

The Devil's River News

75¢

Serving Sutton County Since 1890

Volume 120 • Issue 6

SONORA, TEXAS

Thursday, February 14, 2008

Cahill Construction Honors Robert Mendez For 53 Years of Service.



By Ben D. Taylor

When I walked into the Cahill Construction office to begin my research on Robert Mendez, one of the first things that was said about him was that he is an artist. I admit that at first the idea of referring to a man that spent the past 53 years in construction as an artist seemed strange to me. In my mind I had an idea of what an artist was, and to be honest, Robert did not fit with the mold I had set. I listened to everyone talk about how loyal, hard working, and honest he is. Just the mention of his name made people in the room smile. It was then that I changed my interpretation of what an artist is. In its base form it is someone that creates, or does something to capture indefinable concepts. Art is something that evokes feelings in others. In the five decades of service to his craft, Robert Mendez was able to embody the indefinable concepts of loyalty, kindness, honesty, hard work, and humor; that was his art. Robert's masterpiece took 53 years to complete, and will endure with those that know him for many years more.

Robert started working for Cahill Construction in 1963 when he was only 16 years old (before that he worked part time helping Carl Cahill haul dirt). The oldest of nine children, he worked to help support his family, "before I went to Cahill I worked at the Sonora Wool and Mohair Warehouse for \$25 to \$28 dollars a week, I always handed the paycheck to my mom". Robert continued that trend with his wife, "when I got married I always gave my paycheck to my wife (actually Francis went up to the Cahill office and picked up his checks). She saved me a lot of money." Robert and Francis raised 3 children, Viola Solis, and Ruben Mendez still reside in Sonora, and Belinda Perez lives in Houston. As is the case with most children Viola always knew her father but never got to see the impact he had on so many other people, "all I knew my whole life was that he worked there. I was pleased to hear that he taught so many people how to work the machines. I was so glad to see what everyone at the retirement party said about him." Robert's co-workers call him "Fierros" (iron), as a testament to his work ethic and toughness. Jimmy Cahill commented, "he always did his part, and sometimes everybody else's".

In the winter of 1992 the Iron Man was put to a test as he suffered a stroke, and was told that he would never work again. His daughter, Viola, started the long task of getting Roberts disability paperwork filled out, when Robert's strength of character shone through, "I was in the hospital and I looked out the window. I said I could lay here and die, or I could get up and go die somewhere else". When Robert made the decision to go back to work Viola asked him about all the disability papers they had already filed, Roberts response was typical, "well since we already filled out the papers then they have them on file in case I get hurt again". Doctors from the Shannon Hospital commented that they have never seen "a tougher person rehab so hard". In a matter of months Robert was back at work for Cahill, "since his stroke Robert probably finished over 1,000 well sites", Jimmy Cahill Commented. The Devil's River News reported on Roberts recovery in September of 1993, "Life-long resident of Sonora, Robert Mendez, suffered a stroke and was told by doctors that he would never work again. But, that was last year. This year he can be found working a road grader here in town. Robert is one of those proud Americans who does not mind working and who does not like quitting. Hats off to a fine Sonoran and a fine American—ROBERT MENDEZ."

In talking to Robert I have discovered that I may have "Occupational ADD" as in the entirety of my 30 year life I have been employed in over 10 different places. I asked Robert why he stayed with Cahill for so many years and he said, "everybody was good to me. They are like my family, I treat Jim more like a friend than a boss, and I liked the job. It was something different every day, sometimes we worked next to the river and the very next day we would be out in Ft. Stockton." Now that Robert is no longer formally employed with Cahill I asked him what he is doing with his time after 53 years of hard work, and his answer made me laugh. He said very simply, "I am going to watch TV." In Cahill Construction everyone referred to him as a "finish man", "People wanted Robert to finish their jobs. He truly was a master of his craft." Robert has earned his rest, and this year lived up to his name as the finish man as he retires from Cahill Construction.

At the end of a conversation I had with Robert he told me that there is a person that may end up working at Cahill longer than he did. With a mischievous grin he simply said "Chacho Cahill".

"Art is man's expression of his joy in labor."
Henry A. Kissinger

Governor Rick Perry Names 152 Counties as an Extreme Fire Hazard

By Ben D. Taylor

Landowners that have scheduled prescribed fires in the near future are going to have to put their plans on hold. On January 29, 2008 Governor Rick Perry issued a proclamation that may have implications for landowners in Sutton County as he certified that 152 counties in Texas (Sutton being one of them) are currently threatened by an "extreme fire hazard". This goes beyond burn bans issued by counties (members of the Edwards Plateau Burn Association have been allowed to perform prescribed burns in Sutton County when a burn ban is in effect) as the Prescribed Burning Board states in their standards for certified burn managers that, "No burning shall be allowed if a current Governor's and/or Presidential Declaration of emergency or Disaster for fire is in effect in the county where the exemption is sought". Dr. Charles Taylor (expert on prescribed burning and superintendent of the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in Sonora) stated that, "I have been here 37 years and never have seen a better opportunity to burn. Its unfair to stop prescribed burning when it is needed to improve rangeland productivity."

In the past the Edwards Plateau Burn Association has been granted an exemption and allowed to burn during a burn ban, but even that is going to change in the future. It is state law that a certified burn manager be on site during a prescribed burn (during a burn ban). "There is no prescribed burn manager in Sutton County right now. We are working to get one of our staff certified, but with the Governor's burn ban we can't get him the on site fire experience he needs. Its a catch 22." The prescribed burn board is meeting this Thursday February 14th to discuss clarification of the Governor's proclamation and possible modification of the burning rules for the State of Texas.

Texas Agricultural Experiment Station Highlights Research at a Recent Field Day



Ranchers crowd the pavillion at the Sonora Experiment Station to listen to Dr. Winston Trollope and Dr. Erika Campbell Discuss their research findings.

The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station was established in 1915 through a cooperative between Texas A&M University and local ranchers. The original mission of the Experiment Station was to investigate the reason behind local livestock die offs (it was found that livestock were grazing on the toxic sacahuista (beargrass) flower), but over the years the Station evolved to encompass many different aspects of agricultural issues effecting ranchers in the region. This past Friday on February 8th the Experiment Station continued its mission to service to landowners as they invited people to come listen to world renown scientist Dr. Winston Trollope speak about his research on the combined use of prescribed fire and grazing to control an invasive species of Acacia (South Africa's version of cedar). Texas A&M researcher Dr. Erika Campbell followed Dr. Trollope with her presentation highlighting research she conducted on the Experiment Station on trying to identify goats that have a natural genetic disposition to consume high amounts of Cedar.

In his opening comments Dr. Trollope commented on the similarities between South Africa and the Edwards Plateau in terms of vegetation and rainfall, "The people, trees, and grass are similar to what is seen back home. The only difference are the hats" (there were a good number of cowboy hats in the audience). Dr. Trollope compared the effectiveness of controlling brush on three different plots: burning alone, burning followed by cattle grazing, and burning followed by grazing with goats. Burning alone had no effect on the long term brush management on his plots, this was also seen with burning followed by grazing by cattle, however; on the plots where he initiated a prescribed burn and followed with a grazing regime with goats they were able to measure a 90% mortality of trees in the plots. His research also evaluated the impacts burning and grazing had on wildlife, and reported that, "there were no negative impacts associated with grazing with goats and their interaction with wildlife as long as a proper stocking rate is maintained." The data Dr. Trollope presented was consistent with what has been seen at the Experiment Station here in Sonora.

While South Africa's invasive Acacia shares many similarities with our cedar tree (both of them re-grow from the base after a burn, and decrease the productivity of rangeland for livestock and wildlife) the presence of a toxin in cedar makes it resistant to grazing by livestock. Dr. Erika Campbell commented that, "alcohol terpins (cedar oil) are chemicals that naturally occur in cedar trees that are toxic to many grazing animals. Goats, however; evolved mechanisms to detoxify those chemicals." Goats will graze on cedar, but their level of consumption is relatively low, so in 1990 the Sonora Experiment Station initiated a study to determine if they could breed a goat that would consume high amounts of cedar. The team of researchers consisted of Dr. John Walker (statistical analysis), Dr. Dan Waldron (genetics), Dr. Chris Lupton (fiber specialist), Dr. Travis Whitney (nutritionist), Dr. Charles Taylor (fire specialist), and Dr. Campbell (toxicologist). Initial work focused on looking at whether a breed of goat consumed more cedar than others, and it was found that individual goats (not

Continued on Page 4

SISD Awards Architectural Contract

By Becky McAngus

In a brief, 30-minute, regular meeting, the Sonora ISD school board on Monday discussed action taken at a special meeting on Wednesday, February 6th, to award the architectural and engineering contract for a multi-million dollar upgrade and expansion of Bronco Stadium to Chapman Harvey Associates of Lubbock. Specific details of the contract were not presented at the regular board meeting and no vote was taken Monday night to confirm action taken at the special meeting.

Superintendent Doug Bawcom informed the board that he has negotiated a one-half percent reduction in the architectural and engineering fee and has worked with the architectural firm to reduce the reimbursement ratio for miscellaneous expenses, including travel and copying fees. "The contract is ready to be signed and sent back," Bawcom told the board. Responding to a question from board member Barbara Jennings regarding the opinion of the district's legal counsel, Bawcom stated that the contract was a "standard contract containing architectural jargon." It was unclear, from discussion at the meeting, if the district's legal counsel has reviewed the contract.

At the same meeting, the board voted to approve the district's annual membership in the Individual Retainer program with the legal firm of Walsh, Anderson, Brown, Schulz and Aldridge, PC. Bawcom noted that the firm has worked with the district as their counsel for several years.

Bawcom urged the board to get started on the athletic facility project, which will include the construction of both a boys and girls dressing room and upgrades in public amenities at the athletic facility. "If the money wasn't there to do both, (build both dressing rooms) I wouldn't suggest that we (begin working) on both immediately," Bawcom said.

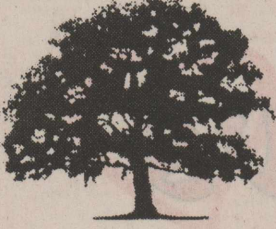
Work on the new vocational building is stalled at present, according to Bawcom, due to the district missing production timelines. He explained to the board that the cause for the delay was from the architect and building manufacturer working out design details. Once the pre-fabricated building is delivered, the project is expected to be quickly completed, he stated.

The superintendent also recognized the achievements of Sonora students, stating that the Middle School One-Act play, with a presentation of "Romeo and Juliet" took second place in the school's first competition. A public performance of the play will be held on February 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Sonora High School won the sweepstakes trophy at the recent Sonora Speech meet. Bawcom reported that 21 area schools participated in this year's meet. He thanked the entire district staff and community volunteers for their assistance in the meet.

Sonora High School's Lady Broncos have earned a third-place finish in district play

Continued on Page 4



SUTTON COUNTY HEALTH FOUNDATION

Your memorial gift helps preserve access to quality health care for generations to come. Please consider the Sutton County Health Foundation, PO Box 18, Sonora, TX 76950. All contributions 100% tax deductible.


Senior Center Activities

Thur. Feb. 14- Happy B-Day Tina Gallegos, John R. Hill. Happy Valentine's day
 Fri. Feb. 15 - Cooking with Kelly Nutrition Ed. at noon
 Sat. Feb. 17 - Happy B-Day Maca Glasscock
 Mon. Feb. 18 - President's Day CENTER CLOSED!
 Tues. Feb. 19 - City Council 4pm at City Hall
 Wed. Feb. 20- Van to San Angelo Medical call 387-3941 NOW!

