

# The Devil's River News

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## Sutton County Arena Approval Association Receives Sizable Contribution



Max Howorth (l) and Marty Parks (r) of the the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation present Elizabeth Schenkel a check for \$85,000. The proceeds will go toward the lighting and sound project at the Sutton County Arena.

## Rabid Bobcat Found in Sonora

Submitted by Mary Humphreys

The first report of rabies this year in Sutton County has been confirmed.

On the afternoon of February 12, 2007, a bobcat was spotted within the city limits of Sonora. That bobcat has been tested and confirmed positive for rabies by the Texas Department of Health laboratories as of February 14, 2007.

It is typical to have at least one bobcat found positive either in Sutton or Crockett Counties during the winter months. It is a reminder that rabies cases can occur at any time of the year.

Vernon's Texas Statutes Section 826.022 states that a person commits an offense if the person fails or refuses to have each dog or cat owned vaccinated for rabies. An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor.

The City of Sonora Codes Sec. 14-71 requires that each dog and cat at least four months of age or older be vaccinated annually.

Check with your veterinarian to make sure all dogs and cats are current on their vaccinations for rabies and keep all tags attached to their collars at all times.

Other precautions include:

\* Inform your children about rabies.

\* Avoid contact with stray animals or wildlife.

\* Report strange acting animals to Animal Control.

\* Do not hand-feed wild animals or keep them as pets.

\* Anyone working, hunting or participating in outdoor activities should take extra precautions.

\* If saliva from a rabid animal contacts your mucous mem-

branes or any open wounds, you could be exposed to rabies.

The two most common signs in both domestic and wild animals are a change in behavior or unexplained paralysis. If you notice any suspicious behavior in an animal, get away and do not attempt to touch or make contact.

Immediately call or contact...

\* Sonora Police Department, Sonora Animal Control at 387-3888.

\* Sutton County Sheriff's Office at 387-2288.

\* Game Biologist or Game Warden at 387-2288.

For specific questions about rabies, contact the Texas Department of State Health Services, Zoonosis Control, Kathy Parker at 432-571-4118.

## Lawsuit Filed Against Bankruptcy Plan

By Melissa Perner  
Editor and Publisher of the  
Ozona Stockman

What was supposed to be a cut and dry plan for Wool Growers Central Storage Co., has hit a snag.

The company faces a lawsuit and an objection filed against the bankruptcy plan by a group of Sutton County ranchers.

Jack David Wardlaw, Jesse Lem Wardlaw and Warlaw Brothers, which is composed of Jack David Wardlaw III, Mack Miers Wardlaw and William Chase Wardlaw, have filed an objection to the disclosure statement in the bankruptcy case, as well as a lawsuit against the Wool Growers Board of Directors, current manager Mike Edinburg, former manager Donnie Laughlin and former secretary Tonya Stalcup.

According to court documents, board of directors George Bunger Jr., president, Bill Black, vice president and John Allison, secretary-treasurer, have contributed \$2.625 million toward the reorganization plan that was filed in early January.

This money will go toward the payout of some of the \$4.3 million in claims to the more than 100 creditors that have filed since Wool Growers filed for bankruptcy in April 2006.

The dividend to be paid to the holders of unsecured claims should equal about 60-70 cents on the dollar, depending on the total amount of claims by the court, documents stated.

Documents also stated that the payments from the Board of Directors shall be in forms of loans to Wool Growers Central Storage Co.

The reorganization plan stemmed from disclosure statement that was put together by the creditors' committee, made up of Bill Pfluger, San Angelo, Duery Menzies, Fredericksburg and Beverly Ann Short, Pipe Creek, along with attorneys.

Attorney Byrn Bass Jr., who represents the company in the bankruptcy case, said the disclosure statement took around six weeks to prepare and the Wardlaw group was heavily involved in the process.

"Other creditors and producers and the committee think what the board of directors and Wool Growers proposed is the best for all concerned," Bass said.

According to the objection filed, the Wardlaw group claims that the disclosure statement falls "far short of the adequate

information" that is required to be disclosed when it comes to the directors' liability.

The objection states the disclosure statement should contain more specific details about the possible liability of the directors. This includes regular director's meetings that were not held during the time most of the fraud was being committed and no investigation was made of Laughlin's background when he was hired.

Prior to the bankruptcy the directors discovered Laughlin had failed to pay producers more than \$200,000, that they were due and that the directors were negligent in performing their duties, the objection stated.

The disclosure statement releases the board of directors from any liability, including negligence of Laughlin.

Laughlin and Stalcup, were arrested and charged in May with misapplication of fiduciary property over \$200,000, which is a first degree felony that is punishable up to life in prison and a fine up to \$10,000. Their cases are still under investigation with the FBI.

Wool Growers reserves the right to prosecute any claims or file a lawsuit against Laughlin and Stalcup, the documents state. However, the directors have chosen not to pursue this right now.

The objection also states that the directors should submit personal financial statements of their personal property.

"(The Wardlaw group) has the right to object. However, the amount of money the directors are putting up is quite remarkable," Bass said. "The fact that (the directors) are willing to come out of pocket is quite admirable. The liability money is not as cut and dry as the Wardlaw group thinks."

According to the disclosure statement, the order of the payout starts with Administrative Claims, such as court counsel for Wool Growers and the committee, the accounts for Wool Growers and the committee and the consultant and disbursing agent for Wool Growers. Documents state that this amount should not exceed \$150,000.

Funds will then be distributed to trade creditors or supply companies totaling \$218,121.42.

The rest of the money will be distributed to the producer claims, which totals \$3.5 to \$3.6 million.

The price for determining

the amount of individual claims for mohair will not be higher than the established market price on April 28, 2006. April 28 is the day the bankruptcy was filed. Prices quoted at that time were adult \$4.20 per pound, fine adult \$4.50, 12-month adult \$3.50, average kid \$6.50, spring kid \$6.50, fall kid \$7.50, and stain \$2.25.

Payouts to Crockett County for \$11,691.47 and Terrell CAD for \$2,737.95 for taxes and to Ford Motor Credit for \$24,208.29 are being paid through the operations revenue of Wool Growers and not from the directors' funds.

The directors also agreed that their claims, which total \$517,009.11, will be subordinate to the claims of the other unsecured creditors.

"It's not like they were looking out for themselves," Bass said. "They may never get paid, ever. This further shows their good faith in the deal."

The lawsuit that was filed in Tom Green County District Court states that Laughlin, Allison, Black, Bunger and Edinburg are personally liable for the debt created when Wool Growers breached its contract to honor the Wardlaw's requests to sell its mohair and remit the proceeds.

The lawsuit also seeks punitive damages in that Laughlin, Stalcup and Edinburg acted with malice.

Morris Reese, attorney for Bunger, Black and Allison, said they are hoping the lawsuit can be resolved in the bankruptcy.

"We're not sure which direction to go, frankly," Reese said. "We are in the process of analyzing where we are with the bankruptcy."

A March 1 court date has been set in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in San Angelo.

At the hearing, a judge will decide on the objection filed by the Wardlaw group and whether the disclosure statement is good.

Reese said the creditor's committee is expected to send a summary to all the creditors of their recommendations for both the reorganization plan and the disclosure statement.

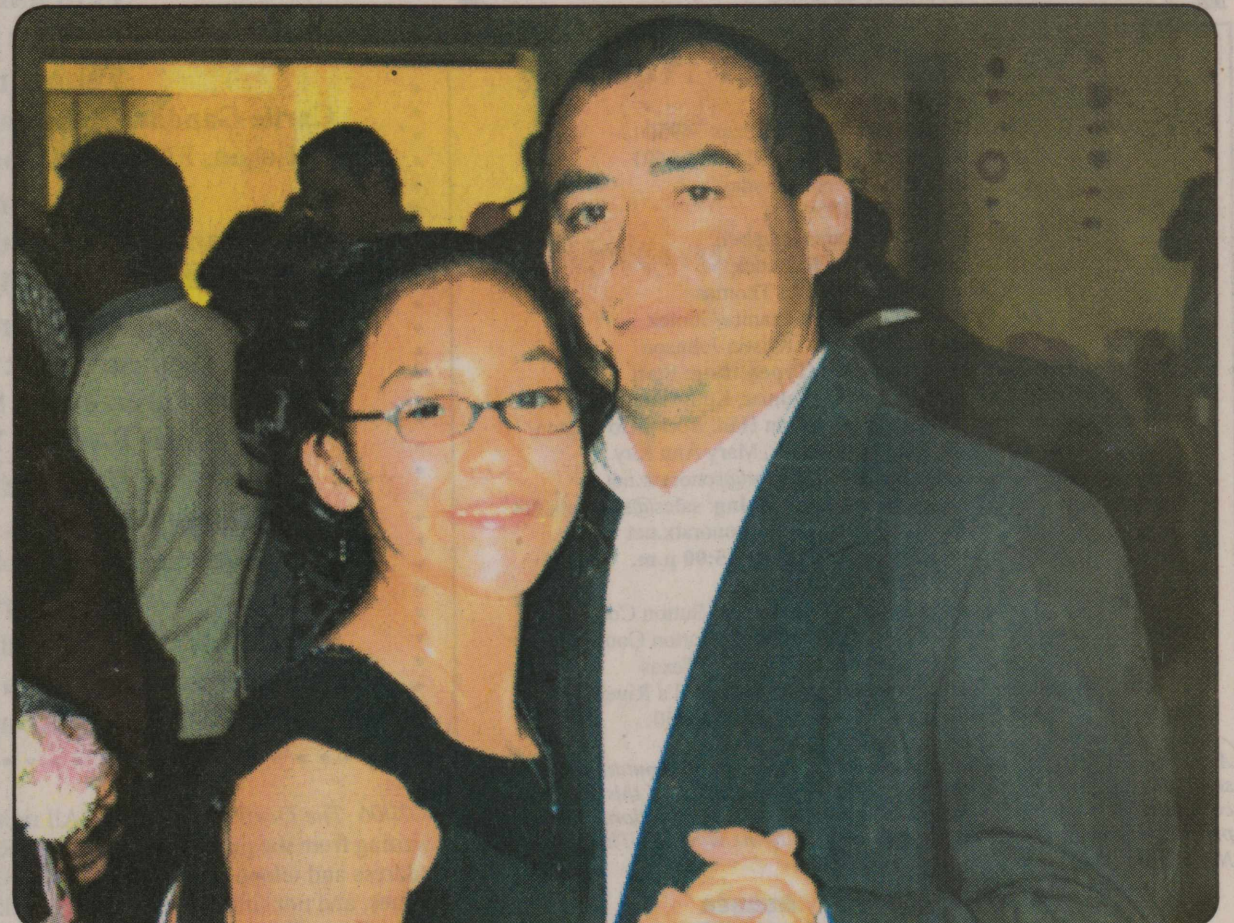
"The next 50 to 90 days will be critical in this case," Bass said.

