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Sonora I.S.D. School Board: Back row (l-r), Tom Payton, Tryon Fields, and Scott Jacoby. Front row (l-r) Jesse Bustamante, Barbara Jennings and Tammy Favila. Not pictured: Sam David Hernandez.

## January is School Board Recognition Month

Governor Rick Perry has proclaimed January as School Board Recognition Month and Sonora Independent School District is joining other districts across the state to gratefully acknowledge their commitment to our communities and schools.

"Texans benefit every day from the dedicated energies and countless hours devoted by a groups of more than 7,000 men and women across the state. These public servants are elect-

ed to serve by local citizens and receive no compensation for their tireless efforts. These men and women are the local school board members of Texas," said Brant Myers, Sonora ISD Superintendent.

"These people unselfishly contribute their time and talents toward the advancement of public education," Myers said. "They represent a continuing

See **School Board Recognition** page 8

## Visit with Republican State Legislator candidate Nicki Harle

Following the throes of tumultuous Texas redistricting battle, which most of us don't understand and probably none of us wanted, a new face has emerged on our political landscape, hoping to represent our 15-county, very rural West Texas District 53.

Nicki Harle, of Baird, Texas will be visiting Sonora on Thursday, January 15, from 4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m. at The Bank & Trust. Everyone is invited and encouraged to come meet Harle, who promises that her conservative commitment to rural life will be vocally and visible defended.

Nicki was the first executive director of the Texas Midwest Community Network,

a 25-county network helping 40 small cities like Sonora with problems that face all of rural Texas.

House Speaker Craddick then appointed her to the governing board of the Office of Rural Community Affairs (ORCA). She also served two terms as chairman of the Rural Affairs Committee of the Texas Economic Development Council. Nicki was recently designated "Citizen of the Year" in her home community of Baird, where she and her husband, Rob Harle, are landowners with a small ranching operation.

Take this opportunity to visit with Nicki Harle on Thursday.

## 4-H kids show their stock at the Sutton County Show

The 2004 Sutton County Junior Livestock Show has come and gone, but the participants will carry the experience with them on to the next show. There were many good looking animals in the Angora Goats, Swine, Meat Goats, Market Lambs, Futurity Ewe Lambs and Steers. All the participants are to be commended for all the hard work and dedication they put in to their projects. The parents, families, friends and 4-H leaders that helped these kids with all their preparation are also to be commended for having the patience, understanding and "want to" to help educate our youth on agriculture and its responsibilities.

The Earwood girls were the big winners in the Registered Angora Goat division, with Meredith Earwood showing the **Champion** and Emily Earwood showing the **Reserve Champion**.

Garrett Watkins had the **Champion Commercial Angora** and Laura Martin had the **Reserve Champion Commercial Angora**. Prizes were sponsored by *The Bank and Trust - Sutton County*.

The *B.M. Halbert Award*, presented to the **Grand Champion Angora Goat**, sponsored by the *Bloodworth Family* and *Lee Silver Company* was shown by Meredith Earwood.

The **Reserve Grand Champion Angora Goat**, sponsored by *Bill and Betty Stewart*, was shown by Emily Earwood.

Garrett Watkins received the **Senior Showmanship award** in the **Angora Goat** division, sponsored by *Edward and Carolyn Earwood*.

The **Junior Showmanship award**, sponsored by *Sonora Wool & Mohair*, in the **Angora Goat** division, went to **Laura Martin**.

In the **Swine** Division, sponsored by *Top Notch*



The Sutton County 4-H Junior Livestock Show participants

*Trophies & Awards* (Reggie Williams), it was the Dermody family taking top honors. Colyer Dermody showed the **Champion** and Sidney Dermody showed the **Reserve Champion**.

Brea Hughes was awarded the **Senior Showmanship award**, and Word Hudson got the **Junior Showmanship** in the **Swine** division, sponsored by *Southwest Texas Ag Credit Association*.

Brandy Neff had the **Champion Meat Goat** and Steely Ingham had the **Reserve Champion Meat Goat**, sponsored by the *Sutton County Show Goat Producers Association*.

The **Meat Goat Showmanship awards** went to **Hanna Allison** as the **Senior**, sponsored by *Cathy Ball*, and **Bailey Joe Pennington** as the **Junior**, sponsored by *Rocky and Janalyn Jones*.

The *First National Bank* sponsored the **Market Lamb Division**, with **Steely Ingham** exhibiting the **Champion** and **Reserve Champion Finewool Lambs**.

Garrett Bawcom showed the **Champion Crossbred Lamb** and Steely was back



Dr. Frank Craddock judges goats at the Sutton County Junior Livestock Show.

with the **Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb**.

The *Southwest Texas Credit Ag Association* presented the **Market Lamb Senior Showmanship award** to **Brea Hughes** and the **Junior Showmanship award** to **Steely Ingham**.

In the **Futurity Ewe Lamb Division**, **Mandy Brister** had the **Champion Pair** and **Kaija Valkonen** had the **Reserve Champion Pair**. Awards were sponsored by *Barbara and Armer Earwood*.

Complete Sutton County

Junior Livestock Show Results are as follows:

**Angora Goat Division:**  
Class No. 1

**Commercial Doe Kid**

1. Garrett Watkins
2. Laura Martin
3. Marilyn Holman
4. Mark Holman
5. Marilyn Holman
6. Keeli Taylor
7. Mark Holman
8. Laura Martin
9. Raynie Lockaby
10. Justin Grey
11. Meredith Earwood
12. Kelsey Watkins
13. Emily Earwood
14. Justin Grey
15. Raynie Lockaby

See **Livestock Show results** page 5

Take a look at the champions of the Sutton County Livestock Show on page 6.

## Commissioners asked to pass Proposition 13

by Storie Sharp

The Sutton County Commissioners were studying the new redistricting map at the Monday, January 12, 2004 Commissioners Court. The recent ruling from the three judge panel changes Sutton County congressional seats, cutting four county precincts into two. That doesn't sound so confusing, until you look at the diving lines (a map is available in the Registrar's office at the Sutton County Annex). The changes are minor, with only three registered voters being affected, but they are cause for quite a bit of entry data and changes. Precinct two is now split along Tayloe Street, with one side being in Precinct 2,

See **Commissioners** page 8

## Hilderbran files for re-election to Texas House

Sonora - Texas State Representative for District 53, Harvey Hilderbran, Republican-Kerville, announced today that he has filed for re-election to the Texas House in the March ninth Republican Primary. District 53 includes Callahan, Coleman, Concho, Crockett, Llano, Kerr, Kimble, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Real, Runnels, San Saba, Schleicher, and Sutton Counties.

Rep. Hilderbran has served on a variety of legislative committees, including the House Committees on Public Health, Retirement & Aging, Human Services, Environmental Regulation, Land & Resource Management, State Recreational Resources, and Natural Resources. Rep.

See **Hilderbran** page 8

## Oscar Perez returns home, removes yellow ribbon



Oscar Perez, center, is surrounded by family and friends as he removes his yellow ribbon from the Old Oak Tree.

by Storie Sharp

The ribbon was faded and worn from weather, but it was still there for Oscar Perez to remove from the Old Oak Tree on Tuesday, January 6, 2004. Among family and friends in the biting cold, Oscar proudly took down his ribbon, signifying his safe return home. Oscar, a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School, was only home for a week before returning to Honolulu, Hawaii where he works as a Navy Military Police. He was previously aboard the attack aircraft carrier Bon Homme Richard (CVA 31) for a year and a half, taking part in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Oscar and his wife, Vanessa, will be in Hawaii until 2005. Oscar is the son of Oscar and Claudia Perez, Sr. and has one brother, Cody.

## Your help is needed for Sonora Speech Meet in February

The Sonora Speech and Academic Tournament will be held on Friday, February 6, and Saturday, February 7, 2004. The Sonora High School Speech Department needs judges! If you are interested in judging debate, persuasive speaking, informative speaking, poetry interpretation or prose interpretation, please contact Renee Casey at 387-6533.

## Downtown Lion's Club crowns new queen



(L-R) Brian Payton, 2nd Runner-up, Sara Baggett, Laramie Hall, 2004 Lion's Club Queen, Courtney Caruthers, Lion Frank Wamble, 1st Runner-up, Elizabeth Elliott and Trapper Valliant.

by Storie Sharp

The 2004 Sonora Downtown Lion's Club Queen Contest graced the stage at Sonora High School on Thursday, January 8, 2004. The 11 young ladies, chosen by the student body of Sonora High School, and their escorts began the evening with a catered meal. They were then led into the auditorium, where they were entertained with three musicians from Sonora High School, Connie Isenhour, Susanna Street, and MacKenzie Watkins. The Sonora Downtown Lions Club then gave a special presentation to outgoing Lion's Club Queen, Brea Hughes. Brea worked very hard for the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club this year, representing them superbly at many events, and always with a smile and gracious attitude. In addition to increasing the traditional Lion's Club Queen scholarship from \$250 to \$500, Brea received a bonus of \$500 for the outstanding job she did during her reign.


It was then time to introduce the 2004 Lion's Club Queen candidates. This year's young ladies, and their escorts were: Seniors: Elizabeth Elliott, escorted by Trapper Valliant, April Flores, escorted by Stevie Hernandez, Tamika Marshall, escorted

by Oscar Chavez, Cady Taylor, escorted by Scottie Moore and Laura Word, escorted by David Cook. Junior candidates and their escorts were: Sara Baggett, escorted by Brian Payton, Courtney Caruthers, escorted by Laramie Hall, Tara Green, escorted by Diego Cardona, Erica McClintock, escorted by Stetson Perez, Chelsea Seaton, escorted by Austin Wagoner and Amanda Word, escorted by Dustin Creek.

The judges for the event were Lions, Vice District Governor Joyce Downing, Ron Downing, Dorothy Cook, Past District Governor Oscar Cook, Elizabeth Garcia and Past District Governor Sabino Garcia. The young ladies were judged on overall appearance, poise, and a series of questions.

After much deliberation, Sara Baggett was named second runner up, Elizabeth Elliott was chosen as first runner up and Courtney Caruthers was crowned the 2004 Sonora Downtown Lion's Club Queen. Courtney, the daughter of Janice Caruthers and Bob Caruthers, is a junior at Sonora High School. She is active in cheerleading, rodeo, one-act play, track, UIL academics, and the National Honor Society.

**Lighthouse  
Community Church**  
"Where Community is our Middle Name"  
**Sunday Services**  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
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**Obituaries**  
**Andrew F. Moore**

Andrew F. Moore, 56, of Eldorado, Texas, passed away Sunday, January 11, 2004, in the Schleicher County Nursing home. Masonic graveside services were at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 14, 2004 in the Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Andy was a rancher, a member of the Masonic Lodge, and a lifetime resident of Sonora and Eldorado.

He is survived by his wife, Brenda Moore of Eldorado; a son, Dan Davis of Mineral Wells; two sisters, Angie Wright of San Antonio and Jodie Finklea of Sonora; a sister-in-law, Deb Lee and her husband Sam of Portales, New Mexico; and nieces and nephews including Deanna and Keith Wright of San Antonio, and Sammie and Cody Lee of Portales, New Mexico.

**Lelia Marie McDaniel**

Lelia Marie McDaniel, 79, of Ballinger, Texas, passed away Thursday, January 8, 2004, in San Angelo Community Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

The funeral service was at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, January 10, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Ballinger.

