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A Look Back at the 2006 Top Stories

Sonora Schools Evacuated for Second **Bomb Threat; Administration Serious** About Catching Callers March 2, 2006

by Storie Sharp

Sonora ISD is offering a \$250.00 reward to any individual who gives information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for the bomb threats made to the school district on February 9, 2006 and February 24, 2006.

"We're going to do everything we can to catch these people and we will prosecute to the fullest," said Sonora ISD Superintendent Doug Bawcom. Bawcom had just left the Sonora Police Department where an ongoing investigation is being handled by local law enforcement, as well as school administration.



The call came in to the Sonora Middle School on Friday, February 24, around lunch time. Sonora ISD staff, having been instructed on new protocol for answering all calls since the first bomb scare on February 9, 2006. It is reported that the caller was a female this time, and sounded young. The schools were immediately evacuated again, with the safety of the children and staff being the main concern. The same efficiency and cooperation as the previous evacuation was carried out, with all schools moving to the secure designated locations. Students were again transported to the Sutton County Civic Center where they could be out of the cold rain until parents could pick them up. Bawcom and Chief of Police Mike House again commended the teachers, aides, students and parents on their assistance and cooperation in insuring that all students were moved quickly and safely.

Thorough sweeps of all the campuses were once again held, with no trace of any suspicious activity being located, however school was dismissed for the day.

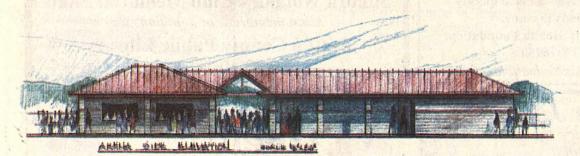
New phone systems have been installed in all the Sonora ISD buildings, allowing for all numbers to be identified. If a number is anonymous it will not be connected to a staff personnel, but will be transferred to an automated answering system. A message can be left, but all numbers will be traceable. Set procedures have also been set for answering all calls, with select personnel being allowed to answer the calls.

"Bomb threats are no joking matter and we're going to do everything we can to avoid such situations again,"

said Bawcom. Any information that is provided regarding the previous calls will be strictly confidential. Anyone with any

Arena Improvements Set to Begin After Rodeo

information is encouraged to call Doug Bawcom for more information at 387-2545.





By Curry Campbell aug 3

The Sutton County arena improvements will begin after this years Outlaw Pro Rodeo. A portion of the first phase of the project has been financed by the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, the John and Mildred Cauthorn Trust, Town and Country Food Stores, Multi-Chem Group, Sutton County Days Association and individuals. Contributions from these entities will help to provide the new lighting, and sound system instalations to the arena.

In 2004 an arena improvement committee was formed with Curry Campbell, president; Sharon Holman, vice-president; Elizabeth Schenkel, treasurer; and Suzanne Huddleston, secretary. Other committee members include Santiago Faz, Virginia Epps, Frank Wamble, Jessie Lem Wardlaw, Kelly Thorp, Danny Hardin and Rick Cearley. This committee has compiled an outstanding arena improvement packet that explains the obvious need for the upgrade of the arena. It also contains architect plans, donor categories, and a pledge form for contributions. This committee has been working with Chamber director Greta Ramsdell on grant requests and they are in the process of obtaining other funding.

The arena improvements are planned in two ra's shining stars. phases. Phase I will be new lighting, and sound

system repair, raising and reworking the existing bleachers and box seating, and erecting a canopy over the existing bleachers. In addition, construction of a new ADA compliant restroom facility with a connecting new state-of-the-art concession building will be a highlight of this project. The breezeway between these two facilities will be the new arena entrance and will also include a wall of honor, recognizing all contributors of the arena improvement project.

Phase II will provide new bleacher seating as well as more box seats between the existing bleachers and the bucking chutes. These projected arena improvements have an estimated cost of \$800,000.

The benefits of improving this facility are tremendous. The tax revenues generated from additional use of the arena due to the improvements will benefit our community for years to come. Please do not hesitate to contact any of the committee members if you have any questions about this improvement project. Any contributions will be greatly appreciated. For more information contact Curry Campbell at 325-387-3254 or 325-277-

Let's make this facility another one of Sono-

State Champions -One Act Play



One Act Play Wins

State By Kel Thomas May 11,2006

In the performance of a lifetime, the Sonora High School one act play, "Unexpected Tenderness", swept the 2A State Championship in Austin on May 5th. The performance marks the fourteenth time Sonora High School has appeared at the State competition since 1949, and the fourth time Sonora High School has taken their performances to a first place finish. In 1971, Sonora High School won State with "Madwoman of Chaillot," directed by James Buchanan. A mere two years later, in 1973, John Tedford directed "The Apollo of Bellac" to a State title. Twenty years later, in 1993, "The Marriage of Bette and Boo," directed by Paula Rodriguez, brought home the honors.

"Unexpected Tenderness, under the stage direction of Renee Casey and Jerrilyn Miller, bested the other seven 2A school productions in the highly competitive State meet. Cast members included: Nash Traylor as both the elder Roddy Stern, and Archie Stern, Kayla Fields, in the role of Molly Stern, Nick Favela as the younger Roddy Stern, Kathy Pacheco portraying Sylvie Stern, Starlyn Chadwick in the role of Hattie Stern, Jose Casillas as Jacob Stern, and the role of Willie being portrayed by Brandon Munn. The stage crew consisted of Laura Martin, Kaci Chavarria, Erin Newton, Stacy Sanchez, Spencer Hall, and Alex Kenney.

Best Actress honors went to Kayla Fields for her wonderful performance as Molly. Earlier this spring Kayla, as a Sonora High School Junior, took the Best Actress award at the Regional Com-

Nash Traylor, in his dual role, brought home both Best Actor and the Samuel French Awards. The Samuel French Award is the most prestigious award an actor can receive in the University Interscholastic League State competition. The award is given for the Outstanding Performer within the performer's school classification.

Another highly sought after award is to be named to the All-Star Cast. Starlyn Chadwick's performance of Hattie, earned her the honor in the production of "Unexpected Tenderness."

In other 2A U.I.L. State competition held in Austin, Embre Smith competed in Computer Application, and placed fourth in the

Jailer Assaulted at County Jail June 15

Submitted

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that on Wednesday, June 7th, 2006, at approximately 9:30 p.m. Jailer Bob Hartman, age 63, was assault-

ed in the Sutton County Jail. Fincher reported the assault was the result of an attempted jail escape. The Sheriff stated when the jailer entered the cell, inmate, Freddie Chavez, age 26, hit the jailer and continued to hit him until he was unconscious.

