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## School Board discusses substitute teacher pay

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2004. Present for the meeting were Tryon Fields, President; Jesse Bustamante, Tammy Favila, Scott Jacoby, Barbara Jennings, Tom Payton, Dr. Brant Myers, Superintendent. Also present were school officials: John Berry, Raul Chavarria, Louise Dermody, Danny Hardin, Diane Jacoby, Cynthia Keel and Stefanie Taylor.

After being called to order and the invocation, President Fields stated that a group was present and their spokesperson would be allowed five minutes to address the Board. Monica Traylor read a letter which stated that she was a member of the Fillies, (two teams of youth girls volleyball), and that they would be playing in Sonora on Thursday, November 11, at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Traylor invited board members to attend the game in hopes that their attendance would garner support for a girls volleyball program.

Chief Appraiser Rex Ann Friess stated that 3% of the 2004 tax levy had been collected, with the heaviest collection months still to come.

The Superintendent and Board reviewed current bills in the amount of \$486,935.25.

The minutes of October 11, 2004, were unanimously approved.

Dr. Myers and John Williams, Pfluger and Associates architect, presented the monthly construction report. They reviewed the following items in detail: contingency allowance, change orders, financial status, and timeliness. Dr. Myers stated that the board was aware of the financial difficulties encountered by TM Davis Construction Company and that the company had borrowed funds from the bonding company in order to finish the project. He said that TM Davis had sent a letter stating that future payments were to be made to the bonding company and that he had forwarded the letter to the district's legal firm for them to make sure that this would be proper procedure. Dr. Myers said he would inform the board as soon as he heard from the lawyers. He stated that all the subcontractors had been paid and were back on the job and that everything relating to the project (contract, construction superintendent, etc.) would remain the same with the exception of where the payments would be sent.

Additionally, Dr. Myers praised Maintenance Supervisor Danny Hardin for all his hard work and dedication to the project.

Special Education/Special Programs Director Stefanie Taylor presented what will become an annual agenda item: the Special Programs report. Taylor provided information on all the district's special programs, including the number of students served and a comparison between the current year and the previous year.

Taylor also conducted a public hearing over the TEL-PAS Score Report, which relates to English language proficiency assessment.

A motion was made by Jennings to approve bonding Rex Ann Friess, Tax Assessor/Collector, with Western Surety Company to allow her to carry out the duties of her office. A second was made and the motion was approved.

A budget amendment in the area of Booster club donation for Girls Basketball Supplies

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## 38th Annual Game Dinner draws large crowd

by Storie Sharp

The Civic Center was overflowing with hunters and visitors in all shapes, sizes and ages on Saturday, November 13, 2004. This crowd wasn't looking for that big buck this time, they were all hunting for that special winning ticket. Over 1,000 people donned their warm clothes and braved the wet and cold to get a plate of wild game and a chance for one of the guns, ice chests, hunting equipment or even one of the 4-wheelers. Volunteers worked day and night to prepare the traditional meal and gather the donated prizes. Scott Neff is going to look kind of funny riding that 2004 Kawasaki 50 ATV, but I'm sure his kids

will enjoy it. The 2004 Polaris 500 ATV went to Jason Noble of Channelview, Texas. Noble hunts in Sutton County and said that the 4-wheeler will be put to good use.

Biscuits O'Bryan kept people entertained as the names were drawn, and was joined on stage by Miss Sutton County Courtney Caruthers who helped draw the names. Little Miss Sutton County Felicia Farley and Little Mr. Sutton County Alex Castilleja helped kick the event off.

The Sutton County Game Dinner Association works hard each year and are to be commended for another job well done. See more Game Dinner pictures on page 6.

## Broncos' season ends with loss to Crane

by Nancy Glasscock

Five different defensive backs intercepted Bronco passes last Friday night in San Angelo Stadium. These turnovers kept the Bronco offense from sustaining any offensive momentum. This allowed the Crane Golden Cranes to shutout the Broncos 14 to 0 in the Bi-District playoff game.

There were some bright spots for Sonora who finished the season at 7 and 4. The Bronco defense held the Cranes scoreless for 42 minutes of the game. Crane's leading rusher

was their freshman quarterback, Seth Doege, who had 43 yards including one of their touchdowns. Laramie Hall, EMBRE Smith, Steven Duhon, Chris Perez, Craig Leonard, and Anthony Longoria all had big defensive plays in the game. Austin Wagoner, Lito Trevino, Pedro Gloria and Longoria all caught passes to keep offensive drives alive. The offensive line with Jesus Talamantes, Mason Martinez, Brian Payton, Diego Cardona, and Hall led the way all night for Stetson Perez who probably had one of his best

games this season.

One of the highlights of the game was the second half sidelines kickoff that number 88, Evan Gulley made. The perfect bounce was handled by Dustin Duhon. John Madden recently said on Monday Night Football in all his experience in football from Pop Warner to the pro's, he has "seldom seen a team overcome five turnovers and win." Other than the turnovers, the Broncos played one of their best games to end this 2004 varsity football season.

## VFW honors two of Sonora's men in uniform

On behalf of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, District Commander Tony Graf visited Sonora on Friday, November 12, 2004, to make two special presentations.

A Gold Star Banner was presented to Callie Folmar, the mother of Sonora's fallen soldier, Pfc. Shane Folmar. Graf explained that the blue star flag was created in 1917 and people hung it in their windows to denote that a member of the family was serving in the armed forces. The blue star flag was designed and patented by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queissner of the 5th Ohio Infantry who had two sons serving on the front line. This flag quickly became the unofficial symbol of a child in service.

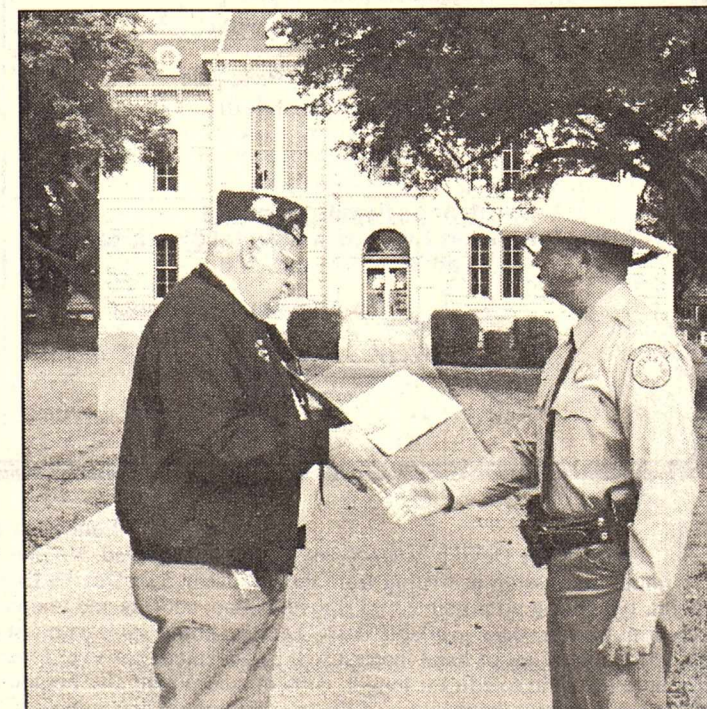
On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "... The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother -- their children."

Also during World War I, the blue star became gold if a service member was killed or died in active duty.

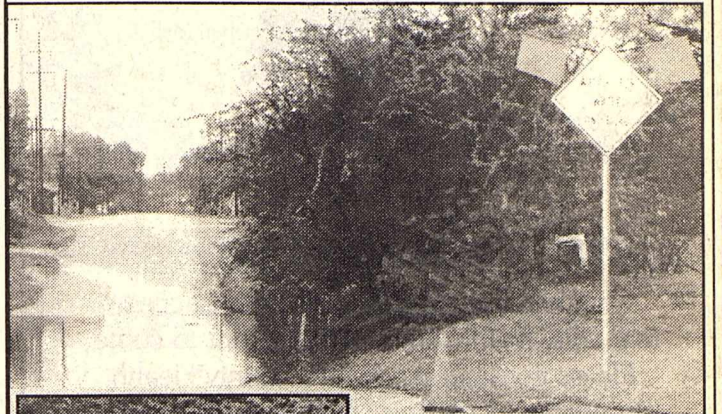
The second presentation was a life-saving award, made to Sutton County Game Warden, Will Allison, for heroic measures to save a man's life. Allison tied off to a rope and entered into running water to help retrieve the driver of a truck that had been washed into a Sutton County draw after recent rains. Allison expressed his appreciation, but stressed that he was not alone in this act, and that he would accept the certificate on behalf of all the men that assisted that day. Allison said that he could not have gone into the water without the assistance of his fellow officers and concerned citizens that were at the scene.



Above: Tony Graf presents Callie Folmar with a replica of a Gold Star Banner, in memory of Pfc. Shane Folmar. Below: Sutton County Game Warden Will Allison accepts a life-saving appreciation award.

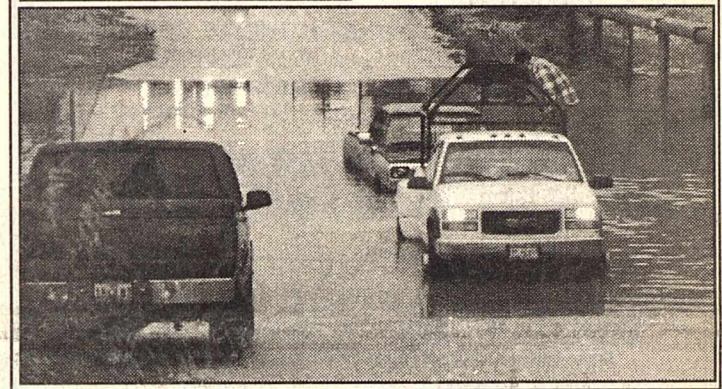


## Watch for Warning Signs!



With over 5 inches of rain reported in the last 4 days, and no expected end to it soon, it is important that drivers pay attention! The driver below did not heed the warning signs and the water was too much for the truck. John Barron was able to pull the truck out and no one was injured, this time.

Warning signs and markers are placed around low water crossings for your protection. Read the signs and look at the measuring markers before attempting to cross any low water area. You can lose control of your car in just six inches of water. Do not go around barricades. When in doubt, turn around, better to be safe than sorry.



