state.tx.us/consumer/i dtheft.shtml.

By the numbers...

Whether by 33 votes, as the final count last November had it, or by 16 votes, as a legislative review has determined, Hubert Vo (D-Houston) will keep his newly acquired House seat.

Shortly after Rep. Will Hartnett (R-Dallas) released a 60-page report last week that longtime House member Talmadge Heflin had not provided the Legislature "clear and convincing evidence" of election irregularities, Heflin withdrew his challenge.

Legislature considers fountain of youth...

Rep. Rob Eissler (R-The Woodlands) has filed a bill that would accomplish what various hopefuls have tried for centuries - the restoration of youth.

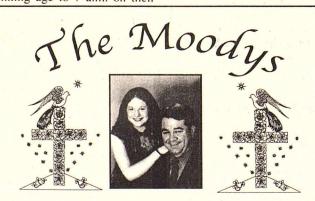
As it is now, when someone turns 21, they can legally buy an alcoholic beverage at any hour on their birthday, even at 12:01 a.m. But if it passes, House Bill 36 would give a minor seven more hours of youth, postponing the dawn of a person's legal drinking age to 7 a.m. on their

21st birthday.

More sober news for imbibers...

House Bill 50 would give city, county or state police officers authority to set up sobriety checkpoints and stop motorists at random to check for drunken drivers. Previous attempts to pass a similar bill have failed, but the buzz is that it has a better chance this session.

Texas is one of only 10 states without such a law. Mothers Against Drunk Driving says states with similar laws have experienced reductions in fatal DWI crashes.



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Location: <u>First United Methodist Church</u>
Date: <u>Sunday, February 20th</u>
Time: <u>10:55 a.m.</u>

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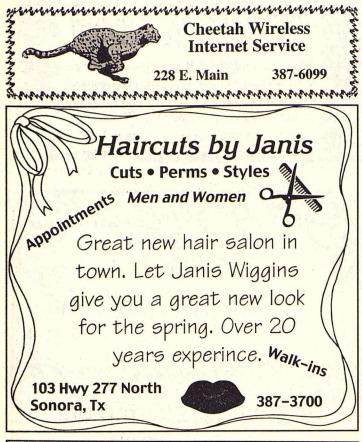
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#### "Answers on Aging" Community Meeting slated for February 17

**Prescription for the Blues** 

Center and the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley Council of Governments are hosting a community meeting on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 11:30 a.m. at the Sutton County Senior Center located in Sonora, TX. "Answers on Aging" is a community meeting designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals. A brief introduction to the Area Agency on Aging will be followed by a question and answer session. Senior citizens, their families and friends, and other persons who are interested in issues affecting the aging population are invited to share their insights, concerns and thoughts for solutions to the unmet needs of the county's older population. A wide variety of printed on Aging.

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp

County Extension Agent-FCS

Texas Cooperative Exrension

long nights - all these things go

hand-in-hand with the winter

months. All of the cold and

dark may lead to decreased hap-

piness and less activity with

friends or family. It's okay to be

"down" or "blue" every now and

then but when those "down"

feelings last for an extended

period of time - two weeks or

more - you may be suffering

from depression and need to

seek help from your health care

cause for depression, a sense of

loss may be the greatest cause.

Loss is common in the older

adult population: loss of inde-

pendence, loss of friends and

family, loss of income. Another

cause of depression is chemical

imbalances within the body,

especially the brain. Then, there

are just some cases of depression that cannot be explained.

The thing to remember about

depression is that it is mostly

treatable with therapy, medica-

no one wants to hear, no matter

what the age. When someone

mentions the possibility of

depression, it is not accusatory

or derogatory; it is because that

Depression is a word that

tions or both.

Though there is no one

provider.

Cold weather, gray skies,

The Sutton County Senior information covering various topics will also be distributed. Area Agency on Aging representatives with expertise in the areas of Information & Assistance, Benefits Counseling, Nursing Homes, Care Coordination, and Care Giver Support will be available to answer questions.

Persons wishing for more information may contact Juanita Meza at 325-387-5657 or the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at 325-223-5704 or 1-877-944-9666.