Another jailer living in the apartment behind the jail heard noises and went to check the area. Upon entering and seeing an inmate

in the corridor, requested additional officers to come immediately.

Jailer Hartman was found unconscious, and the two inmates, Chavez and Tim Michael Holt, III, age 28, of Jacksonville, Florida, were both secured. Holt was being held on car theft charges from Florida. Chavez was being held for burglary charges.

Hartman was transported by Sonora EMS to Hudspeth Hospital and then transferred to Shannon Hospital in San Angelo, but was released Thursday afternoon.

Both inmates were charged with Aggravated Assault on a Pub-

lic Servant and bond was set at \$1,000,000.00. Aggravated Assault on a Public Servant is punishable by life inprisonment, or any term of not less than 5 years to not more than 99 years.

This marks the second incident involving inmates at the county jail in as many weeks. At 11:20 a.m. Monday, May 29, 2006 a Mississippi inmate walked away from the jail, sparking a manhunt that lasted until 2:00 am Tuesday. The escapee was taken back into custody in Lake Charles, LA.

All advertisers and contributors, the deadline for the January 4, 2007 edition of the DRN will be Friday, December 29 @ 12:00 p.m.

St. Ann Catholic Church Father Miguel Dinio, Pastor

311 W. Plum P.O. Box 1397

Monday - Wednesday & Friday 1-4 Thursday - 10:30 - 12:30, 1:30 - 5:30

Phone: 325-387-2278 Fax: 325-387-2278 E-mail: stannsec@verizon.net Confessions: Sat. 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. **NEW MASS SCHEDULE!**

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Senior Center Activities

Fri. Dec. 29- Play Bingo & get ready for New Year 2007...

Mon. Jan. 1- Happy New Year, Center Closed! Tue. Jan 2 - Center closed for New Years! Wed. Jan. 3 - No information submitted.

Thur. Jan. 4- No information submitted.

Senior Center Menu

Fri. Dec. 29

- Chicken enchilada casserole, spanish rice, refried beans, cornbread, milk and sliced peaches. -Happy New Year! Center Closed! -Center Closed for New Year Holidays!

Mon. Jan. 1 Tue. Jan. 2 Wed. Jan. 3

Thur. Jan. 4

- Oven pork chops with gravy, mashed potatoes. peas, carrots, green salad, peach cobbler and milk. - Fried catfish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding with raisins 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)



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387-2955

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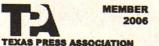
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A Billboard Smile From A Sonora Survivor 3/16

by Storie Sharp

"Oh Grandma, It's BIG!" That's what Alyssa said in response to the new billboard located on Crockett Avenue in Sonora (near the bridge by the City Swimming Pool). But she was smiling from ear to ear.

And what a smile to share with Sonora! Exactly one year (March 15) after being diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML), Alyssa Collins, 4, is home and doing well. She was released from Cook's Children's Hospital on November 14, 2005, after going through months of

the cancer of bone marrow cells that is very rare in children.

American Cancer Society Board Member and Relay for Life Committee person, Kelly Thorp contacted Alyssa's family earlier this year about having the little ray of sunshine represent Sonora on the billboard, since so many people followed her experience over the last year. Everyone agreed that she would make a great spokesperson for Sonora's event that is scheduled for May 19 - 20, 2006 at Bronco Stadium. The annual fund raiser

chemotherapy and treatment for is designed to celebrate survivorship and raise money for research and programs of your American Cancer Society. Team fund raisers have already begun, and the fun continues to build.

Alyssa's entire family is planning on attending Sonora's "Celebration of Life" Relay, and encourages each of you that showed so much love and support for Alyssa over the last year to join them on the track.

For more information on the Relay for Life call 387-3604.

Bronze Star Awarded to SSG Justin King 10/12

Submitted

Staff Sergeant Justin King, son of Krista Brooks of Sonora, distinguished himself through exceptionally meritorious service as a Squad Leader and Convoy Commander for the 812th Quartermaster Company, from 04 November 2005 to 30 September 2006. SSG King proved to be an essential element in the restructuring of the 812th QM CO towards executing Convoy Security gun truck missions. He quickly developed into one of the most dependable and professional soldiers although he is a junior Staff Sergeant. As a convoy commander, SSG King began his tour as an E-5. Since that time, he has completed over 50 Combat Logistic Patrols with a total of 47,000 miles on some of the most treacherous roads in Iraq and even a few in Kuwait. unteered to take a convoy farther reputation as a valuable convoy

than any other to Kurkuk, Iraq. This particular mission turned out to be 20 days long. When SSG King accepted this mission no one could tell him how to get there, but that did not stop him from charging on. The convoy was on the road for 2 days before SSG King found out how to get to Kurkuk. SSG King consistently displayed sound decision making and courage in the midst of chaos. On several occasions he displayed exemplary leadership while being engaged by the enemy. On this 20 day mission SSG King got the opportunity to fine tune his Land Navigation skills and tactical procedures during enemy attacks. Therefore, with confidence and precision tactics, he led his convoy and many others through the danger zone.

Not only has SSG King played an integral role in convoy ex-With SSG King's motivation ecution, but also at the Forward and take charge attitude, he vol- Operating Base. With a solid

commander and squad leader, the unit relied heavily upon him to conduct Convoy Protection Platform recertification training, rules of engagement, escalation of force, communication equipment and procedures, weapons and other tactics, techniques and procedures. As a squad leader, SSG King not only trained his squad on their individual role in a gun truck, but made sure they were proficient in every other position. His dedication to his soldiers and the command's mission can be seen daily in the extra efforts put forth, going above and beyond mission requirements. SSG King's repeated success and dedication to duty are indicative of a superior combat leader. His actions are in keeping with the finest traditions of military service and reflect distinct credit upon himself, 3D Corps Support Command, and the United States Army.

Local **Youngsters** Raise Money for Children's Clothing 8/3

By Kel Thomas

A group of five Sonora youngsters; Adrianna Gamez, Hazel Kent, Jeremy Doran, Kaci Lewis and Lillian Kent, gave up one of their few remaining days of summer vacation, raising money to help with back to school expenses for Sonora's less fortunate school age kids.

Three local churches sponsored the Bake and Jewlery Sale, held outside the post office Friday, July 28th.

All proceeds from the fundraiser will provide clothing and school supplies for students in

Susan McAlpine kept the fundraiser moving smoothly, and provided the children with her expertise and organizational

We in Sonora are blessed to have youngsters caring for the well being of each other.