## Sonora included in \$250,000 Technology Grants from Verizon

Funding Will Go for Computer Technology in the Classroom and Continued Support for Literacy Efforts

IRVING, Texas - The Verizon Foundation, the philanthropic arm of Verizon Communications, has awarded \$250,000 to 17 Texas elementary and middle schools and school districts for the purchase of computer hardware and literacy software.

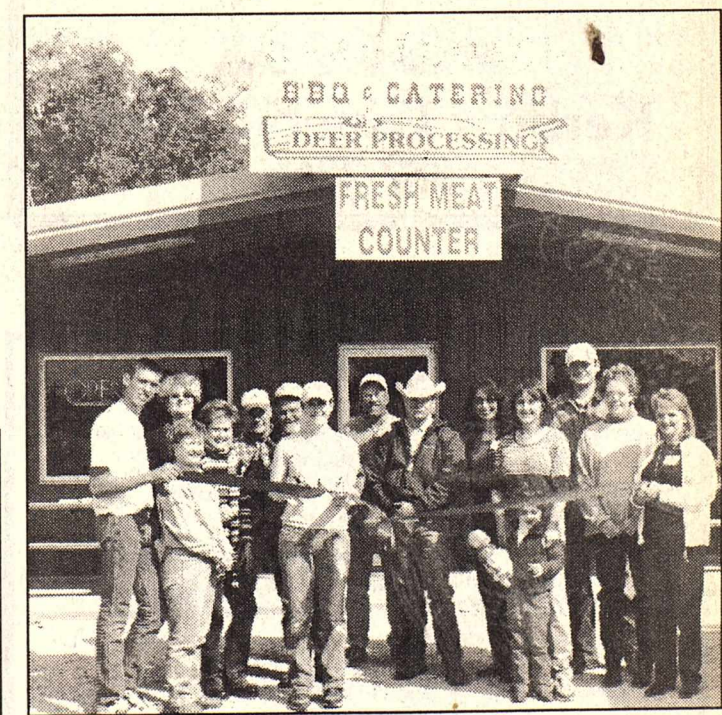
In May, schools located in areas where Verizon provides local telephone service were

invited to compete for Verizon grants by submitting proposals outlining computer technology and literacy programs. The foundation sought proposals that would encourage the use of computer technology to assist teachers and students in teaching and learning.

"Verizon firmly believes in the importance of forming

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## Fresh Meat Market and Deer Processing now at Stagecoach

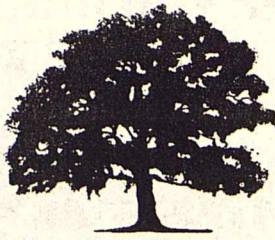


Got meat? Well, the new Fresh Meat Market at Stagecoach BBQ & Catering can help you out if you don't. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce welcomed the new business to town on Friday, November 12, 2004 with a special ribbon cutting before everyone enjoyed some of the tasty treats for lunch. Jesse Crain has opened a meat market, offering fresh cuts of beef and pork, seafood and deli-style cold cuts and cheeses. So if your wondering what to cook for dinner tonight or need some fresh cuts for those school lunches, call Jesse at 387-0623 today to place your order.

Stagecoach BBQ & Catering also offers deer processing and is hosting a Big Buck Contest during hunting season. Kirk and Preston Joy offer basic processing, including making sausage, jerky, tenderized steaks and more. They can also store your deer. For more information call 387-0623 or 650-0623.



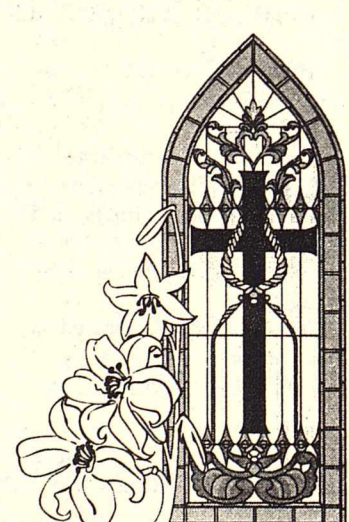
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A Love Relationship  
that is real, personal and practical  
**Sunday Services**  
Bible Study 10:00 a.m.  
Worship • 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.  
1705 N. Crockett



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All contributions 100% tax deductible.

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**Obituary**

**Jose Maria Guerra**

Jose Maria Guerra, 62, died Thursday, November 11, 2004, at his residence. Services were held on Saturday, November 13, 2004 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Ann's Catholic Church with burial in Sonora Cemetery. Arrangements were by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Survivors include son, Jose Guerra of Houston; daughter Veronica Juan Guerra of Sonora, Jesus Guerra of Colorado and Ernest Guerra of Big Spring; and sisters, Josepha Garza, Amelia Ramos, Margaret Duran and Noelita Gonzalez, all of Sonora.

**Senior Center News**

Nov. 22 - Bingo!  
Nov. 23 - Exercise with video.  
Nov. 24 - Thanksgiving meal and program. Noon.  
Nov. 25 - Happy Thanksgiving! Center will be closed.  
Nov. 26 - Thanksgiving Holiday. Center closed. Call 387-3888 in case of emergency.

**Senior Center Menu**

Nov. 22 - Polish sausage, sweet potatoes, steamed cabbage, bread pears, milk.  
Nov. 23 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, chips, carrot salad, cake, milk.  
Nov. 24 - Turkey with gravy, cranberries, dressing, broccoli, coleslaw, roll, pumpkin pie, milk.  
Nov. 25 - Happy Thanksgiving Day! Center will be closed!  
Nov. 26 - Center closed for Thanksgiving Holidays! In case of emergency call 387-3888.

NEW HOURS: Mon. - Fri 7:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.  
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**

The Sutton County 4-H Club Lamb Project members would like to thank Mr. Tony Renfro for a very informative workshop on Show Lamb Feed and Exercise programs. We appreciate you sharing your time and expertise with us.

Dear Editor,  
The 38th Annual Game Dinner was a huge success. I would like to thank all the volunteers who put in many hours of hard work and who showed a lot of patience (especially my wife). Without all of you, we could not put on such an event.

Doug Huddleston

We want to extend a great big thank you to our coaches Jolita and Chap Traylor, and Sandie Chaires for their tireless efforts in organizing and promoting the Sonora Fillies Volleyball Teams. Our 16 team members participated through the YMCA Volleyball program in San Angelo. Without the leadership of our coaches we would not have had the opportunity to participate in another rewarding girls sport.

We also want to thank Tammy Favila and the Bronco Band Boosters for providing the concession stand for our final game of the season.

The Sonora Fillies Volleyball Teams

I want to "Thank" the Sonora High School Principal Mr. Raul Chavarria, school staff, the Mighty Bronco Band, Embe Smith, the singers, the Jr. High and Sonora High students for honoring us, U.S. Veterans with such a wonderful moving U.S. Veteran Program. Seeing a full gym honoring us with applause and yelling as we each took our name stand, made me feel my fighting, pain and horror I endured was worth it. I would do it all over again for all of you if I had to. Thank you for honoring us. I have three sons who served Joe - Army, Chuckie - U.S. Marine, Desi - U.S. Navy, and a daughter Lizzette - U.S. Marines. My brother-in-law Israel Leija - U.S. Navy is still in active duty, my son, Staff Sergeant Alfonso Covarrubiaz - U.S. Marines, Camp Pendleton, California.

Let's all pray to our Lord God for Peace and to bring out troops home. I also have a younger son, Eliazar, who has signed up for the U.S. Marines.

God Bless America  
Ruben Yorba  
Army - Vietnam

At this time, I would like to express my most sincere thanks to the voters of Precinct 1 for their votes and support on the November 2, 2004 election and to the rest of the voters in Sutton County who came out and voted, thanks for exercising the privilege one has as an American - the privilege to vote. Also, I'd like to thank God, my family, relatives, and friends for their moral support, and encouragement.

Thank you folks and God bless all of you.  
Miguel (Mike) Villanueva

En este momento me gustaria expresar mis mas sinceras gracias para los votantes del Precincto 1, por su voto y su apoyo en estas elecciones de 2 de Noviembre de 2004. Y para todos los votantes del Condado de Sutton que fueron a votar, gracias por ejercer el privilegio que tiene uno como Americano, el privilegio de votar. Tambien quiero agradecer a Dios, mi familia, parientes, y amigos por su apoyo moral.

Sinceras Gracias Y Que Dios Los Bendiga A Todos  
Miguel (Mike) Villanueva

I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to all who made the THRIVE! Conference such a huge success this past weekend at Lighthouse Community Church. A big thanks to all my friends and family for all of your hard work. I just have to say you all are the greatest team!!! I especially want to thank First Baptist Church for all the help they gave with the Daycare, all the Emmaus Reunion Groups that helped, Lisa Karnes for the afternoon snacks, Linda Love for all the special things she did from the Steakhouse, Lenora Pool for the use of the beautiful trees, to my wonderful prayer partners that keep supporting me in prayer, and to my friends that keep me focused. To the local businesses such as Lisa's Flowers, OI' Sonora, Gifts Galore & More, Team Graphics, Moore Oil and Lube that gave us items to be given away "thanks". Also, Lisa Seaton thanks for the flowers and of course I could not forget all the men that sacrificed their whole day on Saturday to wait on all the ladies and take such good care of us!!!! I thank my pastor for believing in my dreams, you are a great shepherd!!!

Thanks,  
Jane Rushing  
THRIVE! Conference Coordinator

**School Lunch Menu • Nov. 22 - 26, 2004**

**Breakfast**

Mon. - Toast with jelly, orange juice.  
Tues. - Cinnamon roll, assorted juice.  
Wed. - Thanksgiving Holiday! No School.  
Thurs. - Happy Thanksgiving! No School.  
Fri. - Thanksgiving Holiday! No School.


Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

**Lunch**

Mon. - Hot ham & cheese sandwich, tator tots, ketchup, fresh fruit.  
Tues. - Corn dog, mustard, baked beans, mixed fruit, iced brownie.  
Wed. - Thanksgiving Holiday! No School.  
Thurs. - Happy Thanksgiving! No School.  
Fri. - Thanksgiving Holiday! No School.

**Texas Tales Told By  
Tumbleweed Smith**

**The Glorious Days of the  
Fudgesicle**



Tumbleweed Smith  
The other night, just before dropping off to sleep, my wife said she wanted a fudgesicle. I asked her if a Dumbo would do instead. She said no, she wanted a fudgesicle.

