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Athletic Facilities Need Improvements

By Ray Glasscock

Bronco Stadium is getting a much needed improvement this month. The contractor is busily working to replace all of the wood seating in the grandstands with aluminum seating. This project is underway and should be complete in a month.

A new scoreboard has been ordered and will be installed soon. The new scoreboard will be controlled wirelessly from the press box. It will provide much more information including time outs remaining. The horn to signal the end of quarters is built into the scoreboard. I jokingly asked Doug Bawcom if it would have an instant replay screen like Bobcat Stadium in San Angelo, and he said it has the capability to add this feature, but the cost is too much for Sonora. Mr. Bawcom said that we may be able to afford the scrolling digital messages similar to the one at the Mustang Bowl in Sweetwater.

There are many more improvements needed. The dressing room facilities are woefully outdated and too small. They were designed when Sonora was a 1A size school with about 40 boys playing football. With 100 boys playing football, all trying to dress in an area designed for 40, the boys just have to lay their school clothes on the floor in piles. They have no way to secure any of their valuables. It is especially small for the junior varsity. During game days, all of the junior varsity equipment is removed and stuffed in the weight room so that the visiting team can have a place to dress. The junior high teams have to dress in the high school gym. It is especially bad for the seventh grade team as they dress for practice and have to walk to the field usually in the dark morning hours. During the track and tennis season, there is no place in the field house for the girls to dress.

Just as ranchers put new cedar stays in a 90 year old fence because they can't afford to build a new fence, the school could slowly expand the outdated field house a little each year. *In my opinion, the community should consider a bond issue to do it right while we still have the income from the gas royalties.* Mr. Bawcom said he was reluctant to bring this up, but there are advantages to a bond issue. No matter what the size of bond issue, all of it goes to the community and cannot be taken away. All of the taxes to pay off a bond issue cannot be taken away by the recapture (Robin Hood) provisions of the current law concerning rich school districts.

I have noticed that the facilities of the neighboring school districts are much better than ours with the notable exception of Mason. This is especially noticeable in the layout of the concession stand and restrooms. While our restrooms were updated from totally unacceptable to barely acceptable two years ago, they are still way behind our neighbors. The location of our concession stand leads to massive congestion at half time. We need something like the one at Comfort. In case you didn't go to Comfort this year, the Bobcat Grill had ample space to prepare excellent food. The restrooms were also located on each side of the concession stand. Mr. Bawcom feels that the best possible location for a new concession stand is near the main entrance.

It has already been brought up at recent school board meetings that we need to build two new tennis courts. The UIL keeps adding new events to tennis such as mixed doubles. With only four courts at the high school, Sonora cannot host a tennis tournament.

The next school board meeting is Monday, December 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at the school administration office.

Congressional District 23 Run-Off Date Set For December 12th

Governor Rick Perry set December 12 as the special election runoff date for Congressional District 23. In the general election November 7, U.S. Representative Henry Bonilla received 48.6 percent and Ciro D. Rodriguez earned 19.87 percent of the vote. The district stretches from San Antonio to El Paso.

Two Latino groups opposed the date, the earliest date that could be called, saying it was an attempt to dilute Hispanic voting rights because December 12 is the feast day of the Virgin of Guadalupe, the patron saint of Mexico and Latin America.

But the Secretary of State's office said any later date would run into the Christmas holidays.

Rex Ann Friess To Retire After 26 Years of Service

By Ray Glasscock

After 36 years serving Sutton County, Rex Ann Friess is going to retire to spend more time with her family. She spent ten years working as a secretary for the Sonora Independent School District.

In 1978, the state legislature changed the law allowing counties to go to a single taxing agency and the Sutton County Tax Appraisal Office was created. John Wootan wisely hired Rex Ann to run the newly created office.



Rex Ann, we will always remember your outstanding service to Sutton County!

She has been assessing property values and collecting taxes since 1980. "I have loved every minute of working for the taxpayers of Sutton County," she said. Unlike people who say they can't remember names but never forget a face, Rex Ann knows the name and the location of their properties. "I will miss getting to know all of the new people who are moving to live in Sutton County."

She is planning on spending more time with her family. "I plan on finding a way to continue helping our community in other ways."

Mary Bustamante will assume Rex Ann's duties. Mary has setup a retirement party for Rex Ann on December 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Sutton County Annex. Please come by and personally thank Rex Ann for service to Sonora and Sutton County.

December 7, 1941 - Day of Infamy

By Ray Glasscock

If the attack on Pearl Harbor happened today, there would be world wide live coverage on CNN and the internet within minutes of the attack starting. For most Americans, news of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor came as an interruption to their favorite radio programs on a peaceful Sunday afternoon. The national radio networks (the Mutual Network, CBS, and NBC Blue and Red Networks) relied on phone calls or telegraphs from skeletal news bureaus in Hawaii and the Far East. An Associated Press bulletin at 1:07 p.m. Eastern Standard Time first reported the attack to mainland news organizations and radio networks. The major networks confirmed the reports with the government and interrupted regular programming at 2:30 p.m. bringing news of the still ongoing attack.

CBS reported the attack at the start of its regular broadcast of *The World Today*. Listeners on the West Coast missed the first 30 seconds of the broadcast due to a commercial message. NBC broke into a broadcast of the drama "Inspector General."

The closest thing to what we experience today occurred when a reporter climbed to the roof of the Advertiser Building in downtown Honolulu with a microphone and broadcast the first eye witness account of the attack. He reported, "This battle has been going on for nearly three hours... It's no joke, it's a real war." The live broadcast lasted only 2.5 minutes as a Honolulu telephone operator ended the transmission for "an emergency call."

Everyone who heard the broadcast has a permanent memory of the event. Charlotte Wilson remembers that a train was going by her house, and it was transporting military equipment. Bill Stewart remembers the broadcast. He also remembers listening to Hitler's speeches in history class. When Mr. Stewart finished high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Marines and served in the Pacific.

Broken Butterfly - Broken Heart Texas Loses a National Natural Treasure

Submitted

The Caverns of Sonora's signature Butterfly formation was vandalized and damaged when two-thirds of the Butterfly's right wing was broken off shortly before Thanksgiving.

People are known by their hearts. The Caverns of Sonora is known by, "The Butterfly". It is the heart of this beautiful cave and someone intentionally broke its right wing and took it with them.

Back in the 1800's, a small dog stuck its nose in a 10" hole and the wonders of the cave were discovered. The private owners have worked diligently to preserve and protect this cave. Its monocrystalline formations are so effusive and rare, it is impossible for the human brain to grasp its significance in just one tour. People of all ages and from around the world come back time after time to see the splendors of the Caverns of Sonora. At almost the end of the tour, there has always been the anticipation of seeing "The Butterfly," one of God's precious gifts to humanity. Indeed, "The Butterfly" was an iconic American National Natural Treasure pictured in hundreds of books around the world.

In a child's eye, all things in nature are wondrous and sometimes inspiring. Scientists try to explain how and why things happen, but to children, it's just there.

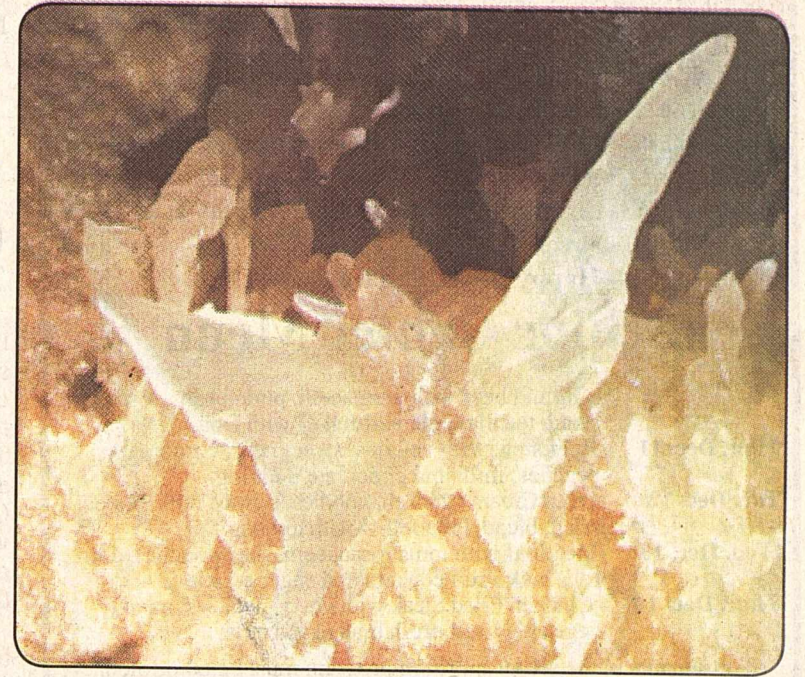
A nine year old girl writes:

"I was four years when I first saw the butterfly crystal. The Butterfly was like the story about the golden apple in the world. When my mom took a tour into the cave, I looked forward to going with her because I knew I was going to see the Butterfly. But now someone has broken it. I hope the person responsible feels as much pain as that person has made me feel." -Katy

Our prayer is for the person who took the Butterfly wing to send it back.