KSB Helps Warm Cold Children 11/16

Sonora's Keep Sonora Beautiful received 1000 fleece jackets last week as a result of the plastic bottle recycling campaign held during the month of May. Sam's Club and AquaFina®

supplied the jackets to be donated to needy members of our community, as well as surrounding communities.

While the Sonora recycling effort did not collect as much in total poundage as did larger communities, the campaign locally generated 526 pounds of recyclable plastic. A very high per capita average.

Local agencies such as the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, the Ministerial Alliance, First Baptist Church Clothes Closet and Angel Tree will be responsible for distributing the coats locally.

In addition, the Sutton County Child Welfare Board will distribute 100 coats each to the communities of Iraan/Sheffield, Mason, Brady, Junction, Ozona and Eldorado. The remaining 400 coats will remain in Sonora.

Sutton County Public Library accepts donations to place books in the library "in honor of" or "in memory of" a friend or loved one. It is the perfect time of year to remember a special person in this way.

Make checks payable to:

Sonora Woman's Club Memorial Fund Main memorials or donations to:

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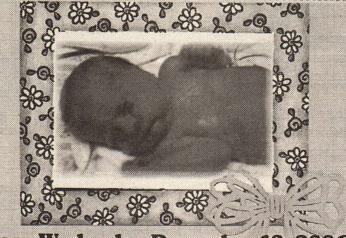
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Born Wednsday December 13, 2006 at 4:30 a.m. in Amarillo, TX 3 pounds 13 ounces * 16 1/2 inches

Proud Grandparents: **Bud & Evelyn McGinnis of Sonora and** Dean & Donna Horn of Perrington, TX

Birthday

December 28 Jeff Allen, Chelsea Gutierrez, Amy Gann December 29 Ruth Ramos, Donna Benson, Dean Dermody December 30

Blayze W. Sykes, Justin Northcott, Carol Pope, Rosalie Richardson, Mario Lira, Jr., Katelyn Trevino, Erica Olson, Jeannette Thompson, Jeb Hunt, Mary Jean Sims December 31

Tina Covey, Patsy Samaniego, Nathan Longoria, Raymundo Morales, Jerri Martin, Ron Morris, Lupe Ramon, Sheryl Strauch January 1, 2007

Shirley Hall, Dorothy Jimenez, Missy Longoria, Ana-Lesa Samaniego, Becky Collins, Amy Harris, Joe Micheal Campos, Brianna Kesinger, Richard Gomez, Lize Conteraz, Corey Smith, Becky Collins, Alma Trevino January 2

Alec Morrow, Keith Hudson, Gretta Smith, Betty Lopez, Nick Pena, Michael Martinez, Pablo Favela

January 3
Missy Longoria, Melissa Fisher, Mikey Owen, Camille Marshall, Lance Haynes, Armando Noriega, Norma Williams, Elyssa Prieto, Linda Samaniego, Diana Samaniego, Mickey Galindo, Jessica Loera

Letter to the Editor

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Historical Society



FRED BERGER'S Boot shop on the west side of Main Street was a part of the Sonora scene for a number of years. Leslie Adams, son of Charlie Adams, remembers Mr. Berger "pounding out his work on his knee."

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,

Sutton County Historical Society Q. Do you have any information on Fred Berger?

A. Fred Berger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Berger, was born August 13, 1864 in Heinzendorf, Austria. He married Helen Brehm, daughter of Phillip Brehm on November 21, 1896 in San Antonio. He died July 26, 1934. Helen was born March 18, 1876 at San Antonio and died November 7, 1951 in Sonora.

There is a good outline of the life of Fred Berger in his obituary in "The Devil's River News," of July 27, 1934. Fred Berger, 69, pioneer resident died yesterday. He came here from San Antonio before the county was organized. His funeral is

Death at noon Thursday claimed Fred Berger, pioneer Sutton County citizen who has lived in this county before it was organized in the latter part of 1889. He had been in ill health

A native of Heinzendorf, for fifteen years. Austria, m. Berger, who would have been 70 years old August 13, emigrated to this country when he was 22 years of age. He spent a few months in St. Louis and then came to Schulenberg,

Texas, and later to San Antonio. The next year (1887) he came, with Jim Barton, who lived here for many years, to what was soon to be Sutton County. Mrs. J. W. Mayfield she and her husband had their first meal in this section at Mr. Berger's tent. At that time there and beans, cooked with a leg of mutton, constituted a meal.

For many years he was employed on ranches owned by John Reiley, George S. Allison, J. N. Taylor and Jim Barton. Ranch for E. E. Sawyer for nine

Sonora. He worked at this trade Historic 1859 St. Joseph's Church To Be Open For Public Tours On New Year's Day

seph's Catholic Church, the oldest wooden church building in 2007, from noon to 3 p.m.

Although it has been and continues to be open by arrangement and for special events, the church is not regularly open for tours. GHF volunteer Leslie Burgess, who attended the church as a child with her aunt, will serve as docent for the New Year's Day tour, to communicate her knowledge of and affection for the building, one of the four oldest churches in Galveston, and the oldest constructed of wood.

Galveston Historical Foundation (GHF) operates St. Joseph's as an event venue for concerts, meetings, weddings, lectures and other private events. Upon its de-sanctification by the Diocese of Galveston-Houston in 1968, GHF took on the building's stewardship, raising the funds and organizing the volunteer efforts to keep the building at the northwest corner of 22nd Street and Avenue K in good

The historic 1859 St. Jo- repair and available for commu-

With an elegant and spare Galveston and the oldest German gothic revival exterior, the Catholic church in Texas, will church is surprisingly colorful be open to the public on New and ornate on the inside, fea-Year's Day, Monday, January 1, turing painted wood walls, the grain-painted cedar pews, hand-carved altars, plaster stations of the cross and a beautifully painted coffered ceiling. German inscriptions and painted symbols are reminders of a time when German immigrants represented nearly half the population of Galveston.

Designed and built by German immigrant architect Joseph Bleicke and dedicated to St. Joseph in 1860, the structure was nearly destroyed in the Great Storm of 1900. It was rebuilt and expanded by famed Galveston architect Nicholas Clayton, and remains today in form and furnishing much as it was a cen-

The New Year's Day Tour of St. Joseph's Church will be \$3 for adults, \$1 for children 7-12, and free for those under 7. For more information, contact Jami Durham at 409-762-3933.

Sonora people recalled yesterday his industry and his pride in the work turned out. His shop was located in a one room building between the J. W. Trainer store and the Craddock Building. (This would be approx. 221 NE Main St.) So adept was he that he conversed with visitors without missing a stroke of his hammer or a stitch of his needle.

