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#### Sonora Bronco Academic **All-District** Football 2004

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## **Trail Region Update**

The Texas Pecos Trail Region application committee met in Big Lake on Thursday, December 2nd at the Reagan County Convention Center. Approximately 25 people from most of the 22 counties involved in the Texas Pecos Trail Region were in attendance. Ruth W. Bounds, Executive Director of the Sonora Chamber of Commerce was in attendance to represent Sonora. Deadlines for submitting support resolutions, letters of support, and press releases were set. All support resolutions and letters of support are due by January 26, 2005, when the next meeting will be held in McCamey.

Program provides technical, be raised and soon she was in financial and marketing assis- contact with Sgt. Smith, letting tance to areas of Texas to preserve and promote historic resources. The Texas Pecos Trail Region is one of the areas applying to be accepted in the Texas Heritage Trails Program initiated and supported by the Texas Historical Commission. The Texas Heritage Trails Program creates sustainable partnerships among preservation and tourism professionals while marketing heritage driving trails as destinations for travelers. Since 1997, the program has revitalized local economies through increased visitation to cultural and historic sites, and raised the awareness of the importance of historic preservation to the tourism industry.

The Texas Pecos Trail region encompasses 22 counties in West Texas. The region is vast as with everything else in West Texas. There is a lot of information to gather for promoting this region and for completing our application. The Sonora Chamber will be gathering this information for the entire region. Representatives Crockett County, Edwards County, Upton County, Ector County, Sutton County and Val Verde County will be serving on the application review and completion committee. This is a wonderful example of the partnership that the Heritage Trails Program encourages and promotes.

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce will be requesting local businesses and individuals to write letters of support for the Texas Pecos Trail Program, and will be contacting people immediately after the first of the year. If you should have any questions or suggestions about the Texas Pecos Trail Region you may contact Ruth W. Bounds, at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office and Welcome Center, 325/387-2880 or e-mail soncoc@sonoratx.net.

# Sgt. Smith hand delivers memorial quilt to Sonora

by Storie Sharp

Sonora has once again proven that it is a great community full of caring people that have hearts as big as Texas.

On Wednesday, November 10, local citizen, John K. Wilson was watching Fox News when a story caught his attention. A young lady, Sgt. Nicole Smith, serving in Iraq with the 1st Infantry Division had made a quilt and was going to auction it off to assist the children of fallen soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division. This was no ordinary quilt, this was a piece of art made from her bed sheets and pieces of materials that are signed by senior ranking officers, NCOs, three of the top Generals of the division and the Texas Pecos Command Sgt.. Major, the Governor of Tikrit, the Governor of Dyala and many more. Many soldiers even donated the patches from their uniforms to be sewn into the

The auction was reported to be on E-bay and would end on November 11, 2004, Veteran's

Quick thinking got Wilson to moving and he began contacting friends who might be interested in donating to such a cause. It only took 26 phone calls to get 24 people committed to bid. Lolabeth and Cleve T. Jones were among the group, and volunteered to commandeer the bidding portion of the project on Ebay. Lolabeth said it was right up to the last minute and someone placed a bid over Sonora's. Refusing to lose, Lolabeth took a leap of faith that she could get the additional funds and she placed the winning bid - \$9,500.

Lolabeth was correct in her The Texas Heritage Trail assumption that the funds would her know that a check was on

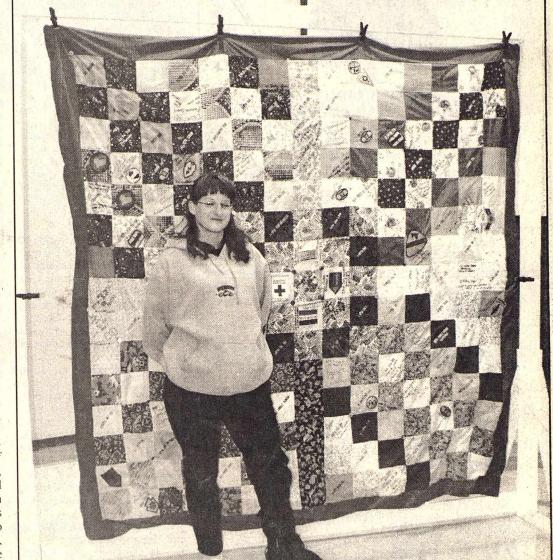
Sgt. Smith was more than overwhelmed. She had thought the quilt might bring a \$1,000 or so, but she never dreamed it would bring almost \$10,000.

The Sonora donors were just as excited about obtaining the quilt and a friendship soon formed between Sgt. Smith, John K. and Lolabeth. As luck would have it, Sgt. Smith was going to be on leave in the United States during Thanksgiving and decided that she would personally deliver the special quilt to our little community.

Sgt. Smith and her mother left their home in Pennsylvania and arrived in Sonora on Friday, December 3. They made their grand entrance at "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar, where she was greeted with news cameras and many curious and excited visitors. Carrying a large black duffel bag, Sgt. Smith limped into the center of the room, and slowly unpacked the piece of history.

Sgt. Smith and her mom had a whirlwind tour of our little community while they were here. After visiting with new friends at "The More the Merrier," they woke up early Saturday for interviews and a trip to a real Texas ranch.

A special welcome reception was held at The Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, for all the donors and interested parties to visit with Sgt. Smith and see the quilt. E.M. Hobbs quickly built a display rack to showcase the work of art, allowing both sides to be viewed without handling the precious piece. While here, Sgt. Smith signed some extra squares that weren't used for the final piece and gave them to the generous donors, James and Diane Benson, Buck and Susan Bloodworth, L.P. Bloodworth, Bob and Nancy Brockman, Keith and Rosie Butler, Cam and Erika Campbell, Jimmy and Diana Condra, Ronnie and Alice Cox, Nancy Davis, Monty and Sam Dillard, Edward and Carolyn Earwood, Jim and Margrett Garrett, Rusty and Carla Garner, Mike and Debra Hobbs, Max and Jimmie Howorth, Claire Jones, Cleve T and Lolabeth Jones, George and Donna Keese, Bruce and Jessie



Sgt. Nicole Smith personally delivers the historic memorial quilt.

Kerbow, Wanda Neville, Ben and Lenora Pool, Jim and Betty Stephen, Charlotte Wilson, and John and Karen Wilson.

With the quilt is a book which chronicles the process of the project and thoughts from Sgt. Smith as she worked on it. Very special letters explain some of the stories that go along with the quilt. Many of the pages are handwritten, making it even more special for those who get to look through it.

Sgt. Smith shares the following on the project: "April 2004 was the birth of



See Memorial quilt page 8 Sgt. Smith sews pieces together for the quilt...

"All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth..."

Excited children were treated to a special visit from Santa Claus on Friday, December 3, 2004, at "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar. Look for ALL the Santa pictures and Letters to Santa in next week's Devil's River News.

