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Third suspect arrested for recent bomb threat at SISD

by Storie Sharp

Local law enforcement reported Tuesday, March 21, 2006 that a third suspect was arrested in conjunction with the February, 24, 2006 bomb threat made to the Sonora Middle School.

An ongoing investigation on the incidents led to law enforcement receiving additional information. Following a grand jury indictment, Bobby Joe Jackson, 18, was arrested at Sonora High School after lunch on Tuesday, charged with Terroristic Threat. The 3rd degree felony is punishable for up to 10 years and \$10,000. A bond was not set for Jackson as of press time.

The second bomb threat came just two weeks after an initial threat was made via telephone to the Sonora High School. Classes were dismissed following both threats and bomb squads from San Angelo were brought in to insure that the buildings were safe. No weapons or bombs were found in any of the Sonora ISD buildings. All students, staff and personnel were safely evacuated from the schools and transferred to the Civic Center where they could be picked up by parents, relatives or friends. Everyone in a community is affected by such threats. Maybe you had to dodge adolescents skipping through traffic as you drove down 2nd Street. Or maybe you had to leave work in the middle of the morning to pick up your child. Or maybe you had to listen to your kid complain about how she just lost a day to prepare for a school project that's due in three days. Or maybe you're a taxpayer who just saw your school district spend thousands of dollars to pay for some silly prank called in by kids. In one way or another, everyone was affected by the most recent bomb threats made to Sonora's schools.

Recent reports show that a district loses anywhere from \$5,000 to \$15,000 every time a bomb threat is made. During the recent threat, buses ran unexpectedly, to move students from evacuation locations to the civic center, administrative and staff time was wasted, emergency personnel had to be compensated, and lunch was already prepared for the schools both days. Not to mention the inconvenience to students, their families, and teachers. Some students spent hours in the civic center, under the supervision of teachers, as they waited for rides home. Bomb threats are not a joking matter to be used as a way out of class. The classes will be made up, costing the district even more money.

No leads have been revealed in conjunction with the first bomb threat on February 9, 2006, but investigations continue on both instances. Anyone with information regarding these threats are still encouraged to contact local law enforcement.

Board hears bomb threats costs for school cafeterias

by Storie Sharp (with minutes provided by Sonora ISD)

The Sonora ISD Board of Trustees started the Monday, March 20th meeting with a tour of the recently finished Intermediate School Buildings. The walk-through revealed several areas that were not satisfactory, including areas around doors and windows and the awnings. Members Scott Jacoby and Tryon Fields were in agreement that until certain work is done correctly, no more payments should be issued to the construction company. Bawcom stated that he had not been involved in the major part of the construction project and, thus, was out of the loop. Bawcom agreed to check into the matter, and until the Board was fully satisfied with the results, no more payments would be made on the project.

The board reconvened in the administration office for the remainder of the meeting. Board members present included, Tammy Favila, President; Jesse Bustamante; Dean Dermody; Tryon Fields; Scott Jacoby; Barbara Jennings; and Tom Payton. Doug Bawcom, Superintendent was also present, along with schools officials, John Berry, Jason Herring, Raul Chavarria, Diane Jacoby, Louise Dermody, Cynthia Keel, Dora Gonzales, and Stefanie Taylor. Kim Cole, Mallory Rousselot, Toni Haydon, and Kirk Joy joined the meeting.

In the absence of the Chief Appraiser, the Superintendent reported that the collection rate stood at 98%.

Superintendent Bawcom and Board reviewed current bills in the amount of \$523,177.22.

Food Service Supervisor Dora Gonzales reviewed the quarterly

cafeteria report and stated that it showed a profit of \$8,287.76. Gonzales stressed that this was in spite of the major losses incurred due to the two bomb threats, and subsequent dismissal of classes. The initial bomb threat cost the cafeteria approximately \$1600, due to a loss of government funds that would have been allotted for that day, the food that had to be thrown away and labor cost for preparing food that was not served. The second bomb threat came after the elementary students had been served, so was not such an extreme loss; however, only a \$12 profit was recorded for the day. Again, losses were incurred because of the vast amount of food that had to be thrown away, labor costs that were incurred for preparing unused food, and governmental supplements that were lost due to no meals being served.

Business Manager Diane Jacoby reviewed the quarterly investment report, commenting that it reflected the increase in interest rates.

The minutes of February 20, 2006 were approved as presented.

Teachers Toni Haydon and Kim Cole gave a presentation regarding the science consortium that they, along with teacher Carol Love, participate in through Region XV. They stated that the purpose was to strengthen the science program district wide and that they were trained to mentor other teachers in providing the best possible science instruction. The ladies demonstrated some of the materials used to teach the students, explaining how the lessons begin in Kindergarten and continue through 8th grade, increasing the level of skills and knowledge each year. The Board and Superintendent

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Local Volunteers Expected to Support State's Largest Clean-Up Event

Annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off Celebrates Litter Prevention Campaign's 20th Anniversary

(Sonora, Texas)—Drivers will see something different along Texas roadways April 1, when approximately 200,000 volunteers around the state participate in the annual Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off — one of the nation's largest one-day litter clean-up events.

Trash-Off will launch a spring and summer filled with special events and contests commemorating the 20th anniversary of Don't Mess with Texas. The Don't Mess with Texas Trash-Off is a partnership between Keep Texas Beautiful (KTB) and the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT). The public is invited to participate by signing up online at www.ktb.org or by contacting your local TxDOT district office at www.texasaah.org to adopt a stretch of highway.

"When you see thousands of volunteers coming together on one day to help keep Texas beautiful, it's truly inspiring," said TxDOT Travel Division Director Doris Howdeshell. "There's so much to celebrate this year as the Don't Mess with Texas campaign turns 20, and Trash-Off is certainly one of the things we are most proud of."

This year, more than two dozen people are scheduled to participate the morning of April 1 in Sutton and Schleicher counties. Groups signed up are: Sonora Downtown Lions Club, BJ Services and High Point Ranch.

"People who volunteer for Trash-Off are often surprised by how the experience moves them," said KTB President Lynn Lantrip. "It's such an eye-opening experience. You see the type of litter people are tossing on our roadways or in our parks, and you become even more determined to keep our state clean. Usually people will volunteer again the following year because they feel so good about what they're doing. Of course, we couldn't do it without our volunteers."

In January, TxDOT debuted the new "Real Texans Don't Litter" television public service



Extreme Wildfire Danger

Texas Forest Service representatives visited Sutton County this week, sharing printed information regarding the extreme Wildfire Danger threatening our area, and the entire State of Texas.

Debbie Lèpo, San Angelo, wanted to remind people of the burn ban that in affect for almost all of West Texas and inform people to contact the county Judge's office or the Texas Forest Service at 325-944-0065, for information regarding restrictions.

Everyone is reminded to please not burn trash, even in burn barrels, until the fire danger has been reduced.

Do not drive or park in tall, dead grass. If you smoke, use an ashtray. Do not light campfires until significant rainfall is received.

WHEN WELDING, wet down surrounding grass.

Call 9-1-1 immediately to report wildfires.

Thanks for caring. Together we can Keep Texas From Burning.

South Texas Workshop in full swing

by Zac Kerbow

As promised, Sonora's population has increased by twelve for the week of March 18 - 25. The visitors are participating in a photographic documentary project. The group arrived Saturday, March 18, after a 20-hour drive from their school, Western Kentucky University, located in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Their professionalism has been impressive and their photos stunning. The Sonora aspect of the endeavor is styled as the South Texas Workshop and is a part of the greater American Diversity Project.

For an idea of their activities, check out adpworkshop.org, where there will be daily updates of photographs and information.

Keep in mind this is a work in progress, and should be viewed as such. The participants are working very hard and are very appreciative (as are we all) to be in such an open and giving community.



Workshop photographers capture Sonora in action, catching Word Hudson and Sam Powers skipping rocks in a rare rain puddle over the weekend.

Capturing a piece of Sonora to share

by Hanna Carman

The American Diversity Project is an opportunity for a band of twelve photographers and a solitary writer to discover through pictures and words, what Sonora is about. This year, the West Texas Workshop has provided us with a dream setting for documentary style photography in Sonora, Texas. We have traveled from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky to document a town rich with inspiring people, to include in our project, which will result in a website for your town.

I am a writer. You won't see me walking around your town with a camera swinging around my neck.

I am in the background, writing notes in my blue notebook, for a late night date with my computer. When we arrived on Saturday, we all expected to want to crash into our beds and sleep the rest of the day away after the eighteen-hour drive. The opposite was true, the reality is, that Sonora is such a visual adventure, that from the first moment we drove our seven-car caravan into the city limits, we had to get out and explore.

The people of Sonora, just in our few days of survey, have turned over some visual gems for our humble project. This town is filled

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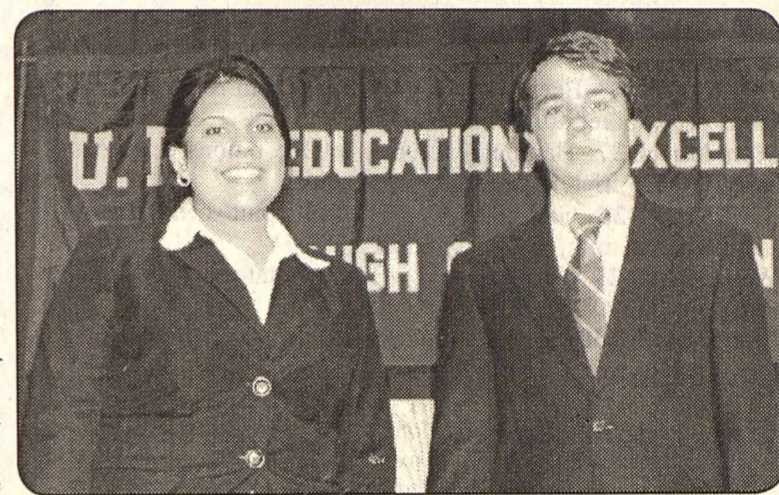
Sanchez and Wallace advance to Quarter-finals at State CX-Debate

submitted

Sonora High School students, Stacy Sanchez & Warren Wallace competed at the UIL State Cross-Examination Debate Meet, March 13 & 14. 62 CX-Debate teams competed in Division 2A. Debaters competed in four rounds during day 1 of competition. In order to advance to the second day of competition, they had to win their four rounds or win three rounds and have high speaker points. During day one, Stacy and Warren competed against teams from Elkhart, Brock, Karnes City and Post. Of the 62 teams competing only 16 teams advanced to the second day of competition. The second day's first round saw Stacy and Warren competing against a tough team from Godley, with Sonora winning and advancing to the quarter-finals. During quarter-finals they faced a team from Blanco in a very competitive debate with Blanco winning the round and Sonora's team being named quarter-finalists.

State Cross-Examination Debaters advancing to the second day elimination rounds as one of the top 16 teams qualifies them to apply for a TILF (Texas Interscholastic League Foundation) scholarship. This year, TILF disbursed approximately \$1,050,000 to 555 students attending 56 colleges and universities in Texas.

Congratulations to Stacy and Warren for a great job and representing Sonora High School well, and congratulations to their debate coach, Renee Casey.



Stacy Sanchez and Warren Wallace at UIL State Debate Meet.

Council hires inspector for grease traps

Sonora's City Council men heard a wake up call at the February 21st meeting. Charles McDonald presented the Council with a proposal for his services, to make all restaurants and food service businesses within the City of Sonora, compliant with TCEQ regulations regarding inceptors installed in a sanitary drainage system to intercept non-petroleum fats, oils and greases (FOG) from a wastewater discharge.

