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### SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, March 3, 2005

### Filing deadlines draw near Bronco Golf for City Council positions

cation for a place on the City of Sonora Council position ballot is March 7, by 5 p.m., and the last day for a regular write-in candidate to declare candidacy is March 14, by 5 p.m.

Early voting by personal appearance will begin on April 20 and will continue until May 3. April 29 is the first day to accept applications for voting by mail ballot and application for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on May 6.

Two aldermen positions will be on the 2005 ballot.

The last day to file an appli- Terms will expire for Alderman Smith Neal, Ward 1, Alderman Fred Perez, Ward 2.

The last day to file for the Special Election to fill an unexpired term in Ward 2, currently held by Laurie Garza, is April 6.

Terms are for two years, and candidates can pick up application packets at City Hall during regular business hours.

Election day is May 7,

It is very important for voters to have either their voter registration card or a photo I.D. to make the vote count!

### **Team wins** Sonora **Invitational**

The Bronco Boys Golf Team excelled at the 2005 Sonora Invitational, held on February 21, 2005. Good weather held out for the boys and Sonora took first place with a team total of 307. Shooting for Broncos were Stetson Perez: 39 -36 = 75; Trent Reiner: 36-36 =72; Cullen Parker: 38-42 = 80; Embre Smith: 41-39 = 80 and Mason Martinez 44 - 41 = 85.

Iraan finished second, shooting a two-day total of 314, followed by Junction with a 354, Brackettville with a 355, and Ballinger with a 361. Ozona and Eldorado tied for sixth with a 375 and Rocksprings rounded things out with a 387. Individual medalists for Sonora were Morgan Martinez: 49 - 46 = 95; Swade Draper: 46 - 44 = 90; and Steven Barthelemy: 47 - 53 =100. Congratulations to all these golfers, and may this be a good start to a great year.



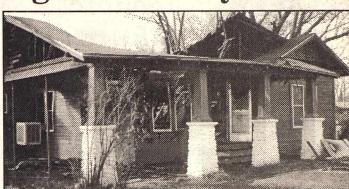
### Early morning fire destroys home

by Storie Sharp

The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department responded to an early morning structure fire at 1:15 a.m. on Monday, February

A neighbor to the 103 Oak Street home reported the fire after being awakened by his barking dogs. He looked out to see flames coming from the house, located next to the Carquest store. The volunteer firemen and women worked until after sunup to extinguish the flames and did an excellent job in keeping the fire from spreading to adjoining homes.

The homeowners, John McLellan of Junction, TX and



103 Oak Street is lost to early morning fire.

Jan King of El Paso, were not in the house at the time of the fire and were in the process of selling it this week.

Sonora Fire Marshall Carl Teaff reported that it is believed

that old electrical wires caused the fire and it was probably smoldering for some time before the alarm went out.

No injuries were reported.

### **Proud family shows support** of John Cunningham



Gail Cade and Clay Barrow tie up a yellow ribbon.

John Cunningham may not be from Sonora, but his family proudly says that Sonora adopted him. That's why a Yellow Ribbon was added to the Old Oak Tree on the Sutton County Lawn last week, to show support of one of our own. Cunningham is on his second tour overseas, having been in the Marines for about 12 years before retiring and joining the Army Reserve. Soon after he joined, Operation Iraqi Freedom began and he was called to duty again. John is the son-in-law of Clay Barrow and the nephew of Clay and Gail Cade, all of Sonora. His wife, Shirley, waits for him in El Paso, TX. Barrow said that Cunningham has been stationed between Kuwait and Baghdad, and will hopefully be home in about a month, at which time Sutton County will join him to remove his yellow rib-

### Rescheduled The City of Sonora Community

City Cleanup

Cleanup that was scheduled for Saturday, February 26, has been rescheduled due to bad weather. The Cleanup will be held on Saturday, March 5. For more information contact City Hall at 387-2558.

### San Angelo Stock show Heifer results

Sonora 4-H students did well with their heifers at the San Angelo Stockshow last week. Jack Turney placed 3rd and

5th with his Angus heifers. Kaija Valkonen placed 6th

with her Brangus heifer. Alex Lang placed 2nd and

5th with her Angus heifers Maddie Lang placed 3rd with her Angus heifer.

For more Stockshow results

### Commissioners conduct general business

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners Court met in gular session on Monday February 28, 2005. After general business of approving minutes financial Commissioner Mike Villanueva reported that he had been talking with Ed Carrasco of the Headstart program and wanted to see about waiving the fee for the Sutton County Slab to hold a bicycle parade to raise money for a troop in Iraq. Sutton County Judge Carla Garner stated that the program is part of the Concho Valley of Governments. so could be considered for exemption. The commissioners

agreed to waive the rental fee. Judge Garner reported that a large hole had been dug in the street near the courthouse to reach a water tap for the sprinkler system. Judger Garner also reported that the removal of acoustic panels in the courtroom resulted in the finding of some fair size cracks in the wall. An engineer reported that the cracks were probably caused by the growth of a large root from the tree at the corner of the building. Temporary patching will be

A plat for the Estes North Ranch Subdivision reviewed and approved for filing in the clerk's office.

commissioners reviewed an agreement with the Sonora I.S.D. regarding the lighting at the baseball and softball fields. Any new improve ments will be discussed at a later time, including a proposal to light the girl's softball field.

The Commissioners opposed a resolution asking for appraisal caps regardless of

Market Value. Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher presented a racial profiling report required by the State of Texas. The report gave the number of stops made last year, including searches, categorized by race and gender. Sheriff Fincher also requested to send jailer, Ty Fincher, to Deputy Certification school. Matt Routh recently completed the certifica-tion. Allowing Ty to attend would make him available when more personnel were needed. The money will be budgeted from the Training fund. The commissioners approved the class. With no further business Commissioners adjourned.

### Kathy Knight has recipe for success in San Angelo



Kathy Knight proudly shows off her Best of Show Blue Ribbon.

The Sutton County 4-H and FFA students aren't the only Sonora talent that won big at the San Angelo Stock show & Rodeo. Kathy Knight participated in the Creative Arts Division and cooked up the winning recipes in several categories.

Knight's Apricot Butter Bars took Best of Show, for earning the most points and ribbons in the Baked Foods Division. The special award she won was a Big Mouth Food Processor.

Kathy entered nine items in eight classes and received six blue ribbons. She won a first place for her Italian Cream Cake, Butter Meltaway Cookies, Butterscotch Baseball Cookies, Pumpkin Bread, Pecan Roll Candy and the Apricot Butter Bars.

Kathy won three red ribbons for Apple Raisin Bread, Peanut Butter Fudge and Apricot Ripple Pound Cake.

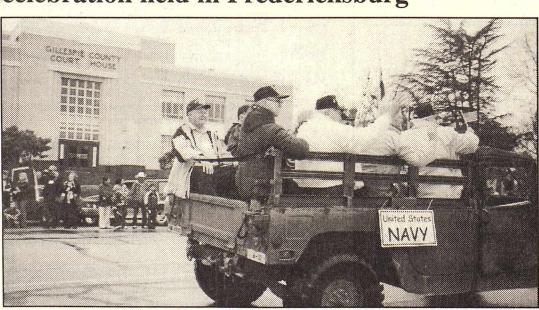
Kathy has always loved to bake and make jams and jellies. She started entering the Creative Arts with her goodies several years ago. Best of Show was always a goal she strived to achieve. Winning this award was a great surprise.

Kathy's grandson, Bryce Smith, became interested in the shows and has entered the last three years. This year Bryce received two white ribbons and an Honorable Mention. He was really proud because he entered eight items and received eight ribbons. Sonora is lucky to have the duo of dessert masters. Now we just

have to convince them to share those goodies with the rest of us

more often. Congratulations to both Kathy and Bryce.