#### Missoula Children's Theatre brings The Frog Prince to Sonora stage

Missoula Children's Theatre (MCT), the national largest touring children's theatre, has been touring extensively for more than 30 years from Montana to Japan. They will visit nearly 1000 communities this year with 30 teams of Tour Actor/Directors. A tour team arrived in Sonora, Texas, on December 6, 2004, and will be here through December 11, 2004. The play this year is The Frog Prince.

The Frog Prince performance will be on December 11, 2004, at 3:00 p.m. and an evening performance at 7:00 p.m. at the Sonora High School Auditorium. Deep in the royal swamp, a selfish Princess makes a promise to befriend a lonely Frog after he retrieves her golden ball from a well. But what happens when the Princess tries every trick in the book to break her promise? Come and find out as Missoula Children's Theatre and over 50 local students present the enchanting musical The Frog Prince at the Sonora

This production is part of Missoula Children's unique international touring project and is presented locally by SCAT, Tedford Jewelry, Radio Shack, The Bank & Trust, and First National Bank of Sonora, The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, KHOS Radio, The Devil's River News, and Sonora Independent School District. Tickets for the production will be \$8 for adults, \$6 for Senior Citizens and \$4 for students.

For more information call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at 325-387-2248,

# Adopt an "Angel" for Christmas

Christmas is not always a time of joy. For some there are no presents piling up under the tree and there is no real hope of Santa coming this year. The Sutton County Child Protective Service Board of Directors wants to make sure that it is a Merry Christmas for all the children in Sutton County. The Angel Tree Project was started many years ago and is a way for citizens of Sonora to provide gifts of new clothing to children in our community who need them.

Individuals, offices and businesses, clubs, Sunday school classes, school classes and families who want to teach their children the lessons of giving at Christmas time can support the Angel Tree project.

If you are interested in participating in the

Angel Tree Project you can pick up an "Angel" at the First National Bank and The Bank and The Bank and Trust. Purchase a gift of new clothing to fit the child described on your angel. The age, sex and clothing sizes are included for your "Angel," no toys please. Return your wrapped gift to the same place you picked up your "angel" by December 14.

Members of the Child Protective Service Board will arrange for families to pick up the gifts before Christmas. If you have any questions, you may contact any member of the board: Noemi Samaniego, Father Bill DuBuisson, Jeryl Fields, Sue Moore, Amy Davenport, Ben Solis, Becky Johnson, Jerry Jimenez, Kay Friess, Candy Davis, Rev. Lewis Allen or Kelly Thorp.

## S.I.D.C presents check to Hudspeth Hospital

The Sonora Industrial Development Corporation elected new officers, among other business at the regular meeting on Monday, December 6, 2004.

By acclamation, Carl Teaff was re-elected president and John Tedford was re-elected vice president. Cam Campbell was elected as treasurer.

Final action on the SIDC Agreement Performance Contract with Lillian M. Hudspeth Memorial Hospital was approved. A check for \$25,000 was presented to Keith Butler immediately after the

Max Howorth reported on the airport committee progress. He informed the board that they were in the process of distributing the surveys to potential airport users to assess what avenues to follow in future

improvements. Carl Teaff reported that the Chamber of Commerce had agreed to take over management of Eaton Hill, with the financial assistance of the SIDC as discussed at previous meetings. A contract will be submitted for both entities to sign and a committee consisting of members



In front of the building site of the new Wellness Center, S.I.D.C. President Carl Teaff (center) and Vice President John Tedford (right) present Keith Butler, Hudspeth Hospital CEO, with a check to assist with new ER equipment.

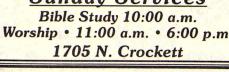
from both boards of directors and interested parties will be formed. The budget will be presented to the SIDC annually. with quarterly reports, for approval. The transfer will allow for more projects to be expanded on Eaton Hill since the Chamber has more leeway on how to spend tourism money than does the SIDC.

SIDC secretary, Nancy Glasscock, reported that the sales tax deposit was up. She reported that several attempts to contact the owner of the building that was once a bakery on the edge of town have been unsuccessful. The Dollar General investors were in town recently and visited with Glasscock and Teaff and said that they will be returning soon and were very pleased with the location. Teaff reported that a man from San Antonio had con-

See S.I.D.C page 8

#### Lighthouse Community Church

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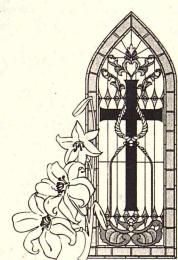
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#### **Moises Galindo**

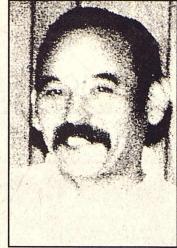
Moises Galindo, 63, of Sonora, Texas, died Saturday, December 4, 2004, at Crockett County Care Center in Ozona,

He was born December 26, 1940, in Sonora, Texas, to Miguel Galindo and Martina

There will be a church service held at St. Ann's Catholic Church at 4:30 p.m. on December 26, 2004, immediately following there will be a farewell ceremony at the Sonora Cemetery with Father Bill DuBuisson officiating.

Moises was preceded in death by his parents, Miguel and Martina Galindo; one brother Arturo Galindo, Sr.; four sisters, Dora Luna, Maria Luz Martinez, Catalina Luna, and Gloria Guerra.

He is survived by two sisters, Anna Cumpian of Friona and Oralia Galindo of San Angelo; two sons, Julio Galindo and wife Maria of Sonora; Moises Galindo, Jr. and wife Jessica of Sonora; nine daughters, Sylvia Galindo and Valle of Fort Worth, Elsa Galindo of Fredericksburg, Irma Galindo and Alvaro of Forth Worth, Irene Espinoza and husband Jose of Fort Worth, Dyanna Reza and husband Ezequiel of Kerrville, Sandra Hernandez and husband Jesse of San Antonio, Prissila Velasquez and husband Anthony of Sonora, Michelle Galindo of San Antonio, and Carla Galindo of Sonora; twenty-two grandchildren, Crystal Galindo, Julio Galindo, Jr., Ruby Centeno, Joey and Jacob Hernandez, Alex and Jessica Musquiz, Tomasito and Carolina Martinez, Anthony Musquiz, Manuel and Jasmine Hernandez, Miguel, Anna Karina, Eric and Ruben Reza, Monique, Aidan and Damian Galindo, Destany, Anthony, Jr. and Alexis Velasquez; four great-grandchildren, Ethan Ray and Jerry Pete Centeno, Jr., Skylan Adrianna and Kaylob Musquiz; also included are two



The Galindo Family would like to give a special thank-you to the staff at Crockett County Care Center, for all the love and compassion that they showed Moises while in their care. You are all very much a part of his family. We love you all. Thanks for all you did for him, we will never forget you. Thanks Vicky, Valerie, Lisa, Tracy, Monty, Sonia, Alice, Gelly, Luke, Francisca, Liza and everybody in general; thank you all so much. We would like to thank the staff from Hospice of San Angelo for making his last days as comfortable as possible and maintaining his dignity and wishes to the T. Especially Fierro, Blaylock, Rose Hernandez. Your care, confidence, and professionalism is unmeasurable. God will reward you greatly! Thank you! Special thanks to Kerbow Funeral home for being so patient and kind in our time

of grief. To all our family and friends who visited, called and made a special trip to be with the family, know that your gesture did not go unnoticed. We love each and every one of you. Thank you for the love you had for Moises. We are thankful that the Lord sent his Angel of Mercy and kindness to grant our father, grandfather, uncle, cousin and friend; peace at last. We love you Moises, rest in

#### Mark A. VanHoozer

Mark A. VanHoozer, 43, died Monday November 29, 2004, in Richards Memorial

very special friends, Jose Luis

Hernandez and Mary.