Senior Center Menu

Thur. Feb. 14 - Chicken Fajitas with onions and peppers, Spanish rice, refried beans with cheese, salad, tortilla, cake, milk
 Fri. Feb. 15- Hamburger, French fries, lettuce, tomato, onions, seaform salad, fresh grapes, milk
 Mon. Feb. 18 - President's Day CENTER CLOSED!
 Tues. Feb. 19- Chicken Fried Steak with gravy, mixed veggies, spinach, cornbread, sunshine fruit cup, milk
 Wed. Feb. 20 - Spaghetti with Meatsauce, Italian blend veggies, tossed salad, banana pudding, 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 11E. Oak 387-3190
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

Brought to you by:
Kerbow Funeral Home
 387-2266

The Devil's River News
 Established 1890
 228 E. Main Street, Sonora, Texas 76950
 Phone: (325)387-2507 • Fax (325)387-5691
 Published every Thursday
 USPS (155-920)
 Publishing Owner: Cam Campbell
 Editor: Ben D. Taylor
 Office Manager/Billing: Juanita Gomez
 Advertising/Classifieds: Victoria Vara
 Internet Technician: Sam Taylor
 Reporting/photography/Typesetting: Staff
 Guest Columnists: Becky McAngus, Jo-Ann Palmer, Kelly Thorp, Delyse Jaeger, Pascual Hernandez, Susan Hall, Becky Covington, Mary Ann Kay
 Email: General Information: editor@sonoratx.net
 Accounting: billing@sonoratx.net; Advertising: sales@sonoratx.net
 publisher@sonoratx.net; sports@sonoratx.net
 Copy and Ad Deadline: Monday 5:00 p.m.
 Subscriptions
 \$25 per year in county • \$32 per year out of Sutton County
 \$22 per year Senior Citizens (in and out of Sutton County)
 Second class postage paid at Sonora, Texas
 Attn. Postmaster: Send address change to the Devil's River News, 228 East Main Street, Sonora, TX 76950
 Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm, or corporation which appears in the columns of this paper will be corrected upon due notice given to the Editor of this publication. The views expressed in submitted articles are not necessarily the views of The Devil's River Newspaper.

TEXAS PRESS ASSOCIATION MEMBER 2008

Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I have made a lot of mistakes, and most of them I cannot correct although I wish I could; however, there is one I would like to try to correct. In my letter to the editor in last week's paper, I said, "The Wuests reared three boys who all became educators, and Mike and David also coached." What I should have said was, the Wuests reared four boys, and three became educators; and Mike and David also Coached.

I left Randy completely out. Many of the current Sonora residents probably remember Randy better than they remember the other three. Randy lived in Sonora several years and worked for Thorp's Laundry, and his wife managed the Dairy Queen. I believe they now live in Abilene.

Sorry, Randy, I did not intentionally omit you from the Wuests whom Sonora loves and respects.

Smith Neal

Card of Thanks

We would like to give thanks to Carl J. Cahill, Inc. for the special retirement dinner honoring Robert Mendez on Friday January, 18th. A special thanks to those who assisted in making the celebration possible and to those who attended. We are very blessed to celebrate such an astonishing achievement. This was a wonderful event that the Robert Mendez family will never forget.

Thank you all,
 Robert Mendez and Family

JOIN THE GIRLS OF GRACE NATION FOR THE LARGEST-EVER GATHERING OF TEENAGE GIRLS VIA SATELLITE

HOW YOU LOVE

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 23, 2008

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Susie Shellenberger 800 Magazines
 Stellar Kart
 Jamie Jangochian Worship Leader
 Chris Wheeler Youth Communicator

Barlow Girl
 LIVE VIA SATELLITE ON CCN

Lighthouse Community Church
 1705 N. Crockett / PO Box 135
 Sonora, Tx 76950
 325-387-9100
 lighthouse@sonoratx.net
 Tickets \$10.00

Lighthouse Community Church
 CAN A LOVE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD
Be Real, Personal & Practical?
 THE ANSWER IS YES!
 1705 N. Crockett

Love is like war: easy to begin but very hard to stop.
 H. L. Mencken

Valentine Date Tips

- Submitted**
- Valentine's Day is coming up and baking treats for that special someone is a great way to show that you care. Homemade treats also are fun to make and add a personal touch that will be remembered. For those of you that will be taking your Valentine out to dinner, keep the following tips in mind, whether your relationship is new or you have been with your Valentine for a long time.
- Valentine's Dinner Date Etiquette**
1. Don't order the most expensive item on the menu; you do not want your date to think they are being taken advantage of.
 2. Enjoy a glass of wine or cocktail at dinner (or two, if you're saucy), but try to avoid drinking too much and getting carried away.
 3. A great date involves balance in the conversation: don't talk too much or too little.
 4. If your date is dressed nice (we are hoping that your date will dress nicely), let them know. Compliments go a long way.
 5. When looking over the menu, ask if your date likes to share. If so, suggest small dishes to split-or swap plates halfway through the meal if you feel at ease.
 6. Have fun!

Happy Birthday

February 14
 Jim Gulley, Susanna Vaquera, Maggy Ramirez, Ethan Harper, Salvador Garza, John Zook, Carmina Trevino, Hunter Wheeler, Koda Joy Davis

February 15
 Katelyn Ronspiez, Kalli Smith, Cody Barber, Carmina P. Trevino

February 16
 Jack Turney, Laura MacArthur, Elaine Roberson, Daniel Ward, Megan Barker, Karen Fincher, Jaquelynn Castillo, Juan Jimenez, Genaro Perez, Jerry Wallace, Johnny Arispe, Meghan Baker, Shea Holmes, Michael McReynolds

February 17
 Sara Daubney, Linda Patlan, John Clayton Childress, Lisa Seaton, Emily Gonzales, Doug Hudleston, Toni M. Vela, George Wallace, Debbie Buitron, April Castro


February 18
 Amanda Martin, Idalia Perez, Michael Creek, Sammy Mata, Taylor Lopez, Kent McAnally, Chance Dillard, Zadrion McGee, Edward Virgen, Annette Gamez, Belinda Perez

February 19
 Michael I. Solis, Antonil Luna, John Valdez, Paul Ramsdell, Curtis E. Lipham, Corin Geske, Madison McGavock, Brianna Reyna

February 20
 Tyler Paganucci, Dustin Crittendon, Wilma Villanueva, Curly Faulks

Happy 1st Birthday!

to our Little Valentine...
Christian Matthew Martinez



Love you bunches & bunches Mommy, Daddy, Joseph & David

Pre-need funeral insurance and monument sales
 Contact:
 Glen Love
 Kerbow Funeral Home
 325-387-2266

Dr. Rico Forlano
 Forlano Chiropractic Family Health Center
 (325) 853-3331
 Box 633
 418 Hwy. 277 S.
 Eldorado, Texas 76936

Historical Society



Original Lowrey House before the up-stairs and porch were removed.

ASK THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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

Q. Can you give me any information on the Lowrey House?

A. We can give you a background on John D. Lowrey, the longest tenant in the house and his family. By the way, Lowrey Draw used to be called Fort McKavett Draw but after about the 3rd person Mr. Lowrey rescued from the raging waters, it was renamed for him.

John D. Lowrey was born July 22, 1869 in Columbus, McCulloch Co and first came to Sutton County in 1892 and 1893 but returned home and didn't come back here until 1900. At that time he worked on the T-Half Circle Ranch west of Sonora.

In 1905 he went to work as an office deputy for the Sutton Co. Clerk, S. H. Stokes. Mr. Stokes convinced Mr. Lowrey to run for the clerk position and he did and was elected to office in 1906. He held the position for 39 years.

He entered the abstract and insurance sales business in 1909 at the offices of Sonora Abstract. He branched out further, buying a ranch in southern Sutton Co. with J. W. Wilson. His partner traded with J. T. Selman of Ft. Stockton for a 31,000 acre place in Pecos Co. It was promptly leased out as Wilson and Lowrey were much too busy with their other businesses in Sutton Co. To run the ranch in Pecos Co.

John D. Lowrey married Ellen Awalt in Mason Co. On June 6, 1897 and brought her to Sonora with him in 1900. Ellen had been born April 4, 1873 at Round

Rock, and attended San Marcos Normal School and taught school at Camp San Saba.

Ellen kept busy all the time, a mother, member of the First Methodist Church and Women's Society of Christian Service, Past Worthy Matron of Sonora OES, of which she was a charter member, and good works all over town. She was a social butterfly in her time.

John D. Lowrey was a member of the Lions Club, a trustee of the Methodist Church, a member of the Masonic Lodge for more than 60 years, Eastern Star, Suez Shrine, Knights Templar and Scottish Rite. He even donated part of his pasture land to the Sonora Cemetery so that it could expand.

The Lowreys had several children, Marie who married Mans Hoggett and moved to Mertzton. Grady born March 25, 1898 in Camp San Saba, married May Clarkson on Oct. 2, 1927 and he died May 31, 1974 at Del Rio where he practiced law. He is buried in Westlawn Cemetery. Johnnie Guila Lowrey was born April 7, 1904 in Sonora and married R. C. "Bob" Vicars, a pharmacist assistant. She died November, 21, 1991.

Guila and Bob lived in a small house behind the Lowrey home that her father had built for their wedding present. Guila was well known in Sonora. She had been very active in sports while in high school and was one of the best attendees of games during her lifetime many have ever seen. She was a true "Broncho" fan. She is buried beside her husband in the Sonora Burial Park.

John David Lowrey. The Lowrey house is interesting because newcomers do

not know that the brick, 1930 - 50 style home, started its life as a very large, two story, with attic, home. It was surrounded by large curving verandas. One day the Lowreys decided that the home, with the children gone, was now too big and they would remodel into a small home. They tore off the upper floors and porches and turned the house into the small brick home we see today. Several beautiful, large old homes in Sonora had this happen to them from the 30's to the 50's. Homes that looked like the Sawyer home, were reduced to tiny bricked or rocked structures. The Savell house was first rocked, which promptly fell down, then bricked. Many curved porches and much gingerbread was lost to the remodeling.

Most of the owners later regretted the make over. They lost their cool porches and the ability to open the attic windows and downstairs windows and let the breeze circulate through and cool the home. Even just hot air rising would pull in a small breeze through the windows and help on hot summer days. They also lost their high view of Sonora. Of course the smaller, well insulated home was much easier to heat and in old age much easier to maintain.

Checking back we find the Lowrey house was used to board many people who taught here in Sutton County. But if the draws were up the teachers had no way to get to school. Mr. Lowrey told at one time how the flood waters were up to into the yard and around the bottom of the front porch. The water still gets up pretty high at times but luckily, we don't have quite as many

people thinking they can just drive through the high water. Most pay attention to the markings on the highwater pole and turn around and avoid the draw. No one has ever thought of going to the horrendous expense of building a bridge when you can just take the detour 1 street over.

The old Lowrey house has seen a lot of parties in the old days. The huge old home was a place where the children had their friends come to play instruments and later to listen to the radio. The large rooms made great little dance halls for the teens. Children organizations meetings were held there. Women's meetings and sewing and knitting groups during the World War I and II. The old place had a lot of pleasant memories for the family.