This unique formation developed and grew in total darkness for hundreds of thousands of years. The very first light to touch it came from the beam of an explorer's carbide head lamp in late 1955. If you send us the wing, we can repair it. Quick recovery of this broken fragment is critical. The longer this kind of crystal is out of its natural environment, the harder it will be to restore "The Butterfly", the *only* known formation of it's kind in the world. It will never be the same. It will now be known as "The Broken Butterfly", but if it can be repaired, perhaps in a hundred thousand *more* years, the scar of the Broken Butterfly will be covered over and the Heart of the Caverns of Sonora will be restored.

All cannot be lost. Someone out there, please help us. We beg for its return. We just want the wing of "The Butterfly," the heart of Caverns of Sonora returned. A fund for information leading to the recovery of this broken fragment has been established. If you would like to contribute, or have information, our mailing address is: Caverns of Sonora, PO Box 1196, Sonora, TX 76950. Information can also be e-mailed to cavernsofsonora@cavernsofsonora.com or phone Caverns of Sonora at: (325)387-3105.



Before



After vandalism

Photos courtesy of the Caverns of Sonora

Sutton County EMS Responds to Two Vehicle Accidents on I-10

By Ray Glasscock

The first accident occurred at 1:30 a.m. Friday morning at the I-10 399 entry ramp. The SUV pictured bottom right entered the right lane safely. However, she kept moving into the left lane where she drove in front of an eighteen wheeler in the hammer lane. The truck slammed into the side of her car right at the passenger door. The SUV came to rest to the right of I-10.

When EMS arrived, the woman was trapped with one leg outside of the driver-side door and one leg inside of the vehicle. The Sonora Fire Department responded and cut the door off. Amazingly, she survived and was later airlifted to San Angelo.

Approximately 6:30 p.m. Friday night, there was a one car rollover accident one mile west of the I-10 388 exit. The driver of the car drifted off of the road while traveling east bound, lost control, and rolled the car. When EMS arrived, the woman who had been driving the car was up and walking around. Thankfully she came through the accident with only minor injuries.

Both drivers were not from the local area.



Rollover accident near the I-10, 388 exit.



SUV attacks an eighteen wheeler and loses!
Photos by Kristin Johnson

St. Ann Catholic Church

Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum
P.O. Box 1397
Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4
Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30
Phone: 325-387-2278
Fax: 325-387-2278
E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net
Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

NEW MASS SCHEDULE!
Sunday - 8:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
Monday - NO MASS
Tuesday - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday - 7:00 a.m.
Thursday - 7:00 a.m.
Friday - 7:00 a.m.
Saturday - 6:00 p.m.

Lighthouse Community Church

A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.
1705 N. Crockett

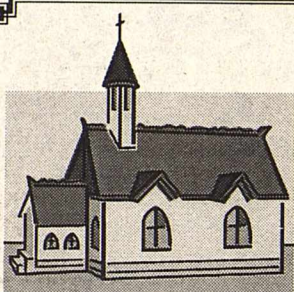
Senior Center Activities

Fri. Dec. 8- AAA sign-up Medicare part D at 9:30 a.m.
Mon. Dec. 11- Bingo after lunch!
Tue. Dec. 12- Senior Center Support Group meeting at 5:00 p.m.
*C.E.A.P. at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Wed. Dec. 13- Christmas Downtown Live Nativity at Main Street!
Thur. Dec. 14- Happy Birthday Tive Chavez!

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Dec. 8 - Ground beef with vermacelli, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortilla, milk and Jell-O with fruit.
Mon. Dec. 11 - Beef stew with veggies, sweet peas, cornbread, peaches, milk and chocolate pudding.
Tue. Dec. 12 - Oven Cream Chicken, noodles, carrots, milk, tossed salad, bread, lime Jell-O with topping.
Wed. Dec. 13 - Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, corn, roll, milk, fruit cocktail and sugar cookie.
Thur. Dec. 14 - Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, potatoes, mixed vegetables, roll, fresh orange and milk.

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older. Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m. Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)



Sonora Church Directory

Primera Iglesia Bautista 504 Santa Clara 387-2035	Church of Christ 304 N. Water 387-3190
The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian 319 E. Mulberry 387-2616	First Baptist Church 111 E. Oak 387-2951
Lighthouse Community Church 1705 N. Crockett 387-9100	St. John's Episcopal Church 404 E Poplar 387-2955
Pentecostal Calvary Temple United 509 Amistad 387-5266	First United Methodist Church 201 N. Water 387-2466
St. Ann's Catholic Church 229 W. Plum 387-2278	Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios 306 W. 4th St. 387-5713
Jehovah's Witness 310 St. Ann's St. 387-5658/387-5518	Hope Lutheran Church 417 E. 2nd St. 387-5366

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Letter to the Editor

Congressman Henry Bonilla, a proven leader and longtime friend of Texas agriculture, is in a run-off election on Tuesday, December 12 and he needs your vote one more time.

Congressman Bonilla has faithfully represented the 23rd District of Texas for almost 14 years and is currently the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Agriculture Appropriations. Recently, the district was re-drawn and a special election was mandated. Congressman Bonilla received significantly more votes than any of his seven challengers, but fell just short of the 50.1% needed to win the election outright.

The significance of agriculture to the economy of the 23rd Congressional District is substantial. Congressman Bonilla has proven himself a strong supporter of Texas agriculture and his leadership has ensured that Rural Texas is well represented on important policy decisions in Washington. His years of hard work on behalf of our industry make it crucial that we show our appreciation for his tireless efforts and his experienced leadership on the issues impacting our way of life. It is our duty to make our votes count so that Texas and the 23rd District can continue to benefit from Henry Bonilla's leadership. No other candidate has the experience, expertise or loyalty demonstrated by Henry these past 14 years.

This election must be taken seriously. Please make sure to vote on December 12, and show your support for a leader that has supported rural Texas for over a decade. Texas needs leaders like Henry Bonilla. Let's keep him around for years to come. Early voting begins Monday, December 4.

Sincerely,

Dolph Briscoe - Uvalde, TX **Bob Brockman - Sonora, TX**
Jock Dutton - Sonora, TX **Ralph P. Mayer - Sonora, TX**
Robert S. Mayer - Sonora, TX **Edward Earwood - Sonora, TX**
Armer Earwood - Sonora, TX **Ben Epps - Sonora, TX**

Thank You Note

On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, I would like to personally thank everyone for your contribution of time to the More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar. This event could not have been a success without the help of the Chamber Board of Directors, vendors, shoppers and the many other volunteers who donated their time.

A special thank you should be extended to Donna Garrett, Community Activities Director; Lance and Mariah Castro; Shanna Petty, Susan Hall; Michelle Foz; JoAnn Jones, First

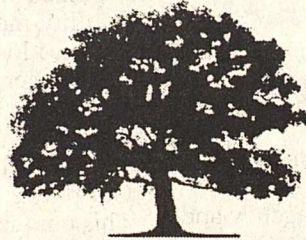
National Bank; Virgil Polocek; Mattie Nix; Donna Christian and the Junior High Choir; West Side Lions Club; Keep Sonora Beautiful; Little Miss Sutton County Justina McGuffin; Little Mr. Sutton County David Delgado; Miss Sutton County Alyse Edmondson; Scott Garrett; and Jim Covington.

Once again, the Chamber of Commerce thanks you for your efforts and contribution of time!

Becky Covington
Executive Director
Sonora Chamber of Commerce

Regular Meeting Schedule

Meeting	Place	Date/Time
City Council	City Hall	12/19/06 @ 4:00
County Commissioners	Sutton County Annex	12/11/06 @ 9:00
SIDC	SIDC Office	1/9/07 @ 11:30
Sutton Co. Underground Water District	Soil Conservation Office	2nd. Tue. each mo. @ 9:00 a.m.
Keep Sonora Beautiful Chamber of Commerce	Chamber Offices	12/11/06 @ noon
	Chamber Offices	12/14/06 @ noon
Sonora School Board	School Administration	12/11/06 @ 5:30
Dairy Queen Quorum	Dairy Queen	Daily @ 3:00



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Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality healthcare for generations to come.
Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,
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All contributions 100% tax deductible.