Hospital in Rockdale. Mark was born December 12, 1960 in Sonora, Texas. He married Teresa Malone in January 2000 in Bryan, Texas. of Round Rock, Texas, he was a resident of Milano, Texas for the last five years where he enjoyed the outdoors, especially bird hunting. He was employed as a Service Director for TxDOT for the past 26 years.

Services were December 2, 2004 at 3:00 p.m. at Phillips and Luckey Funeral Chapel in Rockdale. Burial was Friday, December 3, 2004 in the Sonora Cemetery in Sonora, Texas. Reverend Charles Cole of The First Baptist Church of Milano, Texas and Reverend Don Longoria of Lighthouse Community Church officiated.

Mark is preceded in death by his parents, Floyd Calvin VanHoozer and Wanda McAngus VanHoozer.

Survivors include his wife, Teresa VanHoozer of Milano; son Garrett VanHoozer of Round Rock; step-son Joshua Ford of Milano; daughter Holly VanHoozer of Round Rock; step-daughter Bethany Ford of Milano; and sisters Tammy Sheldon of Sonora and Marla Mitchell of Hobbs, New Mexico; nieces, Sarah and Rachel Mitchell and numerous aunts and uncles.

#### **Allie Halbert Askew**

Allie Halbert Askew was born on March 31, 1914, in Eldorado, Texas. Her parents. Robert and Battie Halbert, were pioneer ranchers. She went to be with her Lord on Saturday, December 4, 2004. Services were at 3:00 p.m., Monday, December 6, 2004, at First United Methodist Church of Sonora. Burial followed in Sonora Cemetery.

**Obituaries** 

Allie was raised on ranches. following her daddy around from the time she was a little girl. She grew to love the land and her polled Hereford cattle. She remained active in ranching interests until the time of her death. In 1999, she was recognized as one of the pioneer ranching women of Sutton

County. After attending public school in Sonora, she graduated from Southern Methodist University, where she met and married Clifford McBride who preceded her death. As a widow, she returned to the ranch to make a living for herself and her three children. She married Vestel Askew on January 19, 1959. Vestel and Allie celebrated their 45th anniversary this past

Allie was a longtime member of the First United Methodist Church of Sonora. She was also a proud member of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association, the American and Texas Polled Hereford Association and the American Cancer Society. One of her great joys was playing bridge with her dear friends.

Allie paraphrased Romans 12:9-16 in this way, "Count the day lost in which you have not done something for others." All who knew and loved her know

that she lived every day by that motto. She was always one of the first to help a friend in need, and, in turn, appreciated help she received from her many friends. Whether you knew her as My Best Girl, Mama, Granny, Aunt Snooks, Allie, friend or neighbor, you knew that you had



found a special person in Allie. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved sister, Bobbie Fawcett; as well as other family members and dear friends who were waiting to

reunite with her. She leaves behind her husband, Vestel Askew of Sonora: son and daughter-in-law, Robert Michael and Frances McBride of Stephenville; son, Joel Patrick McBride of Guadalajara, Mexico; daughter and son-inlaw, Linda and Glen Fisher of Sonora; step-son, Guy Askew of Von Ormy, Texas; grandson, Clifford McBride of Waco; granddaughter, Tammy Fisher of Washington, D.C.; grandson David Fisher and his wife Stacy of Spring Branch; granddaughter Melissa Hennesey and her husband David; niece, Randee Fawcett and her husband Bobby Doran of Sonora. The pride and joy of her last two years of life was her great-granddaughter, Madalyn Ann Fisher.

Pallbearers were Buck Bloodworth, Bert Bloodworth, Lee Bloodworth, Dick Byrd, Bob Byrd, Jr., Mike Byrd, Jimmy Condra, Dan E. Reinhardt, J.T. Hill, Eddie Sawyer, Doyle Morgan, Dick

McMillan, and Billy Martin. The family requests any memorials to be made to The American Cancer Society or the First United Methodist Church of Sonora.

#### Reverend Rick P. Sanchez, Jr.

The Reverend Richard (Rick) Paul Sanchez, 39, walked into his Master's Kingdom on November 30, 2004, He was born July 4, 1965 in Sonora, Texas.

Reverend Sanchez answered his Master's earthy call at the age of 17 in the Hispanic Youth Camp in Menard, Texas. His studies started in Hispanic Baptist Seminary in San Antonio, later in Houston Baptist and got his Master's in Louisville, Kentucky. He served in Richmond. Virginia, Pennsylvania and Louisville, Kentucky as a church planner and builder. He served in Corpus Christi, Sonora, Eldorado,

Plainview and Sterling City. Reverend Sanchez' accomplishments were leading 400 migrants to the Lord plus many

Preceding him in death were his sister, Belinda; his dad, Richard P. Sanchez, Sr.; grandparents, Joe and Isara Sanchez; grandma, Maria Leija; uncle Arturo Sanchez; and aunt,

Left to cherish his love and

memory are his parents, Ruben and Nelda Yorba; brothers, Joe Sanchez and wife, Christina, Ruben Jr. and wife Lorena; Desi, his son, Daniel, Badillo and Eliazar Yorba; sisters, Patty Covarrubiaz and husband Alfonzo, Lizzette and husband, Gilbert, Sandra Yorba, Erika McClintock, Lizzy Ojeda and Rachel Sanchez; the loves of his life, his nieces, Brittany, Angel, Hannah Joy, Natal Jessica, and nephews, Mark Anthony, Patrick.

A memorial service was held Friday, December 3, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. in Kerbow Chapel. Saturday, Services were December 4, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at Lighthouse Community Church with burial following in Sonora Cemetery. Officiating were Reverend Don Longoria, Church Pastor, Reverend Tony Gonzales of San Angelo, reverend Daniel Oliveras of San Angelo and Reverend Zaragosa Esquivel of Eldorado.

Our thanks to all the West Texas Renal Dialysis Center workers and Dr. Haq and all the friends he met.



#### 5:00 p.m. Play presented by 2nd grade CCD Class Come join us for the Celebration!

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## **Community Calendar**

Dec. 9 Sonora Chamber of Commerce Meeting Noon • Chamber Office Dec. 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration

Our Lady of Guadalupe

DIA DE LA GUADALUPANA

Sunday, December 12 • St. Ann's Catholic Church

311 W. Plum St. • Sonora, Texas

Schedule of Events

7:00 a.m. • Mananitas • 8:00 a.m. - Mass (Spanish)

9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Breakfast by Friends of St. Ann's

11:00 a.m. - Mass (English) 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. Lunch by Group Razpa

1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Booths, Mariachi & DJ

Fish Pond, Ring Toss, Petting Zoo, Cake Walk, Frito Pie, Nachos,

Face Painting, Football Throw, Games, Crafts, Drinks, Sweets.