The "judge" as many called Mr. Lowrey, even though he was only the clerk, was well liked by many people in Sonora. He was very active in charitable works as was Mrs. Lowrey. One child became a lawyer, one married a rancher and Guila went on to work in the Sonora Abstract office until she retired in 1966.

There were prior owners to the property, but most didn't have any building on it. We don't know for sure who built the home, it isn't mentioned in the back issues of The Devil's River News, or on the old transfer of records but think it was close to 1900, not older than 1913, by looking at the style of architecture.

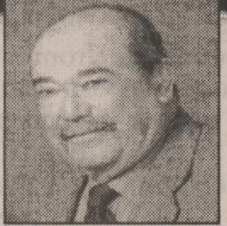
If you drive by the Ice House Museum take a peek at the work going on outside. Our carpenter has replaced old wooden, rotted out poles with look alike metal poles and work is going along. We could use some helpers on the weekend to help finish taking a lot of knocked down trash out of the building. Give me a call a few days ahead and we will set up a work date.

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. You may stop by our offices at 307 Oak Street to use the archives or our computer with the Ancestry.com subscription on it. Call 325-387-5084 to rent the John & Mildred Cauthorn Building (Old Depot) for your party, wedding,

Love is much nicer to be in than an automobile accident, a tight girdle, a higher tax bracket or a holding pattern over Philadelphia.

~Judith Viorst

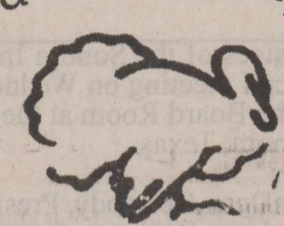
Vote



Miguel "Mike" Villanueva
Sutton County Commissioner
Precinct 1
Early Voting: Feb 19-29
Election Day March 4, 2008
"Your Vote is Appreciated"

Miguel "Mike" Villanueva
Comisionado del Condado de Sutton
Precinto 1
Vota Temprano del 19-29 de Febrero
Dia de elecciones Marzo 4, 2008
"Su Voto sera Agradecido"

Fiesta De Guajalote



'08
March 15th

**Awards for the:
Largest Turkey
Smallest Turkey**

**Sponsors:
Lion's Club
Masonic Lodge**



We wouldn't be Devon Energy without human energy.

FORTUNE 100 Best Companies to Work for®

We appreciate the talent, hard work and commitment of the 5,000 employees of Devon Energy. Through their contributions, we have grown to become one of the top independent energy producers in the world.

devonenergy.com

FORTUNE 100 BEST COMPANIES TO WORK FOR 2008

devon

Commitment Runs Deep

Spiritual Leader



Don Longoria

Thanks for 8 years of service!




The Video Store
 802 Crockett • 387-3710
 New Releases • Tues. February 19th
 ~American Gangster~
 ~Michael Clayton~
 ~In the Valley of Elah~
Store Hours:
 Monday - Saturday: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
 Locally Owned and Operated

SISD Continued from Page 1

were scheduled to compete Wednesday against Big Lake in Kermit for bi-district. If the girls team wins the bi-district game, they are scheduled to meet Jim Ned at the Junell Center at Angelo State University on Friday. Bawcom also reported that the junior high and high school teams have represented Sonora with great teamwork and sportsmanship.

Emily Earwood has recently won a \$10,000 scholarship as the high-point individual at the wood judging contest in San Antonio. The Sonora High School team placed first in the competition.

In other business, the board approved an Order of Election for the May 10, 2008 trustee election. Election officials are to include: Precinct 1 - Maria Mesa, judge, and Loma Surber, alternate judge; Precinct 2 - Patti Rainer, judge and Sandi Ainsworth, alternate judge; Betty Stephen is the judge for precinct 3 with Linda Johnson to serve as alternate judge. Teri Dominguez is the judge for precinct 4 with Tommie Sanchez to serve as alternate judge.

Monday, February 11th was the first day for candidates to file in the school board election. Candidates

are being sought from all four county precincts. As of press time, only Precinct 3 representative Barbara Jennings had filed for a place on the May 10th school board ballot. Monday, March 10th is the last day for candidates to file in the election. Early voting will begin on Monday, April 28th and will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the administration building.

The election will be held from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 10th with voters to cast ballots in their regular precinct polling locations, as follows:

- Precinct 1 - Sutton County 4-H Civic Center
- Precinct 2 - Hudspeth Hospital Annex
- Precinct 3 - Sutton County Courthouse
- Precinct 4 - Sonora Fire Station

Following an executive session to discuss personnel matters, the board voted to extend the employment contracts of the following administrative personnel; Karen Evans, technical director; Stephanie Taylor, special programs director; Sean Leamon, athletic director; Louise Dermody, elementary school principal; and Raul Chavarria, high school principal.

The Board of Trustees of the Sonora Independent School District met for a special meeting on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 at 4:30 P.M. in the Board Room at the Vocational Building, 805 Prospect, Sonora, Texas.

PRESENT: Dean Dermody, President
 Jesse Bustamante
 Tammy Favila
 Scott Jacoby
 Barbara Jennings
 Mallory Rousselot
 Doug Bawcom, Superintendent

OTHERS PRESENT: Sean Leamon

NO. 1., 2, & 3: The meeting was called to order by President Dean Dermody who announced that a quorum was present and who listed the school officials in attendance.

NO. 4 Following a lengthy discussion, motion was made by Mallory Rousselot to hire Chapman Harvey Architect to build one phase of the athletic facility as negotiated in the contract. The motion was seconded by Tammy Favila. Voting aye were Jesse Bustamante, Dean Dermody, Tammy Favila, Barbara Jennings, and Mallory Rousselot. Voting no was Scott Jacoby. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Barbara Jennings, seconded by Jesse Bustamante, to build the tennis court restrooms and concession stand separate from the master plan. The motion carried unanimously.

NO. 5 There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned

ADJOURNMENT: at 6:15 P.M. after a motion by Jesse Bustamante and a second by Scott Jacoby.

Everett's Furniture & Emporium
 205 E. Main
 Sonora, Texas 76950
 325-387-3938
 Bridal Selections
 Mrs. Stebbins Hall - see Mary Armstrong

Fine Furniture & Appliances

We now carry Whirlpool appliances

Free Delivery Set up & haul off

G.E. Financing 0% 12 mos. W.A.C. In house financing on furniture & appliances with down payment Everyone Qualifies!

Texas Leads Nation in Pipeline Safety Initiatives Enacted and Proposed

AUSTIN- With directives issued last fall and additional safety initiatives proposed today, the regulatory agency in charge of pipeline safety-the Texas Railroad Commission-continues to lead the nation in pipeline safety.

Accidents involving non-restraint compression couplings, one type of pipeline fitting that joins two pipes together, have occurred around the nation. In Texas, three accidents involving this type of fitting have occurred since October 2006. After the two of these Texas accidents, in March 2007, the Railroad Commission launched an investigation into the use of these components statewide to determine if they may pose a systematic problem. The study's results were released today.

Of 4,336 accidents since 1971, 84 or 1.9 percent involved compression couplings. The primary causes of these 84 incidents may have been related to third-party damage or other causes not directly attributable to material failures. However, these incidents were included in this tally because a compression coupling was involved. The primary cause of 77 percent of Texas pipeline accidents occurs when someone digs into a pipe-

line. This is known as third-party damage and happens about 200 times a week. Corrosion and rust account for another 12 percent of pipeline accidents in Texas.

Today's Commission's study results do not indicate a systematic safety problem with compression couplings. However, proposals were issued today for the Commissioners' consideration to add onto previous directives issued last fall involving these fittings and general pipeline safety actions. Along with a November directive to remove known, non-restraint compression couplings at service risers, today's recommendations include:

On plastic pipe, remove the compression coupling if it is not a Category 1 coupling (resistant to pull out). On steel pipe, non-restraint compression couplings installed prior to 1980 must be phased out and replaced.

To capture additional data on compression couplings and their performance, leak repair reports filed with the Commission must include the compression coupling manufacturer and model number.

Have the Commission conduct annual meetings with industry to determine trends or concerns regarding the safety of pipeline systems.

The Commission will review today's proposals and act on them at the Commission's Feb. 26 conference.

"No other state regulatory agency and no federal regulatory agency has made the determination that compression couplings are unsafe," said Chairman Michael L. Williams. "However, as one accident is too many, the Railroad Commission has taken a national lead in safety once again. In an abundance of caution, we have initiated directives that address not only the use of compression couplings in our state, but also, other known pipeline safety concerns. In November, we required the removal of known compression couplings at service risers. At the same time, we began rulemaking that will require more frequent pipeline leak detection and shorter leak repair time frames. Today's proposals intend to enhance those measures"

Declining worldwide oil and natural gas? True or False? Price increases for food, fuel, and energy will be a reality. Many city and even state governments are making plans in response to this.

Please join together for a meeting February 20, 2008, at 6:00 pm at the Back Door Café at Simon Bros Mercantile. (Ranch Road 291, off Interstate 10 about 16 miles west of Junction and 96 miles southeast of San Angelo) for a discussion of what our community will do to prepare for this.

We can discuss car pooling since we live so far from large shopping and medical centers and organizing local farmers markets. Hope to see you there!!

4-H Meeting for all members Monday, February 18, 2008 at 6:30 in the 4-H building.

The Mother-Son pictures taken by Memories by McBride are ready to be picked up at the Sonora Chamber of Commerce Office

THE BANK&TRUST
 Member FDIC
 Home Town Banking - Home Town Trust!
 Member FDIC
 229 Hwy 277 N
 387-2593

First NATIONAL BANK
 P.O. Box 198, Sonora Texas
 76950
 325-387-3861

TxDOT Requires Permit Before Installing Driveway

If access to your land crosses Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) right-of-way, you are required to complete a "Permit to Construct Access Driveway Facilities on Highway Right of Way" form prior to any driveway construction.

This form, number 1058, is available free of charge at any TxDOT maintenance office.

It is also available for download by visiting TxDOT's Web site at the following link: <http://www.dot.state.tx.us/forms/maintenance.htm>. A completed form must be returned to a TxDOT maintenance office for review. This process typically takes a week, during which time a TxDOT employee will evaluate the proposed location of the driveway to ensure that it meets safety and line-of-site regulations. Once the application is approved, the landowner is responsible for building the driveway.

TxDOT will return, following completion of the driveway, for a final inspection.

SEPTIC SYSTEMS
 INSTALLATION • INSPECTION • REPAIR • CLEANING

Plumbing Residential & Commercial New Construction & Repairs Water & Sewer Utilities Construction

Propane Gas Repair & Installation Certified Backflow Testing & Installation

3D'S PLUMBING 

State Certified Septic System Installation & Inspection Alternative Systems

BACKHOE & DUMP TRUCK SERVICE
 SEPTIC TANK & GREASE TRAP CLEANING
 CAR WASHES & WASH RACKS CLEANING
 HIGH PRESSURE HYDRO JET DRAIN FIELD CLEANING
 VIDEO PIPE INSPECTION SERVICE
 WATER/GAS LEAK DETECTION EQUIPMENT

WAYNE DOUCET M17556 **653-4975**

Experiment Station Continued From Front Page

mined the level of consumption. A breeding program was then initiated to breed goats that seemed to have the ability to consume high amounts of cedar with the eventual goal of producing a flock of what Dr. Taylor calls, "Super Juniper Eating Goats". Early in the study researchers developed a method to determine the difference between high and low juniper consuming goats by analyzing fecal samples (if the goat pellets had high amounts of cedar then that goat was classified as a high consumer). This process required a good amount of time to determine the differences between the two types of goats. Dr. Campbell has developed a new technique that tests the individual goat's physiological ability to detoxify the alcohol terpins. This technique dramatically decreased the time it takes to determine the difference between high and low consumers, increasing the efficiency of the breeding program.