Wool Growers plans to go forward with its retail, consignment and commission sale business in both Ozona and Sander-son locations, documents stated.

## Father - Daughter Date Night



Miss Sutton County Lexie Ortiz is joined by Amelia Butler (l) and Lisette Ortiz followed by Serena Allison and Kory Humphreys



Adriana Faz enjoys a dance with her father, Santiago. More photos of Father - Daughter Date Night on page 4



## 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

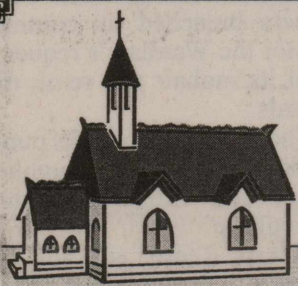
## Senior Center Activities

**Fri. Feb. 23** - February birthday party at noon! Bingo!  
**Mon. Feb. 26** - PEC Electric donation at noon! Bingo!  
**Tue. Feb. 27** - Crafts - sign up for St. Patty's Crafts!  
**Wed. Feb. 28** - Decorate Center for St. Patrick's Day after lunch!  
**Thur. Mar. 1** - No information available

## Senior Center Menu

**Fri. Feb. 23** - Catfish, hominy, broccoli, cornbread, bread pudding with raisins and milk.  
**Mon. Feb. 26** - Chicken fried steak with gravy, oven french fries, carrots, rolls, vanilla pudding with fruit and milk.  
**Tue. Feb. 27** - Smothered steak with gravy, onions, mashed potatoes, green beans, juice, rolls, apple crisp and milk.  
**Wed. Feb. 28** - Chicken Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, broccoli, milk, tossed salad, cracker and cake.  
**Thur. Mar. 1** - No information available

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

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

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387-2266

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## Letters to the Editor

In March of 2001 three illegal aliens were arrested in Sutton County after a five day two county man hunt. During this five day period the aliens stole several vehicles and accosted and shot one of our citizens with a bow and arrow. Law enforcement officers and local citizens were involved in the hunt. On one occasion a crew backed a maintainer across a road causing the aliens to abandon one of their stolen vehicles and continue on foot. The aliens were finally apprehended by one of our citizens and held at gunpoint until law enforcement officers were able to arrive.

Edwards County deputy Guillermo Hernandez is currently waiting to be sentenced in federal court for the crimes of protecting the citizens of Texas, enforcing the laws of Texas and the United States, and protecting himself. Deputy Hernandez was in a situation that not only our

law enforcement officers find themselves but also our citizens have been in and continue to have the opportunity to be in.

Our federal government has put itself in a position of not protecting its own citizens. Now it has gone a step farther and is choosing to prosecute those who do so under its own, state, and local authority. It is extremely important that we contact our state and federal elected officials and let them know that the prosecution of Deputy Hernandez for his actions is not proper and should not be tolerated. We must take action now before this trend continues. Not only are our law enforcement officers in jeopardy but so are our citizens. Those who take it upon themselves to help protect others or themselves in situations as we have had in Sutton County not only have law breakers to fear but now also our federal government.

*Chap Traylor*

Whenever I go visiting other places, I meet people who ask me about my hometown, and of course, I brag about Sonora. How I love living here and how everyone feels so safe because there is hardly any crime at all.

So you can imagine how disappointed I was to find someone had taken an angel statue that was on my daughter's grave site.

As a parent you want the best for your children. Sometimes they may not understand or agree, but most of the time the parents know best.

I never thought the struggles of parenting teenagers would be so difficult. I have come across many parents that choose to be their kid's "friend" instead of their actual parent. This looks good to all those teenagers out there. The cool parents. The parents that buy the alcohol for their teenagers and friends. The parents that allow all the teenagers over to drink alcohol at their home to keep them "safe". The parents even justify this behavior by using the excuse "at least they are at my house where I can supervise them".

I am speaking out for all those parents that choose not to use their voice because of ridicule from this town. Well, I am simply just too tired of this game. I watch and hear about

Besides being disappointed, I am also heartsick over this loss. I would like to appeal to this person's sense of decency and ask him to return my little angel. But, if that is not possible, I forgive him, even though one of God's laws was broken.

I do hope the little angel will be of some use to him.

*Thank you,  
Lydia Galindo*

All our kids out drinking, partying, doing drugs, selling drugs, having sex, disrespecting others and talk about it like it is no big deal.

Well Sonora, it is a big deal. Until we decide that it is a big deal, they will continue this behavior. How can we expect these kids to behave a certain way (actually the right way) when we adults behave this way, which is the "wrong" way. We have done an injustice for all our kids.

I am only one voice in a town of 3000, but someone has to start the stand against this destructive behavior. We have lost so many when we could have lost only a few. Like it or not, there are laws against these types of behaviors. We have got to be strong and stand up for our kids, because no one else will.

I hope you will join in this fight for our kids.

*Jana Dover*



## SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality health care for generations to come.  
Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation,  
PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950.  
All contributions 100% tax deductible.

## Happy Birthday

February 22

Ben Ingham, Emilce Hernandez, Terri Slaugh, Kate Jennings, Lewis Baker, Jacque Baker

February 23

Katrina Ramos, Curtis Lipham, Karen Hill

February 24

Carlie Gandar, Chris Castro, Amanda Berry, Brad Legan, Elizabeth Zapata, Michael J. Morales

February 25

Abel Longoria, Velma Mata, Ralph Gonzales, Jr., Philip Bedwell, Gene Gibbens, Kari Bowers

February 26

Jerry Northcott, Scott Farley, Joe Flores, Rosemary Perez, Justin Sims, Mike Sanchez, Valorie Rennels, Trey Rushing

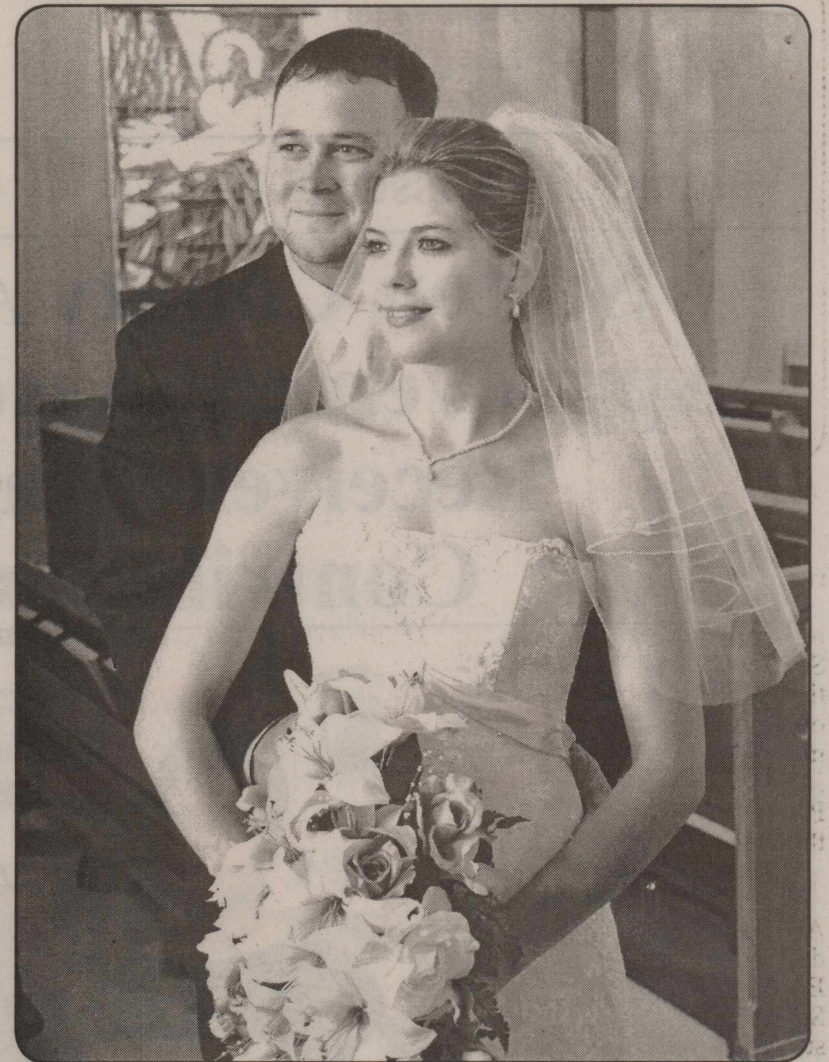
February 27

Tommy Whitehead, Israel Sanchez, Jack Smith, Jr., Yolanda Campos

February 28

Rose Butler, Kayla Fields, Marilyn Holman, Brianah Creek, Samantha Tidwell, Tyler Smith, Monica DuRussel, Jose Buitron, Larry Seymour

## Wedding Announcement



Shelley Rae Wilde and Jason Kyle Surber were married December 9, 2006 at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, with Rev. Tom Barley officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Will and Vonda Wilde of Wall. The bridegroom is the son of Loraine Creek of Ingram and Ron and Suzanne Surber of Katy.

Matron of Honor was sister of the bride, Mindy Hohense of Dallas. Bridesmaids were Heather West, Kristy Wilde and Brooklyn Wochl, all of San Angelo, Julie Fryar of Lubbock, Jeni Neatherlin of Rockport and Marcie Moreno of Midland. Candle lighters were sisters of the groom, Sawncy and Sabrina Surber of Katy. Flower girls were Peyton Fischer of San Angelo and Melissa Surber and Kristina Zabecki of Sonora.

Best man was Jared Perciful of San Angelo. Groomsmen

were Graham Bloodworth and Jake Trainer of Sonora, Blake Wilde and Jeremy Surber of San Angelo, Dustin Creek of Austin and Mason Surber of Midland. Ring bearers were Rayce Greene of Houston and Wyatt Watkins of Sonora.

