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Popular Ozona Restaurant Damaged by Fire



Flames shoot out of the back part of the Hitchin' Post Restaurant. The heat and flames knocked out the windows.

Photo by Ozona Stockman photographer Joe Hernandez



Hitchin' Post Manager Matt Mecke and Ozona Fire Fighter Doug Meador try to extinguish the flames at the back part of the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse restaurant.

Photo by Ozona Stockman photographer Joe Hernandez

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher of the
Ozona Stockman

What once housed parties and private gatherings is now a pile of insulation, burned wood and metal.

Inside the area where patrons watched their favorite football teams on the big screen television, while enjoying their beverage of choice, is smoke and debris with pieces of insulation hanging from the ceiling. However, the ice machine still works.

For owners Pat and Debi Hamilton, the fire that destroyed part of the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse on Jan. 26 could have been much worse.

"How grateful we are that the whole building didn't burn. The part that did burn we can live without," Debi said.

The fire occurred at 8:37 a.m. and started in the back part of the restaurant, inside the largest private dining room. The start of the fire is believed to have been electrical.

Pat said he had just dropped daughter Emalee at school when

he heard the sirens and realized they were getting close.

"I wake up at 3 a.m. and I can still smell the smoke," he said.

Smoke towered above the structure and blew into both lanes of Interstate-10. Fire fighters Michael Little, Roland DeHoyos and Ryan Mason fought through the heavy smoke inside the building to try and contain the fire.

Fire fighters had to remove part of the siding from the east side of the building to gain entry into the south private dining room, according to a report from the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Two smoke removing fans were used, as well as a positive pressure fan that was used blowing into the bar area of the building, the report stated.

The structure was built in 1950 and was originally a sheep barn owned by E.H. Chandler. In 1989 the Chandler family undertook the project of converting the existing structure into a restaurant and club.

Debi and Pat Hamilton pur-

chased the business in 1992.

While the two private rooms were a total loss, the rest of the building suffered mainly heat and smoke damage. The couple also lost their paperwork to the bar area.

However, volunteers and employees are in the process of cleaning and getting the restaurant ready to reopen. The owners also plan on eventually rebuilding the rooms that were lost.

"We are going to pull out all the stops and try to be back in operation within 2 to 3 weeks," Pat said. "Thanks to the community and the many, many people who donated their time and effort. Thanks especially to the fire department. This really shows what kind of community we've got."

"There's been such terrific support," Debi added. Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department and the Crockett County EMS also arrived to assist.

Three fire trucks and 8,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire. Sixteen fire fighters responded to the scene.

John K. Wilson Attends State Required Justice of Peace Certification Seminars

Official Press Release

Recently elected Justice of the Peace, John K. Wilson received his first required certification at the Stage 1 Foundational Twenty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held December 10 - 13, 2006 in Austin, Texas.

The seminar was sponsored by the Texas Justice Court Training Center, a division of Texas State University - San Marcos, with offices in Austin, Texas. The seminar is one of three seminars held for newly appointed Justices of the Peace so they can fulfill their Continuing Judicial Education Requirements of eighty (80) hours of training within the first year of taking office, as set forth in Article 27.005 of the Texas Government Code. The seminar addressed topics such as Role of the Judge and the Judiciary, Court Structure of Texas, Due Process, Magistrate Duties, Inquests, How to Judge Cases, Justice Court Desk Book Overview

and Introduction to Law Books, Trial Procedure, Ethics and the Judicial Conduct Commission, Legal Terminology, Code Construction, Financial Management, and State Agencies.

Judge Wilson was certified at the recent Stage 2 Substantive Forty Hour Justice of the Peace Seminar held January 21 - 26, 2007 in Austin, Texas. This seminar, the second of three, addressed topics such as Judicial Ethics, Criminal Jurisdiction and Venue, Search Warrants, Traffic Laws/Commercial Driver's License, Civil Jurisdiction and Venue, Small Claims v. Justice Court, Legal Research, Contempt, Inquests, Magistrates Emergency Protective Orders, Family Violence, Peace Bonds, Juvenile Law - School Issues, Contracts, Landlord-Tenant Issues, Rules of Evidence, Civil Mock Trial and Criminal Mock Trial.

S.H.S. Student Council Raising Money for Felicity's Fund

Submitted

The Sonora High School Student Council is raising money for Felicity's Educational Fund.