Make plans to attend this important event at the Sutton County Senior Center and the Area Agency on Aging staff will help you find . . . answers! Services of the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley are funded by the Texas Department

well-being. Experts estimate

that about 25% of adults over

age 65 have one or more symp-

ongoing sadness • Lack of ener-

gy • Loss of pleasure in daily

activities • Social isolation •

more or less than usual

Difficulty focusing and making

decisions • Thoughts of death or

exhaustive list of symptoms for

depression, it may give you a

general idea of what depression

may look like in different peo-

ple. Remember that depression

may even be able to hide behind

may be just as individual as the

person who is suffering from it.

Of course, the first step in treat-

ment is admitting there is a prob-

lem. Only then will you or your

loved one be able to seek the

treatment needed. One popular

option for treatment in older

adults is support group therapy.

This not only allows the person

to talk through his or her prob-

lems but it provides much need-

ed social interaction and conver-

sation with other people. This

from the local senior citizens'

center, senior nutrition site or

activity group. In other words, there are many free or low-cost

provider may decide that you

need a type of therapy that is

more one-on-one. Though this

type of therapy is probably not

free, ask your health provider

about coverage from your per-

sonal health insurance or from Medicare. Your health provider

or your therapist may recom-

mend that you begin taking some sort of medication for

depression. These medications

may help improve your mood,

sleep, appetite and concentra-

tion. There are several types of

these medications and some may

take several months before they

begin affecting your depression. Keep your health provider

informed about how these med-

ications are making you feel and whether or not there are any

are very effective to combat

depression, the ideal situation

for any person is to prevent depression from happening. The

following suggestions may help

prevent the onset of depression:

moving from your home. Some changes in life can be anticipat-

ed. Have a plan for your personal time and effort so that you do

ships you have established and

always strive to make new

friendships. Interaction with

others is one of the most effective ways to keep depression from affecting your life.

develop new ones. You should

keep an interest in the things that

have always brought you joy and try to cultivate new interests to

balanced diet. Physical activity

not only gives you an outlet for

pent up energy but also may give

you the opportunity to interact

with other people. Your diet will

also play a part in helping keep

your body's chemistry in proper

to stay active: physically, men-

tally and socially. Remember

not to stretch yourself too thin in

the process - you will know when you have taken on too

much. For more information, contact your County Extension

Agent or go to www.gmhfon-

line.org/gmhf/consumer/depres-

The best recommendation is

keep your mind sharp.

not get bored.

· Prepare for major life events such as retirement or

• Try to maintain the friend-

Maintain old hobbies and

• Be physically fit and eat a

Though many treatments

unpleasant side-effects.

options for group therapy.

type of therapy may be obtained

Treatment for depression

Though this is not an

· Feelings of emptiness and

crying

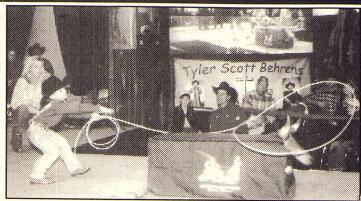
toms of depression.

symptoms include:

Uncontrollable

a smiling face.

suicide.



Chet Weitz ropes in Las Vegas.

## Weitz wins big in Vegas

The National Finals Rodeo, which is held in Las Vegas every year during the month of December, is the rodeo where every cowboy entered is striving to take home that championship saddle.

Chet Weitz of London, Texas, went to Vegas with high hopes of doing just that, and he accomplished his mission. Chet competed against 25 other contestants from around the world in the Five and Under Dummy Roping, which was held at the Sands Expo Center. Chet, who is only three years of age, was awarded the Youngest Buckaroo 2004 Las Vegas Championship

Chet is the son of Doyle and Reneé Waits of London, Texas, and the grandson of Robert Weitz of London, and Leta Walker and Don Rutherford of Amarillo.

Congratulations, Chet, and we hope to see you again in Vegas

## for many years to come.

Problems with sleep • Eating By Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program has the best volunteer board in all of Sonora. They work hard to make downtown Sonora the best place to work and play by bringing festivals and events that spotlight the downtown area and all of Sonora. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Board of Directors are: President Joy Galbreath; Vice President Rachel Duran; Secretary Tabby Sanchez-Abrego; Treasurer Maura Weingart; Bruce Kerbow, Tony Adkins, Becky McAngus, Mayor Gloria Lopez and Asst. Manager Brenda Bryant. I would like to express my appreciation to all the volunteers in our community by sharing this poem that was read at the Appreciation luncheon for Volunteers of Texas in Austin.