McDonald explained that TCEQ was not going to play around on this issue, and if compliance work was not started on the grease receptors, closures and fines were a reality for many of the establishments. This does not just pertain to restaurants, it is anywhere that fried foods, or foods that produces

grease, are cooked and served. This includes concession stands, hospitals, convenient stores, etc. The changes and repairs needed in the majority of the food service locations in Sonora will probably be costly, but must be done. There are different regulations to be met at each individual location, depending on the amount of grease produced, size, etc. McDonald stressed that City staff and Council Members would need to be persistent in their efforts for compliance if he were to be hired for the job as inspector. After a lengthy discussion on the pros, cons, advantages of McDonald's assistance, etc. a motion was made by Council Member Smith Neal to accept the proposal of Mr.

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Tobias named new Scout Master

Manuel Tobias has been named as Sonora's new Scout Master. A son active in Scouts encouraged Tobias to go for the position that has been vacant for quite some time.

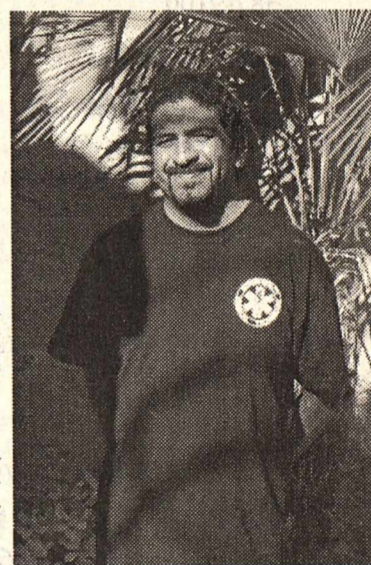
Tobias hopes to rejuvenate the program and get the 12 young men already joined involved in camping, citizenship, service, and leadership.

Tobias and the Boy Scouts are inviting all Scouts and interested Scouts-to-be, to a Round-up meeting on Monday the 27th at 6:30 pm at the Scout Hut.

Weather permitting there will be hot-dogs outside (or have pizza indoors) and play games. Dr. Johnson is planning on preparing a tasty Dutch oven treat for dessert.

For more information contact Manuel Tobias at 387-5390 or 206-0417.

Sign up for Summer Camp at Camp Sol Mayer will also be held at the Kick-off celebration!!!



Sonora's Scout Master, Manuel Tobias

Primary Election Results

Statistics from the Primary Election held on March 7, 2006 were as follows: There are 2,535 registered voters in Sutton County. A total of 793 votes were cast on March 7th. The total Democratic ballots cast was 511, and the total Republican ballots cast was 282. Only 31.28% of the registered voters turned out to vote in Sutton County.

US Senator:

Barbara Ann Radnofsky (D) 133
Gene Kelly (D) 102
Darrel Reece Hunter (D) 54
Kay Bailey Hutchison (R) 259

US Representative District 23

Rick Bolanos (D) 209
Henry Bonilla (R) 121

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Dominion works to do their share of Keeping Sonora Beautiful by picking up trash along their adopted portion of Hwy 277 S.

announcements (PSA) as a springboard for the Don't Mess with Texas 20th Anniversary. The PSAs feature some of Texas' most recognized celebrities including Lance Armstrong, Erykah Badu, Ray Benson, Jennifer Love Hewitt, Julius Jones, Los Lonely Boys, Matthew McConaughey, Chuck Norris, Janine Turner, Owen Wilson and Lee Ann Womack.

In addition to the media campaign, TxDOT is sponsoring a "Real Texans Don't Litter" Cleanup Contest, challenging "Real Texans" to volunteer at one of 25 cleanups around the state. The locations will be unveiled the day of Trash-Off, April 1, and the events will take place between May and mid-August. Visit www.DontMessWithTexas20.org on April 1 for exciting news and additional information.

**Lighthouse
Community Church**

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

Tedford Jewelry
Gift Gallery & Hallmark Cards

RadioShack. x.cingular

105-107 NW Concho
Downtown Sonora
387-3839 387-2733

Senior Center Activities

Fri. March 24 - Volunteer to deliver meals to our homebound Seniors! Call 387-5657
Mon. March 27 - Happy Birthday Julia Reynoso and John Tedford; Bingo
Tues. March 28 - Exercise with video--need seniors to sign up
Wed. March 29 - Kooking with Kelly! Nutrition Education @ noon
Thurs. March 30 - Happy Birthday Juan Guerra

Senior Center Menu

Fri. March 24 - Beef Steak w/gravy, macaroni & cheese, roll sweet peas, mixed fruit, milk
Mon. March 27 - Hamburger on bun, lettuce, onions, tomatoes, baked French fries, carrot salad, apple, milk
Tues. March 28 - Ground beef w/vermicelli, pinto beans, tossed salad, tortilla, milk, banana pudding
Wed. March 29 - Steak fingers w/gravy, potatoes, sweet peas, roll, milk, Jell-O w/fruit
Thurs. March 30 - Beef tacos w/cheese, taco shell, pinto beans, tossed salad, peach cobbler, 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)*

**Sonora
Church
Directory**

Primera Iglesia Bautista 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. 387-5366

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Obituary
Angeline "Angie" Morgan

SONORA — Angeline "Angie" Morgan passed away in Sonora on Monday, March 13, 2006, at the age of 81, after a hard battle with lung cancer.

Angie was born in Lamkin, Texas, to Absolum and Annie Geye Denman on May 29, 1924, the youngest of eight siblings. On June 7, 1941, she married her high school sweetheart, Robert Henry "Bob" Morgan. She and Bob lived in Pottsville, Texas, where they ran a small restaurant for a short time. Angie took the train all the way to Florida soon after they were married to meet Bob where he was stationed during part of World War II. Later, after returning, their two sons were born in Hamilton, Texas, and before long the Morgans moved to Iraan, Texas, where the boys both graduated from high school. When the boys went off to college, Angie and Bob moved to Odessa, where they made friends bowling in a league and getting involved in a CB radio club. They also enjoyed gardening together when Bob got home from work at Sewell Ford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bob; and brothers and sisters, Alta, Arron, A.B., Acney, Alston and Anna Bell.

Survivors include one sister, Alma Ruth Moss of Hamilton; her two sons, Rodney and wife Jill of San Marcos, and Bobby and wife Mary Beth of Sonora; three grandsons, Rob and wife Tabitha of San Marcos, Brad and wife Toni of Gonzales, and Bruce and wife Cathy of Bedford; as well as four great-grandchildren, Marshall, Kendra, Abby and Heather; and several nieces and nephews.

With her gentle spirit, she was loved and admired by all who knew her. She spent many hours making the many crocheted and knitted tablecloths, afghans and baby clothes for us to enjoy for many years to come. Her beautiful plants always added a special touch to her home, both inside and out.

We will miss her gentle ways and quiet, loving manner.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Friday, March 17, at the Sonora Church of Christ. A graveside service was at 4 p.m. in the Sunset Memorial Cemetery in Odessa. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home in Sonora.

Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of San Angelo Inc., Box 471, San Angelo, TX 76902; or to your favorite charity.



**Emergency Preparedness:
Preparing a Disaster Kit**

**Kelly's
KOPREP**

The first 72 hours following a disaster are the most critical for families. This is the time that most likely you will be left alone. For this reason, it is essential for you and your family to have a disaster kit, which should provide for all of your family's basic needs during these first hours.

To prepare your family supply kit, you will need an easy to carry container, such as a:

- Covered trash container,
- Camping backpack, or
- Duffle bag in which to store your kit

Your kit should contain six basics:

1. Water
2. Food
3. First aid kit
4. Clothing and bedding
5. Tools and emergency supplies
6. Special items tailored to meet your particular family needs.

Keep a three-day supply in your kit for each family member.

Water

- Store one gallon of water per day, per person (two quarts for drinking, two quarts for food preparation and personal hygiene). Children, nursing mothers, ill people, and those living in hot environments will require more water.
- Use plastic containers (such as soft drink bottles) for storing water. Never use contaminated or breakable bottles.
- Replace stored water every six months.
- Store household chlorine bleach and a medicine dropper, or purification tablets containing 5.25% sodium hypochlorite (as the only active ingredient) for water purification.

Food

- Store a three-day supply of non-perishable foods.
- Select foods that require no refrigeration, preparation or cooking, and little or no water.
- Select foods that are compact and lightweight.
- Pack a can of Sterno or a camp stove and fuel for heating purposes (store any fuel safely).
- Select foods that your family will eat and enjoy (this will boost spirits in addition to fueling the body).

Suggested Food Selections for Your Supply Kit

- Ready-to eat canned meats, vegetables, and fruits
- Dried meats (beef jerky)
- High energy foods such as peanut butter, jelly, crackers, unsalted nuts, health food bars, granola bars and dried fruit
- Canned or powdered juices, milk, and soup (extra water required for powdered)
- Staples including sugar, flour, salt, and pepper
- Stress/comfort foods like cookies, hard candy, sweetened cereal, coffee or tea
- Vitamins
- Non-perishable foods and water for pets

First Aid Kit

- Assemble a first aid kit for your home and one for each car.
- Store four types of items:
 1. Medicines
 2. Medical supplies
 3. Self-care books
 4. Home medical records.
- Keep your kit current. Update your kit once a year; replace self-care books every 3 to 5 years; update medical histories after each immunization, illness, health care provider visit, health screening, etc; discard old or outdated prescriptions and over-the-counter medicines.
- Keep your kit at a reasonable cost by starting with 5 items and adding to it gradually; buy generic, rather than brand name items.
- Locate your kit in a place known to all family members of age to administer medical care.

Clothing and Bedding

- Include at least one complete change of clothing and footwear (sturdy shoes or work boots) for each person in the family.
- Consider temperature changes; store rain gear, hats, gloves, thermal underwear, and sunglasses for each family member.
- Include blankets and/or sleeping bags for each family member.

For more information on preparing your family for unexpected events contact your local extension agent at 387-3604.

Vestel Camp Askew

Vestel Camp Askew went home to eternally green pastures on Sunday, March 19, 2006. He was born April 17, 1917, in Del Rio, Texas to V and Ethel Askew, pioneer ranchers in Val Verde County. He was an outstanding rancher and community servant. Services were Wednesday, March 22, at 10:30 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Sonora, with graveside services following at the Sonora Cemetery.

Vestel graduated from Del Rio High School and went on to Texas Technological College. While at Tech, he was proud to be one of the originators of the Saddle Tramp spirit organization. After his graduation, he went on to Texas A&M where he received his MS degree. He wanted to study sheep and wool in graduate school and A&M designed a program for him, which was the beginning of the sheep program there. He was employed by Colorado State University to teach and set up a sheep and wool science program there. Later, he became a lamb buyer for Armour and Co. and he was a renowned lamb judge for shows all over Texas.

Vestel served as Executive Secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and later as President of that organization; Vice-President of Sonora Wool & Mohair; director of the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District; director of Sonora Stock Pens; Director of National Wool Growers Association, and was a member of numerous civic organizations. He ranched in Val Verde, Edwards, and Sutton counties for over 50 years. He was awarded the Fred Earwood Award from the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers, their most prestigious award, and received the Conservation Rancher of the year Award from the Edwards Plateau Soil & Water Conservation District.

Vestel married Allie Halbert McBride on January 19, 1959, and they celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary before her death in 2004. He was preceded in death by his parents, wives Gwen Wyatt Askew and Allie Halbert Askew, two sisters, Catherine Askew and Ruth Askew Palmer.