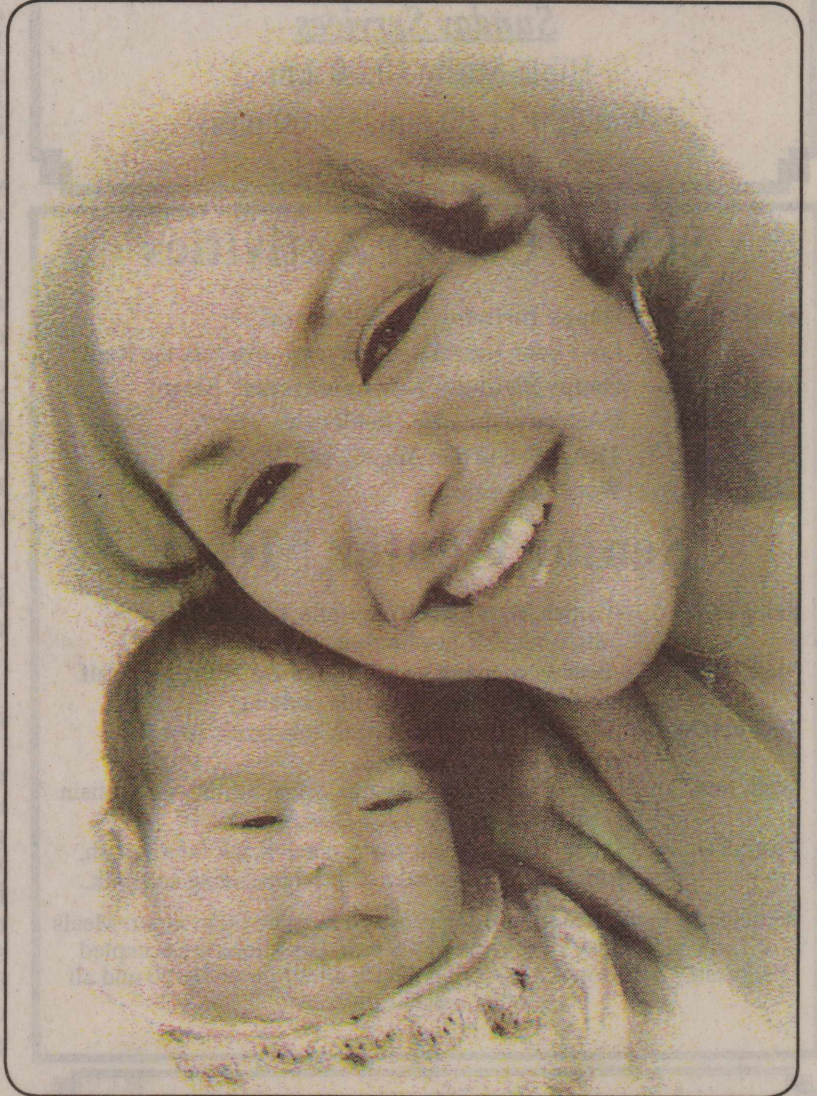
Felicity is the infant daughter of Amanda Castilleja, the Sonora High School graduate killed in an automobile accident.

Anyone wishing to donate may contact a Sonora High School Student Council member or call the high school at 387-6940.

Members of the student council are: Emily Butler, Kaci Chavarria, Jose Casillas, Monica Sanchez, Stacy Sanchez, J.T. Downing, Yolanda Sanchez, Cash Jennings, Monica Traylor, Nathan Mungia, Laura Martin, Starlyn Chadwick, Kayla Garcia, Chelsey Daniels, Chelsea Martinez, Stevie Pacheco and Sterling Love.

Donor names will be placed on a heart to be displayed at the H&R Block office and at the high school commons area. All proceeds will go to Felicity's fund.

If you would like to purchase a heart, the prices are, White Heart: \$1.00; Purple Heart: \$5.00; Pink Heart: \$25.00; Red Heart: \$50.00



Amanda Castilleja and infant daughter, Felicity

Middle School to Choose "Sweetest Hearts" at Annual Valentine's Dance

Submitted by Shelly Shannon

The Sonora Middle School Student Council is sponsoring the annual Valentine's Dance for its students. The theme this year is "Off the Record". Part of the tradition for the dance is for teachers to nominate 8th grade students for "Sweetest Hearts", who have shown themselves to be good citizens and upstanding students at Sonora Middle School. The student body then votes for their favorite from the nominations and the boy and girl with the top number of votes are announced as "Sweetest Hearts" at approximately 9:00 p.m. the night of the dance. The nominees for this

year's female "Sweetest Heart" are Dulce Acosta, daughter of Irma & Zenon Acosta; Valeria Buitron, daughter of Dora & David Buitron; Daniela Cano, daughter of Elizabeth & Robert Zapata; Chelsey Lou Campbell, daughter of Bonnie Lou & Curry Campbell; Alex Galindo, daughter of Lisa & Adam Galindo; Yarixa Guerrero, daughter of Lilia & Antonio Segura; Kallie Humphrey, daughter of Mary & Bryn Humphrey; Courtney James, daughter of Teresa James & Nick James; Rose Karnes, daughter of Lisa Karnes & Dick Karnes; Lizette Lira, daughter of Rachel & Mario Lira; Naycey Munoz, daughter of Blanca

& Adrian Mier; Christina Rodriguez, daughter of Maria & Jose Rodriguez; Morgan Smith, daughter of Melanie & DeVoe Smith; and Alyssa Williams, daughter of Starla & Ted Williams. The male nominees for this year's "Sweetest Heart" are Osbaldo Castaneda, son of Melinda & Baldo Castaneda; Colyer Dermody, son of Louise & Dean Dermody; Estaban Garcia, son of Lydia & Hilario Garcia; Jesus Garcia, son of Lurdes & Jesus Garcia; Adrian Mier, son of Blanca & Adrian Mier; Ethan Morris, son of Erica Morris & Steve Morris; and Bailey Joe Pennington, son of Fran & Stacey Pennington.



Middle school nominees for "Sweetest Hearts".

Historical Society

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Can you give me any information on the Lowrey House?

A. We can give you a background on John D. Lowrey, the longest tenant in the house and his family. By the way, Lowrey Draw used to be called Fort McKavett Draw but after about the 3rd person Mr. Lowrey rescued from the raging waters, it was renamed for him.

John D. Lowrey was born July 22, 1869 in Columbus, McCulloch Co and first came to Sutton County in 1892 and 1893 but returned home and didn't come back here until 1900. At that time he worked on the T-Half Circle Ranch west of Sonora.