"Volunteers, God Bless Them" Many will be shocked to find, When the Day of Judgment nears, That there's a special place in heaven, Set aside for volunteers. Furnished with big recliners, Satin couches and foot stools. Where there's no committee chairman No group leaders or car pools. No eager team that needs a coach, No bazaar and no bake sale. There will be nothing to staple, Not one thing to type or mail. Telephone lists will be outlawed But a finger snap will bring Cool drinks and gourmet dinners And treats fit for a King. You ask, who'll serve the privileged few And work for all they're worth?

Why, all those who reaped the benefits of the great volun-

You and your health teers!

Have you hugged your volunteer today? Thank you, Sonora! We have some wonderful events and exhibits planned for this year. We will start off with an Appreciation of our community Boy scouts and Girl Scouts Exhibit that will be on display at the First National Bank of Sonora. These exhibits are a wonderful way of saying to our youth that the things they do for our community are very important in making our town the best place in Texas to live. We especially want you to know we appreciate all that you do. We will give a certificate of appreciation to the Boy Scout troops and Girl Scout troops at the Sonora City Council meeting on February 15, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. We would like to express our appreciation to the parents, Lewis Allen, scout leaders and scouts for the loan of the photos and uniforms for the exhibit. The photos and displays can be viewed at the First National Bank for all the community to visit and enjoy for the month of February. The exhibit opened Wednesday, February 16, 2005. We would like to express our appreciation to the First National Bank of Sonora and KHOS Radio for sponsoring the

# **Great Volunteers**

## Wallace awarded as A&M **Distinguished Student**

The Dwight Look College of Engineering at Texas A&M University recently recognized and honored Hunter Clay Wallace for Outstanding Academic Achievement. Wallace received the Distinguished Student Award for the Fall 2004 semester.

Hunter Clay Wallace is the son of Will and Peggy Wallace of Blanco and the grandson of Nell Wallace of Sonora.

#### Todd Keller awarded Diplomate by American **Board of Periodontology**

Todd A. Keller, D.D.S., M.S. of New Braunfels, Texas was awarded Diplomate status by the American Board of Periodontology at its recent meeting in Dallas, December 10, 2004. The American Board of Periodontology is recognized by the American Dental Association as the national certifying board for the dental specialty of Periodontics. The Board awards Diplomate status upon those who, after two to three years of postdoctoral advanced specialty training at an accredited institution, successfully complete a two part examination which consists of a comprehensive written examination and an oral examination.

Dr. Keller received his dental degree in 2000 from University of Texas Health Sciences Center at San Antonio where he also received his advanced certificate in Periodontics in 2003. Currently, he is in private practice full-time in New Braunfels, Texas.

Dr. Keller is an active member of the American Academy of Periodontology, American Dental Association, Southwest Society of Periodontists and River District Dental Society.

Todd Keller is the son of Diann and Mike Keller of Sonora.

Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting If you are, or are interested in being, a 2005 Relay for Life Team Captain, there will be a special meeting on Thursday, February 24, 2005 at the First National Bank For more information contact Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

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## **Broncos Punch Mason**

The Broncos entered the game with Mason with determination written all over their beat the Punchers to both even the district series and to maintain any hope of making the playoffs. The Punchers had easily defeated the Broncos when they played in Mason earlier in their January meeting.

The game couldn't have started better. Brett McDaniel easily won the opening tip off. Clint Cearley brought the ball over half court. His first of several assists went to McDaniel in the paint for an easy opening basket. The next time down the court, a kick out pass to McDaniel who buried a three for an early five-point lead. The first quarter belonged to the Broncos as they ran a very disciplined offense with crisp passing that allowed Evan Gulley, Craig Leonard, McDaniel, Cearley, and Steven Duhon to score 19 points. The Punchers helped out with numerous fouls. The Broncos were in the bonus with 46 seconds left in the first quarter. Mason's top scorer, Michael McLeod, got into early foul trouble and spent most of the first half on the bench.

