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## Rebeckah Owen is 2008 Miracle Kid

By Ben D. Taylor

The word "miracle" is one of those terms that escape any adequate description or definition. Webster's New World Dictionary defines a miracle as "an event or action that apparently contradicts known scientific laws". That definition does not cut it for me. When I think of the world miracle, I think of salvation in the face of the impossible, it's a concept of hope, and it's something that is bigger than any one person. A miracle can be as simple as a sunrise, or as complex as life itself. In a word, a miracle is unexplainable.

By its very nature, a miracle is bittersweet; just as there is no salvation without loss, there is no miracle without tragedy. Last February, husband Terry, wife Kelly, and their children, Rebeckah, Reagan, and Gage Owen met with such a tragedy on highway 277 north of Eldorado. They were on their way to the airport in San Angelo when a Ford Ranger crossed over into their lane forever changing their lives. Rebeckah and Kelly were air-lifted to Shannon emergency room as a level 2 trauma, and both underwent surgery in San Angelo. Kelly was transferred to San Antonio for further surgery during the most tenuous time of Rebeckah's treatment. Kelly's right arm was almost severed, and Rebeckah suffered from a skull fracture, scalp laceration, and facial fractures; Terry, Gage, and Reagan suffered only scrapes and bruises. Right before leaving for San Antonio, Kelly told her husband, "Do not leave Rebeckah's side, do not come to see me until we know she is going to be ok. Worst case I loose my arm, that is nothing compared to Rebeckah."

Last week, Rebeckah and Kelly came into the office to share their story so I could better understand Rebeckah's most recent triumph of being named a Shannon Hospital 2008 Miracle Kid by the Children's Miracle Network. I had written down a list of questions I wanted to ask them about the accident but, in the time it took me to see Rebeckah smile, I realized I had wanted to know all the wrong things. The real story is not the accident or what caused it. Kelly and Rebeckah showed me that this story was about what happened after the accident. It is not only a story of recovery; it's a story of strength, hope, and the kindness of strangers and friends.

Kelly accounted to me the power prayer had on their family during the whole process.

"Right after the wreck, Terry asked if everyone was okay. Everyone answered except Rebeckah. My arm was hurt pretty bad, and I didn't want the kids to see the extent of the damage, so when I turned around to check on them, I blocked their vision of my arm. When I saw Rebeckah slumped over in her car seat with her eyes rolled up in her head, I knew that she was either with God or with



Rebeckah Owen of Sonora, Texas was named a 2008 Miracle Kid by the Shannon Hospital and The Children's Miracle Network.

me. I immediately started praying. I knew if she was with God, then I was thankful for the 6 years I had with her. I was okay with her being happy with God. When I found that peace, I started praying for her happiness. Right after I started praying, she opened her eyes and started crying. She is a miracle in every sense of the word."

Kelly started telling me the stories of the help she and her family received from strangers and friends. She was overwhelmed that she knew some of the first responders from Sonora, and the help she received from the EMT from Eldorado. Seeing faces of people she knew, and the concern of those she didn't, strengthened her resolve in this crisis.

"There was one particular man who I have never properly thanked, because I don't know his name. He was one of the first people on the wreck scene, and I think it was he who parked his pickup and trailer across the road to stop oncoming traffic and save us from another collision. Anyway, he stood by me and Rebeckah, ready to help if we needed anything. At first, I refused his offer, but when Terry told me we had to get out of the car, I asked this man for help. I asked him to try to be gentle with my arm in case there was anything that might still be connected and might be able to be saved. I never really saw the extent of the damage to my arm because I was afraid to look, but he did, and I saw in his eyes what a horrific and terrifying request that was. But he gathered himself and said, "Yes, ma'am," and very gently handed me my arm so I could climb out of the car. I don't know how or if I could ever thank him for that valiant act, it certainly wasn't what he signed up to do that day when he got out of bed."

The support continued as the family made it to the hospital, and I could not keep track of all the names Kelly mentioned as I took notes. Many of the names I knew, but just as many were strangers to me (and the Owen Family), "We will never know all the people that helped us." While they were at the hospital, Scott Jacoby (Sonora resident) showed up to take care of Gage and Reagan while Terry, Kelly, and Rebeckah were being treated. Family and friends took shifts to watch over Rebeckah at night so her father could get some rest. For an excruciating length of time, they did not know the extent of Rebeckah's injuries, whether she would suffer brain damage or even survive the ordeal. Even though the extent of Rebeckah's injuries and their long term effects were unknown, there were promising signs from the start. Thirty six hours after the accident Rebeckah's father

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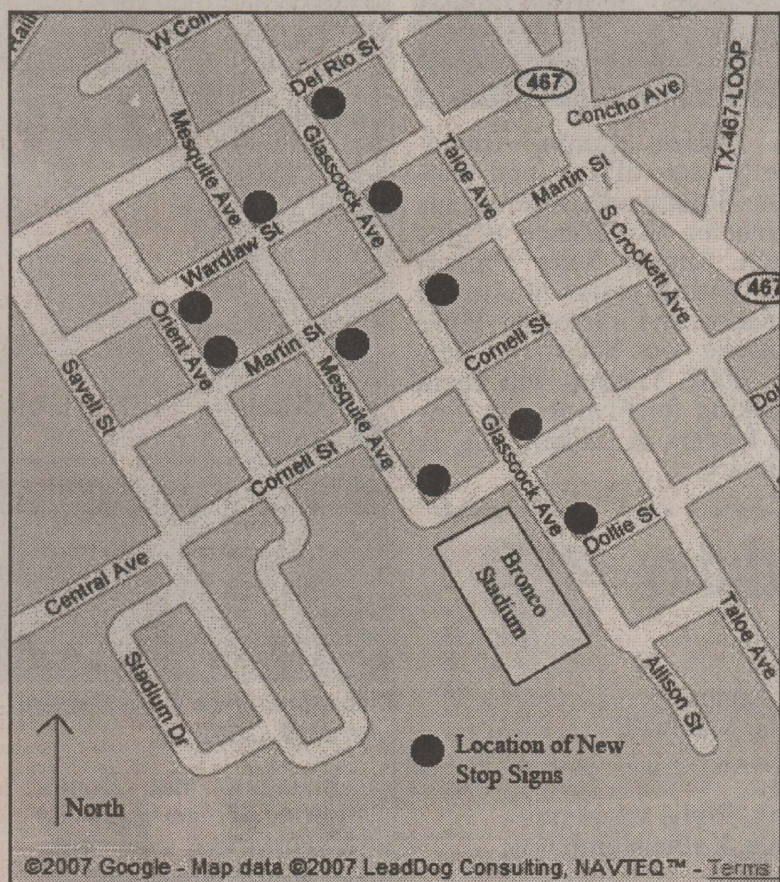
## New Stop Signs Erected in Sonora to Stop Speeding

By Ben D. Taylor

The slow-paced life style here in Sonora has just gotten a little slower with the addition of 10 new stop signs placed throughout the southwest part of town. An increase in complaints about speeding down Glasscock, Wardlaw, and Martin streets prompted Chief Mike House to take action. Most of the complaints have occurred during school days (specifically during the lunch hour and right after school.)