In 1905 he went to work as an office deputy for the Sutton Co. Clerk, S. H. Stokes. Mr. Stokes convinced Mr. Lowrey to run for the clerk position and he did and was elected to office in 1906. He held the position for 39 years.

He entered the abstract and insurance sales business in 1909 at the offices of Sonora Abstract. He branched out further, buying a ranch in southern Sutton Co. with J. W. Wilson. His partner traded with J. T. Selman of Ft. Stockton for a 31,000 acre place in Pecos Co. It was promptly leased out as Wilson and Lowrey were much too busy with their other businesses in Sutton Co. To run the ranch in Pecos Co.

John D. Lowrey married Ellen Awalt in Mason Co. On June 6, 1897 and brought her to Sonora with him in 1900. Ellen had been born April 4, 1873 at Round Rock, and attended San Marcos Normal School and taught school at Camp San Saba.

Ellen kept busy all the time, a mother, member of the First Methodist Church and Women's Society of Christian Service, Past Worthy Matron of Sonora OES, of which she was a charter member, and good works all over town. She was a social butterfly in her time.

John D. Lowrey was a member of the Lions Club, a trustee of the Methodist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 60 years, Eastern Star, Suez Shrine, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. He even donated part of his pasture land to the Sonora Cemetery so that it could expand.

The Lowreys had several children, Marie who married Mans Hoggett and moved to Mertzon. Grady born March 25, 1898 in Camp San Saba, married May Clarkson on Oct. 2, 1927 and he died May 31, 1974 at Del Rio where he practiced law. He is buried in Westlawn Cemetery. Johnnie Guila Lowrey was born April 7, 1904 in Sonora and married R. C. "Bob" Vicars, a pharmacist assistant. She died November, 21, 1991.

Guila and Bob lived in a small house behind the Lowrey home that her father had built for their wedding present. Guila was well known in Sonora. She had been very active in sports while in high school and was one of the best attendees of games during her lifetime many have ever seen. She was a true "Broncho" fan. She is buried beside her husband in the Sonora Burial Park.

John David Lowrey.

The Lowrey house is interesting because newcomers do not know that the brick, 1930 - 50 style home, started its life as a very large, two story, with attic, home. It was surrounded by large curving verandas. One day the Lowreys decided that the home, with the children gone, was now too big and they would remodel into a small home. They tore off the upper floors and porches and turned the house into the small brick home we see today. Several beautiful, large old homes in Sonora had this happen to them from the 30's to the 50's. Homes that looked like the Sawyer home, were reduced to tiny bricked or rocked structures. The Savell house was first rocked, which promptly fell down, then bricked. Many curved porches and much gingerbread was lost to the remodeling.

Most of the owners later regretted the make over. They lost their cool porches and the ability

to open the attic windows and downstairs windows and let the breeze circulate through and cool the home. Even just hot air rising would pull in a small breeze through the windows and help on hot summer days. They also lost their high view of Sonora. Of course the smaller, well insulated home was much easier to heat and in old age much easier to maintain.

Checking back we find the Lowrey house was used to board many people who taught here in Sutton County. But if the draws were up the teachers had no way to get to school. Mr. Lowrey told at one time how the flood waters were up to into the yard and around the bottom of the front porch. The water still gets up pretty high at times but luckily, we don't have quite as many people thinking they can just drive through the high water. Most pay attention to the markings on the highwater pole and turn around and avoid the draw. No one has ever thought of going to the horrendous expense of building a bridge when you can just take the detour 1 street over.

The old Lowrey house has seen a lot of parties in the old days. The huge old home was a place where the children had their friends come to play instruments and later to listen to the radio. The large rooms made great little dance halls for the teens. Children organizations meetings were held there. Women's meetings and sewing and knitting groups during the World War I and II. The old place had a lot of pleasant memories for the family.

The "judge" as many called Mr. Lowrey, even though he was only the clerk, was well liked by many people in Sonora. He was very active in charitable works as was Mrs. Lowrey. One child became a lawyer, one married a rancher and Guila went on to work in the Sonora Abstract office until she retired in 1966.

There were prior owners to the property, but most didn't have any building on it. We don't know for sure who built the home, it isn't mentioned in the back issues of The Devil's River News, or on the old trans-



Original Lowrey House before the up-stairs and porch were removed.

Sonora Abstract Co.

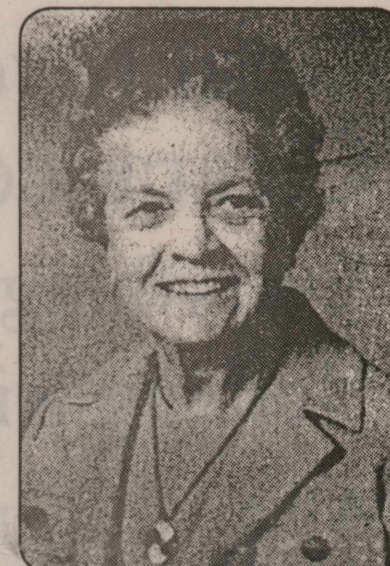
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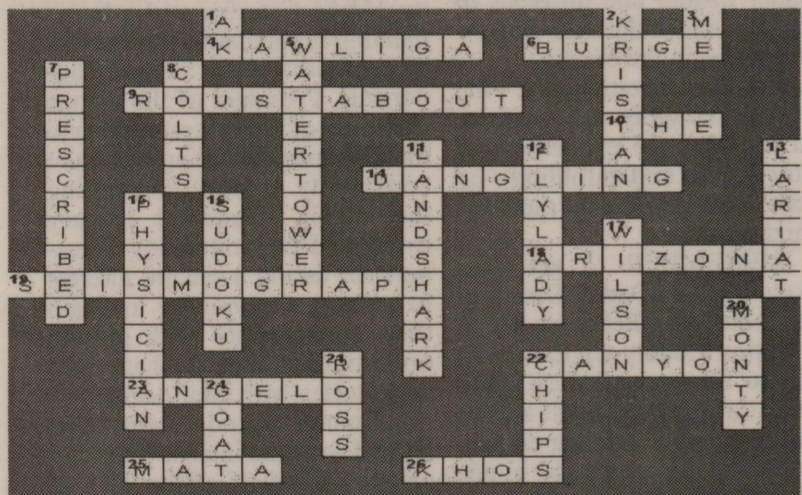
fer of records but think it was close to 1900, not older than 1913, by looking at the style of architecture.

