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## Sonora Chamber of Commerce Names New Executive Director



Executive Director Donna Garrett

Photo by Delyse Jaeger

By Ben D. Taylor

Donna Garrett is no stranger to the rigors of her most recent appointment in the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. With over 5 years experience working in the Chamber, her transition into the Executive Director Position is a natural move, but what she really brings to the position is a love for anything to do with her hometown. "We came here in 1980. The people in Sonora are very friendly, when in need the community comes together. Sonora is amazing, we aren't just a town; we are a family".

I asked Donna what her goals for the Chamber and what her job's mission is, "My vision is to promote Sonora. I want to bring in more tourists and keep

them here. My job is also to coordinate with all of Sonora's assets to make sure that we bring the tourists here. More tourists bring in more money for everyone". She has a specific goal of expanding and constructing a visitors center for Sonora (a goal that she is already working towards). With an ever changing economic market Donna recognizes the need for diverse investment in what brings tourists into our town, "In the future I see that hunting, birding, agriculture, and nature heritage are going to grow in economic importance for the residents of this town. The trick is not to just keep tourists coming back, but to make sure that we keep

them here longer. We have the potential with our county parks and facilities to make that happen." When Donna took the job as executive director she immediately hired long time chamber volunteer Tibba Edmonson as her assistant, "I needed someone that can walk and hit the ground running. Tibba fills that niche perfectly".

Donna's new job is one she quite obviously flourishes in, but it is not as important as the titles she has long held as mother and wife "the most important thing in my life other than God, is my family. It is my focus, it helps me drive on".

## Sonora Fourth-Graders Take Part In Water Fair



By Pascual Hernandez,  
Sutton County Agricultural  
Extension Agent



Sometimes we do things just because we always have. And sometimes we do things because they are important and there is a real need for them. Such is the case with the annual "Water Fair". This curriculum enrichment effort is intended to heighten awareness of the need for water conservation. It targets Sonora's fourth graders. The students enhanced their knowledge of hydrology, conservation methods and much more.

The large fourth-grade class of 91 attended the Water Fair on November 24th at the Sutton County Civic Center. Instruction topics included The Water cycle, Properties of Water, Water Quality Testing, How Wet Is Our Planet, Home

Water Conservation and Water & Soil.

The day-long workshop has a fair-type atmosphere in which groups attend demonstration sessions at one station then rotate to a new station. Instructors are agricultural professionals who work in the area of water conservation and natural resources. This year, instructors included Greta Ramsdell, Jim Polonis, and Virgil Poloczek (Sutton Underground Water District), Tom Payton and Gene Schmidt, (Natural Resource Conservation Service), as well as Billy Kniffen, Cody Bundick, and Pascual Hernandez (Texas AgriLife Extension Service).

Lunch was provided courtesy of the Sutton County

Underground Water District. Following the meal, the students learned by constructing an edible aquifer. Students completed their day by taking part in interactive computer sessions to assess their new knowledge.

This water education event is sponsored annually by personnel from Texas AgriLife Extension Service, the Sutton Underground Water Conservation District, and the USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service.

A word of thanks to the instructors, Underground Water District and Sonora Elementary for providing this learning opportunity for the students.

## Ladies' Night Out

### A Big Hit In Sonora

By Delyse Jaeger

From all reports, both shoppers and retailers agree that "Ladies Night Out" was a huge success! On Thursday November 13th, eleven local merchants reopened their stores for three hours, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., and offered refreshments, door prizes and even discounts for the evening shopping crowd. "Crowd" being the key word here, and the ladies were out in full Christmas shopping mode as evidenced by the many arms adorned with multiple gift bags. An air of excitement and comradery set the tone of the cool evening as groups of friends commuted from store to store; many surprised and delighted to discover new, unique and expanded inventories and product lines. Several cash registers were still abuzz long after 9:00 p.m., accommodating patrons as they made their "final selections" of the night. The event was sponsored by the Sonora Chamber of Commerce, at the suggestion of Cindy Colbath who worked hard to get the word out in the community, and was designed to allow working women and others with hectic daytime schedules an opportunity to shop locally and leisurely. A number of men took advantage of the opportunity and were among the most impressed with the evening's turn-out. Sonora has enjoyed recent retail growth and the special shopping hours helped to raise awareness and appreciation of the impressive array of merchandise available from some of the friendliest merchants in Texas.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the following participants in our first Ladies Night Out and we look forward to growing this event each season.

- Amis Gift Shop
- The Mercantile Garden
- Napa - Big C Automotive
- Old Sonora Ice House - Ranch Museum Gift Shop
- Ol' Sonora Trading Co.
- One Stop Gift Shop
- Petal Pushers
- Red Horse Feeds
- Stirrup Trouble Salon
- Team Graphics
- Wild Bill's Boutique



## From Eaton Hill

By Delyse Jaeger

The same compound that turns a leaf from green to brilliant red in autumn has shown impressive cancer fighting properties in laboratory tests. Anthocyanins are the red pigments found in leaves and fruits expressed from bright orange to deep purple and science is just now answering the big "WHY" of the awesome display of color we enjoy every year. Yellow is another story and pales to the simple end of the spectrum compared to the mystery of red. Yellow has been present all along in foliage and becomes visible as the green chlorophyll "leaves the leaves"- in essence buckling down the hatches for winter and preparing to subsist on stored energy. Looking towards the cemetery from Old Glory atop Eaton Hill, the trees pop with color. Enjoy the panoramic view and a bit more of a true autumn display. Ain't life grand? Hit the trails and eat more berries!

### Lighthouse Community Church

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### Senior Center Activities

- Thur. Nov. 27- Happy Thanksgiving Day!  
Center will be closed
- Fri. Nov. 28- *Happy Birthday VL Chavez*  
\*Center closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Mon. Dec. 1- Bingo
- Tues. Dec. 2- Happy Birthday Olivia Longoria  
\* Decorate for Christmas
- Wed. Dec. 3- Happy Birthday Sam Perez  
\*Trax Van to Angelo call 387-2509

### Senior Center Menu

- Thur. Nov. 27- Happy Thanksgiving! Center Closed
- Fri. Nov. 28- Center closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- Mon. Dec. 1- Chicken supreme, herb new potatoes, rolls  
broccoli, green salad, cobbler and milk
- Tues. Dec. 2- Vermicelli w/beef, pinto beans, milk  
tossed salad, mixed fruit cup
- Wed. Dec. 3- Polish sausage, baked potato slices,  
rolls, green beans, blushing pears and milk

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

## Obituary

### Esther Lee Gilbert-Hughes



SUNSET -- Esther Lee Gilbert-Hughes, 76, passed away Nov. 18, 2008 at home.