Chief House cites public safety for the reasoning behind the new stop signs, "It's a deterrent for speeders meant to slow down traffic for the safety of younger kids in that area". The series of dips down Glasscock Ave. have been a natural deterrent to speeders for years, but the increase in popularity of lifted 4x4 vehicles have made the dips ineffective, according to House.

Contact with a civil engineer specializing in the construction and design of roadways, confirmed research through the Texas Department of Transportation public records that stop sign construction cost up to \$2,000 a sign in Tom Green County. Sonora City Manager Jim Polonis stated, "The signs we put up cost nowhere near \$2,000," but he was unable to report on the exact figures stating he would have them later this week. When asked why the costs of signs differ, Polonis commented that "the state has different requirements for the erection of signs than that of



Ten new stop signs located in the southwest part of Sonora were erected to deter speeders in the city's residential neighborhoods.

city government."

Chief House said the cost of the signs is insignificant compared to the safety of small children in that area. As with any new traffic regulation, public opinion is mixed (while riding with Chief House to look at the placement of the new stop signs, we discovered that someone had already removed one of them), but the Chief has heard positive comments

from people in the effected areas. Expect to see more police activity in these areas, "We're going to work the area pretty hard and citations will be issued." But the chief was quick to note that this is an issue of safety, not citations, "The most important thing is the safety of the folks in that area, but we are also concerned with the safety of the drivers."

## Ports to Plains Trade Corridor

## Consortium Plans Sonora Traffic Study

By Becky McAngus

Sonora is one of three cities selected for a traffic count study, planned for March, by the Texas Tech University Center for Public Service Ports-to-Plains Research Consortium. Clayton, New Mexico and Lamar, Colorado, two other cities located along the Ports-to-Plains Corridor, will also have traffic count studies performed by the research consortium.

Although located in three different states along the proposed route, the communities share one very important characteristic. They are all relatively isolated, with few routes in and out. The research consortium indicated that this distinctive factor will facilitate visual inspection and counting of trucks. Sonora's inclusion on the list is also due to the fact that our community is the first major community north of the Del Rio-Ciudad Acuna port of entry and the proposed intersection for the trade corridor with Interstate 10.

The most important aspect in Sonora's selection, according to the consortium, is the fact that our own residents, members of the Sonora and Sutton County Transportation Committee, have conducted two previous surveys. The project was initiated, according to Max Howorth, president of the Sonora Industrial Corporation, due to the prohibitive cost of hiring a consulting firm to complete the work. Armed with information and materials obtained from the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Texas Department of Transportation, the local committee, headed by John Paul Friess, counted traffic during two fourteen-hour days, one day at each intersection of Crockett Avenue and US Hwy. 277, north and south. In addition, the counts developed by the Transportation Committee were confirmed by TxDOT traffic counts using an automatic pneumatic hose counter.

Interestingly, at an average of 10,200 vehicles (2,050 trucks) per day, the local survey indicates that Sonora has a lower, although steady, volume

of non-local traffic compared to a survey completed by TxDOT in 2005. Local traffic of higher volume typically increased in the morning hours, flattened from late morning through mid-afternoon, and then increased during the evening "rush hour." Truck traffic in Sonora was 55% local and 45% non-local for one intersection and 62% local and 38% non-local at the other intersection.

Hazardous cargo represented only about 8% of the heavy truck traffic. About 55% of the hazardous cargos were flammable, (but non-toxic) fuels - like gasoline, diesel and propane. About 25% were non-flammable gas such as carbon dioxide. The remaining 20% were other oil products and chemicals. The only toxic materials recorded on either of the two-day periods were one truck carrying chlorine and one carrying coal gas, Friess's summary notes.

To more fully answer the question, "Does Sonora Need A Reliever Route?" posed by the transportation committee at their October 9, 2007 public meeting, the consortium's traffic study will compile data over a period of several days, including school days, holidays, and other periods to have a more precise count. They also anticipate gathering more information on trucks coming through Sonora from Mexico and more information on the number of wide loads, their starting points and their final destinations. All the information gathered will be compared to similar cities using the same methodology.

The survey will be conducted under the direction of Dr. Thomas Longoria, Associate Professor and Director of the Center for Public Service at Texas Tech University. Dr. Longoria was one of a panel of experts who came to Sonora in October to answer questions and gather public input regarding the Ports-to-Plains project and the proposed reliever route.

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**Senior Center Activities**

Thur. Jan. 3 - Crafts  
 Fri. Jan. 4 - Happy B-Day Betty Elledge  
 Sat. Jan. 5 - Happy B-Day Eulogia Samaniego  
 Mon. Jan. 7 - Bingo after lunch  
 Tues. Jan. 8 - Exercise with video after lunch  
 Wed. Jan. 9 - Volunteer to deliver meals

**Senior Center Menu**

Thur. Jan. 3 - Oven Baked Chicken, lima beans, broccoli, wheat bread, fruit mix, milk  
 Fri. Jan. 4 - Baked Ham, candied yams, green beans, roll, carrot raisin salad, Jell-O with fruit, milk  
 Mon. Jan. 7 - Chicken Supreme, herbed new potatoes, roll, broccoli, green salad, cherry cobbler  
 Tues. Jan. 8 - Beef Burrito, pinto beans, spinach, coleslaw, Jell-O with pears, milk  
 Wed. Jan. 9 - Oven Broiled Pork Chops with gravy, noodles, carrots, roll, tossed salad, applesauce, milk  
 Thur. Jan. 10 - Meatloaf with tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding, milk

**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> 11E. Oak 387-3190
<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
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# New Year Kicks Off With 22 State Laws

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN -- The 80th Texas Legislature last spring passed 22 pieces of legislation enacting state laws to take effect January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Here is a whittled down version of what just a few of those new laws do, based on analyses published by the House Research Organization and the Senate Research Center.