Happy Birthday

December 7
Micah Adams, Maria Favila, Preston Love, Patty Covarrubiaz
December 8
Louie Castro, Sr., Quincy Crain, Austin Slaugh, Cameron Sims, Bobby Mogford, Mike Fay, Whitney Hooper, Willie Gutierrez
December 9
Chris Flores, Amber Vasquez, Carrie Smith, Rose Hooper, Chris Lopez
December 10
Melanie Smith, Tyler Edmondson, Sabrina Surber, Elizant Flores, Gilbert Vara, Jr., Amy Hernandez, Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder, Kristen Hardgrave, David Lopez
December 11
Deyanira Alvizo, Genaro Perez III, J.R. Perez, Carl Weaver, Sam Taylor
December 12
Giovanni Gamez, Kassandra Tyler, Dylan Taylor, Jared Hinsley, Aaron Hinsley, Tessa Joy, Lupe Buitron, Richard Bernal, Guadalupe Marquart, Mary Mauldin
December 13
Charlotte Luna, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Scottie Moore, Laura Bedwell, Andres Chavez, Valerie Lopez

Letter to the Editor

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Obituaries

Robert Louis Clark

Robert Louis "Buddy" Clark Jr., age 50, passed away Tuesday, November 28, 2006 in Sonora. Services were held Thursday, November 30 at Lighthouse Community Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He is survived by three daughters; Lyndsey Clark, Meghan Clark and Sydney Clark all of Plano; his mother, Gladys Mattingly of Christoval; three brothers, John Clark, Joe Hudson and Skip Hudson all of Sonora; and a sister, Diane Bevers of Flower Mound, TX.

Rev. Frank R. Flores

Rev. Frank R. Flores, age 75, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on Saturday, November 18, 2006. He was born in Sonora, Texas on February 8, 1931 to Silverio and Concepcion Rodriguez Flores.

Rev. Flores proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War and was a Baptist minister for 47 years.

He also served as President of the Mexican Baptist Association of San Antonio from 1993-1995, as well as Trustee of the Baptist Memorial Hospital System from 1977-1985, Executive Board Member of the Baptist General Convention of Texas from 1967-1972, KBIB Radio, Mexican Baptist Children's Home, and Missions Committee for the First Baptist Church Department of Mexican Baptist Convention.

At the age of 63, he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease. The illness lasted 12 years, eventually taking his life.

He was preceded in death by his son, Elias M. Flores; a daughter, Evairene Flores; sisters Elva Castillo and Alicia Gonzales; and a brother, Armando Flores; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Savino Mendez.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Micaela M. Flores; daughters, Floria Roberts and husband Charles, Janice Griffin and husband Richard, and Arcelia Thompson; grandchildren, James, Kristin, Jonathan, Lindsey, Jessica, Bubba, Angela, Tabitha, Gina and Crissy; great-grandchildren, Rebekah, Cadence, Elijah and Stacey; brothers, Guillermo Flores, Fermin Flores and Daniel Flores; sisters, Bertha Saldana, Lupe Guajardo and Connie Marin, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery with military honors.

He touched so many lives and he will be missed forever.

Faith Reflections

Being Mainstream

By Elizabeth Black

The word "mainstream" reverberated in my head, then my heart, and ultimately in the pit of my stomach. I felt nauseous. It was not the professional and courteous rejection of the sale of my work that drove the stake into the core of my being. It was the casual assignment of it to the category of "not mainstream enough". Of course I took it personally, which you are not supposed to do. It was I who was not mainstream enough. I had fallen off the map. The radar had lost my signal. I had lost touch with civilization. Waves of insecurity rushed through me, washing back the misfit years of adolescence, scathingly whispering "you don't belong".

It is a frightening thing to fall off the face of the map. But we have all been there and still find ourselves there from time to time. It is a desolate and starving landscape we wake up to when we discover that we have offered ourselves and it was not good enough. To speak our mind only to be met with blank stares and polite smiles. To stand on heartfelt principles in a sea of indifference. We find ourselves as outsiders, unknown or misunderstood, in the workplace,

in our social circles, even in our families. We silently wonder what is inherently wrong with us or if we are just crazy. Neither prospect is very comforting.

Jesus says (I paraphrase) "Why does this surprise you? You do not belong to the world. You belong to me" (John 15:19). We are strangers to Planet Earth sometimes, but in the Kingdom of God, we are at home. We belong. The Apostle Paul puts it this way. "You are no longer foreigners and aliens, but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household" (Ephesians 2:19). Our identity does not come from what we do, how much we accomplish, or earn, or even how well we are liked. It does not come from our failures, our flaws or our insecurities. We have value based on our relationship to God. We have infinite worth because we are God's very own, hand fashioned, prized possession. Isaiah bathes us with God's words that are balm to our broken hearts: "I have chosen you and have not rejected you. So do not fear, for I am with you. I will strengthen you and help you... Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you..." and He did, on the cross. (Isaiah 41 and 43)

That's about as mainstream as you can get!

Two Months Behind

By Brother J

I have been busy and it slipped up on me, maybe due to the holidays and the end of the year approaching. As I reviewed our home finances I realized that I had not paid our tithe in the last two months. What a shock! My wife usually gives me a little piece of paper with the amount of money we received that month and I figure our tithe from that and give it to our local Church. It pleases God when we give but we have to watch out how we do it. For example, Cain and Able were both giving offerings to God and God was pleased with Abel's offering but dissatisfied with the Cain's, (Genesis 4:3-5). Early on God taught the nation of Israel that one tenth of every thing that they had belonged to Him, (Leviticus 27:30) and it was special and to be set aside. In Old Testament times part of the tithe was to provide a living for the Priests and even they were to tithe from what they received, (Numbers 18:25-27). It was not to be kept at home but brought to the place of worship, (Deuteronomy 12:17). The tithes were used to carry on Gods work like, salaries for Pastors, to build and maintain local places of worship, fellowship meals, to help orphans, widows, and the needy, (Deuteronomy 14:29). There are blessing and curses related to tithing, (Malachi 3:7-12). See you in church next Sunday.

Cauthorn Trust Donates to SISD



SISD Superintendent Doug Bawcom accepts defibrillator from Cauthorn Trustees Mike Hale and JoAnn Jones

The Cauthorn Trust donated five external automatic cardiac defibrillators to the Sonora Independent School last week.

The emergency medical devices were distributed to each of the three campuses, as well as one to the athletic department and one designated as portable.

Each year, sudden cardiac fail-

ures strike unsuspecting Americans, young and old.

With devices such as these, lives can and are being saved.

The Cauthorn Trust wishes to acknowledge and give their thanks to Keith Butler and Dr. Charles Pajestka for their invaluable research and procurement of the external defibrillators.

7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball Action

7th grade girls basketball Monday, December 4, at Brady

Brady - 26 Sonora - 19

Evelyn Solis - 8 pts
Hunter Jennings - 5 pts
Liz Chavarria - 2 pts
Sarah Carrillo - 2 pts
Delilah Aguero - 2 pts

8th Grade girls basketball Monday, December 4, at Brady

A Team Lost 22-21

Morgan Smith - 8 pts
Kallie Humphrey - 4 pts
Chelby Ramos - 4 pts
Joell McGuffin - 2 pts
Kash McGee - 2 pts
Maci Zuniga - 1 pt

B Team Lost 9-8

Daniela Cano - 4 pts
Maria Lugo - 2 pts
Leandra Castaneda - 2 pts

If youth but had the knowledge and old age the strength.
French Proverb

SHS Students of the Week

By Marco Jimenez

Cody Perez and Erica Granados were elected Sonora High School students of the week for the week of December 4-8.



Erica Granados, a freshman at Sonora High School and daughter to Roberto and Gloria Granados also was chosen to be this week's student of the week. Erica likes to listen to Spanish music and play volleyball and soccer. She dislikes country music and running. Erica has lived in Sonora her entire life. Her favorite thing about Sonora High is art class because she enjoys painting and drawing. Her future plans after graduating is to go to college some where and become an interior designer.



