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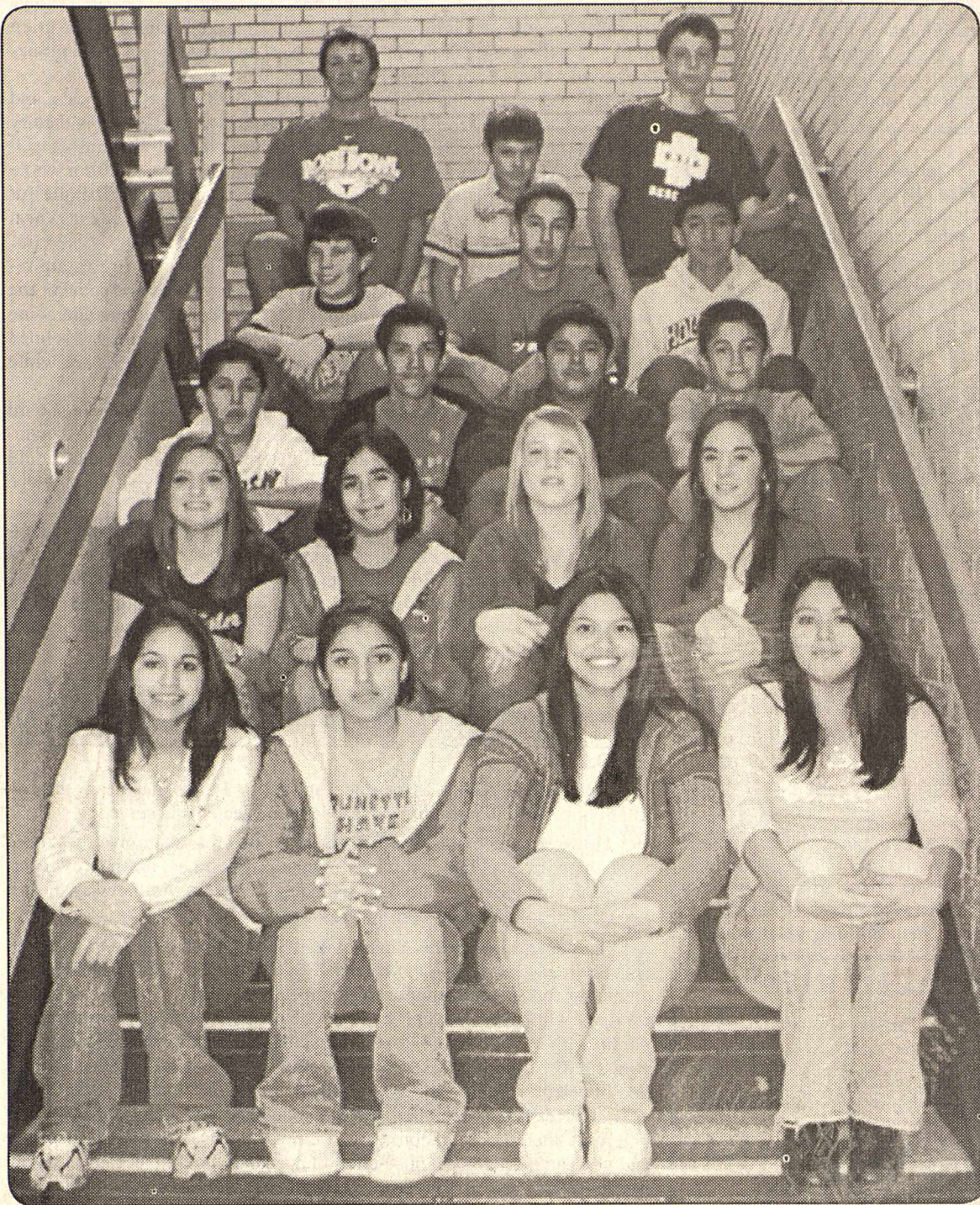
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SMS Sweetest Hearts' to be treated like stars at Hollywood Night celebration

submitted

The Sonora Middle School Student Council is sponsoring the "Hollywood Night Valentine's Dance" on Thursday, February 9, 2006 from 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm. Each year the outstanding students in 8th grade are nominated by the teachers for the "Sweetest Hearts". The student body votes on their favorite to select the "Sweetest Heart" of the year. This year's young lady nominees are: Meredith Earwood, daughter of Carolyn & Edward Earwood; Alyssa Favila, daughter of Tammy & Eddie Favila; Kasey Gutierrez, daughter of Delia & Jose Longoria; Amy Hernandez, daughter of Patricia & Alonzo Hernandez; Brittany Hernandez, daughter of Sylvia Ramon & Manuel Hernandez; Cassie Krieg, daughter of Michelle & Mike Krieg; Sterling Love,

daughter of Tamie & Glen Love; and Monica Sanchez, daughter of Palmira & Ismael Sanchez. The young men nominated are: Kris Aguero, son of Kelly & Leandro Aguero; Juan Capuchina, son of Maria & Juan Capuchina; Tyler Creek, son of Sharon & John Creek; Paul Faz, son of Marris & Santiago Faz; Caleb Gonzales, son of Kim & Ronald Gonzales; Cash Jennings, son of Kate & Larry Jennings; Mario Oliden, son of Maria Oliden; Pedro Ramirez, son of Rosa & Pedro Ramirez; Josh Salazar, son of Paulina & Elizardo Salazar; and Michael Stephens, son of Jan & Paul Stephens. The Sweetest Heart Couple will be crowned at approximately 9:00 pm. All parents are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

EQIP application deadline draws near

The deadline for the USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to accept application for 2006 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funding is February 17, 2006. Applications for EQIP funds received on or before February 17, 2006 will be ranked and funded from the initial allocation to Sutton County. Last Year EQIP funding in Sutton County totaled over \$218,000.

Eligible producers may apply for cost share assistance on conservation practices that will address the identified resource concern recognized by the Local Work Group (LWG). Practices are implemented through EQIP offering cost share assistance to agricultural producers to implement on-farm conservation

practices. The NRCS determines eligible land and eligible conservation practices.

EQIP was established to assist landowners with applying conservation plans to treat major resources issues. In Sutton and Edwards Counties, the LWG chose Control of Invasive Plant Species as the highest concern. Producers who are eligible for county base funding can receive cost share assistance to help them control cedar, mesquite and/or prickly pear. For those producers who fall within the North Llano Watershed area of the county you are eligible for assistance to control the above listed plants but may qualify for facilitating practices such as livestock watering facilities (wells, livestock pipelines, tanks)

and fencing. Cost share assistance has been set at 50% of the established average cost.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD), is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS offers its services free of charge.

Those interested in signing an EQIP application should visit the USDA Service Center office in Sonora at 301 Crockett or call (325)387-2730, ext. 3 or access the information on the Texas NRCS website at www.tx.nrcs.usda.gov.

Eighth grade Colts bring first place trophy home from Llano

by Coach Dempsey

The Sonora 8th grade Colts went to Llano Saturday and came home with a first place trophy. The boys started slow with Ingram, a tied score marking the half, 16-16.

The Colts came out in the third quarter ready to play and put together a 16-2 quarter.

Sonora coasted on, finishing with a 38-24 victory over Ingram.

The Colts played Llano in the finals, Llano having beaten the Colts the year before in the finals by one point.

The first quarter was a battle, with Llano on top 10-7. The second quarter was a different story, as the Colts came back with a 15-6 run.

Sonora's boys put together another 15 point third quarter, stemming from strong defense. The Colts held Llano to just two points.

The Colts came out the winner 48-26.

Stats: Sonora vs. Ingram: A. K. Williams 14, Tyler Creek 10, Dustin Neff 7, Caleb Gonzales 3, Cash Jennings 2, Hayden Chandler

Sonora vs. Llano: A. K. Williams 21, Tyler Creek 8, Will Anderson 7, Dustin Neff 6, Cash Jennings 5, Caleb Gonzales 1



Human skeletal remains found near county line

by Storie Sharp

Authorities were unable to immediately identify human skeletal remains found approximately 40 miles east of Sonora on January 23, 2006. The discovery last Monday brought Sutton County sheriff's officers and Texas Rangers to the scene, where three men that were surveying a site about 50 yards from Interstate 10, reported finding what they believed was a human skeleton.

Detailed descriptions of the state of the body were not revealed by the Sheriff's office, but Sheriff Joe Fincher reported that the remains were decomposed and that a positive identification of the sex of the skeleton were not available at this time. There were no personal affects found in the area. Evidence that illegal immigrants possibly had camped near the area where the skeleton was found were also reported, but no link to the two have been formed at this time.

"According to the remains that were there, you could tell that they've been there for a long period of time," said Sheriff Fincher. As for identifying the person, Fincher says that there are no missing persons reported in this area, so a more thorough investigation will continue.

Sheriff Fincher confirmed that the case is being treated as foul play until proven different and a cause of death is found.

The remains have been sent to the Medical Examiner in Lubbock for further investigation.

Sheriff Fincher says the process could take some time and the identification of the body may never be revealed.

City reminds customers of ordinances

submitted

The City of Sonora would like to make our customers aware of some of the ordinances regarding the utility system.

1. It shall be unlawful for any person to resell to others any utility service obtained from the city except only by special arrangement with the city council.

2. Connections for any utility service furnished by the city shall be made only under supervision of the city council.

3. Any building, structure or consumer in the city shall have a separate utility service connection.

4. Any person who shall make any connection in any manner to any utility system without prior knowledge and consent of the city shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

5. No person, other than employees of the city, shall be authorized to connect, turn on, turn off or disconnect any utility service offered by the city or remove, replace or repair any equipment connected to such utility service.

(After 5:00 p.m. and weekend phone #'s 387-2558 or 387-3888)

6. The city shall have the right to inspect meters and to pass such regulations as to testing it as may be necessary to ascertain and ensure its accuracy and efficiency. A consumer may request that a meter be tested to ensure its accuracy; however, if the meter is not defective, the consumer must pay the expense of testing. If the meter is found to be defective, the city will be liable for the expenses of testing.

The City urges all customers to install private cut-offs to avoid any emergency call-out service charges to disconnect service at the meter in case of leaks, etc.

The customer convenience site is open to residential customers. Appointments may be made Monday - Friday, 8:00 - 5:00 by calling City Hall at 387-2558. On-call personnel will also be available on weekends 8:00 - 5:00 by calling 387-3888.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these issues, please call or come by City Hall at 201 E. Main St.

Will Phil see his shadow?