In 1896 he was married who lives here now recalls that in San Antonio to Miss Helen Brehm. Mrs. Berger survives

Since 1912 Mr. Berger and were not many houses and no his nephew, Joe Berger, who fences. Grease was not available has lived with him twenty-eight years have operated a ranch 1 1/2 miles west of town. Mr. Berger was a member of the Episcopal Church and has been a Mason for about forty years.

J. N. Taylor and Jim Barton.

Mr. Berger is survived by
He worked on the Fort Terrett Mrs. Berger; his nephew Joe; a brother, Frank, and a half sisyears and in about 1903 went ter, Mary, both of whom live into the boot making business in in Heinzendorf, Austria; and a number of nephews in San An-

> Funeral services were conducted at the home at 3:30 in the afternoon. They were in the charge of Dee Ora Lodge No. 715 A.F. & A.M. The Rev. E. P. Neal conducted the services. Burial was in the Sonora Cemetery, Block G, lot 22, grave 3.

Honorary pallbearers will be old friends of Mr. Berger. Active pallbearers will be: M. C. Puck-

Francisco T. Casteaneda

Francisco T. Castaneda 96, of Del Rio, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2006 at his residence.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 22, 2006 at St. Ann's Catholic Church, with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife Elvira Estrada Castaneda of Del Rio; son Mario Luis Castaneda and wife Juanita of Del Rio; daughter Yvette Delores Samaniego of Sonora; grandchil-dren Pedro "Pokey" Samaniego IV of Lubbock, Marty and Michael Castaneda both of Del Rio, and Halle Samaniego of Sonora, and great-grandson Mario D. Castaneda of Del Rio.

Glasscock, Ed Mayfield, Alvis Johnson, J. D. Lowrey, Robert Halbert, C. D. Wyatt.

Also in the news of that time we found the following: Mrs. Hilton turney was hostess to the Jolly Joker Club and the Two Bit Club. Elizabeth Taylor was honored by her parent Mrs. H. L. Taylor, hostess of a birthday party for her eighth birthday. The following attended: Martha Jo Moore, Mary Burtle, Ray-mie Jo McClelland, Davie Dean Locklin, Jean Cliff, Carolyn and Joyce Johnson, Katherine West- the church itself is only 30 yards brook. Betty Lou Shoemake, Betty Grace Vehle, Patsy and Peggy Gilmore, Patsy Nisbet, Peggy Reming, Jo Alice Evans, Marjorie Crowell. Glenna Puckett, Addie Thorp, Edith May Babcock, Jamie Trainer, Billy Jean Coburn, Geraldine Morrow, Jane Branner of Spur, Willie Nell Hale, Rhese Cawyer, Charlene and Maurine Mathis of Belgrade, Florida; Wynona Hutcherson, Catherine Trainer, "Rooster" Halbert, Dwain Trainer, Max Darrel Murray, Charles Cusenbary.

Tina Anne Taylor, O.L. and Glen Richardson, Billy Shurley, Sanford and James D. Trainer, Clayton and George Hamilton. Just to name a few of the many guests in attendance. This was a really large birthday party.

Car takes wild course but damage very little. The blowing out of the left rear tire was given by Mrs. W. B. Spell of McAllen as the cause of her car leaving the road and careening through the barbed wire fence on the Harold Evans Ranch, 20 miles

Mrs. Spell and her year old daughter were accompanied by a Negro maid. The car went off the road, into a deep bar pit and continued its course through a wolf proof fence and stopped only when it struck a rock in the pasture. C. H. Jennings and another motorist helped Mrs. Spell get the car back on the road. None of the occupants were hurt.

A small hole in the crank case and scratches on the car body, caused by barbed wire of the fence, were the only damage to the Spell vehicle.

Budapest is going to have ro-mantic mustachioed policemen. An order has been issued that all mounted policemen from now on wear mustaches. It is considered not only conductive to military appearance and bearing but in with the national tradition of dashing Magyar horsemen.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885,

ett, Roy Aldwell, Cecil Allen, Ed Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or email them to schs@sonoratx.net. You may call us when vacation is over at 387-5084, our offices on Oak St., or catch me at home

A little extra tidbit from the 1934 papers: Beer can be bought and drank in a British graveyard. The only Inn in the country, which has this unique location, was 600 years old in 1934. It is the Mug house at Claines near Worcester. Ancient gray tombstones come within a few feet of the front door of the tavern, and

When a villager calls for his evening pint, he must pass through the graveyard. There is no other entrance to the "pub." At one time the church held its vestry meetings in the tap-room of the tavern, and some centuries back the church received a por-tion of the profits from the sale of ale in return for granting a license. The Inn was established to "provide refreshment for lords and ladies after the church

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For membership information Call 387-BFIT(2348)

Dr. William Wilson opens Sonora practice Jan. 2

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

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

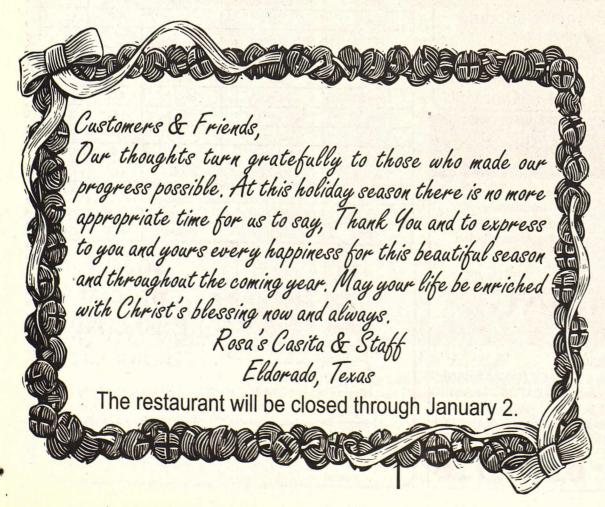
A graduate of Texas Tech Medical School, Dr. Wilson served his family practice residency in Fort Worth and a rural family practice fellowship in Louisiana. He has been in private practice the past 10 years.

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

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



Dr. William Wilson • 301 Hudspeth, Suite B • (325) 387-7911



Bronco State Golf Results



Coach Cox and the Sonora Bronco Golfers

at State

By Kel Thomas May 18, 2006 At the Women's State 2A golf tournament, the term "hitting the wall," took on a different meaning as Sonora's Kayla McBribe quickly realized. This "wall" turned out to be two sisters from Wall. The Whittley sisters, Kendra and Kyla were all that stood in front of Kayla

Kayla Takes Third McBride, and her hopes of capturing gold at State.