He is survived by a son, Guy Wyatt Askew of Von Ormy, Texas; stepsons Robert McBride and wife Francis of Stephenville, Texas and Patrick McBride of Guadalupe, Jalisco, Mexico; stepdaughter Linda Fisher and husband Glen of Sonora, Texas; grandchildren Clifford McBride, Tammy Fisher, David Fisher, and Melissa Hennigan; great granddaughter, Madalyn Fisher; and nieces Pat Grey, Mike Molder, and Randee Fawcett.

Pallbearers will be Lee Bloodworth, Bert Bloodworth, Buck Bloodworth, Billy Martin, Tom Lock, Eddie Sawyer, and Seco Mayfield. Honorary pallbearers are Stanley Mayfield, Bobby Doran, Bill Vanderheider, Bob Byrd, Doug Ray, and Marvin Ralston.

The family extends very special thanks to caregivers Micki Chavez, Olivia Hernandez, and Mario Galindo for their help and kindness.

The family requests that memorials be sent to your favorite charity.



Thank You Notes

Dear Devil's River News:
As a 4-H member, I just want to say thank you for purchasing my lamb. The money will be put to good use; to further my education.
Thank you for making my first year in 4-H a good year. Once again, thank you!
Sincerely, Delilah Aguero

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every citizen from Precinct 4, who took the time and went out to vote. A special thanks to the citizens that voted for me. May God Bless each and every one. We'll try again next time.
Again Thanks, Neria Galindo

The family of Gladys Behms would like to express our appreciation and thanks to everyone for all the many acts of kindness shown to us during our loss. The visits, food, cards, flowers, memorials and phone calls have certainly been comforting. A special thanks to Lester Bagley, minister of Llano Church of Christ, for the wonderful message paying tribute to the precious memories of our mother's life. Words alone can not express our gratitude.
Carol, Terry & Wynona Behms; Yvonne Schwarz; Vallree Draper

To the voters of Precinct 2,
Thank you for the privilege of representing you again for four more years. I will do my best, not only to represent precinct 2, but all citizens of Sutton County.
Thank you again,
John Wade

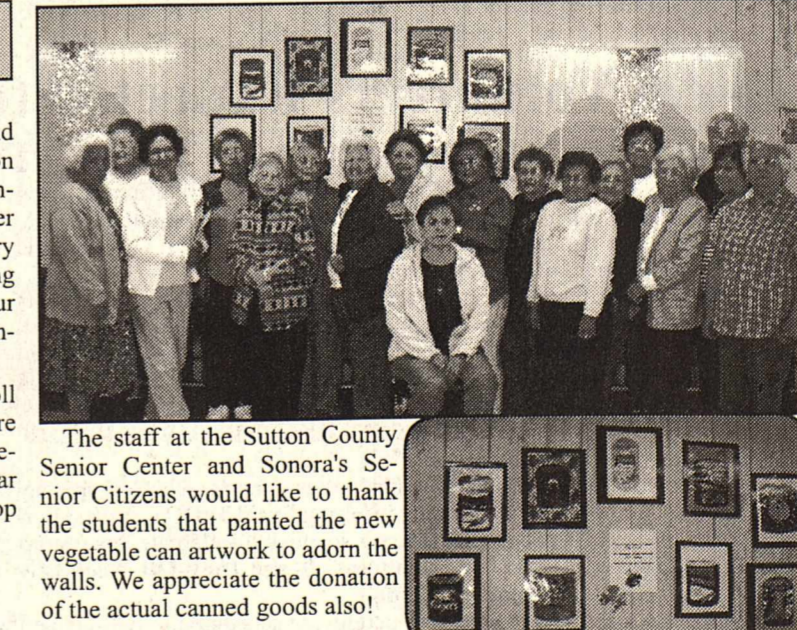
Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor:

As men and women of good human conscience we should write and call our Senators at 1-877-762-8762 (toll free) demanding a YES vote on H.R. 4437, Border Protection, Anti-terrorism, and Illegal Immigration Control Act of 2005 WITHOUT ANY AMENDMENTS! This is a real border protection bill, unlike the phony "guest worker" or the fake "temporary worker" bills that reward illegal aliens who break our laws. It is amazing that Congress thinks it is OK to reward foreign lawbreakers that invade our country. It is very important that we maintain our sovereignty, but we cannot do so if we have porous borders.

We should see www.stopthefaa.org or call 1-800-527-8721 for toll free information and remind our Senators to support H.R. 4437 to secure our borders! George Washington warned us to beware of foreign entanglements. Now we are entangled all over the world with an 8 Trillion dollar national debt, wide open borders, and everyone hating us. Let's put a stop to it-now.

Thank You, Ed Ventresca, Canyon Country, CA



The staff at the Sutton County Senior Center and Sonora's Senior Citizens would like to thank the students that painted the new vegetable can artwork to adorn the walls. We appreciate the donation of the actual canned goods also!

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Historical Society

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

Q. Do you have any information on the John A. Ogden family?

A. Buried in the Sutton County Burial Park are Alma Melissa Mears Ogden, wife of O.C. "Cy" Ogden. Born September 15, 1909, in Luling, TX; married O.C. July 10, 1927; died January 9, 1955, in Sonora, member of the Order of the Eastern Star. She had at least one child, Wayne Ogden. She was the daughter of Dan P. Mears and Maggie Haynes Mears. Dan P. Mears died at the age of 79, on May 9, 1945, and was buried in Belvedere Cemetery. He and Maggie Haynes were married on July 3, 1898.

Archie A. Ogden born 1892, died 1899. O.C. "Cy" Ogden born June 18, 1895, and died December 20, 1980, was the son of John and brother of Archie and member of the Masonic Lodge.

John Eaton had saved an article in which "The San Angelo Standard Times" in 1987, reported the death of Guida Ogden Emfingher Early, age 82 at 11:55 a.m. Tuesday in University Manor Nursing Home after a long illness. She was buried in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens in San Angelo. Resthaven Funeral Home in Lubbock was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Early was born July 2, 1905 in Weed, N.M. She attended school in Sonora and then moved to San Angelo where she lived for 56 years. She moved to Lubbock in 1984.

She was a seamstress and clothes designer and member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Lubbock.

You would have to check her death certificate to verify her parents were John A. and Amzella Elizabeth "Betty" Evans Ogden.

Ira Ogden, died at 8 a.m. Thursday in St. John's Hospital according to "The San Angelo Standard" of May 26, 1967. He was born February 16, 1882, in Moody and

was a Methodist. He was married to Edith Maley on May 2, 1901, in San Angelo. After their marriage they lived in Eldorado, Sonora and Sterling City before returning to San Angelo. His wife died October 7, 1962. His survivors were two daughters, Mrs. Dan McCrohan of San Angelo and Mrs. J. T. Cawley of Silsbee; two brothers, O.C. Ogden and Floyd Ogden, both of San Angelo and a sister Mrs. Forrest Emfingher of San Angelo.

There is a note in John Eaton's handwriting that O.C. Ogden was born June 18, 1895, and that his father was John Albert Ogden age 45 from St. Joseph Missouri and his mother was Amzella Elizabeth Evans 34 from Kentucky. We don't know where he copied this information as he didn't note it on his notes.

Floyd Ogden born 1899, died 1984 is buried in Fairmount Cemetery beside Hazel born 1908 died 1980, according to the Fairmount Cemetery book.

"The Devil's River News" shows that in their issue of November 8, 1919 Floyd Ogden was center on the Sonora High School Basketball Team and competed in pole vaulting. He graduated in 1920, and the ceremony is listed in the June 5, 1920, issue. The 6 graduates that year were Millard Bryson, Floyd Ogden, Joe Brown Ross, Justice Adams, Thelma Kelley and Bernice Glasscock.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ogden were living in Sonora in 1920. Ira is living in Sterling in 1919, and is mentioned visiting his parents in Sonora. There is mention of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ogden returning from a two week stay at the Mineral Wells near Christoval. In 1919, Mr. J. A. Ogden leases one section of his ranch 11 miles east of town for \$500 a year to Mike and Oran Nicks.

In "The Devil's River News" of January 10, 1891, there is an advertisement "Go to the Sonora Store for the cheapest groceries and no-

tions. J. A. Ogden, Manager. Ogden St. Sonora. (Note there is no longer an Ogden St. in Sonora. In the January 31, 1891, issue it states that Mrs. Evans, of South Concho, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Ogden. July 18, 1891 issue states that John Ogden has lumber on the ground for an addition to his store on Concho Avenue. (Ogden St. became Concho Avenue and the Ogden store became in later years the Owens Bakery that is famous for the shootout with Will Carver.) In December 20, 1890, we found that Miss Birdie Evans, sister of Mrs. J. A. Ogden was visiting Sonora this week, and returned home Friday. Mr. Ogden had a grocery store in Sonora in 1890.

Cemetery records state that neither J. A. Ogden or his wife Amzella Elizabeth Evans Ogden are buried in the Sutton County Burial Park. There is no death certificate on file in Sutton County for either party. They are not listed in the Fairmount Cemetery book but you might check and see if they are in Belvedere or Lawnhaven cemeteries or in Sterling City or some other city where their children resided.

You should be able to go on line to census records and trace John A. Ogden born in 1850 in Missouri and Amzella Elizabeth Evans born in about 1861 in Kentucky and try to find more information on them that way. This is the last bit of information we can give you on the Ogden family as we don't know where John A. and his wife are buried. Good luck in your search.

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

Our offices are open on Tuesday from 9 to 12:30, Thursday from 9 to 12:30 and Saturday from 8 to noon. The Miers Home Museum is closed and all its contents are covered in plastic pending the carpenters com-



Floyd Ogden - Smart, intelligent, and quick to learn, but good looks passed Junior by Sonora High School Yearbook "The Bob-Cat"; 1919

ing to put on the new roof. The John & Mildred Cauthorn Memorial Building, Old Depot, is rented every weekend in March and we have done extensive repairs to the air-conditioner and fan system in the large room. No more squeaks! You may call us at the office when it is open to rent the building and grounds, the number is 387-5084. We are almost halfway there on the cost of the new roof for the Miers Home Museum but still need a little over \$4,000.

Please help preserve our history.

Donations: John Allen Ward for Miers Home Roof \$100. Speaking of the Ward family, the book "Johnnie Ward Cowboy" has received quite a few compliments from the people in the Big Bend. They are glad to finally know who Johnnie Ward was and why a mountain and spring were named for him. They especially appreciated the fact that everything about the Big Bend area was historically correct. I told them it was, except that he really killed and cooked the bear; but we thought that part was a little too much and would offend the "tree huggers" so we changed the tale to read that the bear survived.

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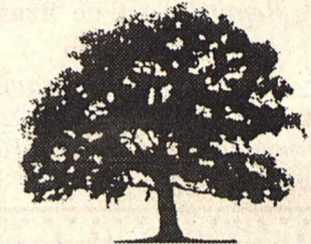


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The normal \$100 initiation fee will be waived during this period. Regular dues are \$40 per month plus \$10 per month with cart shed rental.

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8 lbs. 1 oz.