Unlike some scientific institutions, the Sonora Experiment station strives to conduct science that will either produce a product or technique that can be used by landowners in their agricultural practices. The field day conducted on February 8th demonstrated both techniques that can be used by landowners to manage their brush (the combination of prescribed burning and grazing), and researchers also announced that the first "Super Juniper Eating Goats" will be for sale in June. If you are interested in this project (or purchasing some of the goats) contact Butch Taylor at 325-387-3168 or Chris Lupton at 325-653-4576.

Save Valuable Time
Make Prints in Seconds!
at Everett's Pharmacy
 417 Hwy. 277 North
 325-387-2541

Send pictures directly from your computer to our Kiosk by logging on to gnpphoto.com

Accepts all forms of Digital Media

Create Customized Greeting Cards

Print Pictures from your Digital Camera

Create Wallet Sized Photos with your Images



One Problem At A Time

An old woman came into her doctor's office and confessed to an embarrassing problem. "I do that all the time, Doctor Johnson, but they're soundless, and they have no odor. In fact, since I've been here, I did it no less than twenty times. What can I do?"

"Here's a prescription, Mrs. Harris. Take these pills three times a day for seven days and come back and see me in a week."

Next week an upset Mrs. Harris marched into Dr. Johnson's office. "Doctor, I don't know what was in those pills, but the problem is worse! I'm doing it just as much, but now it smells terrible! What do you have to say for yourself?"

"Calm down, Mrs. Harris," said the doctor soothingly. "Now that we've fixed your sinuses, we'll work on your hearing!!!"

F.Y.I.

The Sutton County Commissioners Court has enacted a Burn Ban and a Fireworks Ban, prohibiting all outdoor burning and all fireworks until further notice.

Interested in Emergency Medical Medicine? Sutton County EMS and BSA are looking for youths between 14 and 20 years of age to participate in a local Emergency Medical Exploring Post. Exploring's purpose is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults in a certain career. For more information, please contact: Roberta Tanguma 325-277-7189

Sonora Is the Overall Winner of the Speech Meet



Members of the Sonora High School Academic and Speech Teams pose with their medals.

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| Ready Writing:
Yolanda Sanchez - 2nd place
Alyssa Favila - 6th place | Accounting:
Clinton Hudson - 5th place
2nd place Overall Team | Novice Prose:
Rose Karnes - 1st
Colyer Dermody - 5th |
| Computer Applications:
Kayla Garcia - 6th place | Number Sense:
Michael Stephens - 2nd place
1st place overall team | Prose:
Kaci Chavarria - 2nd |
| Computer Science:
Elbe Samaniego - 5th place
2nd place Overall Team | Social Studies:
Chelsea Martinez - 6th place
2nd place overall team | Poetry:
Mo'nica Traylor - 1st |
| Calculator Applications:
Savannah Leonard - 3rd place
Chacho Mesa - 6th place
2nd place Overall Team | Persuasive Speaking:
Kash McGee - 5th Place | LD Debate:
Lauren Schaefer - 1st
(for the 5th time this year) |
| News Writing:
Marcus Perez - 5th place | Novice Poetry:
Monica Sanchez - 2nd | |

The Smell of Snow

By Tumbleweed Smith

Jerry Thomason of Pecos has an unusual ability. "I have been known to smell snow before it gets here," he says with a chuckle. "To me, snow has a particular odor. A lot of times it'll be snowing at Orla or Carlsbad north of us and if there's a strong wind coming off of it I can detect the smell of snow." Jerry found out about his talent when he was ten or twelve years old. "I remember going in one night and telling my mama that it was gonna snow that night. She asked me how I knew. I told her I could smell it. The next morning we got up and there was about two inches of snow on the ground." Jerry was living in El Paso then and could smell snow on Mount Franklin. "Of course in El Paso it doesn't snow that often, but usually Mount Franklin gets snow on top of it. I lived about twenty miles away." "I can smell snow a hundred miles away." "I don't know why. I just seem to pick it up in the wind. All at once it has this dusty, musky odor to it. Someone told me one time that each snowflake is built around a particle of dust." Occasionally he'll give a weather forecast to Bill Cole, manager of KIUN Radio in Pecos. "I remember going in there the first time and telling him it was going to snow. He asked me how I knew. I told him I smelled it. He said, 'what.' I said I can smell it. And in about 30 or 45 minutes it started snowing. Every once in awhile he'll call me and ask if I smell snow. If I do, I'll tell him." He doesn't know of anyone else who can smell snow. "I don't know what it's good for. People look at me like I'm crazy when I tell them I can smell snow coming. Then in a little while it starts snowing on them." He can fine tune his smell. "Nearly everybody can smell rain. It has a distinct odor to it. If the rain changes to snow, I can detect a different odor. If it starts out raining, just barely sprinkling and it changes to snow I'll sniff a couple of times and realize it smells like snow. Sure enough, it'll go to snowing." He is a very normal person with an extremely discriminating sense of smell. His talented nose came in handy when he was a milkman delivering milk to the homes of Pecos residents. "If I smelled snow, I'd put chains on the tires of my delivery van. I've delivered milk in all kinds of weather. But I was never surprised by a snow storm."

Sonora Native Earns Academic Honors at HPU

BROWNWOOD, TX - February 6, 2008 - Susanna Street, of Sonora, was named to the President's List for the 2007 fall semester at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas. Susanna is the daughter of Mike and Robin Street and is majoring in math. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List.



The 8th grade boys basketball team ended their season on Monday, February 4th with a 13 point win over Comfort. The final score was 34-21. These young men learned and improved all year under the direction of Coach Lamar Evans. Scoring recap of the game was as follows: Word Hudson-16, Cadesman Pope-6, Matt Young-6, Zach Badeaux-2, Robert Hernandez-2 and Braxton Snyder-2. Davis Jimenez, Cole Shirtum and Dakota Daniels contributed with many rebounds and assists. Zachery Leonard was not able to play the last game due to another school event. These young men finished with a winning record of 7-5. Congratulations on a great season!

Happy Valentin's Day
George and Claudette Wipff
Love
Ronnie and Lynn

SONORA SERVICE DIRECTORY

Concho Refrigeration Services 107 E. Pecan 387-3707 LC # TAACL.B26996E	Allison Well Service 325-446-2382 All your pump and windmill needs.
B&H Catering Harold & Benita Martinez 207 W. Chestnut 387-2528 or 206-1268 Hrs. 7:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. BBQ Plates, Daily Specials, Breakfast Tacos and Catering. Dine-In or Carry-Out!	Everett's Furniture & Emporium 205 E. Main Sonora, Texas 76950 325-387-3938
Big C Automotive 501 S. Crockett Sonora, Texas 76950 325-387-5167	Land Boundary Surveys Richard W. Mofett Licensed State Land Surveyor P.O. Box 332 Rocksprings, TX 78880 830-683-4610
D.G.'s Pet Service Grooming • Home Pet Care Pickup & Delivery Available 325.387.3104	Knox Floor Covering Carpet-Vinyl-Tile 392-2180 201 Ave I Ozona, TX
Brewer Refrigeration Lic. #TACLBO12114C Ice Machines Sales-Service-Rentals We sell & service Deer Coolers & Freezers 325-835-2141 Mobile 450-2793	Mary Kay For all your beauty needs contact Victoria Richardson 100 Edgemont 325-387-5280 vicrich45@hotmail.com
Carl J. Cahill, Inc. OILFIELD CONTRACTOR (325) 387-2524 Sonora, TX	Rafter W Feed 201 Cedar 387-3042 Your local Acco, Purina and Sure Fed Feed Dealer
Schleicher County Nursing Home Our home is located in a rural setting in Eldorado, Texas. We are a small 34 bed home, that offers personal care, in a family, friendly atmosphere. Activities are plentiful both inside and outside of our home. Come by and take a tour and visit with our staff. We are proud of our staff, who are focused on giving the best of care to our residents in order for them to attain and maintain their maximum interests and abilities. Contact: Sarah Huge Administrator or Anita Jones RN, Director of Nurses, at 325-853-3026.	Todd's Hot Shot Service 206-1150 (Todd Munn) 277-7291 (Joe Downing) 206-0051 (Pam Munn) Fast, Dependable, Reliable!
Charles Howard Construction, Inc. Oilfield Contractor Asphalt & Concrete Construction email: chowardconst@sonoratx.net phone: (325) 387-3093 fax: (325) 387-5543 mobile: (325) 206-0497	Tom Davidson Attorney at Law Specializing in Criminal Law Free Advice & Referrals 325-632-2000

Taqueria el Torito

NOW HAS 2 LOCATIONS!

EL TORITO #1
210 S. HWY 277

WILL ONLY BE SERVING BREAKFAST BURRITOS FROM 6 AM - 12 PM



El Torito #2
1005 N. Crockett St
WILL BE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK

Sundays:
7 a.m. - 11 a.m. breakfast
11 a.m. - 2p.m. Mexican/American buffet

Monday - Friday
6 a.m. - 11 a.m. Breakfast
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mexican/American Buffet
5 p.m. - 9 p.m. Menu and Dinner Specials

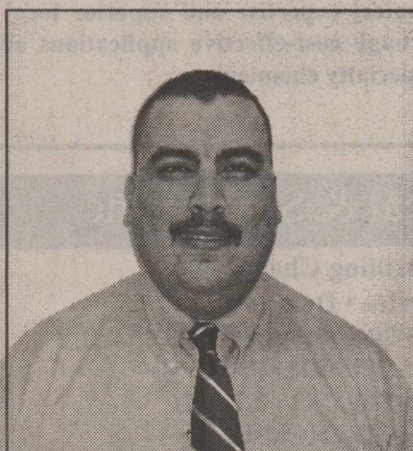
Saturday
6 a.m. - 9 p.m. Menu and Dinner Specials



Ancira

Eagle Pass Ford Mercury



PHONE: 830-757-5700
TOLL FREE: 800-944-2000

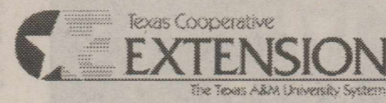
WILLIE MALDONADO
FLEET MANAGER
WMALDONADO@ANCIRA.COM

Schleicher County Nursing Home
Our home is located in a rural setting in Eldorado, Texas. We are a small 34 bed home, that offers personal care, in a family, friendly atmosphere. Activities are plentiful both inside and outside of our home. Come by and take a tour and visit with our staff. We are proud of our staff, who are focused on giving the best of care to our residents in order for them to attain and maintain their maximum interests and abilities. Contact: Sarah Huge Administrator or Anita Jones RN, Director of Nurses, at 325-853-3026.

Oil & Agribusiness

Grazing and Browsing Affect Plant Physiology

By Pascual Hernandez,
Sutton County Agricultural
Extension Agent



Grazing can have a neutral, positive or negative effect on rangeland plants, depending on how it is managed. Land managers can better protect rangeland resources if they understand the effects of grazing and browsing (eating the leaves and young twigs of trees and shrubs) on individual plants and plant populations. Grazing affects not just the leaves, but also other parts and functions of plants, including the root system, food production after defoliation, and the destination of food products within the plant after defoliation.