If you drive by the Ice House Museum take a peek at the work going on outside. Our carpenter has replaced old wooden, rotted out poles with look alike metal poles and work is going along. We could use some helpers on the weekend to help finish taking a lot of knocked down trash out of the building. Give me a call a few days ahead and we will set up a work date.

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@sonorax.net. You may stop by our offices at 307 Oak Street to use the ar-

chives or our computer with the Ancestry.com subscription on it. Call 325-387-5084 to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building (Old Depot) for your party, wedding, reunion, etc. on Tues. Thurs. or Sat. Mornings when we are in the office.

We regret we were unable to do rentals during the storms. It was too icy to get up the hill and much too unsafe to be walking on the snow and slush on the slippery sidewalks. We had no one to shovel and had to wait until everything melted off. It was much safer for us and you that we didn't do rentals during that time. We apologize if Mother Nature inadvertently caused us to cause you an inconvenience.



Answers to last week's DRN Crossword Puzzle

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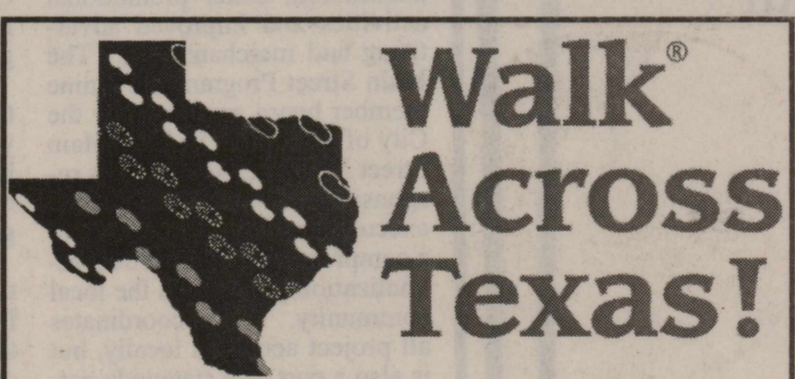
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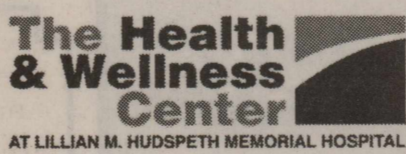
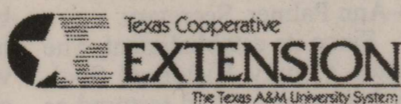
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Charles D. Harzke, M.D. Obstetrician/Gynecologist

West Texas Medical Associates is proud to announce Dr. Charles Harzke has joined Dr. Deborah Hajovsky in the practice of obstetrics and gynecology. Dr. Harzke and his family have relocated to San Angelo from El Paso. Dr. Harzke began seeing patients at WTMA on November 1st.

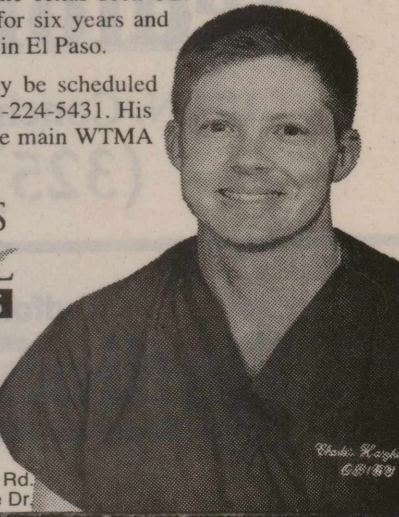
Dr. Harzke is a native Texan. He is board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and received his undergraduate degree from Texas A&M in 1986 and graduated from medical school in 1991 from Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Dr. Harzke completed his residency in El Paso specializing in obstetrics and gynecology. He was assistant professor in the Texas Tech OB/GYN Department in El Paso for six years and then began his private practice in El Paso.

Patient appointments may be scheduled with Dr. Harzke by calling 325-224-5431. His office is on the 2nd floor of the main WTMA building on Knickerbocker Rd.

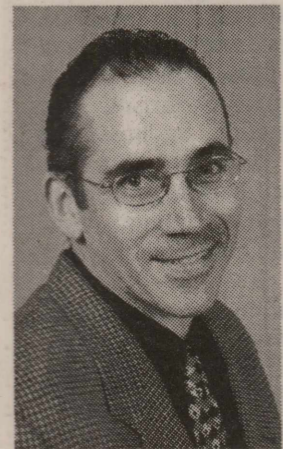
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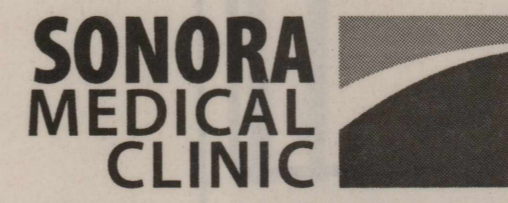
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A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.