Kayla fired rounds of 76 and 82 at the difficult Jimmy Clay course in Austin, on May 8th and 9th, on her way to a third place medal in a crowded field of forty-eight participants.

As a Senior, Kayla can reflect with pride on her golf career at SHS, and look forward to her up-coming freshman year golf season at UTSA.

Boys State Golf

To the young men of the Sonora Bronco golf team, it must have seemed they were up against the world. Well, almost. At stake was the 2A State Championship golf tournament held at the long, demanding and wet Jimmy Clay Golf Course in Austin on May 8th and 9th.

After the completion of the first eighteen holes of golf, the Broncos were two shots behind eventual winners of the tournament, Edgewood. Bronco day one scoring was led by freshman John Duke Hudson, with a round of 76. Senior Embre Smith close behind with a 77, followed by Seniors Trent Reiner with an 81, Mason Martinez also posting an 81, and Cullen Parker finishing up with an 86.

Day two saw drier course conditions, but a reduction of "casual water" on the course did not translate to a lack of water hazards on the Jimmy Clay course. At the completion of day two, the Broncos were three strokes behind Edgewood, and tied for second with Regional rival Olney. A play-off to determine second place, was won by Olney, with Sonora bringing home a third place medal. Day two featured Trent Reiner leading the Bronco's scoring with a round of 77, Embre Smith firing a score of 78, followed closely by John Duke Hudson with a 79, Cullen Parker coming in with a final round 81, and Mason Martinez staying consistent with an

Sonora Colts Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Girls	Boys
01/04	Junction	Home	Away
01/11	Comfort	Home	Away
01/11,12,13	Wall Tournament		
01/18	Mason	Away	Home
01/20	Llano Tournament		
01/25	Brady	Home	Away
02/01	Blanco	Home	Away
02/08	Comfort		Home



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Middle School Bands Sweep HPU Band Festival (5/18/06)

Friday, May 12, the Sonora Middle School 6th grade band and Kickin' Colt Band attended the Howard Payne University Band Festival in Brownwood, Texas. This was the first time either of these bands had competed in music competition in a very long time.

The bands participated in two contests at the festival-a concert contest and a sightreading contest. Ratings ranged from III (average) to I (Superior). If first division ratings are received in both contests, the band is awarded a Sweepstakes Award. Directors Chuck Christian and Rusty Baldwin are proud to announce that both bands were awarded Sweepstakes Awards. "The students couldn't have done any better," says Director Christian. "Now they understand the value of diligent, consistent practice on their instruments."

As the two band busses pulled into Sonora from I-10, they were met with a Sheriff's escort to Highway 277. At this point, a parade of emergency vehicles, with lights flashing and sirens blaring, and long line of proud parents, joined the procession through town. The "Welcome Home" was concluded at the middle school band hall.



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Making His Move... Sonora Standout Duhon Signs Letter of Intent with ASU



By NATHAN WRIGHT, nwright@sastandardtimes.com or 659-8246

February 2, 2006

SONORA - In Sonora's final regular season game, senior linebacker Steven Duhon went down with a knee injury near the end of the first quarter with his team leading 14-0. The initial prognosis was a torn ligament in his knee, and it looked as if Duhon's season - and aspirations to play college football - were over. He sat out the entire second quarter and watched District 2-2A foe Junction score twice to tie the game at 14-14.

At halftime, Duhon's injury was downgraded to a strained anterior cruciate ligament, and the three-time all-state player was determined to go back into the game. He returned in the second half, dropped Junction quarterback Weston Nieman for a 3yard loss on his first play back and helped rally the Broncos to a 34-27 victory in a game they had to win to make the playoffs.

Wednesday morning, Duhon signed a letter of intent to play football at Angelo State University. The signing, which was held before the entire Sonora High School student body, also became one of Sonora head football coach Jason Herring's greatest moments.

"The trainer said he was done," Herring said of that fateful game. "Even when we found out it was just strained, it would take most kids three to four weeks to come back from it.

"After halftime, he was running sprints in the end zone to show me he could do it. When one of the greatest moments I have been a part of. He carried

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Duhon became the fourth Sonora player to sign a letter of intent in Herring's seven years at the school. Duhon is the third of those four to go to ASU, following in the footsteps of Tom Valliant (2004) and Bill Renfro

A letter of intent commits a recruit to attending a university that has sought him. Sonora, a town of roughly 2,900, has about 300 students at its high school. By comparison, ASU has about 6,000 students in a city of 88,000, give or take.

"At the end of the season, the last couple of games they had been calling," Duhon said. They called me to visit two weekends ago. I went and visited with eight other recruits. The coaches and the players were real nice. I fell in love with the college. It sounded perfect.

I talked to coach (Dale) Carr and told him I was coming. He sounded real excited. He has a tremendous nose for the football," Herring said. "He lives to play football. He runs track every spring just to make himself better. I can remember him talking about wanting to play at LSU. He is a very fierce hitter. He has tons and tons of heart.
... He will fit in well:" Angele

State's second-year coach said Duhon should be a good fit for his program. "He is a very good football player," Carr said. "I mean very good."

Duhon made his decision official at a gathering of students inside the high school. He sat at a table draped with a red Sonora High School banner and two golden footballs on each end, and signed his letter of intent. "There are so many thousands of high school athletes at so many small schools," Herring said. "Any time you have a player go on to college, it is a special occasion." It also helps that ASU is a mere 65 miles from Sonora. Duhon attended several ASU games this past fall. "I always wanted to play in college," Duhon said. "I am just real excited. I went to a lot of their home games. They never gave up. I also play with a lot of heart and never give up and let it all come out in the end."

Lady Broncos Dominate 2006 **All-West**

The Sonora Lady Bronco Softball Team coming off a 2006 season with a record of 25-1 placed five players on the All-West Texas team, including Most Valuable Player, and Coach of the Year honors. Junior Meghan Krieg, with a phenomenal year both on the mound and in the batters box, was a shoe-in for MVP honors. Krieg's pitching statistics for the 2006 season was highlighted by striking out 249 batters in 132 innings, with an earned run average of only .079 percent. As a hitter, Krieg's batting average was a tremendous .588 percent, with 22 extra base hits and 8 home runs.

Coach Thomas Hanson, leading the Lady Broncos to a school record 25 wins, garnered Coach of the Year hon-

In addition to MVP and Coach of the Year, the Lady Broncos fared well in the First-Team selections. Infielders Heather Hughes and Kayla Fields, catcher Kimble Luna, and outfielder Azeneth Villanueva all received First-Team honors.