Dumbo is the name of an ice cream treat we had the first night we were married. August 26, 1963. We were in Chihuahua, Mexico on our way to Mazatlan for our honeymoon destination. We had just finished a meal of chateaubriand and beer and were taking a walk in the neighborhood around the hotel. We saw a man pushing an ice cream cart with the name Dumbo painted on the side of it. We strolled over and bought a popsicle. As I recall, the flavor resembled root beer. We kept the popsicle wrappers for years as souvenirs.

Back to the other night. I told her my favorite ice cream treat was a bananasicle. It was like a fudgesicle, but it had a banana flavor.

My dad had a grocery store, so when I was growing up I had all the sweet goodies I wanted. Anytime I felt like a bananasicle, I just went to the ice cream box and got one. But it wasn't the same as getting an ice cream goody from the ice cream man who sold his wares from a cart or truck.

The pushcart was my favorite. It had bells hanging from the push bar. When my playmates and I heard the bells, our mouths began to water as we anticipated the good taste we were about to enjoy. When the ice cream man finally got to our street, we ran to it with nickels in hand. There is no sound like the sound of the lid being opened on an ice cream cart. It kind of thumps as the man grabs the round handle on top and slowly pulls it up and leans it back. As he does, swirls of deliciously fragrant cold air drift out from the depths of the ice box. "What'll you have, boys?" he asks. That starts an ice cream shopping spree that can last as long as five minutes. It takes a long time to figure out the exact taste we want. After all, popsicles come in a number of flavors.

I remember them being frozen so hard we had to wait a second or two for them to thaw out. Then we tore off the wrappers and started enjoying the good taste of summer. It didn't take long to consume a fudgesicle. About the time you got the first lick in, it started melting and you had fudgesicle residue around your mouth, your hands, sometimes down to your elbows. But so what? It comes off easy.


No, I didn't get up and go get my wife a fudgesicle. But if I would have done so, you can bet I would have got a bananasicle for myself. I promise the next time she asks for a midnight fudgesicle, I will accommodate her.

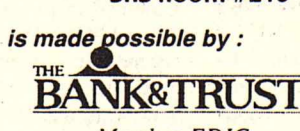
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**Community Calendar**

<b>Nov. 22</b> Commissioners Meeting 9:00 a.m. • Annex Bldg.	<b>Dec. 3</b> "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. • Civic Center
<b>Nov. 22</b> Women of St. John's Bake Sale 10:00 a.m. • Parish Hall	<b>Dec. 5</b> S.C.H.F. Christmas Tour of Homes 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
<b>Al-Anon Family Meetings</b> Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170	<b>Bronco Booster Meetings</b> Every Monday at 6:30 p.m. SHS Room #210

The Community Calendar  
  
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## Ask the Historical Society

by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,  
Secretary  
THANK YOU GOD FOR THE  
RAIN!

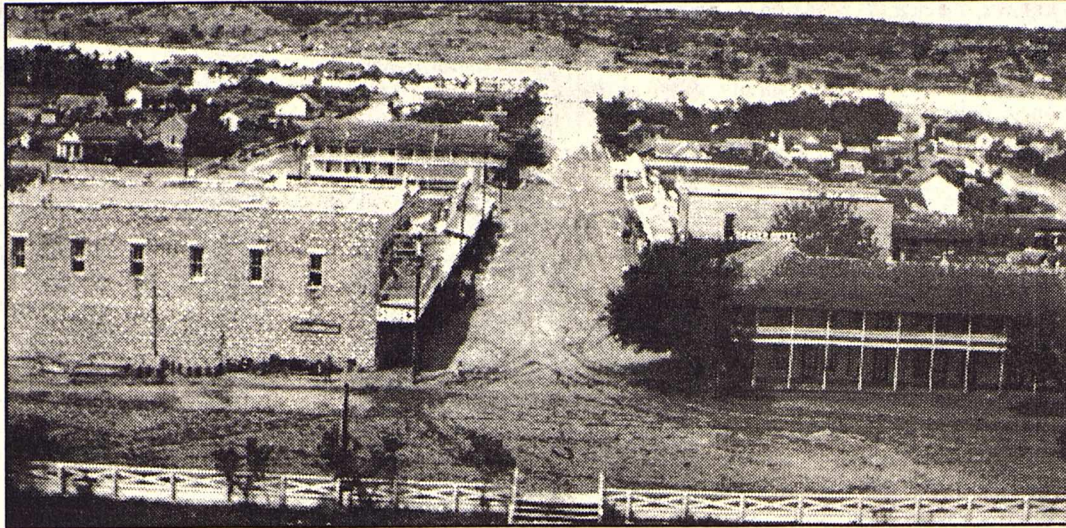
Q. Did they celebrate Thanksgiving during WWII?

A. Yes they did. Mothers would carefully put away items purchased with their ration coupons to make sure there would be plenty on the Thanksgiving table: The Devil's River News, November 30, 1945 had the following reports of Thanksgiving activities: The L. W. Elliott School held open house on Friday, November 17. The hostesses for the evening were Mrs. Rose White, Mrs. Margie Evans, Miss Chris Douglas and Grady White. Each teacher was in his or her room to show the room display to the guests. A program "The First Thanksgiving" was given in English by Vivian Martinez. The same story then translated into Spanish was given by Lydia Torres. The second and third grade music classes gave "Imitation of Animals." The seventh and eighth grades presented six musical numbers "There's A Long, Long Trail Awaiting," "Swing Low Sweet Chariot," "Won't You Sit Down," "Atchison Topeka and Santa Fe," "Navajo Trail" and "Brazil."

At the Brasher home the Fireman's Wives Bridge Club met and Mrs. J. H. Brasher had the home decorated in yellow chrysanthemums and a Thanksgiving motif was used in the bridge appointments. Mrs. E. T. Smith and Mrs. A. H. Adkins won the prizes.

Mr. and Mrs. Wes Hill were the hosts of a family reunion and Thanksgiving dinner at their home. At noon a turkey dinner with all the trimmings was served. Those present were Mrs. Iva Flescher, Gus Flescher, Mildred and Mary Beth Flescher and Mr. and Mrs. John Clark, all of Rocksprings; Mrs. Britt Walger of Uvalde, and Alvin Wallace and Felix Wallace, who have just received their discharges after serving with the Armed Forces in Germany.

At the home of Mrs. Beulah Pfister Thanksgiving Day was the scene of a family reunion. All the family were present except Mr. Ed B. Pfister of Fort Stockton. A traditional Thanksgiving dinner was served. Attending was Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Guthals and Jerry and Jennel of San Angelo, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pfister and Jackie of Hobbs, New Mexico, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnes, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Chalk and family, Mrs. Thelma Briscoe and Rostein Pfister



Water and Main Streets were awash with mud and debris after heavy rainstorms in the "good old days." Water and mud would flow across the lower porch of the Decker Hotel and seep under the doors. No paved streets, the town was an ocean of mud, circa 1902.

and; Pricilla and Soony all of Sonora.

The Senior Class decided that their colors would be Red and Gold and their flowers Red carnations tied with gold ribbon. Their motto, after much deliberation was chosen to be "Not at the top, but still climbing."

Alain George Boughton was featured in the "Senior Mirror." Al was born in Port au Prince, Haiti, on July 20, 1929. At the age of one and a half years, he went with his family to Marmande, France, to visit with his mother's family. Returning to the "good ole U.S.A. a short time later, his family settled at the Ranch Experiment Station, where his father works.

In 1937, after attending school at the Station, he returned to visit his grandparents in France. Upon his return in 1938, his family built their home on the San Antonio highway.

Al is 6' 2 1/2" tall, weighing 175 pounds. He has dark brown hair and eyes. He is a senior in high school and president of his class. He has lettered all four years of his football career in high school. In basketball and track he has been seen for two years and will be seen again this year. His favorite foods: mashed potatoes, peas, steak with cream gravy, milk, buns and lemon custard.

His favorite girl: short, dark blonde, a few faded freckles, gray-green eyes, and she has to be a little plump. Other names you will know him by are "Legs" and "Little Doc."

The seventh grade presented a Thanksgiving program at the grammar school auditorium on Nov. 21 and the Jr. High School and elementary school grades attended. Anne Karnes was announcer for the program. J. V. Bishop, speech teacher, gave the purpose of the assembly, stressing especially our obligation for Thanksgiving this year, and read "A Prayer for

Thanksgiving."

Charles Lee Haines gave the scripture reading and Martha Lou Renfroe read "The Time of Thanksgiving," by Howard Fast. "Thanksgiving Day" a poem by Lydia Maria Child was given by Carlene Peebles. Fred Adkins read "When the Frost Is on the Pumpkin" by James Whitcomb Riley. As the last number the assembly sang, "America the Beautiful" and "America."

Staff Sergeants Melvin and Raymond Shroyer, both of whom have been in service with the Army Air Corps as mechanics for three years and having completed eighteen months of overseas service were home visiting their mother on furlough. Raymond had just recently returned from India, where he was with the CBI Command and Melvin has been in the Philippines.

Pvt. George S. Schwiening was home visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Schwiening. He has been stationed at Camp Hood but will report back to duty at Fort Riley, Kansas.

Pfc. Frank Nichols, discharged on Nov. 10, from the Army at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, was home on furlough visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Fred Nichols. He has re-enlisted for another year's service and will report to Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio.

Lt. O.L. Richardson Jr. stationed at Fort Bliss, El Paso, is here on leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richardson Sr. L.E. Holland, Cloma Roberts, Robert Wilson, Austin Turman and Herbert Andrews were still in the Pacific. Some of our boys that had signed up early in the war were either coming home or re-enlisting. Others that had joined up later were scattered around the globe.

Like this year some fami-

lies had lost loved ones and they felt the loss of their loved ones at the Thanksgiving table through death, injuries or just because they were serving too far from home to be with them. As you all sit down for your Thanksgiving dinner say a prayer for the boys and girls who can't be home with their families and thank God that they are helping to keep our country safe. We hope they will all be home with us soon, and that they will stay safe and sound until then.

On a personal note I would like to say a special thanks to the crew of the USCGC Gallatin. These men and women have made their 10th large drug bust this year on top of their stopping many people from entering the US illegally. They have captured thousands of pounds of cocaine along with other illegal drugs being smuggled into our country. The drug smugglers aren't too happy with them right now but I sure am proud of them. You will see me out and about town collecting all the pecans I can to shell and send off to the crew again this year.