Cody Perez, son of Oscar and Claudia Perez is a senior at Sonora High School. Cody likes to have fun with family and friends and living life to the fullest. He doesn't enjoy being cold. Cody is part of the Peppermint committee, Who's Who Among High School Students and the Spanish Club. His extra curricular activities are weight lifting, football and St. Ann's Youth Group. Cody has lived in Sonora his entire life. His favorite thing about Sonora High is he gets to hang out with his friends and he is excited to almost be out. After graduating he plans on going to San Antonio and attending the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Chamber Chatter

"It's That Most Wonderful Time of the Year..."

By Becky Covington

Christmas is in full swing in Sonora with lights outside and Christmas trees inside and we find ourselves in the midst of the holiday season. Much of the last three months is a blur, primarily due to the events leading us to and including the "More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar that was held Friday at the Civic Center. The event was so much fun; attendance numbers exceeded prior years and vendors seemed happy with their sales. To all of you who supported this event, including the vendors, shoppers and especially the volunteers, a resounding THANK YOU.

Now is the time of year that many focus on helping others. There are many ways to help from volunteering your time to donating money. Even small gestures like helping with the Angel Tree. For kids it is especially important that we show them how to be generous. Focusing on teaching our children that Christmas is about giving and not receiving is hard to do. Today's American culture is overly materialistic, losing site of what really matters at Christmas. Involve your family in sharing and focus on what really matters - giving!

Come join us on Wednesday, December 13, 2006 - This year the Chamber of Commerce, Friends of Historic Sonora, and many, many local volunteers are bringing you a very festive Christmas program and musical under the direction of Jane Wallace.

The event will kick off at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street with a turkey and dressing dinner with all the trimmings, donated by the Sutton County Steak House. It is necessary that you obtain a free ticket by December 8 from the Chamber of Commerce or Friends of Historic Sonora, so that a head count can be taken.

The Christmas Program will start at 7:00 p.m. and it will include the following three inspirational Christmas messages and a Live Nativity.

- (1) A military Christmas.
 - (2) A "La Posadas," the remarkable buildup to Christmas Eve, is perhaps the most delightful and unique Mexican tradition. It commemorates the events in the journey of Mary and Joseph from Nazareth to Bethlehem.
 - (3) Coping with Christmas: It may be hard to celebrate when you are missing someone you love. It is not uncommon to have a whole lot of different feelings such as sadness, guilt or excitement. Getting together with family and close friends may be a chance to remember the good times and it OK to relax and have a laugh. Having fun is not necessarily a sign that you miss that person any less.
 - (4) Christmas Solos and Christmas Carols from local youth.
- Please support Sonora small businesses by shopping local first this holiday season and everyday!

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

December 13

Christmas Dinner - Compliments of Sutton County Steakhouse
6:30 p.m.
Downtown - Main Street
Downtown Community Christmas Program
7:00 p.m.
Downtown - Main Street

December 12

Special Run-off Election GO VOTE!!

December 18 - January 3
SISD Christmas Holidays

~YOU ARE INVITED~

Thursday, December 7th,
4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at

Sutton County Steakhouse

Come & Go "Trunk Show"

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Exclusive Jewelry "The Faith Collection"

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Swiss Skin Care, Aromatherapy, Men's Kits, Color and Much More!!!!

Welcome to Nan's Place

The salon will be open Tuesday - Friday, unless there is a special occasion in town or at the schools. My hours will be from 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. unless someone needs me to stay later.

I have been a licensed instructor since 1980. I have owned my own salon for many years. I have taught cosmetology in the Dallas area for several years. I have also been a State Inspector for a few years for the Texas Cosmetology Commission. I went to Atlanta, Georgia in 1999 to learn about microdermabrasion and also how to become a make-up artist.

I have always kept up with the newest hair trends & hair cuts. I do regular perms, spiral perms, root perms & piggy back perm. I do the latest fashion in hair coloring, highlighting and hair weaving with foil.

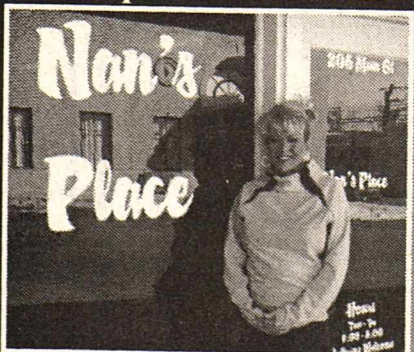
Microdermabrasion is the second best thing you can do to your face & neck besides cosmetic surgery. With the right amount of treatments and staying with the maintenance part of it, your skin can look 5-10 years younger. I will be offering this service in my salon.

For special occasions, such as birthdays, anniversaries, valentines day or any other special occasion, your husbands, mothers, or friends can come by in and buy a gift certificate for your loved one to be pampered all in one day. The gift certificate includes manicure, pedicure, hair color if needed, microdermabrasion, massage, waxing, complete makeover with make-up and hair. Also lunch will be served. It will be a very nice quiet atmosphere. This service is also offered for school proms, banquets and brides to be and their wedding party.

So come on in and get acquainted with Nan at Nan's Place, I'm looking forward to meeting all of you.

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206 Main St.



Dr. William Wilson opens Sonora practice Jan. 2

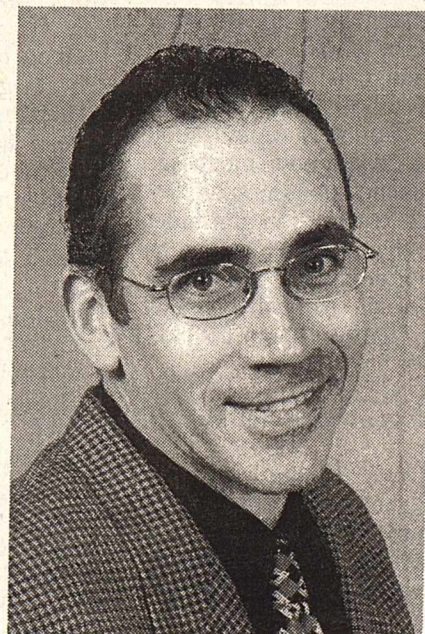
William Wilson, M.D. will open a private practice in the Sonora Medical Clinic on Jan. 2, 2007.

Dr. Wilson is board certified in family practice medicine. He treats men and women of all ages and accepts Medicare, Medicaid, and most insurance plans.

A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.

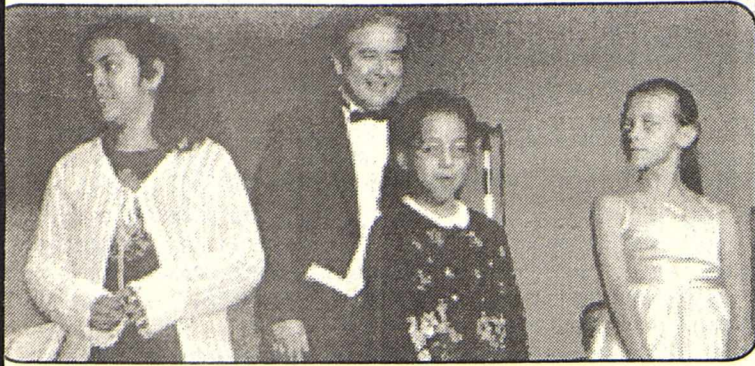
Dr. Wilson met his wife, Diana, while doing medical missionary work in Columbia. Dr. Wilson grew up in Honduras, where his parents served as missionaries. He is fluent in Spanish.

"Sonora is a perfect fit for Diana and me," Dr. Wilson says. "My parents live in Carrizo Springs, so we will be closer to them. Sonora is the right size for the kind of medicine I want to practice. You get to know your patients. You treat neighbors, not strangers on an assembly line."



SONORA MEDICAL CLINIC

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The third and fourth grade students traveled to San Angelo to see the San Angelo Symphony on Friday, December 1st. The Symphony presented "Fiesta... a salute to Mexican composers". Before attending the concert, students learned to dance the Mexican Hat Dance and Waltz and identify the instruments of the orchestra. Students also learned to conduct. Analisa Perez was chosen to go on stage and help conduct "Feliz Navidad".

George, The Open-Air Seller Of ATV's, Carpets and Blankets Is Set Up Now & Until December 24th at Ozona at I-10 & Hwy. 63 at the swimming pool. GEORGE WANTS YOUR BUSINESS!

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Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay

TDA Gets West Texas Welcome!

Sonora gave the Texas Down-towner a taste of West Texas in San Angelo last week at the Annual Texas Downtown Conference that was held in San Angelo, Texas. The week started off with the arrival of about 250 downtowners to the downtown area of San Angelo, Texas.