The second quarter also had balanced scoring from the Broncos. There were three outstanding plays in the first half. The Punchers tried a full court

deep post to Anthony Longoria in football, Cearley threw an inbound pass the length of the court to a streaking Steven faces. The Broncos needed to Duhon for an easy basket. After Cearley came down with a defensive rebound, he threw another full court pass to McDaniel. McDaniel leaped to catch the pass, landed on both feet, and immediately finished the play with a short jumper for the basket. Three times this season, McDaniel has had breakaway lay ups only to be called for charging. After a defensive rebound, McDaniel took the ball the length of the floor. There were three Punchers all around him. Instead of going for a standard lay up, he came to a complete stop in the paint and shot the two-point jumper for the basket over the shorter Punchers. The Broncos shot 66 percent from the line in the first half. The score at the half was

The Broncos would have an undefeated season if we could just exclude the third quarter like a teacher who drops the lowest test score. The Broncos once again struggled in the third as they only scored seven points. Thankfully, the Bronco defense held the Punchers to only eight points.

The fourth quarter provided a tremendous amount of excitement for the fans. The Punchers had their best quarter and scored press. Just as he had thrown the 20 points while the Broncos

scored 17. The final quarter would not have been as exciting if the Broncos could have hit their free throws. Their free throw percentage in the second half dropped to 50 percent. Austin Wagoner was fouled and the Mason coach received a technical foul. But missed free throws prevented a potential six point swing. However, Gulley caught a full court inbound pass from Cearley for an easy two points against the Puncher full court press. With the clock in the Broncos' favor, the Broncos executed a back-breaking play three times. Leonard and Dustin Creek passed the ball to each other near center court. Cearley broke to the middle near the top of the key. Once he had the ball, he penetrated the three-second zone and dished to a wide open McDaniel for easy baskets. Cearley's assists allowed McDaniel to score ten points in the final quarter to keep the lead for the Broncos. The Broncos finished the game without ever being behind: 56 to 49 was the final score. The Broncos are now 8-5 in District

2-2A play. SCORING: McDaniel FG 19 FT 5 of 8 Total 24; Cearley FG 10 FT 5 of 8 Total 15; Leonard FG 3 FT 1 of 2 Total 4; Gulley FG 4 FT 2 of 2 Total 6; Smith FT 1 of 2 Total 1; S. Duhon FG 2 FT 2 of 2 Total 4; Wagoner FT 2 of 5 Total 2.

## 7th Grade **Lady Colts** end season with win in **Big Lake**

by Coach Jennings

The 7th grade Lady Colts finished a great season with a win over Reagan Co. The Colts started slowly but came on strong to beat Reagan Co. 31-10. The Ladies were led on scoring by Cassie Krieg's 14. Also scoring were Maraya Dunn-9, Bianca Trevino - 4, and Amy Hernandez - 4. Other members of the 7th grade A team were Bethany Berry, Monica Sanchez, Alyssa Favila, Ashley Brown, Hernandez, Brittany Meredith Earwood, Alyssa Vela, Victoria Castillo, and Sara Gillit. These ladies finished the season with 13 wins and only 2 losses. In district play they were 9 and 1. They won third place in the Wall tournament and first place in the Llano tournament against mostly 3A schools.

## Joshua Frank Esquivel

Was welcomed home by big sister Amber Celeste and proud parents Frank and Belinda Esquivel He was born at Angelo Community Hospital on January 20, 2005 at 9:28 a.m. He weighed 7 lbs. and 3 ozs. and was 19.5" long Joshua was also welcomed home by Uncle Armando Robles and Aunt Jessica Mayorga Maternal Grandparents are Juan Sanchez and Linda Robles Paternal Grandparents are Robert and Gina Cervantez