Service: 11:30 a.m. Friday in Mount Olivet Chapel. Interment: Sunset Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Mount Olivet Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be: Lowell Hughes IV, Patrick Cox, Cole Hughes, Taber and Rendon Long, Jory Privett, Tommy Owens and Ramon Chavez.

Esther was born April 29, 1932 in Carbon to Ida and Walter Gilbert, Sr. She lived in Keller from 1968 to 1998 and has resided in Sunset for the last 10 years. Esther married Lowell Hughes, Jr., on Oct. 22, 1950 in Florence, Ariz. Esther retired from Quickway Stamping in Euless. She was preceded in death by her parents, Walter Horace Gilbert, Sr., sheriff in Sonora in the early 1900's, Ida Isabell Decker; siblings, Walter Horace Gilbert, Jr., Fred Truman Gilbert, Weldon Bruce Gilbert and Emma Josephine Gilbert and grandchild, Heath Ray Owens.

Survivors: Husband of 58 years, Lowell Bland Hughes, Jr.; children, Lowell Bland Hughes III and Wu Jing of China, Teresa Lee Cox and husband, Steve, Michelle Denise Long and husband, Tom, Wesley Darryl Hughes and girlfriend, Debbie Durban, Thera LeAnn Owens and husband, Tommy all of Sunset; grandchildren, Toni Michelle Sharer, Lowell Bland Hughes IV, Shi Wen Hughes, Stacy Leigh Privett, Patrick Wayne Cox, Tomorrow Michelle Long, Taber Rendell Long, Rendon Thomas Long, Wesley Cole Hughes, and Heather LeAnn Owens; great-grandchildren, Scout Dennis-Graham Sharer and Zachary Thomas-Graham Sharer.

## Thank You Note

The Jr. Class of Sonora High School would like to thank some special people for their help with the Hamburger Luncheon at the Sonora UIL Elementary Meet. Linda Love, we appreciate your last minute generosity, and Virgil Poloccek, we thank you so much for your kindness. We can always depend on community friends like the two of you. We also want to thank the student "volunteers" and sponsors.

Sincerely,  
Jr. Class of SHS

We are so fortunate to have a hospital and staff of such quality. The care here is the best.

And to the hospital and staff, family and friends, I thank you for the food, flowers, cards and calls. You're the greatest.

Anna Eustace

On behalf of The Knights of Columbus we would like to thank La Mexicana, Taco Grill, Steak House, Ann Kay and everyone who helped to make the Annual Community Thanksgiving Lunch a great success.

I would like to thank everyone who was involved in any way with the bake sale on Saturday. A special thanks goes out to Ben, Lynn Danni, Darla, Erica, Shelly, Juanita, Heather, Tibba, Tammi and Beth.

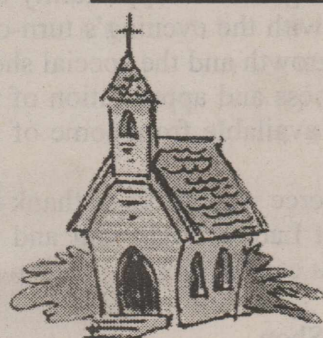
The outpouring of love and generosity extended to me is truly a blessing. It is both an honor and a priveledge to live in Sonora.

I have so much to be thankful for and I would like to extend a very Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

Sincerely,  
Tina Watkins

"I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength"  
Phil 4:13

## Sonora Church Directory



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509 Amistad  
387-5266

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## Happy Birthday!

November 27

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November 28

Chasady Garcia, Fela Perez, Stevie Pacheco, Stetson Hall, J.R. Howard, Monte Dillard, Cady Taylor, Brandon Wood, Drew Dempsey, Norm Rousselot

November 29

Jacklyn DeCordova, Tommy Samaneigo, Jr., Butch Taylor, Richard Palmer, Rachel Lira, Jordan Miller

November 30

Benny Frasier, Jr., Justin Cano, Garrett Jaeger, Patsy Bryant, Kristen Shurley

December 1

Lelo Morales, Jake Perciful, Joe Perciful, Linda Wallace, Sue Moore, Manuel Tobias, Patsy Johnson, John Martin Hidalgo

December 2

Cassie Krieg, Olivia Longoria, Bobbie Lou Mayer, Glen Richardson, Kali Alyssis Mendez, Sophie Tijerina, Jessica Esquivel, April Flores, Whitney Keller, Elizabeth Elliott, Kenzie Herring, Tanya Luna

December 3

Jacob Adams, Addrianna Gamez, Sam Perez, Noah San Miguel, Angelo Vitela, Gus Ward, Frank Lopez, Marshall Heap

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6:00 p.m. Bible Study

5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir

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# You'd Have to Call Bill Herridge A Gearhead

By Tumbleweed Smith

Bill Herridge has an insurance agency in Gatesville. He drives around town in an old delivery wagon with the name of his insurance company on it.

"It's a 1929 Model A Ford," says Bill. "It started out life as a two-door sedan. Somewhere along the line it was converted to a delivery hack. I just thought it was a natural for a rolling billboard. I take it to work two or three days a week and drive it in parades."

He has had several unique vehicles including Jaguars and Rolls Royces. He currently has a 1979 Volkswagen Beetle convertible, a 1968 VW Minivan, and a 1957 Triumph TR 3 that he has just acquired and is in the process of restoring.

He's also working on two Isettas, a little four-wheel vehicle similar to a Smart Car.

"I've had several British and German roadsters. I'm a gearhead, there's no doubt about it."

When he was in the military stationed in Mississippi, he owned a Messerschmitt.

"It's a little three-wheel car made in Germany. The top tilted over and you sat down in it just like you would sit down in a fighter plane and you pulled the top over you and locked it down. It was built by the company that made the airplane."

In 1984 he was in the military reserve and spent some time in Europe. He decided to go on a car-buying trip.

"The dollar was really strong then. It dawned on me that a person could go to Europe, buy up a few used high-end cars at reasonable prices, ship them home and sell them at a profit. So I got three of my buddies together and between the four of us we bought twelve or thirteen cars and shipped them home."

He had a blast running around Europe buying cars. He and his friends rented an Opel sedan and put about four thousand miles on that car in five days. He kept a Rolls Royce from his buying trip and drove it occasionally. Once when he pulled into his office parking lot another car pulled in beside him.

"It was an attorney from Waco who told me he wanted my car. So I sold it to him." His first car was a 1952 De

Soto. He wishes he still had it. Cars aren't Bill's only passion. He is also a pilot. He also takes foreign visitors around Texas. He also plays a mean bagpipe and demonstrated it to me in the yard of his insurance building. I noticed a big military van in the rear of the lot. It's the size of a small house. He saw the thing advertised one time and bought it at a bargain price. When he was in the military he was operations officer of an engineering detachment and worked in a van like that. In fact, he was looking at it closely one day and discovered it was the actual van he worked in while serving in the military. He knows all about it and says he could make it operational in just a few hours if he ever needs to do that.