Sonora's exhibit booth was created by Jennifer Esparza, Tammi Adkins, Becky Covington, Donna Garrett, Carl J. (Jimmy) Cahill, Charlene Terry, Wanda Neville, Delyse Jaeger and Brian Wilson. The booth was in the corner of the exhibit hall but in an area that always had folks standing around visiting. Of course, they were being educated about the beauty of West Texas. Jimmy Cahill would start telling a story about the outlaws that enrich our wild West Texas history and how he had added an outlaw camp to the Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary. The folks would gather around and listen and enjoy every moment. Questions were asked about the beauty and discovery of the Sonora Caverns and a Sonora representative was always eager to answer. We would also have the story about how the Angora goats became the primary industry of our area, and how the true West Texans was born ready to conquer any change or diversity that might come our way.

At lunch on Wednesday we would have another taste for all the downtowners as Preston, Linda, Blaze and the Sutton County Steak House Staff, would prepare the best chicken fried

steak in all West Texas. The Ft. Concho stables was the setting for all to enjoyable hearty meal. The Bank & Trust of Sonora, First National Bank of Sonora, & San Angelo Banking Center, and Sutton County Steak House sponsored the luncheon. Special treat was to see in the lunch group the Mayor of Sonora Gloria Lopez, Justice of the Peace Adelita Alvarez, President of Main Street Joy Galbreath, Director Patti Rainer, Treasure of Main Street Maura Weingart, Tammi Adkins, Bank & Trust Director John Tedford, and Jennifer Esparza. We all rolled out of the stables with a smile of contentment and were completely full.

We were off to an afternoon and evening of learning more about the rich heritage of our area. As the sun set on the horizon we would all travel to the Wild Night at Miss Hattie's where we would listen to music and indulge on wild game like: Black Buck deer, Wild Lamb, and Axis. Brady, Texas would serve up some sweet BBQ Goat ribs and the evening was off to a great start. Miss Hattie's Restaurant owner Brenda Gunter was serving up hospitality and welcome smiles to the TDA guests as they experience old fashion, wild west fun. Miss Hattie's Bordello was open for all to take a walk back in time thanks to Mr. Priest. The old cowboys walking the street set the time in history of when Miss Hattie's was an all-time favorite spot for some of the cowboys. There was a cowboy shoot out (reenactment) and lots of old cowboy stories were being told in between the chewing tobacco and jerky.

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Notice
Ladies, I have started a new business from my home! I will be bringing to you brand name and designer fashions. They will range from PP, P, S, M, Large and Extra Large sizes to 3x. Make an appointment at 325-387-3601.
Stop by and Shop!

City Police Dispatcher Report

- Arrest(s):**
- November 29, 2006**
 - 7:00 PM: Xavier Aleman, 25, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication.
 - December 3, 2006**
 - 12:05 AM: Alfonso Garza-Limon, 21, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Public Intoxication and Disorderly Conduct "Fighting."
 - 5:30 PM: Alejandro Perez, 18, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Assault.
- Incident(s)**
- November 27, 2006**
 - 8:21 AM: Caller reported a lost puppy. Animal Control Officer notified.
 - 4:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 4:19 PM: Caller reported a dead dog behind residence. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 4:31 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 4:54 PM: Caller reported a dog with a dead cat in the dog's mouth. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 6:05 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 8:05 PM: Caller reported a vehicle ran over a school crossing sign. Officer responded.
 - November 28, 2006**
 - 3:55 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Deputy notified.
 - 6:10 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 - November 29, 2006**
 - 4:20 AM: Caller reported an assault. Deputy and Officer responded.
 - 6:20 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 9:00 AM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.
 - 2:06 PM: Caller reported a dead kitten on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - November 30th, 2006**
 - 10:02 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence in reference to a disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 10:05 AM: Caller reported a dog on street. Animal Control Officer responded.
 - 1:35 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 2:14 PM: Caller requested an officer at vocational building. Officer responded.
 - 5:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 10:40 PM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
 - December 1, 2006**
 - 8:07 AM: Caller requested an officer at business. Officer responded.
 - 9:00 AM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 10:00 AM: Ambulance Escort. Officer responded.
 - 10:25 AM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
 - 10:40 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 10:45 AM: Caller reported a fight between two students at the High School. Officer responded.
 - 2:10 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
 - 4:50 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 - December 2, 2006**
 - 5:30 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.
 - 6:35 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.
 - 8:45 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
 - 8:55 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.
 - 9:10 PM: Caller requested welfare check on family member. Officer responded.

Don't miss the run-off!

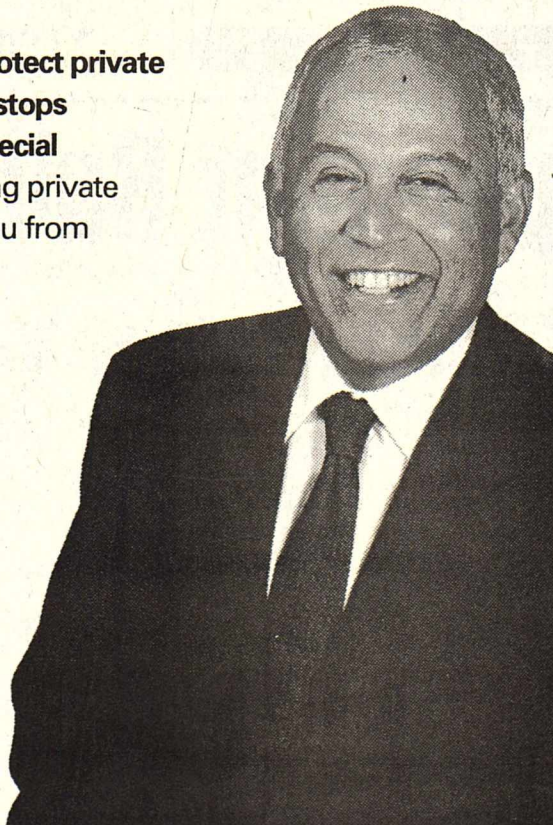
Here's why

Your vote will determine your future. Henry Bonilla and **Ciro Rodriguez** have opposite records on the issues that matter most to you. Vote in this upcoming special election and make your voice heard.

On Taxes
Henry Bonilla voted **against the Death Tax** and for **cutting income taxes and the marriage penalty tax**. **Ciro Rodriguez** voted the exact opposite on every issue, and even voted eight times against lowering the marriage penalty tax.

On Terrorism
Henry Bonilla voted to **create the Department of Homeland Security** and to **fully fund those agencies fighting terrorism**. **Ciro Rodriguez** voted against strengthening our borders two weeks after 9/11.

On Private Property
Henry Bonilla has consistently voted to **protect private property rights** and is **pushing a law that stops government from seizing your land for special interests**. **Ciro Rodriguez** supported seizing private lands in West Texas, and voted to keep you from stopping government land seizures.



Early voting ends Friday, Dec. 8
Election Day is Tuesday, Dec. 12

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State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

Gift Disclosure Stance Stays Same
The Texas Ethics Commission voted 5-3 to stick with its earlier position that state officials do not have to disclose the amount of cash gifts they receive.
A cash gift simply may be reported as "currency," "check" or "money order" under the Nov. 26 ruling.
The agency earlier ruled that State Employee Retirement System board member Bill Ceverha of Dallas did not have to report a \$50,000 check he received from Houston homebuilder Bob Perry as anything other than a "check."
Government watchdog organizations and several of the state's larger newspapers criticized the ruling.

Devotion To Saint Jude
May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be praised, adored, loved, preserved & glorified throughout the world now and forever. The sacred heart of Jesus, pray for us St. Jude, worker of miracles, pray for us, St. Jude Helper of the Hopeless, pray for us. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ for the help of your servant St. Jude in listening to my prayers. Say this prayer nine times for the nine days. By the end of the eighth, your prayer will be answered. It has never been known to fail. Publication must be promised. Thank you sacred Heart of Jesus & St. Jude for prayers answered.
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Oil & Agribusiness

Keeping Your 4-H Livestock Projects Healthy



By Pascual Hernandez

It's nearly time for county stock show and it becomes very important to pay attention to health. Some exhibitors are adjusting rations in efforts to have their animals in optimum condition. Adjusting a ration can have consequences. We'll discuss a couple of them.