\* HB 271 by Rep. Veronica Gonzales, D-McAllen, amends the Property Code by requiring a home seller to disclose to a buyer whether they are aware of any previous use of the residence as a methamphetamine lab.

\* HB 310 by Rep. Tony Goolsby, R-Dallas, amends the Transportation Code so that a vehicle's license plate and registration transfer with the person selling or trading in that vehicle.

\* HB 481 by Rep. Jim Jackson, R-Carrollton, amends the Transportation Code to allow the seller of a used vehicle to report the sale to TxDOT through the agency's Web site within 30 days, in lieu of filing a written and signed transfer notice. The bill also increases the penalty for the buyer of a used car that did not transfer the title within the 20-business-day grace period.

\* HB 538 by Rep. Bill Callegari, R-Katy, amends the Tax Code to allow a property owner to postpone their appraisal protest one time without showing cause, and increasing the postponement period from 15 to 30 days.

\* HB 1751 by Rep. Ellen Cohen, D-Houston, amends the

Business and Commerce Code and Government Code by imposing a fee of \$5 on a sexually oriented business providing live nude entertainment. Up to \$25 million in money generated by the fee, per fiscal biennium, goes to the state's sexual assault program fund. The amount of money received from the fee in excess of \$25 million goes to the state's general revenue fund.

\* HB 3495 by Rep. John Otto, R-Dayton, amends the Tax Code regarding the notice of an open meeting at which a governing body of a taxing unit will vote on a tax increase. The notice now must include:

- Dates on which the first and second public hearings on the proposed tax increase were held;
- Total tax revenue raised at last year's tax rate;
- Amount of total tax revenue proposed to be raised excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll;
- Amount of total tax revenue proposed to be raised including the tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll;
- The proposed tax rate; and
- The mailing address of the location where the meeting to vote on the tax rate will be held.

A complete listing of new laws taking effect on Jan. 1 can be found by using the bill search function at [www.legis.state.tx.us/](http://www.legis.state.tx.us/). Murdock named Census director The U.S. Senate on Dec. 20 confirmed Steve H. Murdock as director of the U.S. Census Bureau. Nominated for the federal agency post by President George W. Bush, Murdock has been based at the University of Texas at San Antonio, serving as director of the Texas State Data Center. State agency warns of scammers The Texas Department of Insurance cautions seniors to beware of suspicious sales practices by scammers who represent themselves to be insurance agents. Be especially cautious of unsolicited contacts in which someone tries to obtain information by asking another to complete studies or surveys or asks nursing home personnel to gather the information, the state agency said. Agents and companies must be licensed in Texas to sell insurance. To verify a license, call toll-free, 800-252-3439. TCEQ approves penalties The Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Dec. 19 approved penalties totaling \$593,897 against 76 regulated entities for violations of environmental regulations. Among those many violations were 13 for air quality, 14 for municipal waste discharge, 10 for public water system and seven for water quality.

Warning: think before giving drink Alan Steen of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission reminds folks it is against the law to give alcohol to anyone under 21 (other than your child) even in your own residence, even with parent's permission. Maximum criminal penalties for violators include up to a \$4,000 fine, up to one year in jail and an automatic suspension of a driver's license for six months upon conviction.

## Cards of Thanks

The Sutton County Child Welfare Board would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local churches, businesses and individuals who adopted an angel this year. The outpouring of generosity was so touching. It is because of your kindness that over a hundred children had Christmas under their tree. Albert Pine once said, "What we do for ourselves dies with us. What we do for others and the world

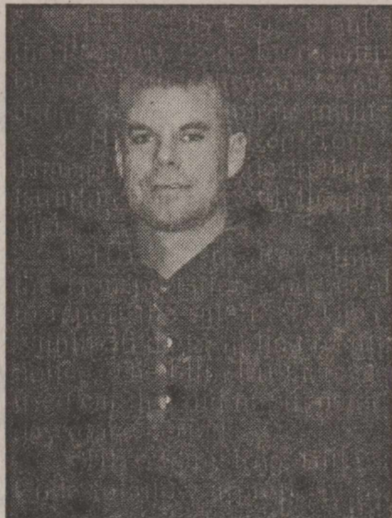
remains and is immortal." Sonora, your acts of kindness continue to remain "immortal" and forever in the hearts of those you have touched by unselfishly giving.

In Kind Regards,  
 Kelly L Thorp  
 Angel Tree  
 Project Chairman

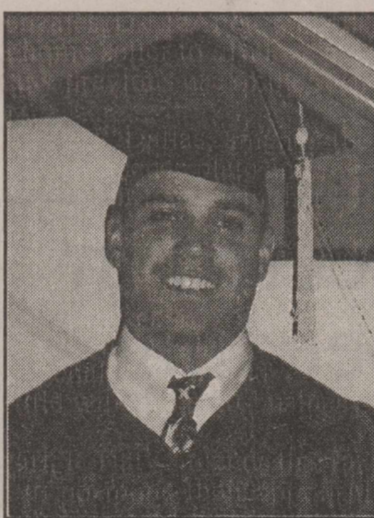
We, Arturo Gandar and family, would like to extend our appreciation for the thoughtfulness of friends and family. We would also like to thank Somora EMS, Shannon Hospital and the staff at St. David's in Austin. Thank you for your phone calls, visits and prayers. Most importantly we are grateful to God; who made

his surgery and recovery a success.