# Thanksgiving Travelers Reminded to Drive Safely

Submitted:

When you're packing the car for your annual Thanksgiving trip, be sure to pack your patience and drive safely by obeying all traffic laws.

"We want you to get to your destination safely," said Col. Stan Clark, interim director of the DPS. "Be patient. There will be a lot of other families traveling, and traffic is likely to be congested. Leave yourself plenty of time to get where you're going, and drive friendly."

Slow down, buckle up and drive sober."

Many travelers are expected to hit the road for Thanksgiving, so all available DPS troopers will be patrolling Texas highways looking for speeders, drunk drivers and those not properly secured by safety restraints.

During the Wednesday through Sunday Thanksgiving period last year, DPS troopers wrote 10,426 citations for speeding and made 400 arrests for driving while intoxicated. They also arrested 34 minors for driving under the influence of alcohol. They wrote 1,026 citations for seatbelt violations and 358 for child restraint violations. DPS has a no-warnings policy for seat belt and child restraint violations.

Troopers are participating in Operation CARE-Combined Accident Reduction Effort—a nationwide effort by police agencies to reduce fatalities on major interstate highways during holiday weekends.

DPS expects a large number of travelers on the road and encourages drivers to leave themselves plenty of time to get where they're going.

Avoid bad driving habits that lead to road rage, such as:

- \* Not using turn signals
- \* Driving in the passing lane
- \* Tailgating, flashing lights or honking
- \* Using high beams in traffic
- \* Not allowing adequate time for a given trip

When confronted with aggressive drivers, the DPS recommends that you:

- \* Put your pride in the back seat and move aside.
- \* Do not speed up, block lanes, slam or tap on brakes.
- \* Report extreme cases of reckless driving to the appropriate authorities when the incident occurs.
- \* Do not retaliate, gesture or make eye contact.
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## 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 youth 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 Tanguina 325-277-7189.

**Depot is now ready for rent!** For more information please call 387-5084. Tues. & Thurs. 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

**Coats for Kids** - a community project sponsored by the 4-H Club in now accepting good, used, clean, coats and jackets in all sizes. Recepticals are located at the 4-H office, and at both the First National Bank and The Bank & Trust. This project helps the children of Sonora have a warmer winter.

The Sutton County Historical Society volunteers in assisting the The Old Sonora Ice House Ranch Museum greeting visitors at the gift shop. We will be open Wed. thru Sat. from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Please call Rex Ann Friess @ 226-2122 if you are interested.

Looking for any information on the history of Liberty Park (La Placita) especially pictures. Please bring or call The City of Sonora 387-2558 ext. 308

**Viva Sonora-Cinco de Mayo Parade**- If you are interested in participating in the Cinco de Mayo Parade please contact Juanita Gomez at 387-2507 or 206-0830.

**Viva Sonora-Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest**- Parents if your child is between the age of 3 and must not have turned 6 prior to May 2, they may be the next Little Mr. and Little Miss Cinco de Mayo. Please contact JoAnn Hernandez @ 325-387-2593 or 325-206-0366 FMI.

**Viva Sonora-Miss Cinco de Mayo 2009 Contest**- If you are a 10th or 11th grade girl interested in becoming the next Miss Cinco de Mayo please call Michelle Faz at 387-2593 for more information or registration.

**Survivors & Caregiver Registration:** Sutton County Relay For Life will be on May 8 - 9, 2009. Come join us for the ACS Relay For Life Celebration for Survivors & Caregivers. If you wish to register as a Caregiver or Survivor for this event, please call Marisa Faz 325-387-2041 or Dani Dillard @ 512-633-0069.

**Sonora Woman's Club** will meet on Thursday, December 4, 2008 at noon.

**PTO Poinsettias** will be available for pickup on Tuesday, Dec. 2nd after 1:00 p.m. at the Lighthouse Community Church. FMI call 325-226-4420.



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# Blast From The Past

## Thanksgivings From History



ALMIGHTY GOD who at Thine own abundance hath lavishly blessed us, We give Thee a grateful thanks for all Thy goodness. May we in our thankfulness ne'er forget that all Thy blessings are given us in trust, that may we use them always for the benefit of mankind. We thank Thee for the victory that has been ours, and for its opportunity to bring peace unto the world. May we use the power with which Thou has endowed us to establish that peace with justice and equity for all. We thank Thee for the bountiful greatness of our land. May we unselfishly use its resources for the common

good of humanity as we clothe the poor and feed the hungry. We thank Thee for those who have led us in the past, and for the brave men and women by those unselfish lives our land has been blessed. May we justify the sacrifices they have made, by establishing throughout the world those principles for which they gave themselves, and may our Nation ever lead all others into Thy ways of righteousness and trust. Accept our prayer of thanksgiving, and consecrate us to Thine everlasting service, now and forevermore. AMEN

God of common sense, I give Thee thanks for the heavy blows of pain that drive me back from perilous ways into harmony with the laws of my being.

For stinging whips of hunger and cold that urge to bitter strivings and glorious achievement;

For steepness and roughness of the way and staunch virtues gained by climbing over jagged rocks of hardship and stumbling through dark

and pathless sloughs of discouragement;

For the acid blight of failure that has burned out of men all tought of easy victory and toughened my sinews for fiercer battle and greater triumphs;

For mistakes I have made, and the priceless lessons I have learned from them;

For disillusion and disappointment that have cleared my vision and spurred my desire;

For strong appetites and passions and the power they give when under pressure and control;

For my imperfections that give me the keen delight of striving toward perfections.

God of common good and human brotherhood, I give Thee thanks for serene songs of temptation that lure and entangle the understanding of other men they reveal;

For the weakness and fail-

ings of my neighbors and the joy of lending a helping hand;

For my own shortcomings, sorrows and loneliness, that give me a deeper sympathy for others;

For ingratitude and misunderstanding and the gladness of service without other reward than self-expression.

---Arthur W. Newscomb, from Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book.

### Night Classes Just For Men (Following is a detailed Course Guide)

1) TOILET ROLLS - DO THEY GROW ON THE HOLDERS?

Roundtable discussion

2) DIFFERENCES BETWEEN LAUNDRY BASKETS AND FLOOR

Practicing with hamper (pictures and graphics)

3) DISHES & CUTLERY; DO THEY LEVITATE/FLY TO KITCHEN SINK OR DISHWASHER BY THEMSELVES?