Grain overload, also known as "Lactic Acidosis" is a condition that occurs when animals get too much grain to eat. Acidosis usually occurs when animals have consumed large quantities of cereal grains or other sources of readily fermentable starch. Acidosis is caused by an increase in lactic acid-producing bacteria in the rumen and the rapid production of lactic acid. It's like eating too much ice cream and cake. Abdominal pain is followed usually by diarrhea and weakness. Harmful chemical changes occur in the digestive tract that can affect the entire body and could eventually even cause the death of the animal. So be careful in your feeding routine. Increase the amount of feed and the percentage of carbohydrates slowly. If you need to be gone during feeding time, make arrangements for someone else to put the correct amount of feed out at the correct time. In moderate cases, drenching or dosing 50 grams of magnesium hydroxide or magnesium oxide in a liter of warm water per 70 kg of body weight will work.

A second condition is Eneerotoxemia (Overeating disease). Overeating disease is caused by bacteria that live in the intestinal tract of ruminants. There are two major kinds of these "bugs" and

they are called clostridium perfringens C and D. These organisms are normal inhabitants of the gut that live off of the nutrients that are being broken down and digested by the body. They produce a small amount of toxin all the time. However, the amount is generally so small that the liver can detoxify it causing no harm. But, when you start to increase the feed on your animals, more nutrients are available. This added food supply stimulates this bacteria to multiply resulting in enormously greater numbers and much more toxin produced. Onset of this condition is rapid. Death can occur as quickly as one hour after signs of being sick are noticed. At first the animal will be depressed, followed by progressive weakness, blindness, convulsions and death in rapid succession. Animals are usually found laying on their side, the head pulled back, making paddling or walking movements with their feet. This condition is preventable by vaccination. Treatment of overeating can be successfully done but is expensive, elaborate, time-consuming and must be done by your veterinarian. It is much better to prevent this disease by vaccination than it is to try to treat it.

Two clinics will be offered at the 4-H Barns this month for lamb and goat exhibitors. Animal Health, Dec 7 at 7:00 p.m.; & a Sheep & Goat Project Workshop on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 8:00 a.m. The second is a hands-on workshop, so bring animals if you can. Breakfast & lunch will be provided; prizes will be awarded. There is also some community service associated with attendance. A local group is putting together care packages for servicemen in Iraq. Items requested include jerky (a big request from servicemen), chapstick, saline eye drops, phone cards (must be AT&T), paper tablets, etc. Finally, participants might bring dessert items (cookies, brownies, etc.) for refreshment breaks. RSVP if attending.

The Days Get Shorter As One Gets Older

By Ruthie Bounds

As the days get shorter and shorter, the leaves begin to fall, the mornings are a bit crisper and the hunters have arrived, I am reminded that the holiday season is upon us. I remember my parents saying over and over again that the older you get the faster time goes by. That makes no sense to a child that cannot wait until Christmas, but perfect sense to the parents that are preparing everything to make each holiday special. When you are a child, all you have to do is get up every morning anticipating the arrival of the holidays with the great food, parties, family, and the most anticipated arrival of Santa Claus. As adults we are expected to prepare all that great food, plan all those parties, manage the pull of at least two different families, and if the kids only knew how hard we work to help Santa.

As a child it seems an eternity passes between Halloween and Thanksgiving and another eternity passes between Thanksgiving and Christmas. As adults we find that the time between Halloween and Thanksgiving goes by all too fast, and the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas is as long as the blink of an eye. Every year I promise myself that I will get started on the decorations, baking, gift purchases and other preparations earlier next year. And every year, I don't seem to start much earlier than I did last year, but always end up more behind than I was at the same time last year.

Each year I also promise myself that I will be more relaxed and enjoy the holidays and my family more. The best way I have discovered to be able to do just that is to focus more on what the holidays truly mean. To concentrate on all I have to be thankful for at Thanksgiving time instead of whether or not the house is clean, or the turkey is large enough, or how many people will be at the table and is that table set properly is much more important, not to mention, enjoyable.

Likewise, at Christmas if I focus more on the fact that we are celebrating the birth of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and less on all the packages being wrapped beautifully, or whether the dessert tray is missing any of the family favorites; then I am able to enjoy the Blessed Event so much more. I remind myself of a certain little girl that asked at the age of 3, "Mama, where is Baby Jesus' birthday cake? Isn't it his party?" Now believe me; that question would stop a speeding freight train in its tracks. It certainly stopped me in my tracks. I quit worrying about what clothes everyone would need pressed, and how we would keep the food I had prepared warm until we arrived at Christmas Dinner with the family. Instead I began to scurry around looking for some birthday candles to put on one of the cakes I had baked.

This time of year can be a wonderful experience if we try a little harder to remember the things that we are supposed to be celebrating. The trick is to remember that each and every day between now and Thanksgiving and then from Thanksgiving to Christmas. I write as much to remind myself as to remind all of you. I hope that this year more than any other we can all focus on what is really important, and maybe see things through the eyes of a child, with all the wonderment and anticipation that these innocent little angels see in this magical season.

Texas Farm Bureau Calls For Eminent Domain Reform

ARLINGTON - Nearly 1,000 voices spoke as one for additional protections in Farm Bureau policy to deal with threats to private property due to eminent domain proceedings.

Driven by concerns over the potential loss of land due to the Trans-Texas Corridor and other state and local initiatives, some 968 voting delegates at the 73rd annual Texas Farm Bureau meeting unanimously adopted state policy and recommended national policy that strengthens landowners' options when confronted with eminent domain proceedings. State policies adopted during the annual meeting serve as a roadmap to guide the state's largest farm organization as it addresses issues and challenges in 2007.

Regarding eminent domain, delegates supported legislation requiring those exercising eminent domain to make a good faith offer. They suggested the condemning authority should pay attorney fees, appraisal fees and related costs whenever the offer is challenged and the amount awarded exceeds the initial offer. Delegates said adequate time should be given to those affected by eminent domain to relocate.

Delegates also recommended a governmental review to determine the number and kind of entities that have the right to exercise eminent domain.

"We encourage the legislature to consider limiting the number of entities with these powers," delegates said.

In other action, delegates re-elected Kenneth Dierschke of San Angelo to his fifth one-year term as president of the state's largest farm organization.

"Farm Bureau is our life," Dierschke said of the election contested by former TFB Vice President Lloyd Arthur of Ralls. "I will continue to represent you in Washington, Austin, and anywhere in the world we go."

Concerning other policy, delegates sought to protect the property tax cuts afforded by the legislature during the recent school finance debate. They favored lowering the current appraisal cap to 6 percent, and indicated that all increases above the cap be approved by county-wide election. They supported elimination of the current un-elected position of county chief appraisal officer and supported shifting those duties to the county tax assessor/collector, which is an elected position. Delegates favored reappraising property every three years instead of annually, and suggested the ap-

praisal district post the average increase in a county's property values—to show a real increase in taxes—in the local paper.

With the current drought focusing both urban and rural attention to the state's water situation, delegates sought to clarify agriculture's position in the state water debate by urging classification of water for agricultural purposes as an essential use of water. Opposing legislation that would give municipalities water that is required to sustain crops and livestock, delegates urged the development of brackish and sea water desalination projects to meet growing urban demands. They also supported legislation that encourages and supports voluntary water and land stewardship by "providing assistance and incentives to landowners for activities which benefit both urban and rural Texas."

Following the convention, the Texas Farm Bureau board of directors met to elect officers. Chosen as vice president was Bobby Nedbalek, a cotton and grain farmer from Sinton. Don Smith, a dairyman from Sulphur Springs, is TFB's new secretary-treasurer.

State directors were elected in even numbered districts and included the following:

Dewey Hukill, a cotton, corn and wheat farmer from Olton, was elected as District 2 state director and replaced Lloyd Arthur of Ralls, who retired after serving his maximum third two-year term.

Charles Ray Huddleston, a wheat, corn and sorghum producer from Celina, was elected as District 4 state director and replaced Joe Kapavic of Lancaster, who retired after serving his maximum third two-year term.

Gary McGehee, a sheep and cow/calf producer from Mertzon, was re-elected as District 6 director to his third two-year term.

Richard Cortese, a grain and livestock producer from Little River, was elected as District 8 state director and replaced Dan Dierschke of Austin, who retired after serving his maximum third two-year term.

Raymond Meyer, a cow/calf producer from Pleasanton, was elected as District 10 state director and replaced Thomas Boehme of Castroville, who retired after serving his maximum third two-year term.

Arthur Bluntzer of Goliad was re-elected as District 12 state director to his third two-year term.