The Sutton County Historical Society offices will be closed over the Thanksgiving holiday this year, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and on Monday the 29th. I will be out of town part of that weekend, so leave a message on the answering machine at my home number, 387-2855 and I will return your call when I get home.

If you have any questions concerning Sutton County history send them to "Ask the Historical Society" P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950-0885 or e-mail them to schs@sonoratrax.net. Our offices are located at 307 Oak Street and our phone number there is 387-5084. We will be open on the mornings of November 20 and 21 and December 3 and 4th.

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## Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor,

After receiving my water billing this month (10/01/04-11/01/04), I want it to be known to the City of Sonora that I think their increases are outrageous. One can understand a slight increase for operating expenses over a period of time, but to handle an increase in this manner just goes beyond my comprehension.

An example of what is going on is my billing from 9/01/04-10/01/04: I used 74 (to the city, 74,000 gal. or what?) during this period, was charged \$19.54 for water usage, \$19.77 for Sewer, add garbage at \$15.91, mosquito at \$1.00, tax at \$1.23, the total was \$57.45. THIS MONTH, 10/01/04 - 11/01/04, usage was 59, my water total was \$60.00. Sewer \$67.81, add mosquito, garbage and tax, my total was \$145.95! And why such a huge increase? Because I have a 1 1/2 inch meter rather than a 3/4 meter. Either that, or the City is doing it because they didn't plan ahead (imagine that).

There are two people living in our household, we consume less water than a family of three, four or more, but we are being penalized because our meter is bigger than your meter.

I talked to the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) in Austin today, the person I talked to (1) could not understand why a 1 1/2 in. meter was installed in the first place (we didn't have this installed) and (2) why the city would charge according to meter size, except to penalize people who have sprinkler systems (which saves water in the long run), and people who have swimming pools.

The TNRCC operates under the Public Utilities Commission which was established in 1975, included in the paragraph under Unique Rights and Responsibilities of the "Commission" is the following: "The public utility must serve all customers on equal terms. Finally, the public utility must charge rates that are just and reasonable." Well, folks, if you think this is 'just and reasonable', I have some ocean front property in Arizona.... as the song goes.

There are many senior citizens who are retired here and are on fixed incomes. How can they possibly afford this outrageous increase? If we have a meter larger than 3/4 inches, we are being penalized. For those of you (myself included) requesting smaller meters to be installed by the city at a charge of \$450.00 a pop, we are on a waiting list and in the meantime we are to continue paying the current rate. I suggest that from the date we make a request to the City of Sonora to change our meters, that they charge the 3/4 inch rate until the City can get to our meters to change them out.

I know everyone has heard the phrase, "you can't fight city hall", well, I think you can if you can get enough citizens together. After all, our great democracy started with a small town hall meeting.

The City of Sonora is evidently using the Robin Hood approach, let us take from the big meter and give to the small meter. Shame on you! It's the USAGE, stupid.

Sincerely,  
Julia Hines

## Alcohol is but a Symptom

It was a hectic weekend on call. I was seeing first hand the ravages of alcohol and how it affects so many people. I was tired.

In talking with my wife, I was reminded that alcohol wasn't really the problem. "Guns don't kill people." "People kill people."

The analogy was clear to me. So where is the line drawn?

The American Heart Association endorses and encourages that two glasses of wine can be protective to your heart. The government/police state that it is okay to have a 0.08 blood alcohol level.

I was reminded of the saying, "All things in moderation." It is the excessive drinking that causes the loss of self control. It is the excess that causes rage, domestic violence, altered mental status and motor vehicle accidents.

Alcohol itself is not evil. For even Jesus turned the water into wine at the wedding party.

It is when we put alcohol first in our thinking, that it becomes a problem in our lives.

Thanks for listening,  
Dr. Greg Johnson, M.D.

## Happy Birthday

November 18

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November 19

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November 20

Chelsea Martinez, Bianca Fay, Brandon Lock, Santos Duran, Gabriel Omelas

November 21

Jeffrey Surber, Brian Payton, Janet Smith, Manuel Hernandez, Rita Alewine, Steve Boldt

November 22

Jacklyn DeCordova, Bryce Smith, Bill Finklea, John Charles Marshall,

November 23

Tonya Bounds, Alicia Virgen

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### Kings celebrate fifty years of marriage with family and friends

Mr. and Mrs. Bennie King's children honored their parents on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 6, 2004. Family and friends gathered at the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall to celebrate with the couple.

Bennie King and Luan Hill were married November 6, 1954 in Lovington, New Mexico. They are the proud parents of Linda Love of Sonora, Denis King of San Angelo and Charles King of Kerrville and Harper.

The Kings have two grandchildren, Amy Sykes of Sonora and Charles "Chuck" King of Kerrville. They also have three great-grandchildren, Paige, Alexa and Blayze Wesley Sykes, all of Sonora.

The couple has lived in San Angelo, Victorville, California;



San Antonio; Taiwan and Hawaii while in the military. Bennie is retired from the U.S. Air Force and is the owner and operator of Kings Refrigeration. The couple moved to Sonora in 1976.

### Wedding Announcement



Mr. and Mrs. Brandon Asbill

### Becknell and Asbill exchange vows in a summer ceremony

Stacey Lynn Becknell and Brandon Aubrey Asbill were married July 3, 2004, at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora with the Reverends Jim McClain and Beverly Parsons officiating. It was the six-year anniversary of the day they met. Parents of the couple are Mr. and Mrs. Howard Becknell of Sonora and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Asbill of Mason.

Maid of Honor was sister of the bride, Margie Becknell of College Station. Bridesmaids were sister of the groom, Deandra Palacio of Springdale, AR and friends of the couple, Gayla Thornton and Alishia Dover of San Angelo and Stephanie Krebs of Corpus Christi.

Best Man was the best friend of the groom, Thomas Morales of San Angelo. Groomsmen were brother-in-law of the groom, John Palacio of Springdale, AR and friends of the couple, Michael Thornton of San Angelo, Robert Powell of Plano and Joe David Lehmborg of San Antonio.

Ushers were friends of the couple, Michael Thornton and Lane Worthington of Mertzon. Flower girls were nieces of the groom, Raegan and Makenna Palacio of Springdale, AR. Ring bearer was friend of the couple, Caden Dover of San Angelo. Programs were passed out by niece of the bride, Brianna Worthington of Mertzon. Candle lighter was cousin of the bride, Elizabeth Bedair of Splendora, and guestbook attendant was niece of the bride, Desiree Gooding of San Angelo.

Soloist was mother of the groom, Dorothy Asbill, singing a special song that she wrote for the bride and groom. Organist was friend of the couple, Charlotte Wilson of Sonora. Trumpeter was Skila Jennings of San Angelo and guitarist was Daniel Immekus of Corpus Christi, both friends and PT school classmates of the bride. Wedding coordinator was friend of the couple, Gwen Frederickson of Sonora.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Sonora High School. She received a Master of Physical Therapy degree in 2003 from Angelo State University. She is employed by Shannon Medical Center as a physical therapist working primarily in acute care.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Mason High School. He received a bachelor's degree in Animal Science in 2000 from Angelo State University and is pursuing a master's degree in Animal Science at Angelo State University. He is employed by Texas Cooperative Extension and is the Tom Green County Extension Agent for 4-H and Youth Development.

The couple enjoyed a wedding trip to San Antonio and South

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### Chamber Chatter

#### Santa Bucks now available at participating businesses



by Ruthie Bounds, Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

We are fortunate in Sonora to have a second new meat market opening this week. There will be a Grand Opening for Zaragoza's Meat Market, this Thursday November 18th, at 109 W. Main Street beginning at 4:00 pm. They will offer custom cut beef, pork, and chicken along with homemade chorizo, menudo, arracheras, costillas, and fajita meat. They will be open from 9:00 am until 7:00 pm, 7 days a week. Please join us in welcoming this new business to Sonora.

Another great event in Sonora! Well, I keep saying this, but I don't think it can be said often enough. The people of Sonora are amazing, they come together and put on an event the size of the 38th Annual Game Dinner. Volunteers showed up by the droves, from the cooks that were out there at daylight Saturday morning, to the ticket sellers, to the Downtown Lion's Club and recruited volunteers to help serve. I won't even try to name all the people and organizations that were there to help, because there were so many I wouldn't be able to name them all if I tried. Thanks again Sonora for putting on a wonderful event.

This is the week that your local merchants and businesses will begin giving out the Santa Bucks for the Santa Bucks Auction. Participating merchants at this time are: Team Graphics, Alco, Gifts Galore & More, Ami's, Thorps Laundry, NAPA - Circle S Automotive, I-10 Exxon, Ol' Sonora Trading Company, Stagecoach BBQ, Catering & Meat Market, Angel Café, B & H Bar-B-Q & Catering, Dairy Queen, Parker

Lumber, State Farm Insurance, Lisa's Flowers & Gifts, Flowers by Irene, Shot's # 5 & #6, Moore's Oil & Lube, Red Horse Feeds, Sonora Office Supply, Sutton County Steakhouse, Teaff Oil, Tedford Jewelry & Radio Shack, Victor's Automotive, and Stirrup Trouble Salon. Shop in Sonora and reap the benefits of all the wonderful prizes for the Santa Bucks Auction. If you are a local business that has not been contacted about the Santa Bucks Auction, please let us know at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center. We will be glad for you to participate and will, of course, gratefully accept any donation to the Santa Bucks Auction. This year we will be having a special "Senior Citizens" section, as well as the "Children's" section during the auction, and we anticipate even more wonderful gifts that you can purchase with your Santa Bucks.

The letters of invitation to participate in "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar were mailed out last week. Please let us know as soon as possible if you are going to want a booth, they are filling up fast and we do have a limited number of booths available. If you did not receive an entry form to participate in "The More the Merrier" and would like to be a part of this good old fashioned Christmas Bazaar, please call Sonora Chamber of Commerce at 325/387-2880 or e-mail me at soncoc@sonoratx.net. Remember, there is no charge for locals to participate, we won't charge Sutton County residents, as this is a promotion to help our community merchants and individuals. It looks like this will be another great "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar.