Debate among a panel of experts

4) HOW TO FILL ICE CUBE TRAYS

Step by step guide with slide presentation

5) LOSS OF VIRILITY

Losing the remote control to your significant other

- Help line and support groups

6) LEARNING HOW TO FIND THINGS

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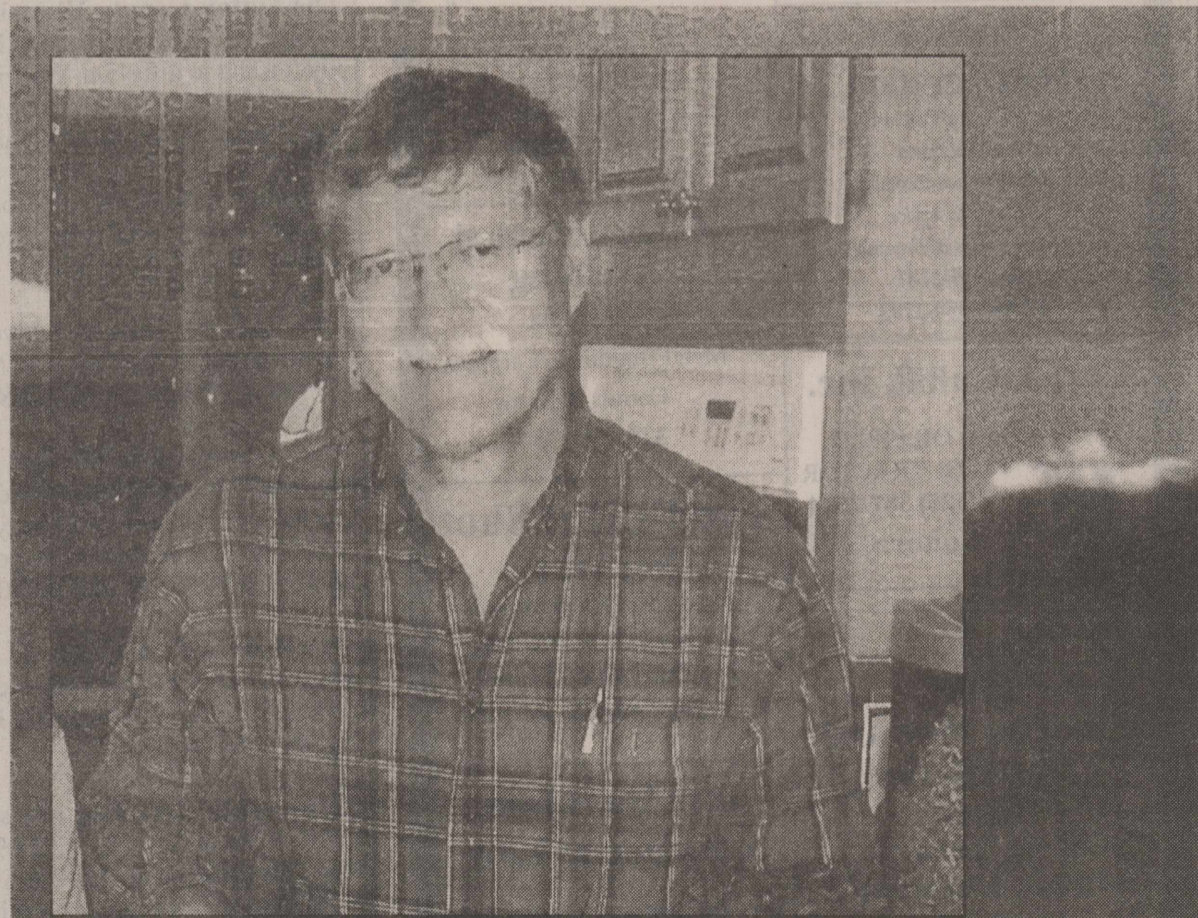
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# Wildfire Concerns Heat Up as Drought Lingers

By Kay Ledbetter

AMARILLO — California won't be the only state with wildfire issues if drought conditions persist or worsen across Texas, according to Texas AgriLife Extension Service specialists.

Preparation and prevention are much better than mitigation and recovery, said Dr. Wayne Hanselka, AgriLife Extension range specialist in Corpus Christi.

"Parts of Texas are experiencing continuing drought, and those areas with grass that grew as a result of earlier rains are now experiencing wildfire dangers," Hanselka said.

In preparation for the wildfire season, he said, county courts are beginning to consider imposing burn bans again. The Texas Forest Service has an updated list of counties enacting burn bans at: <http://tfsfrp.tamu.edu/wildfires/decban.png>.

"Texans have to be aware of fire dangers and the need to be vigilant," Hanselka said. "Protecting property through installation of fire guards, removing of excess fuel from around homes, barns, facilities and butane tanks are all precautionary moves."

Even if moisture comes in the next week or two, he said, "an inch of rain won't last no time. We would need good soaking moisture to minimize the danger, and even then between the rains the fuel will remain dry."

A forecast for November through February issued by the National Interagency Fire Center indicates that the drought conditions in Central Texas are expected to expand across portions of Texas into Oklahoma throughout the winter.

AgriLife Extension's Wildfire Incident Response Team

is emphasizing preparedness, Hanselka said.

Dr. Ted McCollum, AgriLife Extension beef cattle specialist in Amarillo, reminded landowners that now would be a good time to visit with hunters, gas/oil production employees and others who have permission to visit their properties about safety and fire prevention measures.

"Also, even if there are no burn bans in a county, the conditions are still conducive to fires," McCollum said. "So check the weather forecasts for wind conditions before burning, welding, etc. And make certain there is a means of suppressing a fire that might start as a result of these types of activities."

In communities where four or five acres surround houses, homeowners need to secure their homesteads and facilities against a wildfire, Hanselka said. Make sure all water hoses and firefighting tools work; make sure sprayers have water in them.

"Having the facilities and tools there, properly placed, can make a difference," he said.

Larger landowners may need to be thinking about installing firebreaks and fuel management, Hanselka said. Fuel management — shred it, graze it, burn it down — allows a landowner to avoid a situation where fire can do significant damage.

"As a tool in fuel management, removing that fuel is important," he said. "Whether it's a welding spark, thrown cigarette or hot box on a railroad, if the fuel is not there, it's not going to go."

Hanselka said there are tools that land owners can use to lower the risk. Winter is a peak season to do prescribed burning, and under the right conditions it can be effective in mitigating the dangers.

But he also warned that going through the procedure of making sure a prescribed burn is out, completely is also important.

"No cow patty left smoldering," he said.

Laws and other prescribed burn information can be found at <http://www.tamu.edu/ticc/prevention.htm>.

More information about protecting against and preventing wildfires can be found at: <http://texashelp.tamu.edu/>

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Q: What Do Fish Say When They Hit a Concrete Wall?  
A: Dam!

Q: What Do Eskimos Get From Sitting On The Ice too Long?  
A: Polaroid's.

Q: What Do You Call a Boomerang That Doesn't work?  
A: A Stick.

Q: What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?  
A: Nacho Cheese.

Q: What Do You Call Santa's Helpers?  
A: Subordinate Clauses.