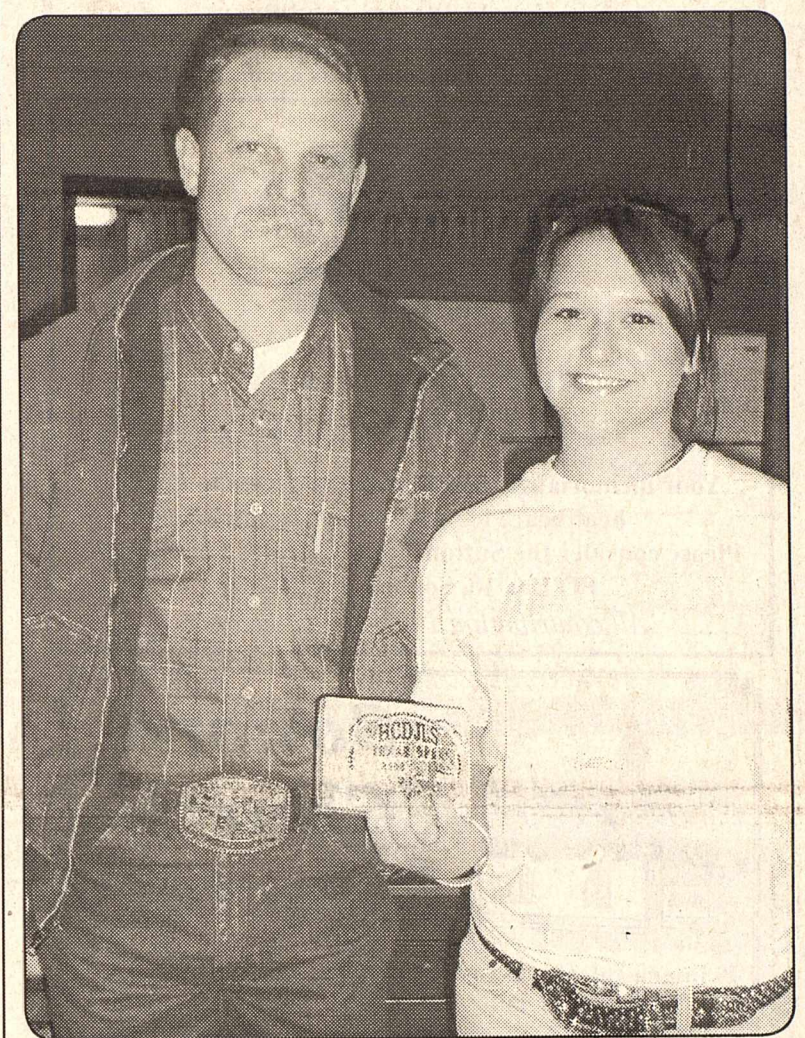
The legend of Groundhog Day is based on an old Scottish couplet: "If Candlemas Day is bright and clear, there'll be two winters in the year."

Every February 2, people gather at Gobbler's Knob, a wooded knoll just outside of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

If the sun made an appearance on Candlemas Day, an animal would cast a shadow, thus predicting six more weeks of Winter. Germans watched a badger for the shadow. In Pennsylvania, the groundhog, upon waking from mid-winter hibernation, was selected as the replacement.

The groundhog was given the name "Punxsutawney Phil, Seer of Seers, Sage of Sages, Prognosticator of Prognosticators, and See Groundhog Day page 8

Martin shares Showmanship honors with FFA advisor

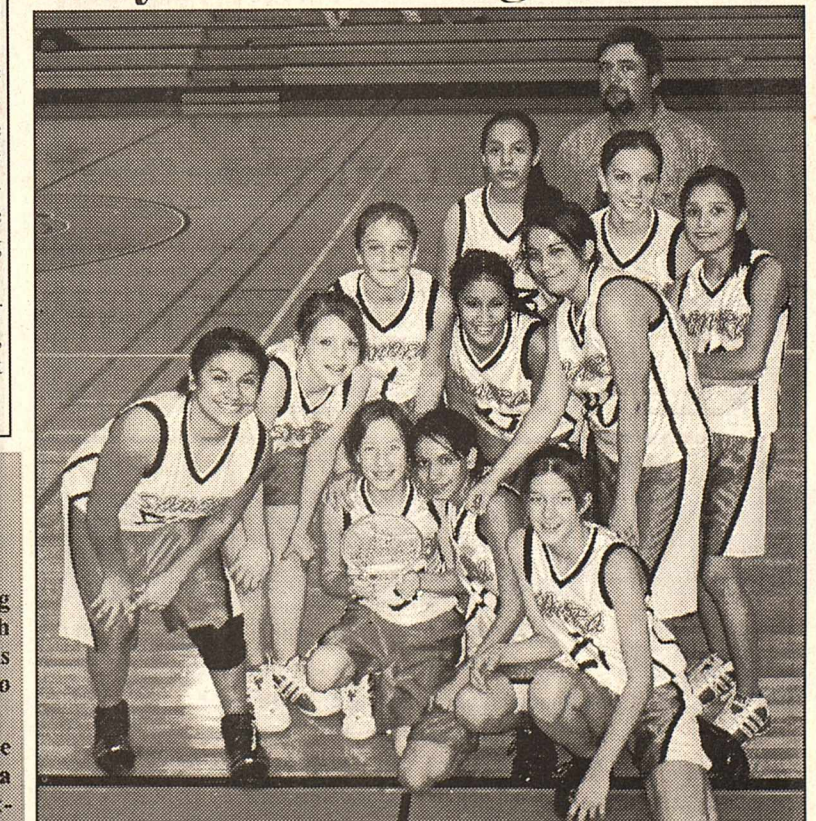


Laura Martin brought home showmanship honors from the Hill Country District Livestock show in the Angora goat division. Pictured with Laura is FFA advisor Michael Kissire. Kissire works many hours with the high school FFA students, assisting with leadership skills and knowledge of agriculture by putting the information into a perspective the students can understand.

Sutton County 4-Hers and FFA members are continuing down the road to major stock shows this weekend and in the weeks to come.

Stock shows that many of our youth will be attending include: Ft Worth January 13 through Feb 5; San Antonio Feb 3 through 19; San Angelo February 16 through 26; Houston February 28 - March 19; and

Lady Colts win big in Llano



7th Grade Lady Colts: Front row kneeling: Morgan Smith, Chelby Ramos, Kallie Humphrey. Middle row standing: Kash McGee, Rose Karnes, Chelsey Lou Campbell, Maria Lugo, Joell McGuffin. Back row: Gabby Ibanez, Maci Zuniga, Karina Trevino and Coach Larry Jennings

The 7th grade Lady Colts played a well fought game against Ingram to start the day at the Llano Tournament on Saturday, January 28, 2006. The young ladies worked together as a team and won first in the tournament.

Sonora - 21 Ingram - 9
Chelby Ramos - 11, Morgan Smith - 2, Karina Trevino - 2, Maci Zuniga - 2, Kallie Humphrey - 2, Gabriela Ibanez - 2

Sonora - 35 Mason - 4
Maci Zuniga - 18, Joell McGuffin - 4, Kash McGee - 4, Chelby Ramos - 4, Morgan Smith - 3, Chelsey Lou Campbell - 2

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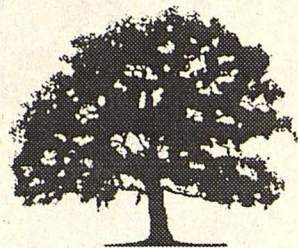
A place for returning Prodigals and recovering Pharisees

Sunday Services

Bible Study 10:00 a.m.

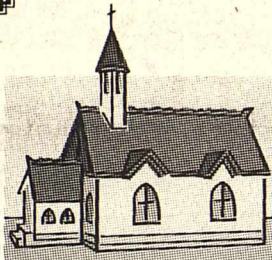
Worship 11:00 a.m. • 6:00 p.m.

1705 N. Crockett



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504 Santa Clara
387-2035 | Church of Christ
304 N. Water
387-3190 |
| The Church of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian
319 E. Mulberry
387-2616 | First Baptist Church
111 E. Oak
387-2951 |
| Lighthouse Community Church
1705 N. Crockett
387-9100 | St. John's Episcopal Church
404 E Poplar
387-2955 |
| Pentecostal Calvary Temple United
509 Amistad
387-5266 | First United Methodist Church
201 N. Water
387-2466 |
| St. Ann's Catholic Church
229 W. Plum
387-2278 | Templo Jerusalem Asamblea De Dios
306 W. 4th St.
387-5713 |
| Jehovah's Witness
310 St. Ann's St.
387-5658/387-5518 | Hope Lutheran Church
417 E. 2nd St.
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Thank You Note

We would like to extend a huge heart-felt thank you to everyone that assisted with the grass fire on Thursday, January 19, 2006. Jack David and Trey were out of town and unable to assist, so our appreciation is even greater for all those that volunteered their time and efforts to save our property and homes.

A very special thank you to the men and women that put their lives at risk to actually fight the flames, continuing until they were sure that all was extinguished. We also want to acknowledge and express our gratitude to the women of St. John's Episcopal Church, Susan Bloodworth, and any others we may not have seen, for all the refreshments provided for the workers. A special thank you to David Walsh for providing gate watchers around the properties to watch for any reoccurrences throughout the night.

It is comforting to know that we are part of a community that reaches out as a family unit in times of need, no matter when or where.

Jack David & Jesse Lem; Trey & LaDonna; and Brigitte & Mack Wardlaw

To the Editor:

I would like to thank the people of Senatorial District 19 for sending Frank Madla to represent them in the Texas Legislature. Senator Madla has been an outstanding supporter and advocate for the small-rural schools of Texas. His leadership and work with other Rural Legislators were crucial in the recent regular and special sessions addressing school finance. Senator Madla authored several amendments that protected and enhanced the existence and financial health of small schools. Again to you in the 19th senatorial district, a big "Thank you".

Bill Grusendorf, CEO
Texas Assoc. of Rural Schools

Obituaries

Bonnie McKinney Schwausch

Bonnie McKinney Schwausch, 56, died January 3, 2006, in Nacogdoches, Texas.

Born February 20, 1949, in San Antonio, she was the daughter of F.L. "Mack" McKinney and Elizabeth Elliott McKinney.

She is survived by her husband Ralph Schwausch of Garrison; sons, Rick Schwausch of Fort Worth and Rus Schwausch of Austin; and three grandchildren.

Jefferson Almon "Jeff" Harris II

Jefferson Almon "Jeff" Harris II, 35, went to be with the Lord on January 22, 2006. A memorial graveside service was held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, January 29, 2006, in Sonora Cemetery. Kerbow Funeral Home officiated arrangements.

Jeff was born in Monahans, Texas on October 15, 1970, to Walter and Eva Harris.

He is survived by his parents; a son, Walter Carl Harris II; a daughter, Chelsea Marie Harris; a sister, Carrie Cook; two brothers, Richard Harris and Danny Morris, several aunts and uncles, neices and nephews.

Senior Center Activities

- Fri. February 3 - AAA Reports due.....
- Mon. February 6 - Bingo!
- Tues. February 7 - exercise w/video!
- Wed. February 8 - work on Valentine Crafts-after lunch!
- Thurs. February 9 - Happy B-Day to our "new" senior-JoAnn Palmer!