Popcorn and a Movie

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311 W. Plum • Booths open 1:00 p.m. Al-Anon Family Meetings

Every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. • Hospital Dining Room Call 387-2521 ext. 170

The Community Calendar

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Dec. 13 Commissioners Meeting • 9:00 a.m. Annex Bldg. S.I.S.D. School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m. · Admin. Bldg. Dec. 16 Santa Bucks Auction • 6:00 p.m. 4-H Civic Center Dec. 21 City Council Meeting

2:00 p.m. • City Hall

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#### by Jo-Ann E. Palmer,

Q. Do you have the words to "The Night Before Christmas"? A. 'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,

Secretary

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The Children were nestled all

snug in their beds, While visions of sugar plums

danced in their heads. And mamma in her 'kerchief and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter, I sprang from my bed to see

what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like

a flash. Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a luster of midday to objects below, When, what to my wondering

eyes should appear, But a miniature sleigh and eight

tiny reindeer, With a little old driver so lively

and quick, I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled and shouted and called them by name: 'Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen! On, Comet! On, Cupid! On,

Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!

Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away, all!

As the dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the cours-

ers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas, too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof, The prancing and pawing of

each little hoof. As I drew in my head and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas





Christmas sale on Main Street c. late 1920's.

came with a bound. He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tar-

nished with ashes and soot. A bundle of toys he had flung on

his back, And he looked like a pedlar just opening his pack.

His eyes - how they twinkled! His dimples - how merry! His cheeks were like roses and his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow. And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad little face and a little round belly That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him

in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went

straight to his work, And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of

his nose, And giving a nod, up the chim-

ney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, To his team gave a whistle,

'And away they all flew Like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, Ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, And to all a good-night."

When this poem was written, the term St. Nick or St. Nicholas was used instead of Santa Claus. Now he has so many different names, St. Nick, Santa Claus, Kris Kringle, Pancho Claus and Father Christmas to name just a few. Thanks to this poem St. Nicholas' fame has spread around the world. Now we see Santa in Japan, China, Korea, the Philippines and all over Europe, Africa, South America and in many places in Europe. He is cherished in the hearts of children, loved by the commercial world and known around the world.

So many people are concentrating on Santa that many forget to tell another story; that of a young babe, born in a manger. Christmas was named for Him! It is a day to celebrate the birth of Christ and to give thanks for all the blessings He has bestowed upon the Earth. We have a new addition to the Depot decorations this year, a small manger scene that is under

destroyed as a danger to naviga-

ed last night when an MPA fly-

ing for JIATF again located a

suspicious vessel. The MPA

maintained surveillance of the

vessel as Gallatin moved into

position to pounce with its Sting

Ray crew. The helicopter was

launched early this morning and

persuaded the suspect smug-

glers to stop after using warning

shots after visual and verbal

the go-fast was observed dump-

ing packages before a boarding

team could arrive from Gallatin.

Once on scene, the boarding

team attempted to determine the

nationality of the vessel, which

was again determined to be

without nationality based on the

information available from the

on the vessel, but five bales

were located in the water imme-

No contraband was found

boat and its operators.

While stopped, the crew of

orders were ignored.

The more recent case start-

the Christmas Tree. A little reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. I know I'm not being politically correct by not catering to the atheist, agnostics etc. I apologize if any of you are offended. But I do hope that the rest of you will remember to keep the Christ in Christmas. Also don't run up the charge cards too much, and have a safe and happy holiday shopping season.

Rick and I are hoping that our daughter will be able to be with us this year. Her ship has arrived in Charleston after conducting some huge drug busts in the Caribbean. If the weather holds she hopes to be here about the 23rd and we plan on having fun with her whole family. She can only stay a few days as her duties on the ship will require her to leave here the morning of the 26th. I am still looking for someone with a horse, who will put my granddaughter in the saddle and walk the horse around a few times, so she can have her dream of riding a "real Texas horse" come true. Any volunteers out there?

If you have any questions send them to "Ask the Historical Society," P.O. Box 885, Sonora, TX 76950 or give us at call at the office 325-387-5084 Monday, Friday and Saturday mornings.

diately around the boat.

Meanwhile, Gallatin conducted

a search along the go-fast's ear-

lier path and found an addition-

al 152 "bricks" of cocaine. In

total, 380 pounds of cocaine

and four suspected smugglers

its HITRON Jacksonville crew,

working with U.S., U.K., and

Dutch forces, has helped seize

more than 24,000 pounds of

cocaine with an import value of

\$768 million and detained 27

suspected smugglers who face

prosecution in the United

military, maritime, multi-mis-

sion service within the

Department of Homeland

Security dedicated to protecting

the safety and security of

of Rick and JoAnn Palmer, is

part of the crew on board the

Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin.

Tina Viglietta, daughter

The U.S. Coast Guard is a

Since Oct. 2, Gallatin and

were taken into custody.

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## Helo and Cutter team coming up "Aces" on counter-drug patrol Made record 5th and 6th drug seizures in single patrol

MIAMI - The crew of Coast Guard Cutter Gallatin, from Charleston, S.C., and its embarked MH-68 Sting Ray from Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron (HITRON) Jacksonville, Fla., set a new single-patrol record by making their fifth drug seizure Wednesday, then immediately upped the record with a sixth seizure today.

This makes them the first Coast Guard cutter/helicopter combination to achieve unofficial status as counter-drug "Aces" on a single patrol.

"Our incredibly successful patrol, as well as the record drug interdiction results achieved by the entire international counterdrug team, prove that combining the right resources, with the right partnerships, at the right time and place, generate right-eous results," said Capt. Michael Parks, Commanding Officer of Gallatin.

The first case started (on a) Wednesday morning when a maritime patrol aircraft (MPA) flying for Joint Interagency Task Force South (JIATF). based in Key West, Fla., located a suspicious go-fast vessel approximately 140 miles north of Colombia. The Seventh Coast Guard District here was alerted and diverted the cutters Gallatin and Thetis and the Dutch navy vessel Van Der Zaan carrying a U.S. Coast

Guard Law Enforcement Gallatin and the vessel was Detachment (LEDET).

The armed HITRON helicopter on Gallatin was launched to pursue and stop the suspect vessel. During the chase the helicopter observed the suspects throwing bales overboard. After giving visual and verbal orders to stop with no effect, the helicopter crew utilized warning shots and disabling fire to safely stop the vessel.

The Coast Guard LEDET from Van Der Zaan was the first surface asset to arrive and boarded the go-fast to detemine its nationality, making this their second seizure in less than a week. The master of the vessel claimed the vessel was Colombian, but that claim could not be confirmed by the Colombian government and the vessel was determined to be without nationality and subject to U.S. jurisdiction.