### see page 5 and 6. Mallie Turner joins Iwo Jima commemorative celebration held in Fredericksburg



Mallie Turner (left corner of truck) rides in a special parade in Fredericksburg, TX.

Sonora's Mallie Turner was recently a part of The National Museum of the Pacific War and the Admiral Nimitz Foundation celebration, honoring those who fought at the Battle of Iwo Jima. The special event was held in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the battle and was held in Fredericksburg from February 17-21, 2005.

The battle was one of the greatest amphibious assaults in history. Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief Pacific, gave his own personal tribute to those who fought there when he served, "Among the Americans who served on Iwo Island, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

Turner, a member of USNC's 70th Construction Battalion Seabees, took part in some of the highlights, including a "Public Tribute to the Heroes of Iwo Jima" memorial service, with Keynote remarks by the Commandant of the U.S. Marine Corps, General Michael Hagee, a Fredericksburg native. Fox News personality and author of "War Stories: Heroes of the Pacific," Oliver North, also spoke. Other special guests for the day were Hershel Williams, one of only three living Medal of Honor recipients from Iwo Jima, and Medal of Honor Recipient, Jeff Deblanc, a Marine fighter ace.

The commemoration included two large-scale living history reenactments of the capture of Mount Suribachi and the two flag raisings and a heroes' Parade down Main Street. The very special honorary event was held in conjunction with Presidents' Day.

The Pulitzer Prize winning photo of Marines raising the

American flag on the summit of Mount Suribachi during the battle of Iwo Jima has become an enduring image of bravery and heroism that is recognized around the world. The invasion of Iwo Jima, a small island located 660 miles south of Tokyo, occurred from February 10 through most of March 1945. Iwo Jima was strategically important as an air base for fighter escorts supporting longrange bombing missions against mainland Japan. Over 250,000 men and 900 ships were involved in the amphibious operation. So fierce was the battle that more U.S. Marines earned the Congressional Medal of Honor, our country's highest award for valor, on Iwo Jima than in any other battle in American history.

### Lighthouse Community Church

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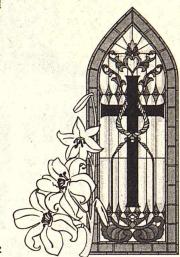
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### **Obituaries**

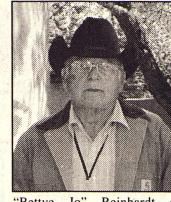
### L.P. Bloodworth, Jr.

L.P. Bloodworth, Jr., 82, passed away at his home in Ruidoso, New Mexico, on February 20, 2005 and arrived in Heaven a split second later. He was born to Lloyd P. Bloodworth and Ida Halbert Bloodworth on July 2, 1922 in Fort Worth, Texas. Early years were spent in El Paso, Texas, where he excelled in athletics and attended Texas College of Mines on a football scholarship.

Pearl Harbor ended his college days, as he enlisted in the US Army Air Corps in December 1942, and was later assigned to the now famous 490th Bombardment Squadron, "The Burma Bridge Busters". He was deployed to the CBI (China, Burma, India Theater) as a bombardier and navigator.

After the war ended, he managed the family ranch in Sonora for a time. Drought years of the 50's proved too tough to ranch, so he moved his family to Los Lunas, New Mexico and farmed alfalfa, became a lawman and later became Superintendent of the New Mexico Boys Ranch. He returned, with his family, to Sonora in 1957 and resumed operating the family ranch while under the employment of El Paso Natural Gas Company, retiring after 20 years of service. Ranching then became his full time occupation and remained his first love until his

He is survived by sons, Lloyd P. (Buck) Bloodworth III and wife Susan; Lee C. Bloodworth and wife Darlette of Sonora, Texas; Bert R. Bloodworth and wife Carolyn of Midland, Texas; Christi D. Berger and wife Sherri of Irving, Texas; and Larry Joe Berger of Austin, Texas. Grandchildren: Brandon Bloodworth and wife Christin Winchester, Virginia; Graham, Thomas, and Hilton Bloodworth of Sonora, Texas, Cole Bloodworth and wife Megan, and Allen Bloodworth of Austin, Texas. He is also survived by a brother, Basil Halbert "Hal" Bloodworth and wife Ruthie of Ruidoso, New Mexico, and a sister Elizabeth J.



"Bettye Jo" Reinhardt of Fabens, Texas, and three greatgrandchildren. He is also survived by his gracious companion, Muriel Stickles of Greenville, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn Rice Bloodworth, who died in 1991, and by Nancy Berger Bloodworth, whom he married in 1973. She died in 1998. His sister, Kidie Mae Dennis, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, died in 1973.

He was active in the Masonic Lodge and was Master of Dee Ora Lodge #715 in Sonora, Texas. He served his community and his maker through his obligation to masonry and to his God.

He will be sadly missed by his family and his many friends.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, February 25 at the First United Methodist Church in Sonora, Texas. Masonic graveside services were performed at the cemetery after the service.

Pallbearers were Bob H. Byrd, Jr., Dick Byrd, Robert Sol Mayer, David Fisher, Seco Mayfield, Mickey Sharp, William Drake "Bill" Karnes, and Tim Thorp.

Honorary pallbearers were Jack H. Sharp, Bob Teaff, Ralph P. Mayer, Stanley B. Mayfield, Bob H. Byrd, Sr., W.L. "Bud" Whitehead, and Carl Hugh

The family requested that memorials be made to the Scottish Rite Hospital for Children, 2222 Welborn Street, Dallas, Texas 75219-9982.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home of Sonora, Texas.

### Notes of Appreciation

The family of Nick Shurley wish to express their thanks and appreciation to everyone who showed their love and support during

The out-pouring of love, prayers, food, time and flowers was

We would like to express a special thanks to Rod and Kathy Knight, Rev. Lewis and Cyndy Allen, Helen Hokit, Debra Hobbs, Dorothy Cramer, Rhonda Hall, Pam Armke and the rest of our Good Shepard Family. There are just too many wonderful friends who helped so much to name them all here. We would also like to thank Mr. Chavarria and Mr. Myers for allowing the service to be held in the Sonora High School gym. There are no words to express the depth of our appreciation to all of the special friends and family members who helped Marvin hand dig Nick's grave. Marvin said it was the last thing he could do for his son and each of you helped make that very special expression of love possible.

Marvin F. and Wanda Shurley, Cody & Heather Gann, Kevin &

Veronica Gann and Amy Gann

We, the family of Robin Vela, would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, food, kind thoughts and prayers for our family in our time of sadness. We would also like to thank the ambulance personnel, Dr. Pajestka, Dr. & Mrs. Johnson, Martha, Manuel Tobias, Mage Bernal, Diana Green, Anna Luna, Pat, Maria Elena Porras, Maria Carrasco, Sandrita Gonzalez, ICU Staff, Emo Sanchez, Dialysis Staff, Vista Care Hospice and for the people who prepared and served the food at the church. If we missed anyone we apologize and thank you. Bless all of you.

Alyssa, Anthony Vela, Mary L. & Polo Gutierrez, Jesse Vela, Eulogio Vela, Toni Vela, RoseAnn Samaniego, Rebecca Castillo, Joe Vela, and Connie Castillo

### Elizabeth Applewhite

Elizabeth Applewhite went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on February 21, 2005. Church services were held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, at the Ozona Methodist Church, with burial following in the Cedar Hill Cemetery. Elizabeth was born September 22, 1920, in San Angelo, TX and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Coose of Juno and later Ozona. Reared and educated in Ozona Public School, she graduated from Draughon's Business College in San Antonio, TX. She attended classes in the summer and took correspondence courses during the winter months while working as secretary of Ozona Public Schools Superintendent C.S. for Denham.