Parents: 20 ¼ inches long

Kent and Buffie McAnally of Crane, Texas

Maternal Grandparents:

Lee and Janie York of Capitan, New Mexico

Paternal Grandparents:

Joe and Karen Fincher of Sonora, Texas
and Robin McAnally of McCamey, Texas

Maternal Great-Grandmother:

Bernice Breckon of Tatum, New Mexico

Paternal Great-Grandparents:

Dean and Sue McAnally of Aspermont, Texas

Crystal Nicole Carr
and Waynedell Roy Carr

of Pensacola, Florida
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Alayna Kaitlyn

on February 9, 2006

at 7:04 a.m. in Pensacola

7 lbs. 8 oz. 20 ½ inches

Sisters:

Breanne Danell and Yandell Royana

Maternal Grandparents:

Viola Gonzales and Alfredo Gonzales of Pensacola, FL

Paternal Grandmother:

Rosemary Hall Epherson of New Orleans, LA

Maternal Aunt and Uncle:

Lori and Marc Gonzales of Panama City, FL

Maternal Great-Grandparents:

Pedro and Alicia Virgen and
Rosa Elena Sanchez of Sonora

Shape Up Sonora Weight Loss Challenge

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Team Name	Final Results	
	Pounds Lost	Avg. lbs. lost
1 Heavy Weights	-33	-16.5
2 Tadpoles	-91.50	-15.25
3 Blubber Butts	-83.2	-13.87
4 Ladies in Weighting	-65	-13
5 Money Crunchers	-64	-10.67
6 Waist Aways	-58.5	-9.75
7 Jolly Ranchers	-53	-8.83
8 Buff Daddy and the Under Toned	-47	-7.83
9 Bodacious Bankers	-41	-6.83
10 Disappearing Acts	-40.5	-6.75
11 Leftovers	-39	-6.5
12 SMS Rollie Pollies	-35	-5.83
13 Purple People Eaters	NO REPORT	NO REPORT
14 Team Hope	Withdrawn	Withdrawn
15 Don's Angels	Withdrawn	Withdrawn

Perry to call April 17 special session

State Capital Highlights

Texas Press Association

By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry gave lawmakers a month's notice in calling the third 30-day special session of the 79th Texas Legislature, to begin April 17.

The governor said the main job for lawmakers will be to fix the state's property tax system.

In this case, fix means to find alternate sources of revenue so that local taxing authorities will be able to set local property taxes at something below the \$1.50 per \$100 valuation cap.

The Legislature is under a directive from the Texas Supreme Court to have the matter resolved by June 1.

Former Comptroller John Sharp, chair of the governor's 24-member Texas Tax Reform Commission, suggested lowering property taxes by one third and paying for the tax cut by raising the cigarette tax by \$1 and implementing a new business activity tax that businesses, including most law firms, would have to pay.

Sharp also suggested using \$1 billion from the state's \$4 billion-plus budget surplus in the current biennium to help make property tax relief possible.

Perry's office formed the Texas Tax Reform Commission last fall to gather input at citizen forums staged across Texas and then make recommendations to the Legislature.

Already, there is resistance to Sharp's business activity tax idea. A coalition of law firms expressed aversion to a flat, across-the-board tax on limited licensed partnerships.

Also, there is pressure on the governor to expand the call to school finance reform because of its inextricable bond with property taxes. Perry has not yet issued a proclamation specifying other issues for the special session, but Sharp has said the two issues should be considered separately with tax reform up first. His reasoning: if tax reform is accomplished, there will be a platform from which to operate on school finance. If taken together, strong and disparate feelings in the Legislature regarding school finance likely would doom any progress on tax reform.

Fires char northern expanses
Prairie fires that erupted in the Panhandle and south of Childress killed at least 11 people and more than 10,000 head of cattle and

horses. Total acreage of the fires has been estimated at more than 880,000 acres, or more than 1,375 square miles.

The Texas Forest Service is coordinating firefighting efforts, and volunteers have answered the call from counties across the state. The agency also has received help from other states in the form of personnel and equipment.

Perry, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs, U.S. Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn and other officials have asked for increased federal aid to the fire-ravaged areas.

The Texas Department of Agriculture reports that more than 10,000 fires have burned about 4

million acres across the state since Dec. 26. Illegal fires, such as trash-burning, in the drought-stricken areas have been cited as possible causes of the conflagrations. Campaigners sting each other Tony Sanchez of Laredo, the Democratic party's candidate for governor in 2002, announced that he would support Carole Keeton Strayhorn's independent candidacy for governor this time around.

The campaign of Democratic candidate Chris Bell expressed "mild disappointment" at Sanchez' decision.

Bell is considered incumbent Republican Gov. Perry's top challenger.

Strayhorn and author-entertainer Richard S. "Kinky" Friedman

are rapidly gathering signatures for their petitions to be on the ballot in November.

They have until May 11 to collect 45,540 signatures each. The number of signatures is equivalent to 1 percent of the total vote in the 2002

Texas governor's race.

Friedman made headlines for appearing to accept a beer and drink it while riding in a car at the St. Patrick's Day parade in Dallas. After being caught but not arrested, Friedman quipped that he drank but did not swallow.

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Happy Birthday

March 23
Wayne Hines, John Duke Hudson, Victor Alvidrez, Mahayla Seguera, Delilah Alvizo, Quade Sutton, Betty Stewart, Daniela Perez, Lexie Martin, Kent Kearney

March 24
Crystal Delgado, Alexandra Kenney, Madison Myers, Kay Creek, Damien Zaragoza, Erin Hearne

March 25
Embre Smith, Jillian Guley, Dawn Adkins, Allison Mejia, Elizabeth Chavarria

March 26
Hayden Smith, Cody Chavez, Kyle Patlan, Edward San Miguel, Stephanie Virgen, Maria Silva, Reggie Williams, Clayton Schueling, Jim Davis

March 27
Tara Green, Mike Foulds, Craig Hopper, Dolores Crocker, George Noriega, Jr.

March 28
Marissa Prieto, Julie Coronado, Noe Chavez, Laura Sanchez, Stephanie Galindo, Edward Henson, Robert Hard, Mike Hopper, Juan Garza, Rita Acevedo, John Mesa, Denis Brooks, Edward Henson

March 29
Oscar Trevino, Latricia Parker, Weldon Champion, Rigoberto Hernandez

Sonora welcomes Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine to town



by Greta Ramsdell, COC Executive Director

Rain, wind, sunshine...what a wide variety of weather we have had this week! The multitudes of visitors in Sonora have not had to wait long for the weather to change, but they did have to be tough to endure the strong winds on Monday. One of our guests that day was gathering information for an upcoming article for Texas Parks & Wildlife Magazine.

Sheryl Smith-Rodgers was greeted by a whole group of local ambassadors including Rosie Whitehead Jones, president of the Sutton County Historical Society. Also representing the Society were JoAnn Hernandez, Lesa Whitehead Wireman, Marvin Shurley and JoAnn and Rick Palmer.

Jimmy Cahill and Lewis Allen agreed to act as tour guides and share their immense knowledge of the history of Sonora. Ann Kay represented the Friends of Historic Main Street and Delyse Jaeger and I attended from the Eaton Wildlife Sanctuary and Chamber of Commerce.

After a very enjoyable lunch we began our wonderful tour of the city, including the Rock School House, Miers Home Museum, Eaton Hill, Mercantile Building, Veterans of All Wars Museum and the soon to be reopened Sutton County Courthouse. Judge Carla Garner graciously gave us a quick tour of the courthouse and it is unbelievably beautiful.

This spectacular building will be an unforgettable calling card for our city and county and will surely attract many new visitors to our area. We also visited the city's newest feature, the Community

Prayer Garden at the First Baptist Church. First Baptist Church, Carl J. Cahill Construction, Delyse Jaeger, and Celia Smith collaborated to design and build a lovely, tranquil area for locals and visitors to linger and refresh their souls. Our thanks for your vision and perseverance on this heartwarming project.

As a newcomer to this job, I was very excited to be a part of such a large team that came together to promote our area. Each person shared their own unique memories and insights and Ms. Rodgers surely felt our devotion to Sonora. She visited the Caverns of Sonora on Tuesday morning and had much better weather there than in town (both above and below ground). We appreciate Ms. Rodgers visiting our area and look forward to reading her article in August.

NEW MEMBERS
Baker Devils River Ranch, owned by Michael and Georgia Baker is the newest Chamber member. The ranch is comprised of approximately 4,300 acres and is located approximately 60 miles south of Sonora and Ozona along Highway 163. The ranch offers whitetail, aoudad, turkey, dove and quail, mountain lion, bobcats and other varmints. Blinds and feeders are set up in prime locations, and no livestock has been on the ranch for five years. A house is available and the Bakers can be reached at 432/292-4624 or 830/775-8661.

CHAMBER EVENTS CALENDAR
Friday, March 31: Grand Opening One Stop Gift Shop, noon, 108 South Crockett
Saturday and Sunday, April 1 & 2: Sonora Classic Goat Show, Civic Center
Monday, April 10: Keep Sonora Beautiful Meeting, noon, Chamber office
Thursday, April 13: Chamber of Commerce Monthly Meeting, noon, Chamber office

Engagements

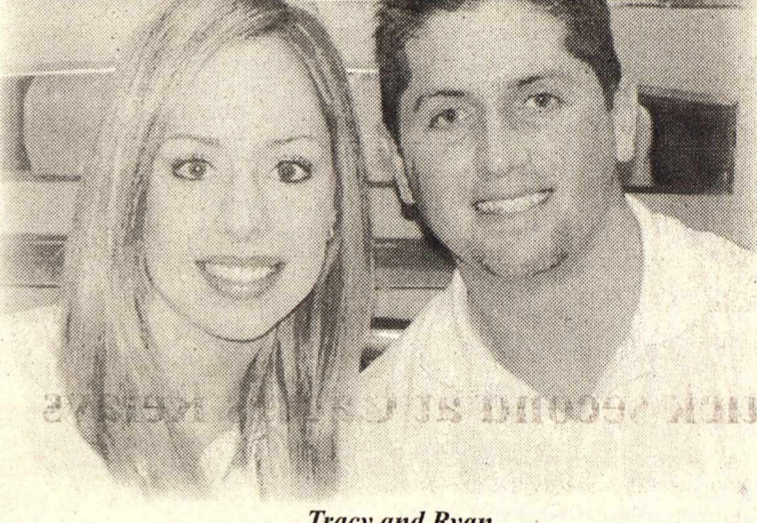
Love is in the air Kreamer/Sims



Kassandra and Cameron
Kassandra Helene Kreamer and Cameron James Sims will be married June 24, 2006 at Paradise on the Hill in Aubrey, Texas at 6:00 P.M. The bride-elect is the daughter of Jim and Kathy Kreamer of Aubrey, Texas. The prospective bridegroom is the son of Jimmy and Mary Jean Sims of Sonora, Texas.

Miss Kreamer is a 2001 graduate of Pilot Point High School and earned her B.A. in English from Texas A&M University in May 2005. Mr. Sims is a 2001 graduate of Sonora High School and will be graduating in May 2006 from Texas A&M University with a B.S. in Electrical Engineering.