Senior Center Menu

- Fri. February 3 - Meatloaf w/ tomatoes, blackeyed peas, okra, cornbread, banana pudding, milk
- Mon. February 6 - Beef stew, squash, sweet peas, cornbread, chocolate pudding, milk
- Tues. February 7 - BBQ chicken, beans, beets, rolls, pears w/pine-apple, chocolate chip cookie, milk
- Wed. February 8 - Fried fish, hominy, mustard greens, cornbread, bread pudding w/raisins, milk
- Thurs. February 9 - Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, carrot salad, rolls, oatmeal cookie, milk

Participants in the senior nutrition program must be 60 or older.

Meals are served Monday - Friday at 12:00 p.m.

Donations are accepted (suggested donation for Seniors is \$1.50; \$4.00 for under 60 and all other meals-to-go)

Welcome Home.... To First Baptist Church February ministries

- *5 Super Bowl Home Fellowships
- *11 Adult Valentine Fellowship
- *19 Watchman Prayer Ministry begins 3rd year!
- *26 Study of Christian Denominations (Dr. Larry McGraw)

Regular Weekly Schedule

- Sundays: 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 10:45 a.m. & 6:30 p.m. Worship
- Wednesdays: 3:15 p.m. King's Kids (After-School Club for K-4th grade)
- 5:45 p.m. Family Night Meal
- 6:30 p.m. AWANA Club (3 yrs. - 5th grade)
- 7:00 p.m. Youth Group - Youth Center Adults - Fellowship Hall

Welcome home!

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T. Wayne Price - Pastor

Mike Andress - Minister of Music

Letters to the Editor Policy

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Get the Whole Story on Whole Grains

submitted by Kelly L Thorp, MS
CEA-FCS Sutton County Texas Cooperative Extension



Recent research has linked the consumption of whole grains with notable health benefits including risk reduction of several chronic diseases and help with weight maintenance. As a result, nutrition experts are advising individuals to choose whole grain foods over refined grainfoods. "Unfortunately, research shows that many people are confused about the difference between a whole grain food and a refined grain food," says Dr. Sharon Robinson, Nutrition Specialist with Texas Cooperative Extension.

Grain foods are made from seed kernels such as wheat, corn, oats, and rice. Kernels, such as corn, contain an outer bran layer that is rich in dietary fiber and minerals; a germ layer rich in healthful oils and vitamins as well as the starchy inner portion called the endosperm. Foods made from whole grains contain all the nutrients found in the original kernel. Examples of whole grain foods are whole wheat bread, corn tortillas, shredded wheat breakfast cereal, popped corn, oatmeal and brown rice.

Sometimes, as with refined grains, the kernel's bran and germ are removed during milling. This results in a loss of dietary fiber and some of the vitamins and minerals from the original kernel. Manufacturers add some vitamins and minerals to the milled product. Enriched grains are refined grains with added nutrients. Examples of enriched grain foods are white bread, biscuits, corn bread, and white rice.

How many grain foods should you eat each day? Most people should eat about three ounces of whole grain foods each day and about three ounces of enriched grain foods each day. To determine how much you should eat based on your age, gender and physical activity level visit <http://www.mypyramid.gov>.

When shopping for grain foods, look for 'whole grain' on the packaging. The Food and Drug Administration requires that a product contain at least 51% whole grain in order for that product to be marketed as whole grain. Texas Cooperative Extension offers nutrition education events in your area. To learn more, contact your local Family and Consumer Science County Extension Agent at 387-3604 or k-thorp@tamu.edu.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor

An officer of the law is to protect and serve. To me, that means the giving of oneself to the benefit of those being protected and served.

However, when one takes advantage of the trust and power bestowed upon them, by wielding that power to manipulate others for their own personal agenda, they soon become tyrannical dictators. As they say, Power corrupts; absolute power corrupts absolutely.

My name is Dwayne Freeman. I own Sooner Plumbing. For those who do not already know, I do not have a Texas Plumbing License. I have been plumbing for 15 years and have an impeccable resume. My work speaks for itself. I am operating under the same law that allows city employees to plumb without a license. I am not breaking the law, however, (I feel) that you are Mr. Chief of Police, Mike House. I think you would have realized that after you tried to turn me into the Texas State Plumbing Board. You are not a Health Inspector and you can not close a restaurant down because you think there are violations. You are not a licensed plumbing inspector and you can not tell local businesses they can not hire me because I do not have a Texas license. Nor can you tell people who they can or cannot hire. If you think you are in the right then why didn't you speak to me face to face the day you took it upon your own to close down a local restaurant. I'll tell you why. Because you are a bully and bullies always back down when confronted. If I have one more customer tell me that you said they can not hire me, I will take proper legal action to ensure my rights.

Sonora, it's time for a new Chief of Police.

Sincerely,
Dwayne Freeman
Sooner Plumbing

Happy Birthday:

February 2

- Irene Beard, Brandon
- Whitehouse, Lori Garza,
- Wayford Tyler, Jr., Cassie,
- Krieg, Linda Robles, Tommy,
- Morris, Marissa Trevino,
- Justina McGuffin, Graham
- Bloodworth, Jose Casillas

February 3

- Kaitlyn Gann, J.D. Mirike,
- Don Longoria, Joshua
- Hopkins, Tammie Tidwell,
- Rita Lopez-Gonzales,
- Bobbie Jackson, Susan
- Crowder, Katherine Alice,
- Stokes, Arturo D. Lopez III,
- Kameron Ortiz, Savannah,
- White, Frank Noriega, Joey,
- Gonzalez

February 4

- Kerry Mabry, Janey Dillard,
- Gilbert Vara, Sr., Arnoldo,
- Gandor

February 5

- Judy Martin, Johnna Adams,
- Maci Friess, Sianne Alvizo,
- Jesusita Lumbreras, Kobie,
- Herring, Chris Gonzales,

February 6

- Chacho Cahill, Diego
- Cardona, Kalissa Amber
- Uriega, Laura MacArthur,
- Jose Casillas, Shirley Badgett,
- Jalys Mabry, Tina Viglietta,
- John Henry Strauch, Tanner,
- Cook

February 7

- Pam Armke, Shane Love,
- Lola Squyres, Preston Lopez,
- Peter Young, Christopher,
- Lindsey, Diann Keller,
- Michelle Crites

February 8

- Keith Butler, Jacinda
- Sanchez, Jillian McIntyre,
- Jacob Tomas Perez, Marinse,
- Slaugh, Ann Kay

Historical Society

by Jo-Ann Palmer, Secretary
Sutton County Historical Society

Q. When was the first town well completed?

A. San Angelo Standard Times, Feb 23, 2889- C.F. Adams, the moving spirit in the location of the new town in Sutton County, writes to Messrs. Gwin, Allen & Co., as follows: "Gents: According to promise I write to inform you that the well is completed with plenty of water at 180 feet deep. The new town is named Sonora." The mere fact that water has been struck in that section at 180 feet is worth thousands of dollars to this section.

Q. When did the Holmig family come to this area?

A. Mrs. Ella Holmig Adams told in 1966 how she arrived in Menardville in a wagon caravan in 1897. The caravan consisted of five wagons pulled by two teams of oxen and one team of "willow-tail" ponies. Each ox team pulled two wagons, one trailed behind the other. Mrs. Adams still remembers how uncomfortable she felt when her father pulled the wagons into a half-circle to accommodate a photographer, she was 15, had been traveling and was dirty and didn't want anyone taking pictures of her.

The Alvin Holmig family, including five children, were seeking a new home after leaving Llano County. Holmig, a blacksmith, had made the wagons which contained household goods, feed, seed, poultry, and blacksmith tools. An older boy and a hired hand drove 100 head of cattle around town while the wagons went through.

The family camped for the winter between Brady and Menardville, sleeping in wagons and cooking in tents. In March Holmig bought 11 sections of land in Kimble County and the family settled there.

In 1899 Ella Holmig married Quincy Adams. They reared 11 children.

Here are two books you might be interested in about the Wild Bunch. They are part of the Fort Worth Five Series by Donna B. Ernst. The first is "HARVEY LOGAN, WILDEST OF THE WILD BUNCH." Ernst presents a brief biography of this noted outlaw.... It is an excellent work for a very modest price...we look forward to the next in the series. Mark Boardman, WOLA Journal

*Ernst has written a wonder-

ful outlaw history of Kid Curry and his trail of murder and destruction." Doris R. Meredith, Editor, Books in Review, WWA

Their second book is "WOMEN OF THE WILD BUNCH" Ernst has done it again. Chuck Parsons, Editor of Nola Quaterly. "A quick overview...crisp and sharp...an I can't wait for the next one." Mark Boardman, WOLA Journal.

The suggested price of these books is \$9.95 each plus \$3.00 postage for one book or \$4.00 for two. We know you love to read about the Wild Bunch and think you will enjoy reading about Fanny Porter, a favorite Madam; Laura Bullion, who stayed loyal until death; Lillie Davis who informed on her husband; Annie Rogers who left her husband for the sporting life; and Etta Place, the mystery woman who was willing to go to South America with her man. Mail your orders with a check for the correct amount to Donna B. Ernst, P.O. Box 118, Lederach, PA 19450. Questions may be e-mailed to dnpemst@cs.com.

Donna is the lady who wrote "From Cowboy to Outlaw The True Story of Will Carver" for the historical society a few years ago.

The society currently has two books for sale: "Johnnie Ward Cowboy" tells of the adventures of a young man in the Big Bend and how he finally came to settle in Sutton County. It covers his ranching experiences and his becoming president of the American Angora Goat Growers Association and all the wonderful work he did for that organization and in the breeding of Angora goats. This is John Allen Ward III grandfathers life story and we think a lot of you will enjoy reading about his adventures.

The second book is "John Eaton's Tales of Wild Bill Taylor" It includes stories about the Comstock and the Coleman train robberies. A lot of the material was taken from the notes of John Eaton, but we have also included newspaper articles of the day, notes from investigating officers and have edited the book. It is a good book, another must have for western researchers or just someone who wants to read about the bad old days.

We received a notice in the mail about the U.S. Navy Memorial's Navy Log. Now through the end of July 2006, all members and veterans of the Sea Services

are able to enroll in the U.S. Navy Memorial's Navy Log without charge and without any obligation. The U.S. Navy Memorial, is located on Pennsylvania Avenue, in Washington, D.C., is a national memorial to those who served, and are serving, in America's Sea Services-Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and Merchant Marine. The heart of the U.S. Navy Memorial is the Navy Log. The log is the permanent public registry where Sea Service members and veterans can record their service information-name, duty stations, awards, photos and memories. Family members and friends can record service information for veterans who are deceased or those who are unable to record the information. The Navy Log may be viewed at the U.S. Navy memorial, or via the internet at <http://www.lonesailor.org>. The goal of the Memorial is to record the service history of all eligible uniformed individuals and veterans. To enroll your information or to enroll your family members simply visit <http://www.lonesailor.org>. If you have any questions, please contact the Navy Log Department of the US Navy Memorial, at 1-800-Navy LOG (1-800-9564).

We think this would be a wonderful way to preserve the record of service of your family members and to let others see how much they have sacrificed time away from home, and some their lives, for their nation.