Lelia Marie was born on January 4, 1925, in a community called White Point, near Paint Rock, Texas, to Milburn and Beatrice Kendrick Holman. She married Hulan R. McDaniel on March 6, 1947.

She was a homemaker until the time of her death.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, H. R. McDaniel; her daughter, Barbara Harrison; and her son, David McDaniel.

She is survived by her son, Jesse Phillips of Mineral Wells; her son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Judy McDaniel of Sonora; and a daughter-in-law, Karen McDaniel of Ballinger. She also is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, L.M. and Delores Holman of Boerne; and a sister, Fannie Pearl Smith of Marshall, Arkansas, grandchildren, Gail Phillips of San Antonio, Scott Phillips of Austin, Lance Phillips of Weatherford, Lisa Caveness of Krum, Danna Boykin of Plano, Lee McDaniel of San Angelo, Julie McAfee of Ballinger, Bryan McDaniel of Burleson, Brandon McDaniel of Palm City, Florida, Bradley McDaniel of Lubbock and Brett McDaniel of Sonora. She is also survived by her grandchildren's spouses; six great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Ronnie Cox  
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Pharmacist**

**School Lunch Menu • Jan. 19 - Jan. 23, 2004**

**Breakfast**

**Mon.** - Staff Development Day. No school.  
**Tues.** - Muffin, oatmeal, assorted juice.  
**Wed.** - Cheese toast, assorted juice.  
**Thurs.** - Pancake on stick, assorted juice.  
**Fri.** - Cinnamon roll, orange wedges.

**Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.**

**Lunch**

**Mon.** - Staff Development. No school.  
**Tues.** - Chili dog, mustard, baked beans, fresh apple, cookie.  
**Wed.** - Beef & cheese nachos, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches.  
**Thurs.** - Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, steamed broccoli, orange Jell-o, biscuits.  
**Fri.** - Cheeseburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, pudding with topping.

**Senior Center News**

**Jan. 19** - Martin Luther King Jr. birthday. Center Closed!  
**Jan. 20** - City Council 2:00 p.m. City Hall.  
**Jan. 21** - Van to San Angelo! Medicals come first. 387-3941.  
**Jan. 22** - Chinese New Year!  
**Jan. 23** - Birthday Party for January Babies!

**Senior Center Menu**

**Jan. 19** - Martin Luther King Jr. birthday. Center closed.  
**Jan. 20** - BBQ chicken, beans, beets, pears with pineapple, rolls, chocolate chip cookie, milk.  
**Jan. 21** - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, cornbread, citrus fruit cup, milk.  
**Jan. 22** - Catfish, hominy, broccoli, corn muffins, bread pudding with raisins, milk.  
**Jan. 23** - Roast beef with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, coleslaw, roll, carrot cake, milk.

Lunch is served Monday thru Friday at 12:00 Noon.  
\$1.50 donation is suggested for those 60+ and \$4.00 for others.  
\*Menu is subject to change.\*

**Cards of Thanks**

We would like to say thank-you to everyone for their phone calls, cards and visits and prayers during the loss of my beloved sister Juanita H. Garcia. Thanks again for everything.

Gilbert, Jovita Muñoz and Family


In memory of my brother Eristeo P. Virgen, I want to thank each and every one of you for the cards, calls, visits and prayers. May God bless you all. I will always have you in my prayers.

Thank you,  
Juanita Gandar

**TEXAS TALES TOLD BY  
TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

**Sweetwater's Frugal Book Writer**

**Tumbleweed Smith**



Bettye Martin McRae of Sweetwater has written seven books. BRONC IN THE PARLOR was her first one.

"That's about my daddy who pulled all kinds of shenanigans while training horses," says Bettye. "He used to bring horses into our house to show how gentle they were. That turned into a trilogy, COW IN THE KITCHEN is about Mama getting back at Daddy. She realized a lifetime dream when she was cast in the movie, Semi-Tough. BATH IN A NUMBER THREE WASH-TUB is about my brother and me living on the farm 6 miles east of Sweetwater."

Bettye has lived on that place since 1991. "I try to live without much money like Mama and Daddy did. I lived for a year on less than \$300 a month just to see if I could do it. I didn't turn on my electric stove or anything. I cut my own wood for my wood-burning stove, which I cooked on during the winter. Then I cooked on the outside barbeque grill during the summer. I've got chickens and goats and deer. I eat a lot of venison. I bartered and traded everything I needed. And still I had time to go on trail rides with my mules and wagon."

Bettye has been an executive secretary and teacher, but found those jobs boring because they were within four walls. She likes outside work and has washed windows, done yard work and farmed. Although she has written since 1972, she got serious about writing in 1995.

"I ran away from the pioneer life when I was young. I wanted to be a runway model and wanted to see the world. I was a John Robert Powers model at the Apparel Mart in Dallas, married a military man and saw the world."


She was a displaced housewife living in Garland when she decided to move back to the home place. "There were things happening in the big city that I didn't like, so I packed up and left. My daughter is living with me now. She's working on her Ph.D." Bettye does her own book printing and binding. Her latest book, WELLNESS WALK YE IN IT, is an ebook, which can be read on computers. It's about her recovery from an illness. "They wanted to put me in a wheel chair in 1974 and I didn't have time for that. I had a houseful of kids to raise. I began journaling, writing about how I felt after eating certain things. I started seeing a pattern and discovered that if I ate certain things I got sick. Now I'm 70 years old and have no aches and pains. At 41, they told me it was just my age that was making me feel bad. I thought something was wrong with that. Writing cured me."

Her other books are TEXAS TAWLK, about phrases and witticisms she grew up with, the first version of WELLNESS WALK YE IN IT, then THE LADDER OF SUCCESS IS STRUNG WITH BARBED WIRE, containing some of her newspaper columns. Cartoonist Ace Reid illustrated her first four books. She's now working on a book about mules. She uses mules to plow.

All her stories are true.  
"The truth, well told, is always better than fiction."

**Birthday**

Elvis and Priscilla Presley offer red roses and a Happy 27<sup>th</sup> Birthday wish to



Michelle Martinez  
Rosa's Casita Restaurant, Eldorado

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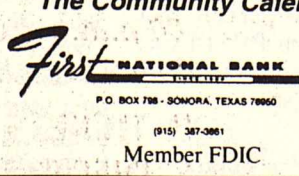
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**Community Calendar**

<b>Jan. 20</b> City Council Meeting 2:00 p.m. • City Hall	<b>Jan. 26</b> County Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.
<b>Jan. 21</b> Community Art Show 4:30 p.m. • The Bank & Trust	<b>Feb. 10</b> Daddy/Daughter Date Night 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. 4-H Civic Center
<b>Jan. 22</b> American Cancer Society Relay for Life Meeting Sutton County Steakhouse • Noon	

*The Community Calendar*



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## Ask the Historical Society

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

**Q.** Do you have any information on the death of Charles Elizabeth Beasley?

**A.** Charles Elizabeth Beasley, according to her death certificate, died on September 1, 1917, from Tubercular Interitis. Her place of death is listed as Sonora and place of burial, Red Water, Texas. H. R. Wardlaw was her physician and B. F. Bellows the undertaker.

In the USGenWeb Archives there is an article written by Mamie Lee Beasley Harkins, the daughter of Charles Elizabeth Torrans Beasley. In this article she states that, "Mother lived to be a widow 21 years and died the 1st day of Sept., 1917, in Sonora, Sutton Co., Texas at your Aunt Betties and they shipped her back and Bueryed her be side Pa at Red Springs Texas rite near Redwater, the semetry is in the red river arsenal now." On another page she states that, "She was Born in Arkansas near little Rock. The 9th day of November, 1861. Her name is Charles Elizabeth Tarants. Her Fathers name was Charles Tarrant. Her Mothers Nancy Baldree. And her Father owned a Big Plantation and a lot of Negras. And Uncle Lumb was 5 years older than Aunt Etta and Aunt Etta was 5 years older than Mother I don't know the date of their bearth, but Mothers Father was shot in the war and Died just 2 weeks before Mother was Born. He wrote grand Ma a letter and I saw that letter when I was 11 years old. And he tolde Grandmother if the Baby was a boy name him Charles if a girl Elezebeth. So that is the reason she is Charles Elezebeth. When Ma was 4 years old grand Ma got married agon. The slaves had stayed with her and took care of everything. And did as long as she lived. When Ma was 6 grand Ma had twin boys they called John and his Fathers name was Standifer and a Girl. They named her Nellie and I saw them both when I was 12. When Ma was 9 grand Ma had another childe and it ans she both died."

These letters were typed exactly the way that Mamie Lee Beasley Harkins had written them. There are over 5 pages and you can almost hear this woman speaking. She writes exactly what she thinks. A few of her statements show the prejudices of the times but she is quite honest in her writing. She even admits that "GrandPa joined the Union and went to War a ganst the South and wasn't in very long tell he was



The Issac Smith family.

taken prisoner. And Bush whackers stole every thing they had. And burned their house Barn and all out buildings...they went to Jefferson City and stayed there until the war was over."

This family was related to the Long and Clendennen families in Sutton County. If anyone has a copy of Charles Elizabeth Beasley's obituary please share a copy with the society. Call me if you would like to visit some great sites on the Beasley family and their related lines.

We didn't have any other questions this week so we will take a look at the Devil's River News of January 18, 1913-E. S. Briant was presiding over Commissioners Court and, aside from an expenditure to E. C. Saunders, no other business came before the special session of the court.

The First National Bank had it's annual meeting and the following old directors were re-elected to office: D. J. Wyatt, Will Whitehead, Geo. S. Allison, W. L. Aldwell, E. F. Vander Stucken, E. E. Sawyer. The directors re-elected the officers as follows: W. L. Aldwell, president; E. F. Vander Stucken, vice president; Roy E. Aldwell, assistant cashier.

The children of the late Victoria Miers thanked the neighbors of Mrs. Savell and friends for the kind attention offered and administered during and prior to her demise.

S.C. Potter had lumber on the ground for a new residence in West Sonora. Joe Berger the contractor had the job.

Miss Estie Adams celebrated her eighth birthday on January 11th with Loueline Fowler, Katheline Fowler, Oria Chalk, George Chalk, Emma Word, Vesta Worrell, Della Halbert, William Fields, Mary Fields, Mora Stokes, Juanna Stokes, Ben L. Wheat, Millard Cope, Benj. Bellows, Jossie

Mae Bellows, Hazel Whitehead, Clara Newell, Gertrude North, Amanda Eastland, Una Mae Ross, Jamie McGonigil, Johnnie Stanley, E. Fields, Violet Stanley, Rose Word, Mattie Martin, Gussie Worell and Mrs. R. H. Chalk in attendance. (Typed as spelled in the paper.)

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cole had a baby boy on January 10th. There was a serious epidemic of la grippe all over the county and many people are sick.

J. C. Wilson was in town visiting his son Will; Pat Lee and his wife were in town vjsting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dock Simmons; B. B. Dunbar and Tom Sandherr came up from the Dunbar ranch 12 miles south of Sonora on a visit to town.

Rick and I had four workers at the old ice house this Saturday: two locals and two young men from out of town. The men from out of town had visited the museum and depot and asked us about the old ice house. When they saw what we were doing they volunteered to pitch in on Saturday morning as they thought it was great that a small town was trying to save such a large old building and turn it into a museum. They greatly admired the work done on the Miers Home Museum and the fact that we had turned our railroad depot into a building for meetings and weddings. They had many words of praise for the people of Sutton County and their preservation of their heritage. They had toured the Sutton County Courthouse and were also quite impressed with that preservation project. They weren't the first to praise all the work done in our area on his-toric preservation but they were the first to actually pick up a

sledge hammer and pitch in on one of our projects. They really enjoyed helping us rip out some of the late 30's through 1960's additions in the icehouse and think it is great we are trying to get it back to what it looked like when it was built back in the late 1920's.