and Gabriel Esquivel Great-Grandmothers are Isidora Ramirez and Frances Reyna

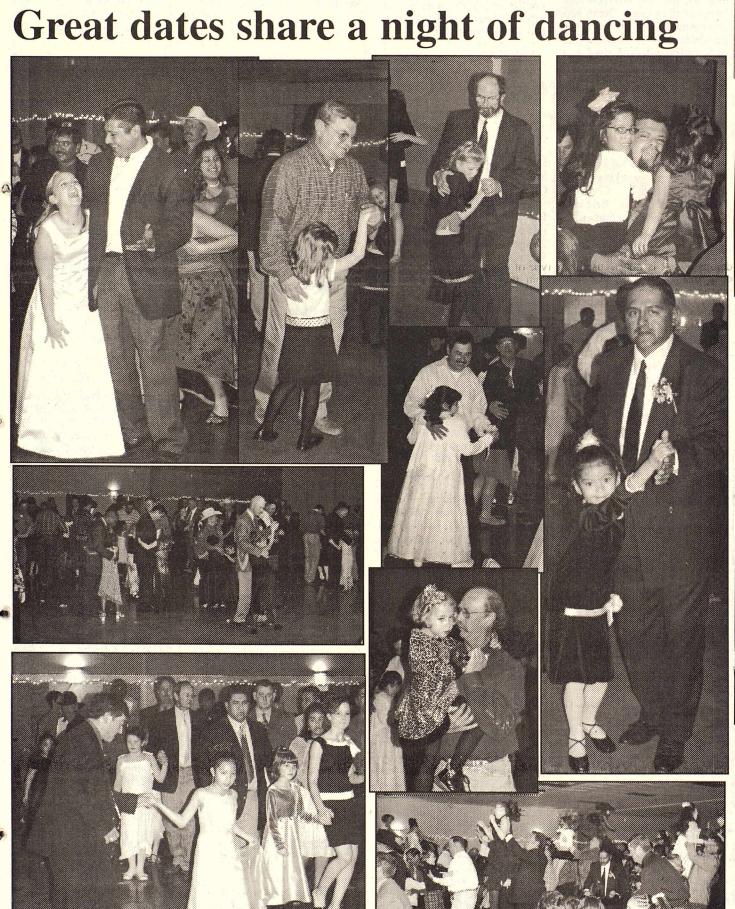
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#### **Deer Management Workshop** slated for March in Sonora

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· by Pascual submitted Hernandez, Sutton County Writer: Steve Byrns

SONORA Texas Cooperative Extension offices in three of the state's top deer hunting counties are pooling their efforts to present a deer management workshop beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mar. 3 in the Sutton County Civic Center.

The sponsoring counties are Sutton, Schleicher, and Crockett. The workshop is sponsored in cooperation with the Texas Brigades youth camps; Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Wildlife Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Fields Ranch.

"With the successful 2004-05 deer season still fresh on our minds, now is the optimum time to take a look at the coming season," said Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent in Sutton County and the onsite workshop coordinator. "This workshop is all about management. We'll start inside with lectures and demonstrations, then, weather permitting, we'll head out for a ranch tour, some hands-on demonstrations and plant I.D. exercises. The workshop is geared for all levels of deer management expertise.

First speaker, Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo sets the tone for the day with his talk "Appreciating Deer." Next, veterinarians Dr. Bill Eikenhorst of Brenham and Dr. Bob Dittmar of Kerrville will perform a deer

necropsy and present "Getting to Know Your Deer."

Other morning presenta-s are: "The Deer Management Triangle,"(Nutrition - Kent Mills, Hi-Pro Feeds, Snyder; Aging - Rollins, and Genetics -Dr. Jim Cathey, Extension Wildlife Specialist, Uvalde) and "Show Me The Money! -Economic Impact of Deer Hunting, " Dr. Jason Johnson, Extension economist, San Angelo.

A presentation by a Buckskin Brigade youth cadet will be featured during the lunch. Following lunch, the assembly will depart for the Johnny Fields Ranch and the remainder of the program.

The afternoon speakers and topics are: "Harvest Strategies and Spike Deer," Cathey;

'Managing Deer Habitat and Plant Identification," Steve Nelle, Natural Resources Conservation Service, San Angelo;

"Topical Issues," (Predators and Deer, Rollins, Livestock and Deer, Dr. Butch Taylor, Sonora Experiment Station superintendent, Future of Hunting, Mary Humphries, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department biologist, Sonora.

Adjournment is set for 3:45

Individual registration due by February 25th is \$10. Registration after the 25th and at the door is \$15. Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be offered. For more information contact Hernandez at 387-3101.

## Texas Brigades seek adult leaders

SAN ANGELO - Love the outdoors and working with young people? Consider becoming a Texas Brigades adult volunteer this summer.

The Texas Brigades are educational programs that focus on specific game animals to teach young people about wildlife conservation. The camps are the Bobwhite Brigades (quail), Buckskin Brigades (deer), Feathered Forces Brigade (quail and turkey), and the Bass Brigade (largemouth bass).