Q: What Do You Get From a Pampered Cow?  
A: Spoiled Milk.

Q: What Do You Get When You Cross a Snowman With a Vampire?  
A: Frostbite.

Q: What Lies At The Bottom Of The Ocean And Twitches?  
A: A Nervous Wreck.

Q: What's The Difference Between Roast Beef And Pea Soup?  
A: Anyone Can Roast Beef.

Q: Where Do You Find a Dog With No Legs?  
A: Right Where You Left Him.

Q: Why Do Gorillas Have Big Nostrils?  
A: Because They Have Big Fingers.

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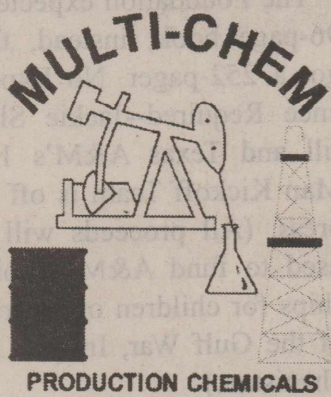
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# Storing Leftover Turkey



**Submitted By:**  
**Kelly L. Thorp, MS**  
 County Extension Agent-FCS  
 Texas AgriLife Extension-  
 Sutton County

Store leftover turkey properly to prevent food poisoning. From the time you take the turkey out of the oven, you have 2 hours to serve it, eat it, and then refrigerate or freeze the leftovers - the turkey, stuffing and gravy. Why just two hours? Because bacteria that cause food poisoning can multiply to dangerous levels on perishable food left longer than 2 hours at room temperature.

It is important to take out all of the stuffing from the turkey soon after you remove the bird from the oven. Extra stuffing can be kept hot in the oven at 200° F while you eat, or should be refrigerated within two hours of cooking. Cut the turkey meat off the bones.

Store leftovers properly to prevent bacterial growth. Large quantities should be divided into smaller portions and stored in several small or shallow covered containers. That's because food in small amounts will get cold more quickly. The temperature of

the refrigerator should be 40° F or slightly below.

Leftover turkey will keep in the refrigerator for 3 to 4 days. Stuffing and gravy should be used within 1 or 2 days. Reheat leftover gravy to a rolling boil or 165° F before serving.

For longer storage, package turkey in freezer paper or heavy-duty aluminum foil and freeze them. Proper wrapping will prevent "freezer burn". Freezer burn is white, dried-out patches on the surface of food that make it tough and tasteless. Don't forget to date your packages and use the oldest ones first. Frozen, cooked turkey should be used within 4-6 months, and stuffing and gravy should be used within one month.

Foods frozen longer than recommended remain safe but may become dry and lose flavor. For more information contact the \* Butterball Turkey Talk Line (November & December only) 1-800-323-4848. Source: College of Agriculture, The University of Arizona.

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# Parade Unrest

By Dr. Don Newberry

We had little in common, me and a prissy, "know everything" 16-year-old girl whose desk was beside mine in English class.

Sometimes, we "pre-graded" each other's themes. One was a review of homecoming.

"Miss Priss" wrote an ugly marginal note: "Don, you can't even review a parade!"... \*\*\*\*\*

Spurred on by her tacky words, I entered Howard Payne University. I learned there that I had something in common with Blackie Sherrod, who became a lifelong hero and perhaps the world's best sports columnist ever.

Albeit separated by a couple of decades, we both sat at the feet of a revered professor of English, Dr. Cleo McChristy, who taught there for 50 years.

But she "learnt" him a heap more than she did me. One of us forged on to win virtually every writing award in the English-speaking world, and it wasn't I (me?).... \*\*\*\*\*

So, that I should attempt to review ANYTHING is foolish from the "git-go."

Sherrod wrote once of a pesky question posed by many readers until he idled his quill five years ago. They badgered him for "picks" in big football games so they'd know how to place bets.

The scribe, who entered his 90th year earlier this month, "pooh-poohed" his "picking" ability with something like this: I couldn't pick my own daddy from a parade of Dutch drummers if the old man were marching in the front row, blowing a tuba, wearing wood-free shoes and waving an American flag.... \*\*\*\*\*

Thus warned that this treatise is NOT a review, you still may gnaw on this literary bone if you'd like.

The "true blue" Texas A&M Aggies will view it as a "prime cut." (My Uncle Mort says "true-blue'ers" enjoy listenin' to Aggie jokes as much as others do tellin' 'em.)

Memories are tweaked to the year 1922, when student E. King Gill was summoned from the stands to suit out for the football game with Centre College. Injured Aggies were falling left and right in the bloody battle. A&M won it, 22-14, and Gill never actually entered the fray. He remained on the sidelines in case the team needed him.... \*\*\*\*\*

Thenceforth, Aggie students have chosen to remain standing during football games--"just in case."

Fast-forward to 1983-89, the era of Coach Jackie Sherrill. Beloved or "beheaded,"

he brought the 12th man tradition to full flower. At the risk of having "certifiable" stamped across his noggin, he invited the student body to try out for the kickoff team that would handle these chores at all home games.

A host of football authorities, including some of his own coaches, rolled their eyes, figuring he'd played too many games without a helmet or spent too many days in the sun.... \*\*\*\*\*

"No experience required" was splashed on signs posted around campus, enticing 252 students--including two women--to try out. Numbers fell in the heat, grueling practices and "first sergeant" directives, but at the end of Sherrill's tenure, some 70 youngsters had participated. And their kickoff coverage stats were better than the scholarship players at games away from Kyle Field. Not ONCE did opponents run kickoffs back for six points.

Sherrill, who had played for former A&M Coach Paul (Bear) Bryant at Alabama, knew the legendary story of Bryant's 1954 "Junction Boys."

They're the 100+ aspirants who went to torturous 10-day training there in the summer of '54, with less than a third of them "surviving" to play.

A year later, they won the Southwest Conference championship, restoring the image of Texas A&M football.... \*\*\*\*\*

Now, to the present. Realizing that Sherrill's bold initiative was a smashing success, the 12th Man Kickoff Team Foundation wanted it to be chronicled.

They called on Caleb Pirtle III, a recognized author, to tackle the project.

Pirtle traveled throughout the state, interviewing 69 players who still reside in Texas. There were conferences with numerous others, including Coach Sherrill.... \*\*\*\*\*

The Foundation expected a 96-page book; instead, they got a 252-pager. No Experience Required--Jackie Sherrill and Texas A&M's 12th Man Kickoff Team is off the press. (All proceeds will be used to fund A&M scholarships for children of veterans of the Gulf War, Iraq or Afghanistan.)

For 10 months, Pirtle spent most waking hours working on it.