During the entire 2006 softball season, District 2-2A Defensive Player of the Year Sophomore Heather Hughes committed only four errors and had a batting average of .388 percent.

As a junior, Kayla Field's hitting percentages for the year saw a batting average of .397 and a slugging percentage of .584, as well as strong defensive play, throughout the sea-

Sophomore All-District catcher Kimble Luna, finished the 2006 season with a batting average of .488 and a slugging percentage of an amazing .619. Defensively behind the plate, Luna's season was very effective, as well.

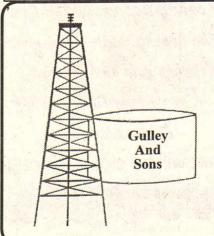
Freshman outfielder Azeneth Villanueva committed only one error during the entire season of play, and had a .409 batting average.



2007 is now upon us. Set for yourself achievable resolutions.

Sonora Broncos **Basketball Schedule**

Date	Opponent	Site	JV	Var
Jan 2	Ozona	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 5	Reagan County	Home	6:00	7:30
Jan 9	TBA			
Jan 12	TBA		7 3 34	
Jan 16	Mason*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 19	Brady*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 23	Blanco*	Home	5:00	8:00
Jan 26	Comfort*	Away	5:00	8:00
Jan 30	Junction*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 2	Mason*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 6	Brady*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 9	Blanco*	Away	5:00	8:00
Feb 13	Comfort*	Home	5:00	8:00
Feb 16	Junction*	Home	5:00	8:00



Sonora Bronco Basketball Schedule

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High Speed Chase Yields 400 Lbs. of Marijuana (10/05/06)

is being held in federal custody in Val Verde County, following a high speed chase involving law enforcement agencies from Sutton and surrounding counties, Border Patrol, and the Texas Department of Public Safety

Guerrero allegedly ran a Border Patrol checkpoint near Comstock in a maroon Chevrolet half-ton pickup truck.

Scattered throughout the truck was a large quantity of marijuana. It is not known if weapons, cash or other illicit items were found in the truck.

The chase began near Comstock, and ended as law enforcement agencies spiked Juno Road. Guerrero lost control after losing tire pressure, coming to rest in a pasture within a mile and a half of U.S. Highway 277.

This arrest is the latest in a

string of drug related arrests Carlos Guerrero, 37 of Uvalde, in West Texas in the past few weeks, in which law enforcement agencies are cracking down on the possession, sale, and /or the manufacturing of illegal drugs.

On September 13, an undercover operation in Crockett County resulted in twenty one drug related arrests. The arrests were related to the sale of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. In a related undercover operation in Upton County, thirty people were jailed on drug related charges.

The Crockett County operation came on the heels of the September 12, 2006 arrests in Big Lake, Texas, of twenty four individuals on similar drug charges. Of the twenty four, ten remain in custody, with the rest either deported to Mexico or out on bond, awaiting trial.

Fugitive Polygamist Sect Leader Arrested in Las Vegas (8/31/06)

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The fugitive leader of a polygamist Mormon sect has been arrested in southern Nevada, the FBI said Tuesday.

Warren Steed Jeffs, 50, was taken into custody after he and two other people were pulled over late Monday by a Nevada Highway Patrol trooper on Interstate 15 just north of Las Vegas, FBI spokesman David Staretz

The other two people in the vehicle were identified as one of Warren Jeffs' wives, Naomi Jeffs, and a brother, Isaac Steve Jeffs, both 32, Staretz said. They were being interviewed Tuesday morning by the FBI in Las Vegas, but were not arrested.

Jeffs was being held in federal custody in Las Vegas pending a court hearing on a federal charge of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution, Staretz said. It was not immediately clear if Jeffs would face extradition to Arizona or

The traffic stop came about 9 p.m., after the NHP trooper noticed a red Cadillac Escalade Eldorado compound are yet unon the freeway with temporary

license tags, Staretz said.

Jeffs, the leader of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, was indicted in June 2005 on an Arizona charge of arranging a marriage between a 16-year-old girl and a married man, and unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

He is also charged in Utah with two felony counts of rape as an accomplice, for allegedly arranging the marriage of a teenage girl to an older man in Ne-

Jeffs has been on the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list since May, with a \$100,000 reward offered for information leading to his

The FLDS Church, which embraces polygamy, split from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints when the mainstream Mormon Church disavowed plural marriage more than 100 years

ramifications of the arrest to the known.

Sonora teen rides with San Angelo **Rodeo Ambassadors** (02/23/06)

her horse Radar, a 4 year old Grullia Quarter horse, fared the frigid weather to participate in the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo Parade as one of the San Angelo Rodeo Ambassadors this past Satur- and the Mutton Bustin' contest. day in downtown San Angelo. The Kyla can be seen performing this

Kyla Turney of Sonora, riding Ambassadors perform the opening act for each San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo performance with fast paced flag drills choreographed to country and western music, and assist in the opening ceremonies

CHAMBER CHATTER

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Submitted by: **Becky Covington**

Well, it's that time of year again. Time to take stock of our lives, set some new goals, and make those often abandoned New Year Resolutions.

One of my favorite sayings is "If you fail to plan, you plan to fail". So, why is it that New Year resolutions are so often abandoned?

Perhaps some goals are just too lofty. Others are not realistic. Sometimes we just don't want it bad enough. However most of the time it is because the goal does not have an ACTION PLAN.

The end of the year is a good time to reflect on your business's progress over the past year and plan how you want your business to develop. Do you want increased success in 2007 or the chance to enjoy the success you've achieved more? These top 10 New Year's resolutions are designed to help you strike a better work-life balance, so you can achieve a truly satisfying success in the New Year.

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ing for you and move on.

life balance is like maintaining nities. We are charging what it a good relationship; you have to costs us and not a penny over it.' keep working on it. But if you The new fee schedule will be efapply these New Year's resolu- fective immediately and can be tions throughout the year, your viewed on the City of Sonora's success is guaranteed.

May this New Year bring many opportunities your way to explore every joy of life. Remember - If You Drink

Don't Drive

Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

December 18 - January 3 SISD Christmas Holidays

Becky Covington Takes the Reins at Sonora Chamber of **Commerce** (9/21/06)

Commerce announced that Becky Covington has been hired as the new Executive Director of the Chamber. Becky has more than 20 years experience in city government. At the City of Sonora, Becky was City Secretary for 20 years. Also, she Manager, City Clerk, Deputy Court Clerk, and Administrative Assistant

Becky is married to Jim who is employed with Energy Transfer Company. Their children are Duane and Kim Jones The FLDS Church also main- and granddaughters, Kaitlyn tains a multi-million dollar com- and Kera and Jason and Beth pound in Eldorado, TX. The Donaldson and their son, Jaxon.