Upon further inspection the vessel was found with 50 bales of contraband onboard, which was later determined to be cocaine. An additional 12 bales were located in the water and recovered by the crew of Van

Der Zaan. All of the contraband, weighing a total of 4,200 pounds, was removed by Van Der Zaan from the go-fast along with the five suspected smugglers. The contraband and detainees were transferred to

### **Senior Center News**

America.

Dec. 13 - Bingo!

Dec. 14 - City Council Meeting. 2:00 p.m. CEAP energy assist. at 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 15 - Van to San Angelo! Medicals come first! Call 387-3941.

Dec. 17 - Birthday party for December. Noon. Blood pressure checks with Intrepid Home Health at 11:30 a.m.

#### Senior Center Menu

Dec. 13 - Beef stew with vegetables, sweet peas, crackers, peaches, chocolate pudding, milk.

Dec. 14 - Baked chicken, fried rice, zucchini squash

with tomatoes, peach cobbler, juice, milk.

Dec. 15 - Steakfingers with gravy, baked potato, peas, biscuit, sliced tomato, hash cake, milk.

Dec. 16 - Pork chops with gravy, diced potatoes, sliced carrots, coleslaw, fruit cocktail, milk.

Dec. 17 - Cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, coleslaw, fruit salad with topping, milk.

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.\*

#### **Christmas Shopping**

I noticed that she had a pen and paper and as our family sat around talking she would jot down some notes on the paper. Later on that day I overheard my daughter-in-law asking my wife about different members of our family and what they needed or what would they like. The next day she asked if we would keep the children while she went Christmas shopping. As she left I realized that the people on her list were important and she loved and cared about them and she wanted to give them nice gifts. Observing that situation reminded me that God loves us very much and wants to give us good things but He is also faced with the problem of giving us what we want and what we need. Actually, God does both. First we needed a way for our sins to be forgiven and our relationship to God restored. He did that with a very special gift of His own son Jesus Christ (John 3:16 & 4:10). Not only does God give us spiritual gifts like the Holy Spirit, (Luke 11:13) and others but he also gives us food and provisions for living, (Matthew 6:25,26). This Holiday season remember that God loves us very much. Make sure you have received His gifts to you. See you in Church next Sunday.

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#### Notes of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who has helped me since I was diagnosed with leukemia three weeks ago. So many family and friends have come together to support us.

Thank you for the bake sale in Sonora and the softball Tournament in Ozona held for my benefit to help with expenses. A special thanks to Harvey Sanchez and Tommy Van Winkle who put it all together so quickly. Keep us in your prayers. A special thanks from Mike Sanchez and family.

Thanks again, Fannie, Rick, Chris & Jon Sanchez from Ozona

Only our Lord God knows our hearts and how we feel for the loss of our loved one. There are no words to express our thanks to so many people who showed their love for the family with cards, flowers, food, money and prayers. The Rev. Don Longoria and Lighthouse Community Church went beyond their call for our family. Their love for God was truly expressed in every way and more. The service was so beautiful; we could feel God's presence.

Our thanks to Mrs. Nilda Hernandez, Rev. Tony Gonzalez, San Angelo; Pastor Zaragoza Esquivel; Mr. Ed Newton; Cecar Leija, Casa Grande, Arizona; First Baptist Church, Mrs. Brenda Sanchez and Patty Covarrubiaz. Our prayer is, May the Blessing's of our Lord God fall on each one of you.

The Family of Rev. Rick Sanchez

We would like to express our gratitude for the wonderful way in which you received Kody and Clarissa into our community. The elementary school personnel and those at the Busy Bee Day Care were especially concerned and helpful with the children. A big thanks to those who have asked about them and supported us in many wonderful ways while they were in our home. These children have gone to Arizona to live with their respective fathers. We are very happy for the children and the prospects for their futures are very bright. We thank you for being a very friendly, loving, and car-

Sincerely, Jerry and Linda Jackson

Thanks to the children and parents of Sonora Elementary School, Operation Christmas Child 2004 was a huge success. Because of your generosity, we were able to fill 127 shoe boxes with new gift items to send to needy children in foreign countries. We would like to extend a special thank-you to Schlumberger Co., and Mrs. Nancy Davis for donating the money needed for shipping. We appreciate you allowing your child to share Christmas with less fortunate children around the world!

Thank you and Happy Holidays! Sonora Elementary School

Note of thanks to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce

The Friends of the Historic Sonora Main Street Program would like to express our appreciation to the Sonora Chamber of Commerce for a successful "The More the Merrier." It was a great day for our businesses and other indpendent marketing folks. This success is due to all the hard work from Ruthie, Donna, and the Chamber directors. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Shop Sonora!

Words can not adequately express our gratitude for the overwhelming show of support that our family has received since Emily's birth and throughout her ongoing stay in the hospital. The phone calls, prayers, flowers and visits have been greatly appreciated and have meant a lot to us during this difficult time. Thank you so much to everyone who attended the brisket plate sale in Emily's honor; we were touched by the number of people who attended and those who just dropped off donations. We would like to say a very special thank you to those who organized, served or donated items for the sale and we would like to thank Carmen Garcia for donating a quilt that is to be raffled off.

We are truly blessed to be surrounded by so many caring indi-

#### **Protecting Your Family From Carbon Monoxide Poisoning**

Submitted by Kelly L Thorp County Extension Agent-FCS Texas Cooperative Extension

What is odorless, colorless and tasteless but can be very harmful to you if present in your home? Carbon monoxide (CO). Carbon monoxide poisoning occurs when you breathe in enough CO that it begins to replace the oxygen in your blood. This article contains some basic information about carbon monoxide and ways to detect and prevent high CO lev-

The incomplete burning of fuels that contain carbon, such as wood, fuel oil, natural gas and gasoline, produces carbon monoxide. In your home, the build-up of carbon monoxide may be a result of your gasburning stove or water heater not being properly vented. It may also occur if you use nonelectric space heaters for warmth. Another way CO may get into your home is from an automobile in your garage. If you allow your vehicle to run while enclosed in your garage, you are not only making your garage a dangerous place to be but also may be allowing CO to seep into your home.

Though you may not be able to see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, there are some common symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning that you may experience. Symptoms of CO poisoning may include headaches, dizziness or nausea. If the exposure continues, you may lose consciousness and even die. A blood test is necessary to diagnose carbon monoxide poisoning.

CO poisoning can be hard to identify since the symptoms can also be caused by several other illnesses. If you think you have been exposed to carbon monoxide, your health professional can test you for poisoning. If you are suffering from

CO poisoning, treatment for the

condition is available. Preventing carbon monoxide build-up in your home involves making sure that all of your fuel burning equipment is properly vented to the outside. This may require your bringing a professional into your home to ensure that all vents are working properly. Also remember that your automobile, lawnmower and other gasoline-powered equipment should only be left running outside of your

Several commercial carbon monoxide alarms are on the market and readily available at local retail stores. Make sure the alarm you select has the Consumer Product Safety Commission and Underwriters' Laboratory seals of approval. An alarm that has a digital readout is recommended.