When a plant's leaves are removed, its roots are also affected. Excessive defoliation makes the root system smaller. Plants with smaller roots have less access to water and other nutrients in the soil needed to manufacture food. A smaller root system also makes plants less drought resistant.

Grazing and browsing decrease, at least temporarily, a plant's food production by reducing the amount of green plant material available to produce food. In many plant species, including some grasses, remaining and new leaves on grazed or browsed plants produce food at higher rates than leaves of the same age on plants that have not been grazed or browsed. Therefore, the more leaf material left after grazing, the faster grasses recover from grazing.

Plants use the foods they produce for growth and maintenance. Any excess food is sent from the food-producing plant parts to other parts both above and below ground, where it is stored. Once a plant has been defoliated, it may begin sending more food to growing shoots and less to roots. This process occurs for

a few days until the food-producing tissues can be reestablished. A plant's ability to send food products to new shoots after defoliation can help it quickly reestablish its food producing parts. Plant species that have this ability are better able to tolerate grazing.

In woody plants, however, leaves are replaced relatively slowly. Without proper management, the more desirable browse species can disappear while less desirable or undesirable species become more abundant.

To manage grazing and browsing and protect the range resources, managers should observe the status of and changes in grasses, forbs, and woody species as well as in livestock or wildlife. Make adjustments when either the range plants or animals show signs that the range is being overused. Also, leave enough residual forage ungrazed to keep plants healthy and to capture rainfall. When the range has enough plant material to promote water infiltration into the soil, less rainfall is required to produce forage.

Rangelands are ecosystems that have adapted to withstand such disturbances as drought, flood, fire, and grazing. All disturbances affect plants to some extent, depending on the timing, intensity, and frequency of the disturbance. Generally, the more diverse the vegetation, the better rangeland can withstand disturbance. For more information, contact the county Extension Office.

Happy Valentine's Day
Fernando and Ari.

Love Sophie

Sonora Youth Represent at the San Antonio Livestock Show and Rodeo

By Shawna Faris

Saturday, February 9, 2008 Sutton County 4-H members participated in the San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Wool Judging Contest. There were 29 teams and 98 total individuals that competed in the contest. The contest duration is a little over two hours and is made up of four wool classes and a rail of twenty fleeces in which one must determine each fleece's grade, length of staple, and percentage yield. Sutton County competed with nine contestants and came up very successful. The team consisting of Emily Earwood, Savannah Leonard, Steely Ingham, and Colton Moore placed 1st overall with Emily Earwood being named overall high individual and had she not been so successful in the Angora Goat division a few years back would have been the recipient of a \$10,000 scholarship. However, due to the fact that she has won a scholarship in another division she unfortunately wasn't eligible to win another one. Nonetheless she is the proud owner of a brand new beautiful belt buckle and will always hold the prestigious title of being named High Individual of the 2008 San Antonio Livestock Show & Rodeo Wool Judging Contest. Additionally, on that team Savannah was named 6th high individual and Steely finished up 9th high individual. An extremely impressive finish for that team and I was once again overly pleased and proud of their accomplishments. The team of Sterling Love, Stella Ingham, Chelsey Lou Campbell, and Daman Evan placed 11th as a team and displayed great success individually. Zachary Leonard competed as an individual in the contest and also finished well, his score overall would have contributed nicely to a team. Congratulations Sutton County for another outstanding performance - what a perfect way to start the year!!

MICHAEL A. DOUVILLE, CPA
313 Earl Garrett
Kerrville, TX 78028
(830) 257-3112
Fax (830) 257-3116

has purchased the public accounting practice
of Jan Gambrell, CPA and has opened another office at
102 S. 11th Street, Junction, Texas 76849
(the little rock house with the star)
(325) 4436-8100
Fax: (325) 446-8200
Deann Allen, CPA is based in the Junction office to provide income tax
preparation and planning services as well as other professional
accounting services to individuals and area businesses.

The Landmark Apartments & Frontier/Dunes Mini Storage

103 Dollie (A-4)
325-387-2104

All apartments come with wall to wall carpet,
ceiling fans, CH/A, appliances included,
storage on balcony, assigned parking, 6 month lease.

Office Hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Wednesday: 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Closed Friday and Weekends

Frontier/Dunes Mini Storage

We have every size available.
Call: Jana today at 325-387-2104



Rig Report
As of February 8, 2008

Crockett

2 Harrison Interests 10500' John W Henderson Iii -L- #70 Ft
Heart Land Drilling 8 01/10/08 30 W.O.O. 8950'
3 Encore Operating Lp 9400' J L Henderson Jr -A- #9-20 Dw
Nabors Drilling (O) 709 02/11/08 Assigned
New 4 Anadarko E & P Co Lp 9400' McMullan -B- #13 Dw
Patterson Drilling/A 38 02/07/08 2 Drlg Ahead
5 Approach Operating 9000' University 42-15 #1 Dw Nabors
Drilling (O) 353 01/28/08 12 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Approach Operating 9000' J R Bailey Estate -B- #434
Dw Patterson Drilling/A 710 02/06/08 3 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Highmount E&P Tx 8995' University 56-18 #5 Dw
Patterson Drilling/A 742 02/07/08 2 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Eog Resources/Mid 6000' Shannon Hospital -B4- #1
Dw O'ryan Drilling Llc 4 02/05/08 4 Drlg Ahead 580'
New 9 Fiml Natural Res 5500' Baggett -A- #1-165a Dw Pat-
terson Drilling/A 721 02/04/08 5 Drlg Ahead
10 Sigma Energy&Exp Co 2000' Sigma Meadows #10 Ft
Hope Drilling 1 01/17/08 23 At T.D.

Sutton

New 1 Highmount E&P Tx 10750' Thorp -19- #2 Ft Pat-
terson Drilling/A 39 02/04/08 5 Drlg Ahead
2 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Ward -114- #24 Dw Patterson
Drilling/A 105 01/30/08 10 Drlg Ahead
3 Highmount E&P Tx 9250' Duke Wilson #189-19 Dw Pat-
terson Drilling/A 120 01/30/08 10 Drlg Ahead
4 Highmount E&P Tx 8600' Richardson -6- #9 Dw Hel-
merich & Payne/S 302 02/01/08 8 Drlg Ahead
New 5 Highmount E&P Tx 8250' Diebitsch -70- #14 Dw
Helmerich & Payne/S 301 02/03/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 6 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Kelly -125- #28 Dw Hel-
merich & Payne/S 303 02/05/08 4 Drlg Ahead
New 7 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Canyon Ranch -207- #21s
Dw Helmerich & Payne/S 305 02/03/08 6 Drlg Ahead
New 8 Highmount E&P Tx 7250' Kelly -125- #29 Dw Pat-
terson Drilling/A 40 02/07/08 2 Drlg Ahead
New 9 Highmount E&P Tx 6850' H C Epps -49- #6 Dw Hel-
merich & Payne/S 304 02/05/08 4 Drlg Ahead

Terrell

1 Conocophillips/Odess 12700' Alex Mitchell -1- #11 Dw
Helmerich & Payne/S 214 12/20/07 51 Drlg Ahead
2 Encore Operating Lp 12600' Banner Estate #49 H Dw Na-
bors Drilling (O) 641 01/13/08 27 Drlg Ahead
3 Encore Operating Lp 6000' Banner Estate #81 Dw Nabors
Drilling (O) 709 12/25/07 46 Drlg Ahead

Edwards

1 Chesapeake/Okc 14000' Wardlaw Brothers -1- #2 Dw Pat-
terson Drilling/A 169 01/17/08 23 Drlg Ahead
2 Newfield Exploration 12000' Whitehead -45- #8 Dw Pat-
terson Drilling/A 118 01/27/08 13 Drlg Ahead
3 Newfield Exploration 11500' Davis Et Al -77- #H3 St Dw
Patterson Drilling/A 471 01/24/08 16 Recomplete
4 Stonegate Prod Co 5000' Peterson Gas Unit -1- #2 H Dw
Nabors Drilling (O) 442 01/11/08 29 Drlg Ahead

Val Verde

1 Winn Exploration Co 14000' Leonard -32- #1 Dw Nabors
Drilling (O) 294 12/24/07 47 Drlg Ahead

Sponsored By:



Location Builders

203 S. Hwy 277
387-3881
As of
February 11, 2008

Gas

\$8.06 per
MMBtu.

Crude Oil
\$93.59/BBL

SONORA BULLDOZING LLC

General
Oilfield Contractor

- Fire Guards
- Road Construction
- Brush Work
- Conservation Work
- Sendero Construction

P.O. Box 356
Sonora, TX 76950
325-387-3133
325-206-3003

Glyn Hutto Livestock

All Classes of Sheep & Goats
Bought - Sold

5 Miles West of Eldorado on CR 412
Certified Scales
(325) 853-2717 or (325) 277-8622

DW WATER STATION



Grand ReOpening!

Hwy 277 N.

2 miles North of Sonora

EXTERRAN

An International leader in three complementary business enterprises: natural gas compression services, compression fabrication, and processing and oil and gas production equipment, is accepting applications for:

Field Service Technician

Duties include but are not limited to: Provide preventive and corrective field mechanical service on gas compression and process equipment on site at client locations. Direct, coordinate, and assist with scheduled and unscheduled equipment repairs and maintenance. Must represent Exterran in a professional manner at all times. Follow all Health, Safety & Environmental procedures. Demonstrate proficiency in accurately and efficiently diagnosing and repairing mechanical problems on multiple compressor systems. Possess a strong knowledge of new compressor technologies and comprehensive mechanical, diagnostic and analytical skills. Will have call-out rotation responsibilities and respond to emergency maintenance calls. Responsible for submitting accurate maintenance reports and other necessary paperwork. Is dedicated to customer service, and maintain professional working relationship with customers and co-workers.

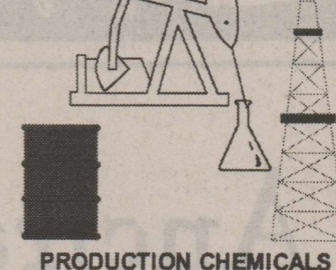
•Requirements: Minimum of 6 months mechanical experience; must be able to read, write and speak English; valid Driver's License and a good driving record.

Exterran offers Health/Dental, 401K, Vacation/Sick and training. Salary DOE

Submit application to Exterran, 9704 W I-20 Midland, Tx 432-567-1050 or apply online at www.exterran.com. Complete job description available online.

Exterran is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

MULTI-CHEM



"The Gas
Enhancement
Company"

Corporate:
(800) 805-9178
Sonora Office:
(325) 387-2585

MISSION

To provide unparalleled technical expertise and superior local service to our customers, through cost-effective applications of customized specialty chemicals.

Sonora Chemical & Supply, Inc.

Air & Fluid Drilling Chemicals
Sales • Service • Delivery

Marty Lipham 325-206-1561 • 387-3423
Clifton Lipham 325-277-3926 • 387-2354
Curtis Lipham 325-280-5545 • 823-2110
Justin Burke 325-280-5696
Ray Burke 325-277-5669

661 CR 104

(325) 387-6023 • FAX 387-2237 • 1-877-533-5500 Toll Free

Working With Your Health Provider for Better Care



Kelly L Thorp, MS
County Extension Agent-
Family and Consumer Sciences
Texas AgriLife Extension-Sutton County

In the past, the health provider typically took the lead regarding your health and you, the patient, followed his or her directions. Today, a good patient-provider relationship is more of a partnership. You and your health provider should work as a team, along with other health professionals, to solve your medical problems and keep you healthy.