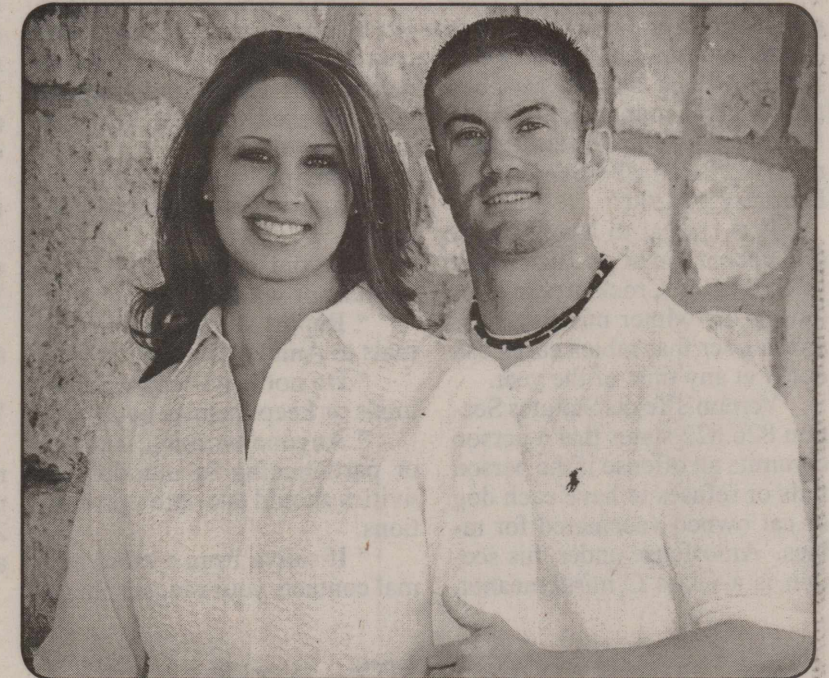
Ushers were Kole Murchison and Garrett Watkins of San Angelo, Tyler Creek of Sonora and Jake Trainer of Plano.

The bride was a 2001 graduate of Wall High School and earned a degree in animal science and an elementary education certificate from Texas Tech University.

The bridegroom is a 2000 graduate from Sonora High School. He is employed by Creek Swabbing.

Following a wedding trip to the Bahamas, the couple will live in Sonora.

## Engagement Announcement



Gentry Newman and Tanner Fields

Photo courtesy of Jim Bean Photography

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Newman of San Angelo, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gentry Newman to Tanner Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tryon Fields of Sonora, Texas. The wedding will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Eldorado on June 9, 2007.

Miss Gentry Newman is a 2002 graduate of Eldorado High School in Eldorado, Texas and a 2006 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Early Childhood Education. Gentry is a member of Kappa Alpha Theta

Sorority at Texas Tech, and is currently teaching 2nd grade in Sonora, Texas.

Mr. Tanner Fields is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and a 2005 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a Bachelor's degree in Exercise and Sports Science and a minor in Education. Tanner is currently working with the Houston Astros to complete his Master's degree in Sports Management and is a candidate for graduation in May of 2007.

## Thank You

Thanks to all of the wonderful people who came to the aid of my father (Jerry Ashburn) on Friday morning, EMT's, law enforcement, E.R., Dr. Pajestka and

Diana & Monica, it is so good to live in a caring community.

*Don & Linda Burkes  
and  
Jerry Ashburn*

### Letter to the Editor

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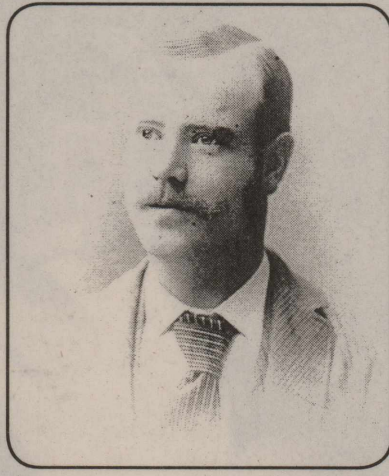
## Historical Society

### ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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



Maude Simpson Keene Nichols



Charles J. Nichols

Q. When were Maude G. Keene and Charles J. Nichols married?

A. Let's start with Maude G. Simpson marrying James Keene in Bonham, Texas on February 2, 1888. James died in Sonora on September 20, 1902, from pneumonia brought on by smoke inhalation in the famous 1902 fire. Maude was born in Greenville, Texas on February 8, 1869 and after the death of her first husband was married to Charles J. Nichols on Sunday, February 1, 1903 at St. John's Church, Sonora a part of the Western Diocese of Texas of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. Rev. Richard Mercer was the officiating minister.

Q. Is James A. Hagerlund buried in Sonora?

A. No! Mr. Hagerlund died Tuesday, March 26, 1918 in San Angelo after an illness of several weeks. He was buried the next day in the Fairmount Cemetery; after services held at the Emmanuel Episcopal Church. Mr. Hagerlund was one of the early settlers of Sutton County. He had a ranch, was partner with his brother in a store that burned down in 1902 and at the time of his death was a partner with E. F. Vander Stucken, Sonora merchant.

Q. When Sheriff Hutcherson died his wife took over his position. Was she the first woman to do this in Texas?

A. No! There was an interesting article in the August 1918 papers about this: Texas has its women jailers, office holders in county and state, police matrons in the larger cities and the like—but never until the past week it is believed, has she been able to boast of a sheriff in skirts.

At Coleman, however, Mrs. John R. Bannister has strapped on her six-shooter, having been invested with the full powers of the sheriff's office by the county commissioners. She will fill the unexpired term of her late husband, who was known from the Mexican border to the Panhandle as a fearless guardian of the law.

Sheriff Bannister died on Friday, August 2, after having been given a plurality less than a week previous over two opponents in his race for re-election. Paralysis was the cause of his death.

Sheriff Bannister was one of West Texas' most picturesque figures and was perhaps best remembered by the old-timers for the fight that he and a party of fellow Texas Rangers staged with Sam Bass, notorious outlaw, at Round Rock in the summer of 1879. Bass was mortally wounded and died a few days after the battle. After serving first as an Indian fighter to protect his home and the homes of his neighbors on what was then the frontier, Mr. Bannister became a Texas Ranger and later an inspector for the Texas Cattle Raisers, in which capacity he continued to deal with those who chose to fracture the laws of the range. Throughout his long career in the West the late sheriff was a stock raiser.

Besides his wife, successor to his office, he is survived by two sons with the American forces in France, Captain James R. Bannister, Jr. and Captain Neil H. Bannister.

This article is quite interesting, it states, "she strapped on her six-shooter. Most wives who took over their husbands position as sheriff and tax collector didn't wear a gun. They usually did the work of the tax collectors office and left the sheriff's work to the deputies. From the sounds of this article this was one lady sheriff you didn't want to cross swords with. By 1918 Coleman was a good size place and in that day and age you wouldn't expect to find a woman sheriff. I bet she was quite a surprise to rowdy cowboys.

Q. When was the Sonora Diamond Jubilee held?

A. It was held August 15-21, 1965. They stated 1890-1965 as reason to celebrate 75 years. If you checked into the history of Sonora you would find that the town was started in 1889. We compiled a history book called "Sutton County 1889-1890" in 1990. In it we have copies of articles of the time: February 2, 1889 Charley Hobbs says a new town that will probably be named Sutton is being started in that county. February 9, 1889 states Messrs C. F. Adams, C. Meinecke, P. Hurst and A.S. Prescott, were in San Angelo to obtain lumber for the erection of the first buildings in the new town... February 23, 1889 C. F. Adams, wrote to the San Angelo Standard: Gents; According to promise I write to inform you the well is completed with plenty of water at 180 feet deep. The new town is named Sonora.

Keeping these facts in mind we would say that Sonora was started in 1889 and the folks were 1 year off in the celebration in 1965. As of this month Sonora is 118 years old. HAPPY BIRTHDAY SONORA!

Wentworth wasn't started until a year after Sonora in March of 1890 in the San Angelo Standard you will find an article "Still Another Baby Town," that deals with the beginning of this little town. People moved from Sonora and started this "dry" town because they were fed up with the bars that had been started on Main Street. They had been told when they bought their lots in Sonora that no bars would be allowed on the Main St. And this had been written into the first deeds. Somehow when property was transferred this clause was "mysteriously dropped." They started the new town in hopes that by October it would be large enough to beat out Sonora in the elections for county seat.

Remember the date February 1889 is when the town of Sonora was first settled, not the date of incorporation. Sonora did not have a newspaper until October of 1890 and you will find all the early articles on the beginning of the town in The San Angelo Standard February 1889.

Be sure to take a peek at the Old Ice House Museum when you ride by, but please don't go inside into the work area, we don't want anyone injured by wood being torn off the ceiling. Work is coming along well and we are making arrangements for windows, etc. This is a very large project and we could use a few donations to help us make the museum a reality. I am sure you all know how much it costs to build or renovate anything in this day and age. And no we are not closing the Miers Home Museum. It will remain an 1890's museum and the new museum will cover all periods of history of Sutton County.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call our offices at 307 Oak Street on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings with your questions 387-5084 or stop by and visit and tour the Miers Home Museum. Rentals will be done during the same hours, except for emergency rentals for a funeral dinner when you may call me at home at 387-2855. I have been ill lately and would appreciate rentals and calls being made to the office during business hours, Thanks!

### Sudoku answers

3	2	7	1	6	5	8	4	9
8	4	9	7	3	2	5	6	1
5	1	6	9	4	8	7	3	2
4	6	1	8	9	3	2	7	5
9	7	5	2	1	4	6	8	3
2	3	8	5	7	6	1	9	4
1	9	4	6	2	7	3	5	8
7	8	3	4	5	1	9	2	6
6	5	2	3	8	9	4	1	7

### Gifts Galore & More

Everett's Pharmacy

Bridal Registry

Stacey Leigh Patterson bride elect Cody Renfro Dupree  
Mrs. Jason Surber nee Shelley Wilde

417 N. Hwy 277 • (325) 387-5871

To mail a donation for  
Felicity's Fund send to ....

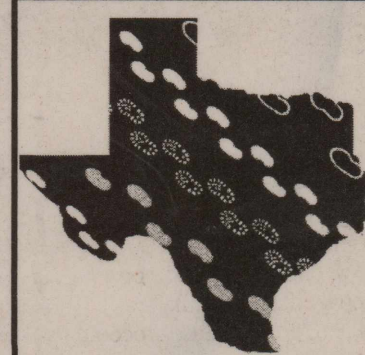


Sonora Student Council

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## Walk Across Texas!