Thanks Again  
 and God Bless  
 Artur and Edwina, Joey,  
 Rachel and Isiah Arturo Jr.,  
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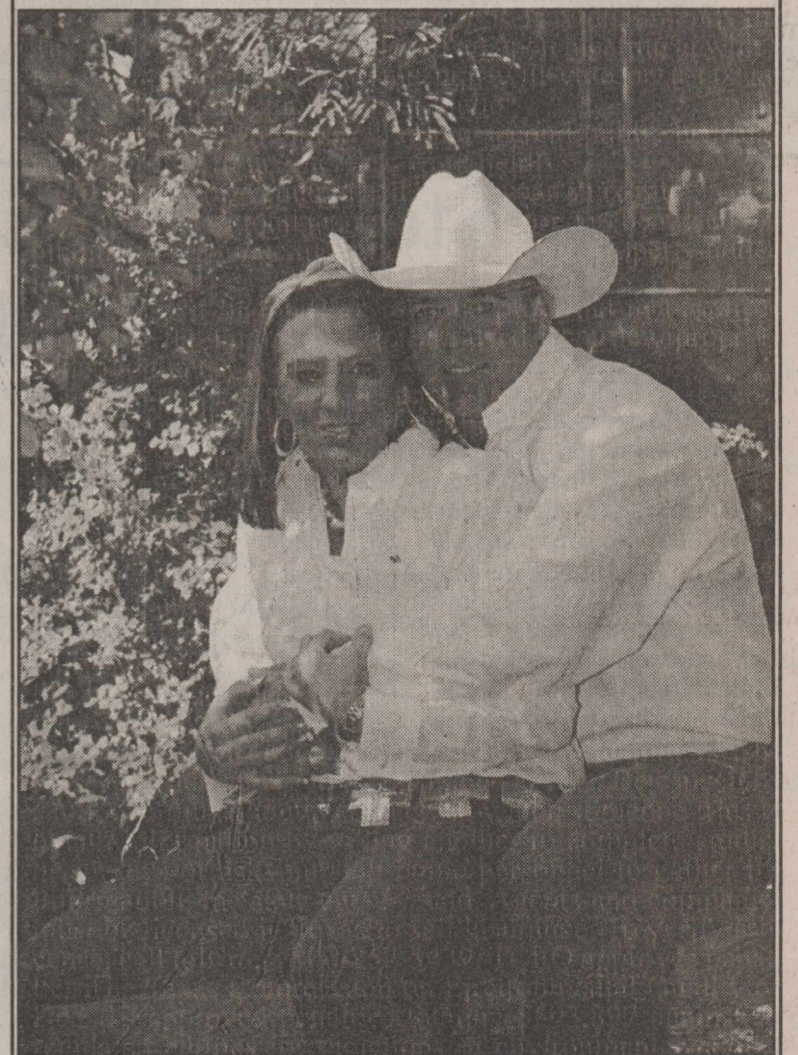


Graham Presler Bloodworth, son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth, graduated from The Permian Basin Law Enforcement 79th Session Academy in Midland, TX on Friday, Dec. 14, 2007. He received the fitness award and was presented a flag with the 79th Session Police Academy inscribed on it.



Thomas Ramsey Bloodworth, son of Lee and Darlette Bloodworth, received his Bachelor of Science degree from Angelo State University with a major in Animal Science and minor in Food Science on Saturday, Dec. 15, 2007. Thomas will begin working for Five Rivers Cattle feeders in Dalhart, TX, in January.

## Sonora Couple Announce Engagement



Margaret Ann Jameson and Mark Hunt Foley to wed June 14, 2008.

Rosanne and Tooter Jameson of Sterling City and Martha and John Foley wish to announce the upcoming marriage of their children, Margaret Ann Jameson and Mark Hunt Foley, both of Sonora.

Grandparents of the bride are the late Clyde Ross and Margaret Skeete Foster of Sterling City, TX and the late G.A. and June Elliott Jameson of Big Lake, TX. Grandparents of the groom are Tom and Elizabeth Foley of Wichita Falls, TX, and Clay and Doris Hunt of Bracketville, TX.

Margaret is a 2000 graduate of Colorado High School in Colorado City,

TX. She has an Associate of Arts Degree from Western Texas College in Snyder, TX and a Bachelor Degree of Interdisciplinary Studies from Tarleton State University in Stephenville, TX. Margaret is employed by Sonora ISD.

Mark graduated from Iraan High School in Iraan, TX in 2000. He attended Texas A & M University and is employed by B&K Trucking in Sonora.

The wedding will be held on June 14, 2008, at Hoolihan Acres in Mertzon, TX. The couple will reside in Sonora.

## Historical Society

**ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**  
by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
Sutton County Historical Society

We don't have any questions this week, so I thought it would be fun to see what your ancestors did over Christmas holidays.

The Devil's River News, January 1, 1910: Marion Stokes was having a good time in town this week. Sam Luckie stopped in town for a visit.

Born on Tuesday, December 28, 1909, a boy, to Mr. and Mrs. Will Hayes, weighing in at 10 pounds.

Dr. White of Ozona came to town to visit Mrs. White. Jim and Eli Kuykendall, the tank builders, were in Sonora several days this week. Mr. and Mrs. J.O. Roundtree and family moved to the ranch this week. De Nougess spent several days in Sonora this week enjoying himself.

M. V. Sessom, the stockman, was up from his ranch Tuesday for supplies. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bridge were visiting friends and relatives in Sonora this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Strickland, of Del Rio, were in Sonora Wednesday on their way home from a visit to friends in Eldorado. E. E. Strickland, the well-known goat man who ranches near Juno, was also up visiting Sonora.

W. W. Moser, the sheepman who has his sheep down on Devil's River, was in Sonora this week visiting family. Ed Wall and sons, R. E. and Andy, were in from their farm and ranch in the Franks Defeat country Tuesday, on business. Jesse Sharp was having a fine time in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Luckie spent Christmas in Sonora. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Bond were in from the ranch, Wednesday, shopping and visiting. Jess Allen was in from the Joe Wyatt ranch having a grand time this week. F. R. Hull, the well driller, spent Christmas in Sonora. Ward Hill was in from the Giles Hill ranch this week. Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Tis-

dale were in from the McKnight ranch on Christmas Day.

E. C. Saunders, the windmill doctor, is spending a few days with his family in Ballinger. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Wallace of Rock Springs were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mayfield this week. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bridge were visiting friends and relatives in Sonora this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bus Allison spent Christmas in Sonora with friends and relatives. Misses Zena and Enda Wheat were in from the ranch several days this week visiting friends. Carl (Ica) Adams, the telephone man, returned from a pleasure trip to Del Rio on Tuesday.

Arie, Philip and Sterling Baker were in from the ranch several days this week having a time. Mr. and Mrs. Curt Allison spent several days in town visiting. Mrs. Arthur Stuart and the boys arrived home Thursday from a visit to friends and relatives in Brady. Rev. Caleb Smith, of Tyler, was in Sonora several days this week visiting his sons, Dr. C.D. Smith and W.B. Smith. W.B., who ranches about twenty miles south of Sonora, was up in town on business.