We will be working on the building again this Saturday. Bring a hammer, crowbar, sledge hammer or screw drivers and willing muscles and help us out. This building is going to house your history, your heritage. Some of us have worked every Saturday for almost a year now and could use some help; our tired old muscles are starting to give out. That is a huge building and we can't do it all alone. The officers of the Sutton County Historical Society do not receive any type of salary. We are all volunteers, and so are the members of our families that work on our projects. We enjoy being able to give back to our community and don't mind the hard work involved. We just need a few more people to volunteer to help us out on this large project.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history or would like to make reservations for the San Angelo Symphony performance to be held on March 19th at the Sonora High School or make reservations to the dinner before it at the Civic Center, give us a call at 387-5084 on Monday or Friday mornings or call me at home at 387-2855 almost any day but Saturday. That is ice house work day. You may also e-mail questions to schs@sonor-ratx.net, or just stop by the office at 307 Oak Street, right next to the Miers Home Museum, on my volunteer days.

### Happy Birthday

- January 15**  
Trey Wardlaw, Gary Hardgrave, Patti Harlan
- January 16**  
Glynn Del Glasscock, Nancy McAngus, Austin Herd, Dana Young, Edward Mata, Jr., Karen Fincher,
- January 17**  
David Wallace, Felipe Estrada, Tina Watkins, Ruben Garza, Lisa Slaton
- January 18**  
Alexis Aguirre, Allanna Aguirre, Richard Ridgeway, Jed Leal, Rose Karnes, Rene Vasquez, Colby Savell, Kent McAnally
- January 19**  
Thomas Hanson, Abb Smith, Keith Wallace, John Lopez, Sr.
- January 20**  
Erin Payton, Cindy Feagin, Jesse Burreis, Rusty Garner
- January 21**  
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### Chamber Chatter

## Devil's River Trail Ride to debut in Sonora; Saddle Up!



by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

We wanted to give you a little information about the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Devil's River Trail Ride. Locals are invited to participate in the Trail Ride. You can participate in all or part of the trail ride without paying a registration fee, if you register before February 2, 2004. The easiest way to register is to do it online by going to [www.sanangelorodeo.com](http://www.sanangelorodeo.com) and clicking on the "Trail Ride" icon. The Devil's River Trail Ride will begin here in Sonora, on Tuesday, February 17, 2004. You do not have to be a registered participant in the trail ride to attend any or all of the events that will be taking place at the Sutton County Park & Civic Center.

Tuesday evening, beginning at 6:00 p.m., the West Texas Championship Cook-Off Committee will be selling BBQ plates with all the fixin's, and the Sonora Chamber of Commerce will have some good ole' western entertainment for all the guests.

On Wednesday morning at 6:30 a.m., the Sonora Downtown Lion's Club will be serving breakfast at the Sutton

County Park, and at 8:15 a.m., the wagons, drivers and riders will depart from Sonora, heading north on Highway 277 to the Sutton County-Schleicher County line to break for a sack lunch that has been prepared for them by the Dee Ora Masonic Lodge of Sonora.

Most of the registered participants in the trail ride will be participating in all of these events and will be purchasing the tickets to each event in a single packet in advance. The Trail Riders will spend Wednesday night in Eldorado with similar events taking place there, then proceed to Christoval on Thursday, and Fort Concho in San Angelo on Friday, with meals and events taking place in each community along the way. All participants of the Devil's River Trail Ride are encouraged to participate in the San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Parade on Saturday morning, February 21, 2004. The line-up for the parade will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the parade will begin to roll at 10:00 a.m. For more information please call the Sonora Chamber of Commerce office or visit any of Sonora's five motels.

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# Community Art Show

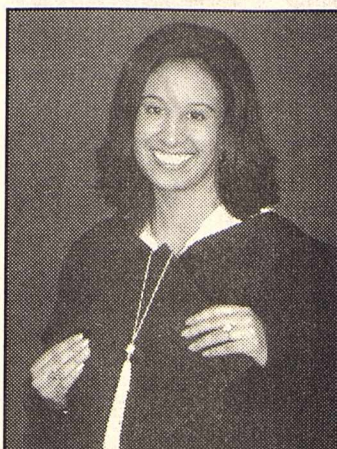
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## Kimberly Bustamante graduates from Baylor University



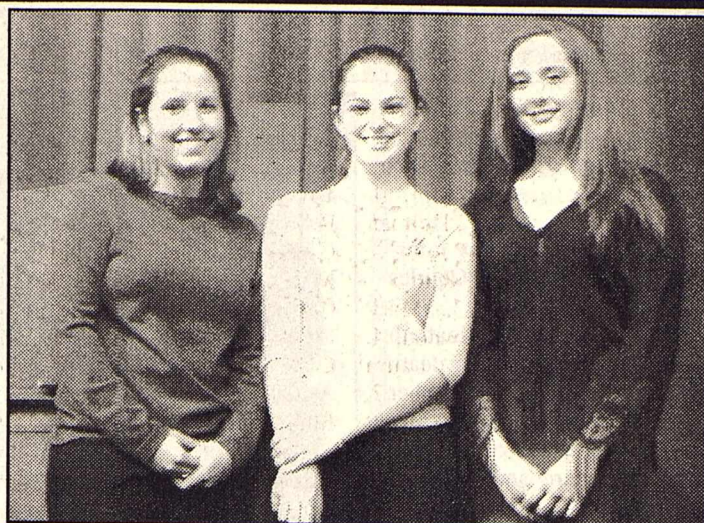
Kimberly Bustamante

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Kimberly Bustamante, SHS class of 1999, was among approximately 813 students that received degrees during the fall commencement exercises at Baylor University on Saturday, December 20, 2003.

Kimberly received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Bio-Chemistry. She is now employed by Allergan, in Waco, Texas.

Kimberly is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bustamante.



## Bronco Trio to perform at Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Community Art Show

by Ann Kay, Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street and The Bank & Trust of Sutton County would like to invite everyone to an evening of fine arts. We will be honoring the community artists in the lobby of The Bank & Trust from January 21-26, 2004.

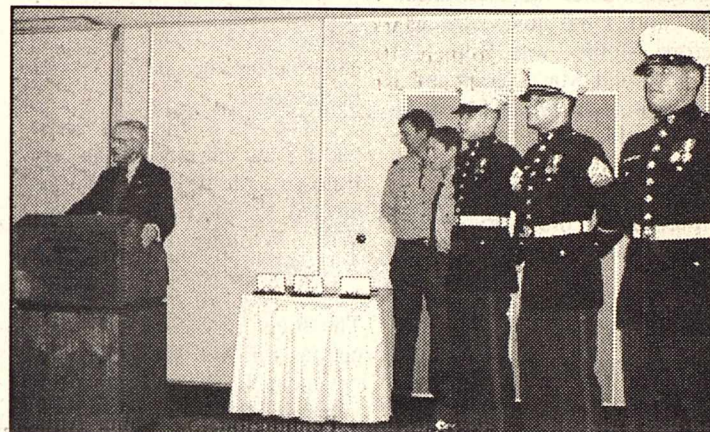
The evening will begin by spotlighting three of our Sonora High School musicians, Connie Isenhour, Susanna Street, and MacKenzie Watkins. The trio will add a musical touch to the evening, playing the piano, flute and bass clarinet for visitors' listening enjoyment.

The FHS Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to the artists who have agreed to share their talents with the community, and we are very happy to welcome our guests from Del Rio, Texas, as well.

Thanks to The Bank & Trust, KHOS Radio, and The Devil's River News for their support in all the programs and activities they help to bring to Sonora.

Mark your calendar today to visit the FHS Main Street Community Art Show at The Bank & Trust to experience fine art in action on Wednesday, January 21, 2004, from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

## Paris Boy Scout with Sonora roots takes part in Court of Honor



Pictured from left to right are Ambassador to France Howard H. Leach, Scout Master - Lt. Col. John Cottam, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader - Samuel Pogue and the U.S. Marine Corps Honor Guard.

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The Troop 112 Boy Scout 50th Anniversary Dinner and Court of Honor was held Saturday, January 10, 2004 in Paris, France. Samuel Pogue, the grandson of Mallie and Jeanette Turner of Sonora, was an important part of the evening.

In the absence of the Senior Patrol Leader, who could not attend, Samuel was appointed as the acting Senior Patrol Leader for the day's meeting and the evening event. His duty was to escort the Ambassador from the hotel entrance to the banquet hall and then assist in the presentation of the Eagle Scout awards. Much to his relief, Samuel did not have to say anything, and he had plenty of help from the Secret Service detail attached to the Ambassador.

Samuel then assisted with the actual ceremony for the scouts getting their Eagle Scout Awards. Three scouts received the rank of Eagle Scout, but Samuel probably will not get his Eagle Scout rank until next year.

The United States Marine Corp was there to post and retire the colors. At the end of the meal a tremendous cake, that one of the Boy Scout dads ordered from Belgium, was cut with a sword.

Samuel and his parents, Debbie and Perry Pogue, and his sister Katie, call The Woodlands in Houston, Texas, home, but currently reside in Paris.

## Railroad Commission calls for safety first with gas logs

AUSTIN \*\* With Winter weather continuing its descent upon the Lone Star State, the Texas Railroad Commission offers the following safety tips for Texans enjoying the cozy warmth of propane gas logs this winter.

"Many Texans have chosen the convenience of propane gas logs so they can enjoy a cozy fire at the flip of a switch," said Railroad Commission Chairman Victor G. Carrillo. "It's important to remember to switch off the logs when you leave the room for an extended period. And remember to turn off the logs before you go to sleep."

Even though gas log owners no longer have to stack firewood or clean out the fireplace ashes, gas-fired logs do require some maintenance.

"Have a trained technician install the units and schedule a regular maintenance checkup at the start of the heating season," said Commissioner Charles R. Matthews. "The checkup should include cleaning the burner and control compartments as well as checking all the components for proper operation."

Gas logs may be vented or unvented. Unvented units do not have a chimney or flue. According to the U.S. Department of Energy, unvented gas heaters are gaining in popu-

larity, because they are relatively inexpensive, easy to install and efficient.

"Consumers should be aware of whether their gas logs are vented or unvented. If the logs are vented, ensure the fireplace is designed for actual use, not just for decoration. Inspect it to be sure that it has adequate protective linings and smoke ducts and that the chimney is clear and in good repair," said Commissioner Michael L. Williams.

Ventless heaters are easier to install, but they can pose a health hazard since they deplete the oxygen level of the rooms and may produce some carbon monoxide (CO). They also produce water vapor, which can cause problems when they operate often and/or for long periods, especially in a "tight" home. Newer models of ventless heaters come with an oxygen depletion sensor that will automatically turn off the unit if the oxygen drops below a specified level.

As the state's chief energy agency, the Commission is in charge of propane safety for the State of Texas.

For more information on how to stay warm safely with propane this winter, call the Railroad Commission's Alternative Fuels Division at (800) 64-CLEAR.