In March of 1951, she began her 38 1/2 year career at the Crockett County Water Control. Lib was a woman of many talents. She didn't just work for the water district when she began. The office was shared by Bright Baggett's Insurance Agency, and Lib worked for him, too. She also helped with the Red Cross. Lib was a very active helper in her community.

Lib met and later married the love of her life, Charles Applewhite, on March 14, 1946 after he came to Ozona as a surveyor with National Geophysical. He later became a partner in the Ozona Butane Co. for over 40 years. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1996.

After retirement, they were Helping Hands volunteers and delivered Meals on Wheels.

Lib was known for her love

After a lengthy battle with of life, positive attitude and her love of the Lord. She was a devout member of the Ozona Methodist Church. She will be missed by all whose lives she

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charlie; a son, 0 Johnny Childress; a grandson, George Austin Preston; her parents Modenia and Steve Coose; and a sister Jo Nell Corder. Lib is survived by a daugh-

ter and son-in-law, Jill and Richard Preston of Eldorado, Texas, a son and daughter-inlaw, Jack and Shelly Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas and a daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Kip Nichols of Hamilton, Grandchildren include Trey and Hunter Preston; Clifford and Emily Nichols; Derek Nichols; Randy Moore and Shannon Moore; Amberlie Applewhite; John Clayton and Megan Childress and Courtney Childress. Great-grandchildren include Charles Russell Childress and John Cole Childress.

She is also survived by a beloved sister, Willa V. Baggett of Peach Tree, Georgia; three brothers and sister-in-law, Gene Applewhite, Alex Applewhite of Hamilton, Texas; Billie and wife, Mae Applewhite of Grandbury, Texas.; several nieces, nephews and cousins and a life-long friend, Dorothy Friend of Ozona, Texas.

A very special thanks goes to the Schleicher County Nursing Home and Hospice of San Angelo for the loving care of our mother. Memorials can be made to the charity of your choice. Funeral arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

### Rebecca "Becky" Gandar

Sonora- Rebecca "Becky" Gandar of Houston and formerly of Sonora passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2005 in Houston. Services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February, 26, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church. The burial followed in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

She is survived by four sons, Jerry Paloma, Canuto "Cono" Palomo, Israel Palomo, and Daniel Palomo all of Houston.

### Robin Lisa Vela

Robin Lisa Vela of Sonora passed away Thursday, February 25, 2005 in San Angelo. Services were held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2005 at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial following at Sonora Cemetery. Robin is survived by her mother, Mary Lou-Gutierrez of Sonora, son Anthony Benjamin Vela of Sonora, daughter Alyssa Vela of Sonora; three brothers, Jessie Vela of Lytle, Texas, 🔎 Euloio Vela of Sonora, and Joe Vela of California; four sisters, Toni Vela of Odessa, Roseann Samaniego of Grand Prairie, Rebecca Castillo of Sonora, and Connie Castillo of Sonora.

Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home

### **Senior Center News**

March 4 - Lynne Alexander Benefits Counselor from AAA available for questions!

March 8 - Sterling Life Insurance Co. - noon

March 10 - Crafts anyone?

Senior Center Menu Beef stew with veggies, green beans, cornbread, pear half with cottage cheese, pudding, milk
Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, broccoli, March 7

March 8 roll, green salad, cherry cobbler, milk Beef burrito, pinto beans, spinach, tossed salad,

Jell-O with fruit, milk March 10 - Pork chops with gravy, noodles, carrots, tossed

salad, bread, applesauce, milk
- Spanish meatballs, rice, green beans, sliced March 11

tomatoes, rolls, pineapple rings, 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.\*

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### **Community Calendar**

March 7

Relay for Life Team Captain Meeting - First National Bank -5:30 p.m. March 9

March 7 - 11

Spring Break

Lenten Luncheon - Noon - St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall Devotional Speaker - Rev. Michael Dinio of St. Ann's Catholic Church

The Community Calendar



March 14

Sutton County Commissioners Court - 9:00 a.m. Sutton County Annex Building

March 15

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

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### Ask the Historical Society

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

Generous memorials were received from Lawrence J. and Martha Jo Finklea in memory of the following: Jimmy Condra, Vernon Humphreys, Nick Shurley, L. P. Bloodworth.

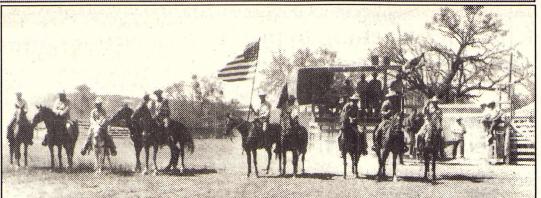
A while back I ran this photo but today I came across the following article in "The Devil's River News" July 29, 1949-John Wards Give Picnic And Roping-Mr. and Mrs. John Ward and son, John Allen, were hosts Saturday afternoon and night to more than 150 people at the Ward ranch for roping and a barbecue supper. The roping was the first for the new arena which the Wards have built near the house.

Masters of Ceremonies for the event were H. V. "Buzzie" Stokes and George D. "Sally" Chalk, and judges were Rip Ward, John Fields, Andy Bode and Hub Hale. B. M. "Bustie" Halbert served as arena director, John Ward as flag man and George Allison of San Angelo as timekeeper.

The afternoon's events included jackpot, match and team roping, goat roping, goat milking and goat hair-pulling. Brahma steer riding and a girls' foot-race.

Two performers, Bud Halbert and John Allen Ward, tied for honors as the meet's top

participant. This photo has a note that says it was taken on July 4, 1947 at the Casa Piedra Ranch, 3 miles West of Sonora, TX. Mounted horsemen, left to right: John A. Ward III, John A. Ward Jr., "Busty" Halbert, unknown, "Nasty" Taylor, Bubby Chalk, Uncle Elmer, Wayne Ogden, L. P. Bloodworth, Bud Halbert (on white burro), Joe Hull. Dismounted horsemen: "Warty" Alley, Sid Awalt, Glen Richardson. In the Grandstand: Rip Ward, Albert Ward (announcer) and three rodeo hands. The photo was taken by Boyd Lovelace. Some other type of competition



Roping at the Ward Ranch, 1947.

Q. Was Wayne Martin's body ever brought back for burial in the US. I couldn't find it in our cemetery?

A. Yes but he wasn't buried in the Sonora Cemetery. "The Devil's River News," August 5, 1949 - Reburial Services for Sgt. Wayne L. Martin are to be held in Del Rio Monday afternoon, August 8, from the Doran Funeral Chapel. Services will be at 4 o'clock and interment will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Del

Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Martin, was a native of Sonora being born here May 4, 1924. He moved to Ozona with his parents at an early age, and from there to Del Rio, where he attended high school.

He enlisted in the USAAF at 17 years of age, and was assigned to a B17 squadron. He was turret gunner and crew chief at the time of his death on February 3, 1945. His plane was shot down on a bombing mission over Berlin on that date, and Martin was declared missing in action.

It was after the end of the war that Martin's fate was established, his grave then being found by an American Graves Registration detail in a Prisoner of War cemetery west of Berlin, in the Russian occupation zone.

He was awarded the Air Medal, Purple Heart and ETO Medal during his years of service. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two sisters, Miss Marjorie Martin and Mrs. Lester Kessel, both of Fallbrook, California, and relatives in Sonora, including Mrs. Harvey Morris, aunt, Mrs. R. L. Hallum, aunt, John Green, uncle and

Mrs. Alfred Cooper, cousin. Both grandmothers, Mrs. J. W. Martin and Mrs. J. M. Puckett, also survive.