Miss Jessie Smith, who is teaching school at Earwood's ranch, spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. A.J. Smith. Miss Pearl Owens, who is teaching school at the Henry Diebitsch ranch, spent several days in Sonora as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Martin.

Tom Hord, who has land in the Sol Mayer pasture, returned Thursday from a visit to his brother, H C. Hort, at Sweetwater. Bob Peacock attended the races during the holidays. Jim Alford was in from the ranch this week and took in the dances and races.

Married at the office of Cornell and Wardlaw on Friday, December 24, 1909, Miss Della Lindsey to Mr. W. W. Murray, Judge J. J. Wardlaw officiating. The



This photograph, taken from the porch of the McDonald Hotel, indicates that traffic on Sonora's Main Street in 1915 included a mixture of automobiles and horse and buggies. Most of the vehicles are parked in front of E.F. VanderStucken's general store, leaving a very narrow pathway for those who might have other business in downtown Sonora. The oak tree that still stands at the head of Main Street, provides shade for a weary horse. Above the rooftops, four windmills are visible on Eaton Hill. A vacant lot (foreground) across the street from the hotel is now the location of Sam Dillard Insurance.

bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Lindsey, the groom is a well-known young stockman and present manager of the Abe Mayer ranch, and he and the bride have a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

A pleasant and unexpected surprise was the marriage on Monday, December 27, 1909, of Miss Fannie Johnson to Mr. Roscoe Caywer at the office of County Judge L.J. Wardlaw. The bride is the daughter of John C. Johnson, and is a young lady of exceptional charm who has grown up in the Sonora country. The groom is cashier of the Mercury State Bank of Mercury, Texas and is, to judge by appearances, a fine young man. After luncheon, the happy couple left for their home at Mercury where, as intimated, the groom is prepared to properly care for one of Sonora's fairest flowers.

Ed Mayfield and Zena Wheat were married at Eldorado on Thursday by Rev. H. J. Holland. Our county judge was out of town and the young couple made an unexpected trip to Eldorado, then

continued on to San Angelo and beyond on a bridal tour. The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. Ira L. Wheat, for many years sheriff of Edwards County, but whom Sonora has claimed as one of its most popular young ladies these past few seasons. The groom is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Jess W. Mayfield. Their home will be on the ranch recently purchased by the groom 10 miles west of Sonora.

Married at Goldthwaite on Friday, December 24, 1909, Miss Jennie Wrinkle to Mr. Robert Clark, Rev. Harralson officiating. The happy couple has arrived in Sonora and will make their home on the J. L. Davis ranch. The groom is a young man of sterling worth, and is the son of Mrs. C.R. L. Crick.

The Fireman's Ball was the social and financial success of the season and net proceeds, which go towards the purchase of a new fire hose, was \$115.45. The attendance was huge and the ladies were dressed so fashionably it would be impossible to describe all their gowns in this issue.

So, what did your ancestors do for the holidays? They held dances and balls. They went to races on Main Street, where the competition was intense between some of the best horses in the county. They had goat roping contests and steer roping contests. They went to socials and parties held all over the county. They dated, courted and, in some cases, married.

Most of the cowboys started their time in town with a shave, haircut, bath, and a new suit of clothes. They wanted to look their best for all the parties and ladies of the town. It was a simpler time, entertainment was of a gentler form and, after working hard all year, the cowboys enjoyed the company of the local la-

dies. There were usually more cowboys than women, and the local women didn't want for dance partners.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, Texas 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratx.net You may contact us at 307 Oak Street and peruse the archives or call us at 387-5084 on most Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings. We will be open on Saturday, January 5th. I will be leaving January 10th and will not return until February 10th, on a visit to my daughter in Mobile. Sorry, but family matters have come up that require our attention and we must be gone.

It's always helpful to learn from your mistakes because then your mistakes seem worthwhile.

-Garry Marshall

## Railroad Commission Offers Safety Tips for Propane Gas Fireplace Logs

AUSTIN -- The Railroad Commission offers the following safety tips for Texans enjoying the cozy warmth of a propane gas log set this winter.

As the state's chief energy agency, the Railroad Commission has been in charge of propane safety in Texas for more than 50 years.

"More and more Texans are fueling their fireplaces with clean-burning propane gas," said Railroad Commission Chairman Michael L. Williams, "And it's easy to see why. Gas logs don't smoke up the neighborhood, and they turn on at the flip of a switch. But they don't turn off by themselves like a wood fire, so remember to switch off your gas log when you leave the room for an extended period and before you go to sleep."

Even though gas log owners no longer have to split and stack firewood or haul ashes out of the fireplace, gas-fired logs do require some maintenance. "Have a trained technician install the units and schedule a regular maintenance checkup at the start of the heating season," said Commissioner Victor G. Carrillo. "The checkup should

include cleaning the control compartments and burner and checking all the components for proper operation."

Gas logs may be vented or unvented. Unvented units do not have a chimney or flue. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, unvented gas heaters are gaining in popularity because they are relatively inexpensive, easy to install and efficient.

"Consumers should know whether their gas logs are vented or unvented," said Commissioner Elizabeth Jones. "If they're vented, make sure the fireplace where the logs are installed is designed for actual use, not just for decoration. Inspect it to see that it has adequate protective linings and smoke ducts and that the chimney is clear and in good repair," Jones cautioned.

Vent-free models are easi-

er to install, but they can pose a health hazard because they draw their combustion air from inside the room, which can deplete the room's oxygen level and may produce some carbon monoxide (CO). They also produce water vapor, which can cause problems when they operate often or for a long time, especially in a "tight" home. Newer models of vent-free appliances come with an oxygen depletion sensor that will automatically turn off the unit if the oxygen drops below a specified level.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, view the following website link at: <http://www.propane.tx.gov/> or call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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## Rebeckah Owen continued from front page.

received news from the doctors on an MRI scan that showed all the swelling on Rebeckah's brain had dissipated. The doctors had no explanation, they said it was a miracle.

Four days after the accident, Rebeckah was able to play Hangman with Mrs. Kathy Hardgrave, and before too long, she was reading books and playing jacks with visitors.