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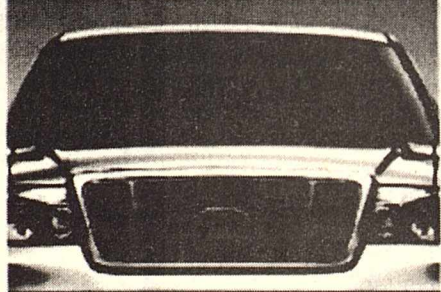
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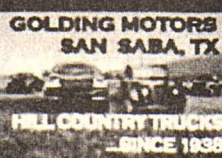


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## Livestock Show from page 1

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Meredith Earwood

**Class No. 3 Commercial Aged Doe**  
1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Laura Martin, 4. Mark Holman, 5. Mark Holman

**Class No. 4 Registered Buck Kid**  
1. Laura Martin, 2. Mark Holman, 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Emily Earwood, 5. Laura Martin, 6. Mark Holman, 7. Meredith Earwood, 8. Garrett Watkins, 9. Cash Jennings, 10. Cash Jennings, 11. Hunter Jennings, 12. Hunter Jennings, 13. Meredith Earwood

**Class No. 5 Registered Yearling Buck**  
1. Emily Earwood, 2. John Duke Hudson, 3. Meredith Earwood, 4. John Duke Hudson, 5. Word Hudson, 6. Word Hudson, 7. Cash Jennings, 8. Laura Martin, 9. Mark Holman, 10. Laura Martin

**Class No. 6 Registered Aged Buck**  
1. Meredith Earwood, 2. Emily Earwood, 3. Laura Martin, 4. Laura Martin, 5. Cash Jennings

**Class No. 7 Registered Doe Kid**  
1. Laura Martin, 2. Meredith Earwood, 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Laura Martin, 5. Meredith Earwood, 6. Emily Earwood, 7. Cash Jennings, 8. Kelsey Watkins, 9. Hunter Jennings, 10. Dustin Neff, 11. Cash Jennings, 12. Mark Holman, 13. Mark Holman, 14. Hunter Jennings

**Class No. 8 Registered Yearling Doe**  
1. Emily Earwood, 2. Laura Martin, 3. Meredith Earwood, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Emily Earwood, 6. Laura Martin, 7. Kelsey Watkins, 8. Mark Holman, 9. Mark Holman, 10. Hunter Jennings, 11. Cash Jennings

**Class No. 9 Registered Aged Doe**  
1. Emily Earwood, 2. Meredith Earwood, 3. Emily Earwood, 4. Meredith Earwood, 5. Cash Jennings, 6. Hunter Jennings, 7. Kelsey Watkins, 8. Laura Martin, 9. Mark Holman, 10. Mark Holman, 11. Laura Martin

**Market Lamb Division Finewool Lambs**

**Class No. 1 Light Weight 100-111**  
1. Dustin Neff, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Savannah Leonard, 4. Zachary Leonard, 5. Savannah Leonard, 6. Brea Hughes, 7. Zachary Leonard, 8. Chelsey Lou Campbell

**Class No. 2 Middle Weight 113-123**  
1. Steely Ingham, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Brea Hughes, 4. Garrett Bawcom, 5. Steely Ingham, 6. Zachary Leonard, 7. Stella Ingham, 8. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 9. Chance Campbell

**Class No. 3 Heavy Weight 125-132**  
1. Steely Ingham, 2. Brandy Neff, 3. Chance Campbell, 4. Craig Leonard, 5. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 6. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 7. Chance Campbell, 8. Chance Campbell

**Class No. 4 Light Weight 103-112**  
1. Craig Leonard, 2. Garrett Bawcom, 3. Garrett Bawcom, 4. Craig Leonard, 5. Savannah Leonard

**Class No. 5 Middle Weight 112-119**  
1. Brea Hughes, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Garrett Bawcom, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Steely Ingham, 6. Dustin Neff, 7. Savannah Leonard, 8. Garrett Bawcom

**Class No. 6 Heavy Weight 126-137**  
1. Garrett Bawcom, 2. Steely Ingham, 3. Brea Hughes, 4. Steely Ingham, 5. Brandy Neff, 6. Brandy Neff, 7. Dustin Neff, 8. Steely Ingham, 9. Brandy Neff

**Market Goat Division**

**Class No. 1 (19 head)**  
1. Dustin Neff, 2. Kylie Johnson, 3. Raynnie Lockaby, 4. Sidney Dermody, 5. Kaija Valkonen, 6. Allyse Edmondson, 7. Paul Faz, 8. Hanna Allison, 9. Tyler Edmondson, 10. Kylie Johnson, 11. Kaija Valkonen, 12. Ty Love, 13. Laura Word, 14. Tyler Edmondson, 15. Tyler Edmondson, 16. Allyse Edmondson, 17. Tyler Edmondson, 18. Serena Allison, 19. Allyse Edmondson

**Class No. 2 (16 head)**  
1. Word Hudson, 2. Hunter Jennings, 3. Stella Ingham, 4. Macie Friess, 5. John Duke Hudson, 6. Colyer Dermody, 7. Madison Myers, 8. Chance Campbell, 9. Madison Myers,

10. Mandy Brister, 11. Serena Allison, 12. Kaija Valkonen, 13. Hilton Bloodworth, 14. Marcie Parks, 15. Hilton Bloodworth, 16. Rose Karnes

**Class No. 3 (18 Head)**  
1. Brandy Neff, 2. Gunter Pennington, 3. Kylie Love, 4. Gunter Pennington, 5. Stephani Morriss, 6. Sidney Dermody, 7. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 8. Alex Lang, 9. Ethan Morriss, 10. Colyer Dermody, 11. Hanna Allison, 12. Mandy Brister, 13. Ethan Morriss, 14. Mandy Brister, 15. Marcie Parks, 16. Raynnie Lockaby, 17. Justyn Gray, 18. Hilton Bloodworth

**Class No. 4 (17 head)**  
1. Colton Moore, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Bailey Joe Pennington, 4. Chance Campbell, 5. Cash Jennings, 6. Hunter Jennings, 7. Macie Friess, 8. John Duke Hudson, 9. Mandy Brister, 10. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 11. Dustin Neff, 12. Cash Jennings, 13. Rose Karnes, 14. Kylie Love, 15. Kaija Valkonen, 16. Cash Jennings, 17. Kody Word

**Class No. 5 (21 head)**  
1. Word Hudson, 2. John Duke Hudson, 3. Cash Jennings, 4. Dustin Neff, 5. Bailey Joe Pennington, 6. Bailey Joe Pennington, 7. Maddie Lang, 8. Mandy Brister, 9. Stephani Morriss, 10. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 11. Sterling Love, 12. Kylie Love, 13. Chance Campbell, 14. Hunter Jennings, 15. Serena Allison, 16. Sheryl Strauch, 17. Madison Myers, 18. Hanna Allison, 19. Cadesman Pope, 20. Macie Friess, 21. Cash Jennings

**Class No. 6 (21 head)**  
1. John Duke Hudson, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Dustin Neff, 4. Colyer Dermody, 5. Dustin Neff, 6. Stella Ingham, 7. Cadesman Pope, 8. Shane Love, 9. Ty Love, 10. Chelsey Lou Campbell, 11. Mandy Brister, 12. Word Hudson, 13. Ethan Morriss, 14. Cash Jennings, 15. Madison Myers, 16. Paul Faz, 17. Hilton Bloodworth, 18. Rose Karnes

**Class No. 7 (20 head)**  
1. Brandy Neff, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Bailey Joe Pennington, 4. Gunter Pennington, 5. Hanna Allison, 6. Word Hudson, 7. Chance Campbell, 8. Maddie Lang, 9. Gunter Pennington, 10. Sheryl Strauch, 11. Cadesman Pope, 12. Paul Faz, 13. Paul Faz, 14. Shane Love, 15. Kaija Valkonen, 16. Sidney Dermody, 17. Rose Karnes, 18. John Duke Hudson, 19. Sheryl Strauch

**Class No. 8 (19 head)**  
1. Steely Ingham, 2. Colton Moore, 3. Brandy Neff, 4. Steely Ingham, 5. Stella Ingham, 6. Stella Ingham, 7. Steely Ingham, 8. Word Hudson, 9. Stella Ingham, 10. Hanna Allison, 11. Colyer Dermody, 12. Stephani Morriss, 13. Macie Friess, 14. Cadesman Pope, 15. Brandy Neff, 16. Justyn Gray, 17. Shane Love, 18. Sidney Dermody, 19. Steely Ingham

**Class No. 9 (17 head)**  
1. Brandy Neff, 2. Bailey Joe Pennington, 3. Sterling Love, 4. Stephani Morriss, 5. Ty Love, 6. John Duke Hudson, 7. Steely Ingham, 8. Colton Moore, 9. Gunter Pennington, 10. Dustin Neff, 11. Steely Ingham, 12. Stella Ingham, 13. Macie Friess, 14. Serena Allison, 15. Cadesman Pope, 16. Hunter Jennings, 17. Alex Lang

**Market Swine Division**

**Class No. 1 Light Weight 160-193**  
1. Paul Faz, 2. Dustin Neff, 3. Stephani Morriss, 4. Andy Galindo, 5. John Duke Hudson, 6. Allison Higdon, 7. Brandy Neff, 8. Kate Higdon

**Class No. 2 Middle Weight 200-207**  
1. Colyer Dermody, 2. Cadesman Pope, 3. Mandy Brister, 4. Blake Esparza, 5. Clayton Parks, 6. Cadesman Pope, 7. Word Hudson

**Class No. 3 Light Heavy Weight 208-227**  
1. Sidney Dermody, 2. Brea Hughes, 3. Gunter Pennington, 4. Kaija Valkonen, 5. Adrianna Faz, 6. Madeline Higdon, 7. Aaron Nitsch

**Class No. 4 Heavy Weight 230-268**  
1. Word Hudson, 2. Ethan Morriss, 3. Pecos Roberts, 4. Bailey Joe Pennington, 5. Kylie Love, 6. John Duke Hudson, 7. Aaron Nitsch

**Exhibition Heifers**  
1. Kyla Turney

**Exhibition Steers**  
1. Brea Hughes



## Not just a "fish tale", Parks named Youth Angler of the Year

Clayton Parks, member of the Permian Bass Club in Odessa, Texas, was the 2003 Youth Angler of the Year. Clayton had a total weight of 13.92 lbs., all of which were caught in Lake Amistad tournaments throughout the year. Clayton, a fourth grader at Sonora Elementary, is the son of Marty and Cathy Parks.

## Basketball Broncos prepare for District with win against Junction

*by Maray Cearley*  
The Sonora Broncos manhandled the Junction Eagles 61 to 34 last week, as they prepare to start District action next week. The Broncos were led by Sophomore, Brett McDaniel, with a season high of 25 points and 13 rebounds. Chris Martin had 12 points and six assists, most of which went to the 6'3" McDaniel from down low. Trapper Valliant and Austin Wagoner had nine and seven points respectively. Clint Cearley had four, and Dustin Creek and Embre Smith each added two. The Broncos will head into District against the ever-tough, Wall Hawks, with a record of 5-4. Sonora is led offensively by Valliant, who is averaging 14 points a game. McDaniel and Martin are each averaging 10 points and Cearley follows with an average of nine. Come out and support the Broncos during their quest for a District title.

## Lady Colts 8th grade girls play hard at Wall Tournament

*by Bill Dempsey*  
The 8th Girls went to Wall Friday 1/9/04 to play in their annual basketball tournament. The Lady Colts played Ballinger the first round and lost 37 to 19. Our girls played one of their best games this season. Scoring was Heather Hughes 13, Kimble Luna 2, Emily Earwood 2, and Kayla Garcia 2. Sonora then played the Wall B team, defeating them 15-10. Scoring for Sonora was Kimble Luna 6, Heather Hughes 3, Laura Martin 2, and Emily Earwood 2.