'Our adult leaders come Pineywoods with a variety of backgrounds Center, Lufkin. and levels of expertise," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas Cooperative Extension wildlife specialist and originator of the camps. "They're not expected to be experts in wildlife management, though some are. They just have to like kids and appreciate the value of hard work.

'We've had everyone from housewives to neurosurgeons work at the camps, and they all leave with a much greater appreciation of conservation and the talents of our young people. Their 'tour of duty' is physically exhausting, but mentally rejuvenating.'

Each camp is four and a half days of intense, interactive learning taught by the state's top wildlife and natural resource professionals, Rollins said. The camps, now in their 13th year, have an enrollment of 30 youth

This year the camps are

scheduled for: - June 4-8: Bass Brigade, 2nd Battalion, McKinney Roughs, Bastrop;

- June 12-16: South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Battalion, La Bandera Ranch, Carrizo Springs;

- June 18-22: Rolling Plains Brigade, 13th Krooked River Bobwhite Battalion, Lodge, Lueders;

Bobwhite Brigade, 8th Battalion, 74 Ranch, Pleasanton; - July 17-21: North Texas Buckskin Brigade, Cook Stasney's Battalion, Ranch, Albany, and

- July 24-28: Feathered Forces, 8th Battalion, Conservation

The camps are sponsored by Extension in cooperation with Texas A&M University, Stephen F. Austin University, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, National Turkey Texas Wildlife Federation, Texas Farm Association, Bureau, Texas Deer Association, Lower Colorado Authority, individuals, community organizations and business-

"Many of our leaders will attend a single camp and be so impressed with the program that they want to continue to serve on the respective camp's steering committee," Rollins said. "We take that as the ultimate compliment."

Application forms and information for both youths and adult leaders are available at www.texasbrigades.org .

For more information contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576.

#### Oil & Agribusiness

#### Rig Locations as of February 11, 2005

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## June 26-30: South Texas Annual Angora Goat Test dates set for end of month

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SONORA - Dates are set for the 2005 Angora Goat Performance Test at the Texas

Dan Waldron, Experiment station geneticist at San Angelo and the test's coordinator, said in an earlier release that the test would be conducted only if at least 10 different breeders entered a minimum of 50 bucks altogether.

Waldron said that requirement has been met and the test will proceed as planned.

The test will start with the delivery of animals to the station on Feb. 28 and March 1. The station is 28 miles south of Sonora on U.S. Hwy. 55.

"The test program can give Angora goat producers the information they need to select breeding stock that will improve the next generation of goats," said Waldron. "There's no doubt that the bucks that come out of this testing program will have an impact on the US Angora population."

Individual breeders are limited to entering no more than 12 animals, except by special per-

animals per owner and sire group is suggested but not required.

The bucks are set to be Agricultural Experiment Station shorn March 8. The initial test weigh-in is set for March 9. The goats are to be weighed again on May 4 and weighed and sheared a final time on June 29 and 30 respectively. The annual field day and potential sale is set for July 28.

The testing fee of \$150 per animal is due upon arrival of the goats to the station. The fee covers feed, shearing and laboratory work on the fleeces. Any unused funds will be refunded at the test's conclusion.

Enter animals by calling the Sonora Experiment Station at (325) 387-3168.

Updates on the test schedule and performance results will be posted to the San Angelo research and Extension center http://sanangelo.tamu.edu. For more information contact Drs.

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#### Fort Stockton to host Rural Tourism workshop

Fort Stockton has been chosen to host a two-day rural workshop development February 23-24 to provide rural communities tips and tools for agricultural diversification and rural tourism. The informationpacked workshop is sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture in partnership with the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Big Bend Region Minority and Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross State University and the Texas Cooperative Extension.

'Sustaining Economies and Lifestyles" will offer hands-on training related to agricultural diversification, rural entrepreneurship, online tourism promotion and evaluating tourism success.

The first day of the workshop will feature speakers on economic development and cover a variety of subjects related to planning, starting and running a small diversified agricultural business as well as specific

information on diversification options. Breakout sessions in the afternoon will cover topics such as finance, marketing, alternative lodging and alterna-Dr. Ed Mahoney, associate

professor and extension specialist at Michigan State University, and Judon Fambrough, a senior lecturer and attorney at law at the Texas Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, will be among the featured speakers. Other day-one speakers will include Dr. Jason Johnson with Cooperative Texas the Extension and representatives from the Small Business Development Center at Sul Ross State University.