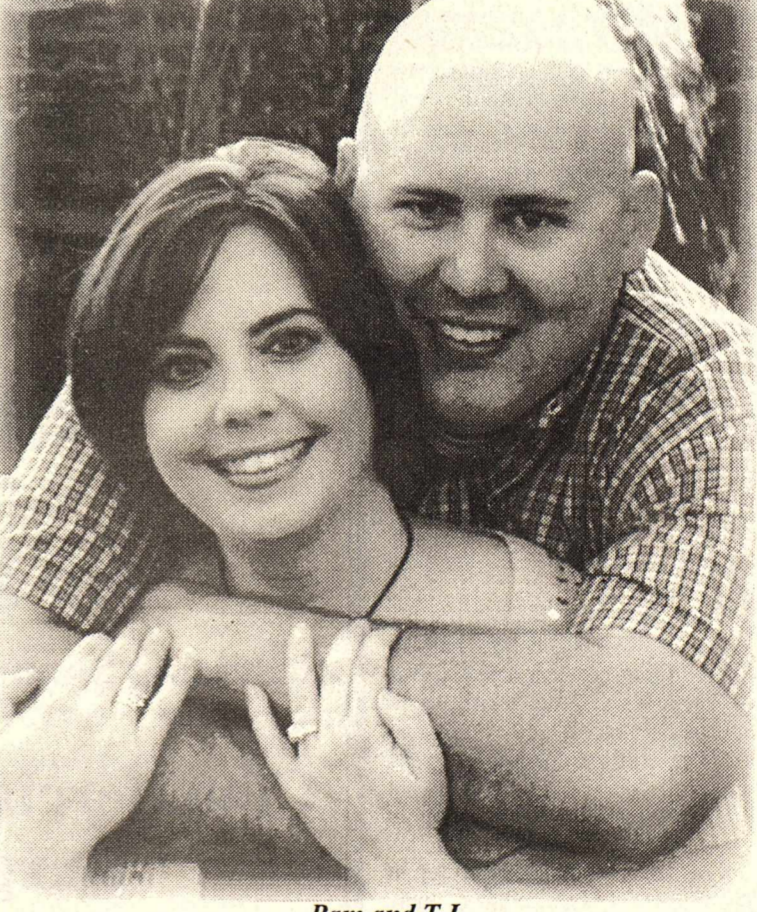
Barbato/Hardgrave



Tracy and Ryan
Gary and Kathy Hardgrave of Sonora, Texas and John and Cathy Barbato of San Antonio, Texas are happy to announce the engagement of their children, Ryan William Lewis Hardgrave and Tracy Elizabeth Barbato. A nuptial Mass will be celebrated on July 29, 2006 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in San Antonio, Texas.

Miss Barbato is a graduate of Incarnate Word High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in Interdisciplinary Studies. She is a first-grade Teacher at Clear Spring Elementary School in the North East ISD. She is the granddaughter of Mrs. Rita Connor and the late Mr. Raymond Connor, and Mrs. Aline Barbato and the late Mr. Sam Barbato. Her fiance is a graduate of Sonora High School and a 2005 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio, where he earned a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Finance. Mr. Hardgrave is employed by Insurance One in San Antonio. He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Slaars of San Angelo, and the late Mr. and Mrs. Jo Hardgrave, of Sonora and San Angelo.

Jones/Thorp



Pam and T.J.
Johnny and Kathy Jones along with Tim and Leslie Thorp of Sonora, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Pamela Denise Jones and Thomas Marion Thorp, Jr.

The wedding will be August 5, 2006 at the Flamingo Garden Gazebo in Las Vegas, Nevada. Miss Pam Jones is a 1997 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and a 2001 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas with a B.S. degree in Restaurant, Hotel and Institutional Management. Mr. T.J. Thorp is a 1996 graduate of Sonora High School in Sonora, Texas and a 2002 graduate of the Texas A&M Fire Academy in College Station, Texas. Pam is currently employed by Red Velvet Events, Inc. in Austin, Texas. T.J. is employed by Pflugerville Fire Department in Pflugerville, Texas.

Scam Warning

The centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services are warning seniors and people with disabilities to beware of the \$299 "Ring" scheme.

The scheme asks Medicare beneficiaries to withdraw from their checking accounts to pay for a nonexistent prescription drug plan.

Consumers can report these types of incidents to local law enforcement agencies or call 877-772-3379.

Springtime Sentinels Up On Eaton Hill



Spanish Dagers bloom on Eaton Hill. Photo by Delyse Jaeger

Glancing up from the Buckeye Trailhead at Eaton Hill, one cannot help but notice the large Spanish Dagers growing side by side and currently adorned with their enticingly beautiful bouquets of lily-like blooms. Pausing for close inspection, especially when in flower will reward the observer with delightful contrasts of texture and shape, as well as color and design worthy of gracing the most elegant of human celebrations.

Spring is the season of rejuvenation and renewal, promise and new life. The season seems to be mirrored in the spirit of man, as perhaps each season is. Summer is the season of pleasure and relaxation balanced with the sweat of the brow. Autumn awakens the spirit to the passage of time and often stirs up melancholy and exhilaration in the same moment. Winter is an inward-turning season, a time of reflection and planning. Then the glory of spring explodes on the scene; fast-paced, bursting with color and imbued with hope. Blink and you'll miss something spectacular.

Saturday before last, the first hummingbird of the season whizzed in to check out our then yet-to-be-filled feeder. Having rushed in immediately and prepared the nectar, I was soon delighted to see several hummers buzzing about the feeder. Various species of returning migratory birds are arriving daily, adding once again to the already wonderfully diverse fauna of our region. Along the trails of Eaton Hill, bluebonnet plants whisper their promise of tomorrow's display, and we discovered a few have eagerly arrived. 'Tis the season to draw near to the beauty surrounding us - hit the trails and discover the bounty of spring-time!

The Directors of First National Bank of Sonora are pleased to announce these recent promotions:


Roberta James
Roberta has been promoted to Vice President/Secretary to the Board. She has been employed at the bank since November, 1972. Roberta is married to Dod James. They have one son, Scott Garrett, his wife, Donna, and their children Kristin and Levi. Roberta and Dod also have one daughter, Bree James O'Connor, her husband Jim and their two children, Grace and Liam.

Joy Kemp
Joy has been promoted to Assistant Vice President/Auditor. She has 41 years of banking experience with 31 of those years here at First National Bank of Sonora. Joy and her husband, Jerry, have been married for 43 years. They have one daughter, Deborah Watson, her husband, Tommy, and their children Tara and Sheena. Joy and Jerry also have one son, Philip Kemp, his wife Kathy and their two children, Kelsey and Ashley.

Elaine Donaldson
Elaine has been promoted to Assistant Vice President/Human Resources. She began working for the bank in December, 1975. Elaine and her husband Kyle have been married for 43 years. They have one daughter, Traci Hart, her husband, Jeff, and their child Kendall. Elaine and Kyle also have one son, Jason Donaldson, his wife, Beth and their child, Jaxon.

Together, these fine employees have over 94 years of combined service to our bank.

Well Done, Ladies!



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Lady Broncos slide in for another win. Photo by Ray Glasscock

Lady Broncos continue winning ways

by Tryon Fields

The Lady Broncos continued their winning streak this past week against the Lady Lions from Ozona and the Lady Eagles from Grape Creek. On Tuesday, Sonora traveled to Ozona to play the Lady Lions. In the top of the first inning, Sonora sent 16 batters to the plate, scoring 12 runs off of 10 hits. In the top of the second, the Lady Broncos continued their offensive onslaught, as they would score six more runs on 10 plate appearances and 3 hits. In the third, Sonora added one more run to top off their 17 run and 15 hit outing. At the plate, Sonora was led by Meghan Krieg's 4 for 4 day (3 singles and a double). Kimble Luna followed with a 3 for 4 day (2 singles and a double). Azeneth Villanueva, Laura Martin would each have two singles. Steely Ingham, Jessica Snyder, Heather Hughes, and Kayla Fields would round out the hitting with a hit each. In the three innings that were played; Sonora used two pitchers. Meghan Krieg would get the win with one inning of work. Krieg would face three batters and strike out all three.

Steely Ingham would work the other two innings, facing 13 batters, giving up 1 run off of 1 hit, 5 walks, and striking out 2. Defensively, Jaimee Duran, Heather Hughes, and Ingham herself would handle the balls put into play.

Sonora 17 - Ozona 1.

Friday, the Lady Broncos would close out the week against the Lady Eagles from Grape Creek. The game went the full seven innings, with Sonora coming out on top, 5 to 0. Meghan Krieg picked up her ninth win of the season. Krieg faced 21 batters giving up 1 hit, walking 1, and striking out 13. The two base runners for Grape Creek were eliminated from the field of play by excellent defensive plays. Catcher Kimble Luna would throw out a runner trying to steal second and pick a runner off at first base. Brandy Neff, Heather Hughes, Jaimee Duran, and Kayla Fields handled the other five balls that were put into play.

Offensively, the Lady Broncos were led by Heather Hughes who had a single, a double and score two runs. Kayla Fields and Kimble Luna had a single each, to round out the hitting, and each would score a run. Jaimee Duran reached base all three times, she came to the plate off of two walks and being hit by a pitch. Duran also scored a run.

This week the Lady Broncos will have played in Wall on Tuesday. Saturday, Sonora will host the Lake View Maidens at 2:00 P.M.

GOOD LUCK LADY BRONCOS!!!!

THINK DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP!!

Correction: Anthony Longoria broke the SHS 100 Meter Record last week, not the Long Jump as reported in last week's DRN. Longoria broke the 10.68 record held by Steve Street by running the 100 in 10.64!

Congratulations Anthony!

Broncos and Lady Broncos stick second at Cactus Relays

The Sonora Bronco Boys Varsity Track Team traveled to Iraan for the Cactus Relays where they placed second with 135 points. In the preliminary round of the 400 Meter Relay the team of Cameron Cox, Hilton Bloodworth, Anthony Longoria and Steven Duhon broke a meet record with a time of 43.20.

Field Events

Shot Put

- 3. Cameron Cox - 39' 2 1/2"

High Jump

- 6. Cullen Parker - 5'4"

Long Jump

- 1. Anthony Longoria - 22' 1 1/2"
- 3. Hilton Bloodworth - 19' 7 1/2"
- 6. Ricardo Rodriguez - 18' 2 1/2"

Discus

- 3. Cameron Cox - 129' 9 1/2"

Pole Vault

- 3. Justin Northcott - 13' 6"
- 6. Ty Love - 10'6"

Triple Jump

- 3. Anthony Longoria - 39' 7"
- 6. Ricardo Rodriguez - 37' 1 1/4"

Running Events

3200 Meter Run

- 3. Tony Torres - 11:32.54

400 Meter Relay

- 1. Cameron Cox, Hilton Bloodworth, Anthony Longoria, Steven Duhon - 44.17

110 Meter Hurdles

- 5. Boomer Galindo-16.90

400 Meter Heavyweight Man Relay

- 4. Mario Lira, Travis Valliant, Zadrion McGee, J.T. Downing - 54.11

800 Meter Run

- 3. Nick Favela - 2:10.71

100 Meter Run

- 2. Cameron Cox - 11.49

800 Meter Relay

- 1. Cameron Cox, Anthony Longoria, Hilton Bloodworth, Steven Duhon - 1:33.02

300 Meter Hurdles

- 6. Boomer Galindo - 44.27

1600 Meter Run

- 1. Nick Favela - 4:56.22

200 Meter Run

- 1. Anthony Longoria - 22.54

1600 Meter Relay

- 5. Nick Favela, Ty Love, Ri-

cardo Rodriguez, Justin Northcott - 3:48.83

Junior Varsity Boys

Field Events

Shot Put

- 2. Morgan Martinez - 36' 8"

Long Jump

- 5. Domingo Reynosa - 16' 7"

Discus

- 3. Morgan Martinez - 102' 6 1/4"

Pole Vault

- 3. Colton Moore - 10'6"

Running Events

100 Meter Run

- 4. Hunter Lawson - 12.57

400 Meter Relay

- 5. Domingo Reynosa, Tyler Edmondson, Hunter Lawson, Morgan Martinez - 48.98

400 Meter Run

- 3. Domingo Reynosa - 56.83
- 4. Tyler Edmondson - 59.49

Total points 34

The Varsity Girls Track Team placed second in the Cactus Relays on March 18, 2006. The team total was 86 placing them behind Crane.