A Community Fitness Program

Kick Off Meeting

Monday, March 12th at 6:00 pm  
at The Health and Wellness Center

Call your local  
county Extension office

Or

Come by

**The Health  
& Wellness  
Center**

AT LILLIAN M. HUDSPETH MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

To pick up an information packet

**TEXAS COOPERATIVE  
EXTENSION**  
The Texas A&M University System

Entry Fee: \$25 per team

## Miss Sutton County



Alexie Ortiz

Welcome Home.....

To First Baptist Church

Be part of our family....

February 18 Watchman Prayer Ministry 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary

February 25 "Conference on Leadership"

Leader -- Dr. Jack Ridlehoover, Abilene, TX

Topics: *The Need for Servant Leaders*

*A Leader God Can Use*

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### CHAMBER CHATTER

Submitted by:  
Becky Covington

*A date with Daddy:*  
**Father-Daughter Date Night** a special evening for both Kristin Garrett, has been excited all week for Daddy-Daughter Date Night. The Sonora Elementary School 1st grader rushed home from school Friday afternoon to get her hair styled at the beauty salon. (French braided), a manicure and an opportunity to wear a new fabulous dress ---- Her dad dressed in his sports coat presented her with flowers (wrist corsage) and they went out for dinner.

The Garrett's were just one of the almost 253 persons who gathered at the Sutton County Civic Center for a night of dancing, refreshments and visiting with other dads and daughters. Thanks to Memories By McBride, professional photographs were taken of the dates and the packets will be ready in about two weeks to be picked up at the Chamber Office. Sometimes the dads get emotional, especially when they get their pictures taken together and they see how beautiful their daughter is.

Beginning at 7:00 p.m., the civic center began to fill up with young girls dressed to the nines and on the arms of their much taller dates. Donna Garrett, Community Activities Director, said "the date night is one of the year's most popular events. The little girls just love it. They get the opportunity to get dressed up. Not only that, they get a chance to spend some time with just their dad. Their siblings stay at home and so do the moms. It is also special for the dads; memories are made that will last for ever."

Ernie Johnson took his three girls and made sure each one of them shared his attention and it was a special night for all of them. Jim Phillips was there with his two daughters, and danced with one in his arms and one on the other hand. Keith Butler and Will Allison have been attending this event from the time it started, many years ago, and remarked that their daughters are in the 8th grade and this was the last year for them to attend but they made sure they enjoyed one last time with their dads at this event.

Miss Sutton County Alexis Ortiz was there in her beautiful pink gown and charming personality and quickly became an audience favorite for the girls, dancing all the dances with them. The DJ played feel good music and they danced to the "Chicken Dance", "Macarena", "Jump", "Cotton Eye Joe", "The Hokey Pokey", with the last song of the night being "Butterfly Kisses".

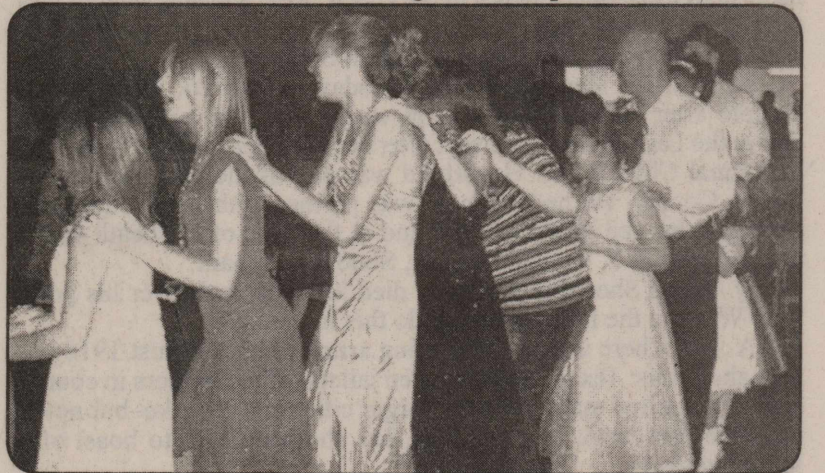
All the girls had a great time and most of them remarked that their dads were very good dancers too.

**Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events**  
Vernon West Memorial Invitational Team Roping  
Jake Hooker and the Outsiders  
Sutton County Arena  
Tickets \$10.00, At door \$12:00  
March 30-31, 2007  
FMI - 277-2156

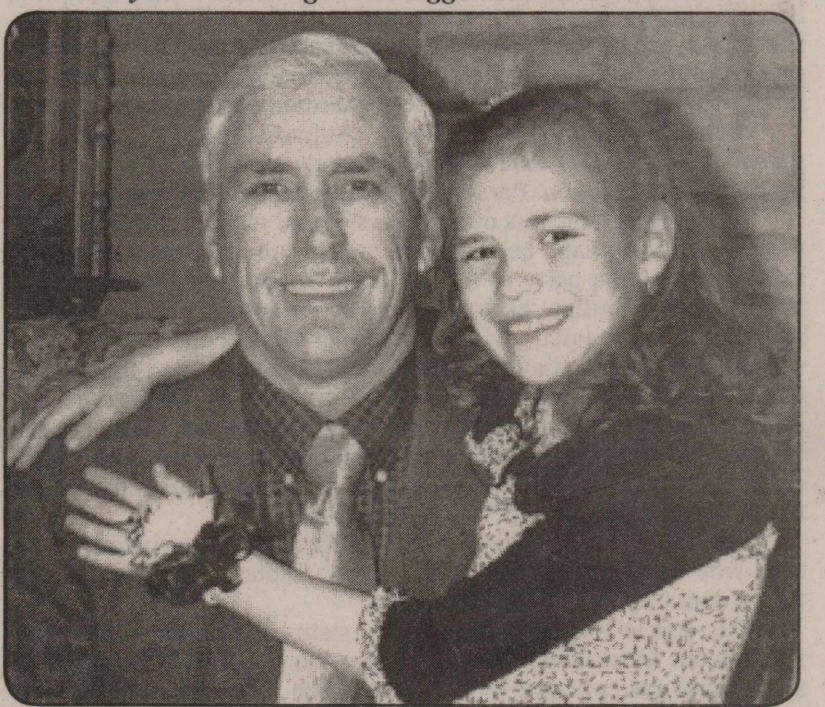
### Father-Daughter Date Night Photos



Summer Hall and big brother, Spencer.



This year's Date Night was bigger and better than ever.



Holly Sparks with proud dad, Randy.

### Sudoku

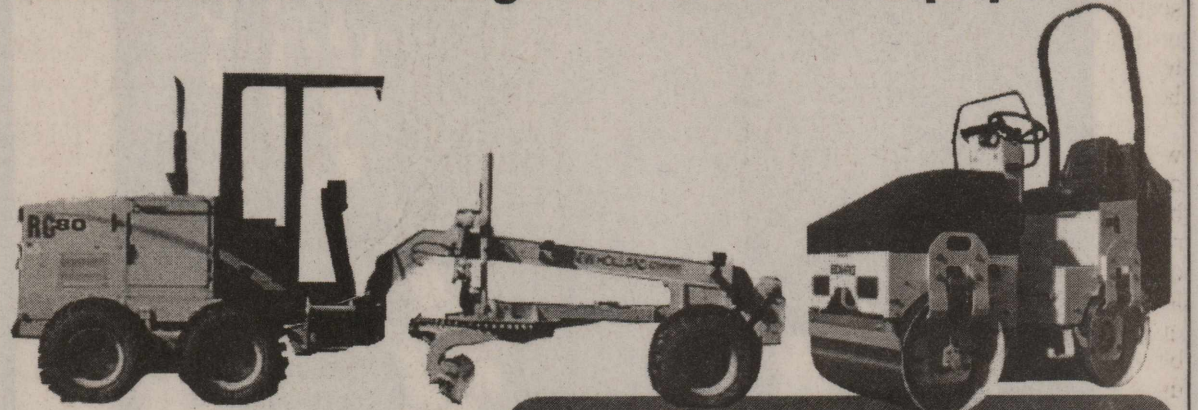
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## Duhon Signs with ASU



Sonora Bronco football standout Dustin Duhon signed a letter of intent last week to join the football program at Angelo State University.

To witness this occasion, Dustin is surrounded by his proud family.

Photo by Ray Glasscock

## Pinewood Derby Results



Left to right are Nathan Craig, 3rd place; Tate Shannon, 2nd place; Garrett Jaeger 1st place.

Pack 19 Cub Scouts started their engines and raced in the annual Pinewood Derby on Saturday, February 17th.

All the cars were wonderfully and uniquely designed.

This year's race was organized by Scout Master/Den Leader Delyse Jaeger and her husband James Jaeger. Registration volunteer was Marilyn Wood.

All cars were started by Jody Lutrell and judged by Ernie Johnson and Dwayne Castro. Trey Rushing served as the "car doctor", helping complete and repair cars as needed.

First place was won by Bear cub scout Garrett Jaeger with a fierce "Jurassic Park" dinosaur car. 2nd place was a "Wingo" car (from the movie "Cars") raced by Wolf cub scout Tate

Shannon. 3rd place went to Tiger cub scout Nathan Craig with a red truck design.

We appreciate all the volunteers and parents who helped out in setting up, registering, providing food and drinks, and clean up. You all helped make this another successful year for the derby.

## Underwater Tactics

With Ken Cook

### Finding Bass Spawning Areas

The weather outside your house may still be frightful and probably the last thing on your mind right now is sitting in an open-air bass boat on the water. But if you're anything like me, bass fishing is never too far from your mind. With 11 (and hopefully more) tournaments coming up this year, I have to plan far in advance for what I am going to do once the competition begins. For those of you who don't compete in tournaments, most likely the first thing you'll begin to game plan for is fishing the spawn.

Fishing for spawning or bedding fish is challenging and a lot of fun because it requires certain skills that anglers don't have to use very often. Plus, the chance is always there that you can hook into some really big fish. But the key to catching these huge spawning bass is finding them. There might be hundreds or thousands of surface areas of water in your favorite fishery, so knowing where to start the search will help you make the most of your time on the water and increase your chances of landing more and bigger fish.

Bass might be found in anywhere from 4 to 40 feet of water during varying times of the year, but once the water temperature reaches a certain point, in most cases they'll be coming shallow (shallow water warms more quickly than deeper water) to begin reproducing. They'll take up temporary residence in areas referred to as spawning flats and begin with making beds and waiting for just the right water temperature and conditions to happen so that the females can lay their eggs to be fertilized by the males.