It is his 51st book, and was celebrated a while back during a three-hour dinner attended by former athletes and friends of the program.... \*\*\*\*\*

As expected, laughter and stories abounded. One gaffe was verbally corrected. It was the book's opening tribute to three "deceased" players. One of them, Ashley Eddington, begged to differ. He's still very much alive.

A few of the book covers were printed upside down. Colorful Aggie Claytie Williams snapped them up, claiming to "finally own some real Aggie books." And the 12th man kickoff honorees signed them in like manner.... \*\*\*\*\*

Sherrill spoke, recalling experiences begun 25 years ago. Tears fell when team members presented him with a ring.

He remembered hearing of the dinner thrown in '79, when "survivors" of the Junction camp marked another 25th anniversary.

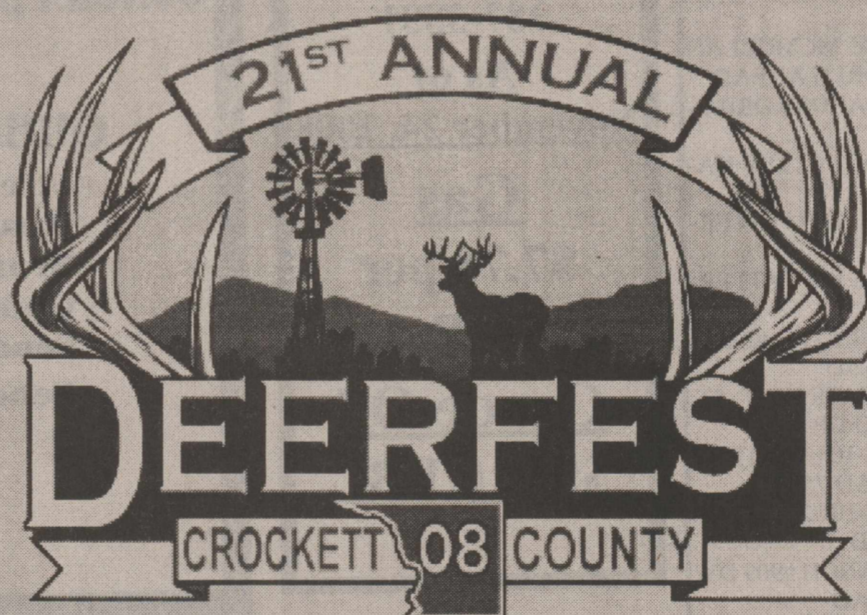
The team gave Bryant a ring--the one he chose to be buried with.... \*\*\*\*\*

Thus endeth an overview of the book now on sale at HEB stores and soon in bookstores. It may be ordered online at bestkickoffteam.com.

Pirtle calls the book "a fairy tale on crutches."

I wish Sherrod would come out of retirement to review it. A classic book deserves a classic review. Such would result in many smiley faces, showing us that football, at its core, is less about "X's," "O's," "W's" and "L's," and more about the full alphabet of life....

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## UIL Sonora Elementary Winners

**Submitted**

Sonora Elementary School won the District 4-AA East Zone UIL Academic and Literary Meet on November 18, 2008. Congratulations to all the students that participated in the academic meet. The staff and faculty are very proud of all the winners and participants. We would like to thank all the workers from the elementary school, middle school and high school that helped with the meet. We would also like to thank all the judges who judged writing events and the oral events. We would like to recognize the following winners:

**Creative Writing 2nd, 1st Place:** Cara Henandez, **2nd Place:** Mary Kyle Johnson, **3rd Place:** Avery Leamon, **Best Alternate:** Mattye Davenport. **Ready writing 3rd, 2nd Place:** Delaney Ramsdell, **5th Place:** Hazel Kent, **Best Alternate:** Bailey Gonzales. **Ready Writing 4th, 1st Place:** Kristy Sanchez, **4th Place:** Holly Sparks, **5th Place:** Jessica Paredes. **Ready Writing 5th, 3rd Place:** Julia Pope. **Number Sense 4th, 1st Place:** Sky Jennings, **5th Place:** Tate Shannon. **Number Sense 5th, 1st Place:** Elizabeth Bean, **2nd Place:** James Freeman, **4th Place:** Darby Ramsdell. **Spelling 3rd, 1st Place:** Delaney Ramsdell, **4th Place:** Christina Hernandez. **Spelling 4th, 3rd Place:** Holly Sparks. **Spelling 5th, 1st Place:** Darby Ramsdell, **2nd Place:** Sydney Burnham, **6th Place:** Jillian Buitron, **Best Alternate:** Tyler Hampton. **Dictionary 5th, 2nd Place:** Juan David Garza, **3rd Place:** Cip Tobias. **Music Memory 3rd, 4th Place:** Hazel Kent, **Music Memory 4th, 2nd Place:** Tie, Holly Sparks, **2nd Place:** Tie, Jackson Abbey. **Storytelling 2nd, 1st Place:** Mary Kyle Johnson, **3rd Place:** Evan Shannon, **5th Place:** Dalylah Lopez, **Best Alternate:** Avery Leamon. **Storytelling 3rd, 1st Place:** Delaney Ramsdell, **2nd Place:** Hazel Kent, **4th Place:** Felicia Farley. **Maps 5th, 1st Place:** James Freeman, **5th Place:** Brant Smith. **Listening 5th, 1st Place:** Sydney Burnham, **5th Place:** Sky McGuffin. **Oral Reading 4th, 3rd Place:** Issek Hernandez, **4th Place:** Rafael Mendoza, **Oral Reading 5th, 6th Place:** Briana Palacios. **Art 4th, 1st Place:** Sky Jennings, **3rd Place:** Angel DeLuna, **4th Place:** Dalton Morris, **5th Place:** Misae Smith. **Art 5th, 1st Place:** Jillian Buitron, **4th Place:** Darby Ramsdell.

## Christmas Food Baskets

The Sonora Ministerial Alliance will once again be preparing Christmas food baskets for Sonora Residents who may be in need of assistance this winter.

Cub Scouts of Sonora's Pack 19 will get the program started by collecting canned goods for distribution.