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@sonorax.net. We will answer some of your questions in this column but questions concerning long detailed research on family trees, or looking for a particular article in the paper that you don't remember the year or date on will cost \$10 and hour research fee and .35cents a copy page. The money goes to the Sutton County Historical Society; all of our researchers are volunteers, and funds received go into utilities, office supplies, insurance

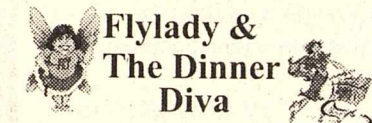


Moved by ox wagon - Mrs. Quincy Adams of Roosevelt shows the ox bell worn by the lead steer of her father's team when the Alvin Holmig Family moved west in 1897, from Llano County to Kimble county.

and upkeep of the buildings.

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Super Bowl Hospitality



by Leanne Ely

The Super Bowl cometh, as all self-respecting football fans know. And if you're having a few folks over to watch the big game, that means you get to supply the food as well as the tube. This means too, that you will be entertaining. Does that freak you out?

The very word "entertaining" can be hugely intimidating, conjuring up images of lavish spreads, immaculately appointed homes and other visions of magazine living. It is time to get a reality check and get to the heart of the matter.

First off, let's chuck the word "entertaining". What I'm talking about today isn't about doing the Martha thing at all, it's about hospitality. Hospitality isn't something one is talented in and another is not - it is something that is cultivated, much like a plant. All it takes is a welcoming home, a good meal (I can help you with that) and a warm and welcoming attitude (that's your department). Oh and, for the Super Bowl, a nice big TV screen!

If you're going to practice hospitality, you need to keep your perspective, don't invite people over who are going to scare you if you're a newbie at this. You need allies at this timecomrades, amigos. You don't need to be intimidated as you take your first baby steps at hospitality.

The first rule is to keep it simple. I would suggest a big crock-pot filled with some terrific chili, a big green salad, some cornbread and of course, the right set of friends to enjoy it all. The kind of friends that you ask to bring dessert that's the

type of guest you want for this kind of party.

Set your buffet table with a red and white checkered tablecloth, grab some flowers and throw them in a pitcher for a country effect. Wrap the silverware up in the napkins (I'd use paper napkins), toss the wrapped silverware into a basket, stack the bowls next to the chili, with a stack of larger dinner plates, so the salad and corn muffin can go on the side of the plate. The plate will act as a tray for the bowl and the rest of the food will go on the "tray". Make sense? I hope so this is an easy way to do this menu.

Really Easy Mixed Bean Chili

Serves 6 (easily doubled to serve more)

- 1 can pinto beans -- rinsed and drained
- 1 can black beans -- rinsed and drained
- 1 package taco seasoning mix
- 1 jar salsa -- your favorite
- 1 package frozen corn -- 10 oz.
- 1 sweet potato -- cubed (this makes the recipe special)

Dump it all into a crockpot, set on low and cook for 6 to 8 hours. Mix well before serving. How hard is that??

SERVING SUGGESTIONS: Serve with shredded cheddar cheese and some green onions for on top of the chili. Add your favorite cornbread (make or buy) a great big salad and dessert (if your friends don't bring it, how about make-you-own ice cream sundaes?).

Have fun with your party and may the best team win!

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Federal hurricane aid falls short

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Despite requests by the governor and other ranking officials, Texas has not received the level of federal financial aid expected in the aftermath of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

And whether the Lone Star State ever will receive adequate help seems to be in question.

In late January, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Secretary Alphonso Jackson said Texas would receive only \$74.5 million. The statement prompted an outcry from Texas' four top elected officials: "We sought close to \$1 billion. The HUD verbally committed to hundreds of millions of dollars, and instead they gave us little more than the change from their couch cushions," Gov. Perry said, adding that \$74.5 million is less than 10 percent of the hurricane-related costs incurred by Texas.

"Critical repairs to schools, hospitals, universities, electric grids, ports, and water and sewer lines will go unfunded unless HUD revisits this," Perry added.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the Texas Senate, and U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Dallas, and John Cornyn, R-San Antonio, joined Perry in expressing disappointment in the federal government's hurricane relief response.

Mississippi and Louisiana bore the brunt of Hurricane Katrina Aug. 29.

Rita's eye struck Sabine Pass on the Texas-Louisiana coast and moved to inland counties and parishes on Sept. 24.

AG chases phone record resellers

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott on Jan. 26 launched an investigation into allegations that certain Internet sites are selling Texans' personal cell phone records.

"This is a serious breach of personal privacy," Abbott said. "The business of using trickery to obtain consumers' cell phone records amounts to nothing more than the illegal trafficking of private information."

Abbott said online data marketers are charging \$50 to \$200 for obtaining records of specific cell

phone calls, usually those made over the previous 30 days, and some companies falsely tell their customers that these records are public information.

State will cover drug benefit

More than 320,000 Texans qualify for help in paying for prescription drugs under federal Medicare entitlement or through Medicaid, the state health coverage program reimbursed by the federal government. On Jan. 1 entitled individuals were automatically enrolled in a new federal drug program that in many cases stopped paying for life-sustaining medications.

Medicare officials said the agency expects to fix drug benefit errors, eventually. Gov. Perry on Jan. 25 directed the state Health and Human Services Commission to cover the cost of those medications as a stop-gap measure.

Agency awards hog study grants

Settlers introduced domestic pigs to Texas more than 200 years ago. Escapes were not uncommon.

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs said Texas has the dubious distinction of being the feral hog capital of the United States, with up to 2 million wild porkers running loose.

They run in packs, root and wallow. They can be aggressive toward other animals and humans, spread disease, ruin a picnic, foul a water supply and destroy pasture, fence and crop. Hunters have said feral hogs have humanlike intelligence.

Combs' agency has awarded half a million dollars in grants to Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University to research the problem and suggest solutions.

Perry visits troops in war zone

Gov. Perry was one of four governors to take a U.S. Department of Defense junket to visit troops stationed in the Middle East in late January.

Perry first met with active and reserve soldiers and sailors in Kuwait, next visited Texas troops in Tikrit, Iraq, and later met with military officials in Baghdad.

Accompanying Perry were governors Mike Huckabee, R-Arkansas; Dave Freudenthal, D-Wyoming; and Jim Doyle, D-Wisconsin.

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4 Tadpoles	-37.5	-6.25	
5 Purple People Eaters	-32.9	-5.48	
6 Waist-Aways	-28	-4.67	
7 Money Crunchers	-26	-4.33	
8 Buff Daddy and the Under Toned	-24.5	-4.08	
9 Bodacious Bankers	-23	-3.83	
10 Don's Angels	-19	-3.8	
11 Jolly Ranchers	-21	-3.5	
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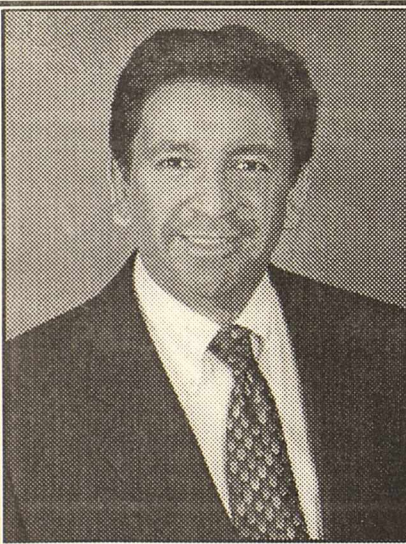
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State regulates placement of campaign signs along highways.

Political elections are usually accompanied by an increase in the number of campaign signs placed along roadways this time of year. State transportation officials want to make sure citizens and candidates are aware of the laws regulating their placement on state highway right of way. Under Texas law, it is a class C misdemeanor to place any sign on state highway right of way. The penalty for violating this law is a fine of up to \$500 per sign. It is legal to place a campaign sign on private property adjacent to state highways with landowners' permission. Restrictions require that signs be constructed of lightweight material and limited to 50 square feet in size. Signs may be placed as early as 90 days prior to election and must be removed within 10 days after an election. TxDOT officials say laws are intended to reduce clutter along highways so that official traffic control signs and vehicles approaching intersections are clearly visible for the safety of all the traveling public. TxDOT's regulatory authority allows the immediate removal of a sign placed on state highway right of way without prior notice, if the sign is not authorized by state law or approved by the department. Signs posing potential safety hazards will be removed as soon as possible. Texas is subject to the Federal Highway Beautification Act of 1965. Under the federal law, if the state fails to control signage visible from interstate and other federally-funded highways. Texas may be subject to sanctions of up to 10 percent of its federal transportation construction funds. For questions related to these regulations, please contact Val Thompson at 325-947-9242.

County Clerk's closed for two-day training

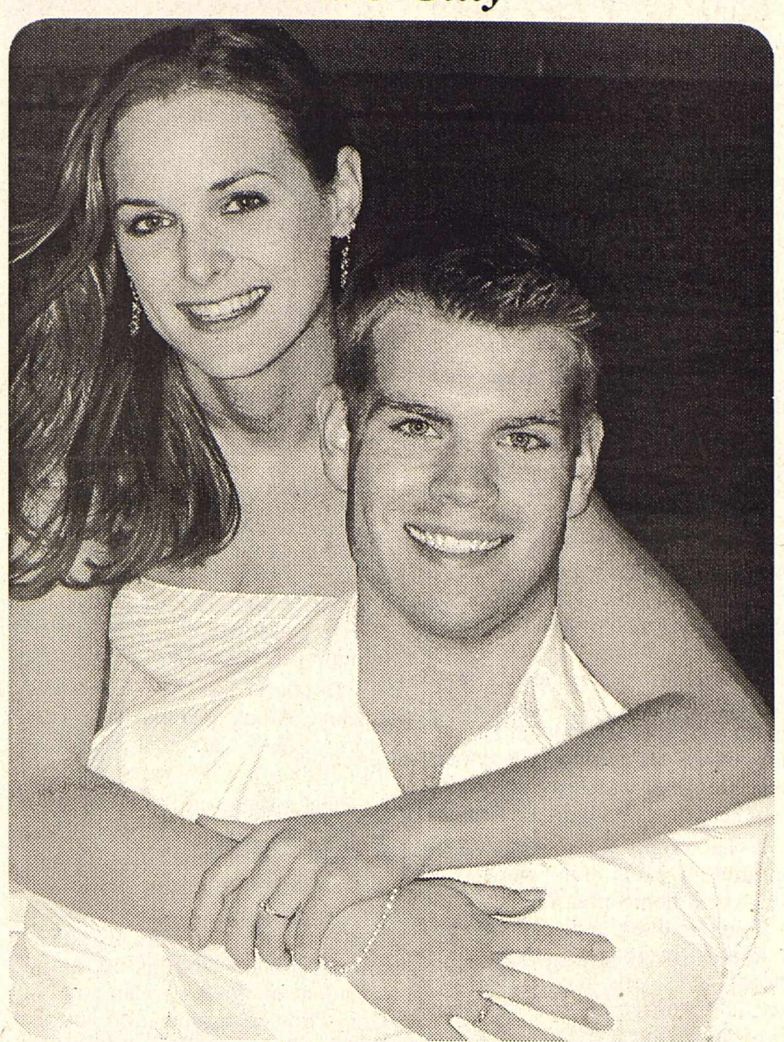
The County & District Clerk's office will be closed on Wednesday afternoon and all day Thursday. The entire staff will be attending training sessions on the new voting system that is being mandated by the federal government. I am sorry for the inconvenience. If you have an urgent matter, Mrs. Hernandez can be contacted at 206-0573 or 387-3815. The office will reopen on Friday, February 3rd at 8:30 a.m.