Running Events

3200 Meter Run

- 3. Lexie Ortiz-13:30.42

800 Meter Run

- 3. Candace Chandler-2:40.58

800 Meter Relay

- 2. Kelsey Watkins, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Jessica Snyder-1:53.06

1600 Meter Run

- 2. Lexie Ortiz-6:02.52

1600 Meter Relay

- 3. Savannah Leonard, Amanda Berry, Chasady Garcia, Jessica Snyder-4:25.47

Field Events

Shot Put

- 2. Chelsea Martinez-30' 1/2"

High Jump

- 3. Savannah Leonard-4' 6"

Long Jump

- 3. Amanda Berry-16'

Pole Vault

- 3. Kaitlin Henderson-7' 6"
- 5. Kelsey Watkins-7'

Triple Jump

- 1. Amanda Berry-33' 8 1/2"

Broncos open District with win

by Carol Pope

In their first district game, played March 14, 2006, in Ozona, the Sonora Bronco Baseball Team beat Ozona by a score of 5-2.

Cullen Parker was the winning pitcher, pitching 7 innings; giving up five hits, three bases on balls and three strike outs.

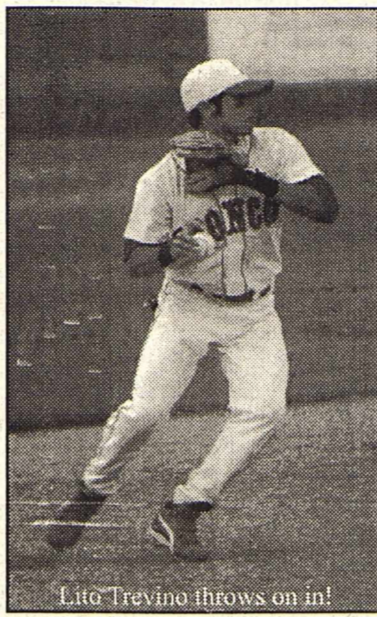
The Broncos as a team had a total of ten hits.

Three Broncos had one hit each, Chris Perez, Lito Trevino and Cullen Parker.

Anthony Longoria and Aaron Gaytan had two hits each, with both players hitting doubles.

Embre Smith had three total hits with one of them being a double base hit.

Aaron Gaytan stole three bases successfully and Anthony Longoria stole two.



Lito Trevino throws on in!

Congratulations Broncos; great way to start the season!

Middle School meet canceled in Iraan

The 7th grade Lady Colts traveled to the Iraan track meet on Friday, March 17th. The meet was cancelled after the field events because of the bad weather, but Sonora left in first place with 64 points.

Individual results

2400

- Daniela Cano 1st 10:24.74

Shot Put

- Kash McGee 3rd 25'7"

Discus

- Leandra Castaneda 4th

60'3.5"

Long Jump

- Morgan Smith 1st 14'1.25"

- Maci Zuniga 2nd 13'6.75"

- Karina Trevino 3rd 13'1.5"

Triple Jump

- Morgan Smith 2nd

28'5.25"

- Karina Trevino 3rd 28'1.5"

High Jump

- Maci Zuniga 1st 4'4"

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with people who love life and are so incredibly giving; enough to let foreign college kids into their homes and businesses.

In Bowling Green, we are part of the culture, and as a result, sometimes it is hard to be inspired by our environment.

If I may speak for my photo friends, every one of us has met someone her to be excited about. The people of Sonora have let in into their lives without question. More than that, we have been welcomed with excitement, which makes our workshop more substantial. Knowing that we have your support gives us incentive to work harder for this town, because we are all growing to love it. The landscape of Sonora is something to be appreciated on its own. I feel like I can see the entire sky, creating a horizon of light and rolling clouds. The contrast of the vast stretch of ranch land, and the rich cultural energy of downtown Sonora makes for a wide selection of environments to follow.

Sunday, I, along with two photographers, rode along with Jimmy Cahill in a historic tour of the town. The old west came alive with his descriptions as we saw the scenery change outside our windows. Visually, Sonora is different because it isn't taken over by Wal-mart and other corporations that often bog down the history of the town. Sonora has embraced the generations that make up its history, by making the folklore of the town a pre-requisite to understanding its place in the world.

"The main thing to do is go through life and enjoy it," Mr. Cahill said while we were driving through his ranch Sunday afternoon. I feel like this is a characterization of everyone I have met so far in Sonora. It is a town full of people who love their lives and we are incredibly lucky to be involved in your community. If you are interested in tracking our progress, go to www.adpworkshop.org to look at the photography and writing we have produced thus far.

Good Luck Eric!

Your grandmother, aunts, uncles and cousins in Sonora wish you the best at State!
March 25 • Aldine, TX

Eric Rangel, son of Robert and Enedina Rangel and grandson of the late Gabriel Mata, Jr., and Adelina Mata, finished first in his regional meet and is currently marked fourth in the state in the 275 lb. weight class of Power-lifting. Rangel is part of the power-lifting team at San Angelo Central High School. His competitions consist of max lifting on squats, bench pressing, deadlifting, vying for the highest total at the end of each meet.

Rangel's personal bests are 670 squat; 400 bench press; 560 deadlift for a total of 1600 lbs.

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Fri.- Ham and egg burrito, orange juice

Milk and cereal offered with all breakfasts.

Lunch

Mon.- Hot dog with chili, baked beans, pickle spear, Rice Crispy treat
Tues.- Chicken spaghetti, green beans, peaches, hot roll
Wed.- Hamburger pizza, kernel corn, celery sticks/dressing, fruit lcee
Thurs.- Pigs-in-a-blanket, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple mandarin salad
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Date	Opponent	Place	Time
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3/28	*Junction	Sonora	5:30 p.m.
3/31	*Eldorado	Sonora	4:00 p.m.
4/1	Ft. Stockton	Ft. Stockton	11:30 a.m.
4/4	*Reagan Co.	Reagan Co.	5:00 p.m.
4/7	*Ozona	Sonora	5:00 p.m.
4/11	*Grape Creek	Grape Creek	5:00 p.m.

*district games

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tendent thanked the presenters for their efforts on behalf of the district. Elementary Principal Louise Dermody reported at length on the Universal Literacy Program and gave facts and figures regarding the success of the program. Additionally, Bawcom commented that the program was one of the best he had seen and was well worth the cost in view of the success it had given the students.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding fund balance, maintenance tax notes, and issues regarding them. The Superintendent and Business Manager informed the Board that the auditors believed that a \$5 million fund balance would be a healthy one. They also listed the amount in undesignated fund balance (\$5.4 million) and the current amounts in designated fund balance. Additionally, they stated that funding for any future projects would need to be taken from designated fund balance. Eventually, a motion was made by Tryon Fields, seconded by Tom Payton, to move \$400,000 from undesignated fund balance to capital improvements. The motion carried unanimously. A second motion was made by Tryon Fields to move \$670,000 out of capital improvements to pay for pending debts with the construction project. Fields then amended this amount to \$700,000. The motion was seconded by Scott Jacoby and carried unanimously.

Bawcom reminded the board that at the February meeting, various prioritized maintenance items had been discussed. He presented quotes for the following items: (1) air conditioning controls at the High School—energy efficiency item; (2) sprinkler system at the football practice fields—man hour/overtime issue; (3) asphalt and curbing on the parking lot behind the Administration Building; and (4) bleacher renovation at the football field—safety issue.

The Superintendent asked the Board for direction as to which items or any additional items they would like to pursue. Following a lengthy discussion, the consensus of the Board was that the air conditioning controls (energy efficiency) and the bleachers (safety) were the most important items to consider at the present time. They directed Bawcom to have a representative from Black Watch (the company who had provided the quote for the air conditioning controls) to be present at the April meeting to answer the numerous questions they had regarding the issue. The Board also directed the Superintendent to obtain a current quote regarding bleacher renovation and to present it to them at the April meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the Comp. Ed. addendums to the Student Handbooks for 2005-2006, the Emergency Operations Plan, and to accept the state adopted textbook list for 2006-2007 as presented. They also approved a budget amendment for a donation from the Booster Club.

At this point in the meeting, President Favila announced that the Board would skip agenda items 12 and 13 and return to them later in the meeting.

Board members cast ballots for ESC XV Board of Director Candidates, Places 1, 4, and 7. The ballots will be forwarded to Region XV to be tallied.

As part of the Superintendent's report, Bawcom stated that attendance was 96.3% and that the district would do the best they could for the remainder of the year; however, this issue would have to be strongly

addressed for the coming year. He then explained District Scope and Sequence, and presented information on the Kilgo Curriculum and the manner in which it addresses scope and sequence for K-12 in English Language Arts, Social Studies, Science, and Math.

The Superintendent provided information regarding the need for a more efficient phone system which would address various safety issues brought to light, in part, by the recent bomb threats. He stated that he would have a proposal for the Board's consideration at the April meeting.

Bawcom presented a proposed TAKS incentive policy and stated that although this incentive plan contradicts the current exemption policy, he strongly believed that it was a necessity. Mrs. Jennings commented that she would like to see the attendance issue tied somehow into this proposed plan. Bawcom asked the Board to think about the matter prior to the April meeting when it would be discussed further.

The Superintendent gave information regarding newly developed travel expense increases, stating that these expenses had not been revised in a number of years. Bawcom concluded his report by presenting a newly developed fund-raising procedure, stating that the purpose was to regulate fund-raising district wide.

Bawcom presented the coaching stipend document developed by the Athletic Director which compared SISD's stipends with other school districts throughout the area. He stated that the issue of stipends was a competitive tool in the area of recruitment and that the district had for several years become a revolving door for teacher/coaches who accepted other employment due to higher salaries. He stated that the issue needed to be addressed so that the revolving door/turnover of personnel would be resolved, thus not only being in the district's best interest but also in making the district a much more effective employer by insuring that the best applicants were hired.

A lengthy discussion ensued, with member Barbara Jennings stating that she would not consider any blanket document regarding salaries/stipends because it was her rule of thumb to always see the names of people who were involved in the matter. Jennings also stated the Board should consider the big picture and not consider any stipend changes until they had also looked at teacher salaries. Favila and Fields commented that their concerns were for the entire salary picture, not just for coaches. Bawcom informed the Board that all areas of personnel would be considered in the coming months and that coaching stipends, which had not been addressed in a number of years, were only one part to the entire process.

Following further discussion, the Board directed the Superintendent to develop a comprehensive document which would list the name and salary/stipend proposed for every teacher and teacher/coach in the district. They requested that the document then be presented to them for their consideration.

Bawcom stated that the salary schedule for non-professional employees had been developed a number of years ago and that the schedule used a percentage of the state teacher base to determine salaries for various positions. However, he informed the Board that the state salary schedule had been changed and the Board would need to consider whether they would continue to use the newer state schedule or an alternate means to develop salaries for auxiliary personnel. Following discussion, a motion was made by Bustamante to approve the updated salary schedule for non-professional personnel for 2006-2007 (which uses the current teacher state base increase). The motion was seconded by Jacoby and carried unanimously.

President Favila read a note from June Williams, thanking the Board for the recent flowers of condolence they had sent.

Favila announced that the Board would take a short recess, after which they would enter closed session according to their rights under the provisions of Texas Government Code 551.074 to discuss the following items: (A) Discuss Contract Renewal of Personnel: Teachers, Nurse, Business Manager, and Technology Director; (B) Discuss Language Arts Vacancy. Favila announced that no action would take place in closed session.

The Board reconvened in open session at 9:31 p.m. and a motion was made by Bustamante, seconded by Payton, to renew the contracts for Teachers, Nurse, Business Manager, and Technology Director as recommended by administrators. The motion was seconded by Payton and carried unanimously.

The Board unanimously approved the employment of Sharlynda Dehnel for Middle School Language Arts.