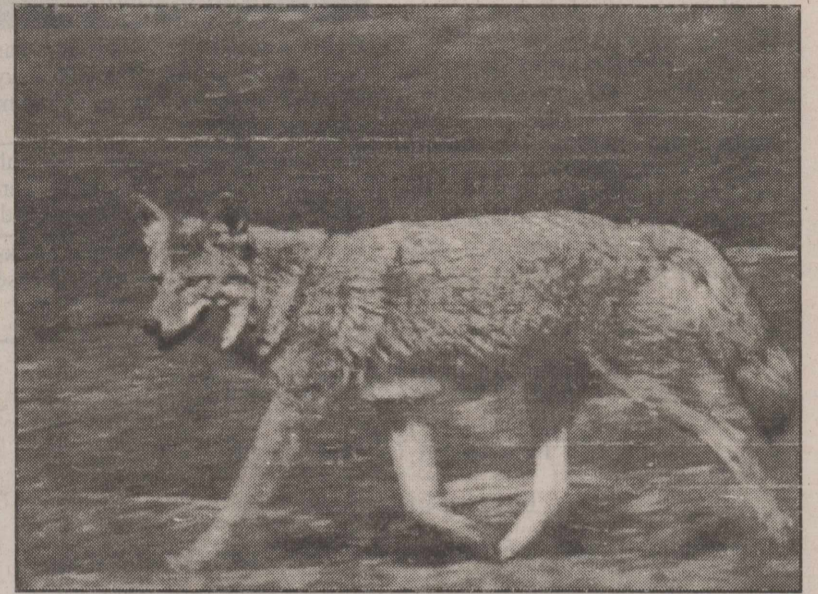
Members of the youth groups of various Sonora Churches will load the food boxes on the evening of December 17 at First Methodist Church.

Some of the boxes will be distributed on December 18 by members of the Sonora High School Student Council. The majority of the food boxes will be distributed on Saturday, December 20, by members of Sonora's Church Youth Groups.

Persons who would like to receive a food basket this year may call Lewis Allen at 325-387-2616 to request one.

Those who would like to support the Christmas Food Basket program monetarily may contribute through their churches, or by sending a check to Sonora Ministerial Alliance, Box 1015, Sonora, TX 76950.

## Wildlife Management, Predator Control Program in Austin



**Submitted**

AUSTIN – The Texas AgriLife Extension Service in Travis County will sponsor an educational program relating to wildlife and predatory animals from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Dec. 8.

The "Wildlife Management and Predator Control Workshop" will be presented at the Hornsby Bend Wastewater Facility, 2210 South Farm-to-Market 973, in southeast Austin.

"This program will benefit small-acreage landowners as well as homeowners who want to know more about managing wildlife and controlling predators on or near their property," said Brad Pierce, AgriLife Extension agent for agriculture in Travis County.

Program topics will include deer management in the Texas Hill Country, feral hog management for small-acreage landowners and control of predatory species in Central

Texas. Four continuing education credits will be offered.

"There are more and more of us living in areas where we have to share an environment with wildlife and predators," said Dr. Jim Gailagher, AgriLife Extension wildlife specialist in Uvalde and a program presenter. "This program will keep attendees up to date on issues having to do with wildlife and predators, such as coyotes and feral hogs, and what they can do about them."

The cost of the workshop is \$25 and includes lunch and educational materials. Program registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

For more information and to RSVP, call 512-854-9610 by Dec. 5.

## Keep SONORA Beautiful



**Submitted by: Susan Hall**

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

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|                     |           |      |
|---------------------|-----------|------|
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| 208 S. Concho       | \$149,500 |      |
| 107 Draw St.        | \$195,000 |      |
| 312 Edgemont Rd.    | \$220,000 |      |
| 115 Manor Ave.      | \$250,000 |      |
| 1893 S. Service Rd. | \$298,000 |      |

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226 E. Main \$110,000

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|                                  |             |                  |
|----------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
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## Helping Hands For The Elderly

Helping Hands for the Elderly of Ozona will be holding its Third annual Holiday Arts & Craft Fair from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Crockett County Civic Center. No admission will be charged to the event.

Craft artisans from different towns will be bringing unique handmade gifts and decorations.

Lunch will be served consisting of "Cowboy stew and cornbread," salad, chocolate cake and tea. Carry outs will be available. Cost for the lunch is \$5.

There will also be a raffle for an outdoor patio set, barbecue gas grill, a deer feeder donated by Ozona Wool & Mohair and a surprise basket of vendor items. Raffle tickets are \$1 and available from any board member before or on the day of the fair. One does not need to be present to win.

This will be a great time to shop for special Christmas gifts, have lunch and catch up on news from friends.

# Keep SONORA Beautiful



By Susan Hall

Sonora is definitely the most caring community in Texas! This year's Recycle/Reuse Round-up Day was the most successful one to date! The residents of Sonora kept the volunteers busy. There was ALWAYS a steady flow of vehicles coming in the Laser Wash on Crockett to drop off their items to Recycle & Re-use. Sonora should be proud! We doubled our amount of items, doubled the consumers that brought items; and doubled the number of volunteers we had to help us with this successful event. It is obvious that Sonora has taken to heart how important our environment is, and wants to save

the landfills from some of this garbage that can be reused. We also filled up Mr. Smith Neal's truck and trailer with perfectly good used toys and clothing for the less fortunate in Acuna, Mexico. The electronic e-waste 16 foot trailer was filled to capacity and so was the back of a truck and suburban with obsolete electronics. It truly was good to know that all those items would not be finding their way into our landfills. We also, once again filled a 16 foot stock trailer even fuller than last year with plastic, cardboard, old phonebooks, and most of the magazines from Sonora High School. The trailer was

literally busting at the seams. I still can't believe we were able to fit it all in and be legal on the roads. Thanks to Mr. Max Howorth for lending us the trailer and for taking it up to San Angelo to S.A.F.E. and unloading it. Thanks to all the volunteers that stepped up to help this year. We had the best champions for this effort. Ms. Rita Hale & Mr. Sam Kent took charge of this year's event. They did a super job. They did all the work to get the Department of Transportation, Sutton County 4H and the Outreach in Acuna involved. We also need to thank the First National Bank for the wonderful lunch that was pro-

vided for all the students and volunteers. We truly appreciated every morsel of food and drink that they provided. It takes a lot of people to pull together to have such a successful event and thanks to the community for bringing your items. Keep Sonora Beautiful knows that the community would like to recycle plastic and cardboard continually and not just once a year. We are working on getting this task accomplished for the citizens of Sonora. It looks like we are filling up our recycle trailer on a regular basis and that helps Keep Sonora Beautiful! Thank You Sonora!