Q. Who won the 1949 game between Junction and Sonora and who were the play-

A. The players for Sonora were Bittle as B, Kring as B, Berlanga as B, Henderson as B, Drennan as LE, Caldwell as LT, Odom as LG, Howell as C, McKee as RG, Anthony as RT and Galindo as RE. Junction had Evans as B, Warren as B, Brite as B, J. Crumbley as B, J. Brown as LE, Guthrie as LT, Schoolcraft as LG, Schaefer as C, Harriss as RG, Whitlock as RT, and Blackburn as RE. It was noted that Harriss weighed 210 and Whitlock weighed 220 and returning backs Brite and Crumbley, gave the locals quite a workout last year. "The Devil's River News" of October 14, 1949 reported that Junction Rally Gives Eagles Win Over Broncos 20-13. Snapping back in the last few minutes of the game with two quick touchdowns, the Junction Eagles indeed proved themselves "the Bronchos, stumbling blocks" by pasting up a 20-13 decision

Friday night at Sonora stadium. The Bronchos went right to work in the first quarter scoring as the result of two passes, Henderson to Kring, and a line plunge by Berlanga. The try for point failed. The Eagles came back in the second quarter after working the ball down to the one. Evans went over, then charged over again for the point, making it 7-6 when the half

Junction's heavier, more experienced line made rough going for the Broncos in the third quarter, but they managed to hold on and in the fourth quarter, with about 8 minutes to go, Henderson romped over to put Sonora back in the ball game, 13-7.

The Broncs got possession of the ball again, but couldn't gain. A pass, intended for Galindo, was intercepted by Crumbley who ran 33 yards for the score. Try for point was good. A few plays later, Evans clinched it when he went right through the middle for 42 yards and the final score.

Sonora's passing was excellent in spite of the interception. Henderson had 8 completions out of 14 attempts. Junction failed to connect on two tries. Penalties cost the Broncos 30 yards to Junction's

In the same issue I found a little note that the school wall on the West side of the elementary building was to be torn down due to a drainage problem on that side of the building.

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.net. You may call us at the office Monday, Friday or Saturday mornings 325-387-5084 for assistance with rentals, with questions regarding local history or just stop in at 307 Oak Street, right next to the Meirs Home Museum. We have items on display in the offices, an archival storage area and will be happy to take you on a tour of

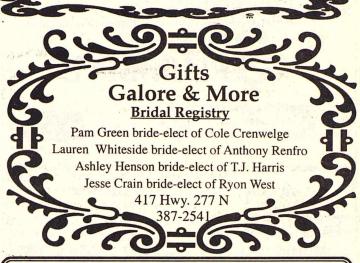


### **Tedford Jewelry**

**Bridal Registry** 

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#### Legislators roll dice with casino gambling bills State Capital Even if voters approve a (R-Odessa) has filed a similar Garland, fellow Republican Joe

### Highlights Texas Press Association

By Mike Cox

AUSTIN - If the prospect of legalized casino gambling in Texas amounted to a poker game, no one's shuffled the cards yet, but the seal's been broken on a new deck and the ante's on the table.

That happened Feb. 24 when a Republican house member and a Democratic senator filed legislation calling for a vote on a constitutional amendment that would allow up to a dozen casinos in Texas.

As many as seven casinos could be located in major metropolitan areas, two on the coast and three wherever they had the best opportunity of improving the community's economy.

Measures filed by Rep. Charlie Green of Fort Worth and Sen. Rodney Ellis of Houston will need a two-thirds vote in both chambers and the governor's signature, but if that happens, Texans will get to vote on Nov. 8 to create a Texas Gaming Commission that would license and regulate casinos.

constitutional amendment, final authority to open a casino would rest on a local option election. In announcing their resolutions the two lawmakers said casino gambling would bring in some \$2.1 billion a year for the state and another \$730 million for local governments. Neither legislator offered odds, but both said they think they have a shot at getting the amendment on the

Rep. Kino Flores (D-Mission) earlier filed a bill that would allow 24 casinos in the state, still contingent on approval of a constitutional amendment.

End of line for Railroad Commission?

Texas The Railroad Commission had its start in 1891 during the administration of Gov. James Hogg. One hundred fourteen years later, a name change could be coming down the track. Rep. Corbin Van Arsalde (R-Houston) has filed House Joint Resolution 42, a measure that would put a constitutional amendment on the ballot to rename the regulatory agency the Texas Energy Commission. Rep. Buddy West

piece of legislation, House Bill

The two lawmakers would like to see the agency renamed because it doesn't have much at all to do with railroads these days. It did when it was created, but oil and gas regulation long ago eclipsed the RRC's role with railroads.

Traffic program hits red light...

Garland city officials say using cameras at intersections to discourage drivers from running red lights has resulted in a 20 percent decrease in the dangerous offense.

But the House on Feb. 24 passed on first reading House Bill 1347, a measure by Rep. Gary Elkins (R-Houston) that would make the red light enforcement tool illegal in

Elkins argues that the presence of the cameras, which photograph the license plates of vehicles going through an intersection after a light has changed, increases rear-end crashes and has more to do with municipal revenue-generation than safety.

The House member from

Driver, says using the cameras lowers the number of collisions and saves lives. The House will have to

vote on the bill one more time before it goes to the Senate.

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### Making history fun



Monica Traylor and Emily Newton prepared for the San Angelo Stockshow Parade on Saturday, February 19. Monica and Emily are members of the Confederate Rose, a historical education organization.

### Happy **Birthday**

March 3 Hannah Allison, Zeke Gamez, Zac Kerbow

March 4

Carter Law, Irma DeHoyas, Matthew Glasscock, Zack Wall, Joe Flores, Joe Espinosa, Sherrie Taylor, Rashel DeLuna

March 5 Eric Espinosa, Albert Chavez March 6

Rachel Lira, Micaela Moore, Skylar Kuresetch, Jarrett Crain, Makayla Galindo, Matthew Young, Lisa Herring, Alex Gonzales

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### Kodi Ann Davis is happy to announce the early arrival of her baby sister Koda Joy Davis she was born February 14, 2005 at 11:18 a.m. Koda weighed 4 lbs 10 ozs and was 16 3/4" long Proud parents are Candy and Robert Davis Maternal grand-parents are Clinton and Julie Gamel of Mason, Texas Paternal grand-parents are Jim and Jo Davis and Jim and Margaret Garrett of Sonora.

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### Chamber Chatter

### Chamber working to promote hunting in Sutton County

Commerce is working on a DVD to advertise hunting in Sonora and Sutton County. We could use any photographs or videos that you might have of hunting or the wildlife in the area. It will be much easier if the photos are digital or can at least be electronically transmitted to our office. Once we have the photographs or videos, they will become the property of Sonora Chamber of Commerce and we will use them for advertising and promotional purposes. The Sutton County Game Dinner Association travels to Houston every year for the "Hunting Extravaganza." They hand out over 1000 pamphlets full of information about Sonora, including the Hunting Guide Lease Listing, area motel and restaurant information, land for sale, retailers with hunting supplies and services and any other pertinent info. We would like to have a DVD about hunting for them to display in the booth while they are handing out information. We would also

Sonora Chamber of like to spice up the hunting lease guide pages of our website with some photographs. If you would send us some of your photos and you have a lease listed with us, we will try to get your picture associated with your listing.

The hunting business is big business in Texas, and more and more, people are just as interested in photographing wildlife as harvesting it. If you or anyone you know is offering photo hunts, please let us know. We would love to list these on our website as well. Let's not miss the shot at exposing the rest of the world to our wonderful resources in Sonora and Sutton County.