## Reagan County shoots past 8th grade Lady Colts at home

*by Bill Dempsey*  
The Sonora 8th Girls played Reagan County at home on Monday, January 12, 2004. The girls played hard and never gave up but the score was 16-32, with the victory going to Reagan County. Scoring for the Lady Colts were Heather Hughes 8, Kimble Luna 5, Kayla Garcia 2, Chelsea Martinez 1. We shot 50% from the charity line, but we got to the line 4 times to R.C. 22 times. Their post girls scored 22 of their points mainly off rebounds. We played Eldorado at home Monday, January 19.

## Lady Colts 7th grade Basketball

**Wall tournament 4th place**  
**January 8-10, 2004**  
**Sonora- 19 Wall-8**  
Azeneth Villanueva- 9  
Savannah Leonard- 8  
Tanya Adams- 2  
**Sonora- 16 Eldorado- 25**  
Savannah Leonard- 7  
Azeneth Villanueva- 5  
Steely Ingham- 4  
**Sonora- 15 Brady- 26**  
Azeneth Villanueva- 11

**January 12, 2004, at home**  
**Sonora- 38 Reagan Co.- 13**  
Savannah Leonard-16,  
Steely Ingham- 10, Azeneth Villanueva- 5, Tanya Adams- 4, Kaitlyn Henderson- 2, Loren Isenhour- 1  
The team played very well. Loren Isenhour and Azeneth Villanueva had many assists.

## Don't Miss Little Dribblers

Sonora City League would like to remind everyone of the beginning of the Little Dribblers program for 2004. Any students interested in playing can pick up an enrollment form from the school or at the Devon Energy office in the Mercantile Building on Main St. The cost will be \$20.00 per player. Enrollment form & money must be turned in before your child can participate. Enrollment form & money may be turned in at the group practice. The group practices will be held on Saturday, Jan 17th for both divisions as follows:  
3rd and 4th grade practice at the High School practice gym girls - 12:45 p.m. and boys - 2:00 p.m.  
5th and 6th grade at the Jr. High gym girls - 8:45 a.m. and boys - 10:30 a.m.  
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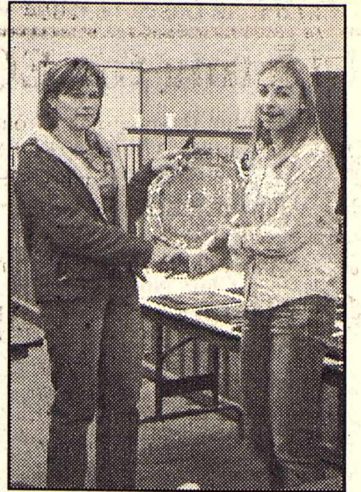
Lee Bloodworth, presents the B. M. Halbert Award for Grand Champion Angora Goat to Meredith Earwood.



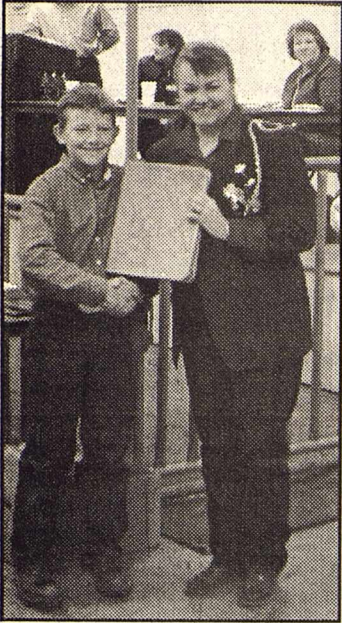
Champion Registered Angora Goat - Meredith Earwood (Lt.)  
Res. Champion Registered Angora Goat - Emily Earwood (Rt)



Champion Commercial Angora Goat - Garrett Watkins (Lt.)  
Res. Champion Commercial Angora Goat - Laura Martin



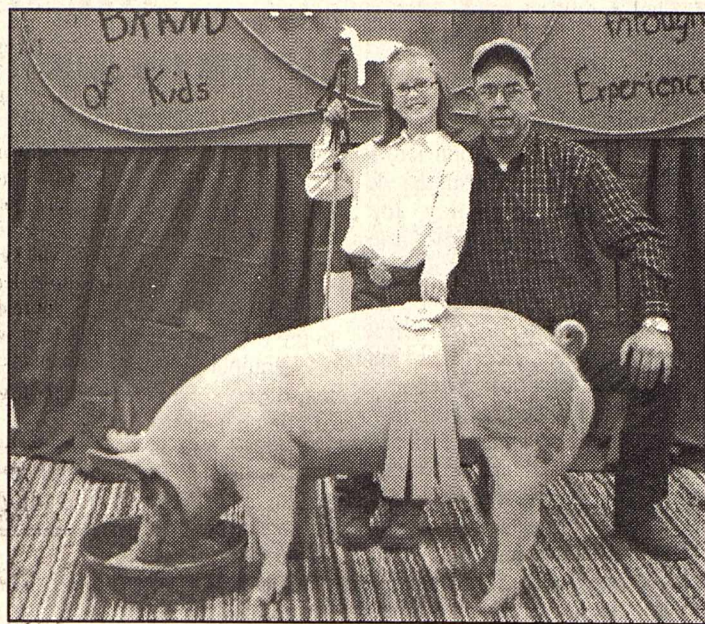
Julie Martin presents the Bill & Betty Stewart, Reserve Grand Champion Angora Goat award to Emily Earwood.



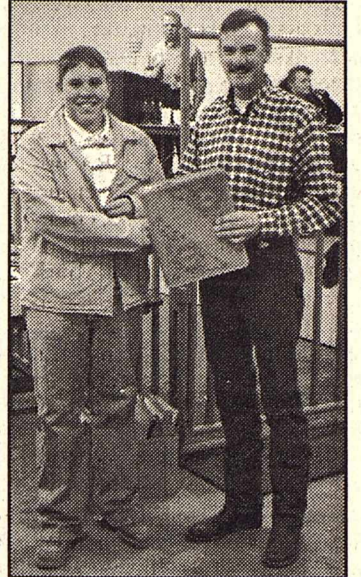
Janalyn Jones present the Meat Goat Division, Junior Showmanship award to Bailey Joe Pennington



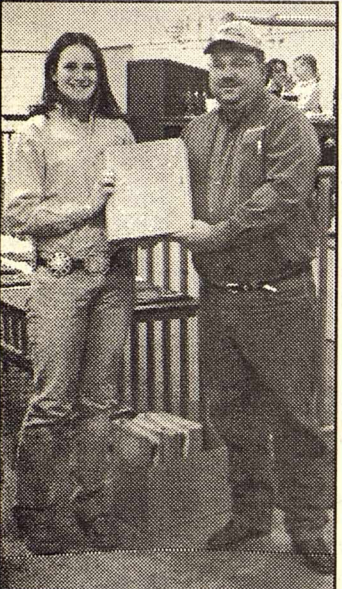
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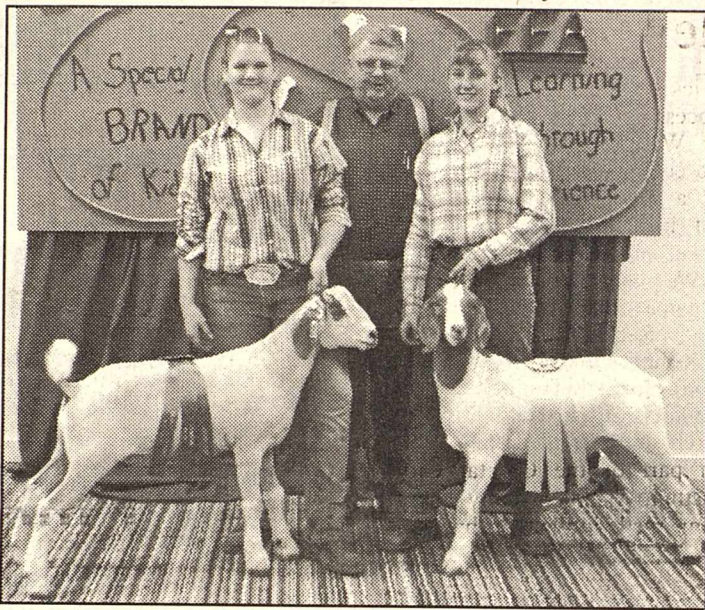
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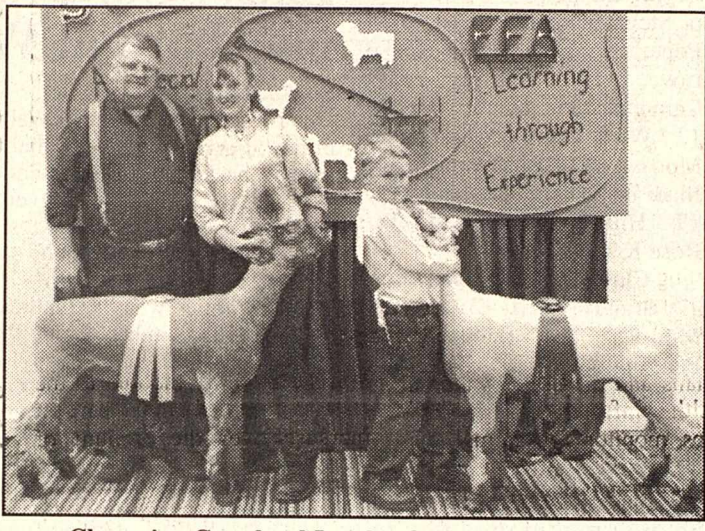
Edward Earwood presents the Angora Goat Division, Senior Showmanship award to Garrett Watkins.



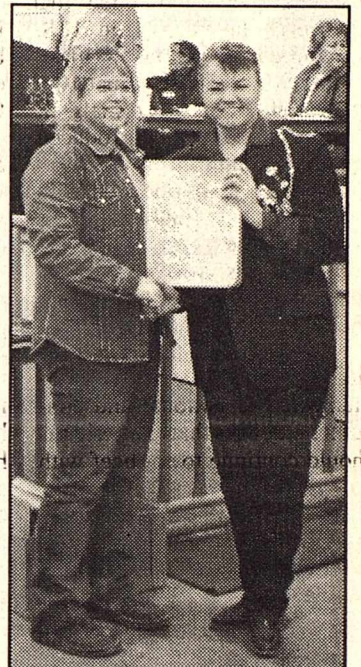
Jack Smith presents the Market Lamb Division, Senior Showmanship award to Brea Hughes. Brea also won the Swine Division, Senior Showmanship award.



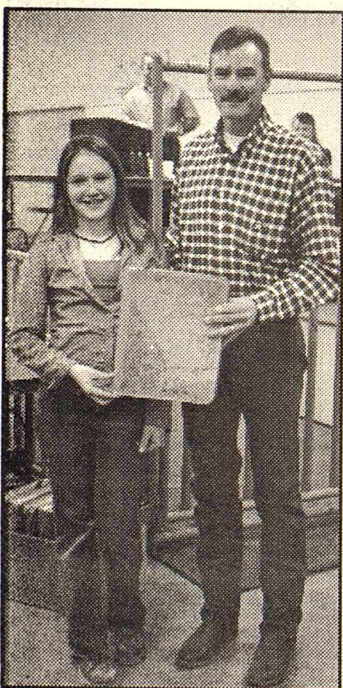
Champion Meat Goat - Brandy Neff (Lt.)  
Reserve Champion Meat Goat - Steely Ingham (Rt.)