A spawning flat can be the top of a stump in 30 feet of water, or a 40-acre grass bed. It is

relative to the type of impoundment involved. If there are a lot of flat areas of the lake, then you must key on particular types of bottom, or vegetation to give you the clue as to where the bass will actually spawn. In upland-type lakes with little flat bottom areas, then whatever is available along the protected shoreline is going to support spawning bass. Bass need spawning areas that are protected from nest-disturbing prevailing winds by the shoreline definition, grass beds or features from prevailing winds.

Once you've keyed in on these areas, you can begin to look for actual beds and the bass that inhabit them. In my experiences, I simply look for a shiny or bright spot with a shadow over it. The shiny spot is the bedding area.

Big bass will find a place to hang out and then proceed to fan the area clear of algae and debris. This produces the shiny spot; the fish produces the shadow lingering over the bed. Spotting the fish any other way is very difficult because bass have evolved in such a way that the tops of their bodies take on the color of their environment enabling them to stalk their prey more effectively.

If the water is reasonably clear and the wind is low enough that I can see the bottom through the water, I look for hard-bottomed coves, a place where the bottom will be mostly pea gravel and chunk rock. Once there, I get on the deck of my boat and watch for the mostly round nests, areas that have been cleared off by bass fanning their tails. Once I spot a nest, I either look for a bass or its shadow. Once I spot the fish - be it a small male or a large female - I use my spinning reel, spooled with 10-pound Vanish (especially if the fish have already been pressured), and cast

a white, Texas-rigged 4-inch Berkley PowerBait Power Flip-pin' Tube, with the hook barely piercing the skin of the bait.

I position my boat far enough away from the nest so as to not spook the bass, but close enough that I can still see what is going on. After casting just beyond the nest (if the fish hasn't already gone for the bait), I hop the tube into the nest, working it through the nest area searching for the "sweet spot." The sweet spot - for some unknown reason - is an area of the nest that, when a bait reaches it, will cause the fish to attack. It may take several minutes or several hours to get the bass to react, but when it does, it will turn itself sideways and scoop the bait off the bottom in an effort to remove the intruder from the nest - not always to eat it. Because the hook is barely in the bait, it will be easier to set the hook.

If the first approach doesn't work, a like to turn to a dark colored Berkley Gulp! Lizard and try the same tactics. However, unlike the white tube, the dark lizard is harder to see in the water. If the water is too murky to see the nests, try Carolina rigging in the shallows. And if you're after smallmouth bass, look for underwater cover to hold bedding fish.

Fishing the spawn can be fun, difficult and rewarding all at the same time.

By knowing where to start your search and developing the skills you'll need to catch them, you can focus your efforts and experience some of the best big-bass fishing opportunities of the year.

Ken Cook is the 1991 Bassmaster Classic champion and a 14-time Classic qualifier. A former fisheries biologist, Cook lives on a ranch in Meers, Okla.

## 2007 Bronco Tennis Schedule

Date	Tournament
Feb. 23-24	Eldorado
March 2-3	Regional Team Tennis (San Angelo)
March 9-10	State Team Tennis (Austin Area)
March 16-17	San Saba
March 23 -24	Reagan Co. (Jv - 3/20)*
March 29-31	Mason*
April 9-10	District (Mason)*
4/25, 26	Regional (Abilene)
5/7-8	State (Austin)
*JV will Play	
Jr High Schedule	
March 31	Eldorado
April 7	TBA
April 14	TBA
April 21	Reagan Co.
April 28	Sonora
May 5	District (Comfort)

## Sonora City League News

Sonora City League Board meeting will be on February 26, 2007 at 6:30 P.M. Anyone interested is invited to attend at The Sonora Girl Scout Hut (Pecan St. & Water). Any inquires can be made to President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President, Blayze Sykes 387-5719.

Sonora City League would like to announce the beginning of its BASE/SOFT/T-BALL & Pony League program for 2007. MANDATORY coaches sign up meeting for baseball, t-ball, and softball on March 01, 2007 @ 6:30 P.M. Anyone interested is invited to attend at The Sonora Girl Scout Hut (Pecan St. & Water). Any inquires can be made to President, Tommy VanWinkle 387-5267 or Vice-President, Blayze Sykes 387-5719.

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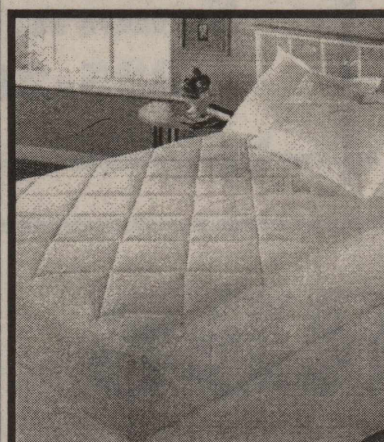
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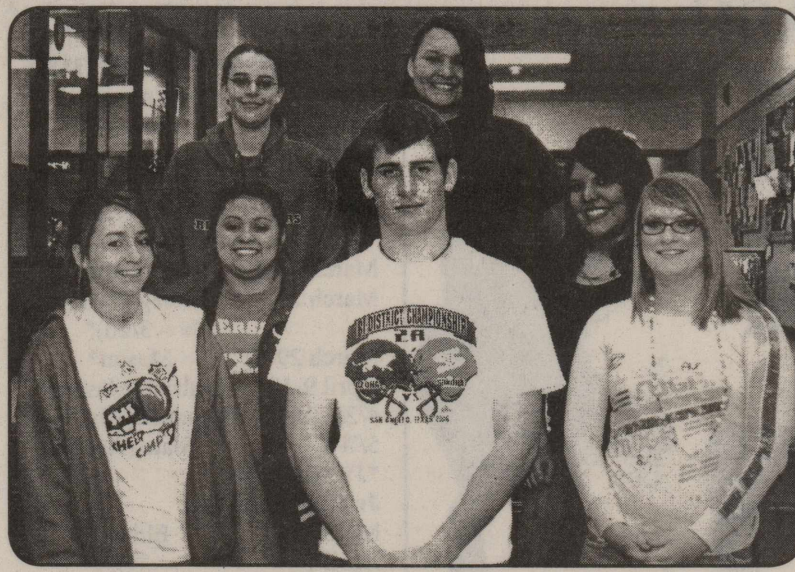
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Back row: *Shaylynn Kresta and Chelsey Daniels*

**Sonora High School Hosts  
61st Annual Sonora  
Invitational Academic Meet**

On Friday, February 9 and Saturday February 10, 2007, Sonora High School hosted the 61st annual Sonora Invitational Academic Meet. Twenty three schools from around the area competed at the meet. The following students from Sonora High School placed in their events:  
**Lauran Schaefer** - 2nd LD Debate  
**Travis Valliant** - 2nd Persuasive Speaking  
**Stacy Sanchez** - 2nd Ready Writing

**Accounting Team** placed 2nd overall  
**Chelsey Daniels** - 5th Accounting  
**Mackenzie Perez** - 6th Accounting  
**Shaylynn Kresta** - 5th Social Studies  
**Social Studies Team** placed 2nd overall  
**Monica Traylor** - 5th Poetry  
Cy Scroggins, Academic Meet Coordinator would like to thank members of the community helping make this year's meet a great success.

**S.H.S. Students Compete at  
District CX Debate**

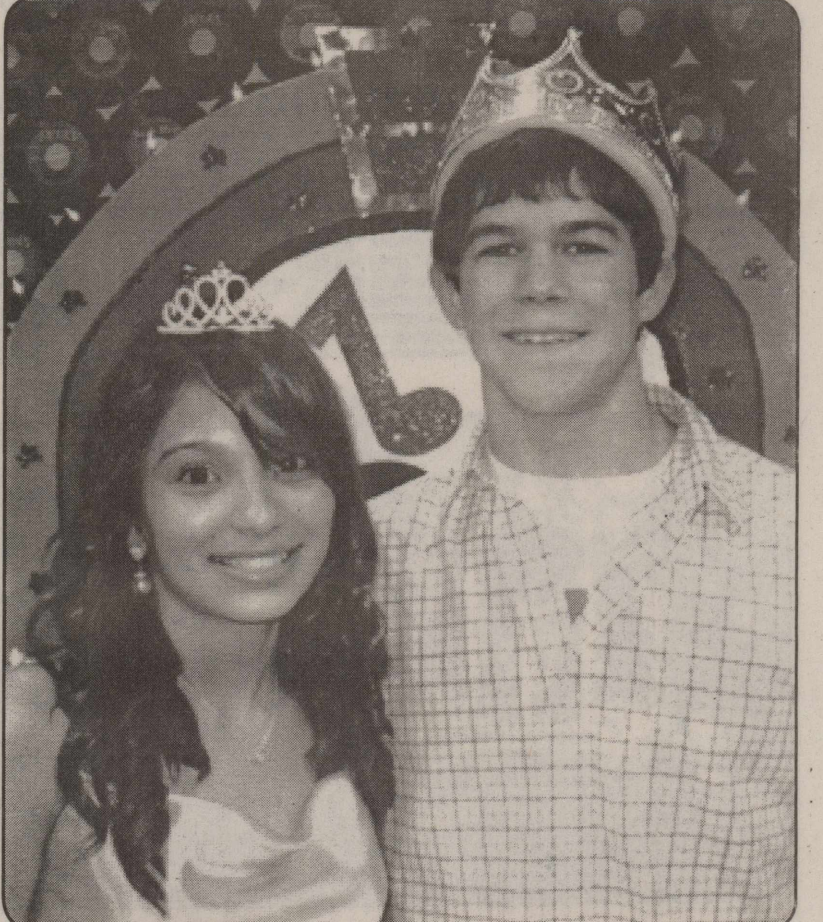
On Monday, February 5, 2007, Sonora High School students travelled to Blanco to compete at District Cross Examination Debate. The teams of Mackenzie Perez and Stacy Sanchez, Heather Smith and Yolanda Sanchez, Tyler Stewart and Monica Sanchez competed. Mackenzie and Stacy brought home the 3rd place bronze medal and will be the alternate team at state competition. Congratulations!

**Middle School Crowns  
Sweetest Hearts**

The Sonora Middle School Student Council sponsored an "Off the Record" valentine dance on February 8th. All the students were dressed in their finest and danced the night away. Members and their parents provided delicious food and a tasty punch that was enjoyed by all. The decorations included true "antique" records and album covers all around the snack bar (donated by Wheelless Miller). Many of the current students had never seen a record before!