Day two of the workshop will focus on rural tourism. Carla Lowe, with Carla Lowe Associates, will speak during the morning session about tips and tools for using the Internet to promote rural tourism. A session on creating affordable tourism promotions will also be presented by Penny C. Reeh, owner of Indigo Resource

Dr. Roger Hanagriff of Sam Houston State University will present easy-to-use methodologies to measure the effectiveness and impact of tourism programs and ways to use that data to gain community support and tourism funding.

The two-day workshop will be held at the Large Community Hall, located on Highway 285 South at Rooney Park in Fort Stockton. The workshop begins on Feb. 23 with registration at 8 a.m. and ends at 3:45 p.m. An evening reception celebrating historic Fort Stockton will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. On Feb. 24, the workshop will run from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

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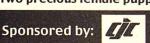
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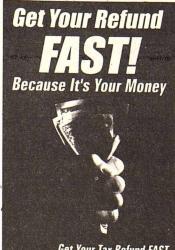
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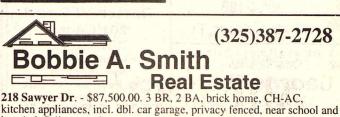
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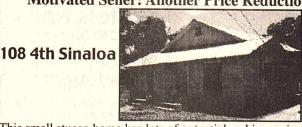


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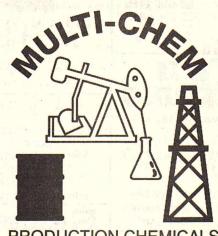
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The Sonora Downtown Lions Club, chartered in 1928, wants to remind the community that the annual Broom Sale will be held at City Hall and the U.S. Post Office on March 22, 2005. If you need a new broom or cleaning supplies make plans now to attend and pick up all your Spring Cleaning utensils, while supporting the Downtown Lions Club. The sale will be from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Lost Wednesday, February 2 probably at the cemetery Holland silver spur pin with gold and diamond running M brand. A gift from my Grandmother, Cash Reward, Call (325)387-2970.

Sutton County Critter Gitter Calling Contest - March 12-13. Each contest will have registration on Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Stagecoach Barbeque (next to Rafter W). Turn in will be Sundays at 10:00 a.m. at same location. All team members must be present for check-in or Sunday -FMI call Paul Martinez at (325)650-0221 or (325)206-

Big Lake Spring Bluegrass Festival, March 10-12, 2005, Batten Family, Star Canyon, Hickory Hill, Vern Young, Concho Grass. FMI call Alan at 325-650-1150.

The Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital Auxiliary is selling tickets for a six month individual membership to the Health and Wellness Center scheduled to open in April 2005 (a \$180 value). The new facility wil offer aquatic therapy, water and ground aerobics as well as a fully equipped exercise facility for both strength and cardiovascular conditioning. The drawing will be held at the March Auxiliary Luncheon, Tickets are \$1 each and available at the hospital, Sutton County Extension Office and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Transformation is a youthfocused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Politte FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-

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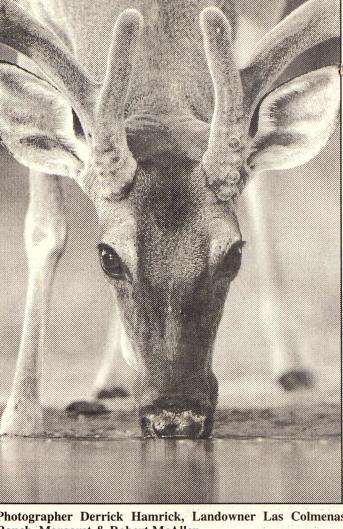
by Delyse Jaeger

Move over Boone & Crockett 'cause they are baggin 'em for the South Texas Shootout and it is open season on any creature that can be caught between the cross hairs of a camera lens. The South Texas Shootout is a unique and highly successful wildlife photography contest held throughout the eight counties that comprise the southern most tip of Texas. The Shootout originated through the visionary efforts of people with deep conviction and concern for the future of wildlife in Texas. The wildlife photo contest is the primary fundraising event for The Valley Land Fund, a non profit organization whose mission is "to preserve, enhance and expand the native wildlife habitat of the Rio Grande Valley through education, land ownership and the creation of economic incentives for preservation." Because over 90% of wildlife habitat is privately held, this is best accomplished through "sound economic incentives for private landowners to protect and enhance the diversity of habitats."