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New 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 8800' Scheuber -b- #12 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 109 12/02/06 Rigging Up
New 5 Chevron/midland 6800' A R Kincaid Trust -d- #31 Dw Nabors Drilling (O) 353 11/30/06 2 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Eog Resources/mid 6500' Shannon Hospital -2- #8 Dw Key Energy (O) 463 11/20/06 12 Drlg Ahead
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Edwards

1 Newfield 15500' Whitehead #8501 Dw Patterson Drilling/a 471 11/14/06 18 Drlg Ahead
2 Newfield 10000' Four Square Ranch #17 H Dw Patterson Drilling/a 118 10/24/06 39 Drlg Ahead

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Junction Livestock Auction
Market Report 12/04/06
Sheep & Goats Market Report Sold 1424 head of sheep and goats. Kids were steady.

Sheep:
#1 Spring Lambs 50-70 lbs 1.10-1.16
#1 Spring Lambs 70-90 lbs .95-1.10
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Jimmy Cahill sponsored the meat (wild Game- Elk, Axis, Black Buck, and Mut-ton Lamb) that was prepared by the chief at Miss Hattie's. I was dressed up with my mohair boa as I passed out jerky and snack sticks. Nicholson's Meat Company made the wild game jerky and snack sticks for the evening and Conference. Jimmy Cahill, Russell Adkins, Tammi Adkins, Jennifer Eaparza, and Jim Kay were at the event to welcome all our guests to an evening of fun West Texas style. The evening was a step back in time that all seemed to enjoy.

The next morning we would find out that the Texas Downtown Silent Auction was a great success and the Black Buck Hunt had been purchased for the top bid of the evening. Another high bid was the art work of Mary Curtis. Mary Curtis was a topic of conservation with the Austin folks, because of the beautiful paintings she has just completed for the new Hyatt Hotel. The funds go to the Anice Read Foundation, which helps

with many projects in the downtown area all over Texas. Once again some of the visitors would take home a piece of West Texas or Sonora home with them. We also passed jerky and snack sticks made from the wild game on the Ft. McKavett Ranch and the Cool Water Ranch. The booth next door to the Sonora booth was the Hunting Booth for the Ft. McKavett Ranch and the Cool Water Ranch where photos of the animals and hunting industry were on display. The next session that morning would be Dan Brown and Carl J. (Jimmy) Cahill and these gentlemen would teach us how to develop and promote wild life in our downtown areas. Eaton Hill was one of the top stories in this session along with the story of the United States Flag on top of Eaton Hill. We would learn about mohair and the retail market and marketing the wild game hunts. The room was full of listening faces and they were interested in how they could learn how to promote their area as a whole. The tourism dollars help not only in the fueling stations,

small stores, and restaurants but even in the hunting ranches. WOW! Jimmy Cahill is an asset to our community and always has Sonora at heart as he promotes Sonora as a place to live and play. The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street would once again shine when we sponsored the National Main Street Rewards Reception. Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street, with other Main Street cities in Texas were recognized as outstanding programs in the state of Texas.

I would like to express my appreciation to San Angelo Downtown for letting us be a part of the taste of West Texas that was provided the guests of Texas Downtown Association Annual Conference. We are very proud of San Angelo winner- the Best Improvement Project of 2006 with their alley project. The art in the alley is priceless and top dollar artists are on display. We have promoted our community to many people from all over Texas and believe me they all said this was the Best Conference they had attended in a long time!



Managing Diabetes With Foot Care

Submitted by: Kelly L. Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-FCS
Texas Cooperative Extension-Sutton County

You might not realize it, but caring for your feet is a vital component in managing diabetes. Because diabetes can affect nerves in the extremities, people with diabetes may develop reduced feeling in their hands and feet. That means sometimes they are injured and don't even know it. Diabetes has been linked to nerve damage, poor circulation and skin infections. Because the feet are farther from the heart than any other body part, they are most affected by these conditions. And because high blood glucose can interfere with the body's natural healing processes, infections are harder to heal in people with diabetes. When nerves are working well, they tell you when something hurts, how things taste and how you move, and control the functioning of eyes, ears, heart, lungs, blood vessels, stomach, intestines, and bladder. Diabetic neuropathy - nerve damage - is common in people with type 2 diabetes. Nerve damage might be experienced as numbness or loss of feeling, weakness, tingling or pricking sensations and even pain.

Because their nerves may be damaged, people with diabetes might not realize they have blisters, sores or ulcers on their feet. And because these unrecognized conditions might go untreated for a long time, the resulting infections might be difficult to clear up. You can use a monofilament test to check the sensation in your feet. Your health care provider or diabetes educator may give you a plastic wire - a monofilament - to test the feeling in your feet. The places where you can't feel the pressure of the wire probably have nerve damage; check these areas carefully when looking for problems like sores or infections. Nerve damage can't be reversed or cured, but keeping blood glucose levels in your target range can lessen the discomfort. If you are having burning or pain in your feet, tell your doctor. You might benefit from some prescribed medications. Examine your feet every day for redness and sores, even if you don't think you need to. Watch for fungal infections, such as athlete's foot, which can grow between your toes unless you keep that area clean and dry. Because diabetes reduces the blood supply to the arms and legs, infections are more likely to develop in these areas. Without a good supply of blood, these infections can take a long time to heal and become very serious problems. Signs of poor circulation are: change in color and temperature of the feet; loss of hair on toes, feet and lower legs; and pain or cramping in the back of the leg between knee and

foot. Exercise can increase circulation to the feet, but remember: Always check with your doctor before starting an exercise program.

Wash your feet every day and dry them carefully, especially between the toes where fungal infections can develop. If your feet are dry, don't soak them. Instead, rub a thin layer of lotion or cream on the tops and bottoms of your feet, but not between the toes. Avoid lotions with alcohol, which will take moisture from the skin. Use foot powder such as cornstarch if your feet tend to sweat. If you have vision problems, have someone else check your feet for you. Never treat a foot problem at home. Talk to your doctor as soon as you notice a problem.

Keep your toenails trimmed, but don't do it yourself if you:

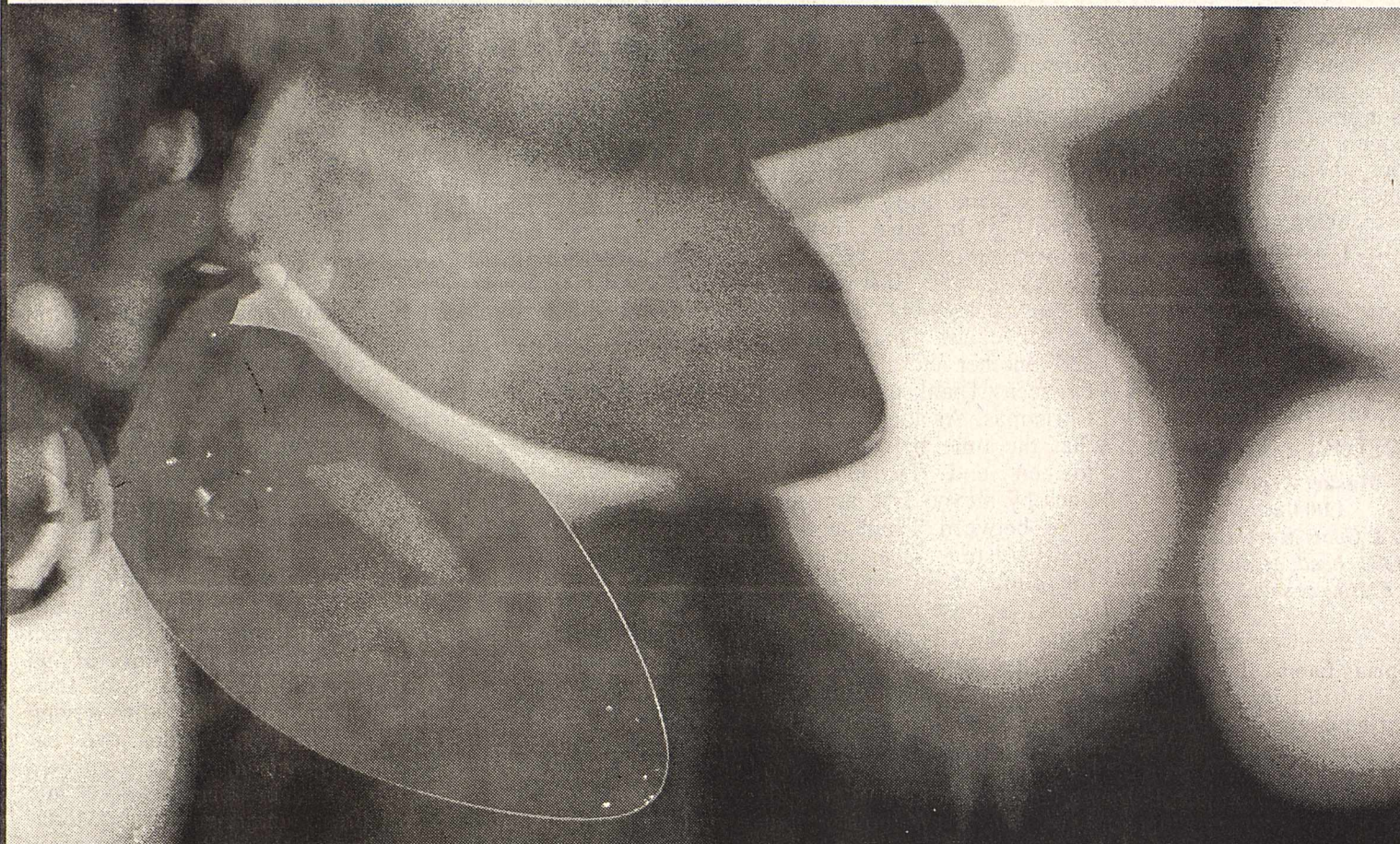
- Can't see well;
- Have hard, thick nails that are hard to cut;
- Have poor circulation or numbness in your toes;
- Have ingrown toenails.