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CHAMBER CHATTER

Historical Preservation

By Becky Covington

I often receive the question of what is the difference in the Sutton County Historical Society and The Friends of Historic Sonora and are they one in the same organization.

The Friends of Historic Sonora's became a member of the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas Historical Commission in 1994. This program assists cities in revitalizing the central business district and preserving their important historical buildings. The goal of the program is to encourage economic development within the context of historic preservation by using sound management and private sector techniques. The primary responsibility for realizing the goals of a Main Street revitalization program rests upon the downtown business community. Therefore, Friends of Historic Sonora has a major role in promoting the program and fostering recommended business improvements among downtown's individual owners and operators. The group has a number of roles to perform in promoting extended hours of operation, better building maintenance, and storefront rehabilitation, better promotional activities and improved advertising and merchandising. The Main Street Program has a nine member board appointed by the City of Sonora. The local Main Street Manager, Ann Kay, is responsible for the development, execution and documentation of a comprehensive Main Street revitalization program in the local community. She coordinates all project activities locally, but is also a part of a statewide network of professionals working to find ways to revitalize central business districts and share techniques, methodology and information with other communities.

The Sutton County Historical Society was Founded in the late 1960's and their goal is to keep history alive, bring together people who are interested in local history, preserve history in writing, accumulate and make available material about the area, collect and index historical materials, and saving set historical buildings. The society is a non-profit organization, funded by donations, and staffed entirely by volunteers. The current officers of the society are Rose Mary Whitehead Jones, President; Marvin Shurley, Treasurer; JoAnn Hernandez, Treasure; and Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary.

Since its establishment, The Sutton County Historical Society has acquired and restored or

is in the process of restoring the following buildings. Their office is located at 307 Oak Street and open Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturday mornings, for more information or rental of the Old Depot/John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building call 387-5084.

The Miers Home Museum: One of the oldest surviving buildings in Sonora and was constructed after the well was drilled. The house was donated by Velma Savell to the society for a museum and is maintained as an 1890's period home.

Santa Fe Depot: Built in 1930, the Railroad Depot was moved from its original location at the intersection of Water Avenue and 3rd Street and paid for by Joseph and Mabel Vanderstucken. The landmark icon was remodeled, thanks to the John and Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Trust, along with the support of different businessmen donating material, work and their time, the amphitheater and bathrooms were built and today it offers a history-rich setting for special events.

Ice House: Today the society is working to gut and restore the old ice house on Water Street to turn it into a large museum covering all periods of Sutton County history and all types of ranching and industries and organizations in the county.

Both organizations are vital to the community and I invite you to share the excitement of history - past and unfolding - by becoming a member of these organizations.

REMEMBER to get your tickets for the "Daddy Daughter Date Nite" for February 16 at the Sutton County Civic Center, open to all young ladies grade Pre-K through 8th Grade and an adult male escort of their choice. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Chamber of Commerce Office for \$7.00 or that night at the door for \$10.00. For more information please call 387-2880.

NEW MEMBERS: We would like to welcome the following new members to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce.

Tan Your Hide, operated by Lynn Wipff, located at 220 E. Main, offers indoor tanning beds that are made to simulate the sun's natural tanning process while allowing you to relax in a clean, comfortable, and convenient environment.

Mark and Mallory Rousselot is one of thirty four individual members who join the Chamber of Commerce to participate in diverse committees that deal with business/community concerns.

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

Sonora Invitational Speech Meet
 February 9-10, 2007

Senior Center Fund Raiser
 Sutton County Senior Center
 Enchilada Dinner
 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 Tickets \$6:00, Raffle \$1.00
 February 11, 2007

Daddy Daughter Date Nite
 Sutton County Civic Center
 February 16, 2007

Vernon West Memorial Invitational Team Roping
 Sutton County Arena
 March 30-31, 2007
 FMI - 277-2156

Sasparillo Tours the DRN Offices



Sasparillo the armadillo, visited The Devil's River News Monday, where Marissa Faz gave Sasparillo a tour of the office.

He was sent to Annette and Randy Mabry by their niece, Nicole Whitehurst of Tuscole, TX where she is a second grader at Lawn Elementary School.

Texas Pecos Trail Program Visits Sutton County

By Mary Ann Kay

Texas Pecos Trail board Discusses Economic Development The historic riches of the Hickman Museum and the Reagan County Community Building were the area destinations visited by the Texas Pecos Trail members for their education program and bi-monthly board meeting on January 11. Big Lake civic leaders, represented by Mayor Jack Blakely, welcomed the Pecos Trail board of directors, members and various area officials representing much of the 22 counties of the Pecos Trail Region.

After an impressive and interesting tour of the Hickman by the head of the Historical Society, Ann Schneemann, a TPTR board director, the group of almost 50 individuals - some from as far away as Brackettville, Sanderson and Monahans - met at the Community Building for a networking lunch catered by M&M Catering and a board meeting immediately afterwards. TPTR board chair Shanon Biggestaff, President of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, spoke to the gathering, thanking Big Lake community leaders for hosting the hugely successful January event and congratulating members for taking a sincere interest in making the journey to "help their communities with growth opportunities and to share success stories with their peers."