Also, be sure your alarm may be easily tested and reset. Alarms should be placed near all sleeping areas in the home. Alarms are now required to sound at CO levels of 70 parts per million (ppm) and are prohibited from sounding or indicating at levels below 30 ppm. When and if the alarm makes an audible sound, you should get out of the house immediately and leave a door open for ventilation. Go to a neighbor's house and call your local fire department to report it.

We all spend a lot of time in our homes, especially during the winter months. Your awareness of risk for carbon monoxide poisoning will ensure that your time in your home is safe and healthy. For more information, contact your County Extension Agent or go to http://fcs.tamu.edu/housing/iaq /copoisoning.htm.

#### "The More the Merrier" successfully starts shopping season; Santa Bucks Auction to offer more great gift buying opportunities

Augmitur of Commerce

by Ruthie Bounds, Sonora Chamber of Commerce Executive Director

The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar was a great success, thanks to all of our wonderful vendors and volunteers. There are so many people whom we want to say thank you to: The Westside Lions Club, Virgil Polocek, Mattie Nix, Storie Sharp, Bens Solis, Rufugio Martinez, Miss Sutton County, Courtney Caruthers. Little Miss Sutton County, Felicia Farley, Diane Jacoby and Jarrod Percifull. A special Thank-you to T&C Village Market for donating the wonderful door prizes. They were absolutely great and all the lucky recipients were so excited. Also we send our appreciation to Jo Ann Palmer for the beautiful hand-crocheted doll that was donated for the benefit of the Sonora Senior Citizens Center. The Christmas Carolers were such a treat; it always moves my heart to hear these wonderful Christmas Carols sung in such a traditional manner. Our carolers were members of several different local church choirs who came together to sing for everyone during the lunch hour. I think they were instrumental in putting us all in the Christmas Spirit. What better gift could you give to your community?

We are busy at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office gathering up donations for the Santa Bucks Auction. We already have some wonderful gifts donated, such as: a beautiful Christmas wreath by Lisa's Flowers & Gifts valued at \$35.00, two beautiful statuettes of horses by Red Horse Feeds each valued at \$70.00, a portable DVD player by The

Bank & Trust with the value of \$114.00, two 18-hole golf fees by the Sonora Golf Club valued at \$18.00 each, four (4) meals by the Sonora Dairy Queen each valued at \$12.00, and many more. The Santa Bucks Auction will be held at the Sutton County Civic Center on December 16, 2004 at 6:00 p.m. There will be a live auction as well as a silent auction. The live auction will feature two special sections; one for senior citizens and one for children. We look forward to seeing you all at the Santa Bucks Auction.

The Christmas lights in downtown Sonora absolutely beautiful. The Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Farmer's Daughter would like to apologize for the lights not being up sooner, but with all the wet weather it was a little difficult. We all know that electricity and water don't mix. Sonora Chamber of Commerce takes so much pride in our community and we are proud to help the community out by organizing the installation of the white lights outlining most of the downtown buildings and the Sutton County Courthouse lawn as well as the white Christmas trees on the courthouse lawn. We want everyone to enjoy the lights and hope that they give our community members some

The Sonora Chamber of Commerce still has some poinsettias for sale after The More the Merrier Christmas Bazaar. The proceeds of the sale of the poinsettias will go to benefit the local programs that the Sonora Chamber of Commerce provides for Sonora. If you would like to purchase a poinsettia, please contact the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office & Welcome Center at 325/387-2880, or come by the Welcome Center at 205 Hwy 277 North.



A "community choir" fills the Civic Center with holiday tunes



Shoppers browse through the many vendors at "The More the Merrier," searching for unique Christmas ideas.



Mrs. Claus and Miss Sutton County, Courtney Caruthers, enjoy a moment of holiday cheer at "The More the Merrier" Christmas Bazaar.

# Sonora students awarded for Fire Prevention posters

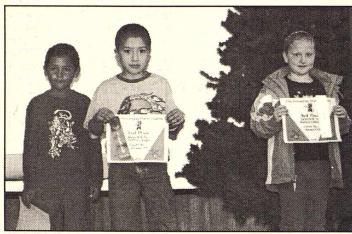
The Sonora Volunteer Fire Department recognized lucky winners with ribbons and certificates for their entries in the Fire Prevention Poster Contest. All Sonora students were encouraged to participate. This year's winners were:

Pre-K/Kindergarten Division



1st - Juan Jimenez; 2nd - Victoria Del Real (not pictured); 3rd - Sky Jennings

First/Second Grade Division



1st - Richard Gomez; 2nd - Pedro Campa; 3rd - Kaitlyn Gibbens

Third/Fourth Grade Division



1st - Ashley Perales; 2nd - Logan Smith; 3rd - Valerie Ramirez

Fifth/Sixth Grade Division

1st - Kallie Humphrey; 2nd - Nicole Lipham; 3rd - Maria

Seventh Grade Division

1st - Kayla Webb

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#### Happy Birthday

December 9

Chris Lopez, Rose Hooper, Amber Vasquez, Virgil Polocek,

Yolisma Cardona

December 10

David Lopez, Tommie Sanchez, Amberlie Kinder, Tyler Edmondson, Kristen Hardgrave Kaufman, Melanie Smith, Amy Hernandez, Steven Lozano

December 11

Carl Weaver, Sam Taylor, Genaro Perez III, Deyanira Alvizo

December 12

Tesa Joy, Emily Cory, Lupe Buitron, Richard Bernal, Kassaundra Tyler, Connie Castilleja, Mary Mauldin, Kenzie Perez, Jared Hinsley, Aaron Hinsley

Valerie Lopez, Laura Bedwell, Andres Chavez, Scottie Moore, Michael Harris, Bobby Dickenson, Dianne Luckie, T.J. Thorp, Isabel Salas, Charlotte Luna

December 14
Lisa Price, Tim Roberts, Shelby Randolph, Randy Mabry, Billie Renfro, Vicky Garza, Burnell Alexander, Gayle Smart

December 15
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#### Sonora students awarded 7th Grade Lady Colts Rally to Win

by Nancy Glasscock

In the first half of the Lady Colts' basketball game against their counterparts from Mason, the gals from Sonora couldn't as the saying goes 'hardly buy a basket." The first period score was only 5-2 in Mason's favor. The roundball just wasn't cooperating for the team in red and white. Coach Jennings also substituted early to try to find the right mix of ball handlers on the court. During the second half, Sonora started to show that while they were down. don't count them out. Cassie Krieg had eight points, Maraya Dunn, four points, and Amy Hernandez had two key free throws in the first half. Sonora started drawing closer at the break with a score of 11-8 in Mason's favor. At the beginning of the third quarter, the Lady Colts started an aggressive full court press. Sonora caught on fire in the third period with twelve points. Mason got the ball across mid-court only once during the quarter and that was on a blocking foul. Mason's only two points in the quarter came on two free throws. The Lady Colts pulled away and never looked back to defeat the 7th grade Mason team 32-21. Maraya Dunn led the scoring with 16 points and several key steals. Cassie Krieg had ten points plus eight assists.