If you have any of these problems, visit a podiatrist (foot doctor) or other health care professional. Don't try to treat corns and calluses on your feet with razor blades, scissors, knives, corn plasters or liquid corn or callus removers. Instead, soften corns and calluses with lotion and talk to your doctor about treatment options. If you do have an injury on your foot - no matter how small - call your doctor immediately. Then wash the injured area. (Don't soak!) Apply a mild antiseptic. Do not use iodine. If necessary, wrap the injury in a clean bandage; stay off the foot as much as possible. If the area becomes red, swollen or painful, you could have an infection. Talk to your doctor immediately or go to an Urgent Care facility. And of course, to protect your feet from injury, take care when selecting shoes. Some tips:

- Shop later in the day when your feet are slightly swollen.
- Measure both feet; buy shoes that fit the larger.
- If the shoes have a rounded toe, make sure there's an extra half-inch of space in the toe.
- Buy shoes with firm heels that don't rub.
- Don't buy tight shoes.
- Buy shoes that feel good and look good.
- Buy shoes that are comfortable when you try them on. Don't expect them to stretch. If they don't fit when you try them on, they won't fit when you get them home.
- Wear new shoes for only one or two hours a day at first.
- Replace shoes when they begin to wear out.

Wear clean, soft, seamless socks made of polyester or a cotton polyester blend to prevent blisters and keep feet dry. Before putting on shoes, check them inside to make sure no small rocks or other objects have fallen into them. Look for rough or torn areas that can injure feet. For more information on living with diabetes, plan to attend the Do Well, Be Well With Diabetes program, on Thursdays at the Senior Center from 11:00 AM-12:00PM. For more information contact Kelly Thorp at 387-3604 or Juanita Mesa at 387-5657.

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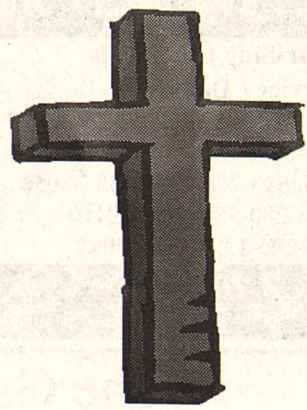
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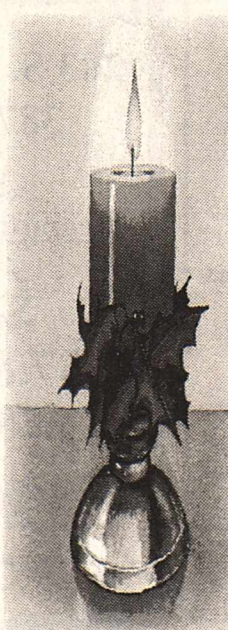
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The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Sawyer (Strawn, North), Vanderstucken Well Number 22-2. The proposed injection well is located 10 Miles Southeast of Sonora in the Sawyer Strawn (North), in Sutton County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 5600 to 6900 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463/6792).

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Public Notice

Public Notice Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Sutton County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a County Road Map including each road in which the County claims the continued existence of a public interest and a right of access and egress for maintenance of an existing County Road. The roads in which the County claims a public interest have been maintained for many years, beginning some time prior to 1981, have been previously listed in a notice included in the 2006-07 Ad Valorem Tax statement. A proposed County Road Map depicting each road in which the County claims a public interest is available for inspection by the public at the office of the County Judge in the County Courthouse Annex in Sonora, Texas, during business hours, commencing December 1, 2006. The Commissioners Court will conduct a public hearing on 1/11/2007, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commissioners Courtroom in the Sutton County Courthouse Annex. At this time, pursuant to Article 258.002(b), Texas Transportation Code, any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may appear before the Commissioners Court to object or protest the County's claim of its right to continue maintenance of the public roads depicted on the County Road Map. Any person asserting a private right, title or interest in a road may also file a written protest with the County Judge at any time before the time and date of the scheduled public hearing. By way of this procedure, the County makes no claim affecting title, acreage, or ownership of the land, but seeks merely to establish and document the right of the County to continue maintenance of the existing County Road in its present location and dimension.

Veronica E. Hernandez
Sutton County Clerk

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Lamb and Goat Workshop Planned

There will be an All Day Lamb and Goat Workshop for all 4-H and FFA members on Saturday, December 9th beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the 4-H Barn. Bring your animals - this is hands-on!

Katie Wallace and Keith Turner will be our guest speakers. They bring many years of experience and expertise to our workshop.

We will serve Breakfast and Lunch, and have lots of fun prizes for participation as well as an exciting Showmanship Competition at the end of the day.

Please plan to be here to join in the fun to get ready for the upcoming Sutton County Stock Show as well as the big stock show season around the state.

In addition to the workshop we are putting together a Community Service project that will be Care Packages sent to our overseas service members, serving in Iraq. The most requested item is jerky, but other needed items include Chap Stick, saline eye drops; AT&T Phone Cards (must be AT&T). Thank you in advance for participating in this community service.

For more information contact Louise Moore at 206-0334 or Bonnie Lou Campbell at 650-2062.

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Al-Anon Meetings - 7:00 p.m. Tuesdays - L.M. Hudspeth (old part) cafeteria.

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USDA-NRCS offices in Sutton, Crockett and Schleicher counties are accepting applications now through December 15, 2006 to be considered for 2007 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). If you wish to apply, please check with your Farm Services Agency (FSA) to make sure your farm records are current, then go by the NRCS office in the county where your property lies.

The Sutton County EMS will sponsor an Emergency Medical Technician - Basic Program and an Emergency Medical Technician - Completer Program beginning January 8th.

The program will be held on Monday's and Wednesday's from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and will include one Saturday session each month until April 18th. Cost of the program is \$125.00 which includes tuition and books. For more information or registration, please contact the Sutton County EMS at 387-5132.

Downtown Christmas Program. The Sutton County Steakhouse has offered to feed the community a Turkey and Dressing dinner with all the trimmings prior to the Downtown Community Christmas Program on Wednesday, December 13 at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street. In order to get a head count it will be necessary for you to come by the Chamber of Commerce office or Friends of Historic Sonora office to get a ticket to be presented at the dinner. The dinner ticket is free and should be picked up by Friday, December 8. Donations will be accepted and be given to the Ministerial Alliance.

Need Help with Medicare Part D? Patsy Fernandez, Benefits Counselor and Suzy Skaggs, Program Assistant from the Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley, will be assisting seniors with Medicare Part D enrollment on Dec. 6 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Sutton County Senior Center, 201 Main St. in Sonora. For more information please call the Area Agency on Aging at 1-877-944-9666 or 325-223-5704.

4-H Club meeting December 14, at 4:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church. Food baskets will be assembled during the meeting. Drop-off canned food at the extension office or that afternoon at the Methodist Church.

The Emmaus Community of Sutton County will gather at the First United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m. on Dec. 12. Fourth day speaker will be Tina VanGundy. Child care will be provided. Please contact Steve Smith at 387-6037 for more information.

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