Among agenda items discussed were the intense lobbying efforts on behalf of the TPT to the Texas Department of Transportation and the Texas Historical Commission for continued funding of the award winning Heritage Trails Program, that has invested over \$400 million dollars into heritage tourism development in Texas; and to the state legislature for protection and funding of our State Parks. Building membership in this new west Texas non-profit foundation, fund raising projects, and making resources and grants information available to communities for heritage preservation projects, were also high on the list of new business discussed. Cooperative tourism marketing, educational workshops, and website promotions and support for partners were part of a report presented by the Region's new Coordinator, Keith Godwin.

Mayor Sherry Phillips of McCamey, Big Lake County Commissioner Ron Galloway, Sonora Main Street Director - Mary Ann Kay, Ruth Engeldorf of the Sanderson Chamber of Commerce, and Debbie Vickers of the Odessa Convention and Visitors Bureau were just a few of the Region's stakeholders in attendance that support the Texas Pecos Trail and it's promotion of rural economic development through the preservation & promotion of heritage tourism. For more information on how you can become involved, or get assistance with building heritage tourism in your community, contact the region coordinator Keith Godwin at 325-387-2927, or visit the immensely resourceful website at www.texaspecostrail.com The TPTR next meeting will be in Sanderson on Thursday, March 8.

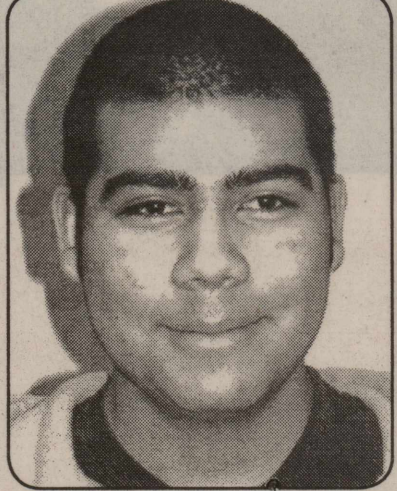
Broncos Win 1, Lose 1

By Mark Rousselot
On Tuesday (Jan 23), the Broncos faced the Blanco Panthers in their first ever match-up. The Broncos surged to a 25-22 halftime score. The lead quickly evaporated as the Panthers scored seven unanswered points to begin the 3rd quarter. With the Broncos trailing by four, they quickly turned up the defensive pressure and tied the game 34-34. The 4th quarter belonged to the Broncos. They controlled the boards with the rebounding of Travis Valliant and A K Williams and full court defensive pressure led by Evan Rousselot and Fidel Acevedo. The Broncos outscored the Panthers 18-9 in the quarter to secure a 52-43 win. Sonora was led in scoring by Evan Gulley's 18. Craig Leonard and Williams pitched in with 12 and 11, respectively.

Broncos headed east on 1-10 to face the Comfort Bobcats. Sonora quickly fell behind in the game as the Bobcats were red hot from the floor while the Broncos could not seem to pry the lid off the basket. Comfort's Tony Blanco, by far one of the best players in the district, seemed to have his way in the scoring column. The Broncos trailed most of the game, but as they have all year, kept up the defensive pressure. It was too little too late as the Bobcats prevailed 49-41. The Broncos were led offensively by Gulley (13 points) and defensively by Michael Jenkins.

The Sonora Bronco basketball team is 2-3 in district play with 5 games remaining in the season. Comfort leads district play with a 4-1 record. The Broncos host the Mason Punchers in a rematch this Friday at home with a start time of 8:00.

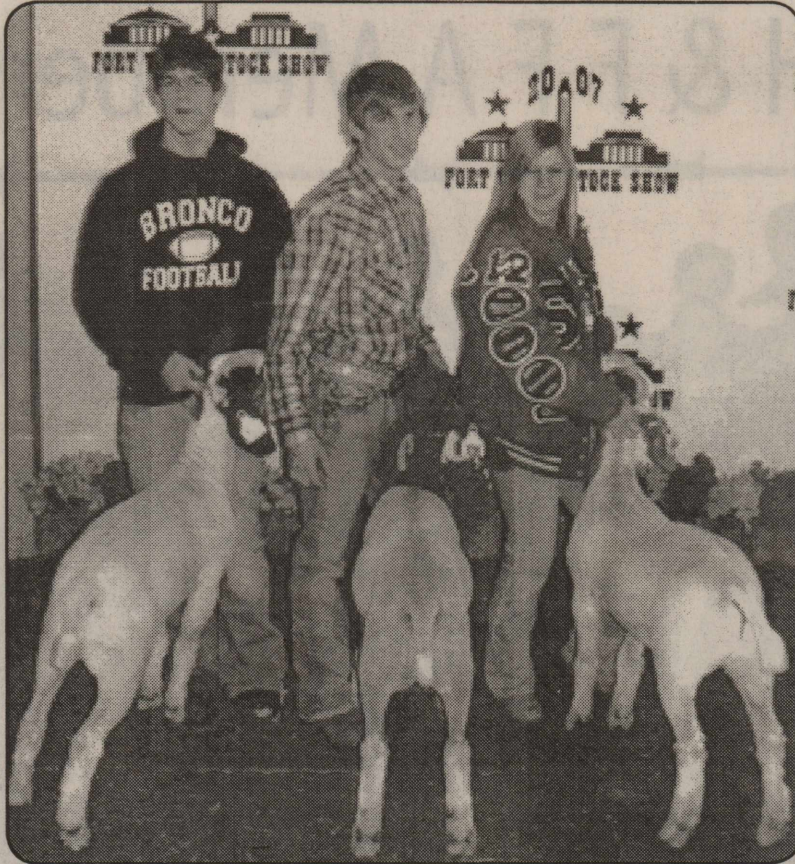
Students of the Week for Jan 29-Feb 2 are Stephani Morris and Mik Samaniego



By Erica Hernandez
Living here all her life, Stephani Morris, daughter of Steve and Erica Morris, enjoys eating, spending time with her amazing friends, and talking on the phone. Along with her likes, her dislikes are...NOTHING.
Being in high school for only two years, Morris has had a busy schedule from cheerleading on Friday nights in the fall to being involved in track and softball in the spring.
Outside of school, she spends some of her time in 4-H and her church youth group. Stephani's favorite thing about Sonora High is "just spending time with my friends."
When she graduates in 2009, she plans to further her education by going to college and hopefully becoming a teacher and also an athletic coach. In her first two years of being in high school Morris states that, "teachers have helped me in different situations whenever I have needed it."