Texas Brigades Youth Camps Seek New Recruits

by Steve Byrns, (325) 653-4576, s-byrns@tamu.edu
Contact: Dr. Dale Rollins, (325) 653-4576, d-rollins@tamu.edu
SAN ANGELO – Texas Cooperative Extension's Texas Brigades is sounding the call for cadets to participate in this year's summer camps. "Our core curriculum for all the camps stresses leadership development and conservation of our natural resources," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist and originator of the camps. "We fashion these skills into fun and interesting activities that focus on a particular game species at each camp. Each camp typically has 30 youths ages 13-17." This year's camps are:
- Bass Brigade, June 4-8 at McKinney Roughs near Bastrop;
- South Texas Buckskin Brigade, June 11-15 at La Bandera Ranch near Carrizo Springs;
- Rolling Plains Bobwhite Brigade, June 17-21 at Krooked River Ranch near Lueders;
- South Texas Bobwhite Brigade, June 25-29 at 74 Ranch at Pleasanton;
- North Texas Buckskin Brigade, July 23-27 at Stasney's Cook Ranch near Albany; and
- Feathered Forces, July 30-Aug. 3 in East Texas (location to be announced)
Five other states have similar camps patterned directly from Texas' award-winning camps, Rollins said. Pennsylvania is set to conduct its inaugural Buckskin Brigade camp in 2007 after representatives from that state audited the Texas camps last summer. The camps are also sponsored by the Texas Wildlife Association, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resources Conservation Service, Quail Unlimited, the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Texas Deer Association, local Soil and Water Conservation Districts, private businesses, and landowners. Tuition is \$300 per cadet per camp, but sponsors are willing to provide financial aid whenever needed Rollins said. Applications are available at www.texasbrigades.org and are due by April 1. For further information, see the Web site, or contact Rollins at (325) 653-4576 or d-rollins@tamu.edu or contact Helen Holdsworth, at (800) TEX-WILD or (210) 826-2904, or h_holdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Engagements

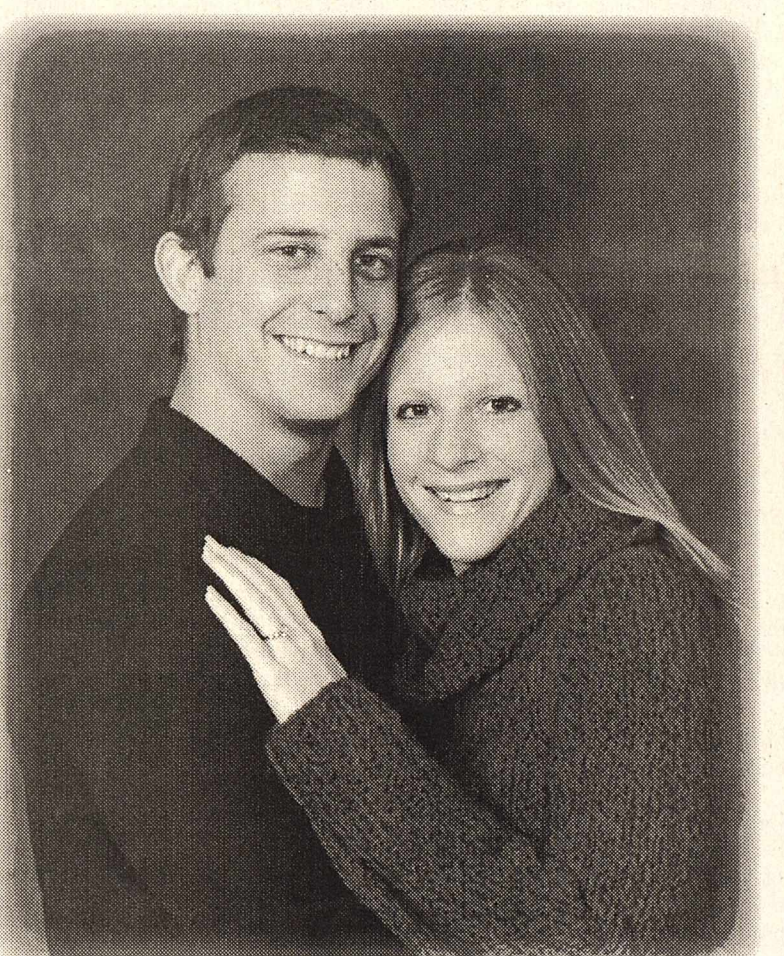
Families announce June weddings
Ware-Gilly



Autumn and Michael

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Ware of Corpus Christi and Mr. and Mrs. Michael D. Gilly of Abilene are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Autumn Marie Ware and Michael David Gilly Jr. Autumn graduated in 2002 from Calallan High School in Corpus Christi and will graduate in May from Abilene Christian University with a degree in Nursing. David is a 2001 graduate of Abilene High School and a 2005 graduate of Abilene Christian University. He is currently enrolled in the School of Medicine at UTMB in Galveston. Autumn and David plan a June 10 wedding at Southern Hills Church of Christ in Abilene.

Morrison-West



Jacob and Emily

Joe David and Laura West of San Angelo are pleased to announce the engagement of their son, Jacob West to Emily Morrison. Emily is the daughter of Dale and Nancy Morrison of Abilene. The bride-elect graduated from Wylie High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a BBS in Education. The prospective bridegroom graduated from Sonora High School and Hardin-Simmons University with a B.A. in Bible. He is currently working towards his Master of Divinity at Logsdon Seminary and is the Youth Minister at First Baptist Church in Rotan, Texas. The couple plan to marry June 11, 2006 at Logsdon Chapel on the campus of Hardin-Simmons University.

Jacob Wuest makes the grade at University of North Texas

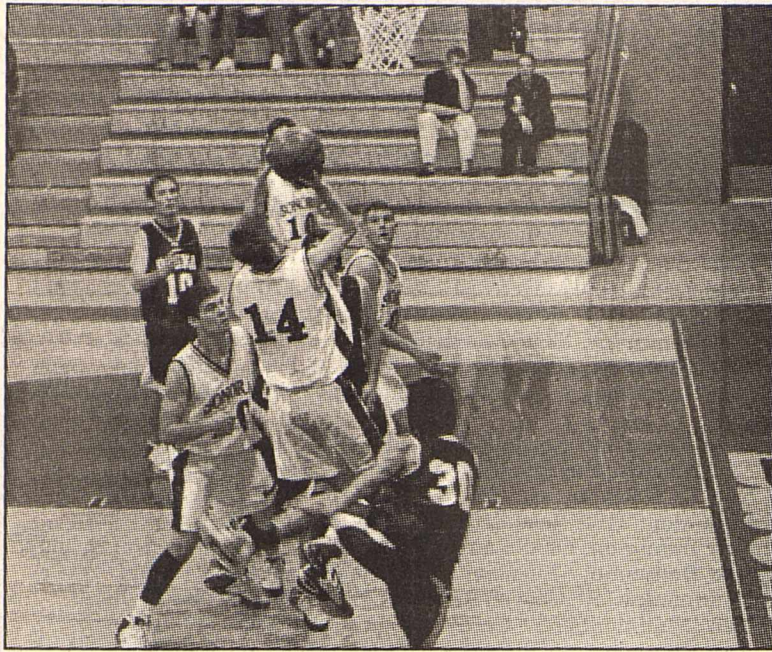
Jacob Wuest, New Braunfels High School 2005 graduate, has been named to the Dean's Honor Roll of Scholars at the University of North Texas. Only students who have earned a 3.5 grade point average on a course load of 12 or more hours earn the distinction of the Dean's Honor Roll. Jacob, son of Jill and Gay Wuest of New Braunfels, earned a 3.8 grade point average for the fall 2005 semester at the University of North Texas. Jacob is also the grandson of Annabel and Oliver Wuest of Sonora. Jacob's major is Radio, Film, and Television, and he is in the Green Brigade Marching Band. Jacob is to be commended for his academic success!

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General	\$ 2,713,411.70	\$ 730,105.48	\$ -	\$ 914,883.95	\$ 83,792.00	\$ 2,444,841.23
FMFC	\$ 44,610.47	\$ 84,812.74	\$ 83,792.00	\$ 187,622.26	\$ -	\$ 25,592.95
Flood Control	\$ 10,843.69	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,843.69
Law Library	\$ 6,783.86	\$ 609.37	\$ -	\$ 1,921.00	\$ -	\$ 5,472.23
Lateral Road	\$ -	\$ 12,490.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,490.61
State Bond Fees	\$ 762.00	\$ 930.00	\$ -	\$ 690.00	\$ -	\$ 1,002.00
Employee Benefit Fund	\$ 186,742.61	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,384.00	\$ -	\$ 170,358.61
Sutton County 911	\$ 7,212.04	\$ 1,700.78	\$ -	\$ 1,727.41	\$ -	\$ 7,185.41
Appellate Fund	\$ 456.19	\$ 197.54	\$ -	\$ 522.05	\$ -	\$ 131.68
Sheriff Seizure Fund	\$ 472,415.15	\$ 37.72	\$ -	\$ 1,541.00	\$ -	\$ 470,911.87
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 33,985.16	\$ 315,169.31	\$ -	\$ 178,883.57	\$ -	\$ 170,270.90
						TOTAL \$ 3,319,051.18
CHECKING ACCOUNTS						
Courthouse Renovation	\$ 170,270.90	FMFC	\$ 22,065.41	General	\$ 103,999.12	\$ 324,514.39
Appellate Fund	\$ 131.68	Sutton County 911	\$ 7,135.41	Sheriff Seizure	\$ 20,911.87	\$ -
Money Market Accounts (General)	\$ 1,541,009.25	FMFC Fund	\$ 3,527.54			\$ 1,544,536.79
CD Accounts (General)	\$ 1,000,000.00	(Seizure)	\$ 450,000.00			\$ 1,450,000.00
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Cullen Parker is up, up and away against Wall Glasscock photo

Broncos lose close game to state ranked Wall Hawks

by Ray Glasscock

On Friday, January 27, the Wall Hawks had all they could handle trying to defeat our Sonora Broncos. The Broncos came out strong at the start of the game. Craig Leonard, Evan Gulley, Cullen Parker, and Steven Duhon all added baskets to give the Broncos a first quarter lead at 11 to 7. However, the taller Hawks pulled away in the second quarter to take a 31 to 20 halftime lead.

Steven Duhon led the first half, scoring for the Broncos with two three's and two two-pointers.

Leonard, Gulley, and Parker poured in 17 points in the third to keep the game within reach.