This may mean asking questions if your health provider's explanations or instructions are unclear, bringing up problems even if he or she does not ask and letting your provider know if you have concerns about a particular treatment or change in your daily life. Taking an active role in your health care puts the responsibility for good communication on both you and your health provider. Your health provider may ask you how your life is going. This is not being impolite or nosy - information about what is happening in your life may be useful medically. Let your health provider know about any major changes or stresses in your life, such as the death of a loved one, but do not feel pressured to go into great detail. Remember the line from the television show: "Just the facts, ma'am."

It is tempting to say what you think your provider wants to hear, for example, that you smoke less or eat a more balanced diet. While this is natural, it is not in your best interest. He or she can suggest the best treatment only if you say what is really going on. Too, asking questions is paramount to good communication with your provider. If you do not ask questions, he or she may

assume you already know the answer or that you do not want more information. Be proactive and ask questions when you do not know the meaning of a word or when instructions are not clear.

Share your point of view about the visit and speak up if you feel rushed, worried or uncomfortable. If necessary, you can offer to return for a second visit to discuss your concerns. Try to voice your feelings in a positive way and remember that your health provider may not be able to answer all your questions. However, most providers will tell you when they do not have answers and may help you find the information you need or refer you to a specialist. If a health provider regularly brushes off your questions or symptoms as simply a part of aging, think about looking for another provider.

When a diagnosis is made, ask your health provider to tell you the name of the condition and why he or she thinks you have it. Ask how it may affect you and how long it might last. Some medical problems never go away completely; however, they may be treated or managed. You should also make it a point to ask what else your condition might be. Or, perhaps ask the worst thing that your condition might be.

Giving and getting information are two important steps in talking with your doctor. The third big step is making decisions about your care. Ask about different treatments - you will benefit most from a treatment when you know what is happening and are involved in making decisions.

Make sure you understand what your treatment involves and what it will or will not do. Have your health provider give you directions in writing and feel free to ask questions. If your provider suggests a treatment that makes you uncomfortable, ask if there are other treatments that might work. If cost is a concern, ask him or her if less expensive choices are available. In many cases, your provider may be able to work with you to develop a treatment plan that meets your needs.

Also, remember to consider your own values and circum-

stances. When thinking about the pros and cons of a treatment, do not forget to consider its impact on your overall life. Providers need to know about these practical matters and can work with you to develop a treatment plan that meets your needs.

Getting a second opinion often leads to conflicting advice. Your second provider may contradict the first. If this happens, you can talk more with your first provider about the differences or go to a third. However, before you seek additional opinions, you may want to check with your insurance to make sure that the visits will be covered. Some things you might look for in a different health provider for a second or subsequent opinion might be

- A provider affiliated with a hospital other than your original one
- A staff member at a research and teaching hospital
- A specialist who may be more experienced with your problem

Telling your health provider you want to see someone else for a second opinion can be awkward, particularly if you have known him or her for years. But a good provider should not be insulted and many will recommend it to you themselves. A couple of suggestions for what you should and should not say to your health provider include:

- Say: "Something to the effect of 'This is a difficult decision for me and I'd like to learn about other treatments than the one we discussed. Can you recommend someone I could talk to?'"
- Do not say: "Any version of 'You do not know what you are talking about. I do not like you. I am not sure if you are a good doctor.'" Comments like these would put anyone on the defensive.

For more information, contact your County Extension Agent. You may also find more information through Medline Plus, part of the National Institutes of Health: <http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/talkingwithyourdoctor.html>. -Source: Andrew B. Crocker, Extension Program Specialist - Gerontology Health

Texas Senator Supports Funding Cut-Off for Berkely After City Shut Doors On U.S. Marines.

WASHINGTON—U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, today announced his support for the Semper Fi Act, legislation introduced by Sen. Jim DeMint, R-S.C., that would send a strong message of disapproval to the City of Berkeley, Calif., for its recent decision to bar the U.S. Marine Corps from recruiting within city limits. The Semper Fi Act would rescind any earmark funding in they fiscal year 2008 spending package that would have gone to Berkeley or any entity in the city—a total of more than \$2 million—and transfer those funds to the Marine Corps to be used to recruit new Marines.

"The Berkeley City Council insulted our troops and offended people across the country. If the U.S. Marines are not good enough for Berkeley, neither are taxpayer dollars Congress would have sent there this year. That city closed its doors on the same individuals taking bullets on the front lines while fighting

for the safety and freedom of families in Berkeley and throughout America," Sen. Cornyn said.

"The Semper Fi Act sends a strong message of disapproval—backed by tangible consequences—to the Berkeley City Council. It also shows support for the Marines whose selfless sacrifice is worthy of our admiration. I encourage all my Senate colleagues to support this legislation."

The Berkeley City Council passed a resolution in late January declaring that the U.S. Marine Corps "is not welcome in the city, and if recruiters choose to stay, they do so as uninvited and unwelcome intruders." The Council went further by granting Code Pink, an anti-war group, special approval to non-violently "impede, passively or actively" the work of the Marine Corps recruiters.

Sen. Cornyn serves on the Armed Services, Judiciary and Budget Committees. In addition, he is Vice Chairman of the Senate Select Committee on Ethics. He serves as the top Republican on the Judiciary Committee's Immigration, Border Security and Refugees subcommittee and the Armed Services Committee's Airland subcommittee. He served previously as Texas Attorney General, Texas Supreme Court Justice, and Bexar County District Judge.

Police Blotter

Arrest(s):
February 5, 2008

- Manuel Perez Gaytan, 42, from Sonora, Texas was arrested for assault.

Incidents:
February 4, 2008

- NA

February 5, 2008

- 7:40 AM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.
- 2:40 PM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 11:30 PM: Caller reported a disturbance. Officer responded.

February 6, 2008

- 9:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 10:15 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.
- 12:20 PM: Caller reported a reckless driver. Officer responded.

February 7, 2008

- 9:00 AM: Caller requested assistance with unlocking a vehicle. Officer responded.

February 8, 2008

- 9:07 AM: Caller reported a dead animal on roadway. Animal Control Officer responded.

February 9, 2008

- NA

February 10, 2008

- NA

Pizza Hut

All Team Member Positions Available

Apply in Person
401 Hwy. 277 N.

It's the one time of the year when red roses.

The FTD
In Love with Red Roses
Bouquet
Valentine's Day,
Thursday, February 14th
let's face it, red roses are the ultimate Valentine's Day gift. They speak romance loud and clear. Send a dozen blooms in our luscious red ceramic pedestal vase and let them do the talking. We'll let you do the rest.

Rosey Bud Florist
Ol' Sonora • Merle Norman
121 Hwy. 277 • Sonora, TX 76950
(325) 387-5507

Bridal Registry:
Dani Barker bride~elect Chance Dillard
Mrs. Jake Trainer nee Lynzie Custer
Callie Moore bride~elect Rocky Riley

Gifts Galore & More
Everett's Pharmacy
417 N. Hwy 277 (325) 387-5871

Bridal Registry
Tara Sterling Renfro bride~elect William (Bill) Renfro
Dani Barker bride~elect Chance Dillard
Mrs. Jake Trainer~ nee Lynzie Custer

New gift items arrive daily from
Dallas Market

FIVE STAR RENTALS / SALES
KERRVILLE - COMFORT, TEXAS

Kubota
2007's are here

Kerrville South (Main)
1510 Medina Hwy.
Kerrville, Tx.
800-662-6102
830-896-0282

Kerrville West
1809-A Jct. Hwy.
866-310-3633
830-895-3633

New Location
HWY. 27 E. at Laurel Way
Kerrville

GET YOURS TODAY
www.fivestarrental.com

Rio Diablo Realty

1004 Tayloe Ave
3 Bed, 1.5 Bath
1216 square feet
\$84,900

(325) 387-2537
rdr@sonoratax.net

Best Western

NOW HIRING:

Part or full time MAINTENANCE MAN and DESK CLERK.

Apply in person at 270 HWY 277 N.

STORAGE UNITS FOR RENT

12 ft. wide and 40 ft. deep

Perfect for boats, RV's, trucks, parts, equipment, or just more storage space.

All have electricity.
Located behind Days Inn, next to the Golf Course.

Devil's River Storage
325-387-3516

Schleicher County Medical Center Hospital
400 W. Murchison
Eldorado, TX 76936
EOE

Registered Nurse
Part-Time, Nights
ACLS, PALS and/or TNCC
certifications preferred

Benefits:
24 hour On-Site Childcare
Contact: Vicki Farmer,
BSN, DON
Resumes may be faxed to
325.853.3523
Phone: 325-853-2507
ext.109

Flowers by Irene

Valentines Specials for your Mom, Wife or Girlfriends!

- Roses
- Fresh Floral Arrangements
- Stuffed Animals/musical

Save on Cash & Carry
Call early and place your order!

308 Railroad St. ♥ 387-3914

It don't have to be Green to be "MEAN"...

FSR "GO KUBOTA ORANGE"

"0" Down Payment
"0" % Interest
Financing Available

The Kubota "L Series" 3400
35 hp Diesel- 4 wd Tractor
~ w/ Heavy Duty Front Loader
~ w/ Industrial Tires
~ w/ HD Grille Guard
~ w/ Cat 1 3-pt Hitch
~ w/ 540 rpm PTO

Your "HILL COUNTRY SOURCE" for KUBOTA Equipment

Perdenales Electric Makes a Donation to the Local Library



Perdenales Electric believes it is important to support the communities we serve and we are proud to recognize the Sutton County Library with a donation as part of our *Light the Way* program. Sylvia Vance and Randa Jacoby will present your organization with a check and certificate of thanks, on behalf of PEC.

New Books Available at the Library

- | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Sea of Glory | 31. The Tristan Betrayal | 1. Sizzle and Burn |
| 2. Promise Texas | 32. Sunset Limited | 2. The Appeal |
| 3. Sweet Hush | 33. Bones | 3. Duma Key |
| 4. Sweet Dreams | 34. A superior Death | 4. Light of the Moon |
| 5. Dearly Beloved | 35. Before I Wake | 5. The Secret Between Us |
| 6. The Grilling Season | 36. Come the Spring | 6. Plum Lucky |
| 7. Killer Pancake | 37. The Heir | 7. The Shooters |
| 8. The Cereal Murders | 38. No Greater Love | 8. Blue Heaven |
| 9. Where Mercy Flows | 39. The Pact | 9. Pillars of the Earth |
| 10. Magic Hour | 40. Robert Ludlum's
The Bourne Legacy | 10. Christopher's Ghost |
| 11. Sandcastles | 41. How to Murder a Millionaire | 11. The Wheel of Darkness |
| 12. The Real Mother | 42. Flying Changes | 12. Beverly Hills Dead |
| 13. Sisterchick on the Loose | 43. Riding Lessons | 13. Heartstopper |
| 14. Sisterchicks do the Hoolah | 44. A Whole New Light | 14. 7th Heaven |
| 15. The Bell Jar | 45. The Rebels | 15. Leota's Garden |
| 16. The Kindness of Strangers | 46. Book of the Dead | 16. Last Call |
| 17. Dragons of a Fallen Sun | 47. The Quikie | 17. Just Beyond the Clouds |
| 18. Acorna's World | 48. Double Cross | 18. Summer |
| 19. Acorna's Search | 49. T is for Trespass | 19. Boone |
| 20. The Assassins | 50. Sea Swept | 20. Historic Texas Court
houses |
| 21. The Final Victim | 51. Postmortem | 21. The Almost Moon |
| 22. Dixie City Jam | 52. Dark Horse | 22. Confessor |
| 23. The Tenth Circle | 53. Taking Flight | 23. Bleeding Kansas |
| 24. The Oath | 54. Death in the French Quarter | 24. Hand of Evil |
| 25. Pretty Woman | 55. Welcome the World
Baby Girl | 25. The Darkest evening of
the year |
| 26. Long After Midnight | 56. Ana's Story: A Journey of
Hope | |
| 27. Self Incrimination | 57. Fat, Pray, Love | |
| 28. Track of the Cat | | |
| 29. Survivor in Death | | |
| 30. Some Like it Lethal | | |

Free Web Service Offered to Landowners with Hunting Leases

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is inviting Texas landowners to advertise their hunting leases at no cost through a new Internet service the agency is developing called "Hunt Texas Online Connection."