The second Student of the week is Sophomore, Mik Samaniego, son of Patsy Samaniego. Mic entertains himself on a daily basis after school by reading comic books, playing video games, skateboarding, watching movies and drawing.
On Saturday evenings or Sunday mornings he enjoys going to St. Ann's Catholic Church for mass. Living here all of his life, Samaniego still dislikes waking up early for school, or other events, and being bored out of his mind.
In school, Mik is involved with the Sonora High School Band. His favorite thing about Sonora High is art and the three o'clock Friday schedule.
When he graduates along with Stephani, Mik also wants to further his education and go to college at ASU for a year and then transferring into a different college or university and majoring in Criminal Justice, hopefully becoming a F.B.I. Agent.
"Teachers here have motivated me and inspired me through the life I've lived so far"

Sonora Youths Exhibit at Ft. Worth Stock Show



Ethan Morriss, Colton Moore and Stephani Morriss exhibited their goats at last weekend's Ft. Worth Livestock Show. The Sonora trio placed all three goats in the top 15 of their classes.

By Louise Moore
These kids spent many long hours preparing their goats for the trip to Ft. Worth and worked very hard keeping the goats fresh before showtime, following a schedule of feeding, watering, drenching with electrolytes and keeping the goats exercised by walking them every four hours. Fun time in-between goat care included visiting with friends, meeting new friends, browsing the stock show booths and an educational trip to the downtown stockyards area.

The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur.
- Vince Lombardi (1913-1970) US football coach

Junior High Lady Colts Sweep Brady

Submitted by Larry Jennings and Jennifer Lilly
This past Thursday, the Brady Lady Bulldogs came to Sonora and were sent home with two losses. The 8th Grade Lady Colts led by Morgan Smith and her 17 points won in an exciting game by a score of 26 to 23. Maci Zuniga scored four points, Chelsey Lou Campbell added three points, and Kash McGee had two points.
The 7th Grade Lady Colts had an easier time winning by a score of 23 to 8. Hunter Jennings was high point with 11 points. Evelyn Solis tossed in six points, Sarah Carrillo threw in four points, and Sandra Hernandez contributed with two points.

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02/05	Comfort	Home	
02/08	Comfort		Home

Sonora Broncos Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 9	Blanco*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 13	Comfort*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 16	Junction*	Home	5:00	8:00

Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule
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Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

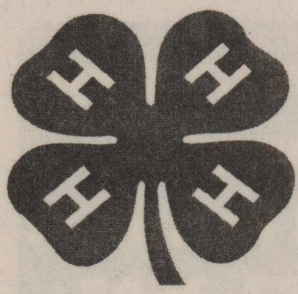
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Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	6:30