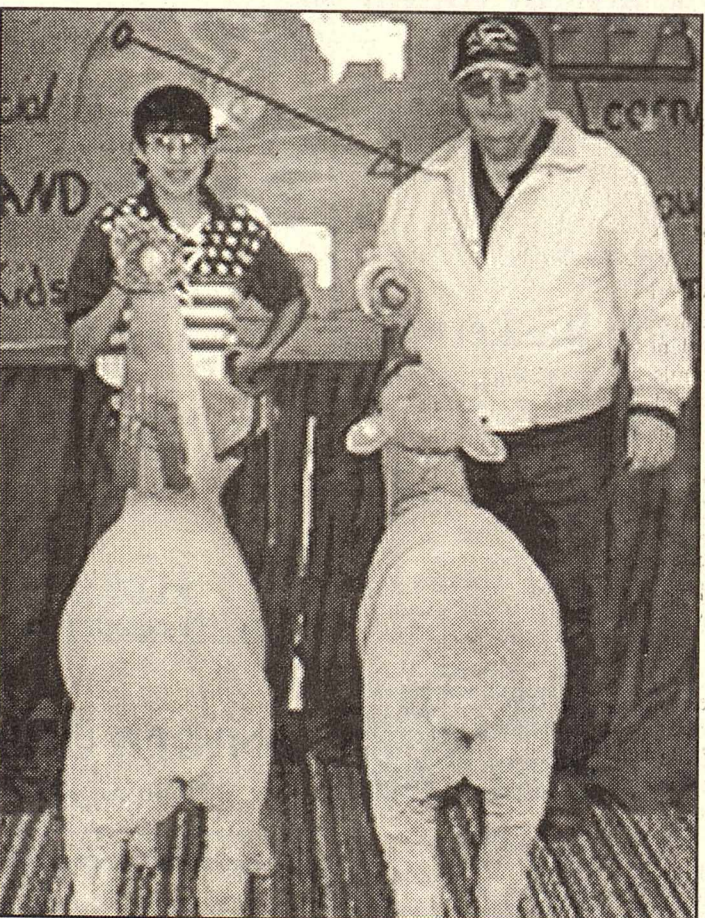
Champion Crossbred Lamb - Garrett Bawcom (Rt)  
Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb - Steely Ingham (Lt.)



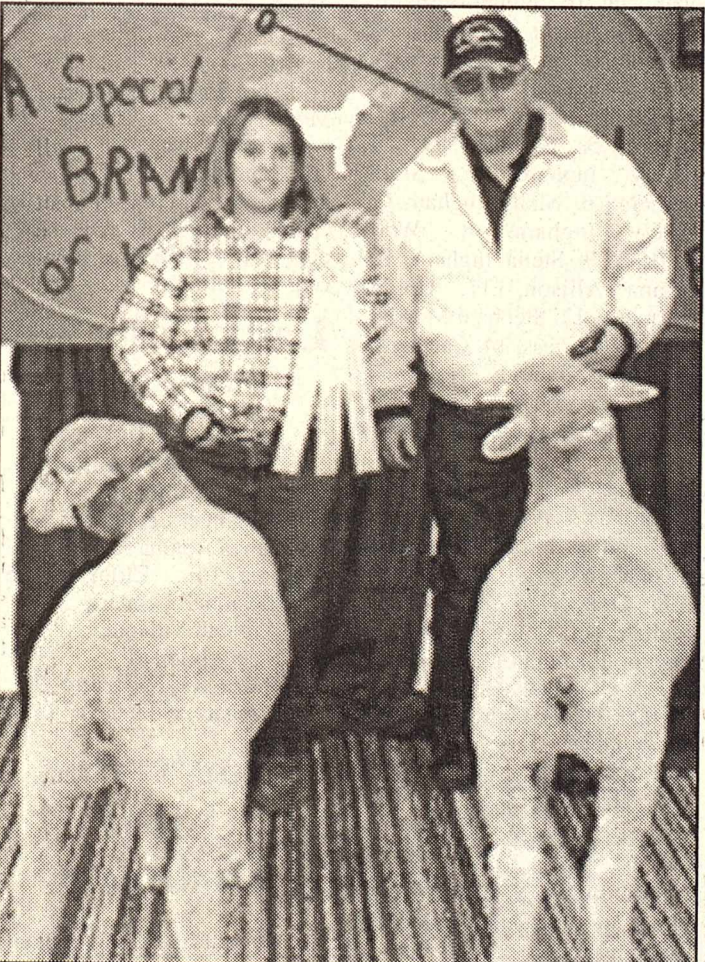
Janalyn Jones presents the Meat Goat Division, Senior Showmanship award to Hanna Allison.



Edward Earwood presents the Angora Goat Division, Junior Showmanship award to Laura Martin.



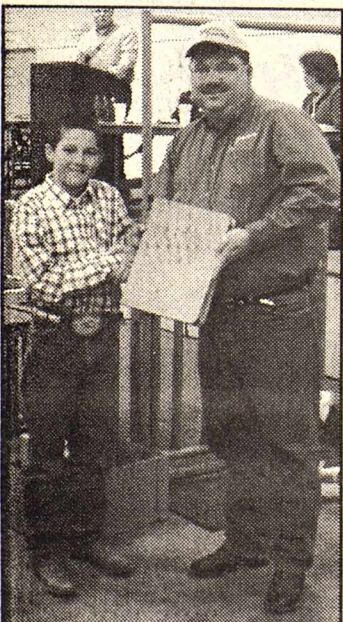
Champion Futurity Ewe Lamb Pair - Mandy Brister



Res. Champion Futurity Ewe Lamb Pair - Kaija Valkonen



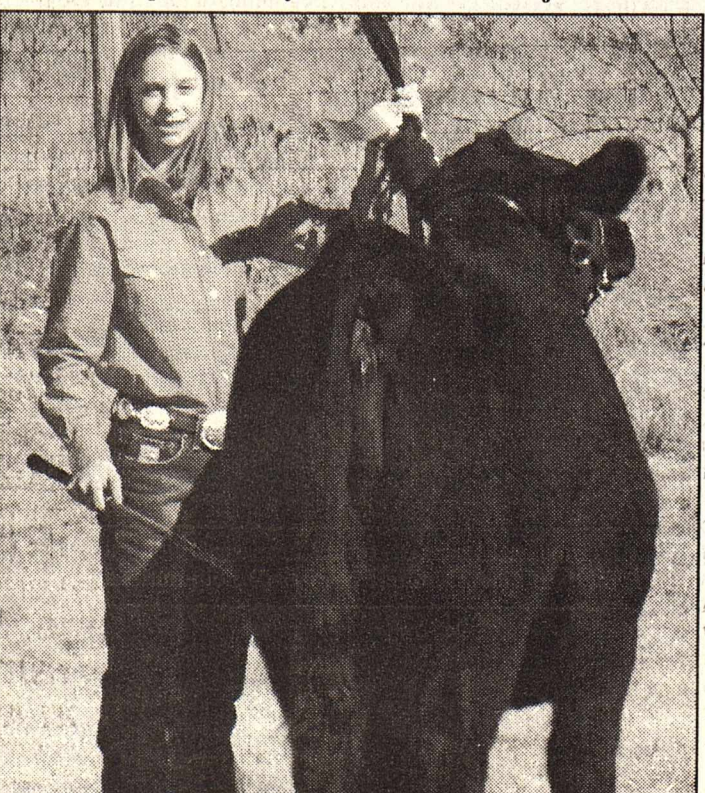
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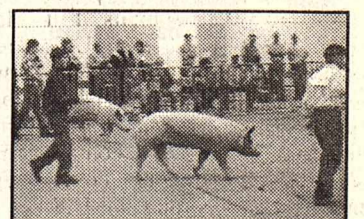
Jack Smith presents the Swine Division, Junior Showmanship award to Word Hudson.



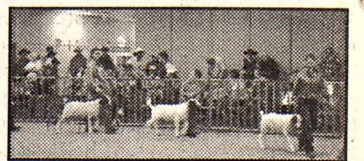
Champion Finewool Lamb (pictured Rt.) - Steely Ingham. Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb was also exhibited by Steely.



Champion Exhibition Heifer Kyla Turney (Lt.)



The pig show...



The goat show...

## Meeting for EQIP Programs

A Program Development Group meeting for the Environmental Quality Incentive Programs (EQIP) will be held Tuesday, January 27, 2004, at the Sutton County 4-H Community Center in Sonora. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will be from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

For more information call Tom Payton, NRCS, 325-387-2730.

## Cattlemen's Capitol Concerns

The CCC is a weekly report from Washington D.C. giving an up-to-date summary of top policy initiatives concerning the cattle industry; direct from National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA).

**BSE:** NCBA is continuing to address issues relating to the discovery of BSE in a Washington state dairy cow announced Dec. 23. NCBA is actively communicating with government officials to address the issue of foreign market closure. As the investigation continues, NCBA is responding to media inquiries, and hosting media conference calls as new information arises. NCBA priorities remain focused on ensuring consumer confidence, ensuring food safety and animal health, and re-establishing normalized trade with our international neighbors so cattlemen can get their businesses back on track. Important information on the BSE issue is posted at [www.bseinfo.org](http://www.bseinfo.org).

**Precautions in Place:** The U.S. has conducted a BSE surveillance program since 1990 and this is the first, although now determined to be non-native, case that has been found domestically. The Harvard Center for Risk Analysis has conducted a comprehensive multi-year assessment of the risk of BSE in the U.S. The Harvard study concluded that "measures taken by the U.S. government and industry make the U.S. robust against the spread of BSE to animals or humans should it be introduced into this country."

While this one case is unfortunate, systems have been built over the past 15 years to prevent this disease from spreading and affecting either animal health or public health.

**Consumers Should Know:** NCBA has aggressively communicated to national and consumer media that Americans should continue to eat beef with confidence.

All scientific studies show that the BSE infectious agent has never been found in beef muscle meat or milk, and U.S. beef remains safe to eat.

\* The BSE agent is not found in meat like steaks and roasts. It is only found in central nervous system tissue such as brain and spinal cord.

\* All U.S. cattle are inspected by a USDA Inspector or veterinarian before going to slaughter. Animals with any signs of neurological disorder are tested for BSE, all diseased animals are removed from the food system.

\* BSE affects older cattle, typically over 30 months of age. The vast majority of the cattle going to market in the U.S. are less than 24 months old.

\* The U.S. began a surveillance program for BSE in 1990 and was the first country without the disease within its borders to test cattle for the disease. The surveillance system targets all cattle with any signs of neurological disorder as well as those over 30 months of age and animals that are non-ambulatory.

\* The U.S. banned imports of cattle and bovine products from countries with BSE beginning in 1989.

\* The only way BSE spreads is through contaminated feed. The U.S. Food & Drug Administration in 1997 instituted a ban on feeding ruminant-derived meat and bone meal supplements to cattle. This is a firewall that prevents the spread of BSE to other animals if it were present in the U.S. Consumers Remain Confident: Based upon consumer research and reports from major beef retail and foodservice companies, U.S. consumers, confidence remains strong in U.S. beef as the safest in the world. Despite consumers being aware of the BSE finding, confidence in U.S. beef being safe is at pre-BSE levels of 89 percent. Consumers also have a high confidence in the government and cattlemen to provide them with beef that is safe from BSE. It is important that we continue to communicate to consumers that the surveillance system works, and that providing consumers with a safe and wholesome product is our top priority. NCBA has done this in hundreds of interviews with national and consumer news media since Dec. 23.