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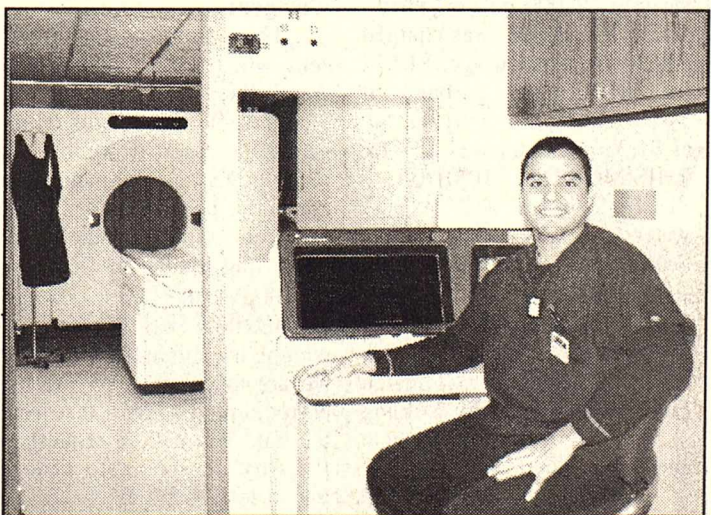
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### Hudspeth Radiology Director Completes CT Registry

Fermin Gabaldon, R.T.(R)(CT) A.R.R.T., Director of Radiology at Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital recently completed the computed tomography or CT registry. Fermin completed his Radiography training at the Hendrick School of Radiography in Abilene in 2002. Completing the national registry and obtaining the credentials of R.T. or Radiological Technologist. Fermin continued his specialization becoming eligible for and completing the CT national registry in the summer of 2004. Fermin is currently scheduled to complete his Bachelor's of Science in Radiologic Science through Midwestern State University in Wichita Falls, in May 2005.

Fermin was instrumental in bringing CAT Scan technology to Sonora thus saving many patients from having to travel to San Angelo for these studies. Fermin and his wife Cyndi, also a radiological technologist, have two children and are excited to be part of the growing health care community.

"I look forward to the new technology being installed in the new hospital facility," Fermin



Director of Radiology, Fermin Gabaldon Photo by Erica Morris

These new technologies will be connected through a new computed radiography system known as CR and PACS. This system will eliminate the need for film. All x-ray systems will be produced digitally and images can be sent anywhere in the world. This new CR/PACS system is second to none and the opportunity to have this technology in a rural hospital is impressive. The services and technology brought to Sonora will establish a new level of quality in rural healthcare.



## Sonora Fillies end volleyball season with match in Sonora

submitted

On Tuesday, November 9, 2004 the Sonora Fillies traveled back to San Angelo for their last matches on the road.

The Fillies White team lost to the San Angelo team in a very hard fought match. The White team played extremely well defensively but struggled on the offensive side of the net.

The Red team went up against the Grape Creek Lady Eagles. In the 3rd game of a two-out-of-three match they came out victorious! The Red Fillies held their intensity defensively and their composure on their serve and pulled out the win in the 15 point tie breaker.

On Thursday, November 11, the Fillies were able to play their first match in their home gym in Sonora. With an enthusiastic crowd, the Red team and the White team took the court against each other.

Both teams began the first game a little slow, but as the nervousness of being in front of a home crowd seemed to dissipate, the quality and intensity of

play increased. By the end of the game both teams were making defensive saves out of the net and serving with power offensively. At the end of the first game, Fillies White managed to outscore Fillies Red, and the two teams took the court for their second game of the match.

This game began with both teams playing their best matches of the season. The Fillies Red served first. As the score increased, the lead changed from one side of the net to the other. Both teams continued their aggressive play at the net and consistent serving across the net. It looked as if the game would be past a score of 25, needing to win by two points. The Fillies White got the serve back and put the ball in play. The Fillies Red kept the ball in play with a couple of good bumps but were not able to get it back across the net, giving the Fillies White the win of the game, and the win of the match.

It was a great game and fun for everyone.



Sonora Superintendent Dr. Brant Myers, S.I.S.D. Technology Director Erik Craig, Sonora Board of Trustees Tryon Fields and Tom Payton accept an \$11,900 grant from Verizon for technology improvements from Cesar Moncada, Director of External Affairs (center).

## Verizon from page 1

strong alliances with the schools located in the communities we serve," said Steve Banta, Verizon Southwest region president. "These grants will help provide Texas teachers with additional training and tools that uplift and motivate schoolchildren to excel in the classroom and become future leaders in the work force."

Proposals that included a focus on literacy programs to build reading and writing skills through the use of computers and Internet-based programs were given priority consideration.

Sonora ISD received \$11,900 for SMART Boards™. This technology allows an entire classroom to benefit from affordable computer-based teaching.

Many of the schools that participated in Verizon's call for entries identified as a major education priority the need to improve reading and writing skills of students at all grade levels, especially at-risk children who are reading below grade level.

In addition to funding desktop computers, laptops, mobile wireless carts and literacy software, these technology grants will help schools maximize their use of computer technology.

In 2003, the Verizon Foundation awarded more than 21,000 grants totaling about \$70 million to charitable and non-profit agencies that focus on improving basic and computer literacy, enriching communities through technology, and creating a skilled work force. The foundation uses its resources in the United States and abroad to develop partnerships in technology and connect them with organizations serving the needs of diverse communities, people with disabilities, victims of domestic violence, and the economically and socially disadvantaged. More than 175 Texas organizations received \$3.8 million in Verizon grants last year.

The foundation also supports Verizon Volunteers, an incentive program that last year encouraged Verizon employees

## 7th Grade Lady Colts blast past Eldorado

by Nancy Glasscock

Coach Larry Jennings' 7th Grade Lady Colts came out blazing Monday night to win the first game of the 2004 season 45 to 7 over Eldorado.

Point guard Cassie Krieg was the high point girl with 12 points. At the half, the 7th Grade Lady Colts led 21 to 3. Coach Jennings substituted early to get all the players real time game experience.

The Lady Colts play Ozona there next on Monday, November 22 at 5 PM.

Individual Scoring:

Krieg, C. 12; Hernandez, A. 10; Gillit, S. 6; Trevino, B. 5; Berry, B. 3; Sanchez, M. 2; Favila, A. 2; Brown, A. 2; Castillo, V. 2; Vela, A. 1

## 8th Grade Lady Colts battle Eldorado at season opener

submitted by Coach Dempsey

The Sonora 8th Grade Girls opened their season with a hard fought battle against Eldorado.

The Lady Eagles lead at halftime 13-8, but the 3rd quarter the Lady Colts out scored their opponent 10-2. The Lady Colts went into the 4th Quarter with a 4 point lead. This lead was narrowed when Stubbs for Eldorado hit a 3 pointer. The

Lady Colts tried to fight back, but fell short, with the game ending 23-21 in favor of Eldorado.

The 8th grade Lady Colts play Ozona, there, next Monday, November 22.

Stats: Azeneth Villanueva 7 pts., Jessica Snyder 2 pts., Steely Ingham 1 pt., Savannah Leonard 11 pts.

## Student of the Week

Alyssa Nicole Ibarra is the 17 year old daughter of Fernando and Alice Ibarra. Alyssa is currently a senior at Sonora High having moved to Sonora from Uvalde in August of 1989.

Alyssa enjoys basketball, football and spending time with her family. She also likes to talk on the phone, surfing the internet and going to church.

Web-mastering and government are her favorite classes.

Alyssa has big plans after graduation as she will attend UTSA and eventually enter law school.

Sonora High School teachers and staff would like to congratulate Alyssa as our students of the week.



Alyssa Ibarra

The student of the week is designed to recognize students for various achievements and contributions. It is our wish to stress and highlight the positive attributes of ALL of our students.

## Hardgrave makes UTSA Honor Roll

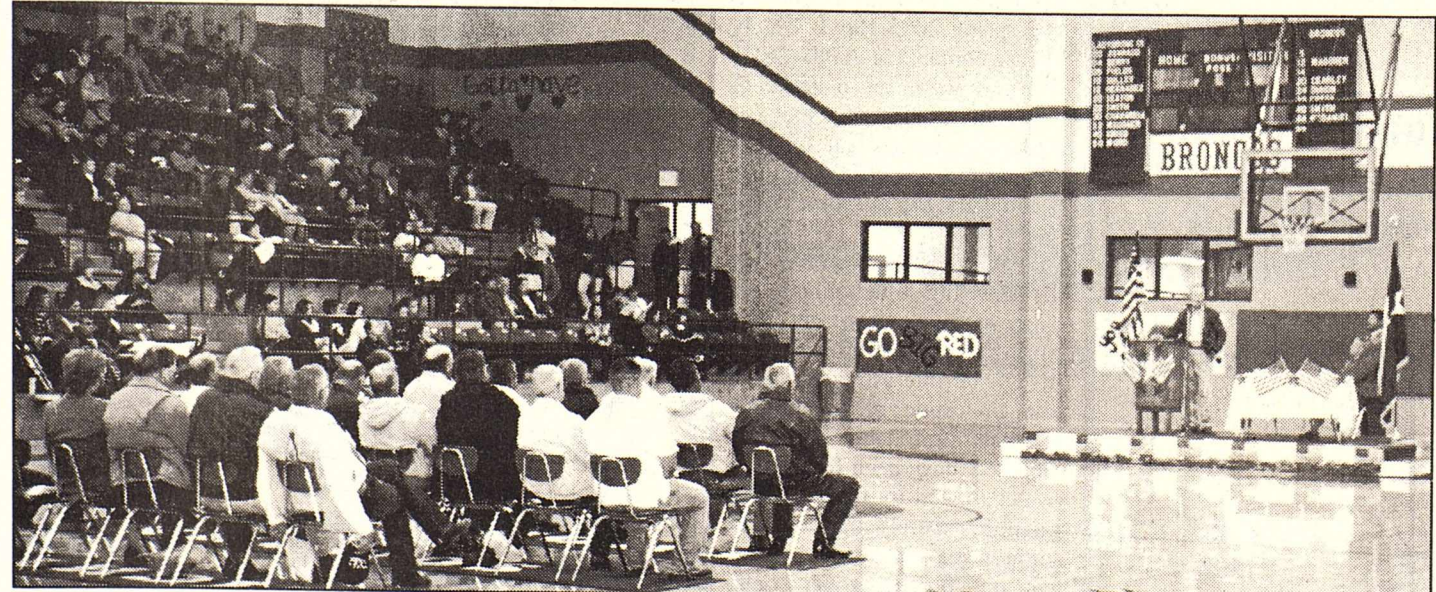
The University of Texas at San Antonio has named Ryan W. Hardgrave of Sonora, Texas, to the Student Honor Roll for his excellent academic performance for the Summer 2004 semester. To receive this recognition, he achieved a grade-point average of 3.66 for the semester. Ryan is a senior business major at UTSA.