The Lady Colts' next game will be in Wall next Monday.
Individual Scoring: Maraya Dunn -16; Cassie Krieg – 10; Sara
Gillit – 4; Bianca Trevino - 2

# **Bronco Basketball starts season** with win over Christoval

by Maray Cearley

Sonora Bronco Basketball got under way with a big win over the Christoval Cougars on Tuesday, November 30, 2004. At the half, Sonora led only by two, but the second half proved to be all Sonora, as the final score was 78-46 in favor of Sonora.

There were five Broncos in double figures. Austin Wagoner and Clint Cearley each had 16, Embre Smith, Cullen Parker and Evan Gulley each added 10. Other scorers were Dustin Creek 7, Steven Duhon 3, Craig Leonard 2, Justin Northcott 2 and Pete Trujillo 2. Wagoner and Cearley each sunk four 3-pointers, while Gulley had two.

Leading rebounders were Duhon with nine and Creek with seven.

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#### Ballinger Tournament proves tough for Broncos

by Maray Cearley

Sonora's first round action of the Ballinger Basketball Tournament found them matched against the hometown Bearcats. Sonora led several times during the game, but couldn't overcome costly turnovers. The final score was Ballinger 45 Sonora 30.

Leading the Broncos was senior Clint Cearley, with 16 points. Other scorers were Austin Wagoner and Steven Duhon each with 5, while Embre Smith and Evan Gulley each added two.

Defensively, Cearley and Duhon each had six rebounds, and Cearley had four steals.

The Broncos received a bye in the second round and automatically advanced.

On Friday, the Broncos faced Colorado City. Sonora led the entire game except the last six minutes when, once again, turnovers and fouls plagued them. The game was a lot closer than the final score showed. The Wolves went into a stall mode which forced the Broncos to foul. The final score: Colorado City 70. Sonora 58

City 70, Sonora 58.

Cearley led with a season high 23 points and 15 rebounds. Smith finished with eight, S. Duhon and Gulley each had five and Wagoner and Craig Leonard each had four. Pete Trujillo scored three and Dustin Creek, Dustin Duhon and Justin Northcott all finished with two points each. The Broncos shot 12 of 19 for 63% from the Freethrow line. Trujillo and S. Duhon each had a 3-point basket.

On Saturday, the Broncos played a nemesis, the Grape Creek Eagles.

Sonora trailed the entire game, but never gave up, pulling within one and two points several times in the last two minutes.

Sonora seemed to have a lid on their basket, because nothing would fall in. They found out how important free throws are, making only 8 of 18.

Sophomore Gulley was the leading scorer with 9 points, followed by Cearley with six and Wagoner with five. Creek and S. Duhon each had three Trujillo and D. Duhon one. From the 3-point arc, Gulley had two and Wagoner one.

Cearley, Wagoner and S. Duhon were leading rebounders. Sonora lost 31-36, but they now know they can compete in district play.

After the game, Cearley received All-Tournament Team Honors. This week the Broncos play Menard and in the Ozona Tournament. Go Broncos!!!



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Regular Weekly Schedule

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5:00 p.m. Ladies' Bible Study • 6:30 p.m. Worship

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Wednesdays: 3:15 p.m. King's Kids (K-4th Gr.) • 5:00 p.m. Ladies' Emmaus Group 6:15 p.m. Family Night Meal

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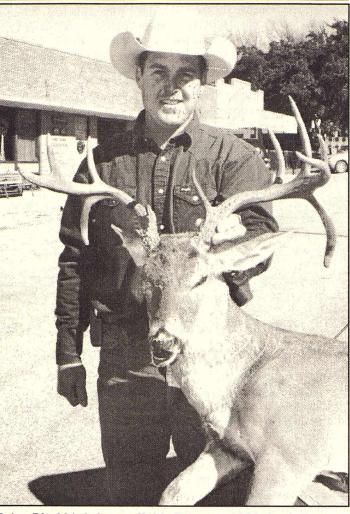
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# Who's Baggin' the BIG BUCKS



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#### **Sutton County 4-H Forecast**

Christmas Party & Dance

The 4-H party will be at the Civic Center on Tuesday, December 14, 2004 starting at 6:00 p.m. Club officers are each asked to bring two (2) dozen cookies. The club will furnish hot chocolate. Everyone is invited to bring your favorite CDs. Please bring a canned good as entry to the dance. These will be donated to the Ministerial Alliance Food Basket drive.

Community Service for December

Sutton County 4-H club elected to participate in a community service project which assists the local Catholic church. It will consist of providing animals for a petting zoo on December 12th. Their event will be from 1-5 p.m. Our job is to assemble panels, deliver the animals, and pick them up. Please call if you have gentle animals which can be used that day.

**Project Visits** 

Pascual Hernandez is trying to visit all of the livestock projects, but he may have missed some. If he has not been by, and you would like some help or input from him, please call the Extension office and set up a

Lamb and Goat Clinics

The second of a trio of clinics for December will be a "tracking demonstration" conducted by Mr. Russel Kott on

December 9, at 4:00 p.m. The third will be a showmanship clinic on December 16. More details will be available at a later date.

Rifle Project

The Rifle Project has begun meeting on Mondays and Tuesdays. For more details contact Randy Knight or Sherry Ingham. Participants must be 3rd grade or older.

**Record Books** 

For those of you thinking about completeing a Record Book, contact the Extension office. Record books are very useful, especially once you get ready to apply for scholarships because they contain all your involvements, learning experiences, leadership, community service and project growth.

District 10 Roundup Survey

The District 10 4-H Development Program Committee is interested in getting feedback from youth, volunteers, parents, and agents concerning the time of year of some of our District contests. A survey has been developed to obtain feedback. It basically asks for your input on whether to hold district judging contests and Roundup in the Spring or Fall; your thoughts on holding both Roundup and judging contests on the same day; and offering the events on week days.

#### Prescribed Burning Workshop to be held in Eldorado

by: Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu

ELDORADO - Texas Cooperative Extension's Schleicher County office has scheduled a prescribed burning workshop from 9 a.m. to noon on Monday. Dec. 13 in Eldorado's Schleicher County

The civic center is located one mile south of Eldorado on Hwy

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units will be available for individuals with a pesticide applicators The guest speaker will be Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superin-

tendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Sonora and coordinator of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burning Taylor will discuss topics that focus on planning and conduct-

ing a prescribed burn, giving attention to weather, vegetation management and legal requirements. A hands-on field training session is scheduled after lunch,

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grass is slowly digested, consumption is lowered and the animal receives even less nutrients. If protein is added to this type of diet, digestion will increase, and eventually the animal will eat

Protein supplements are available in many types and forms, such as cubes, cakes, and liquids. Each will vary in nutrient composition and concentration, and the producer should be aware of the protein amount. Since protein is required for growth and milk production. protein requirements for developing and lactating females are higher than for dry, pregnant

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#### **Texas Cooperative Extension** offers continuing education course in San Angelo

by: Steve Byrns,

SAN ANGELO - Private pesticide users can earn five continuing education units at an upcoming right-of-way-management course held here Dec.