Please send your photoby graphs e-mail soncoc@sonoratx.net . We are really looking forward to having these on our website and the DVD about hunting in Sonora. You may visit our website at www.sonoratx-chamber.com <a href="http://www.sonoratx-cham-">http://www.sonoratx-cham-</a> ber.com/>.

### The Glory of Texas



Representative Henry Bonilla

This week marks a special occasion for our great state. It is he anniversary of our state's independence from

Mexico. On March 2, 1836 a convention of 54 men met in the small settlement of Washingtonon-the-Brazos to sign the Texas Declaration of Independence.

The Texas Declaration of Independence was produced, literally, overnight. Its urgency was paramount. While the founding fathers of Texas prepared the document, the Alamo in San Antonio was under siege by Santa Anna's army of In near-freezing weather, in an unfinished building, the convention voted in the early morning hours of March 2nd to unanimously accept the resolution. Ultimately, fiftyeight members signed the document. And thus was born the Republic of Texas.

The declaration sent a sign to Mexico that Texans would no longer live under what many of them regarded as a tyrannical was testimony that Texans were ready and willing to fight for their freedom. And fight they

Four days after signing the ument, William Barret document. Travis and 184 brave men concluded their gruesome battle against more than five thousand Mexican troops. The odds were against the Texas volunteers, but they were determined to stay the course and fight until the end.

When the battle was over, only 15 people - mostly women and children - were spared. Familiar names like Davey Crockett, James Bowie and Juan Badillo lost their lives that fateful day. These brave souls did not give their lives in vain. The casualties that the Texas forces mounted against Mexico, and the time lost in reducing the Alamo cut short Mexico's campaign. It gave Sam Houston just enough time to perfect his plans for the defense of Texas and enabled him to win the Battle of San Jacinto on April 21, 1836. This

for Texas. In the saga of Texas history, there is no period as distinctive as Texas' struggle for independence. The period's heros are remembered in the names of cities and towns, streets, plazas and public buildings. The Lone Star flag, inherited from the original Texas Republic, still flies proudly throughout our

victory spelled a final freedom

I'd like to leave you with a quote by Sam Houston just before the Battle of San Jacinto.

We view ourselves on the of battle. We are nerved for rule from a distant source. It the contest, and must conquer or perish. It is vain to look for present aid: none is at hand. We must now act or abandon all hope! Rally to the standard, and be no longer the scoff of mercenary tongues! Be men, be free men, that your children may bless their father's name.'

Texas Independence Day is an occasion for all Texans to stand proud and remember the men who stood up for their rights and fought for their freedom. God Bless Texas!

### Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

This past Monday morning at 1:00 a.m. a house in my neighborhood caught fire. Waking up to the smell of smoke and thinking my own house was on fire is something I will never forget! On no account will I ever overlook how hard the Sonora Volunteer Fire Department worked to save the house and how diligently they fought to keep the flames from my home and others in my neighborhood. As I watched in horror, it struck me how dangerous their job is and how they risk their lives on a regular basis! It became apparent that this group of men and women were as dedicated to saving property and lives as any big town "salaried" fire department. I kept telling myself, "Wow, they're just volunteers! They aren't even getting paid for this!"

As I sit here today, saddened by the family's loss, I am reminded of how lucky we are here in Sonora to have the Volunteer Fire Department and the EMS. Without the services of these fine volunteers my neighbors and I would have had one heck of a mess on our hands! Our garden hoses were no match for these flames! Once again, thank you Sonora VFD for a job well done!

Sincerely,

Kelly L. Thorp

### Thank-you notes

Robert, Candy, Kodi and Koda Davis would like to say thankyou to everyone who were so supportive during our recent stay at Shannon Medical. Koda was born prematurely and had to stay in the hospital for 12 days. Your prayers, calls, visits and overall show of love and concern made the scary time more bearable. Koda Joy Davis is now home and is doing well and is looking forward to meeting her friends in Sonora. Thank you again and God Bless you

The Robert Davis Family

### **Eating Healthy and Affordably** American Dietetic Association **Translates Food Costs into Dollars** and Good Sense



Submitted by: Kelly L Thorp and were County Extension changing Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative

Many people want to buy healthy foods, but does it seem that "healthy" and "inexpensive" are often mutually exclusive terms?

"There is a big misconception that eating healthy - including lots of fruits, vegetables whole grains, lean meat and low-fat dairy products - is beyond people's budgets," says registered dietitian Dawn Blatner, a spokesperson for the American Dietetic Association.

"If you price out the cost of eating for one day, it is truly less expensive than most people probably think it is. For a 2,000calorie meal plan, it costs approximately \$6.69 per day. If you're a vegetarian, it is slightly less at approximately \$6.33.

"What most people may not realize is that there is a wide variety of choices in each group of foods, so you never have to be bored by limiting yourself to one type of food," Blatner says. "As long as you aren't eating more than the recommended serving amount, your cost per day to eat healthfully should be no more than \$7."

Blatner offers healthy yet inexpensive examples of food choic-

Scouts Hit the Trails on Eaton Hill

FRUITS (fresh, frozen or canned in light juice) - berries, an orange or juice, grapefruit, banana, apple, peaches or mixed fruit, watermelon, plum, melon, pear, raisins or other dried fruits VEGETABLES (fresh, frozen or canned with no salt added) fresh spinach, tomato, broccoli, bell pepper, canned string beans, frozen broccoli, cauliflower, collards, romaine lettuce, carrots, sweet potato, peas, squash, turnip greens, onions, okra, kale

GRAINS - oatmeal, cold wholegrain breakfast cereal, wholewheat or whole-grain bread and crackers, whole-wheat pasta, brown rice, popcorn

PROTEIN - beef, chicken, pork, turkey, fresh or frozen fish such as cod, tuna, salmon, catfish and

ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN tofu, black, garbanzo, pinto or kidney beans, black-eyed peas, hummus, nuts, seeds, peanut butter

DAIRY - low-fat or no-fat milk, yogurt, low-fat cheese; mozzarella, Swiss, American, provolone, cheddar, ricotta, Parmesan

NON-DAIRY - soy milk, soy yogurt, soy cheese

"It's great to know that the food choices for healthy eating are endless, as are the health benefits of enjoying a variety of foods all in moderation," Blatner says.

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On Tuesday February 22nd, the Sonora Boy Scout Pack 19 Webelos hit the trails on Eaton Hill. The hike was designed to fulfill the requirements of earning the Webelos' naturalist badges. The boys studied poisonous plant identification, plant use, migratory bird flyways, bird identification and poisonous snakes.

### Sutton County Wool Judging Teams travel to area contests



Shawna Faris, Madison Myers, Colton Moore, Hunter Jennings, Bailey Joe Pennington, Sterling Love, Steely Ingham, Stella Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Emily Earwood, and Zachary Leonard.

Sutton County 4-H Club fielded three wool judging teams in the contest held in conjunction with the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. A total of 29 teams and 106 individuals competed in the wool judging event. Team #1 members were Emily Earwood, Craig Leonard, Laura Martin, and Colton Moore. Team #2 members were Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, Meredith Earwood, and Cash Jennings. Team #3 members were Hunter Jennings, Stella Ingham, Sterling Love and Bailey Joe Pennington. Team #2 finished 7th place and team #3 placed 8th. Savannah

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ended in the wee hours of the

following morning. We found

no time during the long days and short nights for becoming

couch potatoes or getting into

mischief. In addition to the knowledge and experiences we

brought from this camp, we, as

Buckskin cadets, also devel-

oped confidence in ourselves

and were provided the

resources to share our experi-

ences and our newfound knowl-

edge of wildlife and conserva-

tion with the rest of the world.