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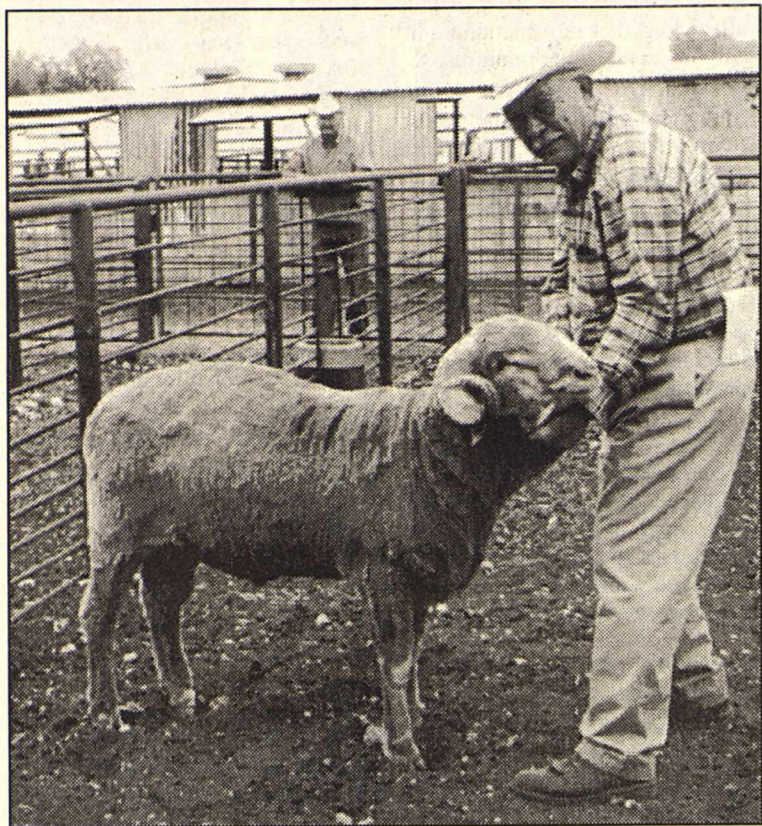
On this year's test, ram #77, owned by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at Sonora, was the highest indexing ram in history. Indexes are composite scores of production characteristics. The highest selling ram

was #123, consigned by Texas Superior Rambouillet Genetics (TRSG), Paint Rock, Texas, and purchased by J.P. Moore, of Our Father's Place, Ft. Stockton, Texas for \$2500. A total of 22 head sold, with the average ram price of \$656. Volume buyer was the George Rose Ranch, Uvalde Texas, purchasing 6 head for \$3350.

This year "Scrapie Issues for Rambouillet Breeders" was on the agenda, as Dr. Dan Waldron discussed scrapie genotyping with the crowd. "Knowing whether an animal has a resistant or susceptible genetic makeup is becoming more and more important as buyers are beginning to require this information before adding new sheep to their flocks" said Dr. Waldron. Because of this the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association requires that in order to meet certification requirements, in addition to ranking in the top 30% of the test, a ram must have at least one 'R' (resistant) allele at codon 171. Dr. Waldron provided genotyping of all animals on test as a new feature this year.



J.P. Moore holds the high selling Ram # 123



Dr. Butch Taylor holds the high indexing Ram # 77

More Smoke on the Horizon

Submitted by Cades Pope and Erika Campbell

This spring the Academy for Ranch Management hosted a series of training courses designed to equip ranchers with the knowledge to safely and effectively plan and conduct prescribed burns. Participants were from several states as well as from Sonora. Burning experience ranged from seasoned veterans wanting to satisfy the requirements to become a certified prescribed burn manager, to people just getting started with one or two fires under their belt.

The classes started with a bang as weather conditions were perfect to burn. The hands on training offered in this course is what makes this class the best in the state. Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, instructor and leader in burning research, says "other burn schools talk about how to burn, we go out there and burn".

Classroom training focused on a key principle PRESCRIPTION. We learned about how fuel and weather conditions set the stage for having a burn that is #1 safe, and #2 accomplishes your objectives. Anybody can light a match and burn some grass but knowing how to predict when environmental conditions are right for control of invasive brush like juniper and prickly pear is essential.

Cades Pope, President of the Edwards Plateau Prescribed Burn Association, explains it like this "When we get sick we go to the doctor and get a prescription to overcome the ailment. The same thing is true with our rangelands."

One of the most educational and rewarding portions of the course was developing burn plans. Students learned both leadership and teamwork skills as they developed prescription plans for future burns. A little friendly competition developed between students when they learned what the stakes were.

"The student with the winning burn plan gets to be the lead drip torch on the Yellowstone burn this summer" said instructor Ray Hinnant. Those words ignited sparks in participants' eyes and men who had been out of the classroom for at least 20 years suddenly became as serious as PhD students studying for their final exams.

Is the winner with the best burn plan really going to Wyoming this summer? No - this "Yellowstone" site is right here in Sutton County at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.

A focal point of the course was learning about the dramatic

"devastation" caused by hot summer burning under extreme conditions. At the time the trees were barren skeletons and much of the ground consisted of a white hot ash.

Sterilized soil, scorched earth and grasses being gone forever were foremost in peoples mind. However, given nature's remedy, a little bit of rain, things started to change. New, nutritious regrowth of Texas wintergrass started coming up within a year, and the liveoak that was seemingly "destroyed" came back from its below ground root system. Deer camped out on the site, eating the fresh nutritious shoots. The best part of it all was

Time to burn!

As instructor Dr. Mort Kothmann said, "Prescription burning is a dynamic tool, not a one time only solution. The best management plans incorporate a fire regime, with long term plans for a generation of prescriptions, for both reclamation or maintenance."

Using prescribed fire to prevent wildfire was the final topic of the course. "The most effective means of containment is to rob a wildfire of fuel by setting a backfire" said Butch Taylor. Prescriptions can also be used to reduce fuel loads and create safety zones around structures, preventing some of the damages we have witnessed

moonscape. Besides visiting Yellowstone, a self-guided tour you can take is just a short drive along Cusenbary road from the Station headquarters. In a 2 mile section you can see the effect of increased burning frequency on the land. As you travel down the road, look at the signs, and take note of the brush densities, grass production, and grass species. At the tour's end, you will reach a site which has been reclaimed to native grassland/savannah. This site boasts indiagrass, little



Above: Prescribed Burn Summer 2000



Summer 2005

the cedar was gone. Now, five years later, it is one of the most productive pastures on the station- with 3000-6000 lbs of grass/acre. The predominant species are Texas wintergrass, cane bluestem, sideoats grama, and plains lovegrass. You might notice that the insidious invader, juniper, is starting to come back too. Red-berry juniper resprouts are close to 5 ft tall (In just 5 years!) and new seedlings are emerging in the grass.

in the state. "We need to develop a fire culture" according to Dr. Taylor. "When lives and homes are lost its not an easy thing to talk about but being aware of the difference between prescribed fire and wildfires is important."

Come and see for yourself Sutton County's part in prescription burning history. Especially if the last time you visited was when the site was reminiscent of a

bluestem, kleingrass, and sideoats grama, and numerous patches of nutritious woody regrowth.

The Academy for Ranch Management offers two courses, Prescribed Burning, and Advanced Prescribed burning. To learn more or to find out when the next course will be offered, visit their website at www.ranchmanagement.org, or call Ray Hinnant at 979-845-5580. For more information about the burning demonstration sites at the Sonora Station call "Butch" Taylor or Nick Garza at 387-3168, or email them at angora@sonoratax.net.

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Sold 2335 head of sheep and goats.

Nannies and kids were steady
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- Fat Ewes -.50-.55
- Thin Ewes -.40-.45
- Bucks -.30-.50
- Solid Mouth Ewes -.80-1.00
- Ewe & Lamb Pairs -.55-65\$/hd.

Goats:

- Baby Tooth Angora
- Stocker Nannies -.80-1.00
- Solid Mouth Angora
- Stocker Nannies -.55-.65
- Stocker Angora Muttons -.65-.75
- Angora Kids - 1.40-1.50
- Angora Kids Shorn 1.20-1.35
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Thin) .45-.55
- Weighing Angoras-Shorn (Fat) Nannies & Muttons -.50-.55
- Stocker Spanish Nannies .85-1.10
- Fat Spanish Nannies .55-.65
- Fat Spanish Muttons & Billies .70-.85 mutt. .90-1.10
- Fat Yearlings - 1.05-1.20
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- Small Kids- 1.20-1.30
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- Spanish Nanny & Kid Pairs 40-45\$/hd.

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Dominion; 9350' Duke Wilson-184 - #10, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 9350' Duke Wilson #184 - 9, Patterson Drilling.

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New KCS Resources; 7850' Sawyer-145-#18, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 7800' Shurley -165-#12, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 7000' Ward #66, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; H C Epps -38 - #6, Patterson Drilling.
New Dominion; 6950' Kelly -126-#20, Patterson Drilling.
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New Dominion; 6750' Shurley -123 -#24, Patterson Drilling.
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Gruy Petroleum; 15500' Blakeney-Krueger #4, Grey Wolf Drilling.
New Harrison Interests; 9800' Joe Wylie McMullan-B-#7R, Patterson Drilling.
Dominion; 9700' Hunt 24-#6, Patterson Drilling.
New J. Cleo Thompson; 9500' University 31-21E #3, Patterson Drilling.
New Approach Operating; 9000' Bailey #112, Nabors Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' JR Bailey# 118, Nabors Drilling.
Approach Operating; 9000' Cinco Terry-A-#1301, Nabors Drilling.
New Approach Operating; 9000' Childress #1608, Patterson Drilling.
Anadarko E&P; 8900' Davidson- 5 - #14, Patterson Drilling.
PXP Texas Inc; 8500' University - 12 - #1H, Nabors Drilling.
Bluegrass Energy Inc.; 7000' Simpson Canyon - 1027 - Unit #1, Adobe Drilling Mustang.
New FIML Natural Res; 5500' Phillips-A-#17B, Patterson Drilling.
New MLC Operating; 4500' Pearl Unit #2, Adobe Drilling Bronco.

Schleicher

Pogo Producing; 6900' Keeney-77-#5, Heart Land Drilling.

Terrell

Newfield Exploration; 15000' Poulter #3401, Patterson Drilling.
ConocoPhillips; 12000' Creek Ranch-15-#3R, Patterson Drilling.
Encana O&G; 11600' ACU - 49 - #6, Nabors Drilling.
BP America Production; 11300' Poulter #2702, Helmerich & Payne.
Riata Energy Inc; 8000' Kothman #9301, Lariat Services.

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McDonald on a month-to-month basis. Council Member Fred Perez seconded the motion and the motion carried.

All council members, Virgil Poloczek, Thomas Adkins, Neal and Perez were present for the meeting. Joining the council were Mayor Gloria Lopez, James J. Polonis, City Manager; Beth Wallace, City Attorney; Patti Prather, City Secretary, Jennifer Esparza, Amy Ramirez, Mike Routh, Nancy Glasscock, John P. Friess, Russell A. Adkins, James B. Stephen, Greta Ramsdell, Chad Sparks, Cory Darceet, Susan Hall, Summer Hall, Juanita Mesa, Zac Kerbow and Marty Parks.

Attending to regular business, the council voted to approve the minutes as written for the January 17, 2006 Regular Meeting and a total of \$408,514.83 was reported as collected YTD for 2005 property taxes.

John Voller of Hibbs & Todd presented the Council with two bids submitted for the storage tank project. Voller recommended the Council accept the bid from Phoenix Tank Services in the amount of \$85,523.00. The bid was well beneath the budgeted amount of \$110,499.00 (\$36,499.00 grant funds and \$74,000.00 of local funds). Voller stated that remaining funds could possibly be applied to the sewer line project or at the wastewater treatment plant. He informed the board that the project should begin around the end of March and be completed in May. A motion was made by Poloczek to accept the bid from Phoenix Tank Services for \$85,523.00. A second was made by Adkins and carried with a unanimous vote.