In the last three minutes, the Broncos went on a 11 - 0 run to get

within four.

The turning point occurred under the Bronco basket with 1:13 left to play. Dustin Duhon had just stolen the ball and went up for a shot that would have brought the Broncos to within two points.

The ball was knocked from his hands, and the Hawks scored on an easy fast break to preserve their victory at 59 to 52.

Bronco Scoring: Gulley 15, Steven Duhon 13, Leonard 9, Parker 8, Dustin Duhon 3, and Embré Smith 2.

Three pointers: Steven Duhon 3, Parker 2, Gulley 1, Leonard 1.

Sonora played Ozona on January 24, taking a strong lead in the first half. The Broncos defeated the Lions 56 to 46.

Lady Broncos Win One, Lose One

by Nancy Glasscock

The Lady Broncos basketball team split two games last week at home. The team defeated Ozona's Lady Lions 34-28 on Tuesday, January 24th.

Jillian Gulley was the leading scorer having a perfect night outside the three-point arc with fifteen points. With the victory, Sonora went into Friday night's game against Wall, tied for second place in District 2-2A.

On Friday January 27, the Lady Broncos played the number ten state-ranked Lady Wall Hawks. The first half was all Wall, with the halftime score 22-6.

In the second half, the Lady Broncos adjusted and became more aggressive by taking more shots at the basket. They scored 21 points in the third period to make the score 38-27.

Wall stepped up the pressure defense and only allowed Sonora 5 points in the final period. The final score was 51-32.

Meghan Krieg led the scoring for the Lady Broncos with 19 points.

Sonora vs. Ozona scoring: Gulley 15, Krieg 11, Hernandez 4, Luna 3, Alvarado 2

Sonora vs. Wall scoring: Krieg 19, Luna 6, Gulley 5, Smith 2



Meghan Krieg moves the ball, sinking the most baskets for the Lady Broncos against the Lady Hawks. Glasscock photo

Lady Colts defeat Ozona

The 7th grade Lady Colts defeated Ozona 25 to 19 on Monday, January 30. Scoring: Maci Zuniga - 17; Morgan Smith - 3; Kash Mcgee - 3; Gabriela Ibanes - 2

Colts win final home game

by Coach Dempsey

The 8th grade Colts played their last home ball game Monday, January 30, 2006, against Ozona.

The Colts came out ready to play by knocking down two 3-pointers to start a Colt 9-0 run that set the tone of the game.

The Lions came back with a five point run before Sonora added six more points to finish the quarter 17-6.

The second quarter was more of a game. The first five sat out while the reserves put some time in, scoring five of the 14 points for the second quarter.

The third period saw the Colts come out hot and fast again, scoring 16-4. Ozona fought back in the fourth quarter, coming from a 27 point deficit to within 15 points. Cash Jennings took the game back, hitting two free shots plus a basket for the quarter. Sonora won 51-32.

Stats: A.K. Williams 17, Cash Jennings 8, Will Anderson 8, Dustin Neff 6, Tyler Creek 6, Hayden Chandler 2, Paul Faz 2, Caleb Gonzales 2

Sutton County 4-H scholarships available for stockshow exhibitors

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A great big "Thank You!" to all of you that help to put on the county stock show. Whether you helped with weigh-in, clean-up, concessions, sale, or whatever...just know that we appreciate you.

Stock show exhibitors:
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Major Show Departure Times
For those who want the Extension Office to haul their animals, they will leave from the 4-H barns at the following times:

- San Antonio Goats**
Feb 11; 4 a.m.
- San Antonio Lambs - TBA**
- San Angelo Goats**
Feb 18; 8 a.m.
- San Angelo Lambs**
Feb 22; 5 p.m.

Call the office to verify.
Hill Country District Junior Livestock Show Association Scholarships

Each year, the Association awards College Scholarships to worthy District 4-H and FFA High School Graduates, regardless of their major. Eligibility Requirements: Be a graduating High School Senior; Have a minimum SAT combined verbal and math score of 800 (excluding essay) or a minimum ACT score of 16; Applicants must have resided in one of the District Counties for their Jr & Sr High School years; All applicants must have participated in 4-H or FFA for at least 4 years; All applicants must attend a Texas college or University in the Fall of 2006. Applications must be post-marked no later than March 27, 2006. Call if you'd like details.

2006 Hildebrand Scholarship

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo will provide a \$3,000, one-year scholarship award to an outstanding junior market lamb exhibitor at the 2006 Houston Livestock Show. To be eligible to apply for this scholarship, an applicant must be enrolled in an accredited Texas public high school and also be a junior market lamb exhibitor participating in the 2006 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. The applicant also must meet criteria of citizenship, residence, academic standing, membership in either 4-H or FFA, college/university enrollment plans, demonstration of leadership, character, citizenship and economic need. The applicant must be a graduating senior ranked in the upper quarter (1/4) of his/her graduating class at the completion of his/her first semester of the senior year. Applications must be received by the close of business, 4:30 p.m., February 28, 2006. Applicants will be interviewed by the scholarship selection committee on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. The recipient will be announced prior to the Junior Market Lamb Champion Drive. Stop by the Extension office for more information.

4-H Scholarship Opportunity Has Just Grown! The Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation announced on Thursday, January 26th the gift of an additional 71 - \$10,000 scholarships endowed by Mr. Dick Wallrath of Champion Ranches in Centerville. These scholarships are scheduled to be given away at Texas 4-H Roundup this June. The 4-H is very thankful

for and grateful to Mr. Wallrath for his wonderful commitment to the youth of the Texas 4-H and Youth Development Program. With these 71 new scholarships the 4-H program is in a position to potentially award more than 200 scholarships at Texas 4-H Roundup. We encourage our graduating 4-H members to complete 4-H scholarship applications. They are due soon!

Lamb & Goat Camp

This year's camp will be held in June at Howard College in Big Spring. The dates are : LAMB CAMP is June 18-20; GOAT CAMP June 4-6. Camps offer instruction in selection, health & management, feeding, exercising, washing & shearing, classifying, and showmanship. The cost is \$85 per person and covers lodging, meals, and awards. The first 200 applicants will be accepted. No refunds after May 1.

4-H Presentations offer several opportunities in public speaking, method demonstrations, illustrated talks, and share-the-fun activities. If you would be interested in developing one, call the Extension Office.

Record Book Training Dates

For any 4-Her planning on completing a record book this year, there will be 2 training dates for our district. This training is for interested leaders and youth. The dates are : Monday, March 27 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Medina County (exact location TBA); Tuesday, March 28 - 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. @ Kerr County. For those of you who may not know about 4-H Record Books, it is a collection of the projects that you have participated in. It will be very handy when you get to filling out scholarship applications. Also remember that for any of you wanting to be considered for a 4-H Gold Star Award, one of the requirements is that you complete a Record Book.

Senior Range Team

Practice for seniors interested in range evaluation will begin soon. Any senior 4-H'ers (14 or older) wanting to participate, give me a call. Jr. 4-H'ers will begin in the spring.



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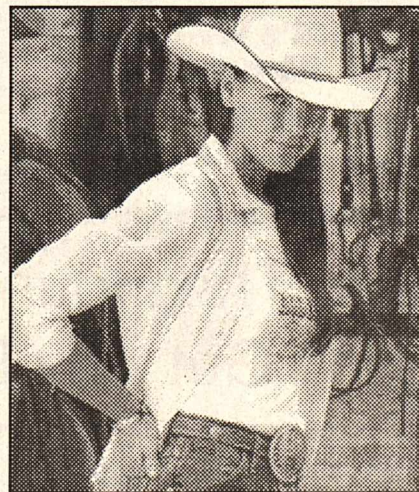
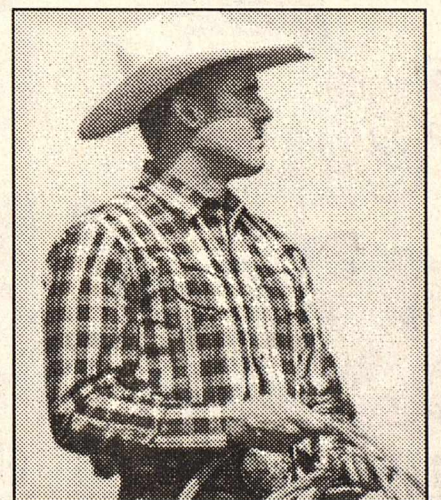
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USDA Approves Emergency Haying and Grazing of CRP Land In Texas

Temple, TX— The USDA is permitting emergency haying and grazing of Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) land established in permanent grasses across Texas. This action is in response to the continuing drought and recent devastating wildfires throughout the state.

Emergency haying is authorized until May 1, and emergency grazing is authorized until June 1, 2006.

CRP participants in every county in Texas are eligible to take part in emergency haying and grazing, but they must visit their local Farm Service Agency (FSA) to get approval. They must also visit the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) office to obtain a modified conservation plan which will list specific requirements. This modified conservation plan will help landowners determine proper grazing heights and the proper design of haying strips needed to meet the emergency haying or grazing requirements.

NRCS can provide technical assistance to all agriculture producers through the development of a conservation plan, which includes drought management strategies. When a drought plan is requested, Conservation Planners with the NRCS give the producer a complete assessment of their current management system and what changes may be needed to minimize the effects of the drought and provide continued protection of the natural resources.

NRCS, through the invitation of the local soil and water conservation districts, is the federal government's principal agency for conserving natural resources on private lands, while encouraging voluntary efforts to protect soil, water, and wildlife on private lands. NRCS has offices in USDA Service Centers in nearly every county in Texas and offers its services free of charge. For more information, call the USDA-NRCS office in Sonora at 301 Crockett Ave, or call (325)387-2730 x3.

Producers discuss ideas, solutions during Drought Summit

Facing the grim possibilities that ranchers will have to continue culling herds and farmers will have little to harvest in Texas this year, agricultural producers from across the state gathered in San Antonio at a drought summit to discuss ideas and offer solutions to the effects of the devastating drought gripping the state of Texas.

Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke, whose organization sponsored the forum, said the economic impact of the drought will more than match the affects of Hurricane Rita on the agricultural industry.

"Drought is a slow motion disaster—it's a slow and creeping death for plant and animal life and potentially for the agricultural industry," Dierschke said. "Each day without rainfall deepens the crisis for the farm and ranch families in Texas."

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs noted that 2005 was the 12th driest year on record in Texas, with estimates of agricultural losses in the state of \$1.5 billion. Most of those losses are livestock related, she said.

What worries Texas Cooperative Extension Economist Dr. Mark Waller is a dry soil profile and spring planting time just around the corner. Waller noted the winter wheat crop is rated 85 percent poor or very poor, and said the previous record drought losses of around \$2.1 billion in 1996 and 1998 included big losses in spring planted crops.

"We haven't even got to spring," Waller said. "The big question is, what happens in the next 15 to 100 days?"

Compounding the drought problem for farmers and ranchers are escalating energy, seed and fertilizer costs. If it doesn't rain soon, said cotton farmer and Texas Farm Bureau Vice President Lloyd Arthur, farmers will plant alternate crops, fewer acres or no crops at all.