"Tell me, I forget. Show me, I

remember. Involve me, I under-

stand." is evident in every

aspect of the camp. We spent

most of the four days being

involved in hands-on activities such as performing a necropsy

on a white-tailed deer to learn about the anatomy. We showed

up to the camp not knowing

what to expect and, before we knew it, we were getting down

n' dirty with the intestinal

region of a deer. This was a lit-

tle out of my daily routine. I

don't usually get up in the

morning and perform a necropsy. The necropsy is only one of

the dozens of fun and interest-

ing activities that we did at the

camp. This is what makes this

camp so unusual. We did things

that we normally wouldn't do

while just hunting and cleaning

a deer. We also learned easier

techniques to use when clean-

ing that big trophy buck. Not

interested in the white-tailed deer? There are also other

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Since I attended the camp, I have done public presentations, had my articles published

the Bass Brigade.

arships.

The Texas Brigades motto

Looking for something to

by Ethan West

Leonard had an excellent score of 632 points and finished 5th high individual.

Judging contestants also competed at contests held during the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. Team #1 members were Steely Ingham, Savannah Leonard, Emily Earwood, and Craig Leonard. Team #3 members were Colton Moore, Bailey Joe Pennington, Sterling Love and Hunter Jennings. Team #3 members were Zachary Leonard, Stella Ingham, Gunter Pennington, and Madison Myers. Team #1 finished 1st in the mohair judging contest, 1st in the combined scores of mohair and wool. Team #3 finished 5th in the mohair contest, 9th in the wool contest and 7th in the combined contests. Team #3 placed 9th in the mohair judging. In individual overall points, Emily Earwood placed 1st, thus winning a \$500 scholarship, Savannah Leonard was 5th, Steely Ingham finished 6th followed by Craig Leonard in

Shawna Faris coached the wool and mohair judging activities of Sutton County 4-H Club. Congratulations to Shawna and the 4-Hers she coaches. They will now begin preparation for the 4-H district contests to be held in April in Kerrville.

### Stacy Sanchez chosen as Lions Club Student of the Month



Downtown Lions Club Student of the Month.

Stacy Sanchez is the Sonora Downtown Lions Club student for March. Sanchez, a sophomore at S.H.S., is the daughter of Mari and David Sanchez. She is active in debate and is the one-act stage manager. Sanchez also enjoys softball, tennis, and basketball. Her favorite class is debate. Congratulations to Stacy Sanchez.

## **Nature Conservancy offers**

Need something for the whole family to do over Spring Break? Join the Friends of the Davis Mountains Preserve for a long open weekend on Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday March 10-14, 2005, featuring self-guided and guided hiking, a backpacking overnight, self-guided birding, trail riding (BYOH – Bring Your Own Horse), a 4-wheel-drive tour, a cast iron cooking potluck and camping on the Davis Mountains Preserve. All events and camping are free and open to the public. Gates open at 6 p.m. on Thursday and close at 4 p.m. on Monday.

hiking, a horseback ride at 9:30 a.m., a backpacking overnight beginning at 9:00 a.m., a 4-wheel-drive tour beginning at 1:00 p.m., and camp cooking demonstration beginning around 4 p.m. Scheduled events for Sunday include a guided Mt. Livermore hike at 8:00 a.m. and a horseback ride at 9:30 a.m.

Overnight primitive camping is available and free, with camping areas within a short distance of the parking area. A fire ring and barbecue pit is available for campers for potluck grilling or sampling cast iron camp stove cooking. No other open fires will be permitted. Participants are encouraged to bring food, water, weatherappropriate clothing, hats and sun protection. Cameras and field glasses will come in handy for most events. Horseback riders must bring Coggins test documentation. Four-wheel drive vehicles must

Owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy of Texas, the 32,000-acre Davis Mountains Preserve on Hwy. 118 near Fort Davis is a spectacular representative of "sky island" ecology, providing home to animals and plants that live nowhere else in Texas and some found nowhere else on Earth. The preserve was part of the historic "U Up, U Down" McIvor Ranch until the Conservancy



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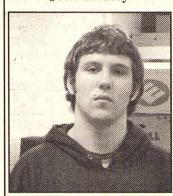
Maricela Moreno



Maricela Moreno is the 17-year-old daughter of Patricio and Lucia Moreno. The Sonora High School junior was born in Monterrey and moved to Sonora in August of 1997. Her hobbies include reading books and playing basketball. Her favorite subjects are chemistry, math, history and nursing.

Maricela is still unsure of what she would like to do after graduation.

Josh Lindsey



Joshua Ryan Lindsey is a 16-year-old junior at Sonora High School.

Joshua was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico and moved to Sonora in November

Josh enjoys playing bass guitar, playing on his Sony Play Station, and hanging out with friends. Josh's favorite subjects are U.S. History, English and band.

Josh plans to attend college after graduation and would like to get a good job.

The teachers and staff of Sonora High wish to congratulate our students of the week for all of their hard work and progress.

The Relay for Life Committee is looking for high thool age leaders to join this year's Relay for Life planning committee. Should be somene with good leadership skills who is interested in working with a youth team and helping raise funds for cancer research. If you are interested or know someone who might be good in this position, please call Storie Sharp at 387-2507.

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March 24

March 31

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March 18 & 19 Eldorado Eldorado (JV)\* Mason (JV)\*

\* JV will play

### 2005 High School Golf Schedule

Girls

**Date Event/Location** 

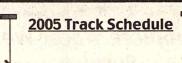
3/8/05 San Saba Invitational Iraan Invitational 3/21/05 3/30/05 Eldorado\*+





**Date** 3/23/05 3/30/05

**Event/Location** March 11/12 San Angelo Invitational Iraan Invitational Eldorado\*+



3/05/05 March 11 & 12 3/19/05

3/25/05

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**Time** TBA TBA TBA

### 2005 Baseball Schedule

### Varisty Baseball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/4/05	Ballinger	Sonora	7:30
3/8/05	Bangs	Sonora	5:00
3/10/05	Bangs	Bangs	TBA
3/15/05	Ozona*	Sonora	5:30
3/18/05	Grape Creek*	Grape Creek	4:00
3/22/05	Reagan*	Sonora	5:30
3/24/05	Junction*	Junction	7:00
3/29/05	Eldorado*	Sonora	5:30

### JV Baseball

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
3/4/05	Ballinger	Sonora	5:00
3/7/05	Eldorado	Sonora	5:00
3/14/05	Ozona*	Ozona	5:00
3/21/05	Reagan*	Reagan	5:00
3/24/05	Junction*	Junction	4:30
3/28/05	Eldorado*	Eldorado	4:00

### **Ladies Softball**

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
March 3,4,5	San Angelo T.	There	TBA
March 11,12	Miles T.	There	TBA
3/15/05	Lakeview	Home	5:30
3/18/05	Lakeview	There	5:30
3/22/05	Junction*	There	4:00
3/24/05	Eldorado*	Home	4:00
3/29/05	Grape Creek*	Home	4:00

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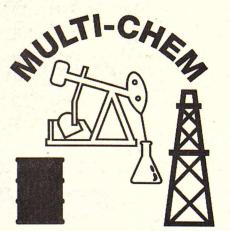
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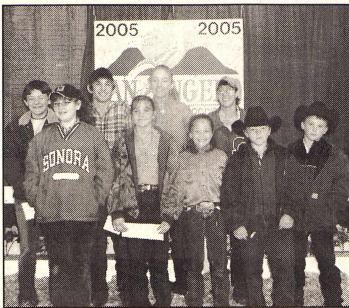
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# Sutton County 4-H and FFA youth compete in Jr. Ewe Lamb Futurity



Back row: Bailey Joe Pennington, Colton Moore, Steely Ingham, and Mandy Brister. Front row: Stella Ingham, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Kylie Love, Gunter Pennington, and Chance Campbell. Not pictured: Kaija Valkonen

submitted

Ten of Sutton County's youth participated with a pair of ewe lambs in the Jr. Ewe Lamb Futurity during the 2005 San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo. This five part project involves the participants learning a variety of different aspects of the ewe lambs they feed for a four month period. They are required to keep records on their animals, judge a class of wool, evaluate a class of lambs on their body confirmation and uniformity, and take a written exam on the handbook given to them at the beginning of the project. This project offers a great deal to these individuals in the education of wool, livestock and production.