Jim Polonis, City Manager, requested authorization to begin educating the public of the water and wastewater infrastructure project. He suggested that he or members of the Council make presentations at public meetings such as SIDC, Chamber of Commerce, Lions Club and Main Street and publicize the project in the newspaper. The council agreed with Polonis suggestion and approved the request.

A donation of property at 108 DEERWOOD ST. was considered. Amy Ramirez, representing David Walsh, informed the Council of Mr. Walsh's intent of donating the property on Deerwood Street to the City, to be utilized as a park. Mr. Walsh

would fence the area at his expense and have people donate equipment for the playground, but the City would be responsible for all maintenance. The item was tabled until the next meeting, in order for Beth Wallace to gather information on liability insurance and premiums.

Polonis explained to the Council that two motors at the sewer plant needed replaced, as well as repairs needed on the turbines. The motors have been in service for approximately 25 years and replacement for the two motors would cost \$11,690.00. Polonis stated that this should bring the plant back up to approximately 97% working order. A motion was approved for the expenditure of \$11,690.00.

Polonis then informed the Council that the augers and hose on the sewer machine also needed to be replaced, at a cost of \$3,169.00. Inflow covers also need to be purchased, at a cost of \$480.00, to be in compliance with TCEQ regulations to prevent overflow at the plant. The expenditure of \$3,649.00 for the purchase of the needed items was approved.

The annexation of IH-10 into the City of Sonora was tabled, upon a motion by Smith Neal, who asked the city attorney to prepare an annexation packet for the Councils review. The motion was seconded by Adkins with Council Members Neal, Adkins and Poloczek voting in favor, and Perez against.

Polonis explained to the Board that TCEQ had fined SESCO in San Angelo a \$10,000,000 cleanup project, and since the City of Sonora had apparently disposed of some equipment in past years at the site, \$6,057.00 of the fine was the responsibility of the City. The council authorized the City Manager to make a settlement offer at his own discretion.

Greta Ramsdell, Chamber of Commerce Manager, requested the City contribute equipment and manpower to install *Eaton Hill Wildlife Sanctuary* and *City Pride* highway signs on the city limit signs entering Sonora and also maintain the ground around the signs. The Chamber will pay for the actual cost and maintenance of each sign. The council agreed to the request. Ramsdell informed the Council that in order to install the City Pride Signs; the City of Sonora must enter into an agreement with the Texas Transportation

Commission. The council approved the agreement.

Jennifer Esparza presented a request to appoint Patti Rainer and Terry Surridge to the Friends of Historic Sonora Board of Directors for a 2-year term. The council approved the requests.

The Friends of Historic Sonora chose the Senior Center Staff and Meals on Wheels volunteers as "2005 Volunteers of the Year"

Mayor Lopez presented Juanita Mesa, Senior Center Director, with a proclamation and thanked she and her staff for their service to the senior citizens of the community. Esparza also requested the City approve a resolution launched by First Lady Laura Bush, to support the FHS in pursuing the application process to submit Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program, Sutton County, and the City of Sonora nomination to be designated a "Preserve America Community". The council approved the request.

John Friess, SIDC Board Member, approached the Board with a request to form a Sonora and Sutton County Transportation Committee comprised of 14 members of the community to aid in the planning of the Ports-to-Plains route around Sonora. After lengthy discussion, the council approved the request.

A resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$50,000 of 4B sales tax to John M. Creek to promote the development of a mini-industrial park on Hwy 277 S. was granted.

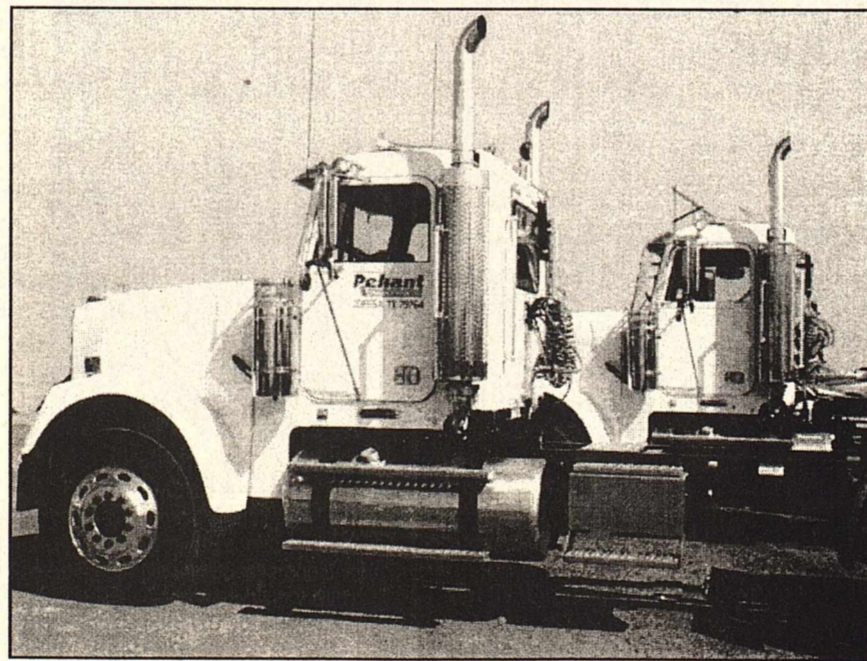
Susan Hall, representing the Keep Sonora Beautiful committee, asked the Board to designate April 1, 2006 as Stop Trashing Texas Day. She informed members that volunteers would be cleaning trash from the highways and the Lions Club would possibly furnish a meal for all workers. The designation was approved as presented, as was a resolution authorizing the use of the AutoMARK Voter Assist Terminal, appointment of election judges, alternates and designating polling places for the May 13, 2006 General Election.

In closing, Zac Kerbow informed the Board that a group of photographers from Kentucky would be in Sonora during the March City Council meeting and they would like to take photos of the Council.

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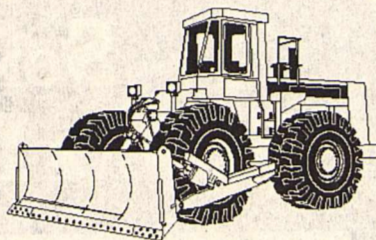
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and 426). Both Eastbound and Westbound lanes will be affected. The speed limit will be lowered to 65 mph within the work zone and temporary lane closures will exist during the three month project. Motorists are advised to use caution while in this area.

**Extension Office to offer
Computer Technology Series**



submitted by **Pascual Hernandez**,
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Now in the information age, being computer literate is not only useful, but essential. It is an important skill to have in almost any walk of life. However, "playing it safe" with your computers and files has never been as crucial as it is today. Safe computing extends to a variety of issues: information security, computer maintenance, and file management.

We know that downloading patches, updating virus definitions and clearing out temporary internet files are tasks most of us would rather live without. But, just like cars, computers need regular servicing to keep them running smoothly.

To that effect, the Sutton County Extension Office will

again offer a beginner-level computer technology series this spring for those interested in extending their computer skills. Along with spread sheets and word processing, topics of instruction will also include the following: Exploring Your Computer, Files and Folders Overview, Determining how much space is available on a disk, Changing the name of a file or folder, Deleting a file or folder, Moving a file or folder, Copying a file or folder, Searching for a file or folder, Formatting, Maintaining Your Computer, Keeping Your System Safe, Freeing Up Disk Space, Backing Up Your Data, Windows Updates, Undoing Changes to Your computer With System Restore, and more.

Call 387-3101 if you are interested in registering. There will be a two-week sign-up period. There is no cost to participants. The series will begin in early to mid-April if enough interest exists.

**Lions Club to
sweep streets with
Broom/Mop Sale**

The Sonora Downtown Lions Club will conduct its annual Broom and Mop Sale on Tuesday, March 28, 2006. A wide variety of articles made by the blind will be on sale at City Hall and at the Post Office from 8:00 a.m. until about 4:30 p.m.

The bulk of the proceedings from the sale will benefit the blind individuals who make the articles. It is a way to "help the blind help themselves."

The remainder of the funds raised will be used by the Downtown Lions Club for the many local programs supported by the club, such as the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, the Wool Show, the Speech Meet, a hamburger supper for the faculty and staff of our Sonora schools, various scholarships, vision check-ups and eyeglasses for needy individuals and a general support of local youth endeavors.

For more information about the sale please contact the Broom and Mop Chairman, Lewis Allen at 387-3948.

F.Y.I.

Sonora City League will be having a Mandatory Coach & Assistant Coach meeting on April 3, 2006. The meeting will be held at Devon Energy's Office at 6:00 p.m. for anyone interested in Coaching tee-ball, baseball, or softball. If you should have any questions, please contact Tommy Van Winkle, President 387-5267 or Marty Parks, Vice-President 387-3255.

Sonora City League is interested in contracting umpire services for the 2006 Baseball/Softball Major League Season. Anyone interested in submitting an application please contact Lynn Hinsley at 325-650-2223 or email: Lynn.Hinsley@dvn.com

Angora Goat Display by Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program at the Bank and Trust you can find the exhibit of the real west Texas living. There are pictures and wool blanks and yarn. This will be displayed for the month of March.

JESUS HOOPFEST; Saturday March 25, 2006; Robert Lee High School Gym, Robert Lee, Texas; A Benefit 12 & Under Basketball Tournament for boys and girls Sponsored by the Robert Lee Baptist Church Youth Group As a fundraiser for Youth Camp Call Becky @ 325-453-2724 or 325-453-4671 for entry fee, more information, and to enter your team!

First National Bank is still collecting cell phones and ink jet cartridges as a Relay For Life fundraiser. Collection boxes are located at the First National Bank, Devil's River News, Stirrup Trouble Salon and the Chamber of Commerce.

If you would like to sign a petition in support of Kinky Friedman for Governor, call 325-277-9880 or 325-387-5031.

Days Inn/Steakhouse/Comfort Inn Relay for Life Team is selling purple ribbon car magnets to raise money for Cancer Awareness/Relay. Large = \$5 and Small \$3. Come by any of the locations to pick one up and show your support!

3rd 2006 Sutton County Calling Contest; March 25 - 26. Sign up Saturday at 2:00 p.m. at Stagecoach BBQ, turn in Sunday at 10 a.m. at same location. Sponsored by Bad Company Rodeo - merchandise and cash prizes. FMI call Paul Martinez at 650-0221 or 206-1722.

J.W. & Durwood Neville Memorial 2-man Select Shot - April 1st & 2nd - Sonora Golf Course - \$200.00 per team - pre-flighted - 64 team limit - 2 day payout- Tee times 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 31- Shootout 5:00 p.m.

Sonora Golf Club 3-person 27 hole Select Shot - April 8th - Must have at least one woman - Tee time: 10:00 a.m. First 22 paid teams - \$135.00 per team/mulligans included

Consuelo Ranch 3rd Annual Relay for Life Benefit Team Roping, Saturday, April 22, 2006 (9 miles south of Sonora on Hwy 277, gate combo = 1234). 1st roping books open 8:00 a.m.; close 8:30 a.m. Rope 9:00 a.m. Enter 1, Draw 3 for \$50 - enter twice; OTRA#2 roping with #1 cap per roper - 2nd roping books open 1:00 p.m.; close 1:30 p.m. Rope 2:00 p.m. (or after first roping); Enter 1, draw 3 for \$75 OTRA #3 Roping. Saddles awarded to high point roper in each roping; donated by E.M Hobbs and Niblett's Oilfield Services. Other prizes include buckles, breast collars, rope bags, and spurs. BBQ meal catered by Stagecoach BBQ; no glass bottles; cash only. FMI call 387-3244 or 387-2272.

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