Elvis Presley was definitely in the building to help celebrate Valentines' Day with us all. A special jukebox placed near the entryway was designed and built by "First Productions", aka Sonora Elementary First Grade teachers. Special thanks goes

out to that wonderful team of talented ladies. Inside the snack bar area a giant juke box adorned the area for the "sweetest hearts" nominees to gather and hear who had been chosen as the favorite sweetheart in the 8th grade. This year's winners were Daniela Cano (daughter of Elizabeth & Robert Zapata) and Ethan Morriss (son of Erica Morriss & Steve Morriss). Congratulations to them both. The Student Council would like to express their thanks to the many parents and teachers who helped make the dance possible through donations and time. We also thank Cheryl Bawcom for tending to the snack table all night and Armando Dominguez as the DJ who played all the right songs for the dance.



Sweetest Hearts Daniela Cano and Ethan Morriss

**Birth Announcement**

Joseph and David are proud to announce the arrival of their baby brother, Christian Matthew Martinez. Born on February 14, 2007 at 12:03 a.m. Christian weighed 6 lbs 1 oz. and was 18 1/2 inches long. Welcoming Christian are his parents, Luiz and Crystal, great-grandmother, grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins.

**A Young Mother's Apology**  
By Brother J

Recently a young mother and her year and a half old son were visiting our Church. They sat in the pew directly behind us. The baby made a little noise and moved around somewhat during the worship service but it was not disturbing. One thing I observed was that this young child was already listening to and obeying his mother, (Ephesians 6:1-3). After the service, she came up to me and started apologizing for the disturbance. I told her that she did not need to apologize and that I was glad that she was bringing her young son to Church. I thought she was doing the right thing by starting him off in life in the things of God. As she walked out the Church I prayed a silent prayer that her young child would always want to be there and he would grow up to have a wonderful relationship to the Lord Jesus, (2 Timothy 3:15). I cannot think of a better place or way for a child to grow up. I wish our churches had children all over the place, babies crawling on the floors and then maybe our drug problems, crime rates would be down and the youth prisons would not be so full. The Bible teaches that children are a gift from God, (Psalm 127:3) but parents are given the responsibility of teaching them about the things of God, (Deuteronomy 11:18-20, Proverbs 6:20-23). See you in Church next Sunday.

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The 2007 San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo featured several Sonora youths participating and for the first time in history, seven local exhibitors found their dreams come true by placing high enough for their animals to take the sale podium.

Those making the sale were: Stella Ingham, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Colton Moore, Macie Friess, Gunter Pennington, Brandy Neff and Ethan Morriss.

Congratulations to all of our 4-H and FFA exhibitors.

Also, the Ag Mechanic's FFA project, a 24' gooseneck trailer built for Jerry Don Balch came home with the 1st place blue ribbon.

Under the guidance of Mr. Kissire, the team consisted of: Justin Perez, Hunter Lawson, Travis Valliant, Colton Moore and Tony Torres.

Congratulations on a job well done.

For information on how to support your local youth at the 2007 San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo Junior Livestock Auction, please call 210-225-5851. Your support will help Texas youth in their agricultural and educational endeavors.

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All add ons must be received prior to February 28, 2007.

To view current auction placements, select Livestock Show on the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo website, [www.sarodeo.com](http://www.sarodeo.com). San Antonio Stock Show & Rodeo, home to the world's largest junior livestock show!

**NRCS Texas State Conservationist Announces Retirement**

Temple, Texas – Dr. Larry D. Butler, state conservationist for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Texas, has announced his retirement effective March 2, 2007.

"As an NRCS employee for almost 33 years and as a native Texan, I can think of no higher honor than to have served as state conservationist for Texas," Butler said. "Texas is a leader in conservation, and I am proud to have had the privilege of working with many conservationists. Butler began his career as a soil conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service (SCS), now NRCS, in San Angelo, Texas, in 1974 following his graduation from Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in wildlife management. He also served as a range conservationist and district conservationist

in Del Rio and as wildlife biologist in College Station and Bryan, where he completed a master's degree at Texas A&M University in 1980. He held the positions of district conservationist in San Antonio and area conservationist in Pecos. He left Texas in 1987 and served as regional range conservationist for 13 western states after completing his doctorate degree at Utah State University in 1990.

Butler returned to Texas in 1994 to serve as resource conservationist for 13 southern states. When SCS reorganized in 1995 and became the NRCS, Butler served the entire nation as a range conservationist in the National Grazing Lands Technology Institute. He served as director of the Institute for five years where he was responsible for all NRCS grazing lands tech-

nology development and transfer for private lands in the United States. In 2002, Butler became the 10th Texas state conservationist where he was responsible for direction and supervision of all NRCS programs and personnel throughout Texas.

Throughout Butler's more than 32-year career, he assisted landowners and managers with improvement and management of ranch lands, including wildlife habitat and populations and livestock grazing management. His masters and doctoral research focused on white-tailed deer hunting lease management and mule deer fee hunting operations in Texas, respectively.

Texas Tech University's Range, Wildlife, and Fisheries Department honored Butler as their Outstanding Alumnus in 2005, "For his demonstrated

strong leadership in preserving and improving our natural resources throughout Texas and the Nation." Texas Tech's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources will bestow their Distinguished Alumnus honor on him in February of this year. The Society for Range Management also honored Butler in 2005 with their Outstanding Achievement award. Although Butler has received many awards from SCS, NRCS, and USDA throughout his career, he considers these his highest honors.

Butler and his wife, Dorlene, make their home in Fort Worth. Butler plans to continue his lifelong pursuit of conservation by helping people improve their properties and wildlife habitat.

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ROUND ROCK – Three Texas Cooperative Extension Integrated Pest Management agents from West Texas were honored during the recent annual meeting of the Texas Pest Management Association in Round Rock.

Todd Lockaby, association president and cotton producer from Lynn County, announced the winners for the awards, which are presented annually to Extension integrated pest management agents. The three were honored for their work in transferring new technology to agricultural producers.

Dr. Ed Bynum, who serves Nolan, Scurry, Mitchell and Jones counties, was awarded the Excellence in IPM Programming Award for agents with up to six years of service. Bynum was recognized for his work in integrated pest management in cotton and biological control of salt cedar.

Brant Baugh, who serves Lubbock County, was awarded the Excellence in IPM Programming Award for agents with seven or more years service. Baugh was cited for work in cotton integrated pest management and pest management for lawns and

ornamentals. Monti Vandiver, who serves Parmer and Bailey counties, was awarded the Outstanding Extension Agent-IPM Award for his expertise in cotton, corn and vegetable integrated pest management. He was also cited as a leader in using the Cotman expert system for cotton, and for use of computer technology in delivering integrated pest management information to growers.

The Texas Pest Management Association is a statewide, multi-commodity grower association made up of crop producers and commodity group representatives dedicated to enhancing the economic benefits of agriculture while protecting the quality of the environment.

For more information about the association, integrated pest management or the awards contact Dr. Tom Fuchs at 325-653-4576.

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**Sen. Hutchison Cosponsors Border Security Bill**

*Legislation would improve technology use in securing the border*

WASHINGTON – Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison (R-TX), chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, is an original cosponsor of the Border Infrastructure and Technology Modernization Act, S. 575, introduced this week by Sen. Peter Domenici (R-NM). The bill promotes the use of infrastructure and technology improvements to meet border security needs while facilitating the flow of legitimate commerce.

"Our sovereign borders must be secured against threats and safe for legal trade," Sen. Hutchison said. "The provisions

of this bill will help us safeguard our points of entry without jeopardizing our vital international economy. Modern technology can be a powerful ally in these efforts."

The legislation authorizes funding to implement infrastructure and technology improvements, such as sensing and monitoring devices, and train security personnel on their use. The bill also requires an annual National Land Border Security Plan, which would contain vulnerability assessments and help coordinate the efforts of federal, state and local officials.

**Initial Ethanol Push Challenges Beef Market**

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AMARILLO – Like it or not, ethanol is coming, and beef producers must be prepared to weather the transitional phase and capitalize on the potentials in the future, said two speakers at the Southwest Beef Symposium in Amarillo.

"The short run is going to be tough, but in the long run, things will work out," said Dr. Steve Amosson, Texas Cooperative Extension economist.

Feed prices are being driven up by predictions of 3 billion gallons of ethanol production capacity coming online in the next year. Ethanol would require almost an 8-million acre increase in corn acreage, which equates to an additional 1.1 billion bushels of corn, Amosson said.

Competition for acreage will increase, forcing other feed sources and crop prices higher.

In the short run, fed cattle prices will remain relatively unchanged, and feeder cattle and calf prices may continue to soften, Amosson said. A rule of thumb, he said, is calf prices will drop \$1.50 per hundredweight for every 10 cent rise in corn prices.

This is going to reduce the predicted expansion phase of the cattle cycle, he said. But in three to four years that reduction will have cattle producers seeing record prices.

"Cattlemen also have a po-

tential to gain market share relative to the swine and poultry industries because cattle can be fed the distiller's grain by-products, where the other industries can't," Amosson said.

"We just have to learn to feed those DDG's (dried distiller's grain)," he said.

Dr. Jim MacDonald, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station beef cattle nutritionist, agreed, saying "You don't have to like it, but you had better learn how to feed it."

And that, MacDonald said, is his job – helping the cattle producers learn how to feed the byproduct.

While ethanol had its share of unfriendly comments during the two-day symposium, MacDonald said, "We're going to get there, we just have to manage the transition."

"A lot of concern has come with ethanol in this area," he said. "But we are better off with the plants here than not because we're not the only game in town."

When corn is processed for ethanol, it breaks down to one-third ethanol, one-third carbon dioxide and one-third byproduct or distiller's grain, MacDonald said.

These distiller's grains still have all the nutrient profile of corn, only the starch has been removed, he said. It has 40 to 45 percent fiber and 25 to 30 percent crude protein.

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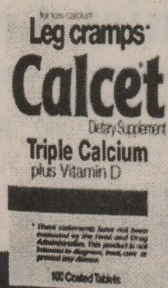
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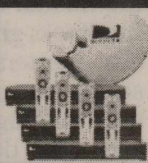
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### Arrest(s)

**February 12, 2007**  
• 9:40 AM: Maria Irene Lumbreras, 34, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Driving While License Suspended.

### Incidents:

**February 12, 2007**  
• 9:32 AM: Caller reported a minor accident on Rock Avenue. Officer responded.  
• 10:32 AM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 12:59 PM: Caller reported a bobcat at J & V Trailer Park. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 3:15 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 5:13 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
• 5:55 PM: Caller requested an officer at residence. Officer responded.  
• 6:40 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.  
• 7:45 PM: Caller reported a minor accident at Town & Country #267. Officer responded.  
• 11:05 PM: Caller reported vandalism on vehicle. Officer responded.