Placing in the Live Evaluation portion of the project: Kylie Love-8th and Bailey

Joe Pennington-9th

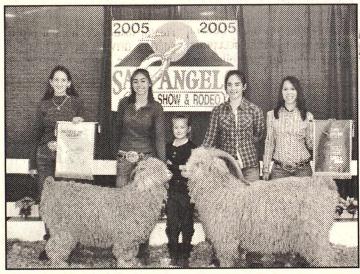
Placing in the Wool Evaluation portion: Chelsey Lou Campbell- 1st, Gunter Pennington-2nd, Kylie Love-3rd, Colton Moore-4th, Chance Campbell-6th, Kaija Valkonen-7th, Steely Ingham-8th, Mandy Brister-10th

In the Placing and Evaluation portion: Kylie Love-2nd, Mandy Brister-7th, and Steely Ingham-10th

On the Written Exam: Steely Ingham-1st (the only perfect score of 100), Bailey Joe Pennington-3rd, Colton Moore-4th, and Mandy Brister-8th

In the Overall project: Steely Ingham-5th, Bailey Joe Pennington-9th, Kylie Love-10th, Colton Moore-11th, and Mandy Brister-12th

### San Angelo Livestock Show 2005 Angora Goat Results



Champion Buck & Reserve Champion Doe, Emily & Meredith Earwood, Kelsey Watkins, Eryn & Harli Belk

The San Angelo Livestock Angora Goat Junior Show was held on Thursday, February 24, 2005. Sutton County fared well, with results as follows:

Buck Kid: Emily Earwood 6th, Laura Martin 7th & 8th, Hunter Jennings 10th

Yearling Buck: Emily Earwood 2nd & 5th, Meredith Earwood 3rd & 11th, Word Hudson 4th & 6th, John Duke Hudson 7th, & 8th, Laura Martin 10th, Cash Jennings 13th

**Aged Buck:** Meredith Earwood 1st, Emily Earwood 2nd, Word Hudson 5th, John Duke Hudson 7th, Laura Martin 11th

Champion Buck: Meredith Earwood

**Doe Kid:** Emily Earwood 2nd, Laura Martin 4th & 8th, Meredith Earwood 5th, Kelsey Watkins 9th

**Yearling Doe:** Meredith Earwood 2nd & 8th, Emily Earwood 3rd & 7th, Laura Martin 4th & 10th

Aged Doe: Emily Earwood 1st, Meredith Earwood 2nd & 8th,

Laura Martin 3rd, Kelsey Watkins 4th

Reserve Champion Doe: Meredith Earwood

(Received a \$500 college scholarship)

Exhibitors Flock: Meredith Earwood 1st, Laura Martin 2nd Pen of Three: Meredith Earwood 2nd, Emily Earwood 3rd, Laura Martin 4th



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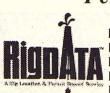
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Dominion; 8800' LR Valliant #305,

**Dominion**; 8565' Richardson - 135 - #9, Patterson Drilling. **Dominion**; 7200' Cauthorn - 16 - #4, Patterson Drilling.

New Samson Lone Star; 10000' Gerald Nicks #10, Patterson Drilling.

**New Dominion**; 8850' Hill-Randee Fawcett Trust - K Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8000' Simmons - 73 - #7X, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 7700' Ida Cauthorn - 135 - #7, Patterson Drilling

New Dominion; 6400' Collier Shurley #17, Patterson Drilling. New KCS Resources; Genini #3812, Patterson Drilling. Crockett

Endeavor Energy; 10500' Dudley - 26 - #2H, Big Dog Drilling.

Devon Energy; 9500' Helbing - 23 - #7, Patterson Drilling.

Momentum Energy; 9150' Shannon Ranch - 5 - #1, Patterson

Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey - A - #703, Nabors Drilling.

Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey #106, Nabors Drilling.

Encore Operating; 8200' Jean Scheuber - A - #1926, Patterson Drilling.

Unit Petroleum; 7100' Roberston - 5A - #2, Patterson Drilling. New Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey #214, Patterson Drilling.

New Anadarko E&P; 8900' Perry Gas Unit - 21 - #18, Patterson Drilling.

New EOG Resources; 5900' Shannon Hospital - 4 - #4, Nabors

Drilling.

New Durango Pipeline; 5500' WS Riddle - 3 - #3, Patterson

Drilling.

New FIML Natural Res.; 5500' Baggett - C - #3B, Patterson

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Newfield; 15000' Poulter #3802, Patterson Drilling. ConocoPhillips; 11400' ACU - 46 - #2, Patterson UTI/LV. Val Verde

New Newfield; 14000' Whitehead #4801, Patterson Drilling. Pure Resources; 4500' Mills Trust - 130 - #1, Nabors Drilling. Rimfire Land; 1000' West Ranch #2S, Latzel Drilling. Rimfire Land; 1000' West Ranch #3S, Latzel Drilling.

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## **Soil Moisture Important For Mechanical Brush Control**

### EXTENSION

submitted by Pascue Hernandez, Sutton County

With cool season green-up under way, we start thinking about brush control and maximizing productivity on pastures. We should keep in mind that mechanical brush control methods such as rootplowing, grubbing and chaining work best when soil moisture conditions are good.

Rootplowing is an effective method of controlling brush but is more effective when soil moisture is sufficient to allow the blade to pass through the soil with reduced resistance. Seeding of forage species is often necessary and desirable following rootplowing

Because rootplowing is expensive, it should be used on sites with high production potential. Root plows with fins usually provide the best brush control but they also destroy existing turf. A thin-bladed root plow without fins will minimize turf damage but may result in reduced brush control.

Chaining involves dragging a heavy anchor chain over brush; this uproots or breaks off brush species. Chaining of live brush species provides only temporary control because of resprouting. However, more live plants are

uprooted when soil moisture is high. Chaining can provide temporary brush control that will allow sufficient grass growth so that prescribed burning can be used as a follow-up treatment.

Chaining is used effectively to retreat areas that have been treated with herbicide. For example, mesquite may be controlled effectively by chaining an area three years after spraying with a herbicide. With high soil moisture, many previously sprayed trees are uprooted. Dead or partially dead mesquite trees are easier to uproot than unsprayed live trees. Chaining is most effective on plants with a main stem diameter of 5 inches or more.

Power grubbing is generally used as a maintenance practice. It is most useful with scattered plants large enough to be easily seen by the equipment operator. The efficiency of grubbing also increases as soil moisture content increases. A large portion of the plant's root system is pulled from the soil when soil moisture is high.

So, ranchers interested in one or more of these methods of mechanical brush control will obtain better results if used in the winter while soil moisture conditions are favorable.