> Becky has always been involved with the public and served on numerous boards, including the Sonora Industrial Development Board, Chamber of Commerce and Keep Sonora Beautiful.

In accepting her new

Thursday through Sunday as the

last week of Rodeo Performances

continue. The Ambassadors also

perform at various rodeos around

the area, including Sonora's Sutton

County Days to promote rodeo.

The Sonora Chamber of responsibilities, Becky stated, "I am excited about the challenge and starting a new phase in my career. The work of the Chamber is service to its members and community. Every effort will be made to continue to provide the following:

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To foster economic development through the expansion of existing businesses as well as the location of new businesses. · To actively retain existing members and recruit new

· To help bring the community together through events that will make the community a more enjoyable place in which

· Support effort locally, regionally and nationally that promote a healthy community that are essential to prosperous businesses."

City Council Updates Fee Schedule (7/27/06)

Submitted By Ray Glasscock

In a 3 to 1 decision, the Sonora City Council voted last week to institute a new fee schedule. Councilman Thomas 1. Learn how to delegate Adkins voted against the decision. He expressed his concern 2. Promote your business that the increased fees would discourage people from purchas-3. Make business planning ing, building, or moving homes into the city. City Manager Jim Polonis stated that we have fees 5. Join a business organiza- for water, sewer taps and inspections, but they are out of date. 6. Give something back to Sonora's fee/permit schedule has not been reviewed or revised 7. Put time for you on the for quite some time, years. He cannot give an exact number of years since the last update, be-Don't make new, get a cause it differs from person to person. Polonis said, 10. Drop what's not work- have numbers that support the increases and I backed it up with Achieving a healthy work- a comparison to other commu-

During the meeting, two public hearings were held. There were no comments at either the hearing about the annexation of 20 acres of land off East 2nd Street or the hearing to discuss plans to file an application for Texas Community Development Grants funds. The council also passed a resolution to hold two public hearings on the possible annexation of .80 acre of land near 313 Railroad Street. The hearing dates will be published in the Devil's River News.

The council approved quarterly reports for the Fire Department, the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation, Historic Main Street, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce. The council also approved both the Chamber of Commerce and the Main Street annual audits performed by Armstrong Backus.

The next regularly scheduled Sonora City Council meeting is August 15, 2006 at 4 pm at City Hall.

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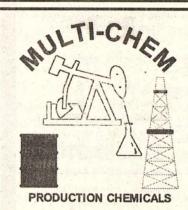
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(03/02/06)Earwood, Martin show Champion Angoras in San Antonio



Emily Earwood

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Emily Earwood, 15, of Sonora, Texas won Grand Champion Open Angora Goat Buck on February 7th at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo. Emily is a member of Sutton County 4-H Club and Sutton County FFA.

Cory Flanch of Bandera, Texas received Reserve Grand Champion Open Angora Goat Buck.



Laura Martin

Emily Earwood won Grand Champion Open Angora Goat Doe.

Laura Martin, 15, of Sonora, Texas won Reserve Grand Champion Open Angora Goat Doe. Laura is a member of the Sutton County 4-H. She also enjoys cheerleading, band, softball and

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Devon Ambassador Lynn Hinsley is a west Texas native and has been a district foreman for the company for 13 years. Sports of all kinds play a significant role in Lynn's life, which is why he is a committed Sonora City League activity supporter. Lynn is also an avid football fan and looks forward to the time he spends coaching YMCA Youth Football in Sutton County. Lynn and his wife, Susan, are the proud parents of 11-year-old twins, Aaron and Jared, and daughter Kayla, who is the mother of grandchildren, Bailey and Kenzie. Lynn fills his free time during every season pursuing his other hobbies, which include hunting, fishing and golfing.

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Nowhere to Hide for Drug Dealers (9/28/06) ing, the release stated.

By MELISSA PERNER Editor and Publisher of the Ozona Stock-

Two years of investigation came to a climax in two hours as law enforcement agents made 21 arrests early on Sept. 13 throughout Ozona. Coordinated by Crockett County Sheriff Shane Fenton, officials started at 5 a.m. and were finished around 7:30 a.m.

The early morning round-up allowed the arrests to be made while people were still sleeping or preparing to leave for work, according to a press release from the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. All of the arrests occurred without incident.

The arrests are all related to the sale of dangerous drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. The charges range from state jail to second-degree felonies, which means if convicted punishment can range from two to 20 years.

Those that were arrested are:

• Brian Cervantez Badillo, 26 Lissea Benson, 34

· Rafael Benson, 46 Rani Davis, 22

 Santa Fierro Garza, 41 · Augustine Guerra, 40

• Romulo Lazano, 82 • Tammy Ortiz, 29 · Dora Pena, 33 • Richard Pena, 45

 Blas Vargas Perez, 34 Luis Robert Perez, 35 Melissa Marie Perez, 26

 Norma Gonzales Perez, 47 John Daniel Ramirez, 30 Albert Ramos, 30 Brenda R. Ramos, 34

· Rachel R. Hernandez, 29 Mona Lisa Sanchez, 24 Judy Ann Sanchez, 43 • Ida Perez Tambunga, 29

• Tonalaa T. Thomas, 59

· Lucy G. Williams, 66 There was limited space in the Crockett County Jail, which required prisoners to other facilities to assist with inmate hous-

This month, the results of the two and half years of undercover investigation were presented to the Crockett County Grand

The Grand Jury issued 35 sealed felony indictments, ordering the arrest of 27 people for selling drugs in Ozona, the release

"We wanted to make sure we had done everything exactly right," said Ron Hawthorne, investigator with the Crockett County Sheriff's Department.

Those assisting the Crockett County Sheriff's Department, Reagan County Kirt Pullig, Texas Ranger Brooks Long, 112th District Attorney Laurie English, Val Verde County Sheriff's Office, agents of the United States Drug Enforcement Administration and federal prosecutors.

of the indicted drug dealers, and federal authorities will also be involved because some of the offenders may be prosecuted in federal court

We want to remove these dealers from our county. They sell poison that has destroyed the lives of the people who use it and the lives of those friends and family members who care about them."

Fenton also said that while this undercover operation will cause the arrest of many local drug dealers, others have gone undetected.