### February 13, 2007

• 12:30 PM: Caller reported two loose dogs on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

• 5:20 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.  
• 10:00 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

### February 14, 2007

• 6:50 AM: Caller reported a suspicious vehicle. Officer responded.  
• 4:18 PM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.  
• 5:10 PM: Caller reported a family disturbance. Officer responded.

### February 15, 2007

• 4:25 PM: Caller reported a small fire. Officer responded.  
• 9:15 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

### February 16, 2007

• 7:40 AM: Caller reported an accident at Thorps Laundry. Officer responded.  
• 5:40 PM: Caller reported a possible fire. Officer responded.  
• 7:30 PM: Caller reported a loose dog on roadway. Officer responded.  
• 8:30 PM: Caller reported a subject on 4-wheeler. Officer responded.

### February 17, 2007

• 4:45 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

### February 18, 2007

• 11:50 PM: Caller reported loud music. Officer responded.



## Flylady & The Dinner Diva



### The Power to Change our World

by *The FlyLady, Marla Cilley*

Today has had me thinking about the memories we will leave with our family. We may not aspire to be a head of state but we can take baby steps to make a difference in our world. We are the shining example in our homes. Our personality whether it is positive or negative flows through our family. It is up to us to set the tone in our home. If we are grouchy then our babies will be grouchy, our critters will be fussy and our spouses will go hide. Isn't it better to have our babies remember us for the twinkle in our eye when they ask if we could come and play and then we say yes! All because our homes are not weighing heavily on our hearts; now I have huge puddles rolling down my face. Life is too short to not live it to the fullest. When you are dead and gone your babies are not going to remember how clean our homes were, but they will remember that their mother or father was happy and filled their home with love.

I just heard the music Going Home from Antonin Dvorak's New World Symphony on TV. I turned off the TV and put on my favorite radio station to hear mine and Robert's favorite symphony by Camille Saint-Saens; The

Organ Symphony. That beautiful music brought back a touching memory of our first kiss. I guess it is those little memories that stay with us all of our lives. My sweetie choreographed our first kiss to the 4th movement when the organist pulls out all the stops on the organ and fills the air with the most wonderful sounds. We don't listen to it often but when we do we are touched by its beauty and power. I feel that this was a God Breeze to affirm this message to you!

We all have the power to change the world even if it is just our little neck of the woods. Our attitude is everything. I want for you what I have Peace! Peace in knowing that I will be remembered for my smile and my positive contagious spirit! I live by these three rules.

Don't sweat the small stuff; what doesn't matter doesn't matter.

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## State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

### Lawmakers put property tax cut on fast track

By Ed Sterling  
AUSTIN - The Texas Senate on Feb. 14 passed a resolution to break the state's constitutional spending cap.

This was done in order to move a step closer to delivering school property tax relief required by legislation passed a year ago in the 3rd called session of the 79th Texas Legislature.

Senate Concurrent Resolution 20 by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-College Station, establishes that the existing need for lower school district property taxes constitutes an emergency for the people of Texas.

The resolution also makes it so state tax revenues not dedicated by the Texas Constitution for fiscal years 2008 and 2009 may be in an amount not to exceed \$14.2 billion more than authorized.

On a simple majority vote and with none of the usual floor debate that regular legislative bills receive, the resolution quickly moves property tax relief ahead of other items on the agenda.

Once passed by the full Senate, SCR 20 shifted over to the House for consideration.

The House Appropriations Committee approved it too. Next, the resolution is subject to a vote of the full House on Feb. 20. It is predicted to pass on a Republican party line vote, or something close to it.

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#### FIELD: JO NELL (CANYON D)

Lease/Unit Name : RANCH, J. A. -L-  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
Lease/Unit Acres : 4894.0  
Nearest Lease Line (ft) : 49.7  
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#### FIELD: VINEGARONE (STRAWN)

Lease/Unit Name : RANCH, J. A. -L-  
Lease/Unit Well No. : 8  
Lease/Unit Acres : 4894.0  
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

JO NELL (CANYON D) :	GAS Special Rules	933/1200, 320.0 acres.
	GAS Optional Rules	933/1200, 160.0 acres.
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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Christina Gustartis, at (832)4862463.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted without a hearing if no protest to the application is received. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6848. If you have questions which are specific to the application or the information set forth in this Notice, please contact the Commission at (512)463-6701.

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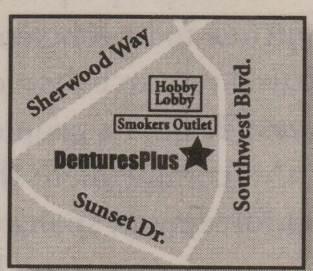
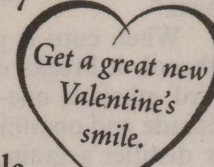
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**For Sale 1995 18x76 Schultz** Mobile Home, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 10x16 addition, 4 car carport, see at 52 Terry Drive, in the Bronco Mobile Home Park, (old J&V Mobile Home Park), Call Angie or Mark at 387-5500

**Trailer house for sale** needs work, \$5,000, located #32 Terry Drive, Bronco Mobile Home Estates, formerly J&V, 2 bedroom 1 bath, call 325-212-5840 or 325-374-5071.

**1994 Palm Harbor** Doublewide must sell, 800-323-0822

From an estate: Twin bed w/oak headboard \$89.99; double dresser, cream & gray sofa, several rockers, antique kidney shaped desk and chair, maple bar stools, shadow box table, maple dining table and 4 chairs w/leaf, twin wooden bedroom suite with desk and bookcase, cute red Broyhill desk, beautiful painted chest, must see round glass and brass coffee table, 1977 Pan Electric Guitary Kitchen \$69.99, beautiful oval marble and wooden carved antique coffee table. Lots more. Please call ahead before bringing in clothing or furniture. All must be in good condition. **SECOND HAND ROSE 853-3736.**

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New owners Bronco Mobile Home Estates, 1305 N. Crockett, across from arena. **Mobile Home lots for rent,** 1 month free, Permanent R.V.'s welcomed, 830-313-1060

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**New on the Market!**  
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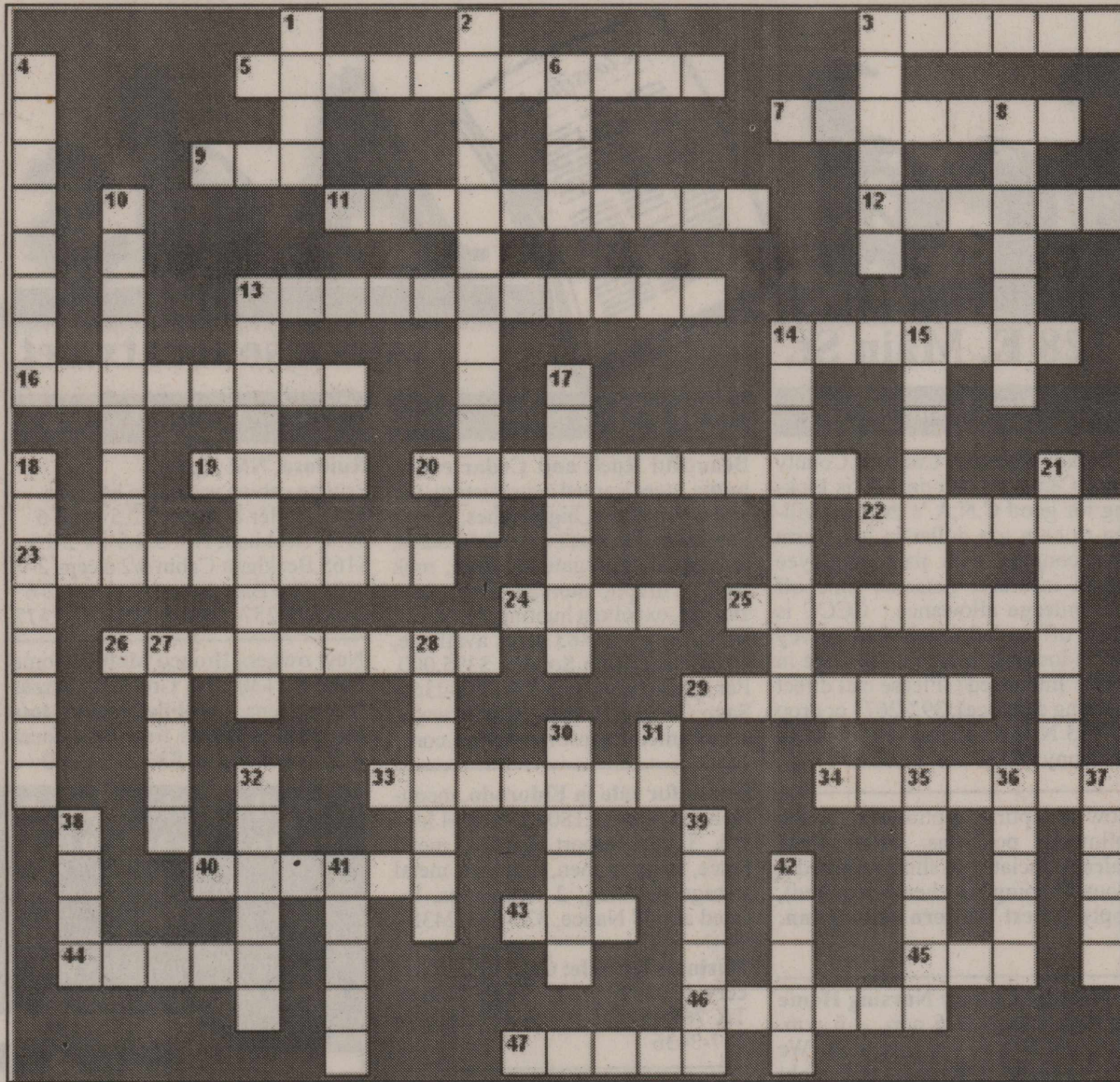
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## DRN Crossword Puzzle - War and Peace