"This drought underscores the strong need of a good farm bill and a strong safety net for agriculture," Arthur said.

Farmers and ranchers from across the state spoke out on the terrible effects of drought in their respective areas, and a recurring theme was one of assistance.

"We're devastated," a Falls County rancher said. "We need some help."

Dan Dierschke, a cattle producer from Travis County and a Texas Farm Bureau state director, said the drought's impact goes far beyond the immediate needs of farmers and ranchers.

"I have a real concern we're going to lose a portion of rural Texas," Dierschke said, noting that many of the younger generation of farm families have little interest in farming. "If we lose the generation of people we have out there now, Texas agriculture and rural Texas will suffer tremendously."

TFB President Kenneth Dierschke said it was proper the federal government stepped in last year to help hurricane victims in their rebuilding efforts. He said ideas and possible solutions surfaced at the summit will be discussed with the Texas Congressional delegation.

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Winter Lawn Watering



submitted by Pascual Hernandez
Sutton County Extension Agent-A

Dry air, low precipitation, little soil moisture, and fluctuating temperatures are characteristics of fall and winter. There often can be little moisture, particularly from October through February. One important chore in the lawn and entire landscape to prevent winter damage is watering thoroughly during the

winter. Trees, shrubs, perennials and lawns can be damaged if they do not receive supplemental water. Although the top of plants may go dormant during the winter, the root system does not and needs moisture to continue growth.

The result of long, dry periods during fall and winter is injury or death to parts of plant root systems. Affected plants may appear perfectly normal and resume growth in the spring using stored food energy. Plants may be weakened and all or parts may die in late spring or early summer when temperatures rise. Weakened plants also may be subject to insect and disease problems.

Woody plants with shallow root systems require supplemental watering during extended dry fall and winter periods. Herbaceous perennials in exposed sites are more subject to winter freezing and thawing. This opens cracks in soil that expose roots to cold and drying. Lawns also are prone to winter damage. Newly established lawns, whether seed or sod, are especially susceptible to damage. Susceptibility increases for lawns with south or west exposures.

Additionally, here are some watering tips for winter: Water trees, shrubs and lawns during prolonged dry fall and winter periods to prevent root damage that affects the health of the entire plant. In lieu of rainfall, water the landscape at least once a month to a depth of 6 inches.

Water only when air temperatures are above 40 degrees F. Apply water at mid-day so it will have time to soak in before possible freezing at night. Established large trees have a root spread equal to or greater than the height of the tree. Apply water to the most critical part of the root zone within the dripline. Windy sites result in faster drying of sod and plants and require additional water. Remember, well watered plants are less likely to suffer freeze damage than a drought stressed plant.

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West Texas Rangeland Leasing Conference Set for Feb. 6 at Fort Stockton

by Steve Byrns,
FORT STOCKTON — Texas Cooperative Extension in four counties will host a West Texas Rangeland Leasing Conference on Feb. 6. The conference will be held at Fort Stockton's Rooney Park, Large Community Building.
 Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the program will be from 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Topics and speakers will be:
 • "All About Different Types of Leases and Why You Should

Know," by Wade Polk, Extension economist, San Angelo;
 • "Livestock Management Considerations: What Will it Take to Pay the Lease?," by Dr. Bruce Carpenter, Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton;
 • "Grazing Management Considerations," by Dr. Charles Hart, Extension range specialist, Fort Stockton;
 • "Monitoring Natural Resources on the Lease," by Ken Cearley, Extension wildlife special-

ist, Canyon;
 • "General Land Office Perspectives," by Paul Loeffler, Texas General Land Office regional manager, Alpine;
 • "Ranchland Contractual Agreements," by Karl Armstead, Omega Properties, Fort Stockton; and
 • "University of Texas Lands Leasing Updates," by Jim Benson, assistant director, surface and mineral interests, Midland.

The day will end with an hour-

long speakers' panel discussion. Individual registration is \$10 at the door. The fee includes a catered lunch.

For more information call: Jed Elrod in Pecos County, (432) 336-2541; Logan Boswell in Brewster and Jeff Davis counties, (432) 837-6207; Rafa Realivasquez in Presidio County, (432) 729-4746 or Tommy Dominguez, in Reeves and Loving counties at (432) 447-9041.

Crockett County Motorized Trail Grant Approved

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission on Jan. 26 approved a \$1,359,500 grant to the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition, a not for profit organization, to acquire 3,323 acres in Crockett County for the purpose of developing a managed off-highway vehicle recreation area.

After hearing public testimony for and against the grant proposal, the commission voted to approve land acquisition for the project, with the understanding that before the site is open to the public the state agency staff would come back to the commission for approval of a plan to develop and operate the motor vehicle park.

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department grants staff committed to work with all parties involved to plan site development to try to accommodate concerns of neighboring landowners. The property is being purchased from a willing seller. Local officials and business owners — including the local chamber of commerce — from nearby Ozona also are supportive. Several nearby property owners have voiced strong opposition.

"It's important to understand that the Texas Motorized Trails Coalition won't just buy this property and open the gate in a free-for-all," said Walt Dabney, director of the TPWD State Parks Division, which includes the department's Recreational Grants Branch. "They have strict rules of conduct. You have to stay on designated trails, and if your conduct is unacceptable, you're out of there. They pride themselves on doing a good job of managing a site, and they've demonstrated that with Barnwell Mountain."

The Texas Motorized Trails Coalition has operated the 1,800-acre Barnwell Mountain Recreation Area near Gilmer in Upshur County in Northeast Texas since 2000. Facilities include showers, restrooms, an air station, pavilion, office and campsites with R/V hookups and electricity.

"The Texas Motorized Trails

Coalition has a safe and successful operation near Gilmer," said John Parker, TPW commissioner from Lufkin. "The local community there loves it, because it brings in a ton of business."

Coalition secretary and research chemist Dick Stuart told commissioners about preliminary results of a university research study contracted by the coalition. He said this shows that visitors to the Barnwell Mountain area in a six month period spent an average of about \$20,000 per weekend in Upshur County and surrounding communities on lodging, food, supplies and other expenses. He said this is estimated to generate more than \$1 million per year in out-of-county visitor spending.

The department held two public meetings in Ozona in September and October last year to get community input on the proposed Crockett County project and has also done an initial natural and cultural resource survey. The grants program staff presented the proposal to the TPW Commission on Nov. 8. Because of landowner concerns expressed then, commissioners directed the staff to continue to study the proposal and seek additional public comment.

Concerns about the project include the possibility of increased traffic, noise pollution, grass fires and erosion. The TPWD staff believes these concerns can be addressed by controlling site development to make sure there are adequate visual and noise buffer zones along the perimeter, plus good fences to control traffic and prevent trespass onto neighboring land.

The site includes a canyon approximately 300 feet below the main landscape level, and planners believe noise can be minimized if most activity takes place down in the canyon. The trails coalition said the property has two water wells with 20,000-gallon storage, and the group intends to create a fire substation on site. Regarding erosion, the site contains no running streams or springs. The project calls for silt

retention structures to minimize off-site erosion run-off during storms.

The site was chosen because of its remoteness, good paved access and low likelihood to impact natural or cultural resources. All necessary natural and cultural resource clearances and permits would be obtained prior to construction.

Two recently enacted state laws are driving the creation of new off-highway vehicle recreation areas in Texas.

The 78th Texas Legislature enacted Senate Bill 155 several years ago, which closed all navigable stream beds in Texas, except for some parts of the Canadian and Red Rivers, to motorized recreational vehicles. That law also directed TPWD to "facilitate development of sites for motor vehicle recreation other than protected freshwater areas."

The more recent 79th Texas Legislature last year enacted Senate Bill 1311, which directed TPWD to establish and maintain a public system of trails and other recreational areas for use by off-highway vehicles.

The National Recreational Trails Fund (NRTF) is the funding source for the Crockett County grant. This 80-20 matching grant program requires grant recipients to come up with an additional amount equal to 20 percent of the federal grant.

These funds come from the federal tax generated by gasoline purchases for off-road recreational vehicles, such as off-road motorcycles and all-terrain vehicles. The purpose is to create and maintain motorized and non-motorized recreational trails.

A federal requirement is that 30 percent of the funds be spent on motorized recreational trail projects, 30 percent on non-motorized trail projects, with the remaining 40 percent discretionary.

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Hunter Ed course fee increase approved

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission adopted a fee increase for attending a hunter education class from \$10 to \$15. The increase will take effect June 1, 2006.

According to Steve Hall, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department Education Director, the increase is a needed incentive to increase volunteer instructor recruitment efforts.

Under current rule, an instructor is authorized to retain \$5, which has been in effect since 1995. The department has determined that economic factors have affected the out-of-pocket expenses incurred by volunteer instructors over the last 10 years, and that it is appropriate to increase the amount retained by volunteer instructors.

Every hunter (including out-of-state hunters) born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must successfully complete a Hunter Education Training Course to hunt in Texas.

There are some exceptions for youngsters. Youth younger than 12 can hunt but must be accompanied by a person licensed to hunt in Texas who has completed a hunter education course, or is exempt by age. Youth ages 12-16 can hunt on their

own if they have completed hunter education, but adult supervision is recommended.

Currently, there are three ways to take hunter education, traditional classroom instruction, home study and skills trail testing and an on-line course with skills trail testing. Home study and online course participants must come to a testing site to complete their training.

TPWD is looking at additional innovative alternatives to provide effective and convenient hunter education training, including the potential use of new technology using simulated live fire exercises through computer technology. The department also offers a deferral program that allows hunters to purchase a \$10 "waiver" good for up to one year under certain provisions.

Volunteer instructors must be at least 21 years old, have taken the hunter education course, filled out an application, and been through a game warden interview and an instructor course. Anyone interested can contact TPWD at (800) 792-1112, Ext. 4999 or see the TPWD Web site.

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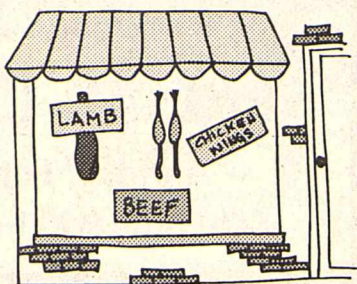
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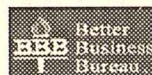
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Jody Nix to take Fling Dingers back to the time when Legends were made

Popular country and western singer Jody Nix will be the featured performer at this year's Fling Ding Dance, Saturday, February 4.

Fitting well with this year's "music from the era of the Legends of Country Music," Nix and the West Texas Cowboys will provide a mixture of traditional western swing and true country music quite naturally. This comes naturally to the performer, as The West Texas Cowboys was a band started by his father, Hoyle Nix, during the 1940s and 1950s when Nix and Bob Wills developed the legendary Texas swing. Today Jody's high energy stage shows and easy dance music provide just the sound that Cowboy Capital fans have come to expect.