In early December of last year, Rebeckah was named a 2008 Miracle Kid by the Shannon Hospital and the Miracle Kids Network. Rebeckah is one of the first accident victims nominated for this honor (most of the children named Miracle Kids are diagnosed with terminal or chronic illnesses). Rebeckah will join other Miracle Kids in fundraising events to raise awareness and money for the Shannon Medical Clinic. "Being involved with the Children's Miracle Network is a little way we can give back to those who gave us so much", said Kelly. Shannon Medical Hospital recently partnered with the Children's Miracle Network, joining more than 170 hospitals across the U.S. and Canada. The Children's Miracle Network raises money to enhance the ability of local hospitals to treat their patients. Since 1983, the Children's Miracle Network has raised over \$2 billion dollars for partnered hospitals. 100% of the donations made to the Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Hospital stay there to help treat children throughout the 11 counties Shannon Hospital serves. Kelly Owen attributes much of Rebeckah's recovery to the hospital staff and facilities, "She had the doctors she needed right there. It was in place and it happened."

In the course of my conversation with Kelly and Rebeckah,

I found out that my perception of miracles was all wrong. I thought a miracle was something that just happened. It was an event that occurred in the face of impossibility, it was an instant and unexplainable salvation. Looking into the bright eyes of Rebeckah, and seeing the gratitude and sense of purpose in Kelly, I knew that miracles don't just happen. Miracles take work. This weekend my brothers and I took my nephew to watch his first Aggie game at the Alamo Bowl (not the best of choices for a game, but if he's gonna be an Aggie he'd better get ready for the losses). The whole weekend, something Rebeckah told me kept resurfacing. That one phrase embodied hope, and explained to me the true miracle of the Owen family's ordeal. Rebeckah looked at me and, with clear resolve, simply said, "We made it!"

I never let my schooling get in the way of my education.

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## Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

As we start our 2008 year, we owe a debt of gratitude to the businesses and individuals who promoted our community and worked so hard to provide a firm foundation for future growth and opportunity. I wish to personally thank Chamber Board President Susan Hall for her dedication and leadership and Board Members; Shanna Petty, Lance Castro, Eddie Arteaga, Ryon West, Juanita Gomez, Michelle Faz, Missy Anderson, Gerry Ingham, Jim Phillips, Carla Smith, Mary Ann Pajestka and Community Activity Director Donna Garrett. Their concern for our community is greatly appreciated as they work diligently for the Chamber. We owe many thanks to them for their outstanding service and for bringing fresh ideas and guidance to the table. I am honored to serve this organization as Executive Di-

rector. It is a responsibility that I take very seriously. However, the job of running the Sonora Chamber of Commerce goes far beyond what any one man or woman can do. We - each of us - are the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. We all bring something unique to the table and I look forward to seeing the impact that we can make in our community, county, and state.

In closing, I want to thank each of you for your commitment and reinvestment as we begin the new year 237 members strong!!! This immeasurable support speaks for itself as our chamber starts another year. Last year was a great year, and we are looking forward to an even better one in 2008.

Happy New Year.

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These directories are distributed to Chamber members businesses, who are encouraged to patronize fellow members. The directories are also distributed to the public. Please come by the Chamber office at 205 Hwy 277 North to pick up a copy.

Calendar of Events

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## Business Tips: Seven Questions Asked in a Borrowing Situation

By Dave Erickson

In his books *Borrowing for Your Business*, and *Borrowing to Build Your Business*, former San Antonio banker George M. Dawson discussed seven questions that are always asked in any borrowing situation. I believe these seven questions can help any business borrower better understand how lenders evaluate their loan proposal. Below are some of my thoughts using the seven questions.

First, how much money do you want? This question seems straightforward but some borrowers have not properly analyzed how much they need. Lenders want to know that the borrower has taken the time to pin this down as accurately as they can. Remember to allow for contingencies, as the unexpected may happen. Another key is to borrow enough so you do not have to go back to the lender asking for more right away. Borrowing too little may just be enough to get you in trouble.

Second, what are you going to do with the money? Lenders want to know where the money is going and specifically what it will be spent on. Just saying "working capital" does not give the lender comfort. List the categories the money will be used for and how much will be needed for each category. Remember any equipment, remodeling, lease improvements, furniture, fixtures, inventory, or debt consolidation.

Third, why is this loan a good thing for your business? You will have to show why your business will benefit from the loan proceeds. Lenders like to make loans that are productive, meaning loans that result in higher sales or margins, reduced costs, and loans that will make your business more profitable. Of course, a loan to start a business is another example.

Fourth, why do you need our depositors' money to do it? Lenders like to know why you have to borrow. In most cases it is for good reasons, like starting a business, purchases of seasonal inventory, or purchasing additional equipment. For an existing business, lenders want to see if the company is generating profits to pay for ongoing operating expenses and a loan is not going to be used for these purposes. Keep in mind that, especially when starting a business, lenders will require from you an investment in cash or assets that is 15% to 30% of the total deal. This is to make sure you have something at risk. They will also require you sign a personal guarantee and will check your credit history.

The fifth and sixth questions are somewhat related. When will you pay it back? And how will you pay it back? Lenders want to see through conservative cash flow projections that the business will have the capacity to pay back the loan. They want to see that adequate collateral is pledged. Also, they will evaluate if you have enough experience

in the business to make the right decisions. They will also evaluate the health of your industry and the extent of your competition.

Finally, the seventh question asks, what happens if your plans do not work out? Show in your proposal that you have anticipated what could go wrong and your plans to work through those problems. Show that you know the risks in your industry and risks of an economic downturn. Lenders will have comfort knowing you have thought through these problems and have plans to deal with them. In the case of a business startup, secondary sources of personal income are important in case cash flow from the business gets temporarily tight.

Dawson reminds us in his books that business people are mostly positive, and lenders are mostly trained to be doubtful and cautious, and that their training is largely focused on these seven questions. Please look into the books for a complete discussion.

"Business Tips" was written by Mr. Dave Erickson, Director and Certified Business Advisor IV, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. For more information on the topic of this article or the services of the ASU • SBDC, contact him at David.Erickson@angelo.edu.

**F.Y.I.**

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a **Burn Ban** and a **Fireworks Ban**, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Sutton County EMS will hold an **EMT class beginning January 7th and concluding April 16th, 2008.** Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the EMS training facility. The cost for the class will be \$125 and includes the textbook. Deadline for pre-registration is December 28, 2007. For more information contact the Sutton County EMS office at 387-5132 or stop by 211 E. 3rd Street, Sonora.

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# What Can I do With These Leftovers

I don't know about you, but I love the week between Christmas and New Year's. I can't wait to go bargain hunting at after-Christmas sales and I adore leftovers! Unfortunately, my husband isn't a fan of them so I have to find ways to disguise them so not to waste the tastes of the season.