## Choi's Tae Kwon Do students compete at National Tournament



Local students from Choi's Tae Kwon Do attended National Tournament in San Antonio, Texas. The Tournament was held all day Saturday the 6th of November. Blaine Mitchell (left) of Eldorado, Texas competed both in sparring and form competition. Blaine received a 1st place trophy in sparring competition and 2nd place trophy in form competition. Paul Stephens, (center) our local instructor, received a 1st place trophy in form competition. Cande Tobias (right) received a 1st place trophy in form competition. Congratulations to our students on a job well done!

## Veterans honored at Sonora High School



Sonora High School and Middle School students and staff honored Sutton County's Veterans in a special ceremony on November 11, 2004. Ray Glasscock spoke to those in attendance about his time in the military, describing some of his missions and explaining the grueling training that he and others went through to prepare them for their battles.

High School Principal Raul Chavarria read aloud the names of veterans that were submitted by friends and family members, along

with their branch of the armed services and the war they served in. Each veteran present was asked to stand as the Mighty Bronco Band played their particular branch of service theme song. Cheers of enthusiasm and support filled the gym as each serviceman or woman took their turn.

This special ceremony was enriching for all who attended, with a very special group of citizens being honored for all that they have given to our community and our country.

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**What's in a Kettle?**

by Delyse Jaeger

Have you driven down the highway and experienced the uneasy feeling that someone is watching you? If so, rest assured - someone is! The American kestrel - sentry of the high wires - has arrived and can be seen perched atop the roadside utility wires in copious numbers. With the trained eye of a professional hunter, this extraordinarily beautiful raptor scans the open fields for grasshoppers, small rodents, and lizards. The American kestrel is the smallest and most colorful of all North American birds of prey. The male kestrel has a steel blue crown and wings with a bright rust colored back and tail. His upper breast is a buffy rufous tone fading to a creamy white beneath. This pleasing combination of hues is dappled with dark spots and intermittent black feathers tipped in white. Perhaps the most arresting feature is the pair of dark lines descending like war paint from just below and just behind the kestrel's eyes. A favorite falcon of birders for obvious reasons, the American kestrel can be seen throughout Sutton County and of course at Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

Admiring the roadside kestrels reminded me of something our local wildlife biologist had mentioned awhile back. Mary Humphrey with the Texas Parks and Wildlife

Department had observed an incredibly large number of migrating hawks blanketing a field. Mary is familiar with the behavior of migrating birds, but she was no less delighted to witness the not so common and awesome sight of an untold multitude of feathered predators gathered in one place. A grouping of hawks is generally referred to as a "cast"; however migrating raptors exhibit an even more phenomenal behavior than gathering in huge numbers. The birds make ingenious use of air currents to complete their momentous migratory journey. Here's how it works and by all accounts this is an adventure to behold! First of all, you need to know that a "thermal" is a warm, circular current of air that rises from the ground. The raptors will hitch a ride on a thermal, circling and spiraling upward to an altitude in the lower thousands of feet - with scarcely a need to flap their wings. When the current dissipates, the birds begin a gradually descending glide, reaching speeds up to forty miles an hour and covering up to two miles, all with very little energy expelled! The broad winged hawk is the species most commonly observed in this spectacular display of aerial finesse. Hundreds of birds may be seen riding the same warm current and are referred to as a "kettle" of hawks. The ultimate avian theme park ride! The skies are as full of majesty and mystery as is the earth!

Organizations exist who operate on the volunteer efforts of interested people across the nation to identify, count, observe and document the migratory behavior of raptors. Anyone who might be interested in participating in the spring 2005 Hawk Watch, please contact me at 387-2615. Perhaps we'll see a kettle of kestrels, or a kestrel kettle... if a kestrel kettle can quickly cover countless kilometers...seven times real fast.

With all the rain, we may be growing bluebonnets the size of mesquite trees this spring. When the trails dry up, it will be interesting to see if the multitude of bluebonnet plants that had already debuted, have been fortified or water logged by the continual rainfall. Surely the sun will soon peek out again and we can pull on the rubber boots, hit the trails and enjoy the full splendor of creation!

Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary is a project of the Sonora Industrial Development Corporation.

**Game Dinner 2004**



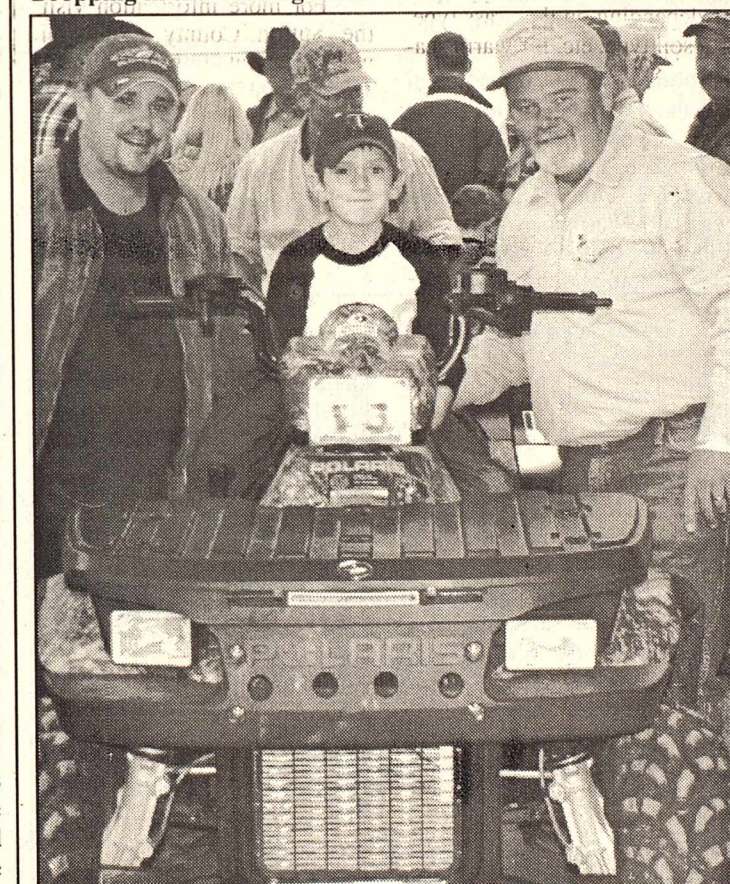
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**Burn workshops to be offered in Sonora**

by Blair Fannin, b-fannin@tamu.edu

SONORA - Two prescribed rangeland burn workshops are scheduled in January and February at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Sonora.

The workshops, scheduled for Jan. 20-22 and Feb. 24-26, will help individuals develop a plan and conduct a burn on the ranch. Fire characteristics, dangers, benefits and equipment will be discussed, said Ray Hinnant, senior research associate with the Experiment Station and one of the workshop instructors.

"This will be a banner year for burning with as much forage as we have across the state," he said.

Fire is an environmentally friendly and cost-effective way to manipulate rangeland habitat, Hinnant said.

All the workshops will be held at the Sonora Experiment Station.

Participants will observe a

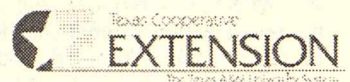
wide variety of rangelands either depleted or covered by unwanted brush, areas that are in the process of being restored, and rangeland that has been restored by fire and management. Most of the workshops will be spent in the field learning and observing in small groups.

The cost for each workshop is \$395. Lodging and meals will be provided. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Separate sleeping arrangements will be available for men and women, with limited space available for couples.

Other instructors for the Academy are Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, director of the Sonora Station; Dr. Mort Kothmann, professor at Texas A&M University; and Kent Mills, nutritionist, Hi-Pro Feeds.

For more information, go to the Web at <http://rangeweb.tamu.edu/arm> or phone (979) 845-5580.

**Do we need to fertilize our lawns in the winter?**



submitted by Pascual Hernandez, Sutton County

Warm season grasses such as St. Augustinegrass, Bermudagrass, Zoysiagrass, Buffalograss, etc. will be going dormant very soon. Once this occurs and they become somewhat straw colored, these grasses are no longer growing actively. Our recommendation is to fertilize your turfgrass only when these plants are actively growing and apply the appropriate type and rate of fertilizer based on a soil sample analysis. Spring, summer, and fall applications would be very appropriate depending on the grass type, use, soil type, etc. for warm season grasses. A good rule of

thumb is to put out your fall application at least 30 days before the average first frost date and begin with the spring application approximately 30 days after the average last frost date for your area. This approach is not only best for the turf, but also for our environment.

If you overseed your turf or have a cool season turfgrass such as Tall Fescue, Perennial or Annual Ryegrass, then late fall and winter applications would be recommended. You need to apply approximately 75% of the total nitrogen required for this species during this period of time and much less in the late winter and early spring.

For more information visit the Sutton County Extension website at <http://sutton-co.tamu.edu>.

**Pesticide Re-certification training offered in Eldorado**

by Steve Byrns

ELDORADO - Texas Department of Agriculture is offering seven continuing education units to participants of a Texas Cooperative Extension Pesticide Re-certification Course on Nov. 30 in Eldorado's Schleicher County Civic Center.

Course registration begins at 8:30 a.m. The program runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Educational topics, speakers and CEU values are:

- "Weed ID and Equipment Modification for Improved Weed Control," Dr. Billy Warrick, Extension agronomist, San Angelo, (one hour of general);

- "IPM in the Home Landscape," Dr. Chris Sansone, Extension entomologist, San Angelo, (one hour of Integrated Pest Management);

- "Range Brush Control: What Not to Do!" Dr. Allan McGinty, Extension range specialist, San Angelo, (one hour of general);

- "Wildlife Control Methods," John Dorsett, district supervisor, Texas Wildlife Damage Management Services, San Angelo, (one hour of general);

- "Pesticide Laws and Regulations," Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture inspector, San Angelo, (one hour of general);

- "Disposal of Pesticide Containers," George Ortiz, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, San Angelo, (one half-hour of general);

- "Pesticides and Groundwater," Cindy Cawley, manager, Plateau and Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District, Eldorado, (one half-hour of general);

- "Herbicide Mode of Action," Pascual Hernandez, Extension agricultural agent for Sutton County, Sonora, (one half-hour of general), and

- "Brush Buster Programs," Scott Edmonson, Extension agricultural agent for Schleicher County, Eldorado, (one half-hour of general). Program co-sponsors are the Extension offices in Schleicher, Sutton, Crockett, Irion, Sterling, Coke, and Tom Green counties.