Jody Nix began playing drums for his dad's band at the age of eight. After the death of his father, Jody moved from drums to fiddle and his natural talents helped form the Texas Cowboys' music style that has dazzled audiences across the country.

Jody was a County Music Association nominee for "Album of the Year" in 1994.

The annual dance is a one-of-a-kind Sonora party, held in the Sonora Wool & Mohair warehouse. Organized in the late 1930's with a membership of nine, the club is now limited to 135 members. Guests will enjoy dancing and visiting with old friends at the 2006 Fling Ding.

Groundhog Day from page 1

Weather Prophet Extraordinary" and his hometown thus called the "Weather Capital of the World." His debut performance: no shadow - early Spring.

The ceremony in Punxsutawney was held in secret until 1966, and only Phil's prediction was revealed to the public. Since then, Phil's fearless forecast has been a national media event.

The groundhog comes out of his electrically heated burrow, looks for his shadow and utters his prediction to a Groundhog Club repre-

sentative in "groundhogese." The representative then translates the prediction for the general public.

If Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow, it means six more weeks of winter. If he does not see his shadow, it means spring is just around the corner.

Approximately 90% of the time, Phil sees his shadow. Residents contend that the groundhog has never been wrong.

Phil started making predictions in 1887 and has become an American institution.

Clyde Tombaugh Finally On His Way to Pluto

Stargazer

by Paul Derrick

Feb. 4 is the 100th anniversary of the birth of Clyde Tombaugh, astronomer who in 1930 discovered Pluto, and the only American to discover a planet. A year before his historic discovery, Tombaugh was an obscure 23-year-old Kansas farm boy who, as a hobby, made telescopes to view the night sky.

Armed with a high school diploma, his self-taught expertise, a strong work ethic, and love for astronomy, Tombaugh arrived at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, AZ, Jan. 15, 1929. The observatory was beginning a third search for a ninth planet, dubbed Planet X by the observatory's founder, Percival Lowell. Many astronomers doubted there were any more planets, and one even told the young Tombaugh he was wasting his time looking for something that didn't exist.

Yet he undertook his new job with determination. The easier part of his two-phased job was to take thousands of photos of tiny areas of the night sky, each area being photographed twice, a week apart. Even this wasn't always easy as telescopes must be at the temperature as the surrounding air, so on freezing winter nights he had to endure bitter cold to take photos.

Then using a viewing device called a "blink comparator," the more challenging part of his job was to make detailed comparisons of the pairs of photos. Over a period of a week, stars don't move relative to each other, so Tombaugh looked for objects that did move, that is, were in a different place on the two photos relative to the surrounding stars. This took not only great visual acuity but incredible perseverance and patience.

But after only a year of searching, he hit pay dirt. Feb. 18, 1930, comparing photos taken Jan. 23 & 29, he found the elusive Planet X and wrote his name in astronomical history.

In 1993 my wife and I visited with then-87-year-old Tombaugh and his wife, Patsy, in their home in Las Cruces, NM. Although they had not previously known us, they were delightful and gracious hosts. Through his fame, and the profes-

sional snubs he endured in the early years, he remained renowned for his humility, warmth, friendliness and humor. His love of puns is legendary. As he autographed my copy of his biography on the page with a photo of himself and his cat (named Pluto) he asked if that page was OK, and grinned as he added, "The wrong page would be cat-astrophic."

Now 76 years after Pluto's discovery, NASA, on Jan. 19, launched the New Horizons space craft on its 9 year journey to Pluto. As one of many who came to love the man, it is gratifying to know that Clyde Tombaugh, who died in 1997, is finally on his way to his beloved Pluto. New Horizons is carrying some of his ashes. He'll have to wait 9 years before reaching his tiny, remote world, but patience was one of Clyde Tombaugh's virtues.

Sky Calendar

* Now through Feb. 9 evenings: Saturn is within two moon-widths of the Beehive star cluster, coming closest Feb. 1. (This will look best in binoculars.)

* Feb. 2 Thu.: Groundhog Day and Candlemas, a cross-quarter day celebrating the middle of winter.

* 5 Sun. evening: The 1st quarter Moon is between Mars and the Pleiades.

* 11 Sat. evening: The Moon is below Saturn in the east.

* 12 Sun.: The full Moon of February is called Snow Moon, Hunger Moon and Wolf Moon.

* 14 Tue. morning: Venus is at its brightest.

* 17 Fri. evening: Mars is nearly within the Pleiades.

* 17 Fri. late evening: Rising shortly before midnight, the Moon and the star Spica are but an eyelash apart as they move across the sky together the rest of the night.

* Naked-eye Planets. Evening: Mars is high in the southwest as Saturn is rising in the east. Morning: Jupiter, up by 2 a.m., is high in the south southeast while Venus rises an hour and a half before the Sun.

Stargazer appears every other week. Paul Derrick is an amateur astronomer who lives in Waco. Contact him at 918 N. 30th, Waco, 76707, (254) 753-6920 or paulderrickwaco@aol.com. See the Stargazer Web site at stargazer-paul.com.

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City of Sonora
Gloria Lopez, Mayor
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FHS Main Street Program displays unique collection at Bank & Trust

by Ann Kay, FHSMS Manager

The Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program and the Bank & Trust of Sonora have partnered to display some wonderful unique exhibits in the lobby. Our community has many folks who have unique hobbies.

During the month of January and February we have a special exhibit of Barbie Dolls on display in the lobby of the Bank and Trust of Sonora. The Barbie Dolls belong to Rosa Hernandez and Pam Payton.

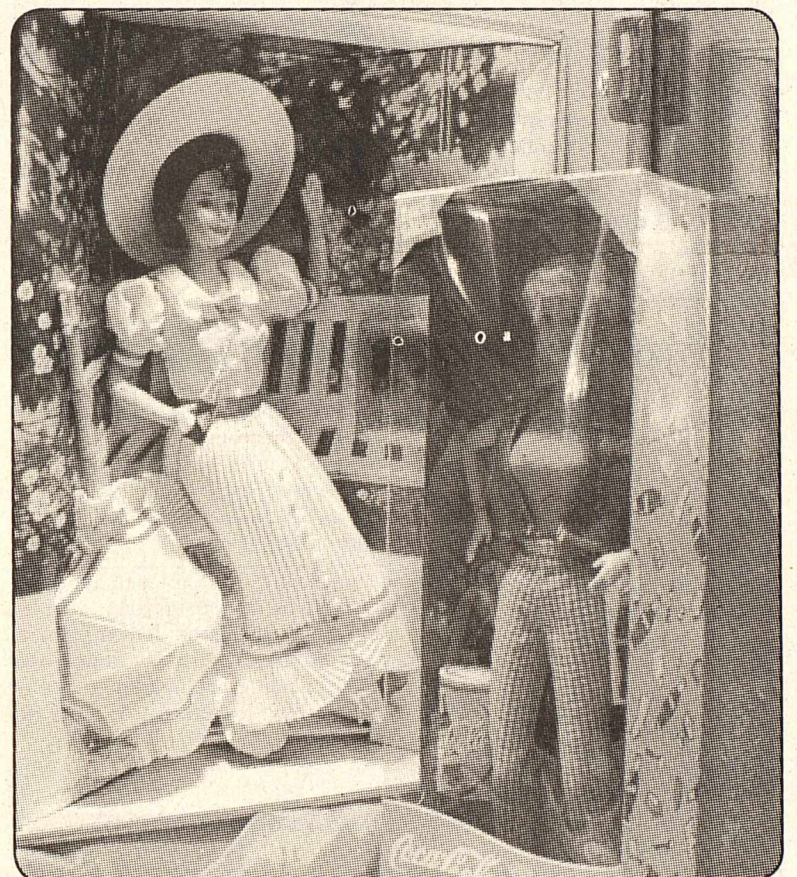
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The Barbie dolls are Coca Cola Plantation, Little Debbie Barbie, Special Edition Coca Cola Barbie, Barbie at Easter, Barbie at Valentine, and the small Kelly Club Pilot Doll. I would like to invite you to come by and visit and step back in time. We are all kids at heart sometime!

The next exhibit will be the taste of our heritage during the month of March 2006. The exhibits are sponsored by you and your interesting hobbies. We would like to express our appreciation to the Bank & Trust of Sonora, KHOS Radio, and Devil's River News.



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PTO Mommy/Son Date Night Fundraiser, Thursday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sutton County Civic Center. Tickets on sale now

Sonora Chamber of Commerce Daddy/Daughter Date Night, Friday Feb 10, "Butterfly Kisses" 7:00 p.m.

NO SCHOOL - February 10 - Speech Meet.

Sonora Elementary Book Fair - January 27 - February 6. Library will be open from: 8:00 - 11:15 a.m. & 12:55 - 4:00 p.m.

The Angelo State University • Small Business Development Center is conducting a free seminar entitled, Love Your Customer: Excellent Customer Service • Thursday, February 9 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Rassman Building (2222 Dena Drive) on the ASU Campus, Room 100 (Conference Room). Learn the following techniques: • Identifying customers • Customer needs • Causes of dissatisfaction • Reasons people buy things • Why customers leave • How customers evaluate service Presenter is Ms. Lisa Michalewicz. Please call 942-2098 to register. A Partnership Program with the U.S. Small Business Administration.

The USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) in Texas announced that farmer and ranchers wishing to be considered for 2006 funding in the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) and the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP) have until the close of business Friday, February 17, 2006, to sign applications. If you wish to apply, come by the NRCS office at 301 Crockett in Sonora, or call 325-387-2730 ext. 3.

Big Lake Men's Slowpitch Softball Tournament, February 11, 2006. Big Lake, Texas, \$125 entry fee, deadline to enter is February 8 at 9:00 p.m.; limited to first 20 teams, contact Brandi at 325-450-0211 or 325-884-3626.

Sonora Elementary School Fundraiser - cheesecakes made to order, February 21 - March 7.

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School Lunch Menu • February 6 - 10

Breakfast
 Mon.-Oatmeal, toast, asst. juice
 Tues.- Pancake on stick, syrup, asst. juice
 Wed.- Biscuits w/gravy, asst. juice
 Thurs.-Breakfast burrito, asst. juice
 Fri.- Student Holiday--Speech Meet
 Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch
 Mon.- Pizza, corn on the cob, tossed salad, oatmeal raisin cookie
 Tues.- Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, rosy applesauce, roll
 Wed.- Frito pie/cheese, pinto beans, garden salad/dressing, fresh fruit
 Thurs.- Hamburgers, lettuce/tomatoes, French fries/ketchup, Jell-O/topping
 Fri.- Student Holiday--Speech Meet

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Parents, Thunderbird Public Transportation needs your help! All riders need to make reservations on Thursday mornings for school transportation. When making reservations, please state where to drop off your children, if it is NOT at your home. We understand daily schedules change, so please contact the drivers as soon as possible at 325/387-2509 or in San Angelo 877/947-8729 with your changes. Headstart children's parents may write a note on the sign in sheet at the Headstart office or call one of the numbers listed above. All other student parents may contact their school office. Please help the drivers ensure your child's safety and remain on schedule during their daily routes.