Citizens are encouraged to continue their support by reporting drug related activity to the Crockett County Sheriff's Department with the location of suspicious activity and, when possible, give vehicle license numbers and descriptions.

For more information, or to report an incident, call the sheriff's department at 392-

By MELISSA PERNER 09/27/06 Follow-up Editor and Publisher of the Ozona

Another arrest was made last week in the

two-year drug investigation, while one man was sentenced to prison in district court.

Jimmy Roland Sanchez was arrested in Odessa on Sept. 19 and transferred to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

He is charged with delivery of a controlled substance. Sanchez is now the 24th person to be arrested is what is the result of a two and a half year investigation coordinated by Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

Earlier this month, a Crockett County Grand Jury issued 35 sealed indictments ordering the arrest of 27 people for selling drugs in Ozona. Three still have warrants out for their arrest.

Also last week, Luis Roberto Perez, 35, pled guilty in district court and was sentenced to seven years in prison.

Perez was one of 23 people that were arrested Sept. 13 in the drug investigation.

Perez pled guilty to two counts of de-English will coordinate the prosecution livery of a controlled substance. One of the incidents occurred on Feb. 14 and the other occurred on May 12, according to court doc-

Both offenses are third-degree felonies, which are punishable up to 10 years in prison with a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Perez was sentenced by District Judge Brock Jones to seven years in prison for each charge, with both charges to run con-

District attorneys Laurie K. English and Stephen Smith prosecuted the case. Perez's defense lawyer was Gonzalo Rios.

The arrests are all related to the sale of dangerous drugs, such as marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine. The charges range from state jail to second-degree felonies, which mean if convicted punishment can range from two to 20 years.

Law enforcement agents started an undercover sting of drug traffickers in July 2004 in Crockett County.

Also on Sept. 13, Upton County arrested 30 people on drug-related charges.

Relay for Life **Raises Over \$82,000** (06/01/06)

Submitted

With 13 teams, more than 230 participants, over 70 survivors, and more than \$82,000 raised, the 10th Anniversary Sutton County Relay for Life was a huge success. Thanks to all of the support from the community of Sonora and as far away as California, this was the most sucessful event we have ever had.

Our trophy winners con-

The Super Trophy winner: Creek Swabbing and JMC Transports with over 21,000 points earned for onsite and offsite fundraisers, luminaries sold, money raised, attending team captain meetings, winning best campsite, sponsored relay activities, and helping the committee set up and take down the event.

Most Laps Trophy: The Samaniego Family. This long time team turned in more than 200 laps!

Chuck Wagon: Church of the Good Shepherd. Spiral Ham and home cooked side dishes made this team a real standout for the best meal at the event.

Best Campsite: Creek

Swabbing/JMC Transports. With a tiki vending post and all volunteers dressed as "survivors" there was no way to look past this site as the best on the grounds. Most Spirited: City of

Sonora. Not only did this team walk laps on the track, but they also ran! I never passed this teams site with out seeing them smiling! Most Money Raised: Do-

minion Exploration and Production. It was no surprise to see that this team did it again! the truck by breaking a window Alone, they raised more than \$29,000 for the American Cancer Society. The First National Bank

and Church of the Good Shepherd were also recognized as our two 10 year teams.

Thanks to all of our other teams for helping us raise money and awareness for the American Cancer Society. See you all next year! Thanks to All: Village Market, Duke Energy Sonora/ Ozona Asset, First Baptist Church of Sonora, Keep Sonora Beautiful, Days Inn/Comfort Inn/Steakhouse, St. John's Episcopal Church.

Sutton County Jail Break (6/01/06)

By Ray Glasscock

At 11:20 a.m., Monday, May 29, 2006, Jimmy Callahan, a 29 year old Mississippian, escaped the Sutton County Jail by prying off a hasp of the locking system on the recreation area door, walked across the courthouse lawn, waved at Mary Ann Kay, and stole Ed Mayfield's truck.

Callahan was able to steal and finding the keys under the originally arrested for stealing a pickup out of Bud Whitehead's

Another inmate contacted the jailer and informed him of the escape. Sheriff Joe Fincher imediately organized a manhunt since he was unaware of the fact that Callahan had stolen Mayfield's truck. The manhunt lasted

until 2:00 a.m. Tuesday morning when officers were notified of the theft of the truck. The information on the stolen vehicle was entered into the TCIC/NCIC (Texas Crime Information Center/ National Crime Information Center) computer.

The Lake Charles Louisiana Police Department had already arrested Callahan at 8:30 p.m. Monday night after receiving a call about an altercation with a floor mat. Mr. Callahan was civilian. Then Callahan attempted to again flee from the police. Once they saw the stolen vehicle on the computer, they immediately notified The Sonora Sheriff Office. Sheriff Fincher has had the hasp securely welded. The Sheriff's office has hired a tracking dog, and the dog is currently being trained.

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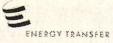
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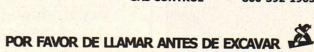
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Public Notice Pursuant to Article 258.002(c) of the Texas Transportation Code, the Commissioners Court of Sutton County, Texas provides this notice to the public of its intention to convene a public meeting to receive comment upon the adoption of a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

Public Notice

Sutton County Clerk

Sutton County is seeking bids for the fabrication and installation of wooden blinds to match historic at the Sutton County Courthouse in Sonora, Texas. There is no pre-bid conference for this work. Bid specifications can be obtained from Chris Hutson, Project Architect, Volz & Associates, Inc. at 1105 W. 42nd Street, Austin, TX 78756, Phone (512) 475-0433. Sample blind is available for inspection at the County Judge's Office in the Sutton County Annex. Bids should be returned to the to work in the homes of the elderly County Judge at 300 East Oak Street, Sonora, TX, and will be opened and accepted or rejected at a regular meeting of the **Sutton County Commissioners** Court on January 8, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. in the meeting room of the Sutton County Annex.

Public Notice

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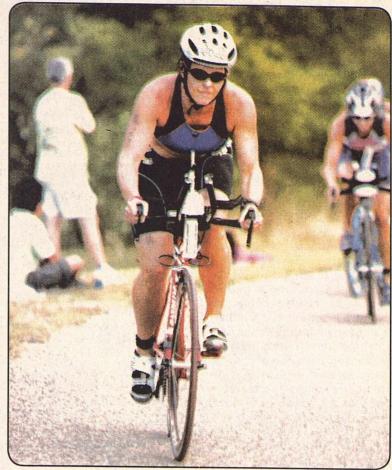
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