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Santa & Mrs. Clause  
3:30 - 4:30

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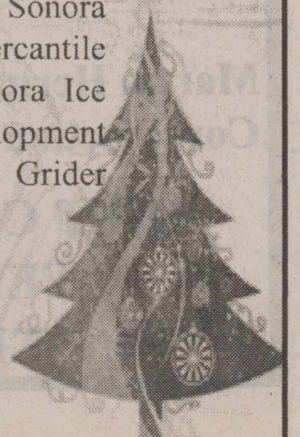
## Main Street Christmas Lighting

DECEMBER 3, 2008  
DOWNTOWN MAIN STREET

**BRING YOUR CHILDREN AND SHOW THEM HOW CHRISTMAS ON MAIN STREET USED TO BE**

|   |                       |
|---|-----------------------|
| Christmas Lighting Ceremony                     | Award Winning Brisket |
| Schedule of Events:                             | Provided By           |
| Dinner Served at Mercantile On Main             | Totally Wacked BBQ    |
| 4:30 p.m.-?                                     | and                   |
| Live Music at the Mercantile and                | Award Winning Beans   |
| Old Ice House Ranch Museum                      | by Tia Loca BBQ       |
| Mr. & Mrs. Clause Appear Downtown               | Plates are            |
| 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.                             | \$10.00 Each          |
| Christmas Story "Campfire"                      | All Proceeds go to    |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.                           | the Tina Watkins      |
| Reading of the Night Before Christmas           | Benefit Fund          |
| 7:45 p.m.                                       |                       |
| <b>LIGHTING OF THE COURTHOUSE LAWN</b>          |                       |
| 8:00 p.m.                                       |                       |
| Hayride and Caroling to Follow                  |                       |
| <b>!!!Plus Other Christmas Entertainment!!!</b> |                       |

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# SPORTS

## Varsity Girls BBall



### Sonora 51-Lakeview 48

|                    |    |
|--------------------|----|
| Savannah Leonard   | 17 |
| Morgan Smith       | 16 |
| Steely Ingham      | 6  |
| Cassie Krieg       | 4  |
| Amy Hernandez      | 4  |
| Azeneth Villanueva | 4  |

## JV Girls BBall

### Sonora 47—Rocksprings 11

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Karina Trevino    | —6 points  |
| Hunter Jennings   | —12 points |
| Chelsey Campbell  | —4 points  |
| Evelyn Solis      | —6 points  |
| Sarah Carrillo    | —6 points  |
| Sandra Hernandez  | —4 points  |
| Leandra Casteneda | —9 points  |

### Sonora 22--- Clyde 29

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Karina Trevino    | —1 point   |
| Hunter Jennings   | —1 point   |
| Chelsey Campbell  | —1 point   |
| Evelyn Solis      | —2 points  |
| Sandra Hernandez  | —2 points  |
| Joell McGuffin    | —2 points  |
| Kash McGee        | —1         |
| Leandra Casteneda | —12 points |

### Sonora 41—Ingram 21

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Alba Gloria       | —2         |
| Hunter Jennings   | —4 points  |
| Chelsey Campbell  | —5 points  |
| Evelyn Solis      | —5 points  |
| Sarah Carrillo    | —4 points  |
| Sandra Hernandez  | —2 points  |
| Joell McGuffin    | —1 point   |
| Leandra Casteneda | —18 points |

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## \$5,000 LoneStar Elite Jackpot



Photo by: Louise Moore

Sonora Meat Goat Exhibitors- Bailey Joe Pennington, Sterling Hall, Summer Hall, Steely Ingham, Skyler Norris and Stella Ingham competed in the LoneStar Elite Jackpot in Snyder, Texas. Skyler Norris brought home the Champion Jr. Showmanship Beltbuckle.

## A High School Class Has Reunions Twice A Year

By Tumbleweed Smith

My high school years were fun. I was involved with band, journalism and Future Teachers of America. 250 people graduated with me from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth. I was ready to get out of town and start my own life. I had a blast in Waco for 4 years while attending Baylor University. I seldom went back home because I was having so much fun. I had a bunch of new friends and all but ignored my high school buddies (except for the few who enrolled in Baylor). After Baylor I went to the Army and served three years, two of them in Europe. Then I came home and really started a life I could call my own.

During my freshman year at Baylor, I went back to Heights for homecoming to see who in my class had gone to college and where they were. It was fun to go back and play Joe College. Those of us who

went back that first year after graduation did so I guess to show some of those teachers that we were smart enough to get into an upper level institution. Not everybody went to college back in the 50's.

My class started having reunions every five years, I guess. I'd get a notice about one and set it aside, thinking one of these days I'd go to one. I never did until the 25th reunion. Wow. What fun! The name badges had pictures of those attending from the senior annual. We spent a weekend at a classmates' lake home getting up to date on everybody. There was no big event planned, so there was plenty of visiting time.

After our 35th reunion, the class started meeting twice a year. Sometimes it's just a dinner at some Metroplex restaurant. Other times the class takes cruises or spends week-

ends in places like Austin or New Orleans. A few years ago I started going to an occasional reunion event. I realized I needed to go to more when I had to ask a good friend from my high school days who he was. That was embarrassing.

I went to so many reunions in different cities that I decided my classmates needed to see my part of the state. The two classmates who do most of the planning for these events hinted a few years ago that I ought to host one. Our last get-together was in July of this year. At that time, I passed out information on Big Spring and announced the next Swarm would be held in my town.

We call it a swarm because our high school sports teams were called Yellow Jackets, named for our mascot.

So this past weekend 25 of my classmates came to

Big Spring. I don't think I've ever enjoyed a weekend more. It was so completely comfortable. Nobody was trying to impress anybody or prove anything. It was just a bunch of good friends getting together. Most of the ones who come to the reunions are still working at something. They're pilots, engineers, museum directors, developers, farmers, travel agents, oilmen and writers. Most of them had never been to Big Spring and were impressed with our water, trees and hills. We had perfect weather. While here, plans were being made for the next Swarm. It'll be in Richardson in the spring. I'll be there.

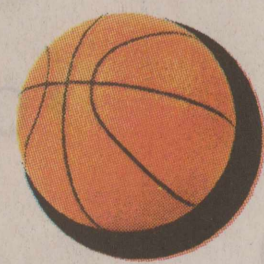
### Lady Bronco Basketball Schedule



| DATE        | OPPONENT           | PLACE | JV        | Varsity   |
|-------------|--------------------|-------|-----------|-----------|
| 12/2        | Christoval         | Home  | 5:00 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 12/4-12/6   | Ballinger Tour.    |       |           | TBA       |
| 12/4-12/6   | Eldorado Tour.     |       |           | TBA       |
| 12/9        | Brady              | Home  | 5:00 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 12/11-12/13 | Water Valley Tour. |       |           | TBA       |
| 12/15       | *Crane             | Home  | 5:00 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. |
| 12/19       | *Kermit            | Away  | 5:00 p.m. | 6:30 p.m. |

\*District

### Boys Bronco Basketball Schedule



| DATE        | OPPONENT           | PLACE     | JV        | Varsity   |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 11/25       | Grape Creek        | Away      | 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| 12/2        | Christoval         | Home      | 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| 12/4-12/6   | Ballinger Tourn    | Ballinger |           | TBA       |
| 12/4-12/6   | Eldorado JV Tourn. |           |           | TBA       |
| 12/9        | Brady              | Home      | 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| 12/11-12/13 | Water Valley Tourn |           |           | TBA       |
| 12/16       | San Saba           | Home      | 5:00 p.m. |           |
| 12/19       | Comstock           | Home      | 5:00 p.m. | 8:00 p.m. |