In the first half of 2008, the department wants landowners to register for the new free service. In May, TPWD plans to begin promoting it to the hunting public. Hunters are advised to check back in May after landowners have had a chance to register their leases.

The service allows landowners to list hunting lease opportunities in Texas for free, including last minute openings. It provides complete anonymity for landowners until they are ready to contact potential customers. Hunters will eventually be able to search for hunting opportunities by lease type, county, game species and other parameters.

"We want to make it easy for people looking for a place to hunt to connect with landowners offering hunts on their property," said Mike Berger, TPWD wildlife division director. "This is one way we're trying to better serve our license-buying public. It's important to keep the Texas hunting tradition strong, since hunting supports wholesome family recreation, pumps more than a billion dollars per year into Texas local economies, and provides an economic incentive for private land stewards to protect wildlife habitat."

To register, landowners can visit the main Hunt Texas Online Connection Web page on the TPWD Internet site. Click "Get Started," select a username and password, log in, and begin typing in fall 2008 lease opportunities.

The department is reaching out to landowners this winter and spring, hoping to build up a substantial base of lease opportunities for the public. In mid-May, TPWD will begin promoting the new service to hunters via hunting publications, online and through print, radio and TV news coverage.

Anyone can send questions, comments and suggestions about the new service to hunt.texas@tpwd.state.tx.us, with separate email addresses also available for support and general inquiries not related to Hunt Texas Online Connection. Interested parties may also phone (512) 389-4505 for more information.

If love is blind,
why is lingerie so
popular?

~Author Unknown

NEW HOLLAND AGRICULTURE SALES • SERVICE PARTS • RENTAL

0% FOR 60 MONTHS or PAYMENTS AS LOW AS **\$140 PER MONTH***

TC30 Compact Tractor

- 30 hp Diesel Tractor
- 4 Wheel Drive
- Gear Transmission
- 2WD and Hydro Transmission also available

\$2,000 IN SAVINGS or PAYMENTS AS LOW AS **\$253 PER MONTH***

TC35A Boomer Tractor 250TL Loader

- 3 Cylinder
- 35 hp Diesel Tractor
- 4 Wheel Drive
- 2,000 lbs Lift Capacity from Bucket
- Pivot Point
- 105" Lift height

San Angelo A Division of **GE** TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT **Easy to Do Business With!**

620 N. Bell • San Angelo, TX • (325) 653-2121 • 800-496-0271

FloCo2

Transport Drivers Needed!

Class A CDL with Hazmat/Tanker

1yr Driver Experience Background check,
DOT Drug Screen & Physical

Benefits: Medical & Dental Insurance,
401 K, Vacation, Quarterly Safety Bonuses

SIGN ON BONUS

Call Tom at 888-339-0599

FIRST TIME HOME BUYER
Tom Green, Runnels, Sutton & Concho Counties

Bond money is still available to help you buy Your First Home.

Let me try and help you take advantage of this program and purchase your first home.

Please Call - (325) 456-4810 • (325)944-2300

Frank "Rusty" Lieber, GRI
REALTOR

Solobb REALTY rustylieberrealtor.com

HEARING AIDS

NEW SOUND HEARING AID CENTERS

Sonora Senior Citizens Center
102 Wilson Street in Sonora

Call 325-949-9993 or toll free 1-877-55-SOUND

SALES • SERVICE • PARTS • RENTAL

IF YOU'VE GOT ANY **DIGGING** OR **TRENCHING** TO DO, COME SEE OUR RENTAL CREW!

We have a great selection of backhoes, mini-excavators and trenchers. Take a load off by calling our rental team for rates and availability.

San Angelo TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT **Easy to Do Business With!**

620 N. Bell San Angelo, TX (325) 653-2121 • 800-496-0271 www.sanangelotractor.com

We're big on Renting! A Division of **GE** **CISCO** Since 1978

The Friends you Know & Trust Together to Serve you Better!



Steve Sherrod, Financial Advisor RJFS, Westex Investment Services, formerly Concho Investment Advisors

Brady Johnson, President of The Bank & Trust

Don Foster, Financial Advisor RJFS, Westex Investment Services, formerly Concho Investment Advisors



WESTEX INVESTMENT SERVICES
A Division of The Bank and Trust

3402 Knickerbocker Rd., San Angelo, Texas 76904
(325) 949-2050

Securities and Investment Advisory Services offered through **Raymond James Financial Services, Inc.** Member FINRA/SIPC
Not FDIC Insured - NOT GUARANTEED by The Bank & Trust - Subject to risk and may lose value

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD toll-free 1-800-669-9777. The toll-free telephone number for the hearing impaired is 1-800-927-9275.

The Devil's River News Classified Ads

(325) 387-2507

228 E. Main St.

sales@sonoratlx.net

Employment

Help Wanted: Full time and part time. Apply at Mr. D's, 216 Hwy. 277 N. from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mon. thru Fri.

Now hiring part-time and full time housekeeping. Apply in person. Days Inn 1312 N. Service Rd.

Employment

Hiring Commercial Drivers: Current Class A CDL w/Haz Mat/Tanker. Want great pay and cash incentives? No 24-hour call. Established company looking to hire drivers. All applicants must pass drug/alcohol test. Please call Justin (432) 339-0540 or 800-523-5566 ext. 140.

For Sale

Turned down on a mortgage? We have MILLIONS to lend on Manufactured Homes. Call Us Today 830-981-2430. Clayton Homes rbi#35920

Land Home Packages - Zero down if you own your land. EZ financing 1-800-934-9644, RBI #03190

Owner in Jail - Make up back payments and move in 210-673-9025, RBI #03190

Build your own home! Karstin/Clayton tape and textured. Yes we finance. Call Today 800-934-9644, RBI #03190

Factory Mistake - 5 bedroom 2 bath \$5,000 off and will deliver, 1-800-934-9644, RBI # 03190

For Sale: 16x76 Mobile Home in Bronco Mobile Home Estate, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, rented lot, \$27,500. Financing with \$3,000 down with good credit. 830-313-1060 or 387-2934.

For Sale: Mobile Home. 3 bedroom 1 bath 14x72 \$2,750.00. Must be moved. Good for ranch help or hunters. 830-313-1313 or 325-387-2934.

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS FOR LAND OWNERS - Price discounts and financing discounts! Call today for information. 830-981-2431 rbi#35920

Government Loans - all credit accepted, non US and green cards ok, RBI 33557, 210-834-1447

Trailer For Sale - 32 ft 5th wheel Holiday Rambler. Good Condition. \$8,000.00 firm. Call 325-387-2589

For sale: Glider, excellent condition. Call 325-206-0830

Spacious 4 bd/3ba with fully furnished garage apartment. Eldorado, 101 Maple, (Feisty) Bill, 325-450-8394. Caldwell Banker Pattersons Property.

161 Ac. Schleicher Co. Close to Eldorado TX. Small 2 br/1 ba cabin. Surface tank, high fence and oaks. Contact Rick Thomas 325-650-5399

Commercial Building and Yard for sale or lease at 216 S. Divide St. in Eldorado. (National Oilwell Building) great location. Sited well for oil and gas company or contractor. Call Clint at 325-853-2711.

ZERO DOWN IF YOU ACCESS TO LAND. Call today for information. 830-981-2431 Clayton Homes rbi#35920.

FOR SALE: 4 BR/2BA/FP doublewide mobile home. Corner lot, lots of trees, covered carport, fenced yard. 309 E. Warner, Eldorado. Call 277-0472 or 325-853-2431. Asking \$78,000.

Public Notice

Sutton County Road & Bridge is hereby requesting sealed bids on the following R&B Materials:
1) 3,000 Tons of Grade #3B Rock Non-coated
2) Approximately 75,000 Gallons of AC-5 Asphalt
Sealed bids will be opened on February 25th, 2008, at 9:00 a.m. at the special meeting of Commissioners Court at the Sutton County Annex. "Sealed Bids" must be delivered or mailed to Judge Carla Garner, Box 1212, Sonora Texas 76950. For specifications, please contact the County Road & Bridge Superintendent, Oscar Jimenez, 325-387-3010 or County Auditor, Maura Weingart, 325-387-5380

Frontier Mini Storages and Dunes Mini Storage both located on Hwy. 277 S. in Sonora TX; Sutton County will be holding a public sale on March 20, 2008 starting at 10:30 a.m. at Frontier Mini Storages location and 2:00 p.m. for Dunes Mini Storages location (No Early Birds) to satisfy a landlord's lien, weather permitting. This is the tenant's notice of "intent to sale" concerning their property. Seller reserves the right to withdraw property from sale at any time. The following tenants as of February 7, 2008 are Frontier location: **Sylvia Luna, Tressa Esparaza, Brandi Kuykendall, Phillip DeHovos, Rolando Ojeda, Elva Hulsey, Laura Galindo, Mickey Jackson, Sylvia Vasquez, Daniella Sanchez, Units #58, #14, Dunes location: #6, #48, Casey Aguero, Diane Virgen, Tye Gillispie, if you feel there is a mistake, please contact this office ASAP.**

For Rent

For Rent 2 months free Bronco Mobile Home Estates, 2nd & 3rd month free on single & double wides. 1305 N. Crockett, Sonora. Call 387-2934 or 830-313-1060.

Ruidoso NM, John and Chris Beckham have 4 FULLY FURNISHED Vacation Cabins for rent. ANTLER'S ECHO-BECKHAM CABIN-BECKHAM-HILL-THE BARE BEAR. 1-800-822-7654. See/Book online www.ruidosocabins2rent.com.

For Sale

FHA* time buyers. Limited credit and low down payment. 830-981-2432

The Glover Company is seeking qualified and experienced CDL applicants. For Trans-VAC Drivers, Winch Truck Drivers, Swabbing Unit operators, and Swabbing Unit helpers. We Provide: Health Insurance, Life Insurance, Paid Vacation, Uniforms and Christmas Bonus. Please apply in person to 2973 I-10 or phone at (325) 392-2561.

EXPERIENCED DRIVERS NEEDED! Must have current Class A CDL and a good driving record. Experience driving transports, vacuum trucks, operation pump trucks & winch trucks. Monthly performance & safety bonuses. Health insurance, annual profit sharing, driver's days off schedule. Please apply in person at Niblett's Oil-field Service, Inc. Hwy 277 South, Eldorado. No phone calls please.