Hosted by Texas Cooperative Extension, the "Vegetation Management for Right-of-Way Applications Course" will be held at the Texas A&M University System Research and Extension Center. The center is located north of San Angelo on U.S. Hwy 87.

Course registration begins at 8 a.m. The program runs from 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m.

John Begnaud, Extension horticulturist in Tom Green County and a course coordinator, said the training is open to anyone with a valid Texas Department of Agriculture pesticide applicators license.

'Anyone can attend who needs Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, but we have specifically tailored this particular training for persons who con-

duct maintenance work along roadways," Begnaud said.

Educational topics, speakers and CEU values are: -"Roadside/Right-of-way

Mesquite Control," Dr. Darrell Ueckert, range researcher, San Angelo; -"Right-of-way

Identification," Steve Nelle, range scientist, Resources Conservation Service, San Angelo;

-"Vegetation Management Practices for Roadsides," Jim Crosby, BASF Corp., Georgetown;

-"Herbicides Mode of Action," Pascual Hernandez, Extension agent, Sutton County; -"Non-Target Herbicide

Damage," Begnaud; and - "Laws and Regulations," Corey Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo.

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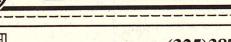
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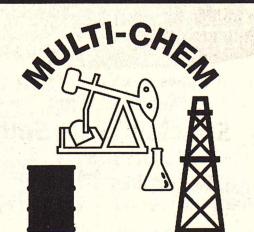
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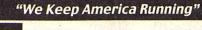
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#### Memorial quilt from page 1

this quilt. I started by placing the blocks into a pattern. This took about 5 days and a lot of trial and error to get the final

"I used a queen size bed sheet for the border, and the back is a sheet that was issued to me when I was stationed at Ft Hood, Texas, with the 16th Sig Bn in 1995. This sheet was laid out at the Tikrit Fob Danger MWR Sports Bar, for about 4 months. Many soldiers passing thru signed it.

"A few of the patches are sewn on by hand. The units were really great in giving up their patches. A few are actually combat patches. Meaning the soldiers took them off the uniform they were wearing.

"I chose the backwards flag because we are in a combat zone. And we wear the flag backwards to represent that we are running into battle not away. The 1st Infantry Division patch because it is dedicated to the 1st Infantry Division. The Iraq Flag because we are in Iraq. And the Red Cross patch because they are vital to the armed forces not just in Iraq but all over the world."

The stuffing is raw cotton that the tailor provided.

"When I say the cotton is raw, I had to shake the seeds out of it and I had to pick out the stems that were in it. I had brought Dawn dish detergent with me, so I hand washed the cotton with that, laid it out to dry, and being that the water is not so good, I used bottled water on it.



Donors from Sonora welcome Sgt. Smith.

A very special memory that Sgt. Smith shared, is that of the Iraqi (Kurdish) tailor, Ayob Homa who helped her with the embroidery and some of the sewing, and his wife, Hand Homa. When Homa found out that Sgt. Smith was going to auction the quilt to raise money for the children of fallen soldiers, he stopped charging her for his assistance and talents. He felt that it was an honor to assist with such a project. He loved the soldiers who came into the shop to leave their patches or add to the signatures and he took great care with all of his sewing on the quilt. On November 6, 2004, Homa and his wife were killed by insur-

for assisting gents the Americans. They left behind a one-year-old baby.

In a special note to the citizens of Sonora, Sgt. Smith said, "I hope you enjoy this quilt as much as I have enjoyed making it. It was fun and helped the days pass. And I know that there will be some child who will benefit from the money you spent on this. I thank you very much!"

With many of our own loved ones serving in Iraq, the quilt touches each and every resident of Sutton County in a special way and makes it more precious than any amount of money. The group of donors

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can be ordered by calling 1-800-ACS-2345 or online at www.texasgolfpass.com. The web site has a special search feature to help you find participating courses. American Express, VISA and Master Card accepted.

Thanks to the great support of so many Texas golf courses, golfers now have another way to participate in the fight against cancer, while enjoying the game they love. It also makes it possible to enjoy different courses many throughout the state when traveling for business or for fun. The Pass expires December 31, 2005

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide, community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy and service.

For more information or to purchase a Texas Golf Pass contact Lou Faulks at 325-387-3269.

The annual Santa Bucks auction will be held on December 16. 2004 at the Sutton County Civic Center. Start collecting your Santa Bucks from participating merchants and bid on great gift items for Christmas.

Taxpayer Alert - The Appraisal District office will be closed on the following dates: December 24, 27, 31 and January 3. If you are unable to pay your taxes before these dates and want to make payment before the end of the year, please drop your payment in the mail with a December 31, 2004, postmark.

Sonora ISD will be hosting an open house for the newly renovated Old Rock Schoolhouse on January 3, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Events begin with a ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m., after which the old school bell will be rung to officially open the building. Visitors may tour until 2:00 p.m. and refreshments will be served. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

Zachary Gomez is a 14- year-old young man who is working to collect toys, blankets, coats, etc., or monetary donations for the ICD Bridges Family Shelters. The NewBridge Family Shelter focuses its efforts on providing housing and services to victims of domestic violence with the objective of protecting victims from further abuse, and serving as the first milestone in the beginning of rictims' adventures into safe and productive lives. If you would like to help Gomez and Little Mr. Sutton County Alex Castilleja in their quest to help the NewBridge Family Shelter that caters to this area, including Sutton County, donations can be dropped off at 1201 Savell St. If you have any questions or would like more information call Elsa Castilleja at (325)450-8743.

There will be no Transformation on Sunday, December 12, 2004. Transformation is a youth-focused event that is bringing the youth of Sonora, Eldorado and Ozona together as one body with one vision. 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 Politte FBC Eldorado 853-2662 or Lighthouse Community Church 387-9100.

If you are interested in signing a petition regarding the increased water rates please contact Julia Hines 387-2723, Susan Hall 387-5553 or Joan Cusenbary 387-2093.

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he would be meeting with him soon.

Tommy Arnwine reported on the Ports-to-Plains project and the recent meeting in Laredo. He said that progress was still ongoing and looked promising. Arnwine reminded everyone to keep the Ports-to-Plains project and the Trans Texas Highway project separate because the Trans Texas project may not be a positive step for

The board then entered into executive session to discuss Economic Negotiations with Multi-Chem regrading infrastructure improvements at the 704 Glasscock St. building.

After reconvening in open session, a motion was made to enter into a contract with Multi-Chem for \$60,000 to assist with the infrastructure improvements, to be provided in three payments. A second was made and the motion was approved, with Max Howorth abstaining from the vote. Others present for the meeting were John Tedford, Beth Wallace, Ann Kay, Ruthie Bounds, Ben Pool, Doug Skolaut, and Paul Ramsdell.

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