Registration is \$15 per person, which covers meals, breaks and educational material. Registration deadline is Nov. 24 so an accurate meal count can be made; call Edmonson at (325) 853-2132.

**Who's Baggin' the BIG BUCKS**



Kaivan Greiner of Birmingham, Alabama bagged this 12 point buck on Sunday, November 14 while hunting with Wildlife Visions on Encino Ranch in Sutton County. The deer scored a 167 1/8 Boone & Crockett. Photo by Erica Morriss

**Rig Locations as of November 12, 2004**



**Sutton**  
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 Dominion; 6200' Meckel #81, Patterson Drilling.

**Drilling.**  
 New Dominion; 9600' W H Karnes - C - #7, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Range Production; 9500' Wess Hill #15, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 9350' Duke Wilson #1746, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Dominion; 9000' Shurley RR - 2A - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
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**Drilling.**  
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 New Dominion; 6400' Thomson #12, Patterson Drilling.

**Crockett**  
 Endeavor Energy Res.; 15000' Parker - 100 - #1 H, Big Dog Drilling.  
 Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey Estate - B - #2003, Key Energy.  
 Chesapeake; 7000' EH Chandler - A - #2, Patterson Drilling.  
 New Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey - A - #604, Nabors Drilling.  
 New Approach Operating; 9000' Approach Bailey #207, Nabors Drilling.  
 New Anadarko; 9000' Scheuber - B - #10, Patterson Drilling.

**Terrell**  
 Riata Energy Inc; 19000' Mitchell #1201, Lariat Drilling.  
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 EOG Resources; 9500' Noelke - 31 - #1H, Nabors Drilling.  
 Conocophillips; 11800' ACU - 49 - #4, Patterson UTI/LV.  
 New Fasken Oil & Ranch; 7500' Geaslin NW - 188 - #62 Patterson Drilling.  
 Nuevo Texas Inc; 9000' Mitchell - 8 - #10, Patterson Drilling.

**Edwards**  
 Newfield; 13000' Whitehead - A - #7907, Patterson Drilling.  
 Dominion; 9700' Peterson - 55 - #1X, Key Energy.  
 New Chi Operating, Inc.; 5700' Fred #2, Key Energy.  
 New Diamondback Oper; 2400' Jenkins - 62 - #2, Thornton Drilling.

**Val Verde**  
 New Purvis Operating; 12650' Whitehead #1, Patterson Drilling.  
 J. Cleo Thompson; 10500' Cauthorn - 3 - #4, Patterson Drilling.  
 Beeson Energy Inc.; 2450' Great Shaman #1, Hinz Drilling.

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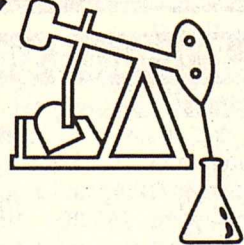
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## County Commissioners vote on insurance for retirees

by *Storie Sharp*

The Sutton County Commissioners met in regular session on Monday, November 8, 2004. A problem with the cleaning at the Sutton County Civic Center was discussed at length. Apparently the center is not being cleaned to specifications by one of the approved cleaning crews. The commissioners agreed that it is very important that the center be cleaned immediately after a rental because of additional rentals that may follow the next day. The commissioners agreed to give Road and Bridge Department Manager, Oscar Jimenez the authority to handle the situation as deemed necessary to rectify the problem.

Sutton County Judge Carla Garner informed the court that the election votes need to be officially canvassed and it has to be done between November 10-

15. It was agreed to do so on Monday the 15th.

The fee for the Civic Center was waived for the Sutton County Health Fair.

Sutton County District Clerk, Betty Hernandez reported that the County Court collected \$7,957 for the month of October and the District Court collected \$11,941.76. She also thanked Oscar for all his help during District Court at the Civic Center.

County Attorney David Wallace reported that \$742.89 had been collected in hot checks for the month of October.

A lengthy discussion was then held regarding insurance coverage for retiring county employees. Several options were reviewed for approval, including offering nothing, allowing the employee to remain under the coverage, but pay themselves or to pay all or part

of the premium until the recipient qualifies for medicare. There are many factors that weigh in on this decision, including the years of service and the age of the employee. Judge Garner reminded the commissioners that any decision could change at a later date, depending on budget availability and opinions of future commissioners. After debating the options, Commissioner John Wade made a motion to give all retirees with 20 years service to the county maximum health premium benefits until medicare is received, to be reviewed on a yearly basis. Commissioner Mike Villanueva seconded the motion, stating that the employees deserved to be compensated and voted in favor with Wade. Commissioners Belia Casteneda and Milton Cavaness voted no on the motion. Judge

Garner gave the tie breaking vote in favor, thus passing the motion.

Retirees that do not have 20 years of service will be allowed to stay on at the group rate, but will pay for their coverage, with a cap when they become eligible for medicare.

Everyone agreed that the information needs to be presented in writing so everyone is clear on the motion.

Judge Garner ended the meeting by reporting the the courthouse construction is ongoing, and currently they are working on the interior sprinkler system in the roof and that two inches of water was found in the basement. The leak area has been identified and repaired, but was an unexpected delay. Everything else appears to be going well and the satellite offices are working well.

## School Board from page 1

was unanimously approved.

Member Tammy Favila stated that she had requested that this item be placed on the agenda because she had concerns regarding substitute teacher pay. The Superintendent said that he had contacted all schools in Region XV regarding substitute teacher pay and presented a spreadsheet he had developed from the information obtained. The document showed the variations in pay for certified, non-certified, and long term substitutes throughout the region.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with board members looking at all areas concerning the matter. It was the consensus of the Board to leave the pay schedule in place for the time being and to revisit it during the next budget cycle. However, board members requested that a December agenda item be a discussion/possible action regarding a policy change regarding the number of days involved when determining a long term substitute assignment.

Dr. Myers stated that he had sent the board a detailed letter regarding the district's transportation fleet which explained the various options available for upgrading the fleet. Maintenance Supervisor Danny Hardin presented trip information for the school's vehicles and stated that there had already been 137 trips for 50+ school days. A lengthy discussion was held and board members were in agreement that the district's fleet was in dire need of an upgrade. These upgrades would be made by utilizing the 2004-2005 budgetary allowance created by the maintenance tax notes.

A motion was then made by Jacoby to put out bids for the following: one route bus, two 54 passenger activity buses, two suburbans, one small 40 passenger activity bus and one used pickup. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

Additionally, President Tryon Fields stated that he saw problems with the fact that the football team borrows a trailer to haul their equipment and that he felt the district needed to look at having their own trailer on site. Hardin stated that he was already getting prices on trailers.

Dr. Myers stated that the annual American Association of School Administrators Conference, which is held at various locations throughout the United States, was this year scheduled for San Antonio. He asked the board's permission to attend the conference, stating that it would probably be the only time the meeting was held in a location near Sonora. Jennings asked what meetings the Superintendent normally attends and Jacoby asked about the agenda of the meeting. Fields stated that he personally felt the Superintendent was out of the office enough and why should they (the board) send him to something else. Jacoby pointed out that the meeting was only two days; however, there were no further comments and the Superintendent stated that he would withdraw the request.

After a short recess, campus principals Raul Chavarria, John Berry and Louise Dermody offered brief remarks regarding their Campus Improvement Plans for 2004-2005. The plans were unanimously approved.

Dr. Myers stated that enrollment stood at 983 and the attendance rate was 97.42, down 2-3

tenths of a point from the same time in 2003.

Maintenance projects were reviewed as follows: High School and Middle School elevators must be renovated and Thyssenkrupp Elevator has submitted a bid for \$64,000 for their part with the district doing the rest of the work. Dr. Myers stated that it will cost approximately \$100,000 to complete the project but that it could be funded by the bond portion of the maintenance tax notes.

On campus, upcoming projects are updating the air conditioning controls at the High School, repairing leaks at the Middle and Intermediate Schools and outside lights at the Middle School, covering the skylights at the Middle School Gym, and repairing leaks at the Vocational Building. Completed projects include boiler repair at the High School, installing drapes at the High School Auditorium, and the Middle School Retrofit Program (with the High School Retrofit Program almost completed).

Upcoming extra-curricular projects include remounting the controls for the water well at the football field and beginning work on the long jump pit and the track. Completed projects are reseeding the baseball and softball fields.

Repairs at administrator houses include plumbing and repairing or removing a wood stove. An upcoming project is the Band Director's house which involves roofing and heating problems.

Dr. Myers stated that Maintenance Supervisor Danny Hardin does a great job in providing the district an exceptional amount of expertise in dealing with maintenance and repair projects.

Dr. Myers presented the annual Superintendent's Report on District Status which details the progress Sonora ISD is making in addressing excellence in all aspects of school operation, including academic standing, attendance, enrollment, extra-curricular, facilities, finance, housing, maintenance, personnel, safety, technology, transportation, and overall efforts.

Dr. Myers stated that the Board had received the Superintendent appraisal document along with district goals and said that the Superintendent Evaluation was due at the December regular meeting. He reminded board members that the appraisal instrument was goal oriented.

The Superintendent stated he would contact member Dean Dermody regarding evaluation training for new board members.

Dr. Myers said that he was going to ask one more time if the board was interested in scheduling a level II team building session which TASB recommends holding on an annual basis. Board members stated that it would probably be impossible to schedule anything they all could attend but requested that the Superintendent go ahead and try to work something up (preferably locally) and to get back to them.

The Superintendent stated that the Band was marching more students than it had uniforms for and requested the board consider purchasing new uniforms. He said that Christoval ISD had indicated an interest in Sonora's current uniforms and that the board could choose to sell them at a nominal fee or donate them.

President Fields commented that band director, Rusty Baldwin had proven what he could do to improve the band program and that he should be rewarded with both an assistant director and new band uniforms.