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**Notice of Application** NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the DOMINION OKLA-HOMA TEXAS E & P INC, 14000 QUAIL SPRINGS PKWY #600, OKLAHOMA CITY OK 73134 has made application for a spacing and density exception permit under the provisions of the Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 37 and 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code Section 3.37 and 3.38) Applicant seeks exception to the between well spacing and density of the subject field(s) requirement for the amended permit for Well No. 17, Shurley 141 Lease, 581.64 Acres, Sec. 141, Blk. C, HE & WT RR Co. Survey, A-450, Sawyer (Canyon) Field(s), Sutton County, being 9 miles south southwest of Sonora, Texas. The location of this well is as follows:

1220' from the east line and 2310' from the north line of the lease.

1220' from the east line and 2310' from the north line of the survey.

Field rules for the Sawyer (Canyon) field are 500/1000. 320/40 acres.

As a part of this application, Applicant also seeks permit authority for the Fawcett (Wolfcamp) field. No Rule 37/38 is necessary for this field pursuant to its field rules.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 7000

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Rule 37(h) (2) (A), and 38, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to this application. protest Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minium lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Steve Towns, Agent, at 512-480-9600. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701

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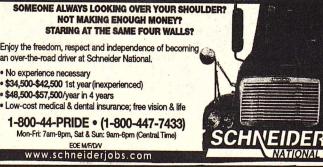
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AJRA Rodeo - On April 30 & May 1, beginning at 10:00 a.m., we will be hosting junior rodeos. Proceeds from the rodeo will benefi the Sutton County Scholarship Fund. Please call in to sign up for working the concession stand and helping with the event, 387

FYI - The high school counselor's office is getting the lis together for this year's local scholarhsips. If you or your organi zations would like to sponsor a scholarship, please contact Kay Friess at Sonora High School, Scholarship applications will go ou on March 14, 2005. For more information, you can contact Mrs Friess at 387-6533.

Pesticide Applicator Training: The Sutton County Extension Office is currently taking registration for anyone interested in acquiring a pesticide applicator license. We will provide training and testing. There is no cost other than study materials and to apply for your license. Training will begin on March 28th; testing will be on April 4th. If interested, call the Extension Office at 387-3101.

Relay for Life Team Captain meeting rescheduled for Monday March 7, 2005, 5:30 p.m. First National Bank. FMI call Storie at 387-2507.

Attention Senior Citizens! Lynne Alexander, a benefits counselo from the Area Agency on Aging will be at the Suttor County/Sonora Senior Center, 201 N. E. Main St. on Friday, March 4, 2005, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. She will answer questions regarding benefits that may be available to you. Information regardng Medicare Part D. Medicaid Estate Recovery, assistance with finding a Prescription Assistance Program, appealing Medicaredenied charges on your hospital/doctor bill, or advice needed on legal issues can be discussed. Bring your Medicare Summary Notice, a list of your medications, or other paperwork for a personal consulation. Call Juanita Mesa at 387-5657 or Lynne Alexander at 1-877-944-9666 with any questions.

Benefit Christoval Project Graduation "Team Roping; Coats Arena, 6910 Treece Road (Just off Hwy 87), March 5, 2005. Rainout: San Angelo Indoor; 3 & 4 Roping (Must have current 2005 association cards), 3 for \$30; books open at 10 a.m. Rope at 11 a.m; Buckles to average winner header and heeler; Sponsor has the right to number non-card holders and re-number card holders; 'No Dogs!", Concession Available, Auction; For more information call Currie Jones at 325-896-2022 or Larry Coats at 325-895-0441

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

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 on Sunday -FMI call Paul Martinez at (325)650-0221 of (325)206-1722.

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 will 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 Office.

Transformation is a youth-focused 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 387-5656.

Al-Anon Family Group Meetings - Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel at the Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital. Call 387

### Up On Eaton Hill

### The Return of the Berry Bandits

by Delyse Jaeger

Turning down the dirt road just in time to observe a flock of cedar waxwings lighting in a nearby treetop, offered a welcome contrast to the otherwise dreary drizzly day. This bird has become one of my personal favorites, owing to its distinctive beauty, unusual markings and comical style.

Known scientifically as Bombycilla cedrorum which combines Greek with Latin and translates to "silk-tail of the cedars," the common name "cedar waxwing" is descriptive of the bird's food source as well as appearance. Voracious fruit eaters, waxwings commonly perch, nest, and dine on the berries of red cedar trees. Their secondary wing feathers are tipped in shiny red wax-like beads, about the size of the head of a kitchen match. The function, if any, of these decorative flame tips is unknown - except in delighting birders, that is. The cedar waxwing is a cinnamon brown bird, sporting a black mask with white highlights, a crested head, yellow under parts, gray wings with white bars and red tips, and a gray tail tipped in vibrant yellow beneath a thin black band. Because of its velvety plumage, the cedar waxwing has been called the sleekest of all birds.

Cedar waxwings are social birds and are often seen perched together in large numbers, each facing the same direction and conversing with a trill buzzing sound. They forage in large flocks, quickly stripping a food source of fruit and moving on. An especially endearing behavior is the waxwings habit of passing berries down a long line of perching birds until one



Cedar waxwings

decides "the berry stops here!" Mating pairs also commonly pass food back and forth as part of the courting ritual.

To feed their young, cedar waxwings pack their crop (a pouch inside the throat) with berries and regurgitate the fruit into the babies' mouths, one berry at a time. During the winter months when fruit is scarce, waxwings feed on insects, catching bugs on the wing like flycatchers.

Perhaps the most mysterious behavior the winged bandits are known for is lying prostrate on the ground. Scientists have suggested that the birds become "drunk" after consuming mass amounts of sugar-rich fruit. Another possibility is that digestion cannot keep up with consumption and excess fruit packed in the throat cuts off the birds' blood supply to the brain. Either way, the gregarious cedar waxwing is certainly a most unusual creature.

To fully appreciate this unique and lively bird, keep your binoculars handy because once the fruit is gone, so are the berry bandits.

### Fort McKavett State Historic Site plans for busy March

**JSCAS Public Star Party** 

McKavett State Historic Site and the Johnson Space Center Astronomical Society would like to invite you to the Spring Star Party, March 5, 2005. Lectures begin at 4 p.m. with viewing beginning at dusk. Regular entrance fees do apply for the event, please bring flash-

Fort McKavett **Educational Day** 

Fort McKavett Historic Site will be hosting its annual educational day March 11, 2005. Living Historians from across the state will be on site allow area school children a hands-on experience with the past, through TEKS based educational programs. Events begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m; entrance for local schools is free with regular park fees applying for the general public.
West Texas Heritage Day

Fort McKavett State Historic Site invites everyone to join us in the Celebration of Annual Living History Day March 12, 2005. Living Historians and Reenactors from across the state will help portray the military and civilian life of Fort McKavett. Park gates open at 8:00 a.m. with Flag Raising and

Morning Formation at 10:00 a.m. A bar-b-que lunch will be provided at noon with all donations going to the Friends of Fort McKavett. Regular park fees do apply for the day. Activities throughout the day

include Infantry and Calvary drills, Artillery and Gatling gun firing, a period baseball game as well as individual interpretation of Military and Frontier life.Fort McKavett State Historical Site consists of 16 restored buildings, which include four furnished Officers Quarters, and furnished barracks, and several ruins. The restored buildings include the Post Hospital, Dead house, Schoohouse, Post Headquarters, Barracks, Eight Officers' Quarters, Bakery, O.D. Quarters and sinks. The park also includes a 1/4 mile hiking trail, which leads to the military limekiln, rock quarry and Government Springs. Picnic tables are available for anyone wishing to bring a sack lunch. Fort McKavett State Historic Site is located 23 miles west of Menard, 41 miles northeast of Sonora, 34 miles east of Eldorado and 41 miles north of Junction. For more information, call 325-396-2358 or 396-2253

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