Most of us have turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, roast beef, or cranberry sauce sitting in the refrigerator, covered with foil and plastic wrap. These big hunks of meat should not be wasted. Casseroles, soups, and pasta dishes are some of my favorite ways to transform the bounty of my holiday meal. Also, remember leftovers should be used quickly, for food safety reasons. Turkey should be eaten within two to three days. Ham - four or five days. Roast beef should also be used within a few days. Freezing these ingredients will keep them safe and delicious for around two months.

Here are a few of my favorites. I hope you enjoy them. I'll look for you while I'm out hunting treasures at the after-Christmas sales! May you have a safe and happy holiday season.

Easy Turkey and Dumplings  
 \*Remember if you are feeling industrious you can always do homemade dumplings. No doubt they're the best! This is just a very quick and simple way to get supper on the table in a flash! I also love to serve this dish with leftover petite English peas.

### INGREDIENTS

- \* 1 pound cooked, chopped turkey meat
- \* 3 cups of canned chicken broth
- \* salt and pepper to taste
- \* 3 tablespoons all-purpose

flour  
 \* 1 (12 ounce) package refrigerated biscuit dough

### DIRECTIONS

1. Place the turkey, water, salt and pepper in a medium saucepan and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer 30 to 40 minutes, or until a broth has formed.

2. Spread flour on a medium cutting board or other flat surface. Roll out biscuit dough and cut it into 1x2 inch pieces. Drop the pieces into the broth and cook over low heat approximately 15 minutes.

### Ham Stuffed Manicotti

This is a fabulous casserole I found on Linda Larson's website. I love Italian food but Steve isn't a fan of pasta dishes that have a tomato base. This is more of a manly version of the tradition manicotti dish! It freezes really well too, so make a couple of batches this holiday season.

### Ingredients:

- \* 14 manicotti pasta shells
- \* 1 onion, chopped
- \* 2 cloves garlic, minced
- \* 1 green bell pepper, seeded and chopped
- \* 1/4 cup butter or olive oil
- \* 3 cups cooked cubed ham
- \* 1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- \* 6 Tbsp. butter or olive oil
- \* 6 Tbsp. flour
- \* 3 cups milk
- \* 2 cups shredded Swiss cheese
- \* 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

### Preparation:

Cook manicotti as directed on package. Drain, rinse in cool water and set aside. Meanwhile, cook onion, garlic, and green bell pepper in 4 Tbsp. butter or olive oil until tender. Add ham and set aside to cool for

10 minutes. Stir in 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese.

In another heavy saucepan, cook 6 Tbsp. butter or olive oil until foamy. Stir in flour and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture bubbles, about 3 minutes. Add milk, and cook, whisking constantly, until sauce thickens. Stir in cheese. Mix 1/4 of cheese sauce with ham mixture.

Fill manicotti shells with ham mixture (your fingers work best for this; it's messy, but most efficient). Spread about 1/2 cup cheese sauce in greased 13x9" glass baking dish and arrange filled shells over sauce. If there is any leftover stuffing, just sprinkle it over the filled shells. Pour remaining cheese sauce over filled manicotti. At this point the casserole can be cooled in the refrigerator, then wrapped and frozen up to 3 months. To thaw and reheat, thaw casserole overnight in refrigerator, then uncover, sprinkle with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, and bake at 350 degrees F for 40-50 minutes. If not freezing casserole, sprinkle with 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese and bake. We love pot pies at our house and this is another great way to use that leftover turkey.

### Ingredients

- 1lb cooked turkey cut into chunks
- 8 oz puff pastry
- 1 can chicken soup
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 cup milk
- small bag of frozen mixed vegetables
- salt and pepper
- milk or beaten egg to glaze the pastry

### Method

1. Mix the turkey, soup, milk, veggies, salt and pepper and turn into a casserole dish 2. Roll out the pastry to about 1/2 inch thickness and cover the casserole 3. Glaze the pastry with milk or beaten egg 4. Bake in the oven at 400°F for 25 minutes 5. Serve hot

### LEFTOVER MASHED POTATO BURGER PIE

You're kiddos are gonna love this!!!!

1 lb. cooked ground beef, browned with 1/2 c. chopped onion, drained well 1 (16 oz.) can green beans, drained 1 (10 3/4 oz.) can condensed mushroom soup with 1/4 c. water Leftover mashed potatoes 1 beaten egg 1 c. shredded cheese

Stir into ground beef, the beans, soup, water, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper. Place in square baking pan. Add egg to potatoes and beat until blended and fluffy. Spoon over meat mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 25-30 minutes until heated through.

## How to Wash Your Cat:

\*Note this is a Joke, and none of us at The Devils River News recommends actually using this technique to wash your cat. Some of us here actually like cats.

- 1). Thoroughly clean the toilet. Add the required amount of shampoo to the toilet water, and have both lids lifted.
- 2). Obtain the cat and soothe him while you carry him towards the bathroom.
- 3). In one smooth movement, put the cat in the toilet and close both lids (you may need to stand on the lid so that he cannot escape). CAUTION!!!! Do not get any part of your body too close to the edge, as his paws will be reaching out for anything they can find.
- 4). Flush the toilet three or four times. This provides a "power wash and rinse" which I have found to be quite effective.
- 5) Have someone open the door to the outside and ensure that there are no people between the toilet and the outside door.
- 6) Stand behind the toilet as far as you can, and quickly lift both lids. The now-clean cat will rocket out of the toilet, and run outside where he will dry himself.

Sincerely,  
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# Sonora PD Dispatch Log

**Arrest(s):**  
**December 18, 2007**  
 • Raul Adrian Segura, 18, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for Reckless Driving.

**December 21, 2007**  
 • Jose Angel Oliden, 23, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for a Sutton County Warrant for Theft.

**Warrant(s):**  
**December 12, 2007**  
 • Maria Cristina Davila, 30, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Expired Motor Vehicle Inspection. Subject paid fine to court.  
 • Jose Angel Davila, 33, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Assault and Failed to Maintain Financial Responsibility. Subject paid fine to court.

**December 20, 2007**  
 • Domingo Reynosa, 18, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Minor in Possession of Alcohol. Subject paid fine to court.  
 • Imelda Limon, 35, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Dog at Large. Subject paid fine to court.  
 • Blanca Lozano, 19, from Sonora, Texas was served with a Sonora Municipal Court warrant for Disorderly Conduct Obscene Language. Subject paid fine to court.  
 • Elizabeth Huerta, 26, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Dog at Large, and No Proof of Rabies Vaccination for animal. Subject paid fine to court.