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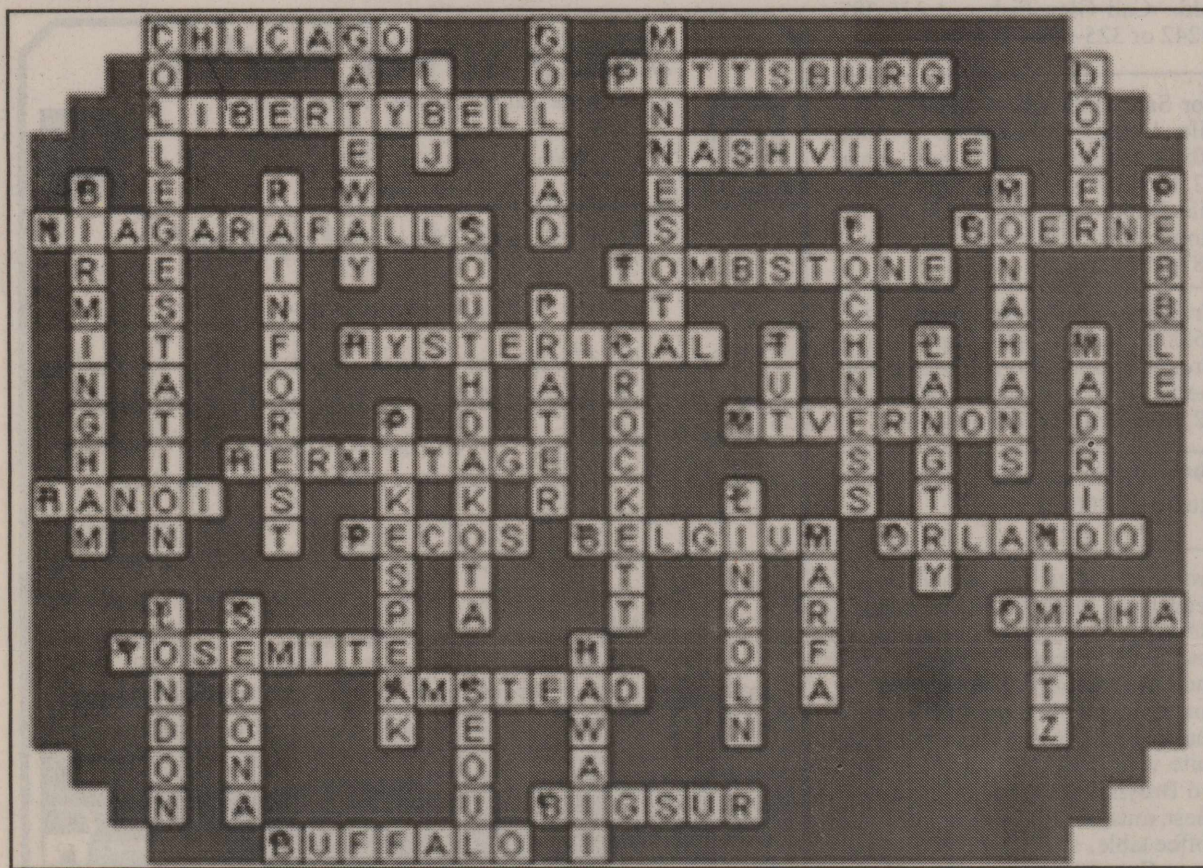
- 3. Death march
- 5. Tora, Tora, Tora
- 7. A-10 Tank Killer Nick-name
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_ Stuart
- 11. Trains firemen and linguists
- 12. Mein Kampf
- 13. Army General led 1st Gulf War
- 14. M-1
- 16. Site of D-Day Invasion
- 19. Homing all the way killer
- 20. Ended on July 3, 1863
- 22. Slapped a private
- 23. Treaty of \_\_\_\_\_ - Ended WWI
- 24. Won at the Alamo
- 25. Site of WWII Japanese surrender
- 26. Army Generals' Alma Mater
- 29. War and Peace author
- 33. President - despised then, honored now.
- 34. Site of first Civil War battle
- 40. Last US amphibious landing
- 43. \_\_\_\_\_ Offensive - Vietnam
- 44. "Remember the \_\_\_\_\_!"
- 45. Local USAF survival instructor
- 46. To Hell and Back
- 47. Secretary of Defense



**DOWN**

- 1. Big Spring's closed AF base
- 2. The F-105
- 3. Big \_\_\_\_\_ - Ended WWII
- 4. Last major Revolutionary War Battle
- 6. Secretary of State
- 8. Battle of \_\_\_\_\_ - Occurred after the war ended
- 10. "Old soldiers never die, they just fade away."
- 13. Famous Texas Battlefield
- 14. "Never has so few done so much for so many"
- 15. Black Cavalry Soldiers
- 17. Developed in late 1800 - used in all fighter aircraft today
- 18. Comes in E/O and infra-red versions
- 21. 30 seconds over Toyoko
- 27. F-15
- 28. League of \_\_\_\_\_
- 30. Nuclear sub
- 31. Located in NY - Promotes world peace
- 32. WWII German tank
- 35. Pacific war battle - turning point
- 36. T-37 nickname
- 37. Lubbock's closed AF base
- 38. Joint Direct Attack Munition
- 39. Current US Tank
- 41. \_\_\_\_\_ Hilton - POW Camp
- 42. First repeating rifle

Last week's crossword puzzle answers



### Main Street Traffic

By Mary Ann Kay



Ann Kay with Debra Farst

Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street had a visit from the Texas Main Street Office. Debra Farst is the State Coordinator of Texas Main Street Program.

We toured around Sonora and she couldn't believe the restoration projects that have taken place and some of these projects are being done right now in our downtown area.

The Sam Dillard State Farm Insurance restoration project is a act of beauty and she couldn't believe how the beautiful this corner office added. Debra was very impressed with the Comfort Inn of Sonora and how kind the girls were at the front desk were, and made her stay completely a dream come true.

We are lucky to live in a community that see the value of preserving our history and all the rich western heritage.

We were the home base for the Texas Heritage

Trails Inventory Committee for a week as they visited the other towns around Sonora.

This committee was to do a inventory of the heritage sites such as museums and other tourism sites. The Texas Pecos Trail, with the assistance of this committee will work with the directors of the Texas Pecos Trail and Keith Godwin (our Coordinator) to design a brochures that has the tastes of West Texas.

The brochures of the other Texas Heritage Trails have been distribute during the month of December were: Texas Brazos Trail 2,553, Texas Forest Trail 2,548, Texas Forts Trail Rack Card 2,007, Texas Independence Trail 2,613, Texas Lakes Trail 1,950, Texas Plains Trail 2,058, Texas in the Civil War 2,768, Chisholm Trail 2,731, Los Caminos del Rio 2,207, and Texas in World War II 2,711. The Heritage Trails is a way of advertising the 22 counties as a region.

### Hill Country Sheep and Goat Raisers to Meet



Tom Pickens to perform at meeting.

The Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers meeting will be held Monday, March 5th at the Backdoor Restaurant located behind Simons Mercantile in Roosevelt, Texas. Anyone interested in ranching, supporting our youth with scholarships and private property rights is encouraged to attend. Roosevelt is approximately 18-20 miles west of Junction off IH 10. Coffee and visiting start at 9:30. Meeting is at 10:00 with lunch to follow. Cost of Lunch is \$9.00. Please call Brenda Seidensticker to R.S.V.P. at 830-995-2589 no later than Thursday, March 1.

Our last meeting was held January 23rd at the Camp Verde General Store. Clarabell Snodgrass was our honored speaker. She is quite a historian and encouraged us all to write our memoirs. She also spoke about the history of our organization

of which she was a founding member in 1949. Scrap Bookings was also discussed as a way to display history. We were then entertained by Tom Pickens who puts his own Cowboy poetry to song, another form of preserving history. He is the husband of our Vice-President, Jo Beth Pickens and together they run Pickens Well Service in Harper.

Scholarship applications are due April 1st. A special banquet will be given in recipients honor this year to be held Saturday, June 9. Our regular meeting has been moved to August 27th. Raffle and Silent Auction items will be due at this time. The style show from which the proceeds fund the scholarships will be early this year so mark your calendars for September 11 and contact Francis Dendy for your tickets at 830-257-5942. Get involved and join the Fun.

## F.Y.I.

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

**Renowned author and Bible teacher Beth Moore** will speak to tens of thousands of women across North America in a live satellite simulcast based on her new book "Get Out of That Pit" on February 24, 2007. Lighthouse Community Church is hosting this live international simulcast event.

For additional information or ticketing, contact our office at (325) 387-9100.

**Families Helping Families** - That's what foster parenting is all about. Abused and neglected children in Texas need your help. Become a foster parent. Call 325-657-7400 in San Angelo or the Texas Dept. of Family and Protective Services Foster Care and Adoption Inquiry Line at 1-800-233-4305.

**A Weight Watchers Meeting** will be held every Monday evening at the LMH Wellness Center meeting room. Weigh-in at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. For more information call 387-BFIT or 387-2521.

**Reading Friends**, a Sonora book club, meets quarterly at St. John's Episcopal Parish Hall. Our next meeting is on Monday, April 16 at 6:30 p.m. The book we will discuss is "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini. If you would like to participate, you may call Lewis Allen at 387-3948 or just show up at the meeting.

**Attention all seniors!** The deadline to apply for the Vernon West Memorial Scholarship is fast approaching. Scholarships will be given to numerous recipients. In honor of Vernon West, the committee would like to award students involved in ranching, rodeo, or 4-H and FFA with an opportunity to fulfill college dreams. The late Vernon West was involved in helping many youngsters reach their aspirations in rodeo and education. The scholarship application is available at all local high school counselor's offices. Hurry, the deadline is March 10, 2007 and should be mailed to: **Vernon West Memorial Scholarship Committee P.O. Box 903 Sonora, Texas, 76950.**

**Walk Across Texas.** Get your team (co-workers, family, and friends) together and join the Walk Across Texas with the Health and Wellness Center and the Texas Cooperative Extension Office. You do not have to be a member to join this fun, fitness program. The entry fee is \$25.00 per team. For more information and to pick up team packets call The Health and Wellness Center at 387-BFIT.

**Sonora City League for baseball, tee-ball and softball** will have a board meeting on Monday 02/26/07 @ 6:30 P.M. at the Girl Scout Hut @ Pecan St. & Water. Coaches meeting for baseball, softball, & teeball will be Thursday-03/01/07 @ 6:30 P.M. at the Girl Scout Hut @ Pecan St. & Water.

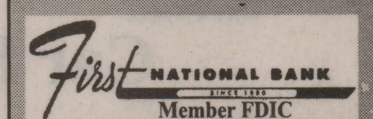
**\$1000 Reward** for the arrest of person or persons involved in the theft of a 2006 white Chevrolet extended cab 4x4 pickup, stolen Feb.12 from the Glover Co. in Ozona. All callers will remain anonymous. Contact Mike Glover at 325-650 2288 with any information.

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