**Opening Export Markets**

**Key:** Currently about 90 percent of the \$3.5 billion beef export market has been closed to U.S. product. Reopening these export markets to beef trade is an absolute top priority for NCBA.

The USDA is continuing to meet on a technical and diplomatic level with all of our major trading partners. NCBA knows significantly improving the current market depends very much on the willingness of our foreign trading partners to base their import decisions on science, and recognize the complete safety and wholesomeness of the beef products we sell. While the confidence our consumers have shown in our product is important, it's the foreign markets that we've lost that is causing the biggest strain on producers' pocketbooks.

**DNA Tests Confirm Canadian Origin:** In a joint briefing Jan. 6, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Canadian Food Inspection Agency announced that DNA evidence links the BSE-positive cow from Washington state to a Canadian herd in Alberta, Canada. Both authorities conducted independent DNA tests, and both tests conclude the same results. NCBA says while these tests confirm this is not a native-born case of BSE, it is critically important the firewalls to prevent BSE, such as the Feed Ban instituted in 1997 on both sides of the border, are synergistic in the United States and Canada.

**Omnibus Appropriations Bill:** NCBA is communicating with members of Congress this week to urge quick passage of the FY 2004 Omnibus Appropriations Bill, as critical funding for safety and health programs await final approval. H.R. 2673 contains funding for food safety inspectors, veterinarians and the nation's animal health infrastructure which helps monitor for animal diseases such as BSE. In the wake of the BSE finding, Congress must stay focused on our infrastructure needs and the priorities of the cattle and beef industry -- food safety and animal health.

**Country-of-Origin Labeling:** NCBA expressed disappointment this week at the actions of activists groups who have chosen this critical time to hold-up passage of the appropriations package in a politically-motivated effort to reinstate the timeline for implementing mandatory country-of-origin labeling. "Implementing a poorly-written country-of-origin labeling law will only increase the hardship on cattle producers at a time when the industry is already stressed, and for what benefit?" asks Eric Davis, Bruneau, Idaho, cow-calf producer and NCBA president. "Country-of-origin labeling will offer absolutely NO benefit to the safety of the beef supply or the health of the U.S. cow herd. Anyone using the BSE issue as an opportunity to re-open the debate on labeling is doing this industry a huge disservice."

**Animal ID Expedited:** NCBA is working with USDA and industry partners to accelerate the implementation of a national animal identification system and develop additional safeguards to protect our cattle herd. On-going efforts on animal ID were stepped up last fall with NCBA coordinating discussions in the bovine species group. The primary objective of the proposed U.S. Animal Identification Plan (USAIP) remains to enhance our existing animal disease surveillance and monitoring systems, and to facilitate our ability to trace animals in the event of a reportable animal health incident.

**Sage Grouse:** The Fish and Wildlife Service announced yesterday that the petition to list the eastern sage grouse as an endangered species is not warranted. This is great news for cattlemen mainly because it gives state and federal agencies more time to implement plans to conserve sage grouse populations before the agency makes a determination whether to list the entire population as endangered. More effective conservation plans reduces the likelihood that the agency will decide to list the species.

**Congressional Schedule:** The House and Senate are scheduled to reconvene on January 20.

## Oil & Agribusiness



### Rig Locations as of January 9, 2003

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New Dominion; 8250' Edwin S Mayer Jr - D - #602, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 8100' Simmons - 73 - #6, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 7600' Ward #51, Patterson Drilling.

New KCS Resources; 7400' Sawyer - 167 - #10, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6500' Meckel - A - #63, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6200' Morris - 64 - #5, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; 6150' Morris - 62 - #6, Patterson Drilling.

New Dominion; Simmons - #67, Patterson Drilling.

**Crockett**

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New Encore Operating; 7300' Montgomery -2- #8, Adobe Drilling Bronco.

New J. Cleo Thompson; 7500' Todd WX - 10 - #2, Patterson Drilling.

**Terrell**

Nuevo Texas Inc.; 19000' Mitchell - 7 - #6, Nabors Drilling.

Exxonmobil; 15700' Bassett Goode #5 H, Patterson UTI.

Nuevo Texas Inc.; 8265' Pakenham - 51 - #13, Patterson Drilling.

**Edwards**

New SDX Resources, Inc; 9900' Schenkel #2, Patterson Drilling.

Par Minerals Corp.; 8000' Four Square Ranch #10, Key Energy.

New Concho Oil & Gas; 7200' Mayfield - 206 - #1, Key Energy.

**Val Verde**

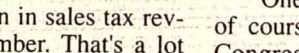
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## Comptroller says economic turnaround under way

### State Capital Highlights Texas Press Association

by Mike Cox

AUSTIN - Happy days are here again, according to the comptroller's office. Texas took in \$1.25 billion in sales tax revenue in December. That's a lot of money, but the better news is that the monthly income to the state represented an 8.7 percent increase over the amount of sales tax collected the previous December.

That 8.7 percent jump in revenue was the biggest since January 2001 - 35 months ago.

"An economic turnaround is now under way, and Texas has seen four consecutive months of sales tax growth," Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn said.

Because of the overall increase, sales tax allocations to the state's cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts also are up. That money, funneled through the comptroller's office, was up 7.1 percent compared with January, 2003, payments. (In real numbers, local government got \$303.2 million in funds sent out earlier this month.)

The second implication of the figures is obvious enough, but needs saying: More revenue to the state and local governments means less strain on future state and local budgets. That means that Texas, for once, won't be following trends set in California, where the Golden State is in constant financial turmoil.

**More good economic news...**

The fact that a three-judge federal panel blessed the Republican's congressional redistricting plan last week seems like political news, but it's also happy news for businesses that produce political signs, bumper stickers, buttons and all the other components of what is still referred to in the

civics books as the democratic process.

With all the district lines and colors stamped on the map for a long while, considering that this plan is based on 2000 Census data, those affected by the new boundaries are already doing some serious campaigning.

One of the biggest changes, of course, was the creation of Congressional District 25, which stretches from the southern part of the Capital City Austin to McAllen, a city where palms rustle in the Gulf breeze.

The primary is March 9, but Texans can start expressing their political views sooner than that. As early as Jan. 24, county voting officials can mail ballots to any qualified voter who has requested one. Early voting begins Feb. 23.

**DPS gets a new responsibility...**

The 78th Legislature merged a little-known state agency into the Department of Public Safety, folding the Texas Commission on Private Security into the law enforcement agency.

Unchanged is the former commission's function, which is to regulate the security industry in Texas.

When it merged with the DPS, the commission had some 130,000 people either under license or registration. That includes 19,000 armed guards and 60,000 security guards not authorized to carry firearms on the job.

The commission also regulates various security-related companies in the state, including alarm companies, armored car operators and video surveillance firms.

The move meant 14 new employees for the DPS, six of them commissioned law enforcement officers.

Starting in September, locksmiths and companies that handle products such as plastic hotel room key cards will come under regulation by the DPS.

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## School Board Recognition from page 1

commitment to local citizen control and decision making in education. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year round commitment on their part," Myers said. "We proudly salute these education advocates as they provide leadership for student achievement, academic programs, district funding, and school facilities. Their service ensures that decisions about local public schools are made by those most familiar with the needs of the community's children and families," said Myers. "These individuals deserve recognition and thanks for their dedication to the continuing success of our students and schools," Myers said.

The men and women serving Sonora ISD as school trustees are: Scott Jacoby, President. Scott and his wife, Diane, Sonora I.S.D. Business Manager, have two sons, Jason and Tom, both graduates of S.H.S. He is a rancher and real estate agent.

Tammy Favila, Vice-President. Tammy, and her husband Eddie, Sonora High School Coach and Teacher, have two daughters, Alyssa in 6th grade and Kelsey in 3rd grade. Tammy is a full time Child Day Care owner and operator.

Barbara Jennings, Secretary. Barbara and her husband

band Reed, a retired Sonora Middle School teacher, have two sons that graduated from S.H.S., David and Larry Jennings. Larry and his wife Kate are both teachers at Sonora Middle School. Barbara also has four grandchildren, Cash, Hunter, Sky and Will. She is a past Sonora ISD employee and retired rancher.

Jesse Bustamante - Jesse and his wife, Mary, who is employed in the Sutton County Tax Assessor's Office, have one S.H.S. graduate, Kimberly, who recently graduated from Baylor University. Jesse is employed by Dominion.

Sam David Hernandez - Sam and his wife, Betty, Sutton County Clerk, have two daughters, an S.H.S. graduate currently attending ASU and a 3rd grader. Sam David owns Hernandez Tax Service.

Tryon Fields - Tryon and his wife Cindy, a Sonora I.S.D. fourth grade teacher, have two sons that graduated from S.H.S., Tanner and Sean, and one daughter, Kayla, who is a freshman at S.H.S. Tryon is a local rancher and business operator.

Tom Payton - Tom and his wife, Pam, employed by The Bank & Trust, have one daughter, Erin, and two sons, Josh and Brian. Erin and Josh, both S.H.S. graduates, attend Texas A&M and Brian is a junior at S.H.S. Tom is employed by USDA/NRCS.

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201A and ones side in Precinct 2, 201 B. This will call for two ballots to be offered at the polling place.

In Precinct 4, the only part of the new division had only one registered voter included in it. The resident has been moved into Precinct 3. Precinct 1 includes a small pie shaped piece near the Sutton County Park, that includes Zola's Motel and one household. The two voters have been moved into Precinct 3. The other changes in Precinct 3 include no homes. Precinct 3 will also have to have two ballots at the polling place. It was also discussed that the polling place for Precinct 1 will have to be moved from the Sutton County Civic Center because of the changes. The possibility of using the Senior Center was discussed and will be decided at a later date.

The Commissioners also heard from Sutton County representative of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, Brigitte Rogers. Rogers approached the Commissioners with the request to consider passing Proposition 13. Proposition 13 allows for counties, cities or town to establish an ad valorem tax freeze on residence homesteads of the disabled and of the elderly (65

and older) and their spouses. Rogers, a long time advocate for seniors and senior issues, reminded the commissioners that the seniors would still pay their fair share of taxes every year, they just won't continue to pay increasing amounts on their fixed incomes. In Sutton County there are 299 seniors over 65 and 22 disabled who claim homesteads. Many of this group of citizens endured the depression, protected our freedoms by fighting in past wars and have been paying their fair share of taxes for more than half a century. Their taxes have helped build and maintain the infrastructure that we now enjoy in Sutton County, road, bridges, sewer systems, etc.

Sutton County Judge, Carla Garner, told the commissioners that they would need County Attorney, David Wallace, to look over the Proposition, and they could make their decide at the next meeting.

In regular business, Justice of the Peace, Adelita Alvarez reported \$95,173.76 collected in the month of December, with \$28,314.01 allotted for the county. The troopers wrote 653 tickets over the Christmas holiday and 165 tickets for New Year's. This keeps the office

## Hilderbran from page 1

Hilderbran has authored major state legislation and was Chairman of the House Human Services Committee 1993 through 1998, where he passed landmark welfare reform legislation and was responsible for the state's most significant legislation protecting residents of Texas nursing homes. Currently, Rep. Hilderbran serves on the powerful Ways and Means committee, the important School Finance Committee, and is Chairman of the State Cultural and Recreational Resources Committee. Chairman Hilderbran's committee has oversight of the Texas Parks and Wildlife, State Commission of the Arts, Texas Historical Commission, and the Texas tourism industry.