Conservation is the motivation, adding monetary value to wildlife is the means, and the success and overflow of benefits has surpassed all expectations. The "Shootout" partners private landowners with photographers who compete in a number of categories and share equally in the prize money. 2006 will mark the seventh competition which began in 1994 and is held every other year. In the contest's first year, only five ranches of 100 acres or more participated, with landowners totaling about 50,000 acres. The past three contests saw 60 large ranches and 43 small tracts participate. Total land entered in each of the three competitions was more than 1,000,000 acres. Last years top feam garnered \$30,000.00 of the total \$152,000.00 payout, the highest award amount of any wildlife photography contest in the world. (Competition is in the works though, and close to

home - read on!) ing amateur and youth are part nature and wildlife photo of the contest and anyone can enter. Small businesses and corporations also participate through sponsorships and receive the benefit of extensive exposure, use of some of the fabulous photographs, and the general economic rewards the contest brings to the region. A traveling exhibit, showcasing the winning photos is made available to sponsors for display at their places of business.

The contest has spurred close friendships between many photographers and landowners, raised awareness and appreciation of local wildlife for both the landowners and the general public, and become quite a social event.



Photographer Derrick Hamrick, Landowner Las Colmenas Ranch, Margaret & Robert McAllen

The Valley Land Fund publishes an extraordinarily beautiful commemorative book of photographs following each contest. Just in time for Christmas, the books are hot gift items. Out of print editions are in high demand and have sold for up to \$400.00. As a direct result of the photography contest, landowners have discovered that photographers are willing to pay for access to their land year-round and a new industry has sprung up. Numerous ranches have increased diversification of land use to include photo blinds and feeding practices tailored to a photographers needs. Currently, the going rate for use of a well devised photo blind is from 100.00 and 125.00 per day.

Could this be another "If you build it, they will come!"? Several divisions includ- The future looks bright for the industry. Two other contests have also been born out of the success of the South Texas Shootout along with the upcoming, first of its kind: ICF Pro-Tour Nature of Photography. This contest is the flagship event of the organization: Images Conservation Fund and it is coming to an area near YOU. Dedicated to habitat conservation for all of North America, the ICF has partnered with local agencies in the Texas Hill Country to bring an all professional championship world tour of nature photography to our next door neighbors. With a target awards total of

world's top nature photographers already onboard, this contest promises to attract significant local, regional, and national attention as well as participation. Unfortunately, Sutton county is not included in the contest area, however both Edwards and Kimble counties are. The landowner's application deadline to be considered for participation is April1, 2005. Only twenty ranches will be chosen to partner with the worlds top nature photographers for a chance to produce an award-winning portfolio of the extraordinary wildlife that is found in the Texas Hill Country Region. For more information, contact Sam Mason, Executive Director of ICF, at (956) 381-1264 and visit the ICF website at www.imagesforconservation.org. To learn more about the Valley Land Fund South Texas Shootout and view the winning photographs from past contests, visit www.valleylaandfund.com.

Photographing nature as a family activity is gaining popularity and Eaton Hill is the perfect spot to try out your new digital and introduce your children to the thrill of wildlife photography. Here are some hints from the pros: Try to take your subject at eye level in early morning or late evening light. Hit the trails!

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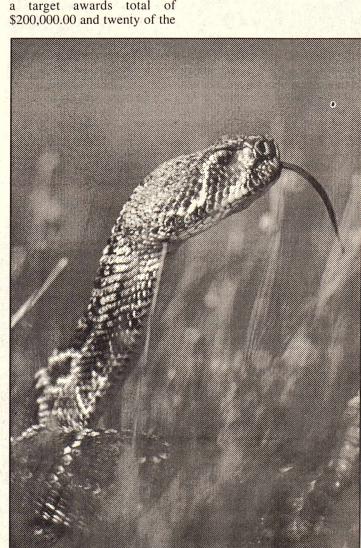


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Western Diamondback photographed by Larry Ditto & Greg Lasley at the Bud & Jimmy Payne ranch.