**December 21, 2007**  
 • Paula Kay Gillit, 45, from Sonora, Texas was served with two Sonora Municipal Court warrants for Dog at Large. Subject paid fine to court.

**Incidents:**  
**December 17, 2007**  
 • 8:26 AM: Caller reported a theft. Officer responded.  
 • 3:10 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 5:45 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

**December 18, 2007**  
 • 3:20 PM: Caller requested welfare assistance. Officer responded.

## Lady Broncos Basketball Schedule

<b>JAN-4</b>	<b>BLANCO*</b>	<b>HOME</b>	5:00	6:30	8:00
<b>JAN-8</b>	<b>COMFORT*</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	5:00	6:30	8:00
<b>JAN-11</b>	<b>JUNCTION*</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	5:00	6:30	8:00
<b>JAN-15</b>	<b>MASON*</b>	<b>HOME</b>	5:00	6:30	8:00
<b>JAN-18</b>	<b>BRADY*</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	5:00	6:30	8:00
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<b>JAN-22</b>	<b>BLANCO*</b>	<b>AWAY</b>	8:00	5:00	6:30



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**December 22, 2007**  
 • 9:09 AM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.  
 • 9:25 AM: Caller reported a minor traffic accident. Officer responded.  
 • 10:00 AM: Caller reported vehicle blocking drive way. Officer responded.  
 • 3:05 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.  
 • 7:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

**December 23, 2007**  
 • 3:00 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.  
 • 8:55 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.  
 • 9:00 AM: Caller reported vandalism to property. Officer responded.  
 • 8:55 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.  
 • 11:30 PM: Caller reported a suspicious person. Officer responded.

**December 24, 2007**  
 • 1:30 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

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## Don't Forget Your Pets During Winter



By Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County Agricultural Extension Agent

This time of year we try to remind ourselves not to forget about our pets during the winter months. Though our winters are generally mild, it has been cold lately and more cold weather is surely in store

for us. These cold spells during winter can pose special risks to pets. As such, remember to keep outdoor pets in awarm dry area.

If your dog is an outdoor dog, however, it must be protected by a dry, draft-free doghouse that is large enough to allow the dog to sit and lie down comfortably, but small enough to hold in its body heat. You might even need to elevate your pet's bed off the floor and cover with cedar shavings or straw. The house should

be turned to face away from the wind, and the doorway can be covered with waterproof burlap or heavy plastic.

Staying warm means that the body will use extra calories, so adjust your pet's diet accordingly when the temperatures drop. It becomes more important if you have an active or working dog. Increase its food supply, particularly protein. Also, your dog may be more sensitive to cold due to age, illness, or breed type. Short-haired breeds are obviously more affected by cold.

Cats often nap on warm car engines, so knock on the hood or tap the horn and then wait a few minutes before starting the car. Pets like the smell and taste of anti-freeze, but even a small amount can kill them, so watch for leaks. If the weather becomes severe it might be a good idea to bring your pet inside.

Also, remember that many plants - including Christmas rose, holly, mistletoe, philodendron and dieffenbachia - are toxic to pets. Keep them out of your pet's reach.

Our pets provide us with companionship and affection, so don't forget to keep them as comfortable as possible this winter.

## A Camp In the Mountains

By Tumbleweed Smith

The Paisano Baptist Encampment in the Davis Mountains has two services a day for five days in late July. Leander Millikin started the camp in 1915 for area ranchers and their families. He is buried on the camp grounds.

"He was the old, circuit-riding preacher out in this area," says Lloyd Conner, who managed the camp for several years, and has recently retired. "He must have been some kind of man. The story is told that one time some robbers stopped him and they wanted his money. He told them 'now, boys, I have to warn you. This is not my money, it's God's, and I won't be responsible for what happens to you if you take it.' So, they gave him an offering and left."

Mr. Conner has been going to the camp for 45 years. "If you haven't been there, I want to warn you. Don't go. 'Cause it'll get hold of you and you'll want to come back," he said. The camp has run consecutively from 1921 to the present time.

"It has grown to be one of the last, really great, family, old-time cowboy camp meetings. We don't eat anymore like the old cowboys, but we do have beans every day. It's built

around preaching and Bible study and music and fellowship. Individuals own cabins, and many churches have dormitories. The camp does not have motel-type rooms. Folks who do not have cabins stay in Alpine or Marfa."

The camp has a strong tradition. Families all over West Texas and beyond make annual pilgrimages to the camp. Several people who went there as children are now bringing their own children and grandchildren. The camp is funded almost entirely from an offering taken at the last meeting of the camp each year. A foundation has now been established, which is able to help with capital expenses outside the budget.

The camp is primarily for Baptists, but other denominations use it as well.

"The last I heard, they preach the Bible, too," Conner said.

In the spring of 1995, Mr. Conner was delivering a devotional when something dramatic happened.

"I heard it start like a deep thunder. Then it became like a jet engine passing over. And the floors began to shake. Three or four of the men jumped up and ran to look outside. The chairs were dancing around on the floor,

the doors jarred open, and everyone was looking at each other."

He told the congregation they were experiencing an earthquake.

Mr. Conner said, "I can truthfully say, for one time when I was preaching, everyone in the room was moved."

Mr. Conner has been a minister for nearly fifty years.

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- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 8550' MAYER RANCH -40- #4 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 302 12/18/07 4 DRLG AHEAD
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 8250' SIMMONS -73- #10 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 301 12/26/07 ASSIGNED
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 8250' SIMMONS -71- #13 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 301 12/16/07 6 DRLG AHEAD
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 8250' DIEBITSCH -70- #13 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 303 12/24/07 ASSIGNED
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 8250' DIEBITSCH -70- #12 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 303 12/20/07 2 DRLG AHEAD
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- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 7750' LANCASTER -155- #7 DW PATTERSON DRILLING/A 105 12/18/07 4 DRLG AHEAD
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 7000' CANYON RANCH -114- #5S DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 305 12/20/07 2 DRLG AHEAD
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 5950' STEWART -78- #1/2-5 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 304 12/25/07 ASSIGNED
- HIGHMOUNT E&P/HDQ 5750' STEWART #1-3 DW HELMERICH & PAYNE/S 304 12/20/07 2 DRLG AHEAD

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