Other board members agreed and directed the Superintendent to inform Mr. Baldwin to begin looking for an assistant and to have information regarding new uniforms ready to present to them at the December regular meeting.

President Fields read a thank you note from his daughter, thanking the board and administration for the gift they sent following her recent surgery. Mr. Fields also reported on parental concerns regarding elementary students walking on the uncovered walkway during thunderstorms. Finally, Mr. Fields commented that he saw major problems regarding the traffic/left hand turn situation if the City Council approves the plan.

Member Tammy Favila thanked the PTO for the hot dog supper they provided for the Elementary students, parents, and staff prior to open house. She stated that the band director and band members had done a fantastic job this year and that you could see the love and respect the students have for the band program and director. Mrs. Favila concluded her remarks by thanking the teachers, parents, and students who participated in the Fall Festival and stated that for those who chose not to participate, it was their loss.

Member Tom Payton was informed that the Cross Country placed 9th of 32 teams. He stated that he wished to commend all the district's students for their efforts in both academics and extra-curricular activities.

Dr. Myers informed the board that the varsity football team would compete in the first round of playoff games on Friday, November 12, at 7:00 p.m. in San Angelo.

High School Principal Raul Chavarria stated that Librarian Jerrilyn Miller, who is certified in chemistry, had volunteered to fill in as chemistry teacher until the vacancy is filled. Dr. Myers stated that the district would probably hire a library aid to take Ms. Miller's slot in the library until the chemistry vacancy is resolved. Dr. Myers also informed the board that many districts in Region XV were offering their assistance and help in any way possible.

Dr. Myers informed the board that Elementary Principal Louise Dermody was recommending Joetta Friess for the teacher vacancy created due to obtaining a grant. Dr. Myers said that he would prefer not to act on the employment of Mrs. Friess, until her current employer, Crockett Co. CCSD, releases her. He stated that the Crockett Co. CCSD Board was meeting on the 16th and if they released Mrs. Friess, then he would bring the recommendation to the December regular board meeting.

Mr. Chavarria informed the board that he had a degreed person working as a long term substitute to fill the High School Spanish position and that alternative certification was being offered to this person if he should choose to accept it.

## State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

### Texas secretary of state Connor steps down

By *Mike Cox*

AUSTIN - No one found the post-election cabinet shuffle in Washington particularly out of the ordinary, but back at the ranch in Texas, Secretary of State Geoff Connor announced his intention to step down at the end of the year.

Of course, secretary of state in Texas is vastly different from being U.S. secretary of state. In Texas, the office oversees a very important process - the election system.

Gov. Rick Perry is expected to name Weatherford businessman J. Roger Williams as Connor's replacement. Williams has been a major fund-raiser for President George W. Bush.

The appointment would mark the 105th secretary of state in Texas history.

**Profiling begins...**  
With the next legislative session only two months away, lawmakers have begun profiling bills.

An early eye-catcher is Rep. Warren Chisum's (R-Pampa) bill proposing submission to Texas voters of a constitutional amendment defining marriage as a sanctioned relationship open only to male-female couples.

That will assure Texas plenty of national media attention.

Other prefilled bills would create a school voucher system, allow law enforcement officers to set up DWI check points, install a business activity tax to replace the existing franchise tax, restore funding for low-cost children's health insurance (as well as those who are employed but poor) and require record votes in the House and Senate.

### Supreme Court judge named...

Gov. Rick Perry has appointed Houstonian David Medina, his former legal counsel, to the Texas Supreme Court. Medina will fill the vacancy created when Perry elevated Wallace Jefferson to chief justice to replace Tom Phillips, who retired earlier this year.

The 46-year-old Medina served as a district judge in Harris County from 1996 to 2000.

"This is a highly qualified jurist who has lived his life in a way that is admirable," Perry said after announcing Medina's appointment. "I let his record speak for itself."

Two years after he left the bench, Medina was charged with driving while intoxicated. His trial ended in a hung jury. Medina pleaded guilty to making an improper lane change, paid a fine and the original charge was dismissed, the Houston Chronicle reported.

### Changing retirement rules...

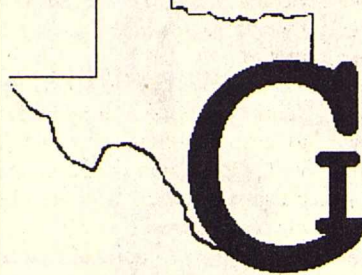
During the last legislative session, lawmakers passed a bill providing for a golden parachute for state employees willing to retire early.

Those who qualified could leave with a one-time payment amounting to 25 percent of their annual salary.

Now the buzz is that some thought is being given to an opposite strategy: changing the Employee Retirement System's Rule of 80 (a state employee can retire if his age and years of service add up to 80) to a Rule of 85. Unless the change comes with a grandfather clause, that could postpone quite a few state employee retirements.



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"The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar - Friday, December 3, 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Sutton County Civic Center.

Sutton County Health Foundation Christmas Tour of Homes - December 5, 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. - \$10 - Tickets available at Teaff Oil, Main Street Realty and L.M. Hudspeth Hospital and each of the homes - Hobbs, Finklea or Archer.

San Angelo Civic Ballet's production of Nutcracker - one weekend only - 4 performances. Friday, December 3 at 8 p.m.; Sat. Dec. 4 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; Sun. Dec. 5 at 2 p.m. San Angelo City Auditorium. Tickets available at San Angelo Cultural Affairs Council, San Angelo Civic Ballet Office, Angelo Civic Theatre and Kids Shoes - \$8 children, students, seniors, military; \$12 adults; \$20 premium seating.

The Sonora Woman's Club is working on compiling addresses for the Sonora Woman's Club Address Book. These books come in very handy for holidays, weddings, invitations of all sorts, etc. If your address has changed in the last five (5) years and you would like to be added to the publication that will be available for purchase, please contact Storie Sharp at 325-387-2507.

Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. The vision of TRANSFORMATION is based on Romans 12:2 - "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be 'transformed' by the renewing of your mind." Don't miss this opportunity to see what God is doing. Join together on the 2nd Sunday of each month at Lighthouse Community Church - Meal at 6:00 p.m. Praise and Worship at 7:00 p.m. FMI please contact Silas Polite FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

A Program Development Group meeting for the Environmental Quality Incentive Programs (EQIP) will be held Tuesday, November 23, 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 until 10:00 a.m. For more information call Tom Payton, NRCS, 325-387-2730.

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Sonora Woman's Club is selling, unique to Sonora, "Sutton County Library" Christmas Ornaments to raise funds for the library. If you would like to purchase one of the collector ornaments contact any Sonora Woman's Club member or call the Sutton County Library.

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A New Way Narcotics Anonymous will meet every Monday & Friday in the Chapel at Lillian M. Hudspeth Hospital from 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. FMI call 387-5656.

## A sneak peek at a Cajun treat



Special guests were treated to a sampling of what may soon be Sonora's newest eating establishment. The Cajun's of New Orleans hosted an open house at the Sonora Fire Hall on November 11, 2004 to see if people would be interested in the opening of a Cajun food restaurant in Sonora. Dennis and Diane Lacayo of New Orleans (family of Carl and Terry Johnson) cooked up a "N'Awlins" menu of Crawfish Etouffee, Dirty Rice, shrimp pasta, seafood ravioli, Jambalya, crawfish pies, Alligator Sauce Picquante, Brandy bread pudding, sweet potato pie and much more to tempt people's taste buds. Surveys were collected to gather interest information and hopefully 'dis good eatin' will soon be available for everyone.

## Great American Smokeout® gets campaign underway

AUSTIN-TX. -- On November 18, the American Cancer Society®, the nation's leading voluntary health agency, will host the 28th Great American Smokeout® and help millions of smokers kick the habit, and help youth understand the importance of never starting to smoke.

The Great American Smokeout® promotion is the American Cancer Society's annual, nationally recognized day when we ask smokers to put down their cigarettes, cigars, spit tobacco, or any tobacco product because they all have the potential to cause cancer.

Smoking rates have dropped to 22 percent in the U.S., down from 40% in 1965. Approximately 70% of smokers have reported that they want to quit completely. The promise of an addiction-free life has encouraged many smokers to join in and prove to themselves that they can live a day without cigarettes, and that they can therefore live the rest of their lives without them. There are 44.7 million former smokers in the U.S.

An estimated 10,470 Texans will be diagnosed with lung cancer in 2004, and of those, 9,670 will die. Nationwide, 173,770 will be diagnosed and 160,440 will die. Smokers who are ready to kick the habit can find help through the American Cancer Society's Quitline by calling toll-free, 1-877-YES-QUIT. The Quitline, funded by the Texas Department of Health using Tobacco Settlement funds, offers free telephone counseling services, advice and cessation materials to smokers, age 13 and older.

The Great American Smokeout® is not just about adult smokers and cessation. More than 80% of current adult smokers started before they were 18 years old. That's why the Great American Smokeout® is also focusing on promotions that will communicate to our children the social disadvantages of smoking, and provide them with the tools to recognize and avoid negative social influences.

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## Ag Commissioner Combs visits Sonora, announces plans to run for State Comptroller

Combs recently completed a series of Town Hall meetings around Texas.

"It's clear that everyone agrees there are some urgent challenges facing agriculture - everything from trade to environmental regulations to animal identification," said Combs.

"Water availability continues to be a major issue for our producers, and we discussed the possibility that some areas of Texas could be water short by 2050. With virtually all economic activity following water, it can't be overstated that water is the lifeblood of rural Texas. We are working together to make sure Texas agriculture stays on top and that the needs of farmers and ranchers are answered."

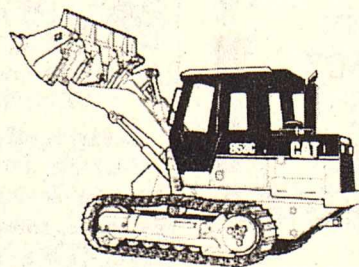
Combs, 59, is a lawyer and fourth-generation rancher with a cattle operation in West Texas. She was a Dallas County prosecutor, served in the Texas House for two terms and worked for Republican U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison before being elected Agriculture Commissioner in 1998. She oversees the Texas Department of Agriculture and its annual budget of \$1.9 billion.



Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs (right) fields questions from guests at a special party given in her honor.

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