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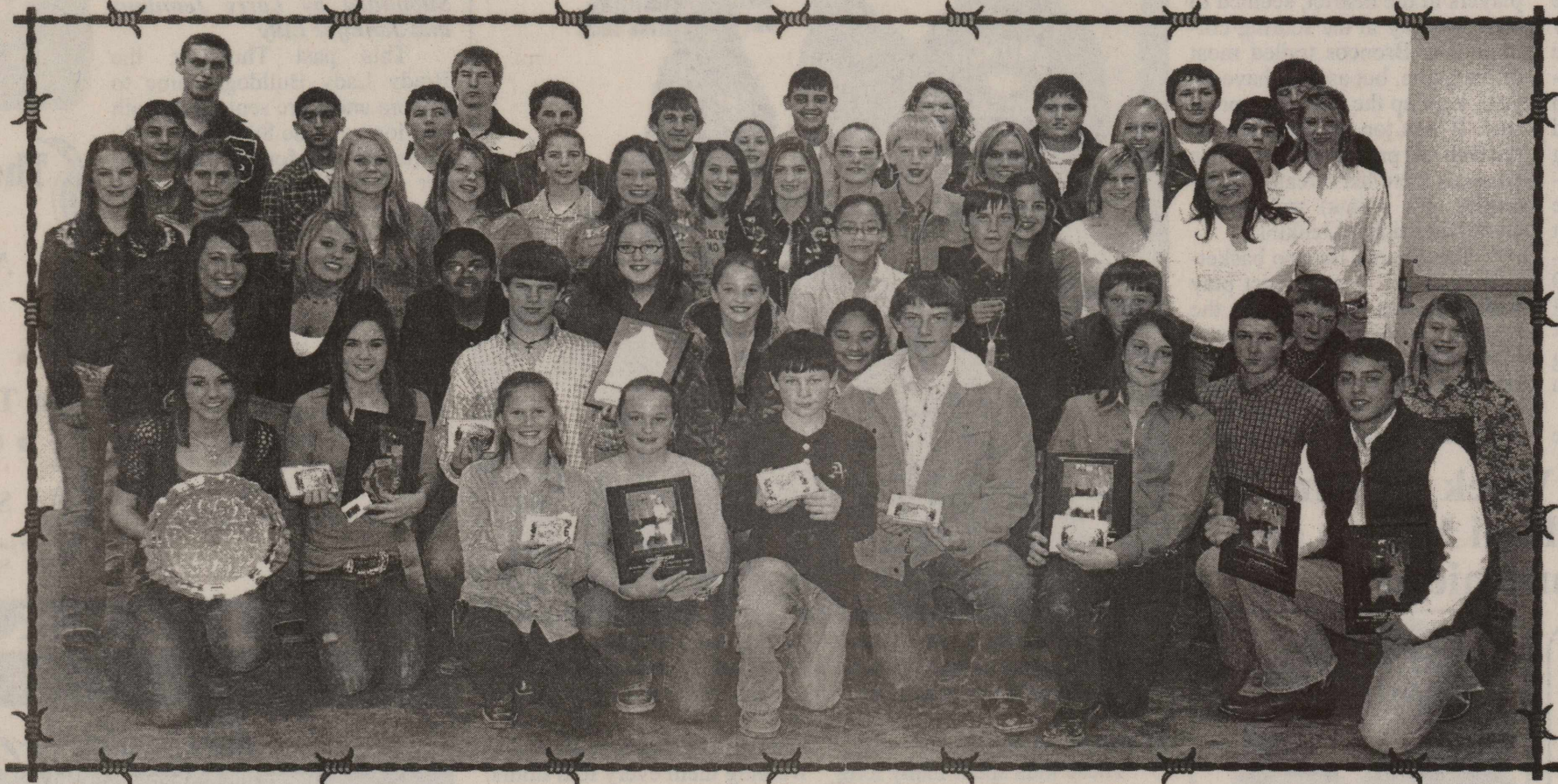
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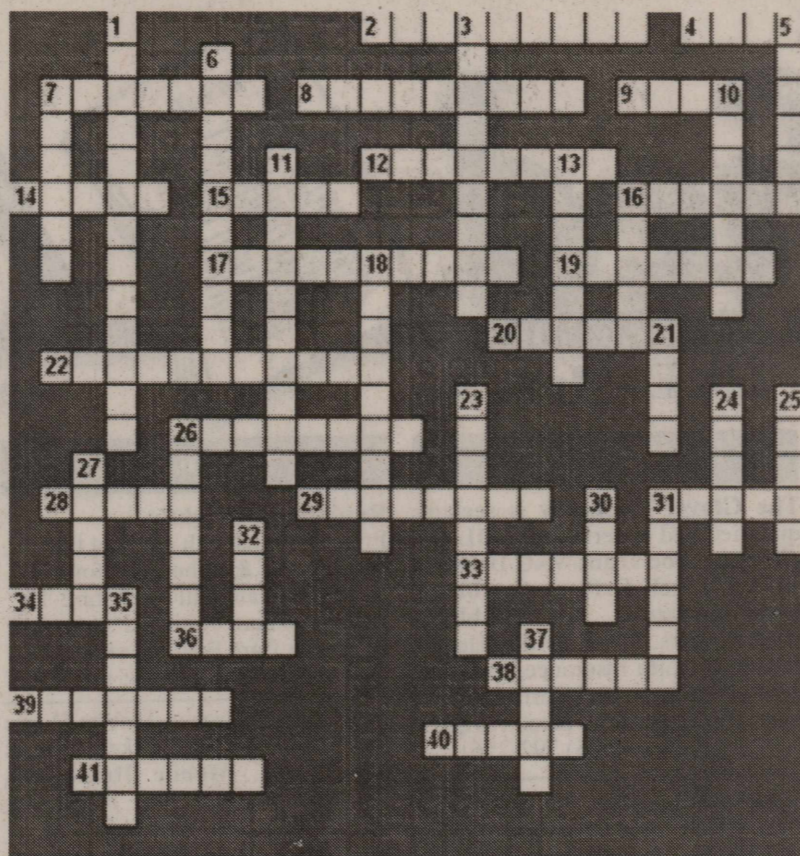
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 - Valedictorian from Junction High School
 - Serve six year terms
 - "Sweet _____"
 - June 6, 1944 _____
 - Sleepless in _____
 - The _____ is right
 - Sonora's first female mayor
 - A private worth saving
 - "_____ the Alamo!"
 - A _____ runs through it
 - _____ of Khan
 - Hop A Long or Sundance's partner
 - Jay Silverwheels
 - Getting mad and ripping shirts
 - Not stirred
 - A Beautiful _____
 - "This tape will self destruction in 10 seconds!"
 - The new defense secretary

- ACROSS**
- Driven by Bruce Wayne
 - Rarely happens here or type of bunny
 - Will always be Captain Kirk
 - "I'll make him an offer he can't refuse."
 - "We need a bigger boat!"
 - The Duke's last movie
 - "You are only a master of evil"
 - "That is not logical!"

- WWII Army General
- Keeps ships safe in the fog
- Roy's horse
- Bullets or name of horse
- Opening doors and shooting Nazi's
- Device invented by the Klindons
- Who said, "He is dead, Jim."
- A form of solitaire found on computers

- usually falls when the temp is two degrees below freezing
- Recently lost his seat
- Popular PC game
- Died in a swamp and taught the force
- Bruce Wayne
- "We have a problem"
- Football picture page sponsor
- Where Robin helps fight crime

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