Rep. Hilderbran was the 1999 recipient of the "Bullock Award for Outstanding Public Stewardship" and more recently recognized by the Texas Farm Bureau as one of the "12 Stars for Rural Texas." As a long-time Farm Bureau friend he has championed bills through the legislative process which have been important to agriculture and rural Texas. On the House Floor, Hilderbran has proven himself to be a leader on issues ranging from private property rights to natural resources to education finance as well as any legislation affecting his district.

Representative Hilderbran served as vice chairman of the House Republican Caucus in 2001 and 2002 when he helped lead the successful effort to gain a republican majority in the Texas House of Representatives. In 2002, Rep. Hilderbran was re-elected to the Texas House of Representatives with more than 90 percent of the vote in the November general election.

"I want to continue my public service work in Legislature to protect our interests in education, water, health & human services including our MHMR services, and protect property owners. I will work to fix our school finance system and lower our property taxes. I will use my committee chairmanship and my Texas House leadership position to make a difference for our district", Hilderbran said.

In his professional career Hilderbran has been involved in agriculture, real estate, wildlife management, marketing and advertising. Representative Hilderbran graduated from Texas Tech University in 1983. The Hilderbrans are members of St. Peter's Church in Kerrville, where he and his wife Tracy reside with their daughters Haley and Callie.

very busy.

Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that their were 50 inmates in the Sutton County Jail in the month of December, with a daily average of 8.5. The dispatchers handled 819 calls and \$7,782.46 were generated in fees. The average cost per meal was up, at \$1.20 each. The Sutton County Sheriff's office logged 7,822 miles last month, with an average of 12.4 miles per gallon at 6¢ per mile.

Judge Garner reported that the EMS department is negotiating with two outside companies to handle billing for the department. Local non-medicaid billing will still be handled locally.

Oscar Jimenez with the Road and Bridge Department reported that they were working on shoulders on Cusenbary Rd. and 9-1-1 signs for County Roads. Black dirt, donated by Tommy Morris and Jim Cusenbary has been used to fill the new addition at the cemetery. Several light fixtures at the Civic Center need to be replaced and they received an estimate of \$2500 for stripping the Civic Center floor. This was put on the next agenda for discussion.

Rex Ann Friess, reported that tax collections were down, with only 25% collected this far, compared to 61% at this time last year.

A discussion was held regarding a complaint about no phone service in the J.P.'s office. After much deliberation, it was decided that the office is to shorten the message on the answering machine and allow for messages to be recorded. J.P. Alvarez told the court they were doing all they could to get caught up and the phones took up a lot of time. She agreed to fix the machine and try to pick up more calls.

Wallace reported that \$357.74 had been recovered in hot checks in December and reminded the commissioners that Sutton County is very busy, rating in the top 5% for tickets in the State of Texas. This keeps all county offices very busy, which is good.

County Clerk Betty Hernandez reported \$7,492.17 collected in the District Clerk's office.

Judge Garner ended the meeting by reminding the commissioners of an upcoming WTC conference in Midland that would be beneficial to all.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given of the following changes in voting and commissioner precincts that have been adopted by the Sutton County Commissioners Court to comply with SB 1374C:

**CHANGE 1:** That portion of Voting Precinct 101 and Commissioners Precinct 1 that is between IH-10 and the new congressional district line coming into the City of Sonora on N. Crockett Avenue shall be moved into Voting Precinct 301 and Commissioner Precinct 3; however, this change shall not include the current polling place at the Sutton County Civic Center.

**CHANGE 2:** That two block portion in the Northern part of Voting Precinct 401 that is split by SB 1374C shall be moved into Voting Precinct 301.

**CHANGE 3:** New Voting Precinct 301A shall be comprised of the Northern Part of the Plum Street split and that area of current Voting Precinct 301 that includes Edgemont Road and Brookside Street. These two areas will be connected by moving the current voting precinct line that runs on E. Castlehill Road Northeast 100 yards.

**New Voting Precinct 301 B** shall be comprised of the remaining part of the old Voting Precinct 301.

**CHANGE 4:** New Voting Precinct 210A shall be comprised of all area East of S. Crockett Avenue and Tayloe Avenue of the current Voting Precinct 201.

**New Voting Precinct 201B** shall be comprised of all area West of S. Crockett Avenue and Tayloe Avenue of the current Voting Precinct 201.

## HOTEL/MOTEL OCCUPANCY TAX PUBLIC NOTICE PROPOSED USE HEARING

The city council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, January 20, 2004 at 2:00 p.m. at City Hall, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas on possible uses of approximately \$160,000.00 of expected hotel occupancy tax revenue.

The primary and foremost qualification for the use of the hotel occupancy tax revenue is that the expenditure is spent in a manner which directly enhances and promotes tourism and the convention and hotel industry. The collected tax is allocated to six statutory expenditure categories as outlined in the Texas Local Hotel Occupancy Tax Law, and is limited to the following (1) the acquisition of sites for and the construction, improvement, enlarging, equipping, repairing, operation and maintenance of convention center facilities or visitor information centers, or both; (2) the furnishing of facilities, personnel, and materials for the registration of convention delegates or registrants; (3) advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional program and convention delegates or registrants to the municipality or its vicinity; (4) the encouragement, promotion, improvement, and application of the arts, including instrumental and vocal music, dance, drama, folk art, creative writing, architecture, design and allied fields, painting, sculpture, photography, graphic and craft arts, motion pictures, radio, television, tape and sound recording, and other arts related to the presentation, performance, execution, and exhibition of these major art forms; (5) historical restoration and preservation projects or activities or advertising and conducting solicitations and promotional programs to encourage tourists and convention delegates to visit preserved historic sites or museums; and (6) hold and promote sporting events at which a majority of the participants are tourists to the area and that will substantially increase hotel activity.

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**TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ABOVE ESTATE:**

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of January 2004, in the County Court of Sutton County, we the undersigned each qualified as Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Virginia Cirett Valera, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary on the estate were granted and this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present the same to the undersigned within the time prescribed by law. Any person indebted to said estate is hereby notified to pay same to the undersigned.

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Mr. Keith Butler CEO  
308 Hudspeth Ave.  
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Bids must be on a Lump Sum basis. Indicate on exterior of envelope the project and bid opening date. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the time and Bid Date identified above. Bids received after 2:00 P.M. on the bid date, February 16, 2004, will not be accepted. Bidding Documents, including plans, specifications and full information as to the proposed work, may be examined at the Office of the Architect-Engineer, O'Connell Robertson and Associates, Inc. 811 Barton Springs Road, Suite 900, Austin, Texas 78704, Director of Engineering Office, Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital, 308 Hudspeth Ave., Sonora, Texas 76950 and at the following exchanges:

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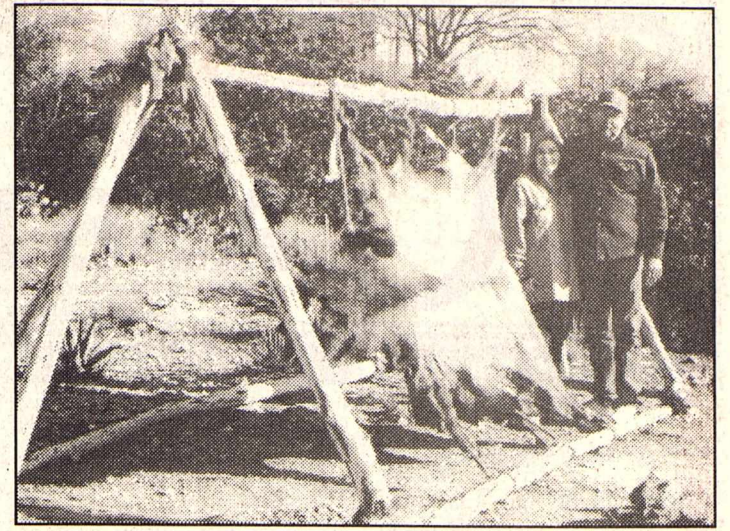
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## Tanning on Eaton Hill

by Delyse Jaeger

Tanning. Isn't that a summertime activity? Not this type of tanning. This is the "scrape and stretch, mix the brains and go to work" tanning of our ancient ancestors. The Native American village at Eaton Hill has a fantastic new addition: a full elk hide, tanned using the traditional methods perfected by the Indians. The hide is stretched and laced onto a native wood frame and truly adds a wild element, contributing to the authentic feel of experiencing a moment out of time. The dwelling or hut has also been accented with period bedding.

For those who are not familiar with natural tanning procedures as I was not, "every animal has enough brains to tan its own hide." This according to Matt Richards, author of the best selling tanning guide *Deerskins into Buckskins*. Brains are used because they are rich in emulsified oils which soften the hide and prevent tissue fibers from sticking together. This begs the question "Who ever thought of that?" My research led me to an amazing website from which I borrowed heavily (with permission) for this article. The website is [braintan.com](http://braintan.com) - no joke, hosted by Matt Richards of Cave Junction, Oregon. I spoke to Matt who was very helpful and learned that he has quite an interesting story to tell. As a young man in the 70's, Matt spent time learning to live off the land in a remote area of one of our national parks. His experiences inspired him to pursue the art of tanning. Ancient tanning techniques were nearly lost as buffalo rode the verge of extinction and Native Americans living on reservations were discouraged from tanning hides. The process became industrialized and chemicals replaced craftsmanship. Mr. Richards was part of a small number of folks whose efforts helped rescue a piece of history. Braintan.com is a cornucopia of leather products and



Eaton Hill visitors Mary Campbell and Kevin Tate admiring the elk hide.

information. For instance, did you know that the term "bucks", slang for dollars is the result of American colonists' common use of buckskin as a commodity of exchange? Apparently buckskin clothing wasn't just worn by the likes of Davy Crockett and Daniel Boone! Here is a quote from a letter written by Maria Austin to her son Stephen F. Austin dated January 16, 1822. "I should have exerted myself in fitting him out (brother James) agreeable to your wishes, especially in getting him a suit of buckskin. It grieves me whenever I think of what a poor outfit he had, so improper for the work he will find necessary to be done." You may remember that Sam Houston wore his buckskins to Congress and gave them all fits. In the days of the Texas Republic, a German emigrant Gustav Dresel wrote: "I joined seven huntsmen clad in buckskin from head to foot...they prophesied that after only a week, I should not be able to recognize my exterior..." Naturally tanned buckskin is beautiful, durable, soft, breathes and you can wash it in a washing machine. Then, there is the added benefit of using all of an animal taken for food. Approximately six million deer are killed each year and the majority of hides go unused. Tanned hides sell from 12.00 to 17.00 a square foot. Dabble in a



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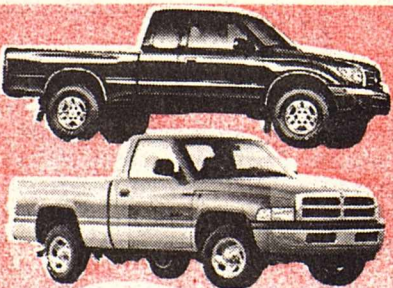
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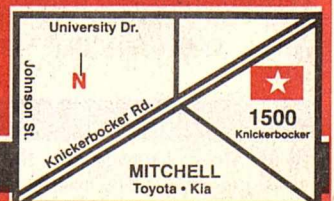
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