Girling Health Care, Inc. Providers Start earning extra Christmas Money NOW! We have part-time positions for caring and dependable people to work in the homes of the elderly and disabled in your area. We offer flexible schedules. Must be 18 years old with no criminal background. No experience or certification required. Send resume referencing Ad #7134. Fax to 325-643-9679; Call 1-800-665-4471 email to opportunities@girling.com or apply at P.O. Box 1849 Brownwood, TX 76804. E.O.E. M/F/D/V.

Immediate Opening, Carrier wanted! Sign-On Bonus San Angelo Standard times seeking someone to deliver newspapers to houses in Sonora. Makes approximately \$1,400 working mornings. hours. 1-

Secretary/Counter help needed Full time with 2 Sat. a month. Quickbook and livestock knowledge preferred. Please apply at Rafter W Feed or you may fax your resume to 387-3194.

Circle C Tool & Wireline is looking for experienced slickline operators for the surrounding Sonora area. Competitive pay and benefits. Please fax resume to 432-339-9360 or call 432-563-5232 with any questions.

The Sutton County Extension Office is seeking a full time secretary. Duties will also include overseeing civic center rentals. Applications may be picked up at the Sutton County Extension Office located at 1700 N. Crockett. Equal Opportunity Employment.

Local Company seeking Service Technician must be able to pass drug test. CDL not required FMI call 387-3154 or come by 311 W. College for application

Caverns of Sonora hiring weekday and weekend guides. Please apply in person. 325-387-3105

City of Sonora is now accepting applications for a Wastewater Treatment Plant operator and a Code Officer. Applicants must have HS diploma or GED. Applications can be picked up at City Hall and should be returned to the City Secretary's Office, 201 E. Main, Sonora, Texas 76950. Open until the positions are filled. The City of Sonora is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Help wanted Comfort Inn is needing parttime housekeeping help. Come by 311 N. Hwy 277 to apply or call 387-5800

Help wanted Comfort Inn is needing a full time maintenance man. Come by 311 N. Hwy 277 to apply

Scott Jacoby

Real Estate

www.scottjacobyrealestate.com

802 S. Concho

For sale by owner/broker 3 bedroom, 2 bath stucco house with beautiful hardwood floors. Central heat and air. Excellent location, close to school.

125 West Poplar St. - 2 lots with Rock buildings

160 acres in Schleicher County

P.O. Box 295

802 S. Concho

Sonora, TX 76950



387-9065 Office

387-2200 Fax

Email: sjacoby@sonoratlx.net

Main Street REALTY

Anita Hudson, Broker - Stacy Turney, Broker
215 E. Main * Sonora, TX 76950 * 325-387-6115

www.SonoraTexasRealEstate.com

Feature Property



Sutton County Estates
6 Miles NE of Sonora on Hwy. 864
\$3500/Acre

- Lot 2 - 20 Acres
- Lot 5 - 20 Acres
- Lot 6 - 21.87 Acres

Residential Properties

119 Kisselburg Rd.	\$35,000	
310 Glasscock Ave.	\$72,000	
206 Menard	\$69,500	Contract Pending
1109 Glasscock	\$69,500	
505 W. 2nd St.	\$79,500	Contract Pending
415 E. 2nd St.	\$82,500	
302 SE Water	\$85,000	
101 Sawyer Ct.	\$122,500	
608 Allen Dr.	\$135,000	
502 S. Crockett (3 Houses)	\$139,900	
410 S. Crockett	\$140,000	
105 Draw St.	\$150,000	Contract Pending
126 E. Castlehill Rd.	\$154,900	
102 Oakwood	\$185,000	
112 Edgemont	\$210,000	Contract Pending

Acreage and Lots

128 Deerwood Dr.	\$7,000
50 Acres--Sutton Co.	\$3,000/Acre
Sutton Co. Estates Lot 2-20 Ac.	\$3,500/Acre
Sutton Co. Estates Lot 5-20 Ac.	\$3,500/Acre
Sutton Co. Estates Lot 6-21.87 Ac.	\$3,500/Acre
1553 Ac. w/home Schleicher Co.	\$1,395/Acre
2235 Acres-Sutton Co.	\$1,450/Acre
320 Ac. w/home-Scheicher Co.	\$1,495/Acre
23.72 Acres-Gillespie Co.	\$175,000/Acre

Bobbie A. Smith

Real Estate

(325) 387-2728



405 Glasscock St.

House on a 50x90 ft. lot.

Very nice and well maintained, ideal starter home. Call for an appointment.

Caruthers Realty

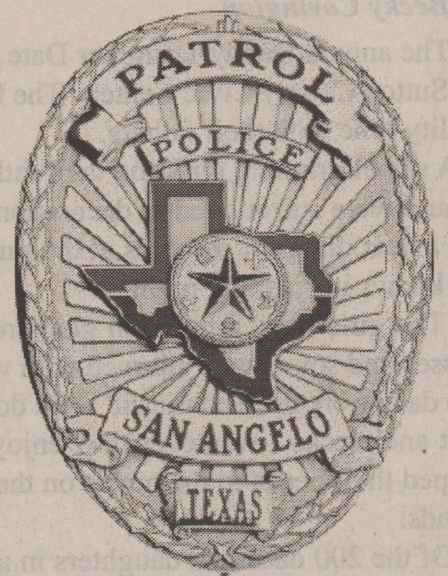
Listings

Sutton County 2300 acres, 2 wells, hunting house, barn, large live oaks.

"THE BEST OF THE BEST"

Bob Caruthers, Broker
325-387-5263 office

325-226-3003 anytime cell
email: bobc@sonoratlx.net



NEXT TESTING,
Saturday Feb. 23

Applications are due by February 18.
Contact Recruiting Section at (325)657-4331.

SAPDjobs.com

Assistant management positions available for qualified applicants.
Salary plus bonus or hourly positions available.

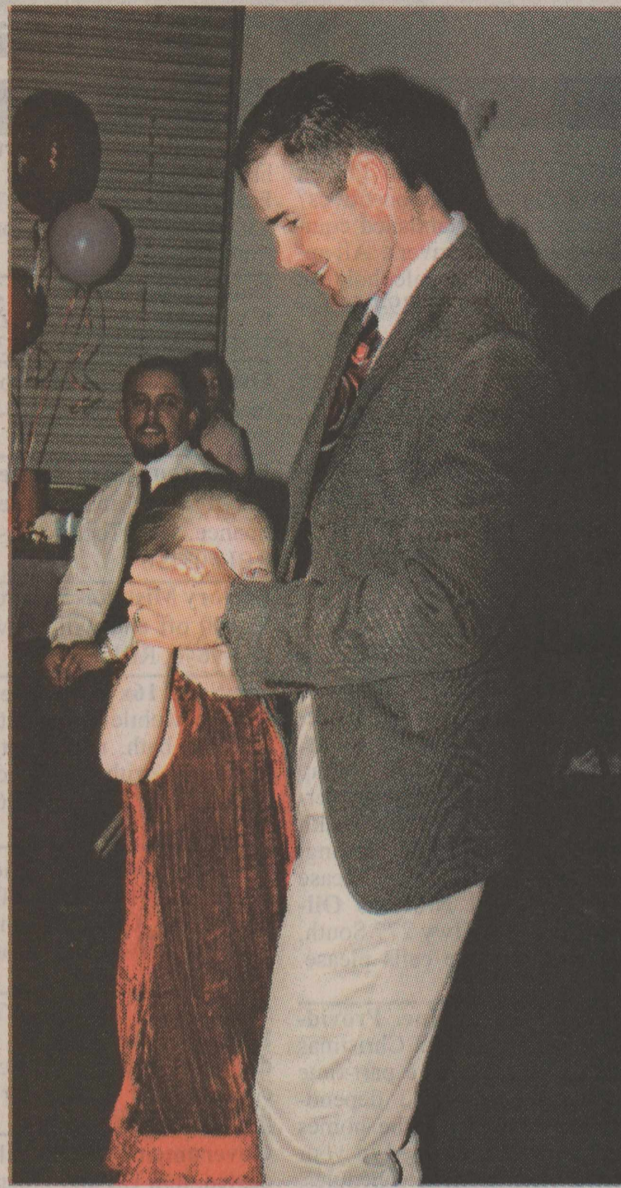
FT/PT positions available
Flexible Hours

Must be able to work nights and weekends

Please apply in person at
202 HWY 277 N.
Ask for Annette



2008 Daddy-Daughter Date Night



“Love is like playing the piano. First you must learn to play by the rules, then you must forget the rules and play from your heart.”
-Unknown

Happy Valentines Day From
The Devil's River News

Location Builders

203 S. Hwy 277
Sonora, TX 76950
325-387-3881

John Lopez Jr.
Superintendent

Rick Bounds
Construction Foreman

Alfredo Hernandez
Construction Foreman

Saul Hernandez
Construction Foreman

Martin Hernandez
Construction Foreman

**DIRT CONSTRUCTION,
FENCING AND
CONSERVATION WORK**

Chamber Chatter

By Becky Covington

The annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night attracted about 200 fathers and daughters Feb. 7 at the Sutton County Civic Center. The focus of the night was to give girls an opportunity to spend quality time with their fathers.

A sea of grinning girls and their fathers laughed as they danced to music provided by Eclipse DJ and were surrounded in decorations of “High School Musical”. It’s a social thing for them and a neat thing for the dads at the same time. You can see the sparkle in the girl’s eyes when she knows it’s just her night.

The girls were dazzled in glamorous hairstyles, glittery lip gloss and wore beautiful party dresses and some were adorned with wrist corsages.

The dads were dressed up and were donned in jackets and ties or suits. Others just wore a nice shirt and slacks - whatever they enjoy. Most joined their daughters on the dance floor; some bopped their heads to the music on the side and watched their daughters twirl around with their friends.

Of the 200 dads and daughters in attendance, some had experienced the fun and excitement before and it has become a tradition for some families. For others, the annual Daddy-Daughter Date Night was a new experience.

This is one of the most favorite events the Sonora Chamber of Commerce does. It’s fun to see the girls all dressed up with their dads. The dads are so excited to be with their daughters, and that’s part of what makes it so special. The dads are dancing and jumping around — stuff they wouldn’t normally do. But they know it’s special and you know daddies will do what ever to make it an exceptional experience for their daughters.

Girls and their fathers also were able to have a professional photograph taken by Memories by McBride during the event.

This year the whole civic center was rented to have plenty of room to dance and have fun, since the event has grown tremendously. The Middle School Sweetheart dance was scheduled at the same time as ours so we lost a few of the older girls who wanted to attend that dance but some chose both, just because the dance is special and they wanted to be with their dad.

A lot of its success is word of mouth. Dad or daughter will say how much they enjoyed it, and then someone else will become interested. The Chamber always looks forward to both events Mother - Son and Daddy - Daughter Date Nites and have already been discussing and making plans on what will be the theme for both events next year.

A Special thanks goes out to the Chamber Board of Directors who helped significantly with the event. An extended thanks to Kendra Vyvlecka, Tamara Fleming and Mariah Castro for volunteering their time. Once again, thanks to those in attendance for supporting the Chamber and the many events it brings to the community.

JayAdd Rental Co.



232 E. Main St.
Suite 206
Sonora, TX 76950
325-387-2795
325-226-1865



Whether it's equipment needed
for the ranch, oil field,
construction site, home repair
or improvement,
